

# Use of English, Units 1–6

## PART 1

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

### How many days should you study per week?



Most teenagers study for five days a week. However, some students in the USA only study <sup>0</sup>..... for four days, because the school district can't <sup>1</sup>..... to open schools on Fridays. So it <sup>2</sup>..... sense for a school to close for just one day a week, because this can save millions of dollars a year. It means that schools don't have to <sup>3</sup>..... down on the number of extra-curricular programs like art clubs, and can hire more teachers.

To make sure that students don't fall <sup>4</sup>..... the national curriculum, they study for an extra hour each day they are in school. Some people think that this is difficult for younger children because they can't <sup>5</sup>..... on a task for long periods of time, but studies show that students in these schools perform better. Getting <sup>6</sup>..... from the classroom helps teachers feel more relaxed too. The new schedule has been <sup>7</sup>..... with schools in rural areas, and now some city schools are <sup>8</sup>..... trying it as well.

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| 0 <b>A</b> for         | <b>B</b> since        | <b>C</b> of           | <b>D</b> while     |
| 1 <b>A</b> spend       | <b>B</b> waste        | <b>C</b> cost         | <b>D</b> afford    |
| 2 <b>A</b> has         | <b>B</b> does         | <b>C</b> makes        | <b>D</b> takes     |
| 3 <b>A</b> cut         | <b>B</b> reduce       | <b>C</b> decrease     | <b>D</b> stop      |
| 4 <b>A</b> in          | <b>B</b> down         | <b>C</b> behind       | <b>D</b> over      |
| 5 <b>A</b> analyse     | <b>B</b> concentrate  | <b>C</b> keep         | <b>D</b> learn     |
| 6 <b>A</b> out         | <b>B</b> away         | <b>C</b> off          | <b>D</b> across    |
| 7 <b>A</b> keen        | <b>B</b> enthusiastic | <b>C</b> popular      | <b>D</b> confident |
| 8 <b>A</b> considering | <b>B</b> hoping       | <b>C</b> establishing | <b>D</b> thinking  |

## PART 2

For questions 9–16, complete the text with one word in each gap.

### Extraordinary Women

In 2011, Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo quit their jobs, moved <sup>9</sup>..... to California and opened a tech business. They knew that they were good <sup>10</sup>..... developing apps, but even so they were a little worried <sup>11</sup>..... not having paid jobs.

To help them cope <sup>12</sup>..... these moments of doubt, they reminded themselves of the struggles of successful women throughout history. Then, more <sup>13</sup>..... five years later and after working on over twelve successful projects, they decided to use the stories that had encouraged them to inspire others. They wrote a children's book, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls*, which told the stories of one hundred women <sup>14</sup>..... had achieved incredible things, illustrated by 60 women artists from around the world.

Today, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* is one of the <sup>15</sup>..... successful books for children and adults. It is <sup>16</sup>..... popular that Elena and Francesca <sup>17</sup>..... now written a sequel, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2*, featuring even more incredible stories!

