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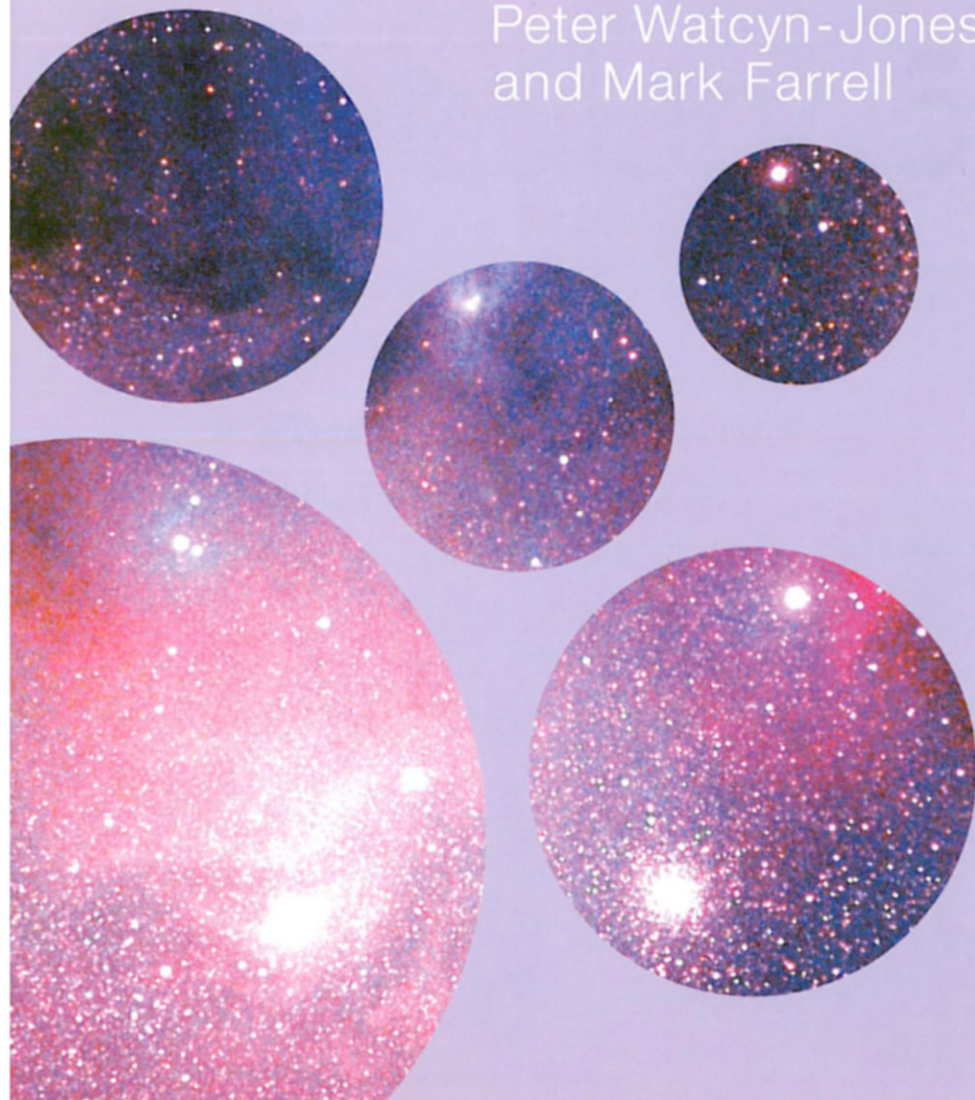
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# To the student

This book can really help you to increase your English vocabulary while having fun. Most of the tests cover a particular vocabulary area - for example, things in the kitchen, films and TV, IT and computers, business and industry, and so on. Others are based on word types - for example, prepositions, phrasal verbs or collective nouns. There are also tests on rhyming, words, words that sound the same and words that belong in the same group. Just choose the vocabulary area or word type you want to work on, and use the contents list to find the right test for you. Or simply choose a test because you like the look of the activity or the illustration on that page. So if you feel like doing a crossword, choose a crossword. If you feel like looking at cartoons, try one of the tests where you match a caption to a picture. Enjoying the tests is the surest way of learning new words fast. There's no need to start at the beginning and work through every test in the book. The tests at the end are no harder than the ones at the beginning.

There are tip boxes for many of the tests. Some point you to other tests in the same vocabulary area. Others give cultural information related to words on that page. There are also jokes, tips on ways to learn vocabulary, and notes on spelling patterns.

To get new words fixed in your mind, you will need to do each test more than once. So use a pencil to write the answers in the book when you test yourself. Then, when you've checked your answers and looked carefully at the words you didn't know or got wrong, you can rub out your answers ready for the next time you try that test. Each test will take you between five and fifteen minutes to do the first time, but the next time you do it you will probably be much quicker.

There is no progression in difficulty within each book. However, the five books in the Test Your Vocabulary series are carefully graded from Book 1, which is for beginners, to Book 5, which is for advanced students. If you find this book is too hard for you, try the next one down.

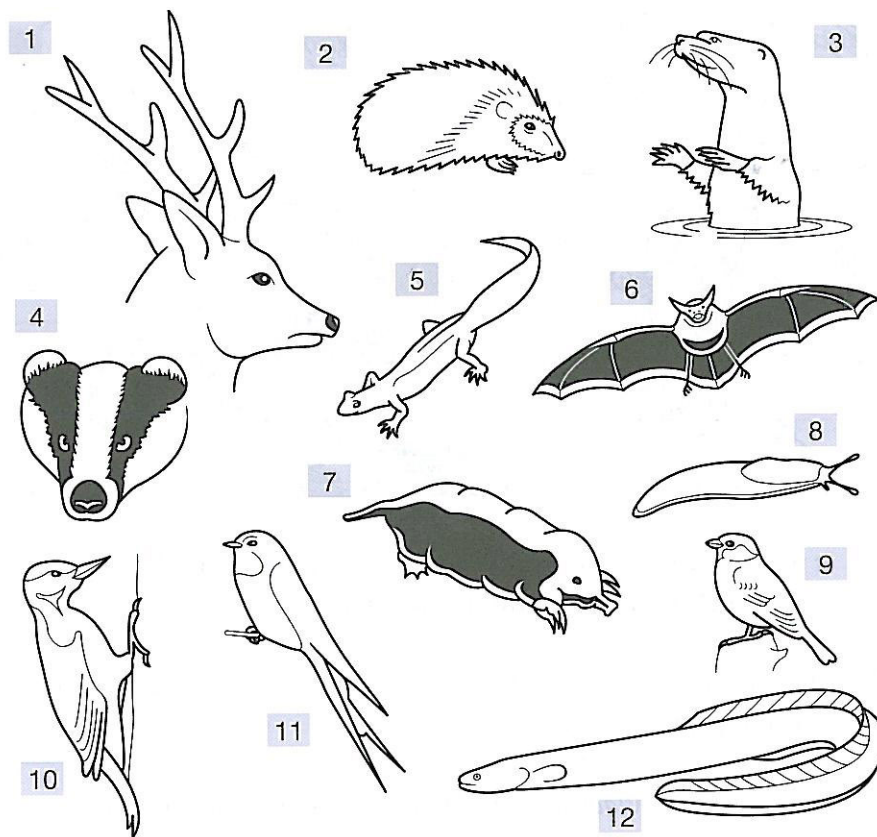
Good luck with learning the words in this book. And we hope you enjoy using the words in real situations once you've learnt them here.

