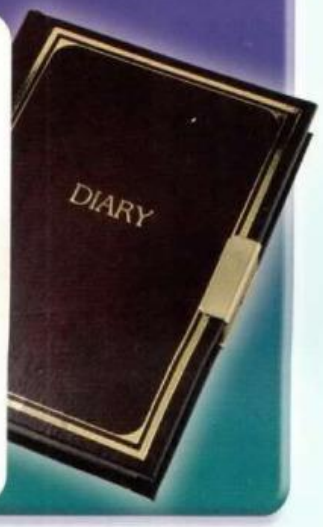
Part 1

**For questions 1 - 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

# Diaries

A diary is a daily **(0)** ...*B*... of events, thoughts and feelings **(1)** ..... either for the writer's own personal satisfaction or for later use. Most diarists neither **(2)** ..... nor necessarily want anyone else to read what they have written, so, on the whole **(3)** ..... they and perhaps their relatives and close friends ever see their writings. On the other hand, some people do write with the **(4)** ..... of informing and entertaining the public, although often diaries are only **(5)** ..... and published after the author's death.

One example of a diarist who never thought his diary would be **(6)** ..... by the public was Samuel Pepys, who lived in the 17th century. His diary is the most impressive in the English language, recording some of the greatest events in English history, yet it is also the story of a very lovable man. Another example is that of Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl who was in **(7)** ..... from the Nazis in Amsterdam during the Second World War. It is a unique and moving **(8)** ..... of this time in her life and shows the incredible courage she had.

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| 0 | **A** memo | **B** record | **C** file | **D** list |
| 1 | **A** possessed | **B** held | **C** kept | **D** preserved |
| 2 | **A** predict | **B** anticipate | **C** wait | **D** expect |
| 3 | **A** merely | **B** simply | **C** only | **D** barely |
| 4 | **A** reason | **B** target | **C** intention | **D** function |
| 5 | **A** uncovered | **B** invented | **C** located | **D** discovered |
| 6 | **A** seen | **B** revealed | **C** shown | **D** noticed |
| 7 | **A** secret | **B** hiding | **C** disguise | **D** cover |
| 8 | **A** version | **B** report | **C** account | **D** statement |



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## Practice Test 4

**Part 2**

**For questions 9 - 16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

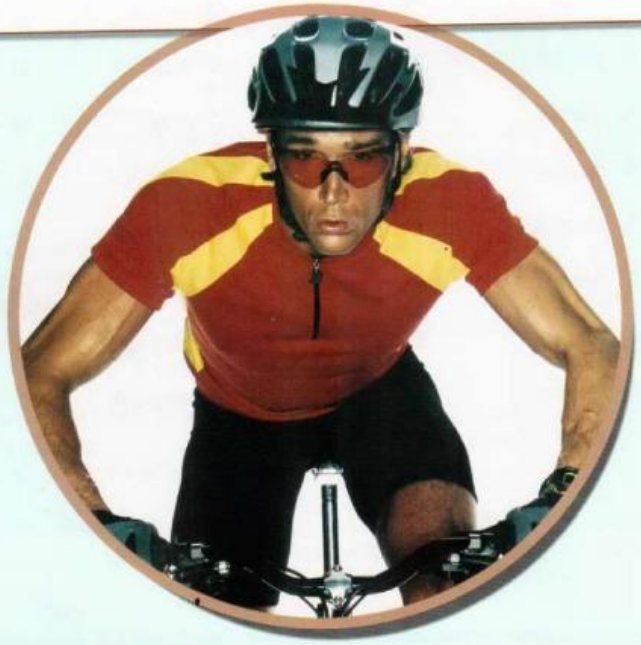
# Buying a New Bike

Until recently, few people went cycling, but **(0)** ...*over*... the last few years, more bikes have **(9)** ..... sold in Britain than cars. Now, approximately two million **(10)** ..... bought each year, the majority of which are mountain bikes.

There are over 500 different models to choose from, and the prices vary enormously. The cheapest can be bought for under £200, but you will need over £4,000 for a bike at the top end of the range. The reason **(11)** ..... this difference is the quality of the frame. Cheap bikes are not recommended for anything more than occasional use because they may not have been assembled properly and therefore are not safe to ride. Furthermore, they may get easily damaged because they are often not very **(12)** ..... made. The more expensive models are much lighter because they are made **(13)** ..... metals like aluminium.

When buying a new bike, it is best to go to a specialist bike shop **(14)** ..... than a toy shop or garage. One reason for this is that a specialist will make **(15)** ..... that the bike fits you properly, as a bike which is the wrong size can be dangerous and can cause backache.

To reduce the risk of injury, cyclists are advised to wear a helmet. **(16)** ..... bikes travel at slower speeds than motorbikes, you can still suffer serious injuries to the head if you fall off.





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**Part 3**

***For questions 17 - 24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).***

# Dolphins

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| Humans are harming dolphins at an **(0)** *...alarming...* rate. Long fishing nets known as 'Walls of Death' are mainly to blame. Since their **(17)** ..... in the 1960s, millions of dolphins, whales and seals have been **(18)** ..... caught up in them and killed. | **ALARM**<br><br>**INTRODUCE**<br>**ACCIDENT** |
| The nets are used by fishermen operating **(19)** ..... who want to increase the size of their catch. They are dropped into the sea at night where they catch anything that is **(20)** ..... enough to get in their way. This is a very **(21)** ..... method of fishing, as many fish are lost or injured when the nets are hauled in. As the nets are almost **(22)** ....., the dolphins have difficulty in seeing them and so are lured to their death. | **LEGAL**<br><br>**FORTUNE**<br>**ECONOMIC**<br><br>**VISIBLE** |
| Fortunately, there are now a number of charities who are working to raise awareness of this issue. Their work is helping the **(23)** ..... of dolphins, so hopefully this **(24)** ..... may soon be stopped. | **CONSERVE**<br>**DESTROY** |



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## Practice Test 4

### Part 4

**For questions 25 - 30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

**0** They worked hard on the project.
**effort**
They ...*put a lot of effort*... into the project.

**25** The new musical failed to impress the critics.
**succeed**
The new musical ..... the critics.

**26** It's a good idea to keep your savings in the bank.
**should**
Your savings ..... in the bank.

**27** "I am on a diet so I shouldn't eat fast food," Stella said.
**better**
"I am on a diet, so I ..... fast food," Stella said.

**28** She described the event to the police in detail.
**description**
She gave ..... the event.

**29** People say a strange creature lives in Loch Ness.
**said**
A strange creature ..... in Loch Ness.

**30** He went to drama school in order to become an actor.
**aim**
He went to drama school ..... an actor.



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