

PROGRESS CHECK 9

1 Le ampie pianure americane si stanno ripopolando di bisonti. Leggi l'articolo e completalo scegliendo l'alternativa corretta.

Sometimes you have to eat an animal to save it. That paradox may disturb vegetarians, **0** c consider the bison: 500 years ago, perhaps 30 million of these enormous mammals **1** ____ North America. By the late 1800's, several forces had made the bison population **2** ____ to something like 1,000. And **3** ____ today North America is home to roughly 450,000 bison, a species **4** ____ that has a lot to do with Americans who **5** ____ eating them. Last year about 50,000 bison were killed for human **6** ____ . **7** ____ "bison eaters" are few compared to "beef eaters" – Americans ingest the meat of 90,000 cattle every day – bison is by far the fastest-growing sector of the U.S meat business. **8** ____ like bison because it's leaner than beef but still satisfies the desire for red meat. This new passion for bison meat **9** ____ so widely that an entire restaurant chain, Ted's Montana Grill, **10** ____ with about 50 locations where you can taste delicious bison burgers and tenderloins.

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| 0 a. despite | b. and | c. but | d. while |
| 1 a. habited | b. inhabited | c. dishabited | d. enhabited |
| 2 a. get down | b. go back | c. put down | d. go down |
| 3 a. yet | b. however | c. still | d. although |
| 4 a. recovery | b. recover | c. recovery | d. recoveriness |
| 5 a. have taken to | b. have got on with | c. have kept up with | d. have done away with |
| 6 a. consumation | b. consumption | c. consumism | d. consumers |
| 7 a. Yet | b. Moreover | c. However | d. Although |
| 8 a. Consumators | b. Consume | c. Consumers | d. Consumption |
| 9 a. is giving up | b. is getting around | c. is going ahead | d. is running over |
| 10 a. has been set up | b. has been put out | c. has been turned out | d. has been brought up |

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

- 0** The cinema was very crowded. Consequently we couldn't find any free seats.
The cinema was *so crowded that* we couldn't find any free seats.

- 1** Who takes care of your children while you're at work?
Who _____ your children while you're at work?
- 2** The tests are being done on about 50 patients.
The tests _____ out on about 50 patients.
- 3** We'll go to the seaside as long as the weather is good.
We'll go to the seaside _____ is good.
- 4** The journey was terrible. On top of everything else, they lost my luggage.
The journey was terrible. _____ more, they lost my luggage.
- 5** On the whole, I had a very happy childhood.
_____ large, I had a very happy childhood.
- 6** Do you know how deep the lake is?
Do you know _____ the lake?

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 utilizzare da due a cinque parole.

- 0 I still don't know when we can leave.
off: I still don't know when we *can be off*.
- 1 Joshua and Oliver often quarrel about their toys.
fall: Joshua and Oliver often _____ their toys.
- 2 In my opinion, you shouldn't dye your hair blonde.
mind: _____, you shouldn't dye your hair blonde.
- 3 Do you believe these mushrooms can be eaten?
edible: Do you believe _____?
- 4 Hasn't Chloe recovered from measles yet?
over: _____ from measles yet?
- 5 The Town hall has decided to build a monument to honour the dead from the First World War.
up: The Town hall has decided to _____ to honour the dead from the First World War.
- 6 Don't waste time! You must take advantage of this opportunity immediately.
iron: Don't waste time! You must strike _____!

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

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| 0 Can you call at the cleaner's this afternoon, please? | <i>correct</i> |
| 00 Ruby looked like she had seen an alien. | <i>Ruby looked as if she had seen an alien.</i> |
| 1 Ellie was disappointed because her plan had fallen through. | 5 I think you are doing something illegal. |
| 2 The boys were in good spirits because it was their last day at school. | 6 In spite of the approaching storm, my friends went sailing. |
| 3 With regarding to your complaint, we would like to apologise for the inconvenience. | 7 Does your bedroom look out on the lake? |
| 4 Go and wash your hands, nor you won't have dinner! | 8 When was slavery abolished? |