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# 1 Animals

Write the number of the picture next to the correct word.

badger 4                      hedgehog \_\_\_\_\_                      slug \_\_\_\_\_  
 bat \_\_\_\_\_                      mole \_\_\_\_\_                      sparrow \_\_\_\_\_  
 deer \_\_\_\_\_                      newt \_\_\_\_\_                      swallow \_\_\_\_\_  
 eel \_\_\_\_\_                      otter \_\_\_\_\_                      woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_

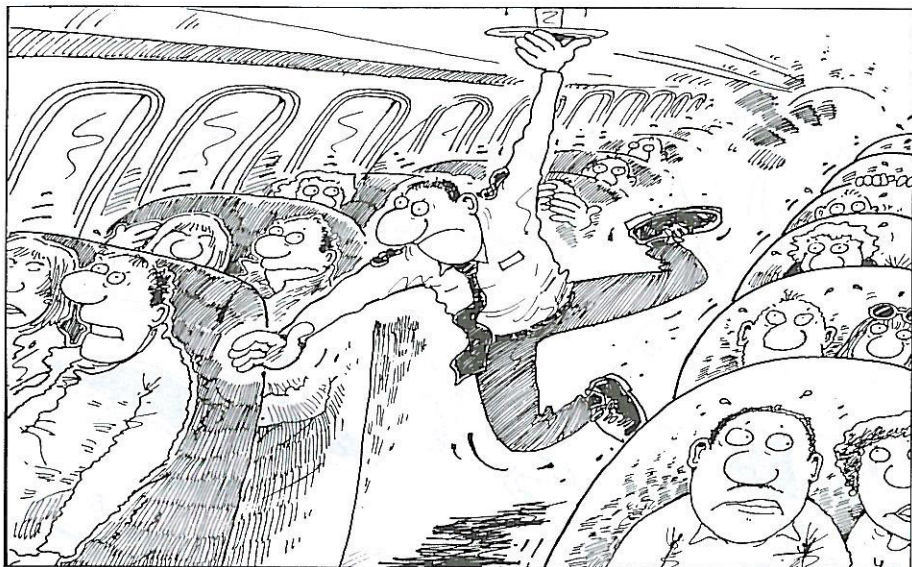


Quite a few animals keep their singular form for the plural, like *sheep* and *fish*. Most species of fish do the same: *salmon*, *trout*, *cod* and so on. Your dictionary should tell you irregular plural forms, so why not check the other animals on this list? Check out Test 35 for more practice with words to do with animals.

# 2 Travelling words

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

cruise expedition flight hike journey outing  
package holiday safari tour travel trip voyage



- 1 It was an awful flight – there was lots of turbulence, and one of the cabin attendants actually fell over.
- 2 The cost of \_\_\_\_\_ has fallen steadily, which is nice for us but not great for the environment.
- 3 *From Vienna to Vladivostok* is a book about an amazing train \_\_\_\_\_ across Russia.
- 4 Tragically, the *Titanic* sank on her maiden \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I met my husband on a romantic \_\_\_\_\_ around the Caribbean. He was sea-sick and I nursed him.

- 6 Do you want to come on a day-\_\_\_\_\_ to Cambridge?
- 7 The annual school \_\_\_\_\_ was always to the same place, Stonehenge.
- 8 It was a classic \_\_\_\_\_ – flight, bus, hotel, everything included.
- 9 We're planning a long \_\_\_\_\_ across the Pyrenees, taking tents and everything with us.
- 10 A guided \_\_\_\_\_ of Manchester? How exciting!
- 11 In 1953 a British / New Zealand team set out on an historic \_\_\_\_\_ to conquer the world's greatest mountain, Everest.
- 12 Your \_\_\_\_\_ will include two days in the Masai Mara reserve, where you will see lions, rhinos and lots of other spectacular wildlife.



All the words in the list are countable except *travel*. That means that *travel* has no plural form, and cannot take the indefinite article *a* or *an*. It is used when talking about the general idea rather than a particular trip. For example, there is a proverb *Travel broadens the mind*. Do you agree with this proverb?

# 3 Anagrams

Change the words in bold type so that the sentences make sense. Each of the words is an anagram of the correct word.

- 1 Your knowledge of computer spreadsheets will be a big **seats** ( asset ) in this job.

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- 2 So, your relationship is going through a difficult period? Perhaps **bedroom** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) is the problem, and you both need change and development.

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- 3 They **design** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) the contract, so it's a bit late to change their minds now.

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- 4 The trouble is that you often **laid** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) the wrong number.

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- 5 Do I detect a **thin** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of jealousy in your tone?

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- 6 He was a man of very strong **ladies** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), but sadly he often failed to live up to them.

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- 7 Now I know that you **idle** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) about everything. I feel used and deceived. I hate you.

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- 8 She remained interested in politics. After she became blind, she read everything in **liberal** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) she could lay her hands on.

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- 9 Which would you prefer – the scenic **outer** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), or the more direct one taking the inner ring-road?

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- 10 She wore a pretty cotton trouser suit, pale yellow with thin black **priests** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

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- 11 He was angry that we failed to discuss the wide **anger** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of issues that he had raised in his report.

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- 12 I want to study **remain** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) biology at university, because I love the sea.

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- 13 It's a sort of theme restaurant. There's poetry on the walls, and the menu is written in **serve** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

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- 14 This analysis shows up **reveals** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) problems with our accounting system which will have to be sorted out.

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- 15 Claudia **spider** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) herself on her ability to handle insects and other creepy-crawlies without any fear whatsoever.



Crossword clues in newspapers are often in the form of anagrams. For example: *the **master** is mixed up about this small river* is a clue for *stream*. Could you solve this clue: *there is something unsafe in the **garden***? Check out Test 30 for more practice with mixed up letters.

# 4 Phrasal verbs 1

Replace the words in brackets using a suitable phrasal verb from the box. Put the verb in the correct form.

come up with drop in get at get down get round give away  
~~go off~~ go out go back hand in pass away turn down

- 1 Some idiot turned off the fridge, and the milk has gone off. (*become sour*)
- 2 He looked quite convincing dressed as a woman, but his moustache \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_. (*revealed the truth about him*)
- 3 The game of chess originates from India and \_\_\_\_\_ about two thousand years. (*is two thousand years old*)
- 4 I need a break. All this non-stop work is \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_. (*depressing*)
- 5 What exactly are you \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_? Have I done something wrong? (*trying to say*)
- 6 No, darling, it looks terrible. I think you'll find that purple spiky hair \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ decades ago. (*became unfashionable*)

- 7 I was offered a great job in America, but I had to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ because I'm looking after my mother. (*refuse*)
- 8 I know you're busy, but can't you just \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for a minute and say hello to the guys? (*visit briefly*)
- 9 She's brilliant. We spent weeks on this software problem, getting nowhere. Then she arrived and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ a solution straightaway. (*thought of*)
- 10 How can we \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of over-staffing without actually sacking people? (*solve*)
- 11 It's too late to change your mind now. You've \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ your resignation. (*submitted*)
- 12 After my husband \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ I was grief stricken for years – well, weeks anyway. (*died*)



Many phrasal verbs have a number of meanings. Often they have a basic meaning and then one or more idiomatic uses. For example, *get down* can mean simply *climb* or *walk* or *jump* down; then there is the idiom *get down to work* meaning *start working seriously*; then there is the meaning in this test (which you have to work out for yourself!) Check out Test 21 for more practice with phrasal verbs.

# 5 Describing people

Describe the people below using adjectives from the box.

clumsy   cynical   dynamic   elegant   genuine   gullible  
illiterate   intellectual   intimidating   skilful   superstitious  
tolerant   tough   ~~versatile~~   weird

- 1 Dustin Hoffman can take on almost any kind of role – comic, tragic, bizarre characters, everything. versatile
- 2 My daughter believes absolutely everything you tell her. But she's only five. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My grandfather can't read or write. He worked on the family farm from the age of seven. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 In my family we say that my brother has two left hands. He breaks everything. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 My wife only wears designer clothes, and they look perfect on her. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 My mother is a thinker, always discussing issues and reading. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 My brother-in-law makes beautiful furniture. It's great to watch him working. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 My aunt spends her life reading horoscopes, she carries lucky charms around with her, and she never, ever walks under a ladder! \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 My father is an old-style communist, but he seems to get on with everybody, whatever their politics. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 My niece is a bit strange. She goes around wearing all black clothes and purple lipstick. She listens to old heavy metal bands. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 My sister-in-law has had lots of trouble in her life, but she survives – and nobody pushes her around. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 With my uncle, 'what you see is what you get'. He never says anything unless he means it, and he really cares about people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 My eldest son is always creating something. He's full of energy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 My cousin Vinnie always suspects everyone's motives. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 My godmother has terribly strong views on things, and not many people dare to contradict her. \_\_\_\_\_



Be especially careful when using adjectives to describe people, if you don't want to upset them. There are subtle differences in meaning which can cause problems. For example, **tough** and **aggressive** mean almost the same thing. However, it's usually good to be tough, but it's always bad to be aggressive!



