

# PROGRESS CHECK 7

## 1 Leggi il brano su Nelson Mandela, il grande leader sudafricano, e completalo scegliendo l'alternativa corretta.

Nelson Mandela embodies one of the greatest triumphs of human spirit. He **0** b persecuted, denounced as a traitor and escaped execution after he **1** \_\_\_\_ confined for 27 years in prison. He **2** \_\_\_\_ give up either hope or courage as no prisoner's cell **3** \_\_\_\_ diminish Mandela. We **4** \_\_\_\_ to the greatness of Mandela that a multiracial South Africa was born, not in further bloodshed but in peace and democracy. Mandela made us understand that we **5** \_\_\_\_ forgive if we **6** \_\_\_\_ to be better. Thanks to him, apartheid **7** \_\_\_\_ and racist parties have been defeated. Yet, Mandela hasn't stopped. As he himself says, "many other mountains must **8** \_\_\_\_", from HIV/AIDS to global poverty and education. Mandela wishes the poorest children in the world **9** \_\_\_\_ a stable education in their future to improve the social and economic level of their countries. With his bold optimism, Mandela tells us that "man's goodness is a flame that can **10** \_\_\_\_ but never extinguished."

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| <b>0</b> a. has been          | <b>b. was</b>   | c. is                | d. had been          |
| <b>1</b> a. had been          | b. was          | c. has been          | d. is                |
| <b>2</b> a. would             | b. will         | c. wouldn't          | d. won't             |
| <b>3</b> a. could             | b. should       | c. would             | d. ought to          |
| <b>4</b> a. must              | b. owe          | c. due               | d. need              |
| <b>5</b> a. would have to     | b. should       | c. had better        | d. must              |
| <b>6</b> a. would rather      | b. want         | c. would like        | d. would             |
| <b>7</b> a. has been overcome | b. has overcome | c. had been overcome | d. had overcome      |
| <b>8</b> a. climb             | b. have climbed | c. be climbed        | d. have been climbed |
| <b>9</b> a. could have had    | b. had had      | c. would have        | d. could have        |
| <b>10</b> a. hide             | b. be hidden    | c. have hidden       | d. have been hidden  |

## 2 Completa la seconda frase in modo che abbia lo stesso significato della prima. Non puoi usare più di tre parole.

- 0** It's impossible. That boy isn't Jeff. He is blonde and Jeff is red-haired.  
That boy *can't be* Jeff. He is blonde and Jeff is red-haired.
- 1** You needn't call Jill. I have just met her and told her about the meeting.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ call Jill. I have just met her and told her about the meeting.
- 2** When Mark got married, his parents gave him a precious gold watch.  
When Mark got married, \_\_\_\_\_ a precious gold watch by his parents.
- 3** Candidates are not supposed to have any electronic devices in their possession during the examinations.  
Candidates \_\_\_\_\_ any electronic devices in their possession during the examinations.
- 4** How embarrassing! I wish he hadn't seen me in that situation!  
How embarrassing! What a shame! \_\_\_\_\_ he hadn't seen me in that situation!
- 5** You need to repair the heating system before winter arrives.  
The heating system \_\_\_\_\_ before winter arrives.
- 6** If you see Mandy, could you tell her to come here as soon as possible?  
In case \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy, could you tell her to come here as soon as possible?

**3 Completa la seconda frase in modo che abbia lo stesso significato della prima. Devi usare la parola data senza modificarla e per completare la frase puoi usare da due a cinque parole.**

- 0 I didn't have to pick my niece up at school yesterday.  
**need:** I *didn't need to* pick my niece up at school yesterday.
- 1 Children often sing carols at Christmas.  
**sung:** \_\_\_\_\_ children at Christmas.
- 2 If you work in a department store, sometimes you have to work at weekends, too.  
**expected:** If you work in a department store, sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_ at weekends, too.
- 3 I prefer going to the mountains to going to the seaside.  
**rather:** I prefer to go to the mountains \_\_\_\_\_ to the seaside.
- 4 Janet is a very reliable secretary. She should have typed and sent all the letters.  
**ought:** Janet is a very reliable secretary. She \_\_\_\_\_ and sent all the letters.
- 5 Everybody thinks Melanie has made a big mistake.  
**thought:** Melanie \_\_\_\_\_ a big mistake.
- 6 Why did you buy another pair of black trousers? You have five pairs of black trousers!  
**needn't:** You \_\_\_\_\_ another pair of black trousers! You have five pairs of black trousers!

