4 Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the text. Sometimes you will need more than one word.

Bill is a keen **1)** ..... (swim), and he wants **2)** ..... (try) to swim the channel between England and France next week. He said he **3)** ..... (attempt) the swim last year if he **4)** ..... (catch) a cold the week before. He has been training for months, and he is getting very fit. His best friend Carl is a **5)** ..... (fast) swimmer than him, but he hasn't got as much stamina He doesn't think he **6)** ..... (be able to) swim that far. Also, he's just too thin! You must have a lot of muscle but you **7)** ..... (need) to be slim. In fact, some fat is essential because it keeps you warm. So, while Bill is swimming, Carl **8)** ..... (travel) beside him in a boat. The swimmer is allowed to have a helper, but they **9)** ..... (must) touch the swimmer or give him anything, apart from food and drink. If Bill makes it to France he **10)** ..... (swim) 21 miles in freezing water. It is much **11)** ..... (difficult) than swimming in a pool because the water is very cold and there can be big waves, and boats and ships get in the way. Good luck, Bill!

5 Write the correct words in the gaps to complete the interview.

'What is desertification?'

'Well, desertification happens when sand from the desert is blown by the **1)** ..... over farm land and kills the plants growing on it. One of the worst areas for this is south of the Sahara in Africa, where the desert moved 100kms **2)** ..... 1950 and 1975'

'What causes desertification?'

'The **3)** ..... common cause is that animals eat the plants that grow on the edge of the desert, and then the sand becomes loose. Also, people cut **4)** ..... trees and bushes for fuel. There have also been a lot of **5)** ..... in recent years, with almost no rainfall in some areas.'

'What can we do to prevent this?'

'Well, governments around the world are doing **6)** ..... lot to prevent this problem. **7)** ..... example, in Saudi Arabia they are planting hedges beside some roads to stop them being covered in sand. But we **8)** ..... reduce the number of animals that are free to graze on desert plants. We should also make **9)** ..... that local people have enough fuel so they don't **10)** ..... to use the trees.'

6 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1 Has Mrs Simpson gone? What time did she ..... out of the hotel?
A sign **B** check **C** book **D** leave

2 Sue asked Tina 'What ..... while I am on holiday next week?
A do you do **B** are you doing
C will you be doing **D** have you done

3 You sat next to Penelope Cruz in a restaurant! It ..... amazing!
A should have been **B** can be
C must have been **D** has to be

4 After a week by the sea, Graham is going to ..... the mountains.
A aim for **B** head to
C aim to **D** head for

5 We have revised really thoroughly, and we ..... all our exams.
A hope to pass **B** are hoping to passing
C hope passing **D** hope for passing

6 The teacher told John ..... the answer on the board.
A writing **B** write
C written **D** to write

7 Maria said she ..... to netball practice today.
A isn't coming **B** wasn't coming
C didn't come **D** doesn't come

8 Although Patricia is quite ....., she loves singing in public!
A immature **B** self-confident
C shy **D** lively

9 Do you want to ..... with me next weekend?
A go skating **B** do skating
C skate **D** be skating

10 It's not fair! Hugh has got a huge piece of cake I haven't got ..... him !
A so much as **B** as many than
C so many as **D** as much as

11 I think motor racing is ..... sport.
A most dangerous **B** the more dangerous
C the most dangerous **D** the dangerousest

12 Stan hasn't got much stamina. He's ..... already!
A without breath **B** out of breath
C lost his breath **D** not breathe

13 My Dad asked me ..... to have a lift to school.
A if I wanted **B** did I want
C do you want **D** if I want

14 I think ..... umbrella in the hall belongs to Aunt Catherine.
A a **B** an **C** the **D** one

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