# 6 Parts of the body

Label the pictures with the correct words.

- armpit artery calf ~~eyelash~~ eyelid heart iris kidney  
 knuckle liver lung nostril palm pupil ribs shin  
 skull sole spine thigh vein

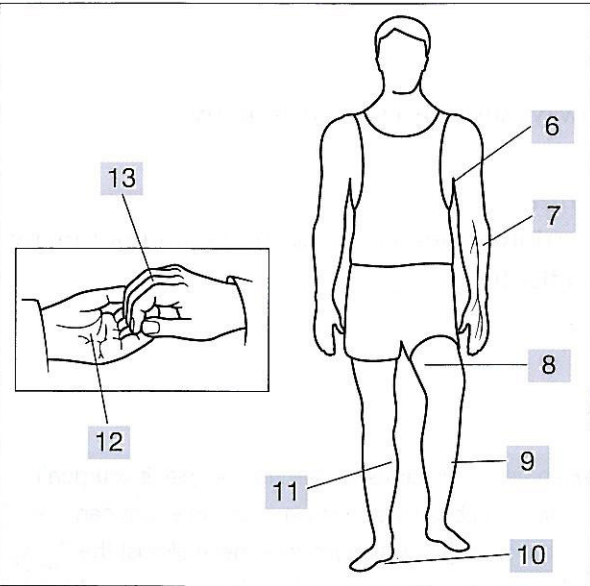
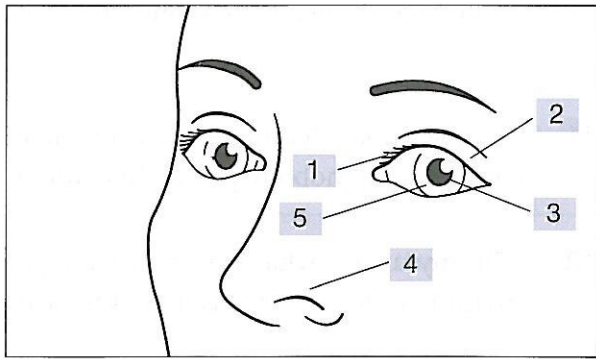
1 eyelash

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_

12 \_\_\_\_\_

13 \_\_\_\_\_

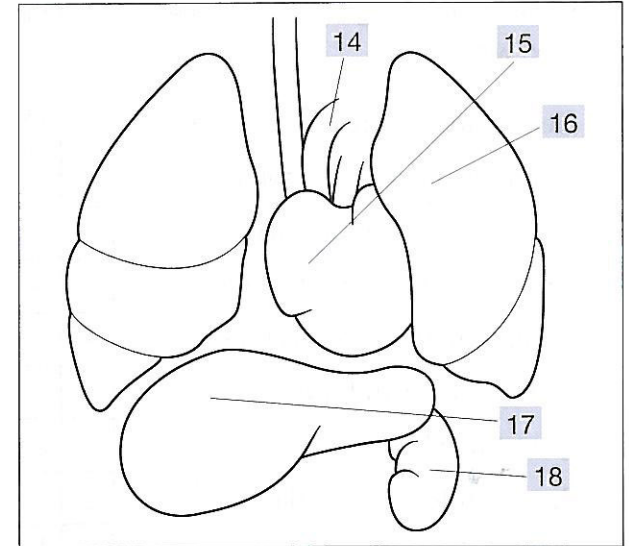
14 \_\_\_\_\_

15 \_\_\_\_\_

16 \_\_\_\_\_

17 \_\_\_\_\_

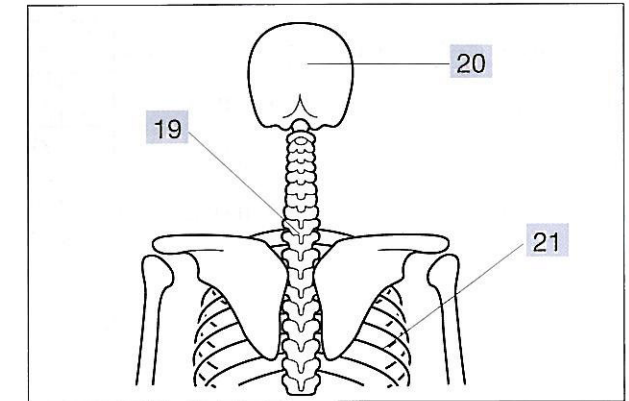
18 \_\_\_\_\_



19 \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_

21 \_\_\_\_\_

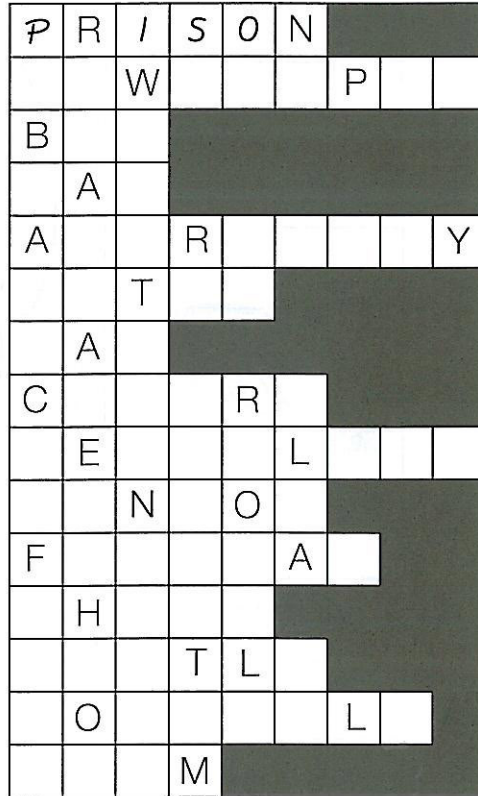


Parts of the body are one of the richest sources of idioms: *She didn't bat an eyelid* means she didn't react to something shocking. *Spineless* means cowardly, lacking in courage. And there are lots of idioms with the word *heart*. Do you know any?

# 7 Word association

The four words in each group have something in common. What are they all connected with?

- 1 cell, warder, sentence, bars
- 2 column, circulation, tabloid, article
- 3 mattress, head, foot, sheet
- 4 bonnet, mirror, speedometer, fan
- 5 zodiac, moon, Mars, Sagittarius
- 6 hand, strap, wind, time
- 7 paw, fur, whiskers, claws
- 8 lens, shutter, digital, flash
- 9 wing, tail, engine, flight deck
- 10 frame, glass, cleaner, break
- 11 coffin, flowers, cemetery, corpse
- 12 pawn, castle, bishop, queen
- 13 moat, walls, tower, dungeon
- 14 corner, penalty, pass, transfer
- 15 cowshed, tractor, barn, harvest



# 8 Opposites crossword

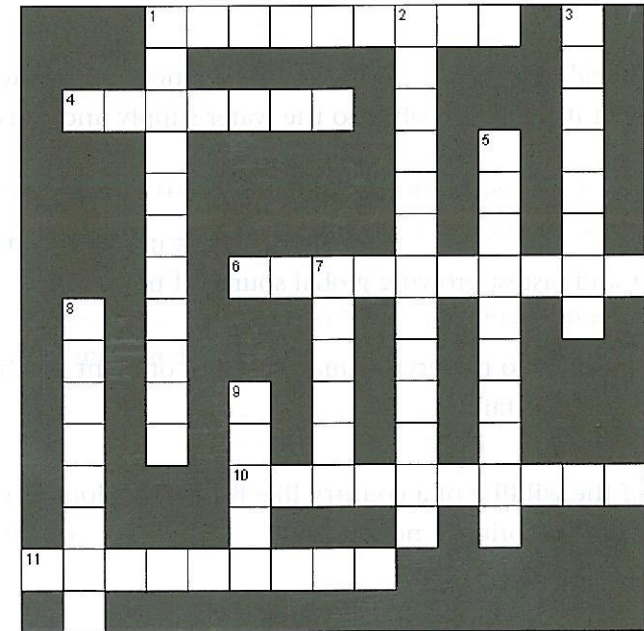
Read the clues and complete the crossword.

