

TEST 6

Example:

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The city of Miami

The (0) American city of Miami was founded in 1896 by Julia Tuttle, a (25) Florida businesswoman. From a population then of just 300, it has become a vast urban area of 5.5 million (26) , attracting (27) from all over the world. Its excellent transport links mean it can (28) be reached by road, rail, air or sea.

AMERICA
WEALTH
INHABIT
VISIT
EASY

The city's continuing (29) as a tourist and financial centre has led to a construction boom. Many of the new buildings are over 120 metres in (30) , giving Miami the most impressive skyline in the country after New York and Chicago.

GROW

HIGH

Its wide variety of (31) includes sandy beaches, nightclubs, music and dancing, as well as activities such as skateboarding and cycling in the world-famous, (32) South Beach area. The city centre has a number of (33) parks and gardens, and of course there is the wonderful weather (34) any other major city in the USA, it has a genuinely tropical climate.

ATTRACT

FASHION
DELIGHT
LIKE

TEST 7

Example:

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S U R P R I S I N G L Y

Hot-air balloons

Riding in a hot-air balloon is a (0) *surprisingly* calm and peaceful experience, quite (25) any other form of flying. With no engines to provide power, a balloon depends (26) on the winds around it to move in any direction. (27) , the maximum speed is normally around 15 kilometres per hour.

This kind of balloon is based on the simple (28) principle that the (29) of hot air is less than that of cold air. It is not, however, a large (30) , as a cubic metre of hot air is only about 250 grams lighter than the same amount of cold air. This means it takes (31) four cubic metres of hot air just to lift one kilo, which explains why balloons that carry people have to be so enormous.

A gas burner is used to (32) the air inside the balloon, causing it to rise. To go up more slowly, or to make a (33) , hot air is released from the top of the balloon. The fact that the wind blows in different directions at different heights (34) the pilot to steer the balloon left or right by moving it to higher or lower positions in the sky.

SURPRISE
LIKE
ENTIRE
CONSEQUENCE

SCIENCE
WEIGH
DIFFERENT

ROUGH

HOT
DESCEND

ABLE

TEST 8

Example:

0 H I S T O R I A N S

A brief history of surfing

Most (0) agree that surfing began centuries ago in the Hawaii Islands in the Pacific Ocean, where the (25) regarded it as an important part of their culture, not as a recreational (26) It was not until the early 20th century that it achieved (27) as a sport, and for many years it remained (28) to see surfers anywhere other than in three main (29) Hawaii, California and Australia.

All that began to change in the 1960s, partly as a result of (30) in the design of surfboards, but also because of the success of films and pop bands, (31) The Beach Boys, that were associated with surfing culture. Since then there has been rapid (32) in the popularity of surfing throughout the world, and for many surfers it has become a highly (33) sport that requires skill and courage to deal with the (34) conditions in some of the roughest seas on Earth.

HISTORY

INHABIT

ACTIVE

RECOGNISE

USUAL

LOCATE

IMPROVE

PARTICULAR

GROW

COMPETE

CHALLENGE

TEST 9

Example: 0 A S S I S T A N C E

112 pets

A woman living in the city centre has asked for (0) assistance to find a bigger house and garden – so that her 112 pets can live in less (25) conditions. Jennifer Symons, 26, has always loved animals and now has a (26) that includes twelve cats, seven dogs, four monkeys, two horses and a (27) of smaller creatures, including hamsters, parrots and tropical fish.

She also has a number of snakes, and although none of them, she says, is (28) , some of her neighbours in Lower Market Street remain (29) and are worried that they might escape. Generally, though, people seem to like Jennifer's pets and are always (30) towards her.

All these animals, however, have to be looked after, and Jennifer has to get up at 5.30 every morning to start (31) some of them. Cleaning and other tasks take up so much time that taking care of them has now become almost her main (32) , leaving her with only her (33) from a part-time job at a local supermarket to maintain the 112 and herself. It is hardly (34) , therefore, that she can't really afford to move into a bigger house.

ASSIST

CROWD

COLLECT

VARY

POISON

CONVINCE

FRIEND

FOOD

OCCUPY

EARN

SURPRISE

TEST 10

Example: 0 O P E R A T I O N

Sudden storm

A massive clean-up (0) is now under way in the south-west of the country after a (25) storm unexpectedly struck the region. Among the worst affected were (26) areas, where many small boats were sunk or destroyed, though, (27) , there are no reports of anyone missing or seriously injured.

In many towns, however, there was (28) damage to property, with trees and fences blown over. In one street, almost every house had its roof blown off, leaving many families (29) until repairs can be carried out. The (30) conditions also affected transport links leading to the closure of motorways and the (31) of nearly all rail services.

Further inland, where the monthly average (32) is about 80mm, over 100mm fell in just a few hours. This resulted in several rivers bursting their banks and flooding huge areas of (33) land. Some villages were (34) cut off by the rapidly rising water, although communications have now been restored in most places.

OPERATE
POWER
COAST
FORTUNE

EXTENT
HOME
WIND
CANCEL

RAIN
AGRICULTURE
TEMPORARY

TEST 11

Example:

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NEW WATERPROOF CLOTHING

There are few experiences as unpleasant as being (0) *bitterly* cold and dripping wet on board a boat. The (25) that you may be several hours away from warm, dry clothing is enough to slow down even the (26) sailor.

