

Select A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

budget

loan

tax

6 He _____ a lot of money from his grandmother when she died last year.

invested

inherited

took out

7 I'm trying not to _____ money on gadgets I will never use.

invest

waste

charge

8 My parents _____ me some money so I could buy a car.

borrowed

owed

lent

9 I wish I could afford a new car, but my salary is too low.

charge

raise

afford

Which is the stressed syllable? CHOOSE A, B, or C.

1 A am|bi|tious

B am|bi|tious

C am|bi|tious

2 A sen|si|ble

B sen|si|ble

C sen|si|ble

3 A im|pa|tient

B im|pa|tient

C im|pa|tient

4 A re|bel|lious

B re|bel|lious

C re|bel|lious

5 A im|ma|ture

B im|ma|ture

C im|ma|ture

6 A un|friend|ly

B un|friend|ly

C un|friend|ly

Read the article and choose A, B, or C.

When she was 17 years old, Jessica Matthews went to her uncle's wedding in Nigeria. As a Nigerian American, Jessica visited every summer to see her cousins and other family members. She was not surprised when there was a power cut, or "blackout," because the electricity usually went off at least once a day. She was not surprised when the family used kerosene lamps (which are smelly and unhealthy) so that the wedding could continue. But Jessica was upset by her cousins' reaction. "Don't worry about the lamps," they said. "You'll get used to them."

Jessica didn't understand why her cousins accepted the situation as normal. In contrast, the children around her in Nigeria thought anything was possible when it came to soccer. They wanted to play like Pelé, like Ronaldo — and they believed this dream would come true. Jessica wished they could play *and* have the opportunity to change their society.

Two years after the wedding, Jessica had the idea for an invention during a science class in college. She combined the problem of blackouts with the solution of soccer: she wanted to build a soccer ball that created energy. But was it really possible? Since that class in 2008, she's been working hard to find out.

In 2011, Jessica started a company called Uncharted Play. It took several years to develop her soccer ball, and people in the sports industry said it would never work. But after many different designs, the finished soccer ball — called a Soccket ball — works perfectly. It is only one ounce heavier than a normal ball, but inside it contains special technology. The movement of the soccer ball creates energy. After 30 minutes of play, the ball can power a small lamp for three hours. In fact, every ball comes with a free lamp, too! Uncharted Play also developed a jump rope that uses the same technology.

Jessica still sells the Soccket ball, but her business has developed and grown. Recently, the company has changed its name to Uncharted Power. In the company's New York office, Jessica has invented new products using the same idea of energy from movement. The technology from the Soccket ball has been added to wheels for shopping carts, bicycles, and skateboards. And a new product allows energy to be created by walking or running on a special floor. Jessica hopes this will be used in homes and businesses.

Jessica's inventions tackle a huge problem. In 2017, the World Bank reported that countries in sub-Saharan Africa lose 2.1% of their income each year through power cuts. And one in three people in the region regularly have no access to electricity. Jessica imagines a new kind of city where people create energy simply by doing their normal activities. She has been visiting schools to discuss these ideas with the next generation of inventors. What will they imagine?

Example: Jessica visited _____ every summer.

A America B her extended family C her uncle

1 _____ is one name for a period of time when electricity stops working.

A A lights out B A power stop C A blackout

2 Jessica was sad because her cousins thought the kerosene lamps were _____.

A unhealthy B good enough C dangerous

3 She wanted people to be as _____ as the children dreaming about soccer.

A happy B positive C free

4 Jessica had the idea for an invention _____.

A in college B in Nigeria C when she was 19

5 The first design for the Soccket ball ____.

A needed more work B was a huge success C broke after 30 minutes

6 The Soccket ball weighs ____ a normal soccer ball.

A less than B more than C the same as

7 People who buy the Soccket ball also receive a ____.

A lamp B jump rope C book

8 Since the success of the Soccket ball, Jessica's company has ____.

A moved office B changed names C developed a new idea

9 One new product creates power using the ____ of vehicles.

A wheels B motors C lights

10 Jessica wants to change how people ____ live in the future.

A in Africa B without electricity C in cities