

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

I was reading an advert for a mobile phone the other day, which described the aforesaid object as an 'aid to (1)'. As a techno-phobe who does not possess a mobile phone, still less an on-line connection, I was intrigued by the astonishing presumptuousness of this claim. For the (2) reason I do not have a mobile phone is that I don't want to be at someone else's beck and (3) 24 hours a day. But apparently there are plenty of sane adults out there who do. In fact I know plenty of people who bought their phone on the (4) understanding that it was to be used for emergencies only. But the insidious thing gradually took over their lives, to the (5) where it seems they can barely live without it. Giving a mobile phone to a child makes even less sense. Parents lose their freedom and the children lose the ability to (6) for themselves.

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| 1) A ease | B handiness | C utility | D convenience |
| 2) A sheer | B perfect | C very | D utter |
| 3) A cry | B ring | C need | D call |
| 4) A strict | B absolute | C severe | D precise |
| 5) A mark | B point | C spot | D position |
| 6) A support | B keep | C fend | D sustain |

2 Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.

appliance	component	equipment	gadget	manual
automation	contraption	experiment	machinery	overhaul

- What a peculiar contraption ! What on earth is that for?
- A washing-machine is probably the most useful household
- We will have to order a new to replace the damaged one.
- The noise of filled the factory and nearly deafened me.
- I can't make this computer work. Let's read the again.
- Scientists in this laboratory are conducting an interesting
- When is introduced, the number of workers will be reduced.
- Do you like this new I bought for peeling potatoes?
- Every six months the nuclear reactor needs a complete
- My brother has a shop selling photographic

3 In most lines of this text there is either a spelling or punctuation error. Write the correctly spelled word, or show the correct punctuation. Indicate correct lines with a tick.

When faced with some new and possibly bewildering tecnological	0 <u>technologica</u>
change, most people react, in one of two ways. They either recoil	0 <u>react in</u>
from anything new, claiming that it is unnecessary, or too complicated	0 ✓
or that it somehow makes life less personal. Or they learn to adapt to	1
the new invention, and eventually wonder, how they could possibly	2
have existed without it. Take computers as an example, for many of	3
us, they still represent a threat to our freedom, and give us a	4
frigtingen sense of a future in which all decisions will be taken by	5
machines. This may be because they seem misterious, and difficult	6
to understand. Ask most people, what you can use a home computer	7
for, and you usually get vauge answers about how 'they give you	8
information'. In fact, even those of us who are familiar with computers',	9
and use them in our dayly work, have very little idea of how they	10
actually work? But it does not take long to learn how to operate a	11
bussiness programme, even if things occasionally go wrong for no	12
apparant reason. Presumably much the same happened when the	13
telephone and the television became widespred. What seems to	14
alarm most people is the speed of technological change, rather than	15
change itself. And the objections that are maid to new technology	16
may well have a point to them, since change is not always an	17
improvement. As we discover during power cuts there is a lot to be	18
said for the oil lamp, the cole fire, and forms of entertainment, such	19
as books or board games, that dont have to be plugged in to work.	20

4 Match each problem (a-j) with a solution (1-10).

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| a) The door squeaks.4..... | 1 It needs servicing. |
| b) The battery is dead. | 2 It needs tightening. |
| c) The pencil is blunt. | 3 It needs painting. |
| d) The screw is coming loose. | 4 It needs oiling. |
| e) My watch has stopped. | 5 It needs re-programming. |
| f) The car seat is too far back. | 6 It needs recharging. |
| g) The light bulb is flickering. | 7 It needs sharpening. |
| h) The car's got a few things wrong with it. | 8 It needs winding up. |
| i) The wall looks very bare. | 9 It needs adjusting. |
| j) The TV isn't picking up the signals
from the video recorder. | 10 It needs replacing. |

5 In the following texts, complete each space with a word or compound word formed from the word in capitals.

Text 1

(1) Installation of your new energy-efficient domestic gas boiler is free of charge, and will be performed within 5 days of payment. Regular (2) from a qualified engineer is advised. The system comes with an (3) cover, which can be kept fully extended or half down. The cover must be completely removed for repairs to be carried out. As with all (4) equipment, please exercise great care if you are attempting to repair the (5) yourself.

INSTALL

MAINTAIN

ADJUST

ELECTRIC

APPLY

Text 2

Attach the rotating motor to the (6) lead-pipe. Screw the motor down into place. If the motor does not engage, remove it and (7) the lead-pipe. All engineers installing or repairing this machinery must observe all necessary (8) precautions. This includes the wearing of goggles, masks and other (9) equipment. For instructions on how to remove the outlet valve, please refer to the (10) described on page 28 of this manual.

CYLINDER

TIGHT

SAFE

PROTECT

PROCEED

6 Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence.

- a) The hair-drier is fitted with a three point cable/plug/socket.
- b) Don't touch that wire! It's live/lively/living.
- c) This small vacuum cleaner is motivate/powered/run by batteries. ✓
- d) The set wouldn't work because there was a faulty connection/joint/link. ✓
- e) I can't use my drill here. The lead/plug/wire isn't long enough.
- f) Turn off the mains first in case you get a/an impact/jolt/shock. ✓
- g) Oh dear the lights have gone off! The cable/fuse/safety must have gone.
- h) Can you lend me that cassette? I want to record/transcribe/write it. ✓
- i) The appliance is powered by a small electric engine/machine/motor.
- j) Jim has just started work as an electrical/electricity/electrician engineer. ✓
- k) The electrician twisted the wires together using a pair of hammers/chisels/pliers. ✓
- l) I buy coffee beans and put them in a grinder/mixer/blender.
- m) The good thing about this knife is that the blade/point/edge can be replaced. ✓
- n) I can't undo this nut. I need a larger bolt/screwdriver/spanner.