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#### GRAMMAR

Complete the article by filling the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article.

Example: (00) played out

#### Djokovic takes measure of Murray again Down Under

When Novak Djokovic gets to the final of the Australian Open, he wins it. When he takes the first set against Andy Murray, he wins it. Both of those familiar scenarios  $\underline{-00}$  – (play out) in the 2015 edition of the season's first major, and in a sad denouement, there was little the Scot could do  $\underline{-01}$  – (stop) a player who could remain No. 1 in the world for the rest of the year, perhaps longer.

Djokovic  $\underline{-02}$  – (win) his fifth title on the Rod Laver Arena last Sunday, embarrassing Murray at the end of a match that was always enthralling, mostly terrific but occasionally awful over three hours and 39 minutes. The Serb owns Melbourne and, for now, he owns Murray, who moves from No. 6 to No. 4 in the rankings but -03 – (reach) No. 3 had he won.

Murry blew more important points than Djokovic, especially in the third set, and at the end, he  $\underline{-04}$  (beat) himself up as much as the Serb was. The Scot was spent and disappointed that the sometimes brilliant tennis he  $\underline{-05}$  (rediscover) over the past fortnight deserted him at precisely the wrong time. Yet, as is increasingly the case as he comes to terms with the vagaries of his sport, Murray found the right words.

"Success is being happy," he said. "It's not about winning every single tournament you play, because that isn't possible. You want to win every event, that's for sure. That's what you prepare for. But no one in the history of this game  $\underline{-06}$ —(do, ever) that. You prepare as best as you can. I would rather lose in the final and be happy than win the final and go home and be miserable. So I try to enjoy my tennis more right now than I probably  $\underline{-07}$ —(do) at the beginning of my career — and everything that  $\underline{-08}$ —(go) into it.

"Obviously I would have liked  $\underline{-09}$  – (win), but you can't win all of them, unfortunately. I'm happy with everything that I put into the event. I  $\underline{-10}$  – (can, do, not) anything more to give myself a better chance to win. So I can't be disappointed with that because I gave my best effort. That's all I think you can ask of any athlete: to give themselves the best chance of winning. And I did that. I just wish  $\underline{-11}$  – (can, do) a little bit better in the third set."

In some ways, they were statistically close. Djokovic took nine of 16 break opportunities, Murray five of 12; the winner  $\underline{-12}$  – (hit) eight aces, the loser 10; Djokovic had fewer unforced errors, 40, than Murray, but only by nine. And when the total points  $\underline{-13}$  – (tally), he had outscored the Scot by 136-118. But this was a match where the numbers were almost secondary to the narrative unfolding before us. Djokovic fell twice in the first set,  $\underline{-14}$  – (hurt) his right thumb and then hobbling on an ankle that looked ready at one point to totally collapse – although Murray  $\underline{-15}$  – (look, not) convinced, especially when the Serb recovered so well each time.

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### VOCABULARY

Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

September 26 to October 4 was Red Squirrel Week, which				
as the $-00$ – Trust pointed out in advance, was a great	LIFE	00Wildlife		
time to look out for the $-01$ – creatures with their russet	DISTINCT	01		
fur, tufted ears and twitching tails. They warn that the				
animals are in $-02$ – decline because of disease, the	SERIOUSNESS	02		
<u>– 03 –</u> and fragmentation of woodland and	LOSE	03		
-04 from the more robust grey squirrels. The Prince of	COMPETE	04		
<u>-05</u> did his bit for Red Squirrel week by taking part in	WELSH	05		
a <u>- 06</u> - video, released on His Royal Highness's official	TOUCH	06		
Twitter feed.				
The fascinating <u><b>-07</b></u> shows a cheeky squirrel	FOOT	07		
scrambling his way into Prince Charles's <u>- 08 - retreat</u>	SCOTLAND	08		
to tuck into a bowl of nuts.				
"They're so funny, these <u><b>-09</b></u> , they really do make me	CREATE	09		
laugh," says the prince as the squirrel <u>- 10 -</u> walks	BRAZEN	10		
through the front door and then helps $-11$ – to the	HE	11		
hazelnuts.				
"They're very naughty. It is like people collecting				
strawberries or raspberries, they always stop to have one of	or			
two," Prince Charles continues. <u>– 12 –</u> , as the squirrel	FINAL	12		
begins devouring one of the $-13$ – nuts with its	PURLOIN	13		
<u>– 14 –</u> incisors, he looks on with a wry smile, warning,	FEAR	14		
"And they've got teeth like nothing on Earth!"				
It was at Prince Charles's home on the Birkhall Estate				
in Royal Deeside where he had his close up and $\underline{-15}$ –	PERSON	15		
face-to-face with the nut-stealing red squirrels, an encount	er			
that has only fuelled his desire to see more of them				
brightening the $\underline{-16}$ —. He is the patron of the Red	COUNTRY	16		
Squirrel <u>- 17 - Trust and after launching a Cumbrian</u>	SURVIVE	17		
project to help the animal, he declared: "It is really only				
by working together that we will have a chance of				
preserving this most <u>– 18 –</u> of species."	ICON	18		
"My dream is that red squirrels might <u>— 19 —</u> in the UK	THRIVING	19		
and it is perhaps here in the north of England that we				
can dare to think it might be a $\underline{-20}$ –."	REAL	20		

