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1. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (2)?

- 1) calls      2) has called      3) is calling      4) is called  
5) will be called

If someone asks you what the best way of travelling from London to Paris is, you could suggest flying, taking the ferry or going through the Channel Tunnel. The "Chunnel," as it is known, opened in 1994, and more than 200 million people (1) ... it. Since 2000, pets have also been able to travel. So how did one of the wonders of modern engineering come about? The first plan to connect mainland Britain with France via a tunnel (2) ... in 1802 by a French engineer. He wanted horse-drawn carriages to carry people through. Napoleon III later considered a tunnel, but thought it was too expensive. He was right — the modern "Chunnel" creators overspent by 80 per cent. The tunnels (two for trains and one for maintenance) (3) ... six years to build and are 50,5 km long. High-speed trains (4) ... since 2007. It (5) ... 35 minutes to travel the length of the Channel Tunnel. On a cheerier note, around 12 million roses (6) ... through the tunnel every year for Valentine's Day.

2. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (2)?

- 1) has presented      2) presented      3) was presented  
4) was presenting      5) had presented

It might be said that some of the most important advances of the 21<sup>st</sup> century have been the iPhone, the iPod, YouTube and Skype. Today, they are a part of everyday life. The iPod and Apple's music store, iTunes, (1) ... in 2001. The iPod's modern design and large storage capacity made it very popular. And because of iTunes, digital music (2) ... normal. Skype has transformed the way people communicate across borders. Skype made it possible to call family or friends abroad — and even video chat — for free over WiFi. YouTube (3) ... in 2005 and is now the world's most popular video-sharing website. Millions of hours (4) ... each month watching music videos, films, and even cat videos! Apple's iPhone was the first user-friendly smartphone with a large touchscreen. It came out in 2007 and (5) ... over the mobile phone market, and a new industry was created — app development. The 21<sup>st</sup> century is still young. Who knows how our lives (6) ... by other inventions in the next few years!

3. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (3)?

- 1) had founded      2) was founded      3) founded  
4) has been founding      5) was founding

Since 2015 I (1) ... a dog called Maggie. I never like to stay away from home too long, because I know she will be waiting for me to return. You've seen my dog, haven't you? I think you (2) ... her when I was at the office yesterday. She (3) ... next to me when you came in. She is the whitest, most beautiful dog I have ever seen. She (4) ... once, however. One day, when I was in the country with Maggie, someone I (5) ... before grabbed her and angrily said to me that she was his dog, but I said to him that this dog was mine! This story was not funny then, but I laugh at it now. However, I (6) ... careless with my dog because she is very precious to me. What I want is always to love and protect her. It is difficult for me to imagine life without her.

4. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (4)?

- 1) would be almost stolen      2) had almost stolen  
3) was almost stolen      4) was almost stealing      5) almost steals

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5. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (5)?

- 1) arrested      2) have arrested      3) were arresting  
4) were arrested      5) are arrested

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6. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (4)?

- 1) are spent      2) will spend      3) are spending      4) spend  
5) have spent

U2 and the Rolling Stones are among the bands that (1) ... worldwide tours in recent years. Tickets were sold out within minutes, and the bands performed for audiences of hundreds of thousands of people. Tours don't just happen overnight. When a band (2) ... to put on a new show, preparations can go on for months. Among the things that have to be created are the special effects that (3) ... in most big rock shows these days, and the videos that are screened before and during the show. These bands are determined that their fans (4) ... the concert a letdown, so they work hard to make sure to give concerts that are worth seeing.

7. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (3)?

- 1) use      2) are used      3) are using      4) used      5) have used

Citymeals on Wheels is one of the largest meals-on-wheels programmes in the United States. The team there (1) ... over two million meals by hand every year to more than 18,000 elderly New Yorkers who can no longer shop or cook for themselves. Gael Greene, a restaurant critic, and James Beard, cookbook author, (2) ... the organisation back in 1981. They (3) ... to learn that budget cuts meant that many elderly New Yorkers had nothing to eat on weekends and holidays. So they decided to do something. By asking friends and co-workers in the food community, they were able to raise \$30,000 to help them give a meal to 6,000 elderly people! Since then, the operation (4) ..., and the demand is now far greater.

8. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (3)?

- 1) shocked      2) were shocking      3) had shocked  
4) have shocked      5) were shocked

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9. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (6)?

- 1) deliver      2) have delivered      3) are delivering  
4) are delivered      5) will deliver

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10. Какое слово (словосочетание) пропущено на позиции (6)?

- 1) improve      2) have improved      3) are improving  
4) had improved      5) will be improved