

PROGRESS CHECK 8

1 Leggi la seguente favola somala e completala scegliendo l'alternativa corretta.

A SNAIL'S SELFISHNESS

It was pouring with rain in the forest one day, and in order to protect itself from the water, a fly 0 b a snail if she 1 ____ take shelter inside the snail's shell until it stopped 2 ____ but the snail didn't agree.

Then came an ant who 3 ____, "Snail, would you 4 ____ me come inside to keep dry? The weather's terrible out here!" "Absolutely not", 5 ____ the snail, "I don't want anyone to come inside my house."

Along came a bee and asked 6 ____ into the snail's house but the snail refused and ordered the bee 7 ____.

Then a butterfly came, its wings wet, and said, "I 8 ____ you, sister, let me inside to dry off; I will surely get sick."

"I don't care about you or anyone else. I'd better 9 ____ my house on my back and get out of here if I don't want to be bothered anymore," 10 ____ the snail. She placed her house on her back and left the forest. Since then, she has never stopped carrying her house on her back and walking, walking, walking.

(Abridged from: *A snail's selfishness* in *Ti ho lasciato il mio profumo*, La biblioteca di Tolbà)

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 0 a. answered | b. asked | c. promised |
| 1 a. can | b. should | c. might |
| 2 a. raining | b. rain | c. to rain |
| 3 a. spoke | b. said | c. talked |
| 4 a. make | b. let | c. get |
| 5 a. answered | b. requested | c. added |
| 6 a. enter | b. entering | c. to enter |
| 7 a. to go away | b. go away | c. not to go away |
| 8 a. command | b. beg | c. declare |
| 9 a. to put | b. putting | c. put |
| 10 a. replied | b. denied | c. advised |

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

0 The teacher had the student go and fetch some chalk.
The teacher *asked the student* to go and fetch some chalk.

- 1 "We can't play the guitar." "Neither can we."
"We can't play the guitar." "We ____."
- 2 "Don't lean out of the window!", Timothy told me.
Timothy told me ____ out of the window.
- 3 I'm sure you'll convince Kirk to buy that car.
I'm sure you'll ____ buy that car.
- 4 If she had gone on the excursion, she would have had fun.
Had ____ the excursion, she would have had fun.
- 5 I had never taken part in such an exciting game!
____ taken part in such an exciting game!
- 6 They saw Michelle while she was kissing her boyfriend.
They saw ____ her boyfriend.

- 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 If you want to have dinner in that restaurant, you must book several days before.

reservation: If you want to have dinner in that restaurant, you must *make a reservation* several days before.

1 "I left last week", Gary said.

previous: Gary said he _____.

2 They suggested taking the lift to the top of the tower to admire the view.

recommended: They _____ the lift to the top of the tower to admire the view.

3 "I went to the stadium yesterday." "I did, too."

so: "I went to the stadium yesterday." "_____."

4 My mum makes me lay the table every day.

am: I _____ the table every day by my mum.

5 They continued talking even if I had asked them to be silent.

on: They _____ even if I had asked them to be silent.

6 Corinne is really bored with doing the washing up!

up: Corinne is _____ the washing up!

- 4** Esistono molte leggende su Cristoforo Colombo. Leggi la seguente storia e completala inserendo le frasi mancanti al punto giusto.

One day, Columbus was at a dinner **0** *d* and some people were present who were jealous of the great admiral's success. They were proud, conceited fellows and they soon began **1** _____.

"You have discovered strange lands beyond the seas, **2** _____. Anybody can sail across the ocean and coast along the islands on the other side, just as you have done. **3** _____, it's the simplest thing in the world."

Columbus didn't answer but he took an egg and asked to the company who among them could make that egg stand on its end. **4** _____ but, as nobody had succeeded, all said that it couldn't be done.

Then Columbus took the egg and struck its small end gently upon the table **5** _____. After that, he didn't have any trouble **6** _____.

"Gentlemen", he said, "**7** _____ which you said to be impossible? It is the simplest thing in the world. Anybody can do it – after I've shown you how!"

(Abridged from: *Columbus Day Short Stories* in www.apples4theteacher.com)

- a** haven't you? But what of that?
- b** One by one those at the table tried to do the experiment
- c** in making it stand upright.
- ✓ **d** which a Spanish gentleman had given in his honour
- e** what is easier than to do this
- f** It's easy to do it,
- g** so as to cause the shell to break a little
- h** to try to make Columbus feel uncomfortable

5 I ghiacciai del Kilimanjaro si stanno sciogliendo, ma recenti studi suggeriscono che non ci sono rischi immediati. 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.

0	"Recent concerns that climate warming would rob Mount Kilimanjaro of all its glaciers	correct
00	within twenty years are overly pessimistic", say to some important Austrian scientists.	to
1	Austrian weather stations and their research indicate the tropical ice should last well	
2	beyond 2040. Actually, according to the University of Innsbruck-led team, precipitation and not	
3	temperature is the first fact that to take into consideration to foresee the future of the white peak.	
4	"About five years ago Kilimanjaro was being used as an icon for global warming, but today we	
5	know it was a simplistic view and we can't carry on with using it", said Dr Thomas Moelg.	
6	"We have done different kinds of research and we expect the plateau glaciers to be have gone	
7	roughly within 40 years from now, but we have a certain expectation that the slope glaciers may	
8	last much longer", added his colleague George Kaser. The group's assessment acts as a positive	
9	counterpoint to the most pessimistic projections that have already made thousands of tourists to go	
10	to Africa's highest mountain just to see the "last" ice while melting due to global warming.	