## Across

- 1 opposite of permanent (9)
- 4 opposite of professional (7)
- 6 opposite of trusting (10)
- 10 opposite of reliable (10)
- 11 opposite of compulsory (9)

## Down

- 1 opposite of opaque (11)
- 2 opposite of precisely, exactly (13)
- 3 opposite of mean (8)
- 5 opposite of vertical (10)
- 7 opposite of junior (6)
- 8 opposite of inferior (8)
- 9 opposite of sharp (5)



It's not difficult to make sets of words like these for your friends to do. Just think of a theme, such as *hotel*, *doctor*, or *garden*; then write down four associated words. But try not to make them too easy!



Some words have two 'opposites': *intelligent* – *unintelligent* / *stupid*; *honest* – *dishonest* / *deceitful*. There is usually a difference between the two. For example, as an opposite of *expensive*, *inexpensive* is much more polite than *cheap*!

# 9 Green issues

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

biodiversity    conservation    consumption    erosion  
exhaust    exploitation    fertilizer    ~~food chain~~  
genetically modified (GM)    hydroelectric    pesticide  
rechargeable    renewable    residues    wind turbine

- 1 Poisons which are used on one species can enter the food chain and affect other species.
- 2 A chemical \_\_\_\_\_ may destroy harmful insects, but it often has undesirable side-effects.
- 3 A great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ is used to increase the yield of crops. But it then runs off into the water supply and causes other problems.
- 4 Your car \_\_\_\_\_ may look OK, but in fact it is part of the biggest and fastest growing global source of pollution.
- 5 It is important to preserve as many species of plant and animal as we can, to maintain \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Most of the wildlife of a country like Britain has long been destroyed. The priority now is the \_\_\_\_\_ of what remains.
- 7 Conservationists are very suspicious of \_\_\_\_\_ crops; they fear 'genetic pollution' of other species.

- 8 A \_\_\_\_\_ produces totally clean energy. But some people think they are too big, noisy and ugly.
- 9 Oil can only be used once, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ sources of energy like wind and the sun go on for ever.
- 10 Where there are mountains and rainfall, \_\_\_\_\_ energy is often a good option.
- 11 The use of \_\_\_\_\_ batteries, for example in personal stereos, helps to reduce waste and pollution.
- 12 Most fruit and vegetables need to be washed carefully, as they carry pesticide \_\_\_\_\_ on their skins.
- 13 The \_\_\_\_\_ of energy is very high in the rich, developed countries.
- 14 In many places the destruction of forest has led to serious \_\_\_\_\_ of the soil, and sometimes to flooding.
- 15 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's natural resources has to be carefully managed.



A few years ago only scientists used the word *biodiversity*. Now politicians and the public use it as though they had known it all their lives. As green issues rise to the top of the agenda, green vocabulary enters everyday language. Learn it now and be ahead of the game!

# 10 Word building

Use the word on the right to make a new word which fits in the sentence.

- 1 He was born blind; but he has always treated this so-called disability as a challenge. **ABLE**
- 2 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ in favour of the plan, but there are still one or two points that I'm not entirely happy with. **BASE**
- 3 Andrea does lovely paintings, photographs and drawings. She's just very \_\_\_\_\_ . **ART**
- 4 I think it's very \_\_\_\_\_ of the supervisor to expect us to work overtime every night this week. **REASON**
- 5 There is a saying in English: ' \_\_\_\_\_ speak louder than words.' **ACT**
- 6 That rule is not \_\_\_\_\_ in this case. **APPLY**
- 7 Look at Chinese, Russian or Arabic. I think English is a \_\_\_\_\_ easy language to learn. **COMPARE**
- 8 On no account repeat to anyone else what you have heard in this meeting. Treat it all as strictly \_\_\_\_\_ . **CONFIDE**

- 9 I don't think their marriage will last long. They're \_\_\_\_\_ quarrelling. **CONTINUE**
- 10 You are now in our hands, Mr Bond. Do exactly as you are told – \_\_\_\_\_ is punishable by instant death. **OBEY**
- 11 The lives of people in every country in the world are being affected by economic \_\_\_\_\_ . **GLOBAL**
- 12 He was extremely \_\_\_\_\_ . I had to do everything myself. **HELP**
- 13 He won silver in the discus at the Olympic Games but was \_\_\_\_\_ after a drugs test. **QUALIFY**
- 14 Industrial robots work with far greater \_\_\_\_\_ than any human. **PRECISE**
- 15 You make these trivial incidents sound so \_\_\_\_\_ . **DRAMA**



It has become very common to make a verb by adding *-ize* to an adjective (*modernize, trivialize, privatize*) or to a noun (*hospitalize, televize, computerize*). You can then usually make an abstract noun like *privatization* or *computerization*.

# 11 Ways of looking

Complete the sentences using words from the box. Put the words in the correct form.

~~catch a glimpse of~~ catch someone's eye distinguish glance  
look notice observe peer recognize watch

- 1 I only caught a glimpse of him, so I can't remember the colour of his clothes. He was white and clean-shaven. That's about it.
- 2 Actually I'm partly colour-blind, so I find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ between similar colours.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ at me, Mummy! I'm on the table.
- 4 Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_ the Eddie Murphy film on TV tonight?
- 5 I kept trying to order, but the waiter was so busy that it was very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I was looking smart, and I joked loudly with my friends. I kept looking in her direction. But she didn't even \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ at the empty chair for a moment, then carried on sorting the letters with tears in her eyes.
- 8 She'd changed so much, I hardly \_\_\_\_\_ her. She's completely lost her figure, poor thing.
- 9 The old man \_\_\_\_\_ through a gap in the closed curtains at his new neighbours.
- 10 'I've been \_\_\_\_\_ your behaviour for some time,' the police officer said. 'What exactly are you planning to do with fifteen paint spray cans and a ladder?'

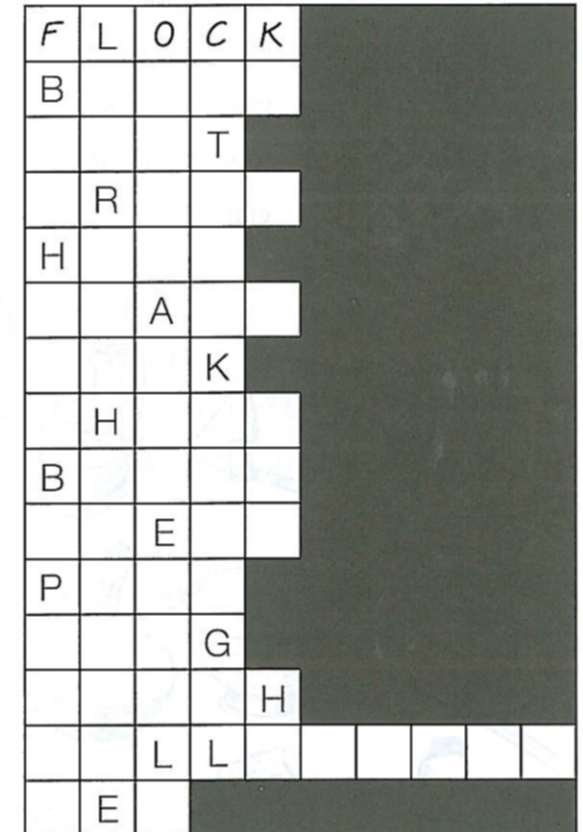


The verb *look* itself has different uses, especially in phrasal verb combinations: *look up*, *look after*, *look forward to*, *look out*. Do you know any more?

# 12 Collective nouns

What are the collective nouns for these things? Complete the words in the grid.

