

Vocabulary

Prepositions

- 1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Poverty is a trap which many people can only (0) B about escaping. People might not want to (1) on charity and want to help themselves. But how? One option is to use valuable skills to set up your own business, but you need to have (2) up money for that; an impossibility for many people. In the past, people in deprived areas have (3) for bank loans but had difficulty in convincing the banks to (4) money in their idea; banks (5) to loaning money to businesses which might not make a profit. These days, help is increasingly at hand in the form of micro-finance. Not-for-profit, independent financial organisations have (6) to the problem of poverty by lending people small loans to start their own business. Unlike commercial banks, they don't charge interest and they (7) on teaching the new businessperson valuable skills which ensure that their efforts (8) in success. Once the new business is making a profit, only then does the businessperson (9) for the training and pay back the loan. One of the best things about the scheme is that the loan is then recycled – another person in need can (10) in the scheme.

0	A forget	B <u>dream</u>	C complain	D worry
1	A depend	B concentrate	C agree	D insist
2	A applied	B invested	C saved	D apologised
3	A applied	B paid	C believed	D apologised
4	A participate	B result	C invest	D believe
5	A belonged	B responded	C objected	D listened
6	A listened	B objected	C belonged	D responded
7	A participate	B concentrate	C decide	D look
8	A result	B believe	C invest	D participate
9	A apply	B pay	C save	D apologise
10	A result	B believe	C invest	D participate

- 2 Complete the gaps in the word snakes with an appropriate preposition. Sometimes two prepositions are needed.

on purpose, fire, breath, home, danger, heart, offer, risk,
accident, practice, bus, charge, fault, chance, average

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- Seventeen-year-old Ken Masters has just succeeded _____ his third attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- Would anyone object _____ my turning off the air-conditioning? It's getting quite chilly in here.
- Doug insisted _____ taking me to see a musical in London for my birthday. It was kind of him and I really enjoyed it.
- Sometimes I dream _____ becoming a famous opera singer, but I know it would mean a lot of really hard work.
- I believe _____ Tommy's ideas and I think he's going to make a big success of the business.
- Has Ralph apologised _____ forgetting to pick you up last night yet?
- I've no idea who this bag belongs _____, have you? It's been here for two days.
- I shouldn't depend so much _____ Larry for help with my maths, but he explains it all so clearly!

Language focus

Countable and uncountable nouns

1 Choose the correct option in *italics* in the following conversation.

- A: Ray, I really need your advice about packing for this survival course I'm going on.
- B: I can see that! What on earth have you got in that rucksack? You look as if you've got far too **(1)** *much* / *many* stuff.
- A: I know, but I'm trying to pack something for **(2)** *every* / *all* possible situation. For example, I thought I might get bored out in the wild on my own so I've packed **(3)** *a few* / *a little* books. Do you think five is too **(4)** *much* / *many*?
- B: Books?! You won't need **(5)** *any* / *some* books where you're going – you'll be concentrating on keeping warm and dry.
- A: Oh. Well, how about clothes – I've got **(6)** *several* / *much* nice warm jumpers and a **(7)** *quite a few* / *a great deal of* pairs of warm trousers.
- B: Excellent. You might also need **(8)** *a little* / *a couple of* T-shirts in case it gets hot and **(9)** *a bit of* / *a few* waterproof layers, in case it rains. But what's this – one, two, three four pairs of shoes?
- A: Well, each pair goes with a different pair of trousers.
- B: Come on, this isn't a fashion show – all you need is one pair of comfortable shoes and **(10)** *quite a few* / *a great deal* more common sense. Have you got **(11)** *many* / *some* matches, a map of the area and **(12)** *very little* / *a couple of* knives to cut things up with?
- A: Oh, I hadn't thought about any of that.

Obligation, prohibition, advice and necessity (past)

2 Complete the gaps in the conversation with the appropriate form of a modal verb.

- A: I've just watched *Touching the Void*; it was every bit as good as the review said it would be.
- B: It's exciting, isn't it? But I wouldn't have thought it was your sort of thing – you're not into climbing, are you?
- A: Ah, that's where you're wrong – I always wanted to learn to climb when I was young but my parents **(1)** wouldn't let me; they said it was too dangerous.
- B: Well, they have a point, but it's only really dangerous if you're not properly trained or if you take silly risks. You know, the men in *Touching the Void* **(2)** _____ have attempted to descend the mountain in those sort of conditions, but because they were experienced, they thought they could handle it. Then there's really inexperienced people who do mad things and end up wasting the emergency services' time.
- A: I know, did you hear about the woman who **(3)** _____ to be airlifted to safety from the moors the other day?
- B: No, what happened?
- A: Well, apparently, she went for a long hike with her dog without taking any water, a compass or wet weather gear. The weather changed and she got lost. Luckily, she had her mobile phone with her so could call for help.
- B: Poor woman – she **(4)** _____ have been scared stiff.
- A: Yes, but she **(5)** _____ have taken more precautions – she **(6)** _____ have got herself into such difficulties if she had taken the right equipment.
- B: I suppose you're right. So many accidents could be avoided if people thought a bit more before acting.
- A: Yeah, for example, how about that running competition last year? You know, the one where the organisers thought that they didn't **(7)** _____ to postpone the run because of the weather.
- B: Oh, that was dreadful, all those poor people suffering from hypothermia; it never **(8)** _____ to have gone ahead.