| 1 | Choose the correct option (1) - (brano 1) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | Choose the correct option (2) $-($ brano 1$)$ |

5 Choose the correct option (5) - (brano 1)

6 Choose the correct option (1) - (brano 2)
7 Choose the correct option (2) - (brano 2)
Choose the correct option (3) - (brano 2)
Choose the correct option (4) - (brano 2)

10 Choose the correct option (5) - (brano 2)
11 Bridget Cooper is: - (brano 3)
12 Lyn: - (brano 3)

13 Choose the correct option - (brano 3)
14 Choose the correct option - (brano 3)
15 Choose the correct option - (brano 3)
16 Complete the sentence with the correct option: "That Friday Jane

19 What is Jane's reaction when she finds a box in her garden? - (brano 4)
20 Find the correct sentence: - (brano 4)
21 The correct word is (1): - (brano 5)
22 The correct word is (2): - (brano 5)
23 The correct word is (3): - (brano 5)
24 The correct word is (4): - (brano 5)
25 The correct word is (5): - (brano 5)
26 The correct word is (1): - (brano 6)
27 The correct word is (2): - (brano 6)
28 The correct word is (3): - (brano 6)
29 The correct word is (4): - (brano 6)
30 The correct word is (5): - (brano 6)
31 In this article, "finely tuned" means... - (brano 7)
32 Another word for "whole-hearted" is... - (brano 7)
33 "Shortcomings" are... - (brano 7)
34 The "timing and scope" of their apologies refers to.... - (brano 7)
35 In this article, "oft-touted" means... - (brano 7)
36 What is 'the medium' which the writer refers to? - (brano 8)
37 The writer is concerned that broadcasters $\qquad$ - (brano 8)

Which of the following statements is true according to the writer? - (brano 8)
Which of the following words has a positive implication in the passage? - (brano 8)
$\begin{array}{ll}39 & \text { Which of the following } \\ 40 & \text { The writer thinks that }\end{array}$ $\qquad$ - (brano 9)

41 Which opinion reflects the writer's opinion about 'techies'? - (brano 9)
42 What does the author NOT imply about cinema? - (brano 9)
43 In the context of the passage 'junked' means - (brano 9)
44 "Working around the clock" means - (brano 9)

You only have a bunch of exams left!
All my friends are travelling around the world, they're learning new languages, they're doing great experiences, and I've never even left my town!
I had no other option, they needed a person at the bar because it was impossible for them to do all that work, I couldn't say no to them. I can understand your point of view.
Thanks for your words Gloria, I appreciate what you said.
All right, I can text her right now.
Oh no, I don't agree with you.
Lend.
Ah ah! Come on, don't pretend to be a serious person! We all know you spend a fortune on cocktails every Saturday night!
Ah ah! You're right but at least I offer you everything you want to drink, don't I?
A client of Lyn's agency.
Is a bit tired because of her business flights but she can handle the pressure and she doesn't need much rest.

Bridget never invites Lyn for lunch unless she has a good reason or interest.
Bridget is so talented that every book she writes becomes immediately a best seller.
Lyn is one of the few people who can stand Bridget and cope with her.
Had worked more than usual and she was exhausted.
She was drinking an infusion.
Cyrus is Jane's cat.
She gets really scared.
There was no-one in Jane's garden, except for Cyrus.
Hedge fund.
Robustness.
Trading strategy.
Appealing.
Tears.
As.
To work.
On.
By.
How.
Adjusted specifically to.
Sincere.
Faults.
When they apologize and the reason for their apology.
Frequently mentioned.
Broadcasting.
Make programmes based on unacceptable values.
It's possible to produce quality programmes.
Professionalism.
Filmmakers are always interested in novelty.
They will have little long-term effect on film-making.
In comparison television and video are not art forms.
Thrown away.
Constantly.

What does "scrapping with Chinese" means? - (brano 10)
The missing part is (gap 2): - (brano 10)
The missing word is (gap 3): - (brano 10)
What does "they too would be vanquished" mean? - (brano 10)
The missing word is: - (brano 10)
What does "William Thacker owns an independent book store" mean? - (brano 11)
What does care-free mean? - (brano 11)
Who is Honey? - (brano 11)
What does "they collide in the street" mean? - (brano 11)
Complete the following sentence with the correct option: After having kissed William,
Anna $\qquad$ - (brano 11)
66

67 "A rapid-fire succession of restaurants" is.... - (brano 14)
68 Here, "heavy hitter" means.... - (brano 14)
(gap 1):- (brano 15)
71 The missing part is (gap 2): - (brano 15)
72 The missing word is (gap 3): - (brano 15)
73 The missing word is (gap 4): - (brano 15)
74 The missing word is (gap 5): - (brano 15) - (brano 20)

The best definition for fad is $\qquad$ - (brano 20)

Which statement is FALSE, according to the writer? - (brano 20)
Which statement is FALSE, according to the writer? - (brano 20)

The expression "what they are really made of" refers to the managers' (brano 20)
$\qquad$ - (brano 21)

It means "scuffling with Chinese".
Was not to emerge.
Invaders.
Also the Americans were defeated.
Avoided.
That William Thacker has a book store.
Carefree means cheerful.
Honey is William's sister.
They bump into each other in the street.
Wants him to keep this secret.17)

82 "Roche was fined" means... - (brano 17)
83 According to BASF, the fine was "inappropriately high". In other words,... - (brano 17)
84 A "law firm" deals with... - (brano 17)
85 The missing part is (gap 1): - (brano 18)
The missing part is (gap 2): - (brano 18)
The missing part is (gap 3): - (brano 18)
The missing word is (gap 4): - (brano 18)
The missing word is (gap 5): - (brano 18)
Which point is expressed in the passage? - (brano 19)
The best definition of dazed is $\qquad$ - (brano 19)

92 We can definitely conclude that Margaret Jarvie is a $\qquad$ - (brano 19) - (brano 19)

Margaret Jarvie believes that counselling $\qquad$
The training that the passage refers to would most likely be directed towards
ITV debut on digital satellite television took... - (brano 16) Quite a while.
Its current audience will ..... by $150 \%$ - (brano 16) Go up.
"Revenue" is another word for.... - (brano 16) Income.
In compliance with the deal.
Attractive for satellite viewers.
A severe warning.
Punished.
Roche was penalised.
It was far too high.
Legal matters.
The sound of a gong releases us.
Spilling over with the things that will give us life here in the arena.
Decreasing.
Lies.
Instructed.
Professional intervention can be useful for victims after the trauma.
Confused and unable to think clearly.

## Counsellor.

Should not start immediately after the trauma.
Mid-to upper-level company management.

## Fashion.

Physical, outdoor team-building activities are becoming more popular.

- True character.

To take out.

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| N. | Domanda | Risposta |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 99 | 'Dissolving' is one method of changing a solid to a liquid. Another method is $\qquad$ - (brano 21) | Melting. |
| 100 | Carbon dioxide is used in all of the following EXCEPT ___ - (brano 21) | Making salt water. |
| 101 | Salt water is found in the seas and oceans. Water in lakes is called $\qquad$ (brano 21) | Fresh water. |
| 102 | The missing word is (gap 1): - (brano 22) | Originating. |
| 103 | The missing word is (gap 2): - (brano 22) | Streams. |
| 104 | The missing word is (gap 3) - (brano 22) | Wheels. |
| 105 | The missing word is (gap 4): - (brano 22) | Into. |
| 106 | The missing word is (gap 5) - (brano 22) | Lamps. |
| 107 | (Gap 1) - (brano 23) | Are dancing. |
| 108 | (Gap 2) - (brano 23) | Are being coached. |
| 109 | (Gap 3) - (brano 23) | About as. |
| 110 | (Gap 4) - (brano 23) | Dealt. |
| 111 | (Gap 5) - (brano 23) | So successful that. |
| 112 | (Gap 1) - (brano 24) | Wide. |
| 113 | (Gap 2) - (brano 24) | Nappies. |
| 114 | (Gap 3) - (brano 24) | Though. |
| 115 | (Gap 4) - (brano 24) | Teeth. |
| 116 | (Gap 5) - (brano 24) | Borrow. |
| 117 | (Gap 1) - (brano 25) | Heading. |
| 118 | (Gap 2) - (brano 25) | Involves. |
| 119 | (Gap 3) - (brano 25) | Points out. |
| 120 | (Gap 4) - (brano 25) | Highlights. |
| 121 | (Gap 5) - (brano 25) | Display. |
| 122 | What does the writer imply about student car designers? - (brano 26) | They will go on to design more conservative cars. |
| 123 | 'Albeit' can be substituted with ___ - (brano 26) | Although. |
| 124 | What does Roy Mills say about car design? - (brano 26) | Impractical designs play an important role in it. |
| 125 | Mills uses 'blue sky' as a metaphor because it ___ - (brano 26) | Represents an environment free of worry. |
| 126 | Suppliers mainly ___ goods - (brano 27) | Provide. |
| 127 | A "broadening product range" means the same as __ - (brano 27) | An expanding product range. |
| 128 | According to the text, smaller companies have been $\qquad$ to adopt SCM (brano 27) | Reluctant. |
| 129 | Supplies chain applications are ___ - (brano 27) | On the increase. |
| 130 | The word "demeaning" means ... - (brano 28) | Lowering the dignity. |
| 131 | If you "masquerade" you ... - (brano 28) | Assume a false appearance. |
| 132 | To "trigger a response" is to... - (brano 28) | Initiate a response. |
| 133 | If you "back someone" you.... - (brano 28) | Support them. |
| 134 | It is understood that ....... - (brano 28) | Debates in Europe about minority rights turn into free-for-alls. |
| 135 | (Gap 1) - (brano 29) | Monk. |
| 136 | (Gap 2) - (brano 29) | Much. |
| 137 | (Gap 3) - (brano 29) | Slavery. |
| 138 | (Gap 4) - (brano 29) | Get. |
| 139 | (Gap 5) - (brano 29) | Began. |
| 140 | (Gap 1) - (brano 30) | Humble. |
| 141 | (Gap 2) - (brano 30) | Worship. |
| 142 | (Gap 3) - (brano 30) | Threat. |
| 143 | (Gap 4) - (brano 30) | Jailer. |
| 144 | (Gap 5) - (brano 30) | Blind. |
| 145 | (Gap 1) - (brano 31) | Fail. |
| 146 | (Gap 2) - (brano 31) | Stream. |
| 147 | (Gap 3) - (brano 31) | Arisen. |
| 148 | (Gap 4) - (brano 31) | Stem. |
| 149 | (Gap 5) - (brano 31) | Grounds. |
| 150 | (Gap 1) - (brano 32) | Crunching. |
| 151 | (Gap 2) - (brano 32) | Seekers. |
| 152 | (Gap 3) - (brano 32) | Purge. |

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| 153 | (Gap 4) - (brano 32) | Leaping. |
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| 154 | (Gap 5) - (brano 32) | Limb. |
| 155 | (Gap 1) - (brano 33) | Edgy. |
| 156 | (Gap 2) - (brano 33) | Its. |
| 157 | (Gap 3) - (brano 33) | Crafting. |
| 158 | (Gap 4) - (brano 33) | Winsome. |
| 159 | (Gap 5) - (brano 33) | Poseurs. |
| 160 | (Gap 1) - (brano 34) | Threatens. |
| 161 | (Gap 2) - (brano 34) | Timely warnings. |
| 162 | (Gap 3) - (brano 34) | Across. |
| 163 | (Gap 4) - (brano 34) | Working. |
| 164 | (Gap 5) - (brano 34) | Rainstorm. |
| 165 | (Gap 1) - (brano 35) | As a player. |
| 166 | (Gap 2) - (brano 35) | Assigned. |
| 167 | (Gap 3) - (brano 35) | Hold. |
| 168 | (Gap 4) - (brano 35) | No more and no less. |
| 169 | (Gap 5) - (brano 35) | Mistress. |
| 170 | (Gap 1) - (brano 36) | Dystopian. |
| 171 | (Gap 2) - (brano 36) | Leading up. |
| 172 | (Gap 3) - (brano 36) | Shaped by. |
| 173 | (Gap 4) - (brano 36) | Spanish Civil War. |
| 174 | (Gap 5) - (brano 36) | Upon. |
| 175 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: I | Sound |
| 176 | house if I had a good job |  |

