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**PROVA****READING****1 Read the article and check ( ) A, B, or C.**

Famous In 1990, the World Bank published a report showing that there were over a billion people in the world with an income of just one dollar a day. At the start of this century, the United Nations promised to halve this figure by 2015. It has been working hard to keep this promise ever since. A series of short movies was made to show what you can buy in different countries with this tiny amount. In a market in Nepal, for example, they could only buy four bananas and a loaf of bread. It was impossible to buy meat or any protein.

Other people have been horrified to learn how enormous the problem is and have taken action in different ways. A U.K. charity called *1 Dollar a Day* has been raising money to invest in projects to improve health, clean water, education, etc. They have also given people loans to help them set up a business as it is difficult to borrow money if you have no bank account.

In the U.S., two school teachers decided to try spending only one dollar each day on food for a month and have now written a book about their experience. They say they were often starving, and got bored with eating the same food. And they couldn't afford to buy healthy foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables. The book describes how much rich countries waste, and how they try to save money by buying cheap food from other countries.

The World Bank has recently published another report on how the situation has changed since 1990. One dollar is worth less now, and food and fuel cost more, so it is difficult to work out exactly how much progress there has been. However, there have clearly been some amazing changes. Between 1990 and 2008, the number of people who earned salaries below the poverty line went down from 43% of the developing world to 22%, so the U.N. has already made a big difference. Of course there is still a huge amount to do to improve the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

- 1 The U.N. promised to cut the poverty figures by half by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A 1900 χ B 2000 χ C 2015 χ
- 2 In Nepal, it costs one dollar to buy four bananas and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A meat χ B some bread χ C cheese χ
- 3 1 Dollar a Day lends money to people who have no \_\_\_\_\_.  
A bank account χ B water χ C education χ
- 4 Two American people spent one dollar a day on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A eating χ B fruit χ C books χ
- 5 They often felt very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A happy χ B hungry χ C tired χ
- 6 They couldn't buy \_\_\_\_\_ with only a dollar.  
A unhealthy food χ B vegetables χ C boring food χ
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ countries often buy food that is not produced locally.  
A Poor χ B All χ C Rich χ
- 8 In 2008, \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's population was very poor.  
A 22% χ B 43% χ C 1 billion χ
- 9 You can buy \_\_\_\_\_ with a dollar than in 1990.  
A less χ B more χ C the same χ
- 10 The writer says there are still \_\_\_\_\_ people who need help.  
A some χ B a few χ C millions of χ

**2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).**

- 1 By 2015, the number of people with an income of a dollar a day will be reduced by half. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Short movies showed people buying meat in Nepal. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 *1 Dollar a Day* has lent people money to open bank accounts. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Two people ate on a dollar a day for four weeks. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Rich countries use more food than they need. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 At the start of the 21st century, over a billion people lived on one dollar a day. \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY**

**3 Write the synonym.**

- 1 very frightened \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 very \_\_\_\_\_ starving
- 3 very dirty \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 very \_\_\_\_\_ freezing
- 5 very funny \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 very \_\_\_\_\_ positive
- 7 very angry \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 very tasty \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete the sentences with the strong adjectives

- 1 The temperature has been going up all week, and now it's absolutely *boiling* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that you don't know the name of the president of the US.
- 3 Tom's parents have just found out he's been missing school, so they're \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I've been watching a horror movie, and now I'm absolutely \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 We're \_\_\_\_\_ because we've hiked 8 miles today.
- 6 That movie is \_\_\_\_\_! We laughed all the way through it.
- 7 This book is \_\_\_\_\_! I've learned so much from it.
- 8 I've been thinking about your question, and now I'm \_\_\_\_\_ I know the answer.

**GRAMMAR**

**5 Complete the time expressions with *for* or *since*.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Monday
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the lecture began
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ a really long time
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a couple of weeks
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ we met at school
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 2007
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ many years

**6 Complete the dialogues. Use the verbs in parentheses in the present perfect simple or the past simple.**

I've been to Beijing, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to Shanghai.

**Vicky** How long <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / know) Chris?

**Leo** Well, we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) in 2006 and we've been good friends ever since.

**Doctor** What seems to be the problem?

**Jim** I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) over playing basketball. I think I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) this finger.

**Anne** <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / remember) to deposit that money into the bank?

**Jo** Yes, it went in this morning.

**Brian** <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / borrow) anyone's car?

**Paul** Yes, I borrowed my sister's and I had an accident!

**Bob** Hi, can I speak to Tom, please?

**Diane** I'm sorry, he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (just / go) out.

**7 Underline the correct word or phrase.**

1 I've *had* / *been having* the same bank account since I was a student.

2 How long *have you been saving up* / *do you save up* for a car?

3 Don't worry. She hasn't *been crying* / *cried* – she's got a cold.

4 I've *known* / *been knowing* him for years.

5 She's *been planning* / *planned* her visit to Peru for years.

6 He's *learning* / *been learning* English for three years now.

7 I've *disliked* / *been disliking* mushrooms since I was a child.

8 You've *been working* / *worked* hard for months – you need a vacation.