

## B2 USE OF ENGLISH WARM UP:

- 1 Take my advice and don't eat so much meat.

**IF**

I'd eat ..... you.

- 2 The solar panels on this house are better than those over there.

**GOOD**

Those solar panels over there ..... the ones on this house.

- 3 It's just as well they took a map or they would be completely lost by now.

**TAKEN**

They would be completely lost by now ..... a map.

- 4 Going by car is not nearly as pleasant as walking.

**MUCH**

Walking is ..... going by car.

- 5 Recycling can help to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

**IN**

Recycling can play ..... the amount of waste we produce.

- 6 We would not have survived the terrible storm without their assistance.

**THEY**

We would not have survived the terrible storm ..... us.

**Example:** 0 A plain    B blank    C bare    D vacant

### **Losing my link with the Internet**

Last Friday afternoon, my computer screen suddenly went (0) B. My first thought was that the computer had (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

But when I checked other (2) \_\_\_\_\_, such as word processing and the music player, I realised that it was just the web page which had stopped working, so I tried to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Internet again. This time the only thing on the screen was a message saying 'the Internet browser cannot (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the web page'. I wondered whether my computer had become a victim of one of those (5) \_\_\_\_\_ you can get online so I used my anti-virus software to check the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ drive, but everything seemed normal.

Finally, I decided to call the computer shop helpline. The line was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for ages, but when at last I managed to speak to someone they suggested I should restart my PC. I did so, and within seconds was able to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet again. If only I had thought of that earlier!

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 A cracked    | B tripped      | C collapsed    | D crashed        |
| 2 A variations | B applications | C publications | D communications |
| 3 A key in     | B log on       | C plug into    | D load up        |
| 4 A present    | B offer        | C display      | D provide        |
| 5 A bugs       | B diseases     | C stains       | D faults         |
| 6 A firm       | B solid        | C hard         | D fixed          |
| 7 A occupied   | B committed    | C employed     | D engaged        |
| 8 A board      | B access       | C join         | D enter          |

## The newspaper front page

What goes on the front page? That's the question which (0) \_\_\_\_\_ ask themselves every EDIT  
night before their newspapers are printed. They  
may have a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of important stories CHOOSE  
to lead with, and they can end up putting off a  
final (2) \_\_\_\_\_ until the very last moment. DECIDE

The answer may seem obvious: the most  
significant news event of the day. But with such  
wide (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the political, economic VARY  
and social priorities of the national papers, there  
is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_ among their editors AGREE  
about what that event actually is.

A (5) \_\_\_\_\_ also needs to be drawn DISTINGUISH  
between the so-called serious papers and the  
tabloids, which have a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for PREFER  
stories involving celebrities and scandal. The  
aim of the front page of a tabloid is to attract the  
reader's (7) \_\_\_\_\_, often by using very ATTEND  
large pictures accompanied by headlines that are  
much greater in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ than those in a HIGH  
serious paper.