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| 204 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: We all have blue eyes, it $\qquad$ in the family! | Runs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 205 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Word on the $\qquad$ is that Donald is in prison again | Street |
| 206 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Ronny and I are really on the same $\qquad$ , we get along pretty well! | Page |
| 207 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: She really dropped a $\qquad$ when she said to Mark that she can't stand politicians! Doesn't she know that he's a deputy? | Brick |
| 208 | Complete with the correct option: "Outworn is the antonym of ___.." | Up to date |
| 209 | Complete with the correct option: "Daft is the antonym of ___ ." | Wise |
| 210 | Complete with the correct option: "Stiff is the antonym of ____." | Informal |
| 211 | Who does 'they' in the phrase 'but they enjoyed it' refer to? | The audience |
| 212 | Complete with the correct option: "Dull is the antonym of ____." | Clever |
| 213 | Complete with the correct option: "Remarkable is the antonym of ___.." | Insignificant |
| 214 | Complete with the correct option: "Sullen is the antonym of ____.." | Amiable |
| 215 | Complete with the correct option: "Despicable is the antonym of ____." | Exemplary |
| 216 | Complete with the correct option: "Pointless is the antonym of ____." | Meaningful |
| 217 | (Gap 1) - (brano 37) | Acclaim. |
| 218 | (Gap 2) - (brano 37) | Depiction. |
| 219 | (Gap 3) - (brano 37) | Assertion. |
| 220 | (Gap 4) - (brano 37) | Astounded. |
| 221 | (Gap 5) - (brano 37) | Odd. |
| 222 | Complete with the correct option: "Stately is the antonym of ___.." | Humble |
| 223 | Complete with the correct option: "Snobbish is the antonym of ____." | Unassuming |
| 224 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | I spoke to him at the phone yesterday |
| 225 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | I go to work with bus |
| 226 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | Don't tell to him my secret! |
| 227 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | I'm going to stay home |
| 228 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | If she will give me more time, I will do it better |
| 229 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | Sandra is a close friend of us |
| 230 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | Yesterday you worked hard, haven't you? |
| 231 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | According to the newspaper, Mr. Williamson added, "It's just outrages me that no one has been held accountable." |
| 232 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | Can you please sit down? Yes, I can't |
| 233 | Find the sentence that contains a mistake: | Have you got a sister? Yes, I do |
| 234 | All of the following words refer to clothes except for one. Find the odd one out: tracksuit, vest, stockings, overalls, glazier, anorak | Glazier |
| 235 | All of the following words refer to jobs except for one. Find the odd one out: tiler, surgeon, ram, lecturer, baker, accountant | Ram |
| 236 | All of the following words refer to animals except for one. Find the odd one out: bugle, goat, foal, hen, calf | Bugle |
| 237 | All of the following words refer to musical instruments except for one. Find the odd one out: cymbals, cello, jug, flute, harp, trumpet | Jug |
| 238 | All of the following words refer to kitchen tools except for one. Find the odd one out: ladle, sieve, whisk, corkscrew, juicer, darts | Darts |
| 239 | All of the following words refer to sports except for one. Find the odd one out: archery, badminton, lime cordial, hiking, lacrosse, ten-pin bowling | Lime cordial |
| 240 | All of the following words refer to furniture except for one. Find the odd one out: sideboard, stool, plug, coat stand, chest of drawers | Plug |
| 241 | All of the following words refer to the human body except for one. Find the odd one out: jaw, nostril, armpit, knuckle, belly, groin, gnat | Gnat |
| 242 | (Gap 1) - (brano 38) | Being. |
| 243 | (Gap 2) - (brano 38) | Scruffy. |
| 244 | (Gap 3) - (brano 38) | Led. |
| 245 | (Gap 4) - (brano 38) | Having fallen. |
| 246 | (Gap 5) - (brano 38) | Raced. |
| 247 | All of the following words refer to family except for one. Find the odd one out: toddler, niece, godson, veal, grandparents | Veal |
| 248 | All of the following words refer to plants except for one. Find the odd one out: ivy, alloy, toadstool, plane, elm, ash | Alloy |
| 249 | If you had to describe a person, what adjective would you choose? | Willing |

[^0]| 250 | If you had to describe a person, what adjective would you choose? | Trained |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 251 | If you had to describe a person, what adjective would you choose? | Crabby |
| 252 | If you had to describe a person, what adjective would you choose? | Debonair |
| 253 | If you had to describe a person, what adjective would you choose? | Fanciful |
| 254 | Fill in the blank with the correct option: "It's not the job of a politician to do only those things $\qquad$ will be popular." | Which you think |
| 255 | Fill in the blank with the correct option: Maybe you don't like the style, but I still think a firm hand $\qquad$ | Is needed |
| 256 | Fill in the blank with the correct option: Somehow, people began to look to the state for their standard of living, to the state to solve their problems, rather than solving $\qquad$ | Them themselves |
| 257 | Fill in the blank with the correct option: We each have our own style. You can't change it. I haven't the slightest $\qquad$ changing mine | Intention of |
| 258 | The meaning of being wholly obligated, unable to free oneself can be expressed by: | Bound hand and foot |
| 259 | The meaning of being involved in a situation that is too difficult for you to deal with can be expressed by: | Be in over your head |
| 260 | The meaning of revealing a secret can be expressed by: | Tip your hand |
| 261 | The meaning of paying too much attention to differences that are very small or unimportant can be expressed by: | Split hairs |
| 262 | The meaning of arriving or finishing something just before it is too late, at the last possible moment can be expressed by: | In the nick of time |
| 263 | Find the wrong paradigm: | Arise - arose - arosen |
| 264 | Find the wrong paradigm: | Ring - reng - rung |
| 265 | Find the wrong paradigm: | Weep - wept - weepen |
| 266 | Find the wrong paradigm: | Split - splat - splut |
| 267 | Find the wrong paradigm: | Get - get - got |
| 268 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Maria is my wife, we $\qquad$ each other since high school | Have known |
| 269 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Jeremy is my new Spanish teacher, he $\qquad$ to be very nice | Is said |
| 270 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: I am $\qquad$ to leave, I can't help you now | About |
| 271 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: $\qquad$ , you have no time for tears! | Stop complaining |
| 272 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: When I was a child, I $\qquad$ the whole summer in the mountain | Used to spend |
| 273 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: $\qquad$ that movie? It's a really good one! | Have you ever watched |
| 274 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Please Renée look $\qquad$ the children, I have to go to the post office | After |
| 275 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: When $\qquad$ here, I will call Francine and we'll decide what to do about this situation | You come |
| 276 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: I can't $\qquad$ her, she's too arrogant | Stand |
| 277 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: Alexandra is so beautiful, she's $\qquad$ | Breathtaking |
| 278 | Complete this sentence with the correct option: The amount of electricity that can be generated depends on how far the water (1) $\qquad$ and how much water (2) $\qquad$ through the system | 1=drops ; 2=moves |
| 279 | Complete with the correct option: Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you $\qquad$ with what happens to you | Do |
| 280 | Complete with the correct option: You should read the book $\qquad$ main character has your first name | Whose |
| 281 | Complete with the correct option: You should read books you can't stop hearing about and books you've never heard | Of |
| 282 | Complete with the correct option: You should read the book that you find on the library's free cart whose $\qquad$ makes you laugh | Cover |
| 283 | Complete with the correct option: You should read the book that you see someone on the train reading and trying to $\qquad$ that they're laughing | Hide |
| 284 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: If you just told me $\qquad$ , I wouldn't worry that much! | Where you are |
| 285 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: You can go out and play as soon as $\qquad$ your homework | You finish |
| 286 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: I'm having troubles with my car, I think there $\qquad$ something wrong with the engine | Could be |
| 287 | (Gap 1) - (brano 39) | Conjures up. |
| 288 | (Gap 2) - (brano 39) | Strain injury. |



| 335 | Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence: While I $\qquad$ my homework I heard a strange noise from the garden | Was doing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 336 | I'm tired mum. I just want ____ bed right now | To go to |
| 337 | Thank you for flying with us. We hope you had a pleasant $\qquad$ . We wish you a nice stay in Rome | Journey |
| 338 | Five years ago my son won a singing ___ , I was so proud! | Contest |
| 339 | I _____ to watching horror movies | Am not used |
| 340 | The grass in my garden was pretty wet when I left the cottage in the morning so I knew that it $\qquad$ during the night | Had been raining |
| 341 | Complete the dialogue: Simon: Would you prefer coffee or milk? Rita: | Have you got anything else? |
| 342 | I can't find my mobile anywhere, I've been looking for hours. I $\qquad$ have left it at school | Must |
| 343 | As l've worked in Spain for many years, l've got used to the Spanish ___ of life | Way |
| 344 | The students are $\qquad$ good progress with the new teacher, she knows how to keep their attention | Making |
| 345 | Elias has recently started to take a more positive $\qquad$ to his job and he is doing it quite well | Attitude |
| 346 | $\qquad$ you get your parents' permission, Susan, I will let you watch this thriller movie with me | Provided |
| 347 | I really think you shouldn't promise to stop drinking if you are not $\qquad$ to follow a serious rehab programme | Prepared |
| 348 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 43) | Was established. |
| 349 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 43) | However. |
| 350 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 43) | Who. |
| 351 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 43) | On top of. |
| 352 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 43) | Under. |
| 353 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 44) | In. |
| 354 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 44) | Thinking. |
| 355 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 44) | To. |
| 356 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 44) | Was breeding. |
| 357 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 44) | Getting. |
| 358 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 45) | Such as. |
| 359 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 45) | Any. |
| 360 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 45) | Openness. |
| 361 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 45) | And. |
| 362 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 45) | Name. |
| 363 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 46) | Decided. |
| 364 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 46) | From. |
| 365 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 46) | Used to. |
| 366 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 46) | Reach. |
| 367 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 46) | Took. |
| 368 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 47) | Man is. |
| 369 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 47) | Fast. |
| 370 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 47) | Not one. |
| 371 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 47) | Should have been. |
| 372 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 47) | Laid. |
| 373 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 48) | Room. |
| 374 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 48) | Overlooks. |
| 375 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 48) | Just. |
| 376 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 48) | Isn't. |
| 377 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 48) | To be seen. |
| 378 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 49) | Alters. |
| 379 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 49) | Recognition. |
| 380 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 49) | Comprehension. |
| 381 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 50) | Being based. |
| 382 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 50) | Under. |
| 383 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 50) | Has retained. |
| 384 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 51) | Carried. |
| 385 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? - (brano 51) | Roar. |
| 386 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 51) | Set on. |
| 387 | Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 51) | Regardless of. |
|  | Documento scaricato dal sito mininterno.net - il portale per la preparazione ai concorsi pubblici - esercitati GRATIS on-line! |  | 409 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap

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(5)? - (brano 59)

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429 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
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431 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
(4)? - (brano 60)

432 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
(5)? - (brano 60)

433 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
(1)? - (brano 61)

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(3)? - (brano 61)

436 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
(4)? - (brano 61)

437 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap
(5)? - (brano 61)

438 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? - (brano 62)
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440 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)? - (brano 62)
441 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)? - (brano 62)
442 Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? - (brano 62)
443 A local patron has decided to $\qquad$ the hospital of the village with new machinery
444 My husband Thomas $\qquad$ his new job for three months now
445 Choose the correct option: A man who is the head teacher in a school is called

Else.
Playing.
About.
A look.
Don't.
His.
When.
Started in.
Allergy.
Are feeling better.
What.
Went out.
On.
Got up.
With.
Bring it back.
Met at.
Have you got.
To ask.
To be.
When.
In.
Hair.
Up.
Were you really.
These on.
Don't like.
Only.
How much.
Most expensive.
Can I have.
Will meet.
Interesting.
Won't be.
Are you going.
Want to finish.
Before.
City.
Which.
As reliable.
About.
Did you get.
Many.
Tell.
Mustn't leave.
Wear.
Already.
Will you.
For.
Shall we start.
You to put up.
Will have.
Half an hour.
Why do.
Will give you.
Supply
Has had
Headmaster

| 446 | Choose the correct option: A woman whose job is to serve customers at their tables in a restaurant is called $\qquad$ | Waitress |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 447 | Choose the correct option: A person who fits and repairs the pipes, fittings, and other apparatus of water supply, sanitation, or heating systems is called | Plumber |
| 448 | Choose the correct option: A medical practitioner specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness is called $\qquad$ | Psychiatrist |
| 449 | Choose the correct option: A place where bread and cakes are made or sold is called | Bakery |
| 450 | Choose the correct word to fill the gap in. Tracy is waiting for the response of the HIV test, she's very $\qquad$ | Troubled |
| 451 | Choose the correct word to fill the gap in. Mila was given the sack by her boss yesterday, she's very $\qquad$ | Gloomy |
| 452 | Choose the correct word to fill the gap in. Sandrine has just found out to be pregnant, it was ages since she first started to think about having a baby and now her dream has come true. She's very $\qquad$ - | Blissful |
| 453 | Choose the correct word to fill the gap in. Dario has caught his wife red handed with another man. He wouldn't have expected that at all. He's very $\qquad$ | Crestfallen |
| 454 | Choose the correct word to fill the gap in. Martin has been lying to a friend of him for months. His friend has never found it out, however Martin feels very | Ashamed |
| 455 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. Theo changes his mind very often, on Monday he wants to become a doctor and then on Tuesday he decides to study Art, I can't understand the reason why he is so $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | Moody |
| 456 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. Gina always wears horrible clothes, old jumpers, shabby trousers, second-hand shoes, she looks like a | Tramp |
| 457 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. Pietro always complains about everything, for instance: I want to go the cinema? They are not playing good movies. I want to go out for dinner? There are no good restaurants. I want to visit a Museum? The ticket is too expensive. He is $\qquad$ | A grump |
| 458 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. My mum and my dad are always arguing, they can't stand each other anymore. I wish they $\qquad$ | Divorced |
| 459 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. My sister Jamie is interested in modelling, new styles, futuristic trends and so on. She has got plenty of $\qquad$ in her room | Fashion magazines |
| 460 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I (.....) that hard if I had more money | Wouldn't work |
| 461 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. Our planet (.....) so polluted if we took care of it in a more suitable way | Wouldn't be |
| 462 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. Greg (......) her to marry him if she didn't have to move to South Africa next month | Would ask |
| 463 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. You know what? Your song (......) a great hit if the rhythm were just a bit faster | Would be |
| 464 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I (.....) better if my little brother didn't make so much noise with his toys | Could study |
| 465 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. Our relationship (......) better if we spoke more about our problems instead of ignoring them | Would be |
| 466 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I (......) you know as soon as I can | Will let |
| 467 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. The show will be cancelled unless the speaker (......) soon | Arrives |
| 468 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I'll be there for you until you (.....) my help | Need |
| 469 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I will come and visit you tomorrow if my dad (......) me his car | Lends |
| 470 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I can't come to your graduation party unless my boss (......) me one day-off | Gives |
| 471 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. I'll give you more details about the reservation when the receptionist of the hotel (.....) me back | Phones |
| 472 | Which of the following connectives is not a clarifier connective? | In addition |
| 473 | Which of the following connectives is not a temporal connective? | As though |
| 474 | Which of the following connectives is not a final connective? | Unless |
| 475 | Which of the following connectives is not an exclusive/inclusive connective? | For example |
| 476 | Which of the following connectives is a final connective? | In order to |
| 477 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options Could you please tell me where your badge is? I can't find it. I ...... everywhere | 've been looking |
| 478 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options My god! I have to hurry! The meeting $\qquad$ soon! | Is going to start |
| 479 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options Francesco's wedding is going to be celebrated next Sunday. ...... ? | Have you been invited? |


