

Spotlight 8, module 3

Great Minds

Task 1. Read the text and choose the right options (1-10).

Though today we are (1) _____ to having a personal computer, such was not the (2) _____ in the early 1970's when Bill Gates and Paul Allen (3) _____ Microsoft. By the time Bill Gates was 13 he (4) _____ his first programme. However, access to the Teletype machine that resembled a giant typewriter was not (5) _____ and when his parents decided that Bill should pay for it himself, the eighth grader went and found himself a (6) _____, at a new company called Computer Center Corporation.

Here (7) _____ return for finding bugs and or mistakes in their programmes, Bill was given free computer time. Not surprisingly, the young boy spent (8) _____ weekends (9) _____ 'work'. While the company went out of business within a year, Bill was just getting started. He and (10) _____ young programmer by the name of Paul Allen earned \$200, 000 with the first programme they wrote – one that measured Seattle's traffic flow.

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| 1 | a) thankful | b) used | c) eager | d) advised |
| 2 | a) way | b) story | c) case | d) thing |
| 3 | a) found | b) discovered | c) founded | d) opened |
| 4 | a) wrote | b) has written | c) was written | d) had written |
| 5 | a) free | b) expensive | c) paid | d) good |
| 6 | a) work | b) payment | c) occupation | d) job |
| 7 | a) for | b) in | c) by | d) on |
| 8 | a) much | b) plenty of | c) a few | d) many |
| 9 | a) in | b) for | c) at | d) by |
| 10 | a) other | b) the other | c) another | d) one more |

Task 2. Complete the sentences using the correct idiom.

step by step * again and again * on and on * all in all * round and round

1. Mary's father went _____ about his daughter's achievements.
2. I've told you _____ that you have to study harder if you want to get your degree.
3. Rather than do all the work in one day, you should do it _____.
4. The idea has been going _____ in her head all day.
5. _____ I enjoyed the film a lot.