

9 Complete the conversation with the prepositions in the box.

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A Marta, tell us what it was like growing up in a little village in Mexico.

B Well, my parents were poor farmers. They didn't have much money, and in winter we often had no warm clothes to put (1) on and very little food to eat. We never threw anything (2) _____. I had to give (3) _____ my dream of going to college – I spent all day looking after my brothers and sisters. I felt unhappy because having no money took (4) _____ all hope for my future.

A Is that when you decided to leave home?

B Yes, I got a job working here in the USA. I am happy here, and my career has really taken (5) _____.

A Do you think you will move (6) _____ home one day?

B I hope so. I try and go home every year – but my new life is so busy I sometimes run (7) _____ of time!

A I think you've picked (8) _____ the US lifestyle of work, work, work!

B Yes, that's probably true!

1 point for each correct answer

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