| 480 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options Italian food is appreciated all over the world. It's ...... cuisine | One of the best |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 481 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options Last winter I had a bad accident on the snow and I broke my leg. Now I don't sky anymore because | I'm afraid of falling again |
| 482 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options I really enjoyed my summer holidays, I had a lot of fun with my friends and family but now ...... | I have to go back to work |
| 483 | Choose the correct spelling. 100\% | A hundred per cent |
| 484 | Choose the correct spelling. $0.5$ | Nought point five |
| 485 | Choose the correct spelling. 20:45 (orario) | Eight forty-five p.m |
| 486 | Choose the correct spelling. Quando? II primo dicembre 2002 | When? On December 1st 2002 |
| 487 | Choose the correct spelling. mercoledì e giovedi | Wednesday and Thursday |
| 488 | Choose the correct spelling. $101^{\circ}$ (centunesimo) | One hundred and first |
| 489 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. Don't worry, l'll be back $\qquad$ 6 o'clock | By |
| 490 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. Janet is standing $\qquad$ the car | Beside |
| 491 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. Guess what? I'm coming and visit you next Sunday! I'm really looking forward__ spending some time together! | To |
| 492 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. I dropped $\qquad$ to 3rd then very quickly the 4th and 5th runners were close behind | Back |
| 493 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. I felt let $\qquad$ when I didn't receive a birthday card from my parents, so I called them to ask the reason why they didn't contact me | Down |
| 494 | Complete the following sentence with the correct preposition. Cheer $\qquad$ ! Don't worry! We'll sort it out! | Up |
| 495 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). We should break (....) and continue tomorrow, it's late | Off |
| 496 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). I was (....) leave home when the phone rang | About to |
| 497 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Tonight there's a good thriller (....) TV | On |
| 498 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Maria blew (....) the 20 birthday candles on the cake | Out |
| 499 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Nowadays families are not the same as in the past, my great-grandparents brought six children (....) | Up |
| 500 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). My flight was called (....) so I had to spend four hours at the airport | Off |
| 501 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). The police pulled me (....) to check my papers and then they let me go | Over |
| 502 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). The police are looking (....) the murder | Into |
| 503 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). No one helps her: she has to live (....) her salary, which is not easy | On |
| 504 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). As it was very late we changed our minds and made (....) home instead of going to the party | For |
| 505 | Complete each sentence with the correct option. I have to be back home by midnight and the bus drivers are on strike. ...... ? | Can you give me a lift |
| 506 | Complete each sentence with the correct option. I bought a new car last month but today I noticed that Jonathan has come to work with a new motorbike and I'm a little jealous. ..... | The grass is always greener on the other side |
| 507 | Which is the odd one out? Pumpkin, sink, eggplant, cucumber, garlic | Sink |
| 508 | Which is the odd one out? Donkey, owl, ladybug, raven, kettle | Kettle |
| 509 | Which is the odd one out? Jug, mug, bowl, jar, hint | Hint |
| 510 | Which is the odd one out? Cop, waitress, builder, detainee, accountant | Detainee |
| 511 | Which is the odd one out? Walnut, chestnut, barley, almond, cashew nut | Barley |
| 512 | Which is the odd one out? Roundabout, roadside, roadhouse, sidewalk, turning | Roadhouse |
| 513 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: authentic | Fake |
| 514 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: honest | Crooked |
| 515 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: hilarious | Grave |
| 516 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: speedy | Plodding |


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| 517 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: important | Needless |  |
| 518 | Which is the difference between "I had my hair cut" and "I have cut my hair"? | The first sentence means I went to the <br> hairresser's while the second one means I <br> did t myself |  |
| 519 | Which of the following construction is not correct? | Take off it! |  |
| 520 | Which is the meaning of "Does she?" in the following dialogue: -Sara studies Japanese <br> and Chinese. -Does she? | Really? |  |
| 521 | Which of the following expressions is not correct? | She uses to take tea for breakfast |  |
| 522 | In which of the following sentences we can't remove "that" without changing the | That man over there is my English teacher |  |
| meaning or making a mistake? |  | I told to her that she had to go away |  |
| 523 | In which of the following sentences we have to remove "to"? | They didn't enjoy theirself |  |
| 524 | In which of the following sentences there is a mistake referred to pronouns | She asked him what was his telephone <br> 525 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? |


| 565 | Which word is the opposite of "long-winded"? | Concise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 566 | To whom it may $\qquad$ , I hereby designate Mathilda Jones as my attorney | Concern |
| 567 | Which of the following connectives is not a sequential connective? | Conversely |
| 568 | Which of the following connectives is not a causal connective? | Excepted |
| 569 | Which of the following connectives is not an additional connective? | Whereas |
| 570 | Which of the following connectives is not a contrastive connective? | As well as |
| 571 | Which of the following connectives is not a conditional connective? | While |
| 572 | Which of the following connectives is a modal connective? | As though |
| 573 | Which of the following connectives is a conditional connective? | Provided that |
| 574 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. canteen | Mensa |
| 575 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. comprehensive | Completo |
| 576 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. firm | Azienda |
| 577 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. vacancies | Posti disponibili |
| 578 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. rumour | Pettegolezzo |
| 579 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. paragon | Modello |
| 580 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. tendon | Tendine |
| 581 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. patent | Brevetto |
| 582 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. villain | Malvivente |
| 583 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. ostrich | Struzzo |
| 584 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. diffident | Insicuro |
| 585 | Choose the correct translation of the following word. chandelier | Lampadario |
| 586 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. She told me she (.....) that dress for the party if she could have borrowed mine | Wouldn't have bought |
| 587 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. Janet texted me she (......) for dinner because her boss had planned and extra meeting | Couldn't come |
| 588 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. My father told me he (......) a surprise party for my birthday if he hadn't been busy at work | Would have organised |
| 589 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. My English teacher told me I (......) the exam if I had studied a little more | Would have passed |
| 590 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. The shop assistant told me she (.....) me a discount if I hadn't chosen outfits from the very new collection | Would have made |
| 591 | Complete the sentence with one of the following options. Coraline was very upset, she texted me she (.....) if she had known that her ex-boyfriend was at the party too | Wouldn't have come |
| 592 | Complete each sentence with the correct option. Mary ...... to Laura when it comes up to singing, she's much more in tune and her voice is far better | Can't hold a candle |
| 593 | Complete each sentence with the correct option. You need to ...... before being respected by your colleagues, everyone starts from the very bottom and then rise through the ranks | Cut your teeth |
| 594 | Which of the following expressions means: showing off | To blow your own trumpet |
| 595 | Which of the following expressions means: too many people trying to do something have a worse result than one single person | Too many cooks spoil the broth |
| 596 | Which of the following expressions means: a crazy person | Mad as hatter |
| 597 | Which of the following expressions means: being very different from another person | To be chalk and cheese |
| 598 | What's the meaning of: litter? | Trash |
| 599 | What's the meaning of: manner? | Way in which people behave |
| 600 | What's the meaning of: onset? | Begin |
| 601 | What's the meaning of: sleazy? | Seedy |
| 602 | What's the meaning of: longing | Desire |
| 603 | What's the meaning of: livid? | Furious |
| 604 | What's the meaning of: wrangle? | Quarrel |
| 605 | What's the meaning of: sketchy? | Incomplete, vague |
| 606 | What's the meaning of: mislay | Loose |
| 607 | What's the meaning of: loony | Crazy |
| 608 | Which is the odd one out? Cauliflower, cabbage, anorak, parsley, celery | Anorak |
| 609 | Which is the odd one out? Goose, seal, sieve, dormouse, hawk | Sieve |
| 610 | Which is the odd one out? Colander, cufflink, corkscrew, ladle, saucepan | Cufflink |
| 611 | Which is the odd one out? Fig, wheat, corn, rye, oats | Fig |
| 612 | Which is the odd one out? Hard shoulder, junction, neck, lay-by, ring road | Neck |
| 613 | Which is the odd one out? Bang, braid, groom, ponytail, bun | Groom |
| 614 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). I can't put (....) your childish behaviour any longer! | Up with |


| 615 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). The secretary did overtime and worked (....) a lot of letters | Off |
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| 616 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). New hypotheses on biogenesis are put (....) by scientists | Forward |
| 617 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Marc is thirty and still lives (....) his parents, they are paying everything for him | Off |
| 618 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Come on guys, we've lost loads of time chatting. Now we have to make (....) lost time | Up for |
| 619 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Hurry up, all tests must be handed (....) by 12 o'clock | In |
| 620 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). He didn't agree with me at first, but soon he came (....) and followed my advice | Round |
| 621 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). Once he lived a life of a millionaire. Now that he's (....), nobody knows him | Down and out |
| 622 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). I can't stand you anymore! I'm (....) you | Through with |
| 623 | Complete the sentence with the correct preposition (referring to the context). The development of aviation is brought (....) by the development of the aerospace industry | About |
| 624 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: stubborn | Biddable |
| 625 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: perilous | Harmless |
| 626 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: glowing | Dim |
| 627 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: clever | Awkward |
| 628 | Which of the following is not a synonymous of: shy | Cheeky |
| 629 | Which of the following verbs can't be followed by -ing form? | To offer |
| 630 | Which of the following verbs can't be followed by -ing form? | To refuse |
| 631 | Which of the following verbs can't be followed by the infinitive? | To avoid |
| 632 | Which of the following verbs can't be followed by the infinitive? | To practise |
| 633 | In which of the following sentences isn't it possible to remove "of"? | None of the students went to the school party |
| 634 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | A new house isn't be built |
| 635 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | The work won't be start next week |
| 636 | Which of the following question tags isn't correct? | We've been here before, have we? |
| 637 | Which of the following mini-dialogues contains a mistake? | A: Is there an English test tomorrow? B: I think not |
| 638 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | I have been knowning Carlos for 32 years |
| 639 | Which of the following sentences is the correct one? | Fortunately Sheila didn't come to the party. She would have been talking about her problems all the time |
| 640 | Which of the following sentences is the correct one? | The following are the events occurring in an internal combustion engine. First, air is drawn into the engine. It is then mixed with fuel and after that compressed. Next the mixture is ignited and expands |
| 641 | Which of the following sentences is the correct one? | Many birds, such as eagles and condors, have the ability to soar: that is they can remain airborne. In other words they float without movement |
| 642 | Which of the following sentences is the correct one? | Prices have risen recently because unexpectedly the price of oil rose last month |
| 643 | Translate the following sentence: Can you fetch me some chalk, please? | Puoi andare a prendermi del gesso, per favore? |
| 644 | The expression "would + infinitive", for example -He would play the guitar for hourscan be compared to the equivalent expression: | Used to + infinitive |
| 645 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | He suggested us to go to the theatre |
| 646 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | The police ordered to the man to raise his hands and not to move |
| 647 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | He asked me where was Carol |
| 648 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | A new car ought having been bought by John |
| 649 | In which case the use of "to be due" isn't correct? | What job are your parents due? |
| 650 | What is the meaning of "to be to" in the following sentence: The Prime Minister is to visit Kosovo next month? | He has programmed and scheduled to go there |
| 651 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? | I'd like to describe you my house |
| 652 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? | It takes several days for our suppliers for prepare the order |
| 653 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | When she heard the news, she grew pale |
| 654 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? | Once Pisa laied on the sea. Now it's a mainland town. It lies on the banks of Arno |

