

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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People have (1) _____ for years what Santa does and how he does it for free. Researchers have now come up with an answer to these (2) _____-old questions. The insurance company insure.com has calculated a (3) _____ figure of \$139,924 for Santa's efforts this year. This is a 1.5 per cent increase on last year, which is in keeping with austerity measures (4) _____ by most people around the world. The figure is roughly twice the amount that caregivers in the USA would receive. Researchers at insure.com created a (5) _____ of the various jobs Santa performs throughout the year to create a job description. They then estimated the total time spent on each task to get the (6) _____ figure for Santa's annual salary. The researchers discovered that Santa is (7) _____ a multi-skilled worker, who pretty much has to be a jack of all trades. Among his skills are reindeer handling, gift wrapping, chimney expert and map (8) _____. The vast majority of his salary, however, comes from managing his toy factory. It is estimated the (9) _____ one spends 2,912 hours a year organizing his elves and making sure toys for the world's children are (10) _____ the right quality. He gets the standard \$40.09 an hour for this. His highest hourly rate is for the ten hours he spends (11) _____ a sleigh pilot and delivering presents. Comparisons were made with airline pilots and researchers (12) _____ a sleigh pilot would earn \$62.31 an hour.

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

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| 1. (a) winded | (b) wondered | (c) wounded | (d) wandered |
| 2. (a) how | (b) age | (c) era | (d) ten |
| 3. (a) hypnotic | (b) hypnosis | (c) hypothesis | (d) hypothetical |
| 4. (a) hurt | (b) suffered | (c) pained | (d) stressed |
| 5. (a) last | (b) list | (c) lost | (d) lest |
| 6. (a) finality | (b) finally | (c) final | (d) finalise |
| 7. (a) so | (b) that | (c) indeed | (d) very |
| 8. (a) listener | (b) speaker | (c) reader | (d) writer |
| 9. (a) boarded | (b) barbed | (c) beaded | (d) bearded |
| 10. (a) of | (b) be | (c) so | (d) as |
| 11. (a) being | (b) been | (c) bringing | (d) banging |
| 12. (a) adjusted | (b) contrived | (c) reckoned | (d) promised |