

Part 2

For questions 13–27, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 WOULD

Too late to learn?

After I had fallen over for the eighth time in 25 minutes, I realized I (0) not be able to teach myself to ski. I had fallen forwards, backwards and to both sides. I had landed on my wrists, arms, knees, thighs and shoulders and it seemed (13) were no new ways left to fall, (14) I got in the way of other learners and (15) knocked down by someone else. I asked a friend (16) I could do to improve my technique. 'Stop crashing into things,' she said, at (17) point I gave up. I tucked my skis under one arm, dropped them, tucked them under the (18) and stomped home through the snow in my very uncomfortable snow boots. (19) my anger, I booked a lesson with an instructor called Jane who was surprised that a 37-year-old could live life (20) no co-ordination. It was (21) disability that meant my first lesson was wildly unsuccessful. The difference (22) skiing and sliding out of control down a steep hill is (23) ability to 'snowplough', meaning that you have to position the skis in an open V-shape with the apex parallel to your nose. If you (24) make a snowplough, you simply aren't going to stop. I found (25) impossible to turn my feet to the correct angle, and when I finally (26) make a V-shape, it was (27) wide I could not move out of it! Jane was unimpressed.