- 1 birds
- 2 grapes
- 3 actors in a play
- 4 people
- 5 cattle
- 6 bees
- 7 wolves
- 8 fish
- 9 directors
- 10 ships
- 11 cards
- 12 thieves
- 13 flowers
- 14 antique coins
- 15 golf clubs

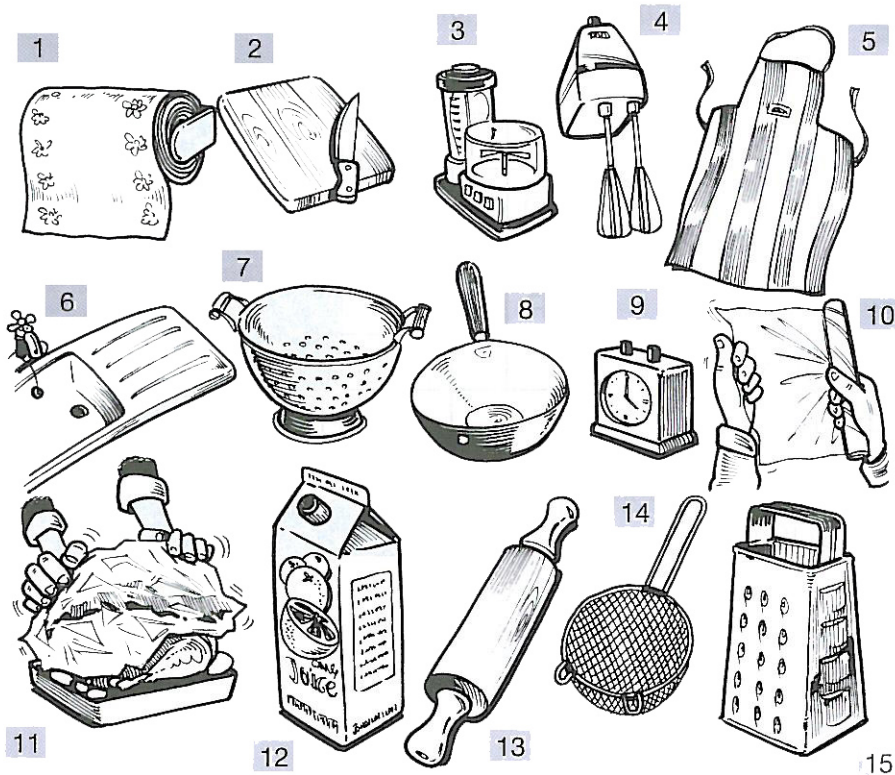


Collective nouns are a popular topic in textbooks for primary schools in Britain, especially the more unusual ones like *a school of whales*, *a pride of lions*, *a coven of witches*, *a gaggle of geese (on land)* and *a skein of geese (in the air)*.

# 13 The kitchen

Write the number of the picture next to the correct word.

- aluminium foil 11    colander \_\_\_\_\_    kitchen towel \_\_\_\_\_  
 apron \_\_\_\_\_    draining board \_\_\_\_\_    rolling pin \_\_\_\_\_  
 carton \_\_\_\_\_    electric whisk \_\_\_\_\_    sieve \_\_\_\_\_  
 chopping board \_\_\_\_\_    food processor \_\_\_\_\_    timer \_\_\_\_\_  
 cling film \_\_\_\_\_    grater \_\_\_\_\_    wok \_\_\_\_\_



All over the English-speaking world there is a keen interest in international cuisine – Italian, Greek, Indian, French and Chinese among others. So words like *ravioli*, *hummus*, *popadum*, *entrecote* and *wok* have entered the language.

# 14 Prepositions 1

Complete the sentences with prepositions.

- 1 Giant pandas rarely breed in captivity.
- 2 My car's not worth much – \_\_\_ most £1,500 – but the insurance is still very expensive.
- 3 \_\_\_ general, it's easier to learn computer skills from a person rather than from a book.
- 4 What would you do if I sang \_\_\_ tune? Would you stand up and walk out on me?
- 5 I don't know why they got married. They have absolutely nothing \_\_\_ common. Still, maybe that's what they like about each other.
- 6 Can you believe that \_\_\_ average the English drink 3.25 cups of tea per person per day?
- 7 Oh, what's the word? I know it, really! It's \_\_\_ the tip of my tongue!
- 8 Salaries of \$1 million are \_\_\_ no means unusual on Wall Street.
- 9 Thank you for your interest in our company. We will file your CV and contact you \_\_\_ due course.
- 10 Almost all the early jazz musicians played \_\_\_ ear. Art Tatum was classically trained, but he was an exception.
- 11 The rent is to be paid \_\_\_ advance.
- 12 His name is Leonardo, or Leo \_\_\_ short.
- 13 This book is \_\_\_ far the best he's ever written.
- 14 Work on the new software project is already \_\_\_ progress. It's a bit late to change the structure of it now.
- 15 You resent this now, but it will be best for you \_\_\_ the long run, I feel sure.



Check out Test 31 for more practice with prepositions.

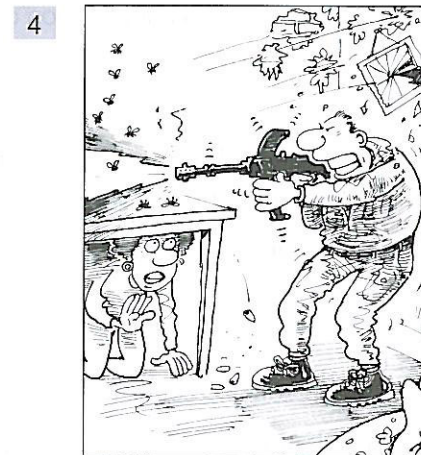
# 15 Cartoons 1

Write the correct letter under each cartoon.

- a Are you sure it's a goldfish, Ben?
- b I think perhaps you're overdoing the banana diet, Mr Mulholland.
- c Listen, darling, they're playing our tune.
- d Yes, but you want to be famous for what, exactly?
- e There must be an easier way to kill them, Paul.
- f Now they're all jealous of me because I conquered my paranoia.



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# 16 Who's the boss?

Choose the correct leader, top person or manager from the box on the right.

- |                                 |                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 a TV programme                | <u>producer</u> | admiral             |
| 2 the United Nations            | _____           | captain             |
| 3 a group of manual workers     | _____           | chair               |
| 4 a shop                        | _____           | chef                |
| 5 a school                      | _____           | chief executive     |
| 6 kitchen staff                 | _____           | conductor           |
| 7 a football team               | _____           | consultant          |
| 8 a museum                      | _____           | curator             |
| 9 a college                     | _____           | director            |
| 10 a committee                  | _____           | editor              |
| 11 a university                 | _____           | foreman             |
| 12 a company                    | _____           | governor            |
| 13 an orchestra                 | _____           | head teacher        |
| 14 a republic                   | _____           | manager             |
| 15 a newspaper or magazine      | _____           | president           |
| 16 a prison                     | _____           | principal           |
| 17 a fleet of ships in the navy | _____           | <del>producer</del> |
| 18 a film crew                  | _____           | Secretary General   |
| 19 a team of doctors            | _____           | spokesperson        |
| 20 a group of protestors        | _____           | vice chancellor     |



In recent years management has become the subject of university courses, countless books and endless discussion. So it is not surprising that the traditional titles of managers have changed. The *managing director* has become the *chief executive*. *Heads of departments* are sometimes renamed *team leaders*, and new words like *facilitator* have come in. Even if the job is the same, the old *Personnel Manager* feels much better being called the *Human Resources Team Leader*!

# 17 Words for numbers

Read the definitions and complete the words on the grid.

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1 A mythical animal with one horn.              | U N I C O R N |
| 2 A period of two weeks.                        | G             |
| 3 A combat between two people.                  | U             |
| 4 Able to use both hands equally well.          | A    D  X     |
| 5 Two small telescopes joined together.         | N    S        |
| 6 A match with two teams of two tennis players. | B             |
| 7 Two babies born at the same time.             | W             |
| 8 Three babies born at the same time.           | T    L        |
| 9 Four musicians playing together.              | A    T        |
| 10 A five-sided figure.                         | T  G          |
| 11 System in which 'five' is written 101.       | B    R        |
| 12 A period of ten years.                       | E  A          |
| 13 A period of a hundred years.                 | N    Y        |
| 14 A period of a thousand years.                | I    U        |
| 15 1,000,000 bytes (approximately).             | B  Y          |



You may find in your dictionary that a *billion* means 1,000,000,000 in the USA and 1,000,000,000,000 in Britain. This is no longer true. As they often do, the British have fallen in line with American use. Well, someone had to change, as this kind of confusion could be dangerous. You need to do two things: one, learn that *a billion means a thousand million*; two, throw away your old dictionary and get a new one.



# 18 Confusing words

Underline the correct word in each sentence.



- 1 The dress is a bit loose around the waist, but it shouldn't cost much to have it (*changed/**altered*).
- 2 She clapped her hands gently in front of the baby's little face, and he (*blinked/winked*).
- 3 My brother is doing (*electrical/electric*) engineering at university.
- 4 Why don't you grow up, Dan? You're so (*childish/childlike*) sometimes.
- 5 There's a (*rumour/reputation*) going round the office that Anita and Steve are not just colleagues any more.
- 6 After the recession, there will be a period of growth. That is how the economic (*circle/cycle*) works.
- 7 South Wales was once a flourishing coal-mining area, but now there are hundreds of (*misused/disused*) coal mines in the valleys.