**4 Correggi le seguenti frasi solo se necessario. Se la frase è corretta, scrivi "correct".**

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| 0 Shall you help me?                                   | <i>will you help me?</i> |
| 00 Correction fluid must not be used on answer sheets. | <i>correct</i>           |
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| 1 I'd rather he not to come here today because I have to study.    | 5 You don't have to disturb the candidates during the examination. |
| 2 The earthquake is estimated to have killed three hundred people. | 6 By who was the truth discovered?                                 |
| 3 I expected the performance to be much longer.                    | 7 I wish he would stop with car races! They're too dangerous.      |
| 4 Them were promised better jobs by the Prime Minister.            | 8 What are you doing here? You'd better go away immediately!       |

**5 Le condizioni di vita degli eschimesi non sono più quelle di un tempo. Leggi il testo e nello spazio accanto a ogni riga scrivi "correct" se la riga non presenta errori, oppure scrivi la parola che dovrebbe essere eliminata dalla riga.**

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| 0 The ability of the Eskimos to survive in the Arctic has long been judged one of the most | <i>correct</i> |
| 00 remarkable adaptations by <u>which</u> man to the hardest environmental conditions.     | <i>which</i>   |
- 1 In the past, most Eskimos lived in single-room, semisubterranean houses that were made of \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 wood or of stone. Snow houses were built by few Eskimos and they were be used as winter \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 homes. In spring they were abandoned, and Eskimos moved into cone-shaped tents. In winter, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 the dog sled was the chief means of transport, while in summer the Eskimos used two kinds \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 of boats. If they had had to go fishing they used the kayak, a small boat for one person, while \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 the umiak, a larger boat, was used to carry goods or people. Today living conditions have better \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 become easier. Most Eskimos live in permanent settlements and in many of these electric \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 power and water are available. In a few areas kayaks and umiaks must are still used, but most \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 of them have been replaced by boats with outboard motors. Dog sleds are being been replaced \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 rapidly by gasoline-powered snowmobiles that have made hunting trips faster and easier. \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Leggi il seguente articolo sul rapporto tra le compagnie di assicurazione e i mutamenti delle condizioni climatiche e completalo inserendo una parola in ogni spazio.**

Insurance companies **0** owe their fortune to the accuracy of their environmental risk projections, that is the projection that a weather catastrophe **1** \_\_\_\_\_ occur, the amount of damages **2** \_\_\_\_\_ to it and, consequently, the sum of money they **3** \_\_\_\_\_ pay out. As our climate continues to warm up and catastrophic weather events increase, those projections today **4** \_\_\_\_\_ to be assessed on a new basis. In 2005, for example, it **5** \_\_\_\_\_ assumed that no more than two Atlantic superstorms **6** \_\_\_\_\_ occur in one year in the south of the USA. Yet, the projection was wrong. There were three hurricanes and the last one was Hurricane Katrina! The damage caused **7** \_\_\_\_\_ Katrina was off the charts: 275,000 houses were **8** \_\_\_\_\_, 10 times the number of houses destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. This unexpected devastation meant enormous financial losses for the insurance companies that **9** \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for the damages. That's why today the insurance industry has to take climate change more seriously and better calculate the risks if they **10** \_\_\_\_\_ to remain competitive in the market.

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**7 Completa il brano che descrive la Torre Eiffel inserendo in ogni spazio una parola formata a partire da quella data a fianco. Non puoi utilizzare la parola così come ti viene assegnata, ma devi modificarla.**

The Eiffel Tower was erected in 1889 for the **0** exhibition celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French Revolution. The French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel based his design for the tower on his experience of **1** \_\_\_\_\_ railway bridges. The 12,000 iron parts of the tower were all prefabricated and **2** \_\_\_\_\_ for assembly. Then they were put in place very **3** \_\_\_\_\_ and everything proceeded so smoothly that the tower was completed, except for the **4** \_\_\_\_\_, in about 26 months. The Eiffel Tower was designed in such a way to offer minimum wind **5** \_\_\_\_\_. It has been estimated that the structure moves of only 22 cm with hurricane-force winds. The tower has three well-marked stages. The first platform is **6** \_\_\_\_\_ at 57 meters; the second one is at 115 meters and the third platform is at a **7** \_\_\_\_\_ of 276 meters. Above this platform are the lantern and the final terrace. In 1959, the **8** \_\_\_\_\_ of a radio antenna raised the height of the tower from about 300 meters to 320 meters.

