

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

- 1 Mary is so \_\_\_\_\_ acting as if she was rich and superior to all of us.  
preppy                      sensible                      mature
- 2 Victor can be really rude sometimes— he's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
sensible                      moody                      mean
- 3 You always come up with something crazy and funny to say. you're so \_\_\_\_\_!  
spoiled                      wise                      witty
- 4 Tommy is very \_\_\_\_\_ always telling people what to do.  
bossy                      competitive                      congenial
- 5 Nohemy always isolated herself because she doesn't like people. She' very \_\_\_\_\_.  
stand-offish                      opinionated                      naive

**Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).**

- 1 I pay my \_\_\_\_\_ online.  
cash                      salary                      bills
- 2 I don't think you'll \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money selling books in this market.  
do                      pay                      earn
- 3 Felipe still \_\_\_\_\_ me the \$100 I lent him last month.  
owes                      charges                      borrows
- 4 I try to \_\_\_\_\_ some of my salary every month so that I travel.  
save                      afford                      cost
- 5 If you want to start your own business, you might need a \_\_\_\_\_ from a bank.

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 ☐