

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Technology has taken another (1) _____ in helping us with our healthcare. We can now ask the digital device Alexa for (2) _____ if we are worried about our health. Alexa is a virtual assistant created by the website Amazon.com. It is capable (3) _____ listening to people and answering their questions. As well as voice interaction capabilities, Alexa can make to-do (4) _____, play music upon voice request, and give us the latest news. Now Alexa can answer our health queries. Amazon has linked (5) _____ with the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK to add a health advice capability to the software. Alexa will be able to search the NHS website for information and find an answer that is (6) _____ on by many health experts.

Alexa's new health advice capability has been (7) _____ with a mixed response. The UK Health Secretary said: "Technology like this is a great example of how people can access (8) _____, world-leading advice from the comfort of their home, reducing the pressure (9) _____ our hardworking doctors and pharmacists." He added: "We want to empower every patient to take better control of their healthcare." Other people say we need to (10) _____ careful about trusting the advice of a piece of software. They say we must go to a human doctor if we have serious health problems. Other people are (11) _____ about privacy. The group Big Brother Watch is worried about hacking. It said: "It's a data protection disaster (12) _____ to happen."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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|-----|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | (a) step | (b) stop | (c) taps | (d) spot |
| 2. | (a) advise | (b) advisory | (c) advice | (d) advising |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) of | (d) at |
| 4. | (a) rites | (b) wrists | (c) writs | (d) lists |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) down | (c) up | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) agreeable | (b) agreed | (c) agrees | (d) agree |
| 7. | (a) gather | (b) met | (c) assemble | (d) encounter |
| 8. | (a) pliable | (b) reliable | (c) ability | (d) health |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) on | (d) as |
| 10. | (a) do | (b) take | (c) have | (d) be |
| 11. | (a) cornering | (b) concern | (c) cornered | (d) concerned |
| 12. | (a) backing | (b) heading | (c) footing | (d) waiting |

Test your understanding of basic grammar rules and sentence patterns with this exercise.

1. The man I owed money demanded immediate payment.

- who
- whom**
- to whom

The man demanded immediate payment. I owed money to him. When we connect these two clauses, the relative pronoun whom replaces the pronoun him. The preposition 'to' is retained.

2. The four brothers are always ready to go to help.

- each other's
- one another's**
- other's

Each other is used when referring to two people and one another is used when referring to more than two people.

3. This is the woman son was abducted.

- who's
- whose**
- of whose
- of whom

This is the woman. Her son was abducted. The relative pronoun 'whose' replaces possessive pronouns like her, his and their.

4. The flight at 3.30.

- arrive
- arrives**
- will arrive