



You are going to read an article about the American attitude to holidays.

Some words are missing from the text. Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (1-10) in the text.

There is one example (0) at the beginning.

THE AMERICAN WAY

A recent study has revealed that on average, American workers receive just 10 days (0) _____ holiday per year, and last year only used half of their allocated time.

A to

B on

C of

D at

And when they (1) _____ finally take leave, 61 per cent of them (2) _____ to work while they are out of the office. As thousands of US workers fail to (3) _____ of their hard-earned time off, a shocking 429 million days of accumulated holiday time went unclaimed last year. And America's children are clearly (4) _____ that their parents are workaholics.

1	A	could	B	do	C	should	D	manage
2	A	keep up	B	go on	C	stop	D	continue
3	A	take a break	B	have access	C	take advantage	D	make an attempt
4	A	not impressed	B	delightful	C	not disappointing	D	realistic

MasterCard, (5) _____ financed the study, has broadcasted a new television ad featuring children who criticise their parents (6) _____ a family holiday. When informed that adults (7) _____ 429 million days of accumulated holiday to expire, a little boy says bluntly: 'That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard.'

It doesn't appear that the trend (8) _____ this year as only half of Americans have taken holiday or are planning one in the near future. (9) _____ the study, the US is the only developed country in the world where it is not mandatory for employers to reward their employees (10) _____ holiday pay; meaning over 28 million Americans do not receive any payment during their holidays.

5	A	that	B	which	C	when	D	what
6	A	for not booking	B	not to book	C	why having booked	D	as to book
7	A	let	B	allowed	C	refused	D	kept
8	A	has changed	B	had changed	C	did change	D	was changed
9	A	Despite	B	Besides	C	According to	D	As for
10	A	for	B	with	C	of	D	to