

## 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