SPACE

Grammar-in-Context

● *Complete the article by circling the correct words.*

How old **(1)**_____ you be on Friday 13, 2029? That is how old you will be when a large asteroid, called Apophis, comes very, very close to **(2)**_____ planet. Asteroids are rocks that circle the sun in space and sometimes **(3)**_____ close to Earth and even hit it. Most asteroids are very small and, if you are lucky, you can sometimes see **(4)**_____ in the night sky as 'falling stars'.

However, most scientists **(5)**_____ one large asteroid, about six to twelve kilometers across, hit the earth and killed all the dinosaurs about 65 million years ago. Apophis is also big. Scientists **(6)**_____ it **(7)**_____ 2004 and they say that it is about 300 meters across. That's about the size of a large sports stadium. An asteroid this size, according to scientists, is **(8)**_____ large enough to destroy our world, but it is large enough to destroy several cities. It will probably miss the earth, they say, but not by very much – it will miss **(9)**_____ by about only 35,000 kilometers – that's much closer than our moon which is about 240,000 kilometers away. Another way of thinking about it is that it will **(10)**_____ us by only a few minutes.

If you **(11)**_____ find that scary, then consider this: the same asteroid will visit earth just a few years later, in 2036, again on Friday 13. Again, it will miss our planet, but again by only a very small distance ... probably. The only sure thing is that all the eyes and telescopes in every country in the world will be watching the skies **(12)**_____ those two days.

1.	5.	9.
(A) are	(A) believe	(A) we
(B) will	(B) believed	(B) us
(C) do	(C) believes	(C) our
(D) can	(D) believing	(D) ours
2.	**6.**	**10.**
(A) our	(A) discovering	(A) missed
(B) us	(B) discovered	(B) misses
(C) ours	(C) discover	(C) missing
(D) we	(D) discovers	(D) miss
3.	**7.**	**11.**
(A) came	(A) on	(A) aren't
(B) comes	(B) at	(B) not
(C) coming	(C) in	(C) no
(D) come	(D) to	(D) don't
4.	**8.**	**12.**
(A) they	(A) no	(A) on
(B) their	(B) don't	(B) in
(C) them	(C) isn't	(C) at
(D) they're	(D) not	(D) by