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| 655 | Which one is the correct sentence? | When the pilot raised the elevators, the nose of the airplane rose |
| 656 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | I don't like when people drop litter in the street |
| 657 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | Do you know that Joy has divorced with Henry? |
| 658 | Which of the following sentences isn't correct? | Ask Trey, he'll be able to answer to your questions |
| 659 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. When I was I child I was terrible, no-one wanted to play with me or to come and visit my house, I was too $\qquad$ | Capricious and spoiled |
| 660 | Choose the correct option to fill the gap in. Stop crying Wendy! I will help you with that. I can lend you some money. Now, call your bank and check your $\qquad$ | Current account |
| 661 | Choose the correct option - (brano 63) | It's five years since Gerry Brown last had a proper job. |
| 662 | Choose the correct option - (brano 63) | Gerry Brown begs for coins but he's proud of himself and he thanks the rich people who give him money. |
| 663 | Choose the correct option - (brano 63) | Gerry Brown receives an help from the State but this is not enough for him and he has to find other ways to survive. |
| 664 | Which of the following couples singular-plural isn't correct? | Foot-feets |
| 665 | Which of the following couples Italian-English isn't correct? | Starnutire-to shiver |
| 666 | Which of the following couples Italian-English isn't correct? | Polmonite-lump |
| 667 | Which of the following couples Italian-English isn't correct? | Zoppicare-to heal |
| 668 | Which of the following couples Italian-English isn't correct? | Diffamazione-liability |
| 669 | Which of the following couples Italian-English isn't correct? | Zero a zero- double nil |
| 670 | Which of the following words do you consider to be a strength? ruthless, wishy-washy, witty, dodgy | Witty |
| 671 | Fill in the blank with the correct option: At the time, Prime Minister Thatcher was under $\qquad$ from critics and flailing in public polls | Fire |
| 672 | 'To mull over' means: | To consider |
| 673 | Germany's industrial strength took a $\qquad$ from second position in 1992 to 11th place last year | Nose-dive |
| 674 | I'm paid \$15.00 an hour and still find it hard to live on my | Wages |
| 675 | I regret .... my job | Leaving |
| 676 | __ you be so kind as ____ the window? | Would / to open |
| 677 | the play is set in Italy, ___ the characters are Italian | Although / few of |
| 678 | The police ___ issued a warrant for Adamson's arrest | Have |
| 679 | The football coach wanted to improve the ___ fitness | Players' |
| 680 | Italian people differ _____ other nationalities I know | From |
| 681 | I had to deny _____ request | Him / his |
| 682 | Once a list of suitable candidates $\qquad$ we can contact to arrange interviews | Has been drawn up / them |
| 683 | It's __ I told the news | He/whom |
| 684 | It took me twenty minutes to realise I____ in the wrong file | Had been looking |
| 685 | I really regretted my mistake. It was one that I | Ought not to have made |
| 686 | I thought it was a waste of time ___ that film | Seeing |
| 687 | I'm really quite lost. ___ you ___ showing me how to get out of here? | Would / mind |
| 688 | __ information ___ our company is now possible on line | Obtaining / about |
| 689 | I'm working on two jobs to ___ some ___ money | Earn / extra |
| 690 | Please, hurry up! I have to call Jim ___ 5 o'clock | By |
| 691 | There was a man ___ was looking for you | Who |
| 692 | Can I give you___ advice? | Some |
| 693 | I'm really worried $\qquad$ you. You don't seem to care $\qquad$ anything anymore | About / about |
| 694 | When I see James, ___ him ___ you said | I'll tell / what |
| 695 | She felt $\qquad$ when she first arrived because she had $\qquad$ to talk to | Lonely / nobody |
| 696 | Silvia's flight from Sao Paolo took more than 10 hours. She $\qquad$ be exhausted after such a long flight | Must |
| 697 | The accident $\qquad$ at 9 p.m. and the ambulance arrived within 10 minutes | Was reported |
| 698 | The unemployment rate in the United Kingdom ___ by 2\% last year | Rose |
| 699 | We were speaking on the phone and then all of a sudden I got cut | Off |

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| 700 | The old cinema has taken___ a new lease of life since its renovation | On |
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| 701 | Good morning. I'm calling ___ reference to a cheque I have just received | In |
| 702 | My sister is a litigator, which means she argues cases in | Court |
| 703 | When a dog is happy to see you it will probably ___ its tail | Wag |
| 704 | The weather is ___ to be fine in Italy in August | Bound |
| 705 | A: "Thanks very much for all your help" B: "Don't mention it" 'Don't mention it' is closest in meaning to $\qquad$ | No problem |
| 706 | All the money the depositors had put into the bank simply vanished into thin air. The expression 'vanished into thin air' is closest in meaning to $\qquad$ | Disappeared completely |
| 707 | The US constitution was drawn up in 1787 and ratified in 1789. 'To ratify' means $\qquad$ | To agree something so that it becomes legal or accepted |
| 708 | Which sentence is not grammatically correct? | If only I were taller, life should be so much easier |
| 709 | Which sentence DOES NOT contain a grammatical mistake? | The last shop I went to was closed |
| 710 | Which sentence is grammatically correct? | The army needs to change its image if more women are to be recruited |
| 711 | (on the telephone) "Sheraton Hotel - Can I help you?" "Yes. $\qquad$ to room 409, please?" | Can you put me through |
| 712 | Complete the following sentences "Although she won the spelling bee, some thought she didn't deserve the $\qquad$ because she may have cheated"? | Medal |
| 713 | Complete the following sentences "She was $\qquad$ in her character and breeding, which showed through her delicate speech and mannerisms" | Refined |
| 714 | Sales really ___ after the new advertising campaign | Soared |
| 715 | It's ___ time the children ___ to bed, don't you think? | About / went |
| 716 | "Thank you very much indeed." "Don't ___.." | Mention it |
| 717 | Complete the following sentences "___ I go to the bathroom Mrs. Darwin"? | May |
| 718 | Complete the following sentences "The ancient Egyptians didn't use an alphabet to write $\qquad$ language"? | Their |
| 719 | This morning I .... into Tom Brown! | Ran |
| 720 | We look__ to from you | Forward / hearing |
| 721 | I forgot my keys, so I ___ break the window and climb | Had to / through it |
| 722 | They have put ___ the meeting ___ next week | Off / until |
| 723 | Tomorrow I have an appointment | To have my hair cut |
| 724 | If the weather ___ better I'd play tennis | Were |
| 725 | If he knows the answer, he ___ it | Will repeat |
| 726 | To $\qquad$ it may concern, I hereby designate Mathilda Jones $\qquad$ my attorney | Whom / as |
| 727 | Call me at 10 p.m. By that time my parents | Will have left |
| 728 | He's been out three days in a row. He $\qquad$ be here today or the boss will have his head | Had better |
| 729 | If you had been there, we ___ a good time | Would have had |
| 730 | A ___ the wedding guests ___ sitting and playing cards | Few of / were |
| 731 | If you tell ___ the truth, he ___ upset with you | Him / will become |
| 732 | The boy admitted ___ the toy | Breaking |
| 733 | __ my family knew about my boyfriend | None of |
| 734 | "I've never been to Prague." "Neither | Have I." |
| 735 | The market demand is now ___ due to a major slowdown | Stagnating |
| 736 | Large factories are ___ to produce several models | Able |
| 737 | At first, my friend didn't want to hire Wendy. But, because I had previously worked with Wendy, I told my friend that she $\qquad$ take another look at her C.V. and reconsider $\qquad$ for the job | Ought to / her |
| 738 | Serena: "My daughter's been promoted to General Manager." Tom: " $\qquad$ ? You must be so proud!" | Has she |
| 739 | I'm afraid we can't comment ___ the court's decision at this time | On |
| 740 | Tomorrow is our wedding anniversary. We ___ for 35 years | Will have been married |
| 741 | I read that optimistic economists $\qquad$ an economic recovery in the near future | Are looking forward to |
| 742 | Cindy wanted to quit college and become an actress. Her parents talked her into staying in school while she pursues her acting career. That way, if she never makes it as an actress, she can always fall $\qquad$ on her education | Back |
| 743 | I went to the meeting ___ foot | On |
| 744 | I___ chosen those friends, if they ___ honest | Wouldn't have / hadn't been |
| 745 | I ___ and ___ truly ecstatic! | Had finally finished/was |

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| N. | Domanda | Risposta |
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| 746 | Would you ___ watching a match on Sunday? | Fancy |
| 747 | That's really the last ___. It's the fifth time they've paid us late! | Straw |
| 748 | Choose the best definition for the italicised word. He was guilty, but he wasn't convicted because of a loophole in the law | Gap |
| 749 | 'To make someone who is ill well again' means | To cure |
| 750 | Which sentence is grammatically correct? | When she arrived, they had been cleaning for hours |
| 751 | Which sentence is grammatically correct? | I regret not going to university |
| 752 | Which question is grammatically correct? | Were you eating an ice cream when the bus arrived? |
| 753 | He seems intent ___ changing the company policies | On |
| 754 | ___ to get to work?" "About half an hour." | How long does it take you |
| 755 | "Waiter, could you give us the bill, please?" "Certainly, sir. | Here you are |
| 756 | Complete the following sentences "It seems all children are taken with hand-held "? | Devices |
| 757 | Complete the following sentences "The knot he tied in the rope was very $\qquad$ and kept coming undone"? | Loose |
| 758 | The company found this proposal particularly ---------------- | Interesting |
| 759 | Complete the following sentences "His ___ leave something to be desired"? | Manners |
| 760 | Complete the following sentences "small cities are..... to run .... big ones"? | Easier - than |
| 761 | Complete the following sentences "the man ... lives next door had an accident"? | Who |
| 762 | I would like to $\qquad$ your company on the $\qquad$ of its post - sales servicing | Commend/efficiency |
| 763 | We have the $\qquad$ duty to $\qquad$ you that the delivery was not only late but incomplete | Unpleasant/inform |
| 764 | I feel much better today. Yesterday I ___ terrible | Felt |
| 765 | I was offered a job for ten weeks and ___ up staying ten years | Ended |
| 766 | I ___ your plan. I think we should do it my way | Don't agree with |
| 767 | When you get to the traffic lights, turn left and then go $\qquad$ for about two hundred metres | Straight ahead |
| 768 | You must choose ___ the red one or the green one. You can't have both | Either |
| 769 | My secretary will be glad to ----------------- an appointment for you | Arrange |
| 770 | She works for a non-profit organization. She's in charge of ___ funds | Raising |
| 771 | I'm really ___ on holiday this year | Looking forward to going |
| 772 | We went fishing last week and my cousin ___ three big fish | Caught |
| 773 | Tom was sick, so the doctor gave him a ___ for some antibiotics | Prescription |
| 774 | Mr. Smith doesn't work ___ Fridays or ___ weekends | On/at |
| 775 | We have ___ time but not | Some / much |
| 776 | I ___ studied physics if the teacher _____ interesting | Wouldn't have / hadn't been |
| 777 | __ is very much a part of Barbara's character | Helpfulness |
| 778 | Maria's coffee bar was ___ she decided to franchise it | So successful that |
| 779 | Will you ___ about the job next week? | Let me know |
| 780 | The jump was such a daunting prospect that he decided ___ doing it | Against |
| 781 | If I ___ to university, I___ the possibility to work in this field | Hadn't gone / wouldn't have had |
| 782 | What a year! If it weren't $\qquad$ you, I would never have got $\qquad$ it! | For / through |
| 783 | her illness, Linda continued to play tennis | Despite |
| 784 | I ___ not to mention it | Was told |
| 785 | The meeting was .... to another day | Put off |
| 786 | She regards ___ as a failure for having dropped out ____ university | Herself / of |
| 787 | I'm sorry, I__ I ___ about Jim | Wasn't concentrating / was thinking |
| 788 | I had been ___ what to cook for dinner when the telephone | Wondering / rang |
| 789 | Complete the question. "Could you tell me | How long it takes to get to Seattle? |
| 790 | Life would be much simpler if you ___ worrying so much | Stopped |
| 791 | She's not very keen ___ basketball | On |
| 792 | Well, I'd rather you ___ invite the CEO, if you don't | Didn't / mind |
| 793 | If only I ___ taller, life would be ___ easier | Were / so much |
| 794 | Red wine ___ to benefit circulation | Has been found |
| 795 | It has been five years since I last ___ Dutch | Spoke |
| 796 | Turning the knob causes the wheel ___ clockwise | To rotate |
| 797 | What would you do if such a thing $\qquad$ to you? <br> Documento scaricato dal sito mininterno.net - il portale per la preparazione ai conco | Happened <br> i pubblici - esercitati GRATIS on-line! |


