

## 129.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 What caused the explosion?  
What was the cause of the explosion ?
- 2 We're trying to solve the problem.  
We're trying to find a solution .....
- 3 Sue gets on well with her brother.  
Sue has a good relationship .....
- 4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.  
There has been a big increase .....
- 5 I don't know how to answer your question.  
I can't think of an answer .....
- 6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.  
I don't think there is any need .....
- 7 I think that living in a big city has many advantages.  
I think that there are many advantages .....
- 8 Food prices fell last month.  
Last month there was a fall .....
- 9 Nobody wants shoes like these any more.  
There is no demand .....
- 10 In what way is your job different from mine?  
What is the difference ..?

## 129.2 Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause key	connection map	contact photos	damage reason	invitation reply
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- 1 On the classroom wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- 2 Thank you for the ..... your birthday party.
- 3 Anna has little ..... her family these days. She rarely sees them.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a ..... the other door?
- 5 The ..... the fire at the hotel is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a ..... the email you sent?
- 7 The two companies are separate. There is no ..... them.
- 8 Jane showed me some ..... the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Emily has decided to give up her job. I don't know her ..... doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The ..... the car wasn't serious.

## 129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution ..... every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase ..... the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 The advantage ..... having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 5 There are many advantages ..... being able to speak a foreign language.
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason ..... everything.
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude ..... many things seemed to change.
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact ..... him now.
- 9 James did a very good drawing ..... his father. It looks just like him.
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction ..... the news?
- 11 Nicola took a picture ..... me holding the baby.
- 12 The show is very popular and there has been a great demand ..... tickets.
- 13 There has been a lot of debate about the causes ..... climate change.
- 14 The fact that Jane was offered a job in the company has no connection ..... the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.