Name: ..... Class: ..... Date: .....

The sticking plaster

Nowadays, one of the most **(0) common** items found in the home is the sticking plaster.

Protecting a cut by covering the affected area with a piece of material that sticks to the skin may seem a rather **(1)**_____ idea, so it is perhaps surprising to learn that the plaster was not **(2)**_____ until about ninety years ago.

The person who thought **(3)**_____ the idea was Earle Dickson, an employee of the Johnson & Johnson company. Concerned that his wife Josephine sometimes **(4)**_____ accidents while cooking and doing other jobs, he used pieces of cotton material placed inside strips of sticky tape to cover her injuries. This prevented dirt getting into the **(5)**_____ and protected it from further harm as she did the **(6)**_____

Dickson's boss was impressed so in 1921 Johnson & Johnson put the new sticking plaster into **(7)**_____ under the brand name Band-Aid Sales at first were slow, but somebody at the company came up with the **(8)**_____ idea of giving free plasters to the Boy Scouts. This created publicity and from then **(9)**_____ it became a commercial success Dickson was **(10)**_____ within the company, eventually becoming a senior executive.

Although the basic design of the sticking plaster has remained similar to the **(11)**_____, there have been many developments in the materials used and it is now **(12)**_____ in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. Total worldwide sales are believed to have exceeded 100 billion.

1.	A. clear	B. evident	C. plain	D. obvious
2.	A. realised	B. imagined	C. invented	D. dreamt
3.	A. up	B. over	C. in	D. forward
4.	A. did	B. had	C. made	D. took
5.	A. wound	B. damage	C. breakage	D. tear
6.	A. homework	B. household	C. housework	D. homecoming
7.	A. creation	B. formation	C. production	D. construction
8.	A. keen	B. bright	C. eager	D. shining
9.	A. after	B. to	C. since	D. on
10.	A. raised	B. lifted	C. advanced	D. promoted
11.	A. model	B. original	C. sample	D. standard
12.	A. available	B. achievable	C. accessible	D. attainable

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Pencil Me
Prepare to be different

LIVEWORKSHEETS