5 Leggi il testo sulle isole di St Kitts e Nevis 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 small Caribbean islands of St Kitts – also known as St Christopher – and Nevis were | <i>correct</i> |
| 00 British colonies until 1983 when they got back the independence and formed a federation. | <i>back</i> |
| 1 Most of the population lives in the island of St Kitts, in the main city, the capital Basseterre. | _____ |
| 2 As because the relationship between the two islands wasn't easy, in 1998 a referendum | _____ |
| 3 was held on secession but it failed to gain the two-thirds majority needed to break away. | _____ |
| 4 The two islands aren't so well known as many other Caribbean islands, even if they have great | _____ |
| 5 tourist potential due for to their beaches, scenery and warm, sunny climate. Unfortunately, | _____ |
| 6 their position makes them be vulnerable to hurricanes that often break many houses off down. | _____ |
| 7 Tourism, offshore finance and service industries are important sources of income, especially | _____ |
| 8 after the sugar industry was wound down in 2005 with the loss of hundreds of jobs. Recently, foreign | _____ |
| 9 investors have taken to about 15,000 business up and the economy has flourished. Yet, this | _____ |
| 10 boom also set off with a criminality increase by attracting drug traffickers and money launderers. | _____ |

6 Il turismo spaziale non è più soltanto un sogno. Leggi il brano e completalo inserendo una parola in ogni spazio.

The aerospace giant EADS will build a space plane 0 capable of carrying fare-paying 1 _____ on a sub-orbital ride more than 100 km above the planet. The vehicle, which will take 2 _____ from a normal airport, will give the tourists an 3 _____ experience of weightlessness in space. It is on the 4 _____ that the flights will begin in 2012 and, 5 _____ they will last only few minutes, the tickets will cost about 200,000 euros! EADS came up 6 _____ the idea of the space jet after building the Ariane rocket. The vehicle takes 7 _____ an aircraft with normal jet engines but, in 8 _____ to them, it has also a powerful rocket engine. Only four passengers will be 9 _____ on each mission. Towards the top of the climb, they will be able to float free in the cabin. Then the plane will begin to fall back and the four passengers will come 10 _____ to Earth!

7 Leggi il brano tratto dal romanzo *The Italian* di Ann Radcliffe e completalo 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.

It was in the church of San Lorenzo at Naples, in the year 1758, that Vincentio di Vivaldi first saw Ellena Rosalba. The 0 sweetness and fine expression of her voice attracted his attention to her figure, which had a distinguished air of 1 _____ and grace; but her face was concealed in her veil. So much indeed was he fascinated by the voice, that a most 2 _____ 3 _____ was excited as to her countenance, which he fancied must express all the 4 _____ of character that the modulation of her tones indicated. He listened to their exquisite expression with a rapt attention, and 5 _____ withdrew his eyes from her person till the matin 6 _____ had concluded; when he observed her leave the church with an 7 _____ lady, who leaned upon her arm, and who appeared to be her mother. Vivaldi 8 _____ followed their steps, determined to obtain, if possible, a view of Ellena's face, and to discover the home to which she should retire.

SWEET
DELICATE
PAIN
CURIOUS
SENSE
HARD
SERVE
AGE
IMMEDIATE

(Unabridged from: Ann Radcliffe, *The Italian*, Oxford University Press, 1968)

8 Leggi il testo sull'organizzazione internazionale della Croce Rossa e completalo inserendo le frasi mancanti al punto giusto.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, or ICRC, is a humanitarian organisation 0 a. The organisation had its roots in the battleground of Solferino, in 1859, where a Swiss businessman, Jean Henry Dunant, saw that 1 _____. 2 _____, Dunant organised help and looked after the wounded, 3 _____. After this experience, 4 _____ and, in 1863, he created the International Committee for the Relief of the Wounded. Today, the ICRC organises relief activities for the victims of war, 5 _____. Moreover, it controls the treatment of prisoners of war and ensures that weapons used in wars are conform to the Geneva Conventions, 6 _____. It's due to the ICRC that some weapons have been banned, 7 _____ even after fighting has ended.

- ☐ a regardless of their nationality
- ☐ b according to which weapons mustn't "inflict more harm than is militarily necessary"
- ☐ c Dunant set out a plan to form relief societies around the world
- ☒ d which aims to help those caught up in armed conflicts all over the world
- ☐ e whether civilian or military
- ☐ f Thanks to the help of the citizens of a nearby town
- ☐ g although many thousands of people continue to be maimed by them
- ☐ h thousands of wounded soldiers had been left to die

9 Sempre più persone ricorrono a trattamenti estetici per sconfiggere i segni del tempo. Leggi il brano e completalo inserendo le parole nel riquadro.

