

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

A <u>represents</u>	B shows	C demonstrates	D displays
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Flat Earth

Today we all know that we live on a planet that roughly 0 _____ a sphere. But has it always been so? Since the 1 _____ of human history people have shown curiosity 2 _____ what kind of land they lived on. For centuries it was believed that the Earth was flat as a 3 _____. Certain theories depicted Earth 4 _____ a piece of land supported by three elephants, carried through space on the back of an enormous turtle. There were other, even more ridiculous concepts.

Aristotle was the first to propose and prove the theory of Earth 5 _____ spherically shaped. He noticed that as one moves forward, new objects appear on the horizon in front of you. Another important 6 _____ he made was how certain constellations could only be seen from particular parts of the world. This theory was later developed further by Eratosthenes, a Greek mathematician.

7 _____ science has advanced tremendously since then, there are still people who believe that the Earth is flat. As the Internet became widely 8 _____, it enabled people to share and spread their views, which led to popularising the pseudo-scientific idea of a flat Earth.

1	A dusk	B sunset	C sunrise	D dawn
2	A of	B about	C on	D in
3	A bread	B pancake	C pie	D tart
4	A in	B by	C as	D with
5	A having	B existing	C being	D regarding
6	A observation	B notice	C fact	D sight
7	A However	B Although	C Despite	D In spite of
8	A reachable	B attainable	C accessible	D ready

Answers and explanations

1. **D – dawn.** The dawn of something has idiomatic meaning of beginning or first stage of it.
2. **B – about.** 'About' is the most common preposition for 'curiosity'. 'Curiosity of' would have a meaning that doesn't fit this context – something that is interesting about a particular subject (e. g. 'the curiosity of wildlife')
3. **B – pancake.** An informal expression that means 'very flat'. The shape of this food helps us pick the right answer, even if we are unfamiliar with the original expression.
4. **C – as.** The only preposition that works well with the verb 'to depict'. 'To depict by' would work as well, but it would point at the agent, the person or thing doing the action (e.g. 'We can see this landscape here depicted by Da Vinci')
5. **C – being.** The word 'being' is used here as gerund in the meaning of 'existing'. However, option B can't be used as it doesn't fit grammatically in this context.
6. **A – observation.** The verb 'make' works well only with observation in the meaning 'to see or notice something'. Option B shouldn't be used as 'to make notice' is not a strong collocation, however you can say 'to take notice' which means taking something into consideration or if something comes to your attention.
7. **B – Although.** All four options introduce some contrast or counterargument to the meaning. Options C and D do not fit grammatically, we would need something like 'In spite of/Despite science having advanced...'. Option A can't be used as it is an introductory word and therefore needs a comma.
8. **C – accessible.** The idea expressed here is that the Internet became easily available for most people.