| 798 | If someone $\qquad$ my doorbell in the middle of the night, I answer | Rang/wouldn't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 799 | I ___ the film last night but Sheila ___ it before | Loved/had seen |
| 800 | I___ changed job, if my wage__ low | Wouldn't have / hadn't been |
| 801 | Her maths improved by leaps and ___ and she got 90\% in her final exam | Bounds |
| 802 | I'm writing with __ to our telephone conversation yesterday | Reference |
| 803 | Could you ___ on a second? I just need to get a pen | Hang |
| 804 | Choose the sentence that definitely DOESN'T have the same meaning as: It looks like we'll finish by the end of the week | We have to finish by the end of the week |
| 805 | 'To mull over' means | To consider |
| 806 | Which sentence is grammatically correct? | Workers had to make do with a $1.5 \%$ pay rise |
| 807 | Which of these sentences is correct? | If it will make you happy we'll buy a dishwasher |
| 808 | Which phrase does NOT mean the same as the others? | Sally is Jim's collaborator |
| 809 | Complete the following sentences "It has always been hard for her to $\qquad$ criticism, even when it is offered in good faith"? | Accept |
| 810 | We would be very glad to ---------------- your flight from London to Rome | Book |
| 811 | The whereabouts of the exiled president remains a __g guarded secret | Closely |
| 812 | I -------------------- you that the goods you ordered are now ready for dispatch | Am writing to inform |
| 813 | Does your brother really believe ___ flying saucers? | In |
| 814 | With ---------------- were you talking so long on the telephone? | Whom |
| 815 | "Could I borrow your umbrella, please?" "- | I'm afraid I haven't got one |
| 816 | If you ---------------------- hotel accommodation please don't hesitate to let us know | Require |
| 817 | If you live beyond your means, you'll soon get -------------------- debt | Into |
| 818 | How long have you been working ------------- Bianchi Ltd? | At |
| 819 | Last night a ___ stole two famous paintings from the City Museum | Thief |
| 820 | Bangkok is one of the ___ cities in the world | Most crowded |
| 821 | They kissed ___ good-bye | Each other |
| 822 | It ____ two months since I last saw him | Has been |
| 823 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option: Sarah $\qquad$ goes to school by bus, but today she will go on foot | Often |
| 824 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Arja comes from Helsinki, in Finland, so she's a $\qquad$ | Finn |
| 825 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. As today it's very $\qquad$ you should go out and play with your kite | Windy |
| 826 | What would you answer to this question? "Would you like to join me for something to eat?" | It sounds good! It's ages since we last had lunch together |
| 827 | What would you answer to this question? "Do you have wheelchair access?" | No, unfortunately we don't, but I can call someone to help you |
| 828 | What would you answer to this question? "Is there an admission charge?" | Yes, but you can a get a reduction for students |
| 829 | Choose the correct preposition. Marc and Julie are going out for dinner, so Veronica will look $\qquad$ the children | After |
| 830 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Last summer I $\qquad$ to England and I $\qquad$ a very good time | Went-had |
| 831 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. I $\qquad$ a cup of coffee when the telephone suddenly $\qquad$ | Was having - rang |
| 832 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. I $\qquad$ my parents next month, $\qquad$ the train ticket | 'm going to visit - 've already bought |
| 833 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Unless you $\qquad$ harder, you $\qquad$ into that college | Study - 'll never get |
| 834 | Relationships between them are rather ... they do not seem to like or trust each other | Strained |
| 835 | What would you answer to this question? What is the new Italian teacher said to be like? | She's said to be a very nice and smart woman |
| 836 | What would you answer to this question? What do you think Lia? Should I have my hair cut? | Well Sandra, I think your hair looks pretty good like this so you don't need to go to the hairdresser's |
| 837 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. He $\qquad$ since he was one year old | 's been talking |
| 838 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Remember that very $\qquad$ $\qquad$ to make a happy life | Little - is needed |
| 839 | Working conditions ___ since the new manager ___ | Improved / came over |
| 840 | Oh, let's stop trying to come to an agreement with Joe. He just does not listen. It's like talking to a .. | Brick wall |


| 841 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. "Experience is the name everyone gives to $\qquad$ mistakes." | Their |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 842 | All the following nouns only exist in the plural form, except for one. Which is the odd one out? | Salaries |
| 843 | Which of the following verbs means "to gather for a public event"? | To turn out |
| 844 | Which of the following verbs means "to be careful of a danger"? | To look out |
| 845 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? | If I would live in a warmer climate I wouldn't get so many colds |
| 846 | Which of the following sentences contains a mistake? | If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beated |
| 847 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. We could change the design $\qquad$ they paid the extra cost | Provided |
| 848 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. They blamed $\qquad$ being late to the ceremony | Themselves for |
| 849 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. She is vegan, she eats $\qquad$ cheese $\qquad$ eggs | Neither - nor |
| 850 | Which of the following expressions means "avoiding the main topic and not speaking directly about the issue"? | To beat around the bush |
| 851 | Which of the following expressions means "not taking what someone says too seriously"? | To take something with a grain of salt |
| 852 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. "Suspects are being charged with membership of an armed terrorist organisation and of attempting to $\qquad$ the government, using force and violence." | Overthrow |
| 853 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. "One of the most common diseases in Europe today is the loneliness typical of those who have no connection with others. This is especially true of the $\qquad$ , who are often abandoned to their fate, and also in the young." | Elderly |
| 854 | Which of the following words is misspelled? | Wierd |
| 855 | Complete the following sentence with the correct prepositions. A new survey $\qquad$ Britain shows that one $\qquad$ seven drivers has had $\qquad$ take evasive action because $\qquad$ their own risky overtaking | In - in - to - of |
| 856 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Lisa, have you ever been talked $\qquad$ doing something really stupid? | Out of |
| 857 | The role of the ___ is to represent the workforce to the management | Trade unions |
| 858 | Which of the following words is a synonym of "implausible"? | Flimsy |
| 859 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. A woman $\qquad$ what she does not know | Conceals |
| 860 | Four words have been removed from the title of this article published by the "Independent". Put them in the correct order. "Brexit hits housing market as $\qquad$ lending $\qquad$ Analysts: the deepening $\qquad$ could presage declines in house $\qquad$ ." | Mortgage - slumps - slowdown - prices |
| 861 | One thing you must remember if you want to become a good presenter is: say what needs to be said without unnecessary words. Good presenters rarely $\qquad$ : they try to be as $\qquad$ as possible | Ramble / succinct |
| 862 | Complete the following sentence with the correct option. Nearly two decades after the $\$ 200$ billion settlement to compensate the public for health consequences of smoking, the industry still $\qquad$ in Washington | Wields clout |
| 863 | She had been encouraged to leave the nest and ...... her wings | Spread |
| 864 | I ....... whether the truth will ever be known | Doubt |
| 865 | Which is the correct plural? | Congresswomen |
| 866 | When I was running in the park, I___ my wallet | Lost |
| 867 | If it rains tomorrow, we ___ to play tennis | Won't be able |
| 868 | Bill is my father's brother. He is my | Uncle |
| 869 | __umbrella is this? | Whose |
| 870 | Shirts, skirts, trousers and dresses are all | Clothes |
| 871 | What are you .......this evening? | Doing |
| 872 | Something that happens every day is something... | Daily |
| 873 | Returning money to a person means... | Giving back |
| 874 | ..........a year since we went to China | It's been |
| 875 | It has been 5 years .......... Philippe left for Africa | Since |
| 876 | A person is requested .... a good knowledge of Italian | To have |
| 877 | If I ........ French, I'd look for a job in Paris | Spoke |
| 878 | ........ the time the Fire Brigade arrived, the house had burnt down | By |
| 879 | I wonder if you ........ Tom for a moment, please | Could help |
| 880 | These potatoes are very... | Good |
| 881 | I told the children......... go to bed too late | Not to |

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| 882 | No one saw us. We........seen by anyone | Weren't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 883 | I sometimes wish that I ........ in this city | Didn't live |
| 884 | He searched ........ for Tom's keys but couldn't find them | Everywhere |
| 885 | She was ........ beautiful girl that she became a model | Such a |
| 886 | If .......... you had told me the truth! | Only |
| 887 | He hasn't been home .......... he left | Since |
| 888 | I love classical music and ........ does she | So |
| 889 | I didn't need help. I did it ........ my own | On |
| 890 | As soon as you ........ that, please prepare lunch | Have done |
| 891 | The gardener came yesterday to ........ the garden and tidy up | Water |
| 892 | I wish I ........ spent so much money yesterday | Hadn't |
| 893 | They finally ........ to speak to someone who could help them | Managed |
| 894 | You shouldn't eat ......... meals | Between |
| 895 | While she was out, the postman ..... | Arrived |
| 896 | I'd ........ to meet them too | Have liked |
| 897 | Julie and Mary ___ for James all afternoon, but they couldn't find him | have been looking |
| 898 | Sabrina ___ to Boston | has recently moved |
| 899 | When I was a child, | I used to spend a lot of time drawing |
| 900 | I think ___ to the beach later | I will go |
| 901 | I know where my bag is, but I don't know where | yours is |
| 902 | This book is a masterpiece. It | sells easily |
| 903 | Grace, you look messy. You really | need to have your hair cut |
| 904 | My parents ___ with my new boyfriend | get along pretty well |
| 905 | I don't know | what offer to accept |
| 906 | Pamela ___ a good teacher. (Si dice che Pamela sia una buona insegnante) | is said to be |
| 907 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to bite (mordere) | Bitten |
| 908 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to cast (gettare) | Cast |
| 909 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to grow (crescere) | Grown |
| 910 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to wake (svegliare) | Woken |
| 911 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to swim (nuotare) | Swum |
| 912 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to sew (cucire) | Sewn |
| 913 | How can we translate the following sentence: "Ho bisogno di riparare il mio orologio" | I need my watch repairing |
| 914 | How can we translate the following sentence: "Si pensava che il nuovo capo fosse molto permissivo" | The new boss was thought to be very permissive |
| 915 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Più duramente lavori più soddisfazione hai nella tua vita | The harder you work the more satisfaction you have in your life |
| 916 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Più leggi più impari | The more you read the more you learn |
| 917 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Meno ti preoccupi più felicemente vivi | The less you worry the more happily you live |
| 918 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Più informazioni mi dai, meglio posso aiutarti | The more information you give me the better I can help you |
| 919 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Meno insisti, più ottieni | The less you insist, the more you obtain |
| 920 | Translate into English the following comparative form. Meno errori fai, migliore è il tuo voto | The fewer mistakes you make, the better your mark is |
| 921 | Choose the correct preposition. (scusarsi di) apologise | For |
| 922 | Choose the correct preposition. (fare domanda di) apply | For |
| 923 | Choose the correct preposition. (incriminare q.uno di) charge s.o | With |
| 924 | Choose the correct preposition. (soffrire di) suffer | From |
| 925 | Choose the correct preposition. (dipendere da) depend | On |
| 926 | Choose the correct preposition. (insistere per) insist | On |
| 927 | Choose the correct preposition. (coprire di) cover | With |
| 928 | Choose the correct preposition. (sentire parlare di) hear | About |
| 929 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Andare d'accordo | Get along |
| 930 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Cancellare, rimandare | Call off |
| 931 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Diminuire la quantità di qualcosa | Cut down |
| 932 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Presentare una domanda, una proposta | Hand in |
| 933 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Circolare su un veicolo <br> Documento scaricato dal sito mininterno.net - il portale per la preparazione ai concor | Get about <br> si pubblici - esercitati GRATIS on-line! |


| 934 | Which is the suitable verb to translate the following Italian expression? Prendere il controllo | Take over |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 935 | Choose the correct translation. Aggrapparsi | To cling |
| 936 | Choose the correct translation. Prevedere | To foresee |
| 937 | Choose the correct translation. Eclissare | To outshine |
| 938 | Choose the correct translation. Abbandonare | To forsake |
| 939 | Choose the correct translation. Andare in rosso | To overdraw |
| 940 | Choose the correct translation. Implorare | To beg |
| 941 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to wring (torcere) | Wrung |
| 942 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to tread (pestare) | Trodden |
| 943 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to seek (cercare) | Sought |
| 944 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to kneel (inginocchiarsi) | Knelt |
| 945 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to grind (macinare) | Ground |
| 946 | Choose the correct past participle form of the verb. to dwell (dimorare) | Dwelt |
| 947 | How can we translate the following sentence: "É un libro molto buono ma non si è venduto bene perchè non si legge facilmente" | It is a really good book but it didn't sell well because it doesn't read easily |
| 948 | How can we translate the following sentence: "Questo tipo di materiale si stira facilmente e velocemente, non avrà bisogno di un grande sforzo" | This kind of material irons easily and quickly, you won't need a great effort |
| 949 | How can we translate the following sentence: "Si dice che il tasso di criminalità di Boston sia diminuito di più di quello di New York" | Boston's crime rate is said to have decreased more than that of New York |
| 950 | How can we translate the following sentence: - Dal parrucchiere- "Vuole che siano lavati prima i capelli?" | - At the hairdresser's- "Do you want your hair washing first?" |
| 951 | Which of the following sentences has the meaning of: "prendersi una cotta per qualcuno"? | Janet has fallen for her new Science teacher |
| 952 | Which of the following sentences has the meaning of: "rinvenire"? | When Chris fainted, he came round with some vinegar |
| 953 | Which of the following sentences has the meaning of: "accompagnare alla partenza"? | I'll come to see you off at the station |
| 954 | Which of the following sentences has the meaning of: "intraprendere, interessarsi di"? | When I finish school l'd like to take up foreign languages |
| 955 | Which of the following sentences has the meaning of: "occuparsi di una faccenda"? | Can you please see to this matter? |
| 956 | My English teacher is said to be the best in town, his courses are the most professional ones | Si dice che il mio professore di inglese sia il migliore della città, i suoi corsi sono i più professionali |
| 957 | My hair needs cutting, it's four months since I last went to the hairdresser's | Ho bisogno di tagliare i capelli, sono quattro mesi che non vado dal parrucchiere |
| 958 | As far as I know she hasn't left yet, she told me she would move in January | Per quanto ne so non è ancora partita, mi ha detto che si sarebbe trasferita a gennaio |
| 959 | Her wallet is always empty, she keeps borrowing money from her family, but sooner or later she will have to pay them back | Il suo portafoglio è sempre vuoto, lei continua a farsi imprestare soldi dalla sua famiglia, ma prima o poi dovrà restituirglieli |
| 960 | There isn't room enough in this apartment for both you and your boyfriend, you have to find a new one | In questo appartamento non c'è abbastanza spazio per te e il tuo fidanzato, dovete cercarvene uno nuovo |
| 961 | We don't have any rain boots left, I advise you go to the shop across the street, they might have some pairs left | Non abbiamo più stivali da pioggia, le consiglio di andare nel negozio dall'altra parte della strada, potrebbe essergliene rimasto qualche paio |
| 962 | Actually I don't know how to solve this problem, l'd better ask my parents to help me as soon as possible | A dire il vero non so come risolvere questo problema, farei meglio a chiedere aiuto ai miei genitori il prima possibile |
| 963 | My niece isn't old enough to play with a games console | Mia nipote non è grande abbastanza per giocare con una console di videogiochi |
| 964 | What have you been up to in these months? It's ages since we last met! | Che cosa hai fatto in questi ultimi mesi? È un'eternità che non ci vediamo! |
| 965 | Quanta frutta è rimasta? Nessuna, mi spiace | How much fruit do we have left? None, sorry |
| 966 | Sta per mettersi a piovere a dirotto! | It's going to rain cats and dogs! |
| 967 | Se James non avesse frequentato quel corso di formazione non avrebbe incontrato sua moglie | If James hadn't attended that training course, he wouldn't have met his wife |
| 968 | Lei non lascerebbe il suo lavoro, vero? | She wouldn't quit her job, would she? |
| 969 | Avresti finito il report, non è vero? | You would have finished the report, wouldn't you? |
| 970 | Imparare a guidare è tanto difficile quanto imparare ad andare in bicicletta | Learning to drive is as hard as learning to ride a bike |
| 971 | We want to throw a party before summer vacation | Vogliamo dare una festa prima delle vacanze estive |
| 972 | What do these initials stand for? | Che cosa significano queste iniziali? |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 973 | That theory will never hold water | Quella teoria non reggerà mai |
| 974 | Did you know that Tom has been hanging out with Steve? | Sapevi che Tom frequenta Steve? |
| 975 | You look puzzled | Sembri confusa |
| 976 | I couldn't make it to work yesterday | Non sono riuscito ad andare al lavoro ieri |
| 977 | I know I made a mistake, but you don't have to rub it in | Lo so che ho sbagliato, ma tu non farla lunga |
| 978 | I'm sick and tired of this affair | Sono stufo di questo affare |
| 979 | The milk has gone off | II latte non è più buono |
| 980 | I tried to come, but I couldn't make it | Ho provato a venire, ma non ce l'lo fatta |
| 981 | He turned up just as the meeting was ending | Lui è arrivato proprio quando la riunione stava <br> per concludersi |
| 982 | How come Lisa's putting you up this week? | Perché Lisa ti ospita questa settimana? |
| 983 | The results of the test were doctored up | I risultati dell'esame sono stati falsificati |
| 984 | The engine is still working; so far so good | Il motore funziona ancora; fino ad ora è |
| 985 | I never expected him to let us down that way | Non mi sarei mai aspettato che ci deludesse <br> cosi |
| 986 | They set off before daybreak | Sono partiti prima dell'alba |
| 987 | They went over my work with a fine-toothed comb | Hanno passato al vaglio il mio lavoro |
| 988 | She fainted, but came to shortly afterward | È svenuta, ma ha ripreso conoscenza poco |
| dopo |  |  |