BITTER
KNOW

TOUGH

However, recent (27) developments in the types of material used to make waterproof clothes have, hopefully, put an end to the (28) of the sailor. New suits, trousers and jackets have been designed which allow people to stay warm and dry at sea and can be worn (29) for days on end.

SCIENCE
SUFFER

COMFORT

The new clothing is by no means cheap, but that will not stop it from selling well, and not just in the sailing market. (30) previous types of waterproof clothing, which tended to leave the wearer hot, sweaty and sticky even after a (31) short burst of (32) activity, these new clothes are manufactured with an (33) inner layer. This is made of a special material which allows the clothes to 'breathe' – in other words, body heat can escape so that the body stays dry, but still maintains its (34) in all weathers.

LIKE

RELATIVE
ENERGY
ADDITION

WARM

TEST 12

Example: 0 T R O P I C A L

ISLAND IN THE SUN

With its (0)^{tropical}..... sunshine, clear, blue water and the warm welcome you will receive, this island is hard to beat as a holiday destination.

The island has something for everyone, but the (25) west coast is the perfect (26) for people who love water sports, such as water-skiing and windsurfing. For those who prefer a more relaxing holiday, there are beaches of fine, white sand, facing the calm Caribbean Sea and also an (27) selection of restaurants, where the local seafood is (28) recommended.

Among the many other (29) on the island are trips in a submarine – which allow you to explore the island's fascinating coral reefs – Caribbean dancing and a jazz festival held (30), early in January. It is also worth travelling along the wild east coast, where, because it faces the Atlantic Ocean, the weather is often (31) Sadly, this makes the coast rather (32) for swimming, in contrast to the calmer beaches on the west coast. Getting round the island is not difficult, as car and bicycle hire is (33) arranged, and there is an excellent road system, with a very (34) bus service.

TROPIC

DELIGHT
CHOOSE

IMPRESS
HIGH

ATTRACT

ANNUAL

STORM
SUITABLE

EASY
RELY

TEST 13

Example: 0 I R R E G U L A R

AUSTRALIA

For years, Australia has had an (0) pattern of population distribution, with more people living in towns and cities in (25) areas, especially the east and south-east, than in the interior of the country. Since the 1940s, the population has become still more (26) distributed with a significant rise in the number of people living in these cities.

REGULAR
COAST

Cities are now the (27) centres of the country. An important element in their (28) has been the number of people from Europe and Asia emigrating to Australia, especially in the second half of the twentieth century. The new (29) decided to stay in the cities because (30) was easy to find there. Today, the population of Australia includes people who originally came from over 150 countries.

EVENLY

ECONOMY
GROW

ARRIVE
EMPLOY

At one time, what made the (31) of people in Australia's cities so (32) was the country's dependence on the export of agricultural produce – indeed, the country's economy was founded on the production of wheat and wool. This has since changed, not only with increased (33) activity, but also with the rapid (34) of tourist and recreational facilities. Tourism is now Australia's largest export industry.

CONCENTRATE
REMARK

INDUSTRY
EXPAND

TEST 14

Example:

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REMEMBERING YOUR DREAMS

A team of (0)*scientists*....., who have studied the subject of dreams, have come up with some interesting conclusions. First of all, everybody, without exception, has them. Secondly, dreams can be of practical value, acting as a (25) of things of (26) that we need to do in our waking lives. If you dream of the punishment you may receive for not handing in your homework (27) , for example, this may help you to do it on time. Indeed, things we are (28) about in our daily lives often feature in our dreams.

But it is hard to make sense of your dreams if you lack the (29) to remember them in the first place. One (30) is that you should keep a diary and pen by your bed, so you can write down your dreams as soon as they occur. You should concentrate on three aspects. Firstly, record the strongest emotion in your dream, whether it is fear, (31) or whatever. Then write down anything strange or (32) that happened and the names of the people who made an (33) in your dream. This way, according to the experts, you will have a (34) and meaningful dream record, which will make for fascinating reading.

SCIENCE

REMIND
IMPORTANT

PUNCTUAL
ANXIETY

ABLE
RECOMMEND

ANGRY
USUAL
APPEAR
RELY

TEST 15

Example: 0 M E E T I N G

A new supermarket for the town

At a public (0) held recently, residents of the town of Oxwell met local politicians and shop owners to discuss plans to build a large supermarket in the town. A wide (25) of opinions was expressed, some in favour and some against the project. A (26) of the supermarket group, who was present at the meeting, stated that the supermarket would benefit the (27) of Oxwell as it would give people more (28) when shopping. He also pointed out that it would lead to a (29) in the number of jobs available in the town, which has a high rate of (30) Although there was general (31) on the need for new jobs, some of those present claimed that the presence of the proposed new supermarket would actually lead to the (32) of jobs. They pointed out that small shops would be forced to close as they would be (33) to compete with supermarket prices. The final (34) on whether or not to build the supermarket will be made next month.

MEET

VARY

DIRECT

INHABIT

CHOOSE

GROW

EMPLOY

AGREE

LOSE

ABLE

DECIDE