



**Read the text. Six sentences (1-6) have been removed from it. Choose one sentence for each gap 1-6 from the sentences given.**

### The History of Sneakers

Trainers, or sneakers, as they say in America, aren't as contemporary as you may think they are. In the late 18th century, people wore shoes that had rubber bottoms called plimsolls, but they were very simple and very uncomfortable. \_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> Around 1892, the U.S. Rubber Company invented rubber sneakers with soft canvas tops. These were called Keds, but they were later named sneakers because when you were wearing them you could quietly 'sneak' up on someone.

In 1924, a German, Adi Dassler, designed a sneaker that he named after himself: Adidas. \_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> Top sporting stars wore them, including American athlete Jesse Owens when he won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.

During the first half of the 20th century, sneakers were worn mostly for sport. \_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> Soon companies such as Nike, Reebok and Adidas recognized how much money they could make and began competing with each other. As this happened, they changed the way sneakers looked. \_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> The companies also introduced new technology to try to improve their comfort and fit.

For a long time, sneakers were popular with everybody because they were cheap. Today, it's still possible to buy ordinary sneakers at reasonable prices. \_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> Designer sneakers, collector's items and the very best sports shoes can easily cost over \$600.

Sneakers have become so popular now that those belonging to great sports stars are often sold for charity. For example, in the year 2000, sneakers worn by American basketball player Wilt Chamberlain were sold at an auction. \_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> That's a lot of money for a pair of shoes made of rubber and canvas that have already been worn by somebody else!

1. But in the 1950s, young people began wearing them for fashion.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5

2. However, if you want something different or you want the latest versions, you have to pay a lot more.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5

3. For one thing, there was no right foot or left foot.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5

4. They were bought for the amazing sum of \$55 000.

A) 2 B) 3 C) 4 D) 5 E) 6

5. They added colours and produced distinctive designs.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 6

6. This brand quickly became the most popular sports shoe in the world.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 5 E) 6

**Read the text again. Answer the questions 7-11.**

7. Adi Dassler was ... .

- A) a designer
- B) an athlete
- C) a basketball player
- D) a collector
- E) a writer

8. Which is true?

- A) Adi has never designed a sneaker.
- B) Adi designed a sneaker in 1924.
- C) Wilt Chamberlain has never played basketball.
- D) The sneakers were too expensive to buy.
- E) Nike is not very famous company.

9. Which is false?

- A) Young people began wearing sneakers for fashion.
- B) Jesse Owens is the winner of four gold medals.
- C) The companies were constantly trying to improve their production.
- D) Trainers, or sneakers, are very uncontemporary footwear.
- E) all are true



10. Choose the synonym for **ordinary**.

- A) kind
- B) usual
- C) traditional
- D) basic
- E) simple

11. Find the antonym for **reasonable**?

- A) senseless
- B) irrational
- C) cheap
- D) unknown
- E) A and B are correct

12. Match the words 1-5 with the phrases a-e.

- 1. rubber
- 2. canvas
- 3. sneak
- 4. auction
- 5. brand

- a) the name or something that a particular company makes
- b) material that we use to make car tyres
- c) go somewhere very quietly so that nobody notices you
- d) a sale where things are sold to the person who will pay the most
- e) strong material that is usually made of cotton

- A) 1b, 2e, 3c, 4a, 5d
- B) 1d, 2e, 3c, 4b, 5a
- C) 1a, 2e, 3c, 4d, 5b
- D) 1b, 2e, 3c, 4d, 5a
- E) 1b, 2c, 3d, 4e, 5a

Complete the sentences.

13. If you wear unfashionable clothes, people ... you are boring.

- A) thinks
- B) think
- C) are thinking
- D) thought
- E) would think

14. If my friends ... my hair, I'd feel a bit upset.

- A) doesn't like
- B) didn't like
- C) don't like
- D) not like
- E) wouldn't like

Complete the text by choosing A, B, C, D or E (15-29).

#### A close call

I had always wanted to (15)\_\_\_\_\_ a holiday in the mountains. I just couldn't wait (16)\_\_\_\_\_ in a tent in the forest and hear the birds (17)\_\_\_\_\_ in the morning. So, when my friends suggested (18)\_\_\_\_\_ on a short camping holiday somewhere in the wilderness, I was thrilled.