## BRANO n. 1

A: You know, I'm so depressed about University, I might quit it.
B: Are you joking?
(1)

A: I know, but I'm sick and tired! I don't want to spend my time studying anymore!
B: Yes, I understand you, but you could do this kind of things after your graduation. Don't you think I'm right?
A: Oh, it's easy for you! You're working for your parents and they pay you well, you can go on holiday every time you want to!
B: That's right but $\qquad$ (3). Instead you will be able to choose your own job and you'll be totally satisfied. I'm sure of that!

A: Gloria, come on, I will never work as a vet, there is no market and my family can't help me with the money. They can hardly pay the rent of our flat.
B: July,
A:
$\qquad$ (4), but you only miss four exams, it's almost over, come on, just a little effort! I believe in you!
thirsty.

## BRANO n. 2

A: Stacy, could you please ask Terry if she remembers the title of the movie we watched last night?
B:
(1)

A: Thank you, I'd like to watch it again, it impressed me a lot!
B: Really? I didn't like it that much, I mean, the actors weren't that good, I found it quite boring.
A: $\quad$ (2), it has won many awards and the story was interesting.
B: Ok, like you want, anyway....could you
(3)me the book you're reading when you finish it? I've looked for it but it's too expensive for me at the moment, I have no money.
A: Sure, no problem, you're right, I paid £18 to have it, it's crazy! But you know, I prefer to read a good book rather than spending money on clothes or make up.
B: $\qquad$
B: Yes, yes, I'm kidding! Don't worry. Hey...Terry has just texted me back: the title is "The murder of Emily Becket"!

## BRANO n. 3

"Oh Lyn, you can't be serious." Bridget Cooper flicked her auburn hair back in a careless gesture that distracted every man within a two-table radius, and glanced at me reprovingly. "You look like death warmed up, you know. The last thing you should do is take another transatlantic flight." With anybody else, I might have argued that I'd slept straight through the New York flight two days ago, and that my next business flight wouldn't be until the twenty-first of January...but with Bridget, I knew, I'd be wasting my breath. Besides, l'd known her long enough to realise this was simply preamble. Bridget never worried about anybody's health except her own. And she never rang me at nine on Monday, suggesting we meet and have lunch, unless she had a reason. Bridget was a one-off, an exceptionally talented writer with a wild imagination that made her books for children instant classic, and a wild nature that drove the poor directors of my literary agency to distraction. In the four years since l'd signed her as a client, Bridget's books had earned a fortune for the Simon Holland Agency, but her unpredictability had caused much tearing of hair among my colleagues. My favourite of her escapades- the day she'd kicked the BBC presenter- was now a Simon Holland legend. And I, who had survived four years, and one week's holiday in France with Bridget, had risen to the status of a martyr.

## BRANO n. 4

Jane had had a very hard work-day that Friday, her boss had asked her to take care of some new customers and she had left the office at 8 p.m., tired and upset. She had been dreaming of her comfortable sofa all day and she was now in her cottage, watching her favourite TV programme, relaxing and enjoying her herbal tea. Suddenly she heard a strange noise: it seemed like someone had opened the door, but she was sure to have locked it and she was expecting no visits. She switched the TV off, put her slippers on and went to the door that was, indeed, open with a cold breeze coming inside. She looked around in the garden, it was dark and silent. Nobody was there except for Cyrus, her old cat, that was quietly sleeping on the rocking chair. Jane couldn't understand how the door might be open, the lock was brand new and the key was still in there. Her heart was beating very fast and she started to move towards the small gate that separated her cottage from the street, when she stumbled on a big box, falling on the grass. She could hardly breath and she was totally terrified. A box? In her garden? With her door open? What was that? How was it possible? Was it a bad joke?

## BRANO n. 5

"DEFINITION of 'Anti-Fragility'": A postulated antithesis to fragility where high-impact events or shocks can be beneficial. Anti- fragility is a concept developed by professor, former trader and former (1) $\qquad$ manager Nassim Nicholas Taleb. Taleb coined the term "anti-fragility" because he thought the existing words used to describe the opposite of "fragility," such as "(2) $\qquad$ ," were inaccurate. Anti-fragility goes beyond that; it means that something does not merely withstand a shock but actually improves because of it. For example, he describes an anti-fragile (3) $\qquad$ as one that does not merely withstand a turbulent market but becomes more (4) $\qquad$ under such conditions. Another example he gives is weight lifting, which trains muscles not just to withstand heavy lifting but to develop increased strength as the body repairs the muscle fibre (5) $\qquad$ . Taleb discusses anti-fragility in his books: "The Black Swan," "Fooled By Randomness" and "Antifragility."

## BRANO n. 6

The state of flow, or being "in the zone", is a state of peak performance. The flow state has been described by the world's greatest thinkers (1) __ the most productive and creative state of mind in which (2) $\qquad$ In addition, positive psychologists-most notably Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Ph.D.-argue that achieving the flow state (3) $\qquad$ a regular basis is a key component of happiness. That is, (4) $\qquad$ learning (5) __ to enter the state of flow you can increase your productivity, be more creative, and be happier, all at the same time.

BRANO n. 7
Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson \& Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol.

## BRANO n. 8

Broadcasters can exploit ignorance, apathy, and cruelty; more and more they do it. To describe objections to all this as 'do-goodery' is to take refuge in misguided slogans so as to avoid embarrassing interrogations. No programme is ever justified by the answer, 'but they enjoyed it.' So does a cat playing with a dying sparrow. The tendency to meet such charges with ribald dismissal is yet another instance of moral bankruptcy, of the rotten 'give the punters what they want' spirit. One has to return in the end to 'professionalism', which arises from respect for the medium, its themes, its listeners and viewers. It emerges from mutual respect and support of one's peers, the sense of working honestly towards a common end, a constant to'ing and fro'ing of skilled judgements.

## BRANO n. 9

Cinema is an art born from a technology. And the future of movies is as bound up with technology as its short past has been. But movie history is also a graveyard of formats and processes, of treasures mutilated, junked and lost. Film has already outlived a number of death threats, notably from its unruly kid brothers, television and video. Now Hollywood techies are working around the clock to create synthetic actors- pure special effects in human form, free of all the flaws of human actors-their imperfect complexions, their tantrums, their agents. Before too long the first actorless feature film will make its appearance, with a huge surge of publicity and interest. And then things will carry on pretty much as before. The need for human faces, for stars to identify with, is too central a part of a movie's appeal to be abandoned.

## BRANO n. 10

Vietnam has a history as rich and evocative as anywhere on the planet. Sure, the American War in Vietnam captured the attention of the West, but centuries before that Vietnam was scrapping with the Chinese, the Khmers, the Chams and the Mongols. Vietnamese civilisation is as sophisticated as that of its mighty northern neighbour China, from where it drew many of its influences under a thousand-year occupation. Later came the French and the humbling period of colonialism from which Vietnam (2)___ until the second half of the 20th century. The Americans were simply the last in a long line of (3)___ who had come and gone through the centuries and, no matter what was required or how long it took, they too would be vanquished. If only the planners back in Washington had paid just a little more attention to the history of this very proud nation, then Vietnam might have (5)____ the trauma and tragedy of a horribly brutal war.

BRANO n. 11
William "Will" Thacker owns an independent book store, The Travel Book Co. in Notting Hill. He is divorced and shares his house with an eccentric, carefree Welshman named Spike and has a small, tight-knit group of friends that includes his sister, Honey. Will encounters Hollywood superstar Anna Scott when she enters his shop. Minutes later, they collide in the street and his drink spills on her clothes. Will offers his house nearby for Anna to change. Before leaving, she impulsively kisses him and then asks him not to mention what just occurred.

## BRANO n. 12

A robot is a machine designed
(1) execute one or more tasks automatically with speed and precision. There are as many different types of robots as there are tasks $\qquad$ (2). Robots that resemble humans are known as androids; however, many robots aren't built on the human model Industrial robots, for example, are often designed to perform repetitive tasks that aren't facilitated by a $\qquad$ (3). A robot can be remotely controlled by a human operator, sometimes from a great distance. A telechir is a complex robot that is remotely controlled by a human operator for a telepresence system, _(4) gives that individual the sense of being on location in a remote, dangerous or alien environment and the ability to interact with it. Telepresence robots, which simulate the experience and some of the capabilities of being physically present, $\qquad$ (5) remote business consultations, healthcare, home monitoring and childcare, among many other possibilities.

## BRANO n. 13

Malala Yousafzai was born on July 12, 1997, in Mingora, Pakistan. As a child, she became $\qquad$ (1) for girls' education, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Malala when she was travelling home from school. She survived, and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. She was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2013. In 2014, she was nominated again and won, becoming the $\qquad$ (2) person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Yousafzai attended a school that her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, had founded. After the Taliban began attacking girls' schools in Swat, Malala gave a speech in Peshawar, Pakistan, in September 2008. The title of her talk was, "How $\qquad$ (3) the Taliban take away my basic right to education?" In early 2009, Yousafzai began blogging for the BBC about living under the Taliban's $\qquad$ (4) to deny her an education. In order to hide her identity, she used the name Gul Makai. However, she was revealed to be the BBC blogger in December of that year. With a growing public platform, Yousafzai continued to speak out about her right, and the right of all women, to an education. Her activism $\qquad$ (5) a nomination for the International Children's Peace Prize in 2011. That same year, she was awarded Pakistan's National Youth Peace Prize.

## BRANO n. 14

After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns.

## BRANO n. 15

Johnny Weir- a three-time US champion, two-time Olympian, and World bronze medallist- is one of the superstars of figure skating and a pop-culture icon. Fans all over the world love his $\qquad$ (1) style both on and off the ice, and the delicious unpredictability of what he'll say - or wear, or do - next. Born on July 2, 1984, in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, Johnny did not start skating until the relatively late age of 12 , when he taught ___ (2) how to skate on the frozen Amish-country cornfields behind his home. Just four years later, he won the gold medal at the 2001 World Junior Championships. $\qquad$ (3), Johnny claimed his first senior US national championship in 2004, and successfully defended his title in 2005. In 2006, Johnny captured his third consecutive national championship, earning a $\qquad$ (4) on the US Olympic team. At his very first Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, Johnny placed an impressive second in the short program, and finished fifth $\qquad$ (5). Johnny evolved as a media darling during the Games, and was described by many journalists as "the best quote at the Olympics."

## BRANO n. 16

ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital
platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about $£ 13$ million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information.

## BRANO n. 17

The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros ( $£ 530$ million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker \& McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers"

## BRANO n. 18

Sixty seconds. That's how long we're required to stand on our metal circles before $\qquad$ (1). Step off before the minute is up, and land mines blow your legs off. Sixty seconds to take in the ring of tributes all equidistant from the Cornucopia, a giant golden horn shaped like a cone with a curved tail, the mouth of which is at least twenty feet high, $\qquad$ (2). Food, containers of water, weapons, medicine, garments, fire starters Strewn around the Cornucopia are other supplies, their value $\qquad$ (3) the farther they are from the horn. For instance, only a few steps from my feet $\qquad$ (4) a three-foot square of plastic. Certainly it could be of some use in a downpour. But there in the mouth, I can see a tent pack that would protect from almost any sort of weather. If I had the guts to go in and fight for it against the other twenty-three tributes. Which I have been (5) not to do.

