



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

I recently bought a new bathroom scale. It has replaced one that I (1) ... for years, purchased by my parents in an era when the fax (2) ... new technology and Conservatives were progressive, in name if not in policy. When Madonna (3) ... dance. Let's just (4) ... it was old.

My new scale is (5) ... of opaque glass. It (6) ... also astonishingly beautiful. I say "astonishingly" not just because it's a long and somewhat pretentious word but also because I'm not really sure that something this stunning should be (7) ... out in a place where issuances of a highly personal nature abound.

The aesthetic bodaciousness of my new scale (8) ... by its efficiency. It is digital and highly accurate – incredibly so, within one-tenth of a pound, which (9) ... in a large liquid-crystal display that, I think, was designed by Philippe Starck's personal valet's boyfriend's cousin. I think I read somewhere that NASA (10) ... my scale's internal circuit-board design in its latest satellite systems.

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| 1) A had | B had had | C have had | D has been having |
| 2) A was | B had been | C is been | D were |
| 3) A can | B has been able | C could | D could have |
| 4) A said | B is saying | C have said | D say |
| 5) A made | B make | C making | D being made |
| 6) A was | B were | C has been | D is |
| 7) A hang | B hung | C hanging | D hanged |
| 8) A matches | B is matched | C matched | D is matching |
| 9) A is shown | B shows | C showed | D was shown |
| 10) A uses | B has used | C had used | D used |

Task № 2. Complete the sentences with synonyms to the word 'like'. The first letter and the number of letters are given.

- 1) Robert l...[5 letters] swimming in the river in summer.
- 2) Ann stepped back to a...[6 letters] the painting.
- 3) David a...[6 letters] his friends and would do anything to please them.
- 4) Black was i...[8 letters] by movie fans all over the world.
- 5) Of cooking and dancing she much p...[9 letters] the former.
- 6) You shouldn't c...[7 letters] the illusion that your parents will always pay your debts.
- 7) Jane is out of f...[5 letters] with her boss.
- 8) Do you f...[5 letters] coming with me to the party tonight?
- 9) Fiona was e...[8 letters] watching the movie with her favorite actor.
- 10) It was an experience William will t...[8 letters] for the rest of his life.

Task № 3. Match people (1-10) to their description (A-J).

1	Crybaby	A	A weirdo or a strange person
2	Daredevil	B	Someone who is very advanced in age
3	Cheapskate	C	Someone who weeps a lot and for no

			reason – not a real child
4	Oddball	D	Someone who is a bit crazy
5	Barrel of laugh	E	Someone who is very lazy
6	Class clown	F	Someone who hates to spend money
7	Old as the hills	G	Someone who causes trouble and makes everyone laugh
8	Nutty as a fruit cake	H	Someone who hates to go to bed
9	Couch potato	I	Someone who is very funny
10	Night owl	J	Someone who takes unnecessary risks

Task № 4. Fill in the gaps with ONE word, a postposition.

- 1) A deer was run ... by a car while crossing the highway.
- 2) Fred looks ill; he's probably coming ... with flu.
- 3) His uncle was very sick. He passed ... last Sunday.
- 4) I can't breathe properly as my nose is blocked
- 5) Kate ate lemons to fight ... a cold.
- 6) Linda had a difficult pregnancy; she was always throwing ... all over the place.
- 7) Mike stopped sneezing and, finally, got ... his cold.
- 8) Plague epidemics broke ... in London 1592.
- 9) Ronda fainted five minutes ago. Has she come ... yet?
- 10) The room was so stuffy that an old lady passed ... from the heat.

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).

Healing Power of Music	
When I was five, a bed asthma attack landed me in the hospital overnight. Too	0. <i>bad</i>
scared to sleep, I climbed out of bed and wandered down the hall in my yellow	00. +
onesie. As I approached the nursing station, a familiar voice came down from a	000. <i>down</i>
cassette player on the desk: "Hey, little girl, is your daddy home? Did he go	1.
away and leave you all alone? I got a bad desire. Oh, oh, oh, I'm on the fire." It	2.
reminded me of dancing with my mom in the kitchen, of riding inn the car with	3.
my dad, of being safe at home. The nurses took me back two my room, but I	4.
wouldn't stop crying. So they lend me their boom box, and Springsteen sang me	5.
to sleep. Something in his gritty voice comforted me and made me less	6.
frightened. After that, my dad's a Walkman became an essential part of my	7.
hospital overnight bag when my asthma acted up, and Springsteen – who, in the	8.
mid-'80s, was an international rock star – became such my lullaby singer.	9.
Since than, he has also become my trusted adviser.	10.