On the first night, my friend Paul offered (19)\_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful dinner and we all sat chatting around the campfire before going to bed.

It (20)\_\_\_\_\_ around 3 o'clock in the morning when I thought I heard a noise. I looked outside and I (21)\_\_\_\_\_ believe my eyes! A huge grizzly bear was standing outside the tent! It (22)\_\_\_\_\_ the food and was obviously looking for something to eat! I woke up my two mates. We couldn't risk (23)\_\_\_\_\_ the tent. Anyway, we were too shocked (24)\_\_\_\_\_! Suddenly, I saw the animal (25)\_\_\_\_\_ our tent! I thought we (26)\_\_\_\_\_ have become the bear's midnight snack! Luckily, it changed its mind and decided (27)\_\_\_\_\_. This incident, however, prevented us from (28)\_\_\_\_\_ back to sleep. All we could think of was the bear!

Early the next morning we packed our things and left, hoping (29)\_\_\_\_\_ face to face with a bear again.

- 15. A) to spending
- B) doing
- C) spend
- D) break
- E) do

- 16. A) sleeping
- B) sleep
- C) to sleep
- D) slept
- E) oversleep



17. A) singing  
B) crying  
C) sang  
D) song  
E) ringing

18. A) to go  
B) going  
C) go  
D) speeding  
E) doing

19. A) cook  
B) to cook  
C) cooking  
D) to fire  
E) to heat

20. A) couldn't have been  
B) must have been  
C) can't have been  
D) may to be  
E) would

21. A) couldn't  
B) can't  
C) mustn't  
D) won't  
E) may not

22. A) would have smelled  
B) can't have smelled  
C) must have smelled  
D) must have chosen  
E) didn't ate

23. A) to leave  
B) leave  
C) leaving  
D) change  
E) left

24. A) move  
B) moving  
C) to move  
D) to shoot  
E) escape

25. A) to approach  
B) approaching  
C) to have approached  
D) searching  
E) walking

26. A) might  
B) must  
C) should  
D) may  
E) can

27. A) to leave  
B) leave  
C) left  
D) to forget  
E) to see

28. A) to go  
B) go  
C) going  
D) wenting  
E) showing

29. A) never to come  
B) never come  
C) never to have come  
D) never to do  
E) never to look

**Sports quiz. Answer the following questions 30-32 by choosing the correct answer.**

30. A *regatta* is a sporting event at which there are races between ... .

- A) teams of climbers  
B) rowing and sailing boats  
C) light aircraft  
D) vintage cars  
E) swimmers

31. Which sport was invented in Scotland and involves hitting a ball with a club?

- A) golf  
B) cricket  
C) hockey  
D) lacrosse



E) football

32. In baseball or cricket, one team beats the other by scoring more ... .

- A) sets
- B) goals
- C) laps
- D) runs
- E) jumps

**Fill in the gaps.**

33. I ... it now that it was my mistake.

- A) understand
- B) understood
- C) am understanding
- D) want to understand
- E) haven't understand

34. They bought this car three years ... .

- A) before
- B) ago
- C) to now
- D) below
- E) about

35. Many old houses have an underground room called a(n) ... .

- A) attic
- B) cave
- C) cellar
- D) loft
- E) back

36. I'm now going to play a piece ... "The Fall".

- A) denominated
- B) entitled
- C) labelled
- D) nicknamed
- E) named

37. The ... for making this pudding are clearly written on the pocket.

- A) instructions
- B) directions
- C) explanations
- D) preparations
- E) ways

38. My aunt could tell fortunes from tea ... .

- A) buds
- B) grounds
- C) leaves
- D) nuts
- E) branches

39. Choose the best synonym.

Vivian **revised** his paper carefully, following the professor's suggestions.

- A) copied
- B) corrected
- C) retyped
- D) unmodified
- E) removed

40. This film will be very popular among ... who enjoy science fiction.

- A) these
- B) those
- C) some
- D) somebody
- E) someone