

PARTE 1: Grammar and usage

In questa parte ci sono due brani che dovete completare con una delle parole riportate sotto. Solo una delle risposte è corretta. Indicate la vostra scelta (A, B, C, D) nella griglia a destra. La prima (0) è già stata fatta.

For many young people journalism seems to be a career full of (0)___ and adventure. However, if you are thinking of (1)___ journalism, it is important to ask yourself whether this is really for you. This is because there is another side to the world of the journalist.

Today news is everywhere: news (2)___ are providing 24 hour (3)___ online while readers are clamouring for the latest headlines. However, it now seems that working as a journalist is more dangerous than ever. The BBC reported that 168 journalists were killed in 2006, which is the most ever recorded. It is well (4)___ that many of them were deliberately murdered to stop their stories reaching the public and it is essential to do more to bring their killers to justice. (5)___, journalists are also at (6)___ risk of physical attacks, intimidation and being (7)___ hostage.

Press photographers too must travel to some of the most violent and lawless places in the (8)___ and their lives are very different from the celebrity-chasing antics of the (9)___. To get the picture that tells a thousand words, they have to get closer to the action than anyone else. Sometimes it is impossible to (10)___ placing themselves in danger. One can only (11)___ the courage of these people, and it is worth remembering their bravery when flicking through the various (12)___ in the morning paper.

As global temperatures continue to (13)___, environmental problems (14)___ more and more distress for people caught up in sudden catastrophe. Summers in Europe are getting longer and hotter, and the heatwaves that result can have serious effects with many (15)___ people being hospitalised or even dying from the intense temperatures.

Along with the dangers of the heatwave, a further problem affects many Mediterranean countries: forest fires. In hot weather, fires (16)___ in the countryside causing terrifying destruction to homes, properties and lives. But what is most alarming is that many of these fires are not (17)___: they are a result of (18)___ arson*. In Greece it has been (19)___ that people have deliberately started fires. Investigators looking into the destruction (20)___ that they were started to clear land of natural forests. In 2007, the Canary Islands were affected by fires that grew with incredible (21)___. It appears that these fires began after being deliberately (22)___ alight. Strong winds helped the fires to spread, making fighting the blaze an almost impossible (23)___. As a result, the government was forced to close motorways and evacuate thousands of people. (24)___ of this damage has come in spite of the best efforts of the government to educate the public, making people (25)___ of the dangers of fires to the environment.

*arson –incendio doloso

	A	B	C	D
0	exploration	imagination	excitement	reality
1	bringing up	taking up	making up	going up
2	sites	headlines	agents	places
3	downloads	print outs	updates	alerts
4	decided	spoken	known	thought
5	Furthermore	As well as	Because	However
6	considerable	expanded	countless	sizable
7	kidnapped	imprisoned	captured	taken
8	planet	earth	world	globe
9	cameramen	snappers	paparazzi	printers
10	avoid	skip	deny	protest
11	notice	celebrate	enjoy	admire
12	supplements	additions	departments	columns
13	life	arise	rise	raise
14	become	do	cause	result
15	antique	aged	ancient	elderly
16	break out	cut out	burn down	get away
17	natural	environmental	ecological	organic
18	from	by	over	of
19	reported	told	described	explained
20	decide	suspect	reveal	demand
21	haste	rapid	speed	quick
22	made	took	brought	set
23	trouble	task	work	stage
24	Little	Every	Many	Much
25	understand	comprehend	learn	aware

RISPOSTA				
0	A	B	C	D
1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D
7	A	B	C	D
8	A	B	C	D
9	A	B	C	D
10	A	B	C	D
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22	A	B	C	D
23	A	B	C	D
24	A	B	C	D
25	A	B	C	D