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Translate the following text into Bulgarian:

Earthquakes can be so tremendously destructive, it's hard to imagine they occur by the thousands every day around the world.

Some 80 percent of all the planet's earthquakes occur along the edge of the Pacific Ocean, called the "Ring of Fire" because of the volcanic activity there as well. Most earthquakes occur at fault zones, where tectonic plates—giant rock slabs that make up the Earth's upper layer—collide or slide against each other. These impacts are usually gradual and unnoticeable on the surface; however, immense stress can build up between plates. When this stress is released quickly, it sends massive vibrations, called seismic waves, often hundreds of miles through the rock and up to the surface. Other quakes can occur far from faults zones when plates are stretched or squeezed.

Scientists assign a magnitude rating to earthquakes based on the strength and duration of their seismic waves. A quake measuring 3 to 5 is considered minor or light; 5 to 7 is moderately strong; 7 to 8 is major; and 8 or more is great.

On average, a magnitude 8 quake strikes somewhere every year and some 10,000 people die in earthquakes annually. Collapsing buildings claim by far the majority of lives, but the destruction is often accompanied by mud slides, fires, floods, or tsunamis. Smaller tremors that usually occur in the days following a large earthquake can complicate rescue efforts and cause further death and destruction.



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Circle the correct option 1

1. I ..... happy to meet her, but I had to go the clinic for a health check.
a) would have been b) would be c) will be

2. By the year 2015 they ..... their new house.
a) will be building b) will have built c) will build

3. I'd like to know where ..... .
a) the post office is b) is the post office c) was the post office

4. Harry suggested ..... for a coffee first.
a) to meet b) on meeting c) meeting

5. We ..... there for over an hour when Jim finally arrived.
a) 'd been b) 've been c) were

6. When he was a child, he was so good ..... ice-skating.
a) at b) in c) with

7. Kate has been quite ill ..... .
a) in a month's time b) over the last month c) last month

8. I can't ..... my neighbours' noise any longer. It's driving me crazy.
a) put off with b) put up with c) put on with

9. My friend finds it difficult to ..... her shyness when she's among strangers.
a) overcome b) grasp c) master

10. Citizens are paying an increasingly ..... price for their docility.
a) intolerable b) inbearable c) inendurable

11. Your hair looks great. Have you ..... it?
a) died b) dyed c) dighted

12. There is ..... of food and drinking water in Africa.
a) shortage b) shortness c) shortity

13. I ..... him for longer than I dare to admit.
a) know b) 've been knowing c) 've known

14. It ..... that the new drug has already saved millions of lives.
a) was proved b) is proved c) has been proved

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15. ..... teacher is your favourite?
a) Who b) Which c) Whom

16. ..... on this Chemistry project for the past couple of days but I haven't done much so far.
a) I've worked b) I've been working c) I'm working

17. The police officer wanted to know .....anyone suspicious.
a) whether we saw b) had we seen c) did we see

18. The weather was ..... .
a) absolutely brilliant b) completely good c) absolutely good

19 . ..... his homework, he went to bed.
a) Having finished b) On finishing c) Finishing

20. James ..... from his hotel room.
a) stole all his money b) has stolen all his money c) had all his money stolen

21. "Shall we go to a restaurant tonight?" "I'd rather we ..... at home, if that's OK with you."
a) will eat b) eat c) ate

22. Why did you run across the street? You ..... knocked over by a car.
a) would be b) could have been c) must have been

23. "What's wrong, you look a bit pale." "You're right. I'm feeling a bit ..... . "
a) under the water b) under the spirit c) under the weather

24. We ..... playing on the beach.
a) would love b) used to love c) didn't used to love

25. ..... some point, we'll have to decide where to go on holiday.
a) In b) At c) On

26. There have been a lot of complaints ..... the waiter's behaviour.
a) about b) of c) for

27. The joke..... funny but nobody laughed.
a) is supposed to be b) supposed to be c) was supposed to be

28. Mine was ..... essay I've ever written but I got a C.
a) far better b) by far the best c) a lot better

29. ..... he's terribly rich, he lives quite an ordinary lifestyle.
a) Despite b) However c) Although

30. I know a place round the corner ... serves the most delicious hamburgers.
a) that b) where c) who



Pesticides Stop Bees Learning

Scientists have found that pesticides harm the ability of bees to find food. Bees must learn which flowers contain nectar (their food) from the smell of the flowers. If the bees do not learn which scents mean food, they will starve. Researchers at the University of Dundee in Scotland and Newcastle University in England found that pesticides used by farmers and gardeners can switch off the part of a bee's brain that is responsible for associating smells with food. Lead researcher Dr Geraldine Wright said pesticides could seriously impact the survival of honeybee colonies. She said, "bees that cannot learn will not be able to find food". This also means bees will not pollinate crops and wild plants.

Bee populations around the world have been declining. Scientists have searched for a long time for a reason why so many bees are disappearing. This new research may be an important clue. However, the British government does not want to stop the use of the pesticides that may prevent bees from learning. It wants to carry out more tests to make sure pesticides are the real reason for the reduction in the number of bees. A spokeswoman from the Friends Of The Earth charity said the government must act sooner rather than later. "Bee health is far too urgent to wait until more research has been completed. [Controls] should be placed on these pesticides until bee safety can be [guaranteed]," she said.

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Listening

Decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F) and circle the correct option.

a. Chemicals that kill harmful bugs can stop bees from finding food. T / F

b. From birth bees automatically understand which flowers contain food. T / F

c. A scientist said pesticides could increase the number of bee colonies. T / F

d. The article suggests bees will not pollinate so many crops in the future. T / F

e. Scientists tried to find reasons why the number of bees is going down. T / F

f. The British government has decided to stop farmers using pesticides. T / F

g. A charity said the British must do something soon and not wait. T / F

h. The charity said we should wait until scientists do more bee research. T / F

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