



Task № 1. Choose the most suitable word to fill each space.

My fear of being idle means my life – like that of (1) ... women I know – is one long to-do list, crammed to the brink (2) ... work, parenting, chores, exercise (occasional) and socials. Every spare minute is accounted for: five minutes in the doctor's (3) ... room means time to respond to emails. I have even taken my notebook to the ladies', so chronic is my (4) ... of having time on my hands – and don't get me started on social media.

So what is it about (5) ... nothing that scares me? Not achieving goals, wasting time and being (6) ... (I have a very low tolerance for boredom). Also I'm scared of my own thoughts, of this empty space (7) ... filled with rumination. If I just keep busy, busy, I won't have to think about the (8) ... picture.

But recently I've begun to find that my input doesn't (9) ... my output. With all the distractions (social media, Mumsnet, Right Move, not to mention the things I actually have to do), I'm becoming less productive, not more. I'm 'doing' so much, yet little seems to (10) ... done.

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| 1) A few | B most | C much | D little |
| 2) A for | B at | C into | D with |
| 3) A waiting | B drawing | C reception | D consulting |
| 4) A horror | B fright | C dread | D fear |
| 5) A do | B doing | C done | D being done |
| 6) A boring | B tired | C bored | D impatient |
| 7) A being | B to be | C having | D to have |
| 8) A biggest | B big | C more big | D bigger |
| 9) A equal | B fit | C suit | D agree |
| 10) A be | B have | C get | D become |

Task № 2. Find ONE word which is suitable for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences.

- 1) Fred hurt his ... at work.
Only ... home did I realize I had been cheated.
The government will ... their demands by an armed force.
- 2) This red dress your size; it ... you.
I'm sure the sofa ... through the door, carry it in!
During sleep, Ben may experience four epileptic
- 3) I'll have green tea with
The pond will ... over only in December.
If you want to make up with your sister, don't hesitate to break the
- 4) John's living ... looks like a real pig sty.
Kate should give her child some ... for creativity.
Our world has greatly changed with satellites being launched into
- 5) Robert is quick on the uptake like a ... on fire.
Theatre actors have brought the ... down with their stunning performance.
The new building will ... two hundred people.

Task № 3. Underline the correct word.

- 1) Keeping a diary can help your brain overcome emotional **control/upset/disorder**.
- 2) Make a habit of jotting **in/for/down** things that have happened to you.
- 3) The economic **downturn/rebound/prosperity** in 1998 hit me hard.
- 4) My career as an editor didn't have indefinite **endurance/longevity/duration**.
- 5) **As/Yet/If** he had more earning potential, it made financial sense.

Task № 4. Fill in the gaps with ONE word.

- 1) Ms. Henlie is the youngest person to be included ... Forbe's annual list of the most powerful women in the world.
- 2) Lena took that personal journey ... the next level.
- 3) ... so much success for someone so young, it might be understandable for her to exhibit diva-like behavior.
- 4) Mike is not afraid to offer up authenticity ... spades.
- 5) It was a positive, defiant message which kicked ... the next stage of Jill's self-discovery.

Task № 5. Find mistakes in the lines, some of them are correct. In each line only ONE mistake is possible. There are three examples at the beginning of the extract (0 – spelling mistake; 00 – correct; 000 – unnecessary word).

Taylor Swift [interview]	
'If you go too far down the rebbit-hole of what people think about you, it can	0. <i>rabbit</i>
change everything about who you are.' At just 25 years old, Taylor Swift is	00. +
painfully aware of the fact that her every move is being played out under the	000. <i>being</i>
indifatigable spotlight of the world's media. However, having now been in the	1.
music industry for over a decade, she is determined to no longer to let the	2.
headlines affect her state of mind. Her new mantra? 'It's important to be self-	3.
aware about what people are saying about you, but even more so, be vary	4.
aware of who you actually are, and to have said that be the main priority.'	5.
It's bin a heady few years for Swift, currently living out her dreams as a	6.
recording artist, but despite the swirling commotion that surrounds her, she is	7.
focused on preserving her own values and not allowing to the media melee to	8.
influence her decision. It's a wise and considered approach for someone so	9.
youthful, but living life at the frantic pace of a globetrotting performer means	10.
that Swift has had to grow up – fast.	

Ответы:

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Желаем успеха!