



### • Use of English

Choose the correct option

Since the American company Mattel started <sup>1</sup> Barbie dolls in 1959, this toy has become one of the most famous <sup>2</sup> in the world. Millions of Barbies <sup>3</sup> every year. It's a big business, but there is a lot of competition, so the company has to <sup>4</sup> new products all the time. When sales began to fall they did a lot of market <sup>5</sup> with children and parents and then they <sup>6</sup> all this information to understand what they wanted. As a result, there are now Barbies for everyone. And with all of them, Mattel <sup>7</sup> other things that Barbie will need – clothes, cars, pets and so on.

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| 1 A managing | B mentioning   | C manufacturing |
| 2 A brands   | B games        | C markets       |
| 3 A produced | B are produced | C is produced   |
| 4 A direct   | B discover     | C develop       |
| 5 A result   | B research     | C report        |
| 6 A analysed | B accepted     | C arranged      |
| 7 A promotes | B reports      | C advises       |

### • Tenses

Put the verbs in the correct form

Last Friday Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) one of 225 passengers on a flight from London to Sofia. She \_\_\_\_\_ (FEEL) very excited when she \_\_\_\_\_ (GET) on the plane at Heathrow Airport. She \_\_\_\_\_ (WAIT) a long time for this day to come. She \_\_\_\_\_ (FINALLY LEAVE) England to start working in the eastern European capital. Mary was an experienced traveler . When she was younger, she \_\_\_\_\_ (FLY) a lot. In those days her father \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) a diplomat and every few years the whole family \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE TO) move to a different country. Not long after the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (TAKE ) off the captain \_\_\_\_\_ (TELL) the passengers that they would have to return to Heathrow and for the first time Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (START) to worry. A few minutes later she \_\_\_\_\_ (SEE) the lights of the

airport and \_\_\_\_\_ (WONDER) why fire engines and ambulances \_\_\_\_\_ (STAND) nearby. At that time, she \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT KNOW) that the plane's front wheel \_\_\_\_\_ (FALL) off during take-off.

Suddenly, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (FEEL) a strange bump and as the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (COME) to a stop some passengers \_\_\_\_\_ (CRY). Fortunately, the pilot \_\_\_\_\_ (MAKE) a perfect landing and nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (BE INJURED). Mary was a little shaken but she still \_\_\_\_\_ (HOPE) she would be able to catch the next flight to Sofia.

### • *Paraphrasing*

- a) Clothing cost the same as it did last year. (CHANGED)  
Clothing prices \_\_\_\_\_ last year
- b) Greg could only go on holiday because his uncle gave him the money. (ABLE)  
If greg's uncle hadn't given him the money, he \_\_\_\_\_ to go on holiday
- c) We have never met anyone as interesting as she is. (MOST)  
She \_\_\_\_\_ we have ever met
- d) Please stop biting your nails. (WISH)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ biting your nails
- e) You might get hungry on the journey, so you should take plenty of snacks, (CASE)  
Take plenty of snacks \_\_\_\_\_ hungry on the journey
- f) My niece moved to Finland three years ago. (SINCE)  
It \_\_\_\_\_ my nice moved to Finland
- g) It's been two weeks since I cooked lasagna. (FOR)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ two weeks

### • *Open Cloze*

Students of English all \_\_\_\_\_ the world are aware that \_\_\_\_\_ are differences \_\_\_\_\_ British and American English. But how large are the differences really? The varieties of English have historical roots. \_\_\_\_\_ pilgrims left England in the seventeenth century, \_\_\_\_\_ language has evolved, giving rise to changes \_\_\_\_\_ vocabulary, grammar and spelling. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ obvious differences are in the vocabulary used in the two countries. Many of the words that we use today \_\_\_\_\_ not exist in the seventeenth \_\_\_\_\_. "Pavements" in Britain, and "Sidewalks" in the USA, only became common later, \_\_\_\_\_ example.

The two countries \_\_\_\_\_ also borrowed words from different sources: courgettes \_\_\_\_\_ imported to Britain from France and zucchini were brought to America \_\_\_\_\_ Italian immigrants.

Printing was a relatively new invention back then and the spelling \_\_\_\_\_ most words had not yet been formalised, \_\_\_\_\_ accounts for many of the differences in spelling.