

Exercise 3: Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

El Nino is a weather phenomenon of the Pacific Ocean which is (1) _____ by an abnormal (2) _____ of water on the surface of the ocean. It has the (3) _____ to influence global weather patterns as it brings drought to some continents and (4) _____ rain to others. It was first (5) _____ by fishermen coming from Spanish ports in the Pacific in the 17th century. It got its name (Spanish for "boy child") because it usually takes (6) _____ near Christmas time. It can cause catastrophic (7) _____. The 1982 El Nino (8) _____ in 1,500 deaths, but it can be a lot worse than that. Sea animals, (9) _____ fish and birds, also die in large numbers. It is (10) _____ that sailors in the Pacific can smell the dead sea-life during El Nino.

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| 1. A. caused | B. happened | C. origin | D. done |
| 2. A. increase | B. warming | C. heater | D. extra |
| 3. A. proficiency | B. practice | C. power | D. performance |
| 4. A. heavy | B. shower | C. plenty | D. wet |
| 5. A. saw | B. time | C. caught | D. noticed |
| 6. A. away | B. place | C. part | D. care |
| 7. A. problem | B. difficulty | C. hurt | D. damage |
| 8. A. caused | B. led | C. resulted | D. gave |
| 9. A. including | B. holding | C. containing | D. involving |
| 10. A. mistaken | B. felt | C. told | D. said |

Exercise 4: Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

TELEPATHY: MIND TO MIND COMMUNICATION

The (1) _____ "telepathy" has been derived from the words "tele" meaning "distance" and "pathy" meaning "feeling", so telepathy actually means (2) _____ feelings through a distance. Telepathy is the communication (3) _____ two minds, (4) _____ over a distance, without the (5) _____ of the five known senses.

At some point of time or the other, we all have (6) _____ telepathy. Maybe you were thinking of someone you haven't talked to for months and you suddenly get a call from them. Or (7) _____ two people are together, they might say the same thing at the same time. These are spontaneous mind-to-mind (8) _____ that tend to occur frequently between closely related individuals.

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| 1. A. word | B. phrase | C. letter | D. signal |
| 2. A. holding | B. getting | C. bringing | D. carrying |

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| 3. A. through | B. among | C. between | D. across |
| 4. A. separate | B. be separated | C. separating | D. separated |
| 5. A. using | B. use | C. take | D. taking |
| 6. A. experienced | B. brought | C. made | D. taken |
| 7. A. where | B. during | C. when | D. since |
| 8. A. ways | B. methods | C. techniques | D. communications |

Exercise 7: Give the correct forms of the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. This beach is very _____ for swimmers because tornadoes often start there. (**danger**)
2. Her family live near an active volcano, so she's always worried about the _____ of her family. (**safe**)
3. Don't leave the light on. It wastes _____. (**electric**)
4. Mount. Phu Si _____ in Japan some years ago. (**eruption**)
5. We need some _____ to cope with natural disasters before they happen. (**prepare**)
6. Protecting our _____ resources especially rainforests is very important to prevent some natural disasters such as landslides, floods, so on. (**nature**)
7. A flood causes the _____ of food and water because it destroys crops and pollutes the fresh water. (**short**)
8. In tropical region, it is very _____ in summer. (**storm**)
9. Deforestation can cause soil _____. (**erode**)
10. Crops are _____ severely by a drought. (**destruction**)
11. A lot of _____ about people and assets were left after a hurricane. (**damage**)
12. Food and drink are usually _____ after a natural disaster occurs. (**scarcity**)