## BRANO n. 19

Typical reactions to violent or distressing incidents include tremors, flashbacks, stomach upsets and feeling dazed. These responses are quite normal and very often disappear within a few days. But when sufferers can't acknowledge their emotions about the event, these symptoms may be heightened or prolonged. That's where 'critical incident debriefing' by a trained counsellor can help. Just one session with everyone affected by the incident provides them with a caring framework in which they can make sense of their feelings. However, Margaret Jarvie, who has provided an after-raid service to a bank for ten years, cautions that many counsellors rush in too quickly. "No one should intervene professionally for several days because before that, people are too shocked to deal with their feelings.

## BRANO n. 20

The fad for team-building exercises which put managers into tough, even life-threatening situations, in an attempt to see what they are really made of and to build a common bond, is fading. There are still companies which look for their future leaders on the side of a mountain or on a sailing ship in the middle of the ocean, but many now feel that the business-school classroom, the factory floor and the executive suite are more appropriate venues for leadership development and selection. There is no doubt, however, that young managers gain from being put into difficult and unfamiliar situations which test their resourcefulness and their ability to work with their peers.

## BRANO n. 21

Carbon dioxide exists naturally in air and is produced by burning or rotting organic matter. In animals, the body's metabolism makes the tissues burn carbon, which is then exhaled by the lungs as waste carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere by plants when it is split by chlorophyll in photosynthesis to form carbon and oxygen. It is also dissolved from the atmosphere in sea water. The increasing release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, especially from burning fossil fuels, contributes to the greenhouse effect. Carbon dioxide is used in solid form as a means of keeping food cold. It is also used in carbonated drinks and as a coolant in some nuclear reactors.

BRANO n. 22
Hydropower is electricity generated using the energy of moving water. Rain or melted snow, usually $\qquad$ (1) in hills and mountains, create $\qquad$ (2) and rivers that eventually run to the ocean. The energy of that moving water can be substantial, as anyone who has been whitewater rafting knows. Humans have been taking advantage of this source of energy for centuries. Farmers since the ancient Greeks have used water(3) to grind wheat into flour. Placed in a river, a water wheel picks up flowing water in buckets located around the wheel. The kinetic energy of the flowing river turns the wheel and is converted $\qquad$ (4) mechanical energy that runs the mill. In the late 19th century, hydropower became a source for generating electricity. The first hydroelectric power plant was built at Niagara Falls in 1879. In 1881, street $\qquad$ (5) in the city of Niagara Falls were powered by hydropower. In 1882, the world's first hydroelectric power plant began operating in the United States in Appleton, Wisconsin.

## BRANO n. 23

In a room beneath a football stadium in Sheffield, a city in the north of England, the teenagers who hope to be the football stars of tomorrow (1) up and down, balancing on one leg and performing various steps and hops to the jazz music of Robbie Williams. Dressed in the traditional red and white stripes of the local professional football club, members of the club's youth team $\qquad$ (2) by Jane McClaren, a fully-trained jazz dancer. The dance and football programme in Sheffield came__(3) a result of a meeting betwe $\qquad$ football coaches and professional dancers. The aim was to share ideas on fitness and training and see how experts in different fields $\qquad$ (4) with similar problems. The programme that followed has been $\qquad$ (5) other teams are now considering setting up similar schemes.

## BRANO n. 24

I really get a lot out of work. We have such a $\qquad$ (1) range of products - from beauty and hair care through to $\qquad$ (2) and household cleaners that no two calls are ever the same. With laundry products, for example, we get lots of specific queries, people want to know what to use with certain types of material. We can't always go into details of all the settings of different brands of machine, $\qquad$ (3). We also get a lot of calls about skincare from people who want to know about specific ingredients in our products. You also get fascinating insight into the country's lifestyles. For instance, we tend to get lots of calls about cleaning products on Mondays, presumably because people buy them over the weekend. I also long for one-off problems I can really get my $\qquad$ (4) into, the ones that come out of blue. We once had a call from a woman who had seen a wedding dress on one of our TV adverts and wanted one identical to it for her big day. We found that it was still at the TV studio and was available for her to $\qquad$ (5) for free, which she did. It just goes to show that it's always worth asking.

## BRANO n. 25

Taking a holiday is no longer a matter of just packing a sunhat and $\qquad$ (1) for the beach. From transport pollution to the impact on local communities, today's tourist can no longer ignore a whole raft of ethical concerns. Of course tourism has its environmental cost: by definition it $\qquad$ (2) travel and air travel is the most polluting form of transport most people will ever use. Long-haul flights release tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere for each passenger they carry. But that's not all. Patricia Barrett, director of the organisation Tourism Concern, (3) that in a world where only 3.5 percent of people have travelled to another country, there is something in the essence of tourism itself that
(4) inequality. Growing tourism to developing countries means that the quarter of the world's population which lives in the north not only consumes 80 percent of the world's resources, but is now travelling to the south and consuming the other 20 percent as well. So perhaps tourism is, in itself, a $\qquad$ (5) of conspicuous consumption - something which poor people can aspire to, but are unlikely to attain.

## BRANO n. 26

Daydreaming schoolchildren the world over love to doodle strange and wonderful cars. Most grow up to own something considerably more mundane than those adolescent flights of fancy. But some are actively encouraged to continue drawing largely unrealistic modes of transport when they are studying at university. These are the car designers of tomorrow, who will shape what we drive in the next century. I was shown some of the work in progress upon a visit to the Art Centre in San Diego, which runs a course for vehicle designers. The visual excitement of the designs contrasted starkly with the dull, practical silhouettes of most modern production cars. So does it really benefit students to continue their school day doodles, albeit in a more sophisticated manner and setting? According to Roy Mills, the head of transportation design at the Art Centre, the exploratory designs are vital. "There's plenty of time later on for them to worry about the constraints of legislation and practical issues. These realistic considerations are, temporarily, irrelevant. We call this the 'blue sky' period, when there really is no limit set on students' design innovation.

## BRANO n. 27

As a small business expands into a large one, sooner or later it will become impractical to manage suppliers over the phone or by fax. A supply chain management (SCM) system will be necessary. Production may have reached levels where serious savings can be made by ensuring raw materials arrive at the precise time they are needed. A broadening product range will mean more suppliers have been signed up. The need to bring products to market in months when you used to have years means specifications must be sent to suppliers instantly. The downside is that SCM does not come cheap, and the process of automation may be disruptive of old, stretched manual systems. As a result, smaller companies have been slow to adopt SCM technology. According to analysts at IDC, the market for services around supply chain applications is growing rapidly, but large enterprises account for most of this growth, with SMEs (small firms and medium-sized enterprises) representing only $31 \%$ of total spending. This is set to change, IDC believes, with smaller businesses a potential boom area for SCM suppliers.

## BRANO n. 28

In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's Home Secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe.

## BRANO n. 29

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a $\qquad$ (1) named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. $\qquad$ (2) admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and travelled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best known of St. Nicholas' stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into $\qquad$ (3) or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6. This was traditionally considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to $\qquad$ (4) married. By th Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestan Reformation, when the veneration of saints $\qquad$ (5) to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

## BRANO n. 30

"The story of Valentine's Day begins in the third century with an oppressive Roman emperor and a $\qquad$ (1) Christian Martyr. The emperor was Claudius II. The Christian was Valentinus. Claudius had ordered all Romans to $\qquad$ (2) twelve gods, and had made it a crime punishable by death to associate with Christians. But Valentinus was dedicated to the ideals of Christ; not even the $\qquad$ (3) of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned. During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the $\qquad$ (4) asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been $\qquad$ (5) since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her.

## BRANO n. 31

The most depressing moment of my day is first thing in the morning, when I download my overnight batch of emails. Without $\qquad$ (1), it will contain dozens of messages from people who, knowing my interest in the subject, write to me describing violations of their personal privacy. Throughout the day, the $\qquad$ (2) continues, each message in my inbox warning of yet another nail in the coffin of personal privacy. In other centuries, such invasions of liberty would have $\qquad$ (3) from religious persecution or the activities of tax collectors. Nowadays, the invasions take place through the use of information technology. So, when those of us who value personal privacy are asked for their view, we will invariably speak in disparaging terms about such technologies. In an effort to $\qquad$ (4) the speed and force of the invasion, we will sometimes argue that the technologies themselves should simply be banned. 'Just stop using the cursed technology, then there won't be any privacy issue!'. But we also have to consider that prohibiting a technology on the $\qquad$ (5) that it is used to invade privacy would mean to deny society the benefits of this innovation.

## BRANO n. 32

After a long, hard week $\qquad$ (1) numbers, writing up reports, doing assignments or whatever it is you do, don't you sometimes feel like chucking yourself off a cliff? Well, you're not alone. There's even a name for people with such impulses: they're called canyoneers. Canyoning, which was established as a sport around 15 years ago by a few fearless thrill- $\qquad$ (2) in France and Spain, is being adopted as the latest way for stressed-out achievers to __ (3) themselves of the pressure of work or study - for the simple reason that nothing clears the mind better than the prospect of $\qquad$ (4) off the side of a gorge into a pool of limpid, mountain fresh water which can be as much as 20 metres beneath your feet. There is, however, more to canyoning than that: the discipline of hiking, climbing, abseiling and swimming, and it's certainly not for the faint of heart or weak of $\qquad$ (5).

BRANO n. 33
The band doesn't have a name, which in hip LA makes it seem cool and $\qquad$ (1), though it might reasonably be taken as a sign of limited imagination; $\qquad$ (2) members are still at the stage where they juggle day jobs and the trials of their unstarry personal lives with the demands of (3) and performing songs. The territory defined here is unambiguously hip, and there is a great deal that seems contrived - some of it $\qquad$
(4), some of it irritating. Certainly, there are plenty of deeply embedded jokes about musicians and their foibles. But amid all this drollery, the reader may labour to summon up much sympathy for Lethem's cast of precious, nerdy $\qquad$ (5).

## BRANO n. 34

Bad weather often disrupts our well-ordered plans, but occasionally it can become so extreme and violent that it $\qquad$ (1) our homes, possessions and even our lives. That is why scientists are always studying extreme weather conditions in the hope of finding better ways to predict more accurately where and when they might occur, so that $\qquad$ (2) can be given and appropriate action taken to avoid damage and loss of life. One o the worst weather hazards faced by people in tropical areas is the storm known as a hurricane or cyclone. This is a rotating storm about 800 kilometres across. Around 100 of these storms form $\qquad$ (3) the world's oceans each year, causing an enormous amount of damage when they hit land. They are so frequent in the Atlantic that each one is given a name of a person, starting with the letter $A$ at the beginning of the year and then $\qquad$ (4) through the alphabet. The process by which an ordinary $\qquad$ (5) changes into a hurricane involves so many unknown factors that meteorologists can only identify what they think happens.

## BRANO n. 35

Journalist: You've said this is an experimental novel. Explain? Author: All my work is experimental: I play with form, refuse a traditional narrative line, and include the reader $\qquad$ (1). By that I mean that the reader has to work with the book. In the case of "Written on the Body", the narrator has no name, is ___ (2) no gender, his age is unspecified, and is highly unreliable. I wanted to see how much information I could leave out especially the kind of character information that is routine - and still $\qquad$ (3) a story
together. Journalist: Is it autobiographical? Author: ___ (4) than my other books. It's true that I based Louise's looks and beauty on my girlfriend (still the same one, in case you're wondering), but that's no different to a painter using a $\qquad$ (5) as a model.

## BRANO n. 36

"Animal Farm" is an allegorical and $\qquad$ (1) novella by George Orwell, first published in England on 17 August 1945. According to Orwell, the book reflects events $\qquad$ (2) to the Russian Revolution of 1917 and then on into the Stalin era in the Soviet Union. Orwell, a democratic socialist was a critic of Joseph Stalin and hostile to Moscow-directed Stalinism, an attitude that was critically $\qquad$ (3) his experiences during the $\qquad$ (4). The Soviet Union, he believed, had become a brutal dictatorship, built $\qquad$ (5) a cult of personality and enforced by a reign of terror. In a letter to Yvonne Davet, Orwell described "Animal Farm" as a satirical tale against Stalin ("un conte satirique contre Staline"), and in his essay "Why I Write" (1946), he wrote that "Animal Farm" was the first book in which he tried, with full consciousness of what he was doing, "to fuse political purpose and artistic purpose into one whole".

## BRANO n. 37

A few years ago, presenter Mr Lawson conducted a memorable radio interview with the author Sid Smith, who had just won an award for his debut novel 'Something like a house'. Set in China during the Cultural Revolution, the novel received critical ___ (1) for its evocation of peasant life. Lawson, impressed by Smith's $\qquad$ (2), asked if he spoke fluent Chinese. Smith said no, he didn't. Lawson asked if he had worked in China. No, he hadn't. At this point Lawson became agitated. 'But you have been to China' he said. There was a short pause, followed by Smith's calm
(3) that actually he hadn't. Lawson was right to be $\qquad$ (4). Although set in the past and told through an Englishman, the story is full of (5) details about life in the China of the period that you'd think would take years of first-hand experience to note.