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Body-changing beauty 0 treatments used to be just for the rich and famous people, but not anymore. More and more ordinary people are saving 1 _____ for anti-wrinkle procedures like Botox. And it is not just occurring in the 2 _____ suburbs of big cities, 3 _____ also in the small villages in the countryside. Especially women have regular Botox treatments. Botox is a chemical substance that, once injected, paralyses the muscles and 4 _____ smoothes out the wrinkles. It seems to be simple, but few people consider the possible 5 _____ damage to their skin. What is more, Botox is 6 _____ a poison. It was used for the first time in 1980 for medical reasons. It turned 7 _____ to be very effective in treating some muscle disorders, 8 _____ as lazy eye or uncontrolled blinking. Seven years later it was used by dermatological surgeons in cosmetic treatments and it was its world wide success. At first Botox injections and chemical peels were 9 _____ out only by surgeons, then, little by little, also dentists and therapists began to perform them. Today even beauty therapists and hairdressers can inject Botox. 10 _____, as these treatments can affect your skin, 11 _____ at least to a medically trained dermatologist to reduce the 12 _____ future damages.

10 Traduci le seguenti frasi.

1 Nel momento in cui Olivia ha aperto la porta, ha visto una grande scatola rossa. Era un regalo che qualcuno aveva lasciato, ma non c'era nessun messaggio su di esso. 2 È stato un film talmente lungo che sia Lewis sia Isabelle si sono addormentati mentre lo stavano guardando. 3 Charlotte sta mettendo da parte un po' di soldi perché vorrebbe comprare un nuovo iPod. 4 Per quanto concerne la lingua, Shakespeare usa una lingua polisemantica per trasmettere vari significati usando la stessa parola. 5 Le stelle e le comete mi affascinano (*enchant*) e mi piacerebbe approfondire la mia conoscenza di esse. 6 Non puoi smettere di mordicchiarti (*bite*) le unghie (*nails*)? Mi dà sui nervi! 7 A Dylan non piace molto andare in discoteca. Quando ci va, si sente un pesce fuor d'acqua. 8 "Secondo Connor, l'ultimo CD di Eminem non è tanto anticonvenzionale come i precedenti." "Forse Eminem si è stancato di quel tipo di musica e vuole provare qualcosa di nuovo."

11 Uno dei miti più belli narra l'amore della ninfa Clizia per il dio Apollo. Traduci il brano.

C'era una volta una ninfa (*nymph*) chiamata Clizia (*Clytie*), che guardava sempre Apollo mentre lui guidava il suo carro del sole (*sun-chariot*) attraverso i cieli (*heavens*). Lei lo guardava mentre lui saliva in cielo con la delicata Alba e le danzanti Ore. Lei lo guardava con amore la sera quando lui guidava il suo carro giù verso i pascoli (*pastures*) a ovest. Apollo non vedeva Clizia. Lui non pensava a lei, ma rivolgeva (*shed*) i suoi raggi (*beams*) su sua sorella Leucotea (*Leucothoe*). Quando Clizia lo capì (*perceive*), si riempì (*be filled*) di tristezza e dolore (*grief*). Giorno e notte lei sedeva sulla nuda terra (*bare ground*) e piangeva. Per nove giorni e nove notti non si alzò mai da terra (*get up from the earth*). Pian piano le sue gambe diventarono radicate (*rooted*) al terreno e delle foglie verdi abbracciarono (*cover*) il suo corpo. Il suo volto si trasformò in quello di un fiore che guardava sempre il sole. Lei continuava a piangere, ma le sue lacrime erano inutili perché Apollo non la considerava (*notice*). Nonostante ciò, lei non riusciva a smettere di amarlo e non smise mai di guardarlo. E così, nel corso dei tempi (*through the ages*), la ninfa-fiore continuò a rivolgere il suo volto verso i cieli. Gli uomini non la chiamarono più Clizia, ma la chiamarono e ancora la chiamano girasole (*sun-flower*).