(Abridged from: *The Encyclopedia Americana*, Americana Corporation, 1974)

**8 Leggi la seguente descrizione di un esperimento scientifico sul rapporto tra attività respiratoria e rischio di infarto. Completa il brano con le parole nel riquadro.**

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We **0** wanted to perform this study in order to investigate the **1** \_\_\_\_\_ between breathing activity and the risk of strokes in elderly patients. We selected 94 patients (74 men and 20 women, with an average age of 71 years) and they were **2** \_\_\_\_\_ into two groups. All subjects abstained from alcohol, beverages containing caffeine, and **3** \_\_\_\_\_ for at least 24 hours prior to the study. The study was **4** \_\_\_\_\_ at 8 a.m. with patients lying in a comfortable **5** \_\_\_\_\_ without any visual or auditory **6** \_\_\_\_\_. They were **7** \_\_\_\_\_ to breathe for 1 minute and during this time blood pressure and heart rate were monitored with a blood pressure monitor. Then the **8** \_\_\_\_\_ were asked to hold their breath for 30 seconds. After the breath-holding period, blood pressure and heart rate **9** \_\_\_\_\_ recorded again. Changes after the apnea period were **10** \_\_\_\_\_: 2% to 4% for heart rate and 3% to 4% for blood pressure. Patients were contacted and **11** \_\_\_\_\_ up for every three months. Seventeen patients (18%) had ischemic events during the year after this experiment.

**9 Cosa sai su Gibuti, la piccola repubblica sul Mar Rosso nel Corno d'Africa?**  
**Leggi il brano e completalo inserendo le frasi mancanti al punto giusto.**

Djibouti's primary resource is its geographic location, therefore today it is investing heavily in infrastructures **0** *c*. The port has always been the country's economic heart but the railway network, **1** \_\_, is rather poor. Djibouti enjoys direct rail connection only to Ethiopia but, recently, **2** \_\_ and link Djibouti to other African countries, including South Africa. Moreover, Djibouti has good maritime links with nearby Yemen and so **3** \_\_ and an important transshipment centre **4** \_\_.

Technology and telecommunications are improving, too. **5** \_\_: fibre optic networks, generalised Internet, submarines cables, even connected with Great Britain, have become reality. Last but not least, the government wants tourism **6** \_\_ and it is encouraging tourists to come and see an untouched Red Sea reef, sharks and fish you could find nowhere else, volcanoes and desert islands. Naturally, **7** \_\_ where tourists will be able to taste a warm and kind hospitality.

- ☐ **a** some agreements have been contracted out to develop the East African railway
- ☐ **b** to become another major source of income
- ☒ **c** in order to become an important base of trade and businesses
- ☐ **d** it could really become a gateway to Africa, the Middle East and Europe
- ☐ **e** for goods entering and leaving East Africa
- ☐ **f** which should link it to other African countries
- ☐ **g** sleeping in comfortable yet cheap hotels
- ☐ **h** Djibouti wants to become "the Japan of Africa"

**10 Traduci le seguenti frasi.**

**1** "Devo accompagnarti (*drive*) a scuola o prendi l'autobus domani mattina?" "Non preoccuparti, prenderò l'autobus."  
**2** Se solo avessi ascoltato i consigli (*advice*) della mia amica! Lei aveva capito che quell'agenzia di viaggi non era seria e mi aveva detto di non prenotare il viaggio di nozze con loro. **3** Ti verrà consegnato (*deliver*) il premio (*award*) appena avremo ricevuto l'autorizzazione per inviartelo. **4** "Puoi assaggiare (*taste*) il sugo? Devo aggiungere (*add*) del sale?" "No, è molto buono e non devi aggiungere niente."  
**5** Si credeva che le due anziane sorelle avessero lasciato tutto ai loro figli, ma si scoprì che avevano lasciato tutto a dei bambini di un povero villaggio in Africa. **6** Vorrei che i miei figli suonassero il piano invece della batteria, così potrei ascoltare della bella musica invece di tutto questo rumore! **7** I giornalisti non dovevano essere informati! La notizia doveva essere confermata prima di essere rivelata. **8** Non avresti dovuto usare quel coltello arrugginito (*rusty*). Avresti potuto ferirti. **9** Nonostante (*Despite*) tutti i miei sforzi (*efforts*) mia nipote non ne ha voluto sapere di prendere la medicina. Ha detto che era troppo amara per lei. **10** Non dovevi innaffiare le piante. Le avevo già innaffiate io! Ora, con tutta quest'acqua, moriranno!