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#### READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article about a foreign word being used in English. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fits into each of the numbered gaps in the article by writing letters in the numbered blanks. There are three extra sentences.

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M to keep falling short of it

During one of those weeks of exceptionally depressing news headlines, just before Christmas, a former Obama administration staffer named Ari Ratner published an essay  $\underline{-01}$  to dust off an old German word, *Weltschmerz*, which translates as "world pain." The Germans, as you know, have a word for everything. (They presumably feel plenty of Schadenfreude about the fact that the rest of us don't.) But Weltschmerz was the one  $\underline{-02}$ —, Ratner wrote, because it encapsulates a sense of grief at how the world keeps falling short of expectations. The special awfulness of the news in recent months has taken varying forms: not much may connect the horrific shootings at Charlie Hegdo, or CIA torture to US police brutality, let alone to those infinitely more minor tales, such as a minor politician's resignation over an error of judgement, where it's the very triviality  $\underline{-03}$ —. But all of them trigger a feeling that humanity never fails to disappoint.

Of course, it's hardly the most important thing about any given atrocity that it makes people not directly affected feel despair. Nor was that way with the original meaning of Weltschmerz among the  $19^{th}$ -century Romantics - **04** -: they were more concerned with how the world frustrated their own self-realisation. Still, we need some name for what we're feeling, and Weltschmerz works better than some other famous foreign words for everything - **05** -, such as angst (too inward-looking) or ennui (too resigned). When Ratner explained Weltschmerz to two ex-colleagues, one agreed that for the idealists around Obama, his first term had been all Weltschmerz. "The second term has just been Schmerz," said the other.

A major problem here is that  $\underline{-06}$  in which Weltschmerz is almost inevitable: if anyone, anywhere on the planet, is being appalling enough, the media will let us know where previously  $\underline{-07}$ . Then there's the irony that Steven pinker identifies in his book *The Better Angels of Our Nature*: life's getting less and less violent, he insists, but our moral norms are improving even faster, out-pacing reality, so we're constantly affronted by things  $\underline{-08}$ . The CIA torture report was so sickening largely because torture's no longer a daily part of public life.

One irritatingly glib response is "just stop watching the news!": if things are getting better overall, why bring yourself down by focusing on the negative? But it doesn't follow from Pinker's arguments that  $\underline{-09}$  or irrational to feel Weltschmerz springs precisely from seeing that things could and should be better. The capacity to be disappointed is a good thing. There's a parallel here with physical pain: though  $\underline{-10}$ , the inability to feel it is an extremely dangerous disorder. World pain is bad – but numbness to world pain would be worse.

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### LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear the story of Lisa Dower, who shares her experience of being reborn. Fill in the gaps with the proper words.

You will hear it only once. You will score half a point for each correct answer.

01 The appearance of a dog, of the breed, changed Lisa's completely.	life (1 word)
02 Working in a community project, Lisa was infected by a	(1 word)
03 Before her disability, Lisa used to run, go to the gym, and	(1 word)
04 From the beginning, Lisa disguised her hearing impairment by	(1 word)
05 Her disability forced her to leave her	(1 word)
06 Her disability made socialising a for her.	(1 word)
07 The difficult situation Lisa had to face resulted in mental and physical	
	(1 word)
08 Getting a dog meant learning from	(2 words)
09 Lisa is not frustrated by questions in shops due to the on Kelly's back.	(1 word)
10 Kelly deserves a new as a Christmas present.	(1 word)

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#### **VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST**

List as many action verbs for housekeeping as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

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