

**Task 1. Read the text. Are sentences 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C)**

**Sample:** Oklahoma is the state in the US.

**A. Right**      B. Wrong      C. Doesn't say

**A capsule fails the test of time**

The US state of Oklahoma, the 48th state in the Union, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2007. In a year full of official celebrations, one event in June attracted spectators and media from all around the world. On 15 June 2007, thousands of people gathered in Tulsa to watch the unearthing of a time capsule that had been buried half a century ago in 1957. There was a feeling of excitement in the air. As well as waiting to see the time capsule, the crowd was also waiting to find out who had won a competition which had been launched when the capsule was buried 50 years earlier.

The time capsule was a large reinforced concrete box. People said it was strong enough to survive a nuclear strike. It had to be large and strong, because it contained a car: a brand new 1957 Plymouth Belvedere. Inside the car were lots of everyday items from the 1950s. For example, there was a jerry can of petrol and a case of beer in the boot. In the glove compartment was a handbag containing a lipstick and other small items considered essential for a 'typical' woman in the 1950s. A savings account was also opened in 1957, and \$100 was deposited in it. By 2007, this prize fund was worth about \$1,200. But the main attraction was the car.

Before the capsule was buried, officials ran a competition. Entrants had to guess what the population of Tulsa would be in 2007. The organisers recorded all the guesses and saved them on a roll of microfilm. The microfilm was placed in the Plymouth Belvedere. The organisers' idea was that when the time capsule would be opened in 2007, the winner would be announced – and he or she would win the entire contents of the time capsule, plus the contents of the savings account.

In the centre of Tulsa on 15 June 2007, thousands of people came to see the opening of the capsule. Diggers dug down and exposed the large concrete box. The crowd heard a dramatic drum-roll as the time capsule was opened and a large crane lifted the car out of the ground. But cheers turned to gasps as the crowd saw the rusting, muddy shape that was raised out of the hole. Water had penetrated the concrete casing and the beautiful chromed vehicle was in a sorry state. The beer cans were rusty, the handbag was a solid lump of leather and the microfilm had apparently disintegrated. The winner would never be known.

As publicity stunts go, it was a bit of a disaster. But Tulsans took the setback with a smile! The sense of connection with the past, and the feeling of taking part in an event that had been planned half a century ago, was worth more to them than the sight of a gleaming vintage car!

1. There wasn't much interest in the time capsule.  
 A. Right                      B. Wrong                      C. Doesn't say
2. The competition was launched when the capsule was buried half a century ago.  
 A. Right                      B. Wrong                      C. Doesn't say
3. As well as the car, the buried time capsule contained some prize money.  
 A. Right                      B. Wrong                      C. Doesn't say
4. The car was ruined because the protective box around it was not waterproof.  
 A. Right                      B. Wrong                      C. Doesn't say

**Task 2. Choose the best word to fill in spaces**

**Sample:** Nowadays you may easily get \_\_\_\_\_ up wasting time looking for parking space.

- A. tired      B. irritated      **C. fed**

5. If it is so, my \_\_\_\_\_ to you is to consider the bicycle as an alternative means of transport.

- A. warning      B. advice      C. solution

6. Cycling is probably the cheapest and healthiest way of getting \_\_\_\_\_ in our city centers.

- A. about      B. through      C. over

7. Although it is convenient, it can be unattractive \_\_\_\_\_ on a cold wintry morning.

- A. propose      B. transport      C. choice

**Task 3. Choose the correct answer**

**Sample:** Cindy bought new shoes. The red ones are \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. her      B. she's      **C. hers**

8. There is nothing tastier than \_\_\_\_\_ tomato.

- A. nice red      B. a nice red      C. a nice and a red

9. Unfortunately, there was \_\_\_\_\_ we could do to help the sick child.

- A. a little      B. few      C. little

10. It is urgent that he \_\_\_\_\_ in time.

- A. will arrive      B. arrived      C. arrive