6 Leggi il brano su Thomas Edison e l'invenzione della lampadina e completalo inserendo una parola in ogni spazio.

Thomas Alva Edison was born in 1847 and he died in 1931. He was fond 0 of science and technology and he had a laboratory where he 1 _____ most of his time 2 _____ research or carrying out experiments – it is even said that, on the day he got married, he forgot his bride and spent the night in his lab! Edison is remembered today because he made electricity 3 _____ into everybody's house, thanks to his invention of the electric light bulb. It wasn't so 4 _____ to develop it, as Edison had to find a suitable material for the filament of the bulb. Actually, in order to make the bulb 5 _____, it was 6 _____ to find a material that would 7 _____ electricity pass through the filament without burning it out. Edison tried platinum, leather and wood but none of them worked. Nevertheless, he went on 8 _____ other materials till he found that bamboo didn't burn out. No sooner had he invented the electric bulb 9 _____ he began to develop dynamos to produce electricity and let the world 10 _____ what is still today one of the most important energy sources.

7 Completa le avvertenze tratte dalle istruzioni d'uso di un aspirapolvere 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.

Our high-quality products require 0 effective packaging to protect them on their journey to our 1 _____. The packaging is made completely of environmentally compatible substances, and as 2 _____ secondary raw materials they should be channelled into your local disposal system. The cardboard can be put in the waste paper 3 _____. The plastic 4 _____ are made of polyethylene and the strappings of polypropylene. Please ask at your local council offices for the address of your nearest 5 _____ centre. Both full paper filters and used microfilters can be added to the normal household refuse. This vacuum cleaner complies with the recognised 6 _____ regulations and the main 7 _____ regulations. The manufacturer shall not be liable for any damages which are caused by use not in conformance with the provisions or 8 _____ operation.

EFFECT
CUSTOM
VALUE
CONTAIN
WRAP
RECYCLE

TECHNIQUE
SAFE
PROPER

(Unabridged from: *Instructions for Use*, VS3 Siemens)

8 Lionel, un ragazzo di 15 anni, acquista biglietti per i concerti e poi li rivende su Internet. Leggi il suo racconto e completa il brano con le parole nel riquadro.

do • crashing • think • ~~make~~ • difficult • doesn't • requires • not • means •
reasonable • assure • touting • looking

Ticket touting is a good way for me to **0** make some money. I started **1** _____ by chance last September. I was having a look on eBay to see how much tickets cost when I thought, "Why **2** _____ buy and sell tickets on eBay? I could **3** _____ business!"

You might think it's taking away the chance for fans to get their tickets by themselves, but I can **4** _____ you that it is sometimes **5** _____ for fans to find tickets at the ticket office. It **6** _____ being informed about concerts and it **7** _____ you to wait for hours when the tickets are on sale.

Everything is easier on the Internet. I decide which tickets I'm going to get by **8** _____ at any media coverage singers and concerts have had. Then I have to **9** _____ if there is likely to be enough demand and decide how many tickets could be **10** _____ for me to buy. On the Friday they go on sale I log on to the Seetickets website. I make sure I'm one of the first there, because the more people who get onto the website, the more the website risks **11** _____ because of an overload.

It seems easy, **12** _____ it? It isn't so. There is no guarantee that the tickets you have bought will sell out and you could lose a lot of money.

9 Il Muro di Berlino è stato abbattuto nel 1989, ma oggi c'è un nuovo sistema per "rivederlo". Traduci il seguente brano.

Durante la guerra fredda (*Cold War*) il Muro di Berlino (*Berlin Wall*) definiva non solo la piantina della città, ma suggeriva l'identità di Berlino. Non molto tempo dopo la riunificazione (*reunification*) della Germania nel 1989, comunque, perfino i residenti di Berlino avevano difficoltà a ricordarsi dove fosse.

Questo perché i politici, che volevano sottolineare (*emphasise*) l'unità, fecero demolire (*knock down*) il muro il più velocemente possibile, cosicché tutti potessero dimenticare quel limite di pietra e i dolorosi ricordi che evocava.

Ma Michael Cramer, un residente di Berlino e portavoce per il partito dei Verdi (*Green Party*), ha pensato che "il simbolo della guerra fredda" dovesse essere ricordato in modo migliore. Cramer è un appassionato ciclista e cominciò a sviluppare l'idea di creare una pista ciclabile (*cycle path*) lungo il precedente percorso del muro (*Wall's former course*). Dopo molto tempo e con un grande sforzo, alla fine ha convinto il governo della città a costruirla e il percorso del Muro di Berlino (*Berlin Wall Trail*) è oggi una realtà dei ciclisti.

Il tracciato (*trail*) è lungo 160 km ed è costellato (*punctuated*) da targhe (*boards*) di informazione storica sui luoghi che hanno testimoniato alcuni tra i più tesi (*tense*) momenti della guerra fredda. Il percorso del Muro di Berlino dimostra come lo sport può diventare un nuovo modo per far avvicinare la gente alla storia e impedire di dimenticare una pagina importante del nostro passato.