

Task 2

- You are going to read an article about thirteen flight attendants who want to get their jobs back. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (11-19) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



FLIGHT ATTENDANTS SUE UNITED AIRLINES

Thirteen flight attendants hope a lawsuit against United Airlines (0) _____ get their jobs back. They were fired for refusing to fly after seeing a threatening note on the plane.

On July 14, 2014, Grace Lam and 12 other flight attendants, all (11) _____ had been on the job at least 17 years, were preparing United Airlines Flight 869 when they learned graffiti had been discovered on the bottom of the plane. The flight (12) _____ scheduled to fly from San Francisco to Hong Kong. Two faces and the words "BYE BYE" were scribbled in oil along the tail section, nearly 30 feet off the ground. The crew said they understood the message (13) _____ a serious threat 4 months after the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

But (14) _____ their 26-page complaint, United Airlines refused to deplane Flight 869, and the ground crew examined only the emergency power unit near the drawings, and said it was a "joke". The flight attendants refused to fly without a full security sweep, and the trip was canceled (15) _____ United had no crew. In October, the airline dismissed (16) _____ 13 flight attendants for disobedience.

"It's a moral obligation to do what they did," said the flight attendants' attorney. "The airline (17) _____ got the passengers off the plane and done a security sweep of the plane." United told CBS News, "Our safety and maintenance teams appropriately investigated and decided (18) _____ was no security threat. They considered the aircraft entirely safe to fly."

"I don't regret anything," Lam said. "If this (19) _____ again, I would do the same thing." The 13 flight attendants are asking United to take them back. They are also seeking compensatory damages.

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Task 3

- You are going to read about the game 'rock-paper-scissors'. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-O) for each gap (20-30) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.
- You can use each word only once.
- There are two extra words that you do not need to use.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.

HOW TO WIN AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS



What are your odds of (0) _____ rock-paper-scissors? Simple – one in three. At least, that's what (20) _____ predicts.

But people do not play randomly; they (21) _____ a hidden strategy, which was revealed in a rock-paper-scissors tournament in China.

Scientists recruited 360 students and divided them into groups of six. (22) _____ competitor played 300 rounds of rock-paper-scissors against (23) _____ members of their group. To play smart, classical game theory suggests players should completely randomise their choices to (24) _____ unpredictable to opponents. And indeed, players in all groups chose each action about a third of the time, exactly as expected (25) _____ their choices were random. (26) _____, the organisers noticed a surprising pattern of behaviour. Winners tended to stick with their winning action, while losers tended to (27) _____ to the next action in the sequence "rock- paper-scissors". (28) _____ losing with a rock, for example, a player was more (29) _____ to play paper in the next round. Being aware of this "win-stay lose-shift" strategy may offer one a considerable advantage.

(30) _____ it is a simple game, rock-paper-scissors is seen as a model for studying competitive behaviour in human, e.g. in financial trading.

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Task 4

- You are going to read an article about the origins of margherita pizza. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text.
 - Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.
 - Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).
 - The task begins with two examples (0).
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MARGHERITA PIZZA

0)	Loved around the all world for its simplicity, margherita pizza is	0)	<i>all</i>
0)	commonly believed to be named after an Italian queen.	0)	✓
31)	Despite of being united with northern Italy in 1861 by Garibaldi, in	31)	
32)	1889 southern Italy was still suffering from its loss of independence.	32)	
33)	Since that year the Italian king and queen decided to visit Naples,	33)	
34)	the former capital of the South, whether to meet their southern	34)	
35)	subjects. Legend has told it that the queen got sick of French gourmet	35)	
36)	food so that was the royal standard across Europe at the time.	36)	
37)	She had sent for the most famous pizza-maker in Naples, Raffaele	37)	
38)	Esposito, and had him to bake her three pizzas. She did not like the	38)	
39)	one with garlic or the one with anchovies, but she very liked the one	39)	
40)	featuring the colours of the Italian flag: it was made with basil (green),	40)	
41)	mozzarella (white) and tomato sauce (red). But Esposito named his	41)	
42)	invention after the queen, whose name was Margherita. A few days	42)	
43)	later on she sent Esposito a thank-you note, one that hangs to this day	43)	
44)	on the wall of the pizzeria, in which his descendants still own.	44)	
45)	If the queen's interest in pizza shows the monarch's acceptance of	45)	
	the southern traditions and the tricolour pizza represents the South's		
	final acceptance of unification.		