- 8 My uncle is not actually a psychiatrist, but he's working as a (*councillor/counsellor*).
- 9 It's hot. Let's go and sit in the (*shadow/shade*) for a while.
- 10 I can see you next week – (*eventually/possibly*) on Friday, OK?
- 11 The tennis match was held up for five minutes as the young Australian argued with the (*umpire/referee*).
- 12 Have you any idea about the present government's (*politics/policy*) on third world debt? I don't think **they** have!
- 13 His (*financial/economic*) worries were solved rather dramatically when he won £2 million on the National Lottery.
- 14 England's World Cup campaign is not going well. But all the criticism in the press has not helped the (*morals/morale*) of the team.
- 15 My new flat is just around the corner from the office, which is very (*convenient/comfortable*) for me.



The prefix *mis-*, as in question 7, does not simply form a negative like *un-*. It always bears a meaning of something wrong or incorrect. The commonest example is, of course, *mistake*. Whereas *undiagnosed* means 'not noticed by the doctor', *misdiagnosed* means 'the doctor said it was food poisoning but in fact it was appendicitis'. Think about the differences between these pairs of words: *unguided / misguided*; *unheard / misheard*; *uninformed / misinformed*; *unmatched / mismatched*.

# 19 Film and TV

Write in the programme type or film genre.

TV programme types		Film genres	
documentary	chat show	cartoon	comedy
soap	wildlife programme	horror	romance
		sci-fi	war film

- 1 *Police School IV* (1993)  
Those crazy cops go back to school again – with hilarious results. The boys (and girls) in blue keep up a high-speed chase – for jokes! More people end up in custard than in custody! \_\_\_\_\_ comedy
- 2 *Alfred Square* (6.05pm LWT)  
Will Darren get out of his 'spot of bother' with the police? Will Pam finally tell her boyfriend what is going on behind his back? And will the feuding sisters make it up? Find out in tonight's episode. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 *Aladdin's Magic Carpet* (2001)  
A magical ride through the minarets of old Arabia. Brilliant animation, gorgeous original music and the voices of some of Hollywood's top stars. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 *Losing Colonel Brian* (1986)  
A platoon of daring US soldiers go behind enemy lines in Vietnam. Not all of them make it back to base. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 *Spring on the Wing* (8.30pm BBC 2)  
Follow the great annual migration of birds from southern Africa to Europe. Having undergone thousands of miles of hardship, many are shot for sport before they reach their destination. \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 *The Silence of the Sheep* (1999)  
A series of killings remains unexplained – until our pretty young heroine tracks down a man who prefers humans to hamburgers. Don't watch this on your own. Or better still, just don't watch it! \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 *On the Sofa* (9.30pm Channel 4)  
Mike Parkins applies his charm to another glittering line-up of celebrities. Tonight's guests include Leonardo DiCaprio, supermodel Gabrielle and singer Craig David. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 *Alien Website* (2002)  
Outer space meets cyberspace as beings from the Andromeda galaxy take control of the Internet. Captain Spark and his crew are sent out on the hardest mission of their lives – to sort out the 'bugs'. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 *One Enchanted Evening* (1949)  
This still brings a tear to the eye, as we follow a lonely American GI and a beautiful French girl through 1940s Paris. Watch out for the kiss on top of the Eiffel Tower. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 *The World in Focus* (10.45pm BBC 1)  
Tonight's programme looks at the economics of renewable energy. Will it ever be possible to do without oil and gas? How much is Britain doing to develop wind and solar energy? \_\_\_\_\_

# 20 'She explained' and variations

Put the following words into the correct sentences. Use each word only once.

boasted   complained   demanded   explained  
~~insisted~~   lisped   pleaded   repeated   sighed  
 stammered   whispered   yelled



- 1 'Oh, but you can't go yet. You really must stay for dinner,' she insisted.

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- 2 'Is anybody there?' The silence was only broken by the wind in the trees. 'Is anybody there?' she \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 3 'Don't waste my time. Where have you hidden the drugs?' \_\_\_\_\_ the policeman.

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- 4 'Come on you reds!' \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd, as Arsenal closed in for a second goal.

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- 5 'I love you, Darren,' she \_\_\_\_\_, pushing the dark curls away from his ear.

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- 6 'I have to admit that I'm really brilliant at art and science and music. Oh, and sport,' she \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 7 'W... w ... would you mind terribly if I k... k... k.... kissed you?' he \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 8 'The company's cash-flow crisis makes it impossible to keep you all,' \_\_\_\_\_ the spokesperson. 'There will be job losses, I'm afraid.'

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- 9 'Please don't kill my husband!' \_\_\_\_\_ a tearful woman, as the government soldiers lined a group of captured rebels against a wall.

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- 10 'This pasta is cold, and the sauce is too salty,' she \_\_\_\_\_ to the waiter. 'Have you got anything edible on the menu?'

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- 11 'Yeth, that ith very pretty,' the little girl \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 12 'Ah, well,' he \_\_\_\_\_. 'That's the end of that, I suppose. It was nice while it lasted.'

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Long passages of dialogue can be very repetitive if you keep using *he said*, *she said* over and over again. So exploit the words in this test to liven up your writing, and add variety. In speech, they are more commonly without quotes: *we complained about the rudeness of the staff* or with indirect forms: *she insisted that we should eat with them*.

# 21 Phrasal verbs 2

Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the box. Put the verb into the correct form.

come round   cut out   fall apart   get out of   get round to  
get through to   go on about   go over   go through with   ~~let off~~  
put off   put on   put up   put up with   work out

- 1 She was doing over 70mph in a 30mph area, but she smiled sweetly at the policeman and he let her off.  
(*didn't charge her*)
- 2 This is madness. I don't even fancy him, and now we're getting married. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(*carry on and actually do it*)
- 3 When he \_\_\_\_\_ after the accident, he couldn't recognise any of us. It was really worrying.  
(*regained consciousness*)
- 4 I'm not very fussy, but I simply can't \_\_\_\_\_ that wallpaper any longer. One of us will have to go. (*tolerate, bear*)
- 5 Let's \_\_\_\_\_ these figures again, shall we? They just don't seem to add up. (*examine*)
- 6 I've been meaning to reply to her e-mail, but I just haven't \_\_\_\_\_ it yet. Maybe I never will!  
(*found the time to do*)
- 7 Don't buy a cheap bike. They \_\_\_\_\_ in weeks.  
(*get broken easily*)

- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the sales talk. Just tell me your lowest price.  
(*omit, don't give me*)
- 9 I promised to go to their boring party, and now it's very hard to \_\_\_\_\_ it. (*escape from the commitment*)
- 10 I'm going to be in Washington for two days. I wondered if you could \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_? (*let me stay in your flat*)
- 11 I don't like going to the dentist – who does? So I've been \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. (*delaying, postponing*)
- 12 You've changed so much. I can't seem to \_\_\_\_\_ you any more. (*communicate with*)
- 13 My girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ every day, but I prefer eating and watching TV. (*does exercise, goes to the gym*)
- 14 She's not really upset, you know. She's \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ for your benefit. (*pretending, faking*)
- 15 Oh, don't \_\_\_\_\_ your digital camera again. We all know it's brilliant. (*keep talking*)

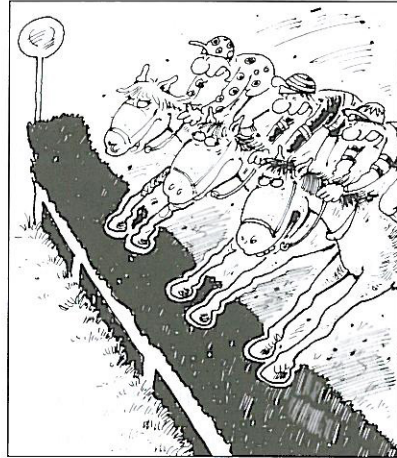


In relative clauses, what do you do with all these prepositions? Do we say: *That's the number through to which I couldn't get?* No, definitely not. Everybody says: *That's the number I couldn't get through to.* Winston Churchill was once criticized for putting prepositions at the end of a sentence, and his reply was, 'This is the sort of English up with which I will not put.' (This, in case you don't know, sounds ridiculous.) Check out Test 4 for more practice with phrasal verbs.

