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# Intercambio Idiomas Online

B2 MULTIPLE CHOICE:  
FREE TIME

Fill in the gaps in the text with the correct option (A-D). Only one answer may be possible.

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| 3. A. job     | B. form     | C. work          | D. bit        |
| 4. A. account | B. mind     | C. consideration | D. thought    |
| 5. A. arrive  | B. get      | C. come          | D. appear     |
| 6. A. fluency | B. fluently | C. perfect       | D. fluent     |
| 7. A. idiom   | B. tongue   | C. language      | D. lexis      |
| 8. A. cuddled | B. hugged   | C. embraced      | D. expected   |

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