

G R A M M A R

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) to believe

Best is yet to come

The only son of a legendary footballer and a model, Calum Best's new book recounts life growing up in the spotlight. Sharp-suited, tall, handsome and charming, it's difficult – 00 – (believe) that Colum Best – 01 – (survive) drug and alcohol binges, lurid tabloid tales, bankruptcy, and accusations that he – 02 – (live) off his father's name.

But the TV star – 03 – (give, might) a little slack, like artists including IMW Turner, John Constable and William Blake, or even more when you consider his childhood, – 04 – (grow up) as the son of Manchester Utd. and Northern Ireland footballer George Best, from his first marriage to Angie Best.

Colum's parents divorced when he was five but his mother recalls her vision of the father-and-son relationship – the small boy tugging at his father's trouser leg while his father, oblivious, – 05 – (reach up) to the adoring fans vying for his attention.

'This – 06 – (hit) me hard. She absolutely nailed it. Deep down, I always knew that was how it worked between me and my dad... I tried and tried to get close to him, to build a relationship with him, but he always pushed me away. He was more interested in other things – his fans and alcohol.'

Despite everything, Calum still idolizes his father. 'My feelings towards my dad have never changed. There – 07 – (be) highs and lows, anger, sadness. Although the stories are sad, they – 08 – (mean, not) to be for people to understand what it's like to go through.

'I love him, I idolise him, I wish more than anything that things – 09 – (be) different. I'm sad he wasn't able to battle the illness and win. I'm his number one fan on the football pitch and I believe he wanted to be a good dad.

'Before my dad passed, he – 10 – (take, pictures) of him on his deathbed for the exact same reason, to raise awareness and let people – 11 – (know) that it wasn't the right path he ended on.' Clearly a rift has emerged between Calum and his father's wider family. He was left nothing in the will, nor – 12 – (give, they) him any of his memorabilia, he says.

Calum – 13 – (declare) bankrupt in 2013, a legacy of simply spending too much money and not paying enough tax. But he says his perfume brand and health and fitness supplements range – 14 – (do) well. What would George say if he saw his son today? 'I think my dad – 15 – (be) proud of the man I've become.'

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Total Points:/15pts

V O C A B U L A R Y

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.

Hardy Heroes

Hardy geraniums are great for filling gaps that –00– in summer borders. Drought-tolerant geraniums or cranesbills – not to be confused with frost-tender pelargoniums that are also –01– called geraniums – are so determined, that many will cover ground –02– and stop other plants and weeds from growing. Geraniums are super strong and form a semi-–03– mat of leaves up to 50cm tall and 60cm –04– in less than two years.

The performance of 'Bevan's Variety' is –05– as it produces masses of –06– purplish-pink flowers in late spring and summer. Other –07– varieties good for –08– include the native *Geranium sanguineum* because its well-formed leaves turn –09– red in autumn. Popular with bees and other of –10– insects, they will each flower to no more than 30cm high, earning their place in a small garden or even in a tub.

Compact varieties like tiny 'Splendens' makes a good –11– for rockeries and alpine screes, where it gets good –12–. The early-flowering variety 'Ballerina' is pretty and petite, forming trailing mats of grey-green leaves that become dotted with pale pink flowers with heavy mauve-pink veining – a good –13– for growing in alpine troughs, on the tops of walls and as path edging. Hardy geraniums are stalwarts of the cottage garden and grow –14– fuss. In fact, they are –15– pest- and disease-free. The flowers float above mounds of attractive, often finely –16–, foliage.

One of the best to –17– beds and borders is the variety 'Johnson's Blue'. This stunner is great for low-–18– summer colour and makes great border edging. It looks amazing beneath pink roses.

The variety 'Bressingham Flair' is particularly garden-–19– with rich mid-pink blooms. With a strong –20– habit, it grows to about two-thirds the size of the species, making it more suitable if you only have a small border.

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TOOTH 16

BRIGHT 17

MAINTAIN 18

WORTH 19

VIGOUR 20

Total Points:/10pts

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Read the article about Maya culture. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fits into each of the numbered gap in the article. There are three extra sentences.

In Guatemala, Maya World Untouched for Centuries

- A took place in summer 2019
 B they could cultivate
 C to increase the productivity of the soil
 D how archaeologists see the Maya civilisation
 E it did before
 F how much time it takes
 G the area supported up to 11 million inhabitants
 H just figuring out what's there
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 J why their civilisation declined
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Lidar works by beaming lasers at a site – whether up close, from a hand-held scanner; or at a distance, such as from an aeroplane. By measuring – 01 – for the laser to return to its point of origin, it can create extraordinarily detailed maps and 3D representations.

Using Lidar, in 2016 the Foundation of Maya Cultural and Natural Heritage (Pacunam) launched the largest archaeological survey ever undertaken of the Maya lowlands. In the first phase, – 02 –, they mapped 2,100km of the Maya Biosphere Reserve. Their hope in the further phases – the second one of which – 03 –, while I was there – is to triple the coverage area. That would make the project the largest Lidar survey not only in Central America, but in the world.

Researchers are still combing through the 2019 data. But the results from the first phase have already shifted – 04 –. “There are three to four times as many structures in the landscape as we had thought,” says Garrison, who is also one of the researchers for the Pacunam Lidar Initiative. The 60,000 structures – 05 – included temples, pyramids and causeways.

But the majority of the structures were platforms for houses, a crucial piece of information for population estimates. Previously, experts had projected that, at the peak of the Mayan Classical period from about 250-900 AD, about one to two million people lived in the cities and towns of the central lowlands. Now, experts believe – 06 –.

That larger population was supported by an even more sophisticated infrastructure than – 07 –. The Maya connected their cities with raised highways; and they made the land usable, and sustainable, with complex irrigation and terracing systems.

“The Lidar shows, without any doubt, that we totally underestimated their engineering capabilities in terms of landscape modifications – to make the land more sustainable, to irrigate and bring water to places – 08 –, to stop erosion,” says Francisco Estrada-Belli, a Tulane University archaeologist and one of the co-directors of the Pacunam Lidar Initiative.

That has turned one common belief on its head. An enduring mystery of the Maya has been – 09 –. For years, a popular theory has held that it was due to environmental collapse, thanks to the Maya deforesting and degrading the surrounding landscape.

“All the things that we blamed them for – they destroyed the soils or had to put in terraces – it’s quite the opposite,” Estrada-Belli says. “They built the terraces – 10 –, obviously stopping the erosion. And they irrigated areas that were flat, but they didn’t have enough water. They drained the wetlands so they could cultivate them, and it was the most productive land ever.

“And they did that on a *massive* scale.”

Total points:/10pts

L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear five texts concerning the life of Joan Bakewell, who refused to be labelled. Here she shares the lessons she's learnt. For statements 01-08, match texts A-E which you will hear. Three statements do not directly match the texts. Write an X instead of a number to mark them. You will score five points.

- 01 Women are to be prepared to take a risk.
- 02 I'd tell my younger self to be more assertive.
- 03 When it comes to life, you only get one go.
- 04 Relaxing isn't something that comes easily to me.
- 05 Never forget to pause and look around you.
- 06 What drives me is simply doing what I believe in.
- 07 Money doesn't matter.
- 08 The secret to happiness is every bond you share.

Points:/5pts

Participant Name: _____

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many words related to money as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

For example: *exchange rate*

Total Points:pts

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