## BRANO n. 38

One summer, my brother and I went to stay at my grandfather's isolated farm. $\qquad$ (1) city kids, we were desperate to explore the countryside around us. In the second week, I fell ill and I had to stay indoors while my brother went exploring. Sitting on my bed in the evening, he described his adventures. He'd found tall trees to climb and a wonderful lake to swim in. One day, while resting on the sofa, I heard a noise at the window. I saw a $\qquad$ (2) dog looking at me. Where could it have come from? It ran towards the forest, looking back anxiously. I got dressed and followed it

The dog $\qquad$ (3) me straight to my brother. He was lying there unconscious, $\qquad$ (4) from a tree. Without medical attention, he might die. I
$(5)$ for help and, thankfully, my brother was soon safe in hospital.

## BRANO n. 39

Labelling someone a 'video-gamer' $\qquad$ (1) images of obsessed teenagers sitting in darkened rooms, faces illuminated only by the glow of displays, and young enough for repetitive $\qquad$ (2) to heal quickly. Yet despite there being a grain of truth in it, the stereotype belongs to a bygone age. The fact is that video games are no longer the exclusive domain of the young male population. Young females are playing in growing numbers, but so too are adults. So we should be
(3) and don't state that only male teenagers are fond of video games. More mature adults who have left behind the 18-34 age bracket so $\qquad$ (4) by conventional games marketers, are often simply early gamers who have grown up. They want to keep on playing, but have evolved $\qquad$ (5) first-person shooter games such as Doom and its descendants. People are looking for 15 minutes of diversion, often with their family, that's why for example "Wii" console is having a great success.

## BRANO n. 40

When I was a teenager, my parents used to send my brother and me off on a week-long summer activity camp each year. Actually, we went to the same place five years $\qquad$ (1). I think it was because they wanted us to do something outdoors rather than $\qquad$ (2)in front of a computer screen at home. And it was certainly challenging, if you consider we learnt to do things like climbing and caving. I $\qquad$ (3) all kids, but for us it was great. We found out how to $\qquad$ (4) for email even now. Looking back, I guess it cost $\qquad$ (5) my parents a lot of money, but as far as I'm concerned it was a good investment because it really $\qquad$ (6) my horizons.

## BRANO n. 41

Fiction struggles to compete $\qquad$ (1) the glamour and grungy excess of rock music. It may surpass it in its capacity to $\qquad$ (2) and provoke, but a novel tends $\qquad$ (3) be as mediately alluring as an album, $\qquad$ (5) successful.

Novels about bands and about the music business have rarely $\qquad$

## BRANO n. 42

(1) the line between fall and winter, plenty and $\qquad$ (2), life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light $\qquad$ (3) and wear costumes to $\qquad$ (4) off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honour all saints and martyrs. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to $\qquad$ $(5)$ in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

## BRANO n. 43

Bromley Limited (1) in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) $\qquad$ , they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) $\qquad$ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) $\qquad$ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) $\qquad$ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England.

## BRANO n. 44

Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) $\qquad$ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) $\qquad$ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) $\qquad$ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) $\qquad$ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) $\qquad$ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers.
('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945)

## BRANO n. 45

As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) $\qquad$ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) $\qquad$ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) $\qquad$ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) $\qquad$ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006).

## BRANO n. 46

In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) $\qquad$ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) $\qquad$ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) $\qquad$ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) $\qquad$ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) $\qquad$ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Colour Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999).

## BRANO n. 47

$\qquad$ plough, he cannot run (2)
he only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the (2) ___ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) $\qquad$ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) $\qquad$
$\qquad$ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men.
('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945)

## BRANO n. 48

Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) $\qquad$ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) $\qquad$ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) $\qquad$ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) $\qquad$ -.

## BRANO n. 49

"Dyslexia is a learning disability that (1) the way the brain processes written material and is typically characterized by difficulties in word
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ spelling and decoding. People with dyslexia have problems with reading (3) $\qquad$

## BRANO n. 50

"Anti-discrimination laws and environmental protection laws are a complex mix of national and state legislation based on international charters. Defamation law is standardised (1) $\qquad$ on a national model law enacted in each State. Workplace relations law in Victoria is now largely governed (2) $\qquad$ the Commonwealth Fair Work regime, but Victoria (3) $\qquad$ its own occupational health and safety regime rather than adopting the national model."

## BRANO n. 51

"There is a war of words between Iran and Saudi Arabia after the execution of a Shia Muslim cleric. He was among 47 men killed on terrorism charges. Saudi leaders said the cleric, Nimr al-Nimr, had led anti-government protests in 2011-2012. Mr Al-Nimr said he never (1) $\qquad$ weapons
$\qquad$ fire. Iran said Saudi Arabia would pay a "heavy price" for the execution. Saudi Arabia said Iran should stay out of what was an internal Saudi matter. The Foreign Ministry said Mr al-Nimr was killed for breaking the law and not for being a Shia Muslim. It said: "There is no difference between what a person does (4) $\qquad$ his ethnic origin."

## BRANO n. 52

LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Cindy: Look. There's today's programme.
Mark: What's on?
Cindy: Painting.
Mark: Oh no! I hate painting. What (1) $\qquad$ is there?
Daisy: Chess. Do you like (2) $\qquad$ chess?
Mark: Chess! You're joking
Daisy: I'm not. How (3) $\qquad$ reading poetry and listening to classical music this afternoon?
Mark: I don't like any of those. I'd rather go swimming or canoeing. Are you sure that's the programme?
Cindy: Yes. Come and have (4) $\qquad$
Mark: I don't believe it. I want to go home.
Cindy: (5) $\qquad$ worry Mark. It's only for a week.

## BRANO n. 53

HEALTH
Doctor: Good morning Mrs Black. Hello, Jack. Now, what's the problem?
Mum: He's got this terrible rash on (1) ___ body and he feels sick.
Doctor: Let's have a look. (2) $\qquad$ did this start?
Jack: Yesterday. It (3) ___ the evening.
Doctor: Does it itch?
Jack: No, it doesn't but I've got a headache and I feel sick when I look at food.
Doctor: What did you eat yesterday?
Jack: Well, I had eggs for breakfast. Then we went to the beach. Mum gave me a mussel to try. It was disgusting! Did Mum poison me? Doctor: No, she didn't poison you. But don't eat them again. I think you've got an (4) $\qquad$ to seafood.
Mum: Is he OK?
Doctor: He's fine. Stay at home and rest for two days until you (5) $\qquad$
Jack: Great! I've got a maths test tomorrow.

## BRANO n. 54

HOLIDAYS
Julia: Hi John. How was your holiday?
John: It was ok. Mum needed a break so we went to Majorca for four days. We stayed in a really nice hotel.
Julia: (1) $\qquad$ was the weather like?
John: It was sunny and warm. We sat by the pool and swam every day. Mum took me to see the sights and we (2) $\qquad$ in the evenings. We did a lot.
Julia: So why was it just OK?
John: We arrived late (3) $\qquad$ Wednesday. We (4) $\qquad$ late every day and had dinner at around eleven o'clock every evening. By Sunday, our last day, we were still asleep at one o'clock in the afternoon.
Julia: What was wrong (5) $\qquad$ that?
John: Well, our flight was at 1.30 so we missed our plane.

## BRANO n. 55

## LIFE STORIES

Rachel: Dad, could I borrow your pen, please?
Dad: OK. But please (1) $\qquad$
Rachel: Dad?
Dad: Yes, Rachel.
Rachel: Where did you and Mum meet?
Dad: We (2) $\qquad$ the beach. I was working as lifeguard.
Rachel: What was Mum doing at that time? Was she working, too?
Dad: No, she wasn't. She was a university student. Anyway, why are you asking?
Rachel: When I was tidying the living room I found an old photograph of you and two girls on the beach.
Dad: Were the girls looking at me?
Rachel: Yes, they were. It was like a scene from that American TV programme about lifeguards. One of the girls was Mum. Who was the other girl?
Dad: She was just a friend. (3) $\qquad$ any more questions?
Rachel: No, not now. Mum didn't want to talk about the photograph so I decided (4) $\qquad$ you. I think I want (5) $\qquad$ a lifeguard.

## BRANO n. 56

## APPEARANCES

Nick: Who's this?
Helen: It's Brandon (1) $\qquad$ he was 3.
Nick: He looks like you (2) $\qquad$ this photo.
Helen: Yes, he was a sweet little boy when his (3) $\qquad$ was long and curly. That was a long time ago!
Brandon: Shut (4) $\qquad$ ! You were bald!
Helen: I wasn't bald
Brandon: You were. Look at this photo, Nick.
Nick: (5) $\qquad$ bald?
Helen: No, I wasn't. I had very fine hair.

Marian: Can I try (1) $\qquad$ please?
Shop assistant: Certainly.
Marian: What do you think? I think they're the nicest shoes in the shop.
Mum: I (2) $\qquad$ the colour. Have you got these in another colour?
Shop assistant: No, sorry. (3) $\qquad$ green.
Marian: I like them, Mum. (4) $\qquad$ are they?
Shop assistant: They're $£ 20$.
Marian: They're the cheapest shoes in the shop. And the most fashionable.
Mum: But you can't wear them to school. Why don't you try these? These shoes are nicer.
Marian: OK.
Mum: So, what do you think?
Marian: They're OK but they're not in the sale. Look at the price. They're the (5) $\qquad$ shoes in the shop.
Mum: Perhaps we'll come back another day.

## BRANO n. 58

TOMORROW
Boy: Hil Can I help you?
Susan: Oh hil (1) $\qquad$ a cheese sandwich, please?
Boy: Sure. Anything to drink?
Susan: A Coke, please.
Susan: He's nice. Anyway, what's my horoscope for today?
Maggie: Let's see. You're Scorpio: "You (2) $\qquad$ someone new and (3) $\qquad$ this week". Maybe it's him. He gave you a nice smile.
Susan: Very funny. Is that all it says?
Maggie: "You'll get an important message but it (4) $\qquad$ good news". Oh! He's coming to our table.
Boy: Hi! (5) $\qquad$ back to school this afternoon?
Susan: Yeah! Why?
Boy: Can you give this message to Lucy James in Class 9, please? She's my girlfriend.
Susan: Give her your own messages.

## BRANO n. 59

COMPARISONS
Max: Dad, I'm stuck. I can't do my homework.
Dad: What is it Max? I (1) ___ my work (2) $\qquad$
Max: Which (3) $\qquad$ is older, London or Rome?
Dad: I think Rome is older than London.
Max: (4) $\qquad$ river is longer, the Thames or the Tiber?
Dad: I don't know. Why don't you look in your textbook?
Max: I prefer to use the Internet. It's more interesting.
Dad: It isn't (5) $\qquad$ as your book.
Max: But it's easier.
Dad: It's also slower. Anyway I'm using the computer $\qquad$

## BRANO n. 60

Tom: Hi, Mum. I'm home.
Mum: Hello. Did you have a good day at school?
Tom: It was OK. We talked (1) $\qquad$ our trip to France.
Mum: What trip to France?
Tom: The school trip. I've got a letter about it here.
Mum: "Every child must have a valid passport. All clothes must have the child's name ...!"
Tom: Even the socks. Oh, and I must pack all my things in one rucksack, so I need a new rucksack.
Mum: When (2) $\qquad$ this letter?
Tom: Last week.
Mum: Last week! How (3) $\qquad$ times do I have to (4) $\qquad$ you? You (5) $\qquad$ important things in your bag.

## BRANO n. 61

Pam: Mum! It's the school's summer party on Saturday and I haven't got anything to (1) $\qquad$ Will you buy me a new dress?
Mum: No, I won't. You've (2) $\qquad$ got lots of clothes.
Pam: Please, Mum. I'll do anything if you buy me a new dress.
Mum: Anything?
Pam: Yes, Mum. Anything.
Mum: OK. (3) $\qquad$ tidy your room if I buy you a new dress?
Pam: Yes, I will. I'll do anything.
Mum: Will you do the washing-up tonight?
Pam: Yes, I will. I'll do anything.
Mum: All right. If you help me with the housework (4) ___ a week, l'll buy you a dress on Saturday. (5) $\qquad$ now?
Pam: I'm afraid I can't. I've got a lot of homework tonight. I'll start tomorrow. OK?

## BRANO n. 62

Gabriel: We've finished the cleaning job, Mick.
Mick: Good. You've just got time to do one more job.
Spike: But it's already three o'clock and it's so hot!
Mick: It's for an old lady. She wants (1) $\qquad$ some curtains.
Spike: Curtains! Very interesting!
Mick: If you go now, you (2) $\qquad$ lots of time. You'll do it easily in (3) $\qquad$
Spike: (4) ___ Gabriel and I always get the boring jobs?
Mick: Spike, if you complain once more, I (5) $\qquad$ a really difficult job.
Spike: Thank you very much. See you.

## BRANO n. 63

Begging for coins on Fifth Avenue, Gerry Brown doesn't display an ounce of self-pity. "A lot of wealthy people live here and good luck to them. I know a lot of them and they give me money because they like me." Gerry, 44, has been unemployed for five years. He stays at a friend's house and comes into the city centre every day. "I do odd jobs". He gets financial support and food stamps each month from the State. The rest of the time he earns money by going through rubbish bins and picking out cans and bottles for recycling. "I find stuff, like televisions and radios and sell them", he says. He is experienced enough to know how to look after himself. "I know where to get a free shower. I know where to get food - the supermarkets, the restaurants- they all give it away".


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