# 22 Which horse won the race?

Here are the horses and betting odds for the 2.15pm race at Kempton Park:

Horse	Betting odds
SIMPLY RED	25-1
FISH 'N' CHIPS	2-1 (Favourite)
EMERALD ISLE	10-1
MISS PIGGY	5-1
CYBER BABE	10-1
FLIRTATIOUS	10-1
LOTTERY LASS	50-1
DOT COM	50-1



Now read through these sentences and see if you can work out who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Flirtatious was in the lead with 400 metres to go.

There were only six finishers.

The horse that came second was an outsider (more than 20-1)

Lottery Lass came last.

The favourite was in the lead with only 200 metres to go.

The winning horse had odds of 10-1.

Simply Red fell at the third jump.

Miss Piggy passed the favourite 100 metres from the finish.

Cyber Babe did not finish the race.

Flirtatious came 5th.

1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_



There are quite a few idioms from the world of horse racing and betting: *jockeying for position*; *to win by a nose*; *to fall at the first hurdle*; *to spur on*; *a dark horse*; *neck and neck*. If you can't work out the meanings of any of these, look them up.

# 23 Add two letters

Add two letters to each of the following words to form a new word.

- 1 sit → sixth : not fifth
- 2 dead → \_\_\_\_\_ : ten years
- 3 way → \_\_\_\_\_ : tired of life
- 4 lay → \_\_\_\_\_ : tall and thin
- 5 ripe → \_\_\_\_\_ : read this and cook
- 6 dear → \_\_\_\_\_ : dull, boring, colourless
- 7 come → \_\_\_\_\_ : what you earn
- 8 rug → \_\_\_\_\_ : a bit like American football
- 9 seen → \_\_\_\_\_ : the picture is on this part of the TV
- 10 tend → \_\_\_\_\_ : make something longer, in time or space
- 11 tray → \_\_\_\_\_ : what traitors do
- 12 cell → \_\_\_\_\_ : keep your wine in this
- 13 shop → \_\_\_\_\_ : a top person in the church
- 14 red → \_\_\_\_\_ : have babies
- 15 close → \_\_\_\_\_ : put something in the envelope
- 16 fit → \_\_\_\_\_ : belief in god
- 17 light → \_\_\_\_\_ : joy
- 18 gap → \_\_\_\_\_ : hold tight, or understand
- 19 miner → \_\_\_\_\_ : type of drinking water – fizzy or still
- 20 sign → \_\_\_\_\_ : give up the job

# 24 Crime and punishment

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

arrest bail charge committed court ~~defence~~ evidence fine  
juvenile lawyer prosecution prove sentence verdict witness

- 1 The defence lawyer said that his client didn't intend to cause injury.
- 2 Drop the gun. That's better. Now – you are under \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 I know my rights. I want to phone my \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 The prosecution says that my client stole millions of pounds via the internet. But where is the \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ of this court is 'guilty'. Have you anything to say?
- 6 Everyone knew the woman was 100% guilty, but they just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 7 I now call my next \_\_\_\_\_ , Mrs McPherson, the defendant's mother-in-law.
- 8 You are a rich man, and just paying a \_\_\_\_\_ will not punish you enough. I am going to send you to prison. Let this be a lesson to you.
- 9 Officer, you have arrested my client. Now you must either \_\_\_\_\_ her or let her go.
- 10 For those under 16 there is a special \_\_\_\_\_ court.
- 11 The Appeal Court might reduce your \_\_\_\_\_ from four years to, say, three. But they can also increase it.
- 12 You can deposit £50,000 with the court, and be released on \_\_\_\_\_ . But if you disappear, you will lose the money. Do you understand that?
- 13 If your defence lawyer is better than the \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer, you may get off.
- 14 This wicked man has \_\_\_\_\_ the most appalling crimes, and all decent people will agree that he should receive a very long prison sentence indeed.
- 15 Be in \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.30. The hearing begins at 10 o'clock, and the magistrates don't like to be kept waiting.



The legal system in Britain seems very old-fashioned. The judges and lawyers still wear black gowns and white wigs. Lawyers have to address the judge as *M'lud* (= My Lord). So you will not be surprised that the language of the law is also rather antique, with very long sentences and bits of French and Latin thrown in.

# 25 IT and computers

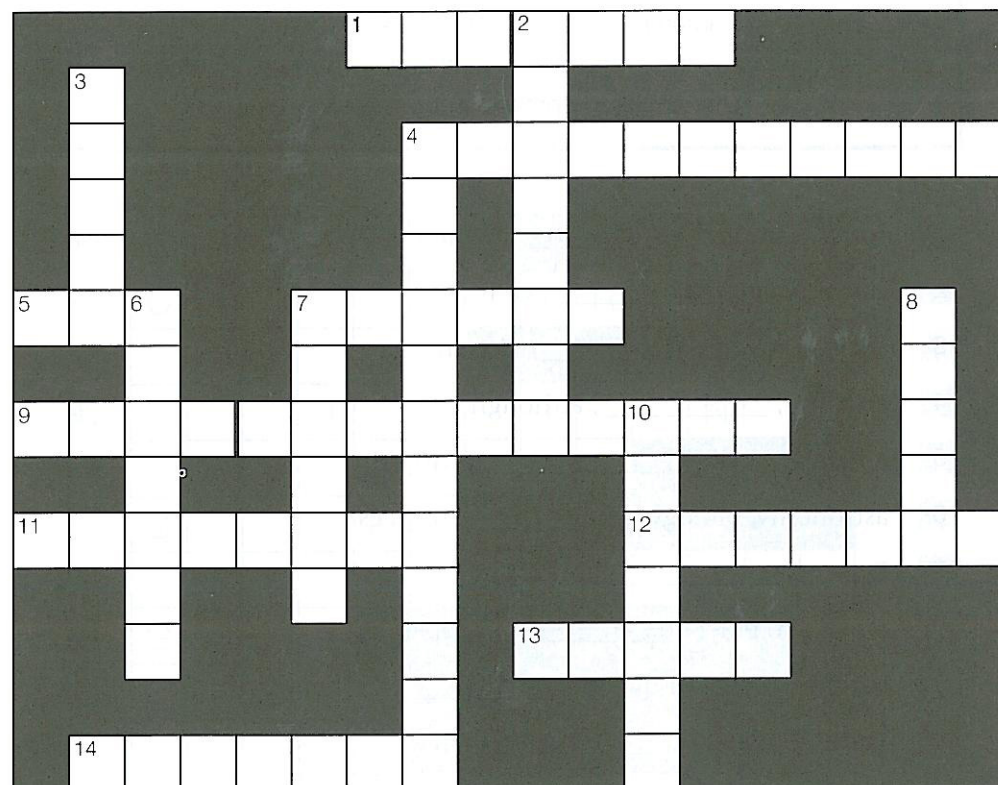
Read the clues and complete the crossword.