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TASK 1

In this section you will hear the life story of an extraordinary scientist called Caroline Herschel.

- Your task is to decide whether the following statements are true, false or we do not know because the text does not say, and write the appropriate letter in the boxes on the right. Write *A* if the statement is true, write *B* if the statement is false, and write *C* if the text does not say.
- First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.
- **A = TRUE B = FALSE C = THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY**



✓ *Caroline Herschel had a lot of brothers but no sisters.*

B

1. Caroline's illness seriously limited her growth.

2. Both her parents wanted Caroline to receive an excellent education.

3. Caroline wanted to be near William because he badly needed her help.

4. In England Caroline's only task was to learn to sing.

5. Caroline delivered a brilliant performance in the Birmingham Festival.

6. Thanks to her success in music, Caroline enjoyed a busy social life.

7. William's interest in astronomy started with a strange observation.

8. According to Caroline's Memoir, she only did what her brother told her to do.

9. Caroline was the first woman to discover a comet.

10. William and his patron became lifelong friends.

11. The planet Uranus was discovered by Caroline.

12. After William's death, Caroline went on doing her scientific work.

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TASK 2

In this section, you are going to hear a story about two famous film directors: George Lucas and Steven Spielberg.

- Your task is to write one word in each of the gaps below using the exact words that you hear in the recording.
- First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.



✓ A lot of people know that Lucas and Spielberg are **good** **pals**

13. Lucas was that Star Wars wouldn't be a huge success.

14. Due to problems and breakdowns, Lucas was well behind his

15. Besides malfunctioning electronics and broken props, the film also suffered from

16. Harrison Ford was sure that the movie would be a

17. Alec Guinness, who played Obi-Wan Kenobi, thought the film was just a stupid

18. Lucas almost had a nervous breakdown because the film was not living up to his

19. Lucas and Spielberg were arguing about which movie would

20. Spielberg took the bet after a

21. Besides theatrical releases, Spielberg has continued to get his share from sales.

22. In the years since the, Lucas and Spielberg have produced four Indiana Jones films together.

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TASK 3

In this section you are going to hear a radio program about Jack Ma, who is the Chairman of Alibaba, a Chinese e-commerce company.

- Your task is to write the letter of the correct answer into the boxes on the right.
- First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.



✓ Jack Ma is ... Google chairman Eric Schmidt and media mogul Rupert Murdoch.

- A) richer than
B) as rich as
C) not as rich as

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23. The reporter says Jack Ma ...

- A) is a household name for almost everyone.
B) didn't found Alibaba all by himself.
C) is one of the top twenty richest people in the world.

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24. According to Laura Marcinek, ...

- A) e-commerce was already a booming business in China when Jack Ma started his company.
B) Alibaba is functioning better than Amazon.
C) Facebook does not have a real business model.

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25. Jack Ma ...

- A) was making money while practicing English with tourists.
B) easily got into university thanks to his excellent English.
C) started teaching in the same city where he had graduated.

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26. Jack Ma ...

- A) had been interested in computer science ever since high school.
B) may have started an internet company because he hadn't found any Chinese results for "beer" on the Internet.
C) was able to get by reasonably well with the money his internet company made.

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27. Jack Ma ...

- A) borrowed the money he needed for another company from his best friend.
B) stopped teaching in 1999.
C) started Alibaba because of the success he had achieved with China Pages.

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28. Jack Ma ...

- A) is a shy person who hates being in the center of attention.
B) teaches kung fu to some of his employees.
C) bought a huge apartment on top of a building.

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29. Jack Ma ...

- A) arranges ceremonies where many of his employees get married simultaneously.
B) buys his employees their first homes.
C) believes that employees are the most important in business.

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