

STRUCTURE AND VOCABULARY

Choose the most suitable word or phrase given in the options to complete the sentence.

1. This is Lucy and her brother, Dan. ----- my friends.

- A) We're
- B) I'm
- C) You're
- D) They're

2. Don't buy ----- cheese; we've got ----- in the fridge.

- A) any / some
- B) any / any
- C) some / some
- D) some / any

3. A: ----- is the hotel?

B: It's nearly twenty kilometres from the airport.

- A) How long
- B) How much
- C) How far
- D) How kilometres

4. He ----- in Italy for several years after the war.

- A) has lived
- B) was living
- C) lived
- D) used to living

5. What ----- this word mean? Do you know its meaning?

- A) is
- B) has
- C) was
- D) does

6. She doesn't ----- of my decision.

- A) approve
- B) agree
- C) accept
- D) support

7. There is a ----- for a shop assistant on Saturdays.

- A) vacancy
- B) place
- C) work
- D) duty

8. Could you ----- me that book for a couple of days, please?

- A) lend
- B) owe
- C) borrow
- D) rent

9. What time do you ----- back from work?

- A) go
- B) get
- C) be
- D) travel

1. 10. He ----- that he hadn't stolen the computer, but no one believed him.

- 2.
- 3. A) reassured
- 4. B) informed
- 5. C) insisted
- 6. D) persuaded

READING

Read the following text and choose the best option according to the information in the text.

Blue Jeans

¶ 1 It has been more than 130 years since Levi Strauss invented blue jeans and they are still popular today. Farmers and workers wear them to work in; children wear them to play in. Others wear them because they are comfortable. Before the 1950s, blue jeans were popular only in the West and Southwest. Today almost everyone wears them. Americans buy 500 million pairs of jeans a year. That's more than two pairs per person. Of course, blue jeans are also popular in other parts of the world. In these areas, people buy about 200 million pairs of jeans.

¶ 2 Levi Strauss and Company makes about one-third of all the jeans in the United States and one-seventh of **those** in other countries. In fact, for a long time, people used the word 'Levi's' as a synonym for blue jeans. That's because 'Levi's' were the first jeans. The inventor was a German immigrant named Levi Strauss.

¶ 3 Levi Strauss left Germany in 1848, when he was a young man. He worked as a salesman. He worked hard, but he didn't earn much money. Then he decided to go to San Francisco. Gold was discovered in California in 1848, so many people left their homes and jobs in the east and they

moved to mining camps in California, hoping to find gold and become rich. Some of them did, but many did not.

¶ 4 When Levi went West, he brought some canvas, a very strong cloth, with him. He wanted to sell it to the miners for making tents. His canvas was the wrong kind for tents, so nobody bought it, but Levi found another use for it. A miner told Levi that he needed a good, strong pair of pants because digging for gold was hard work. When Levi heard that, he made a pair of canvas pants for the miner. The miner paid Levi six dollars in gold dust and told the other miners about 'those pants of Levi's'. Levi quickly sold a lot of pants, so he wrote to his brothers in New York and told them to send him more canvas, but they sent him some heavy cotton cloth called 'denim', much of which came from Genes (the French name for the city of Genoa, Italy). Levi changed the spelling of Genes to 'jeans'. He called his new pants blue jeans.

¶ 5 In 1853, Levi and his brothers opened a small clothing business in San Francisco. Today they make and sell about 250 million pieces of clothing a year – from women's to men's suits, and of course, blue jeans.

11. Today, people all over the world buy about ----- a year.

- A) 500 million pairs of jeans
- B) two pairs of jeans per person
- C) 200 million pairs of jeans
- D) 700 million pairs of jeans

12. In paragraph 2, '**those**' refers to -----.

- A) jeans
- B) other countries
- C) one-third of all the jeans
- D) Levi Strauss invented them

13. 'Levi's' were the first jeans, so -----.

- A) Levi Strauss invented them
- B) the word 'Levi's' became a synonym for jeans
- C) Levi Strauss and Company makes most of the jeans in the world
- D) people in other countries also wear jeans

14. Levi brought canvas to the west because -----.

- A) miners asked him to bring it
- B) he wanted to make and sell pants to miners
- C) he thought it was good for making tents
- D) a miner asked him to make a pair of pants for him

15. Gold miners needed good and strong pants because -----.

- A) their work was hard
- B) Levi made canvas pants
- C) they were cheap
- D) canvas was good for making strong pants