## Across

- 1 Little label that looks like piano keys, and is read by the computer in the supermarket. (3, 4)
- 4 Use this type of program for maths and accounts – good for making charts. (11)
- 5 Abbreviation for 'Internet Service Provider'. (3)
- 7 Files are kept neat and tidy in one of these. (6)
- 9 Use a \_\_\_\_\_ program to write letters, reports – and poetry, if you like. (4,10)
- 11 This is used for storing and retrieving lots of addresses, book titles and things like that. (8)
- 12 Want to put an old photo into your computer? Use one of these. (7)
- 13 Ouch! You can lose all your data when computers \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 14 Correct word for the 'TV set' with your computer. (7)

## Down

- 2 You don't like wires messing up your desk? Get a \_\_\_\_\_ mouse. (8)
- 3 Use different \_\_\_\_\_ to make your text look nice. (5)
- 4 No good at spelling? Use one of these! (12)
- 6 You shouldn't buy \_\_\_\_\_ software – it's illegal. (7)
- 7 It's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ text on a computer (i.e. to change the font, colour, to add bold, italic etc.) (6)
- 8 To move text around, you can cut and \_\_\_\_\_ it. (5)
- 10 To put new software onto the computer. (7)



# 26 Classifications

First put the words in the box into the right lists. Then complete a group word for each list.

abstract   autumn   barrel   because   botany   etc.  
 five eighths   in   cholera   methane   novelist   onyx  
 rectangle   spreadsheet   swallow

- 1 spring, summer, autumn , winter
- 2 carton, crate, \_\_\_\_\_ , can
- 3 triangle, circle, \_\_\_\_\_ , square
- 4 and, but, \_\_\_\_\_ , although
- 5 a half, two thirds, \_\_\_\_\_ , a twelfth
- 6 astronomy, biology, \_\_\_\_\_ , physics
- 7 Dr, e.g., \_\_\_\_\_ , approx.
- 8 amethyst, emerald, \_\_\_\_\_ , opal
- 9 ammonia, carbon dioxide, \_\_\_\_\_ , ether
- 10 vulture, pheasant, \_\_\_\_\_ , wren
- 11 over, after, \_\_\_\_\_ , by
- 12 malaria, tuberculosis, \_\_\_\_\_ , AIDS
- 13 poet, biographer, \_\_\_\_\_ , historian
- 14 portrait, landscape, \_\_\_\_\_ , still life
- 15 word processing, game, \_\_\_\_\_ , graphics

1	S	E	A	S	O	N	S												
2	C												R						
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4				J					T						N				
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# 27 From 'shore' to 'crash'

Change the word SHORE into CRASH in sixteen stages, changing one or two letters at a time. The number in brackets tells you how many letters to change.

	S	H	O	R	E	
1	S	C	O	R	E	For example Man Utd 2 – Arsenal 0 (1)
2						Frighten (1)
3						You can play this on a piano (1)
4						A large marine mammal (2)
5						A conjunction (1)
6						Body language for happiness (2)
7						Odour (2)
8						Quite hard to do correctly in English (1)
9						Don't ____ children. Be strict. (2)
10						A country in Europe (2)
11						A means of transport (2)
12						A tiny piece of sand (1)
13						Make wine from this fruit (2)
14						Cows do this in fields (1)
15						Rub out (2)
16	C	R	A	S	H	(2)



You can create one of these puzzles for friends. Start with a word of about five letters (very short and very long ones don't work). Keep changing letters to make new words until you end up with something completely different. Many words lead nowhere, unfortunately – it's just a matter of trial and error!

# 28 Odd one out

Underline the odd one out on the left and write it into the correct sentence on the right.

- |    |   |   |  |
|----|---|---|--|
| 1  | bridegroom, photographer, reception, <u>modem</u> | a | A _____ is not an academic.                      |
| 2  | hepatitis, hypothesis, meningitis, psoriasis      | b | A _____ is not a job.                            |
| 3  | harvest, instalment, mortgage, deposit            | c | A _____ is not part of a car.                    |
| 4  | score, bass, chord, salmon                        | d | A <u>modem</u> has nothing to do with a wedding. |
| 5  | historian, physicist, hypnotist, philosopher      | e | A _____ is not a form of literature.             |
| 6  | bumper, heel, boot, gear                          | f | A _____ has nothing to do with the office.       |
| 7  | mobile, handset, cordless, collarless             | g | A _____ is not part of the body.                 |
| 8  | lens, syringe, shutter, tripod                    | h | A _____ has nothing to do with the police.       |
| 9  | leisure, option, output, humble                   | i | A _____ is not an illness.                       |
| 10 | grocer, butler, miner, grater                     | j | _____ has nothing to do with phones.             |
| 11 | throat, trout, rib, knuckle                       | k | A _____ has nothing to do with cameras.          |
| 12 | pass, score, corner, skate                        | l | A _____ has nothing to do with money.            |
| 13 | stationery, files, recipe, copier                 | m | _____ is an adjective, not a noun.               |
| 14 | novel, navel, autobiography, poem                 | n | A _____ has nothing to do with music.            |
| 15 | handcuffs, truncheon, tune, notebook              | o | _____ has nothing to do with football.           |



The phrase *nothing to do with ...* is very common and useful. But the grammar that goes with it is a bit strange: you can say either *it has nothing to do with biology* or *it is nothing to do with biology*.

# 29 Crawling and other ways of moving

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

crawled   leapt   limped   loitered   plodded   skipped  
staggered   strolled   ~~stumbled~~   tramped

- 1 The ground was rough, and I was an inexperienced climber. I stumbled and fell down a crevasse, breaking both my legs.
- 2 The happy children \_\_\_\_\_ along the road to school.
- 3 By now mortally wounded, our heroine \_\_\_\_\_ into the smoke-filled barn to send one last radio message to her comrades.
- 4 They fixed his leg, but he \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of his life.
- 5 The villain \_\_\_\_\_ casually past the car, but I saw him check out the phone inside.
- 6 Exhausted, and with her boots caked in mud, the vet \_\_\_\_\_ back to her car.
- 7 The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ around the front of the shop for ages before breaking in.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ through miles of forest looking for mushrooms.
- 9 After all that, I just \_\_\_\_\_ into my sleeping-bag and went straight to sleep.
- 10 I was pleased to see that you all \_\_\_\_\_ out of bed when I set the fire alarm off. Just checking!

# 30 Mixed up letters

Rearrange the letters in bold type to make adjectives to complete the sentences.

- 1 Everything about this book is **burdisting** ( disturbing ) – the characters, the events, the language. It actually upset me.
- 2 The battle scenes are not very **israltiec** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), despite all the computer imaging that has gone into them.
- 3 The story-line of this novel is totally **gingprip** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), – quite literally, I couldn't put it down.
- 4 This film provides a **scinatfaig** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) insight into the jazz scene of 1970s New York.
- 5 Another **luld** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) little tale of middle-class Londoners talking about each other. I'm tired of such novels.
- 6 Disability in movies can be sentimental. But this account of one young boy's struggle with epilepsy is genuinely **vinmog** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 7 The film's images of bodies being taken over by a sort of bubbling, steaming skin disease are **ferritingy** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 8 The acting of this young Hollywood star is, as always, mildly **tatiriring** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). I apologise to his many fans, but he does get on my nerves.
- 9 The brushwork on this painting is delicate and **tiequisex** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), reminding me rather of Watteau.
- 10 The exhibition is worth visiting just for the **gintriks** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) installation by Tracey Emin. As you walk in, it hits you right between the eyes.

# 31 Prepositions 2

Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 I love going away on business and getting away from the family. They all drive me mad.
- 2 I don't understand anything on this Thai menu. I think I'll choose something \_\_\_\_\_ random.
- 3 Phone or send an e-mail. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ touch, anyway.
- 4 You want to go out with a guy in the office? Did you have anyone \_\_\_\_\_ mind, or do you like them all?
- 5 All those \_\_\_\_\_ favour \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal, please say yes now.
- 6 Lend you £2,000? You must be completely \_\_\_\_\_ your mind!
- 7 Actually, \_\_\_\_\_ second thoughts, I might be able to lend you the money. But you will have to do me a favour.
- 8 With credit cards and internet shopping, it's all too easy to get \_\_\_\_\_ debt.
- 9 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ good terms with your probation officer?
- 10 I know a nice little place \_\_\_\_\_ the outskirts of town. Will you join us?
- 11 This device is \_\_\_\_\_ the cutting edge of technology, you realize.
- 12 We're advertising it exclusively \_\_\_\_\_ our website.
- 13 Don't ask me about that son of mine; \_\_\_\_\_ all I know he is in an Australian prison by now.
- 14 The temperature in Egypt at the moment? Well, \_\_\_\_\_ a guess I'd say about 35 degrees. Pretty hot, in any case.
- 15 You tell me what's \_\_\_\_\_ offer, and I will tell you if I'm interested, OK?



Prepositions are among the most difficult bits of vocabulary to learn. They don't correspond very closely to prepositions in other languages, so they cause translation problems. It is not at all easy to sum up the 'meaning' of a word like *by*. We think first of its place use: *she's over there by the bar*. Then maybe of its use with agents: *he was chosen by the committee*. But there are also lots of phrases which don't fit into those two uses: *by night, bit by bit, by a long way, by name, by mistake and it's all right by me*. Check out Test 14 for more practice with prepositions.

# 32 Idioms

Complete the sentences using words from the box. Put the words into the correct form.

a level playing field    call it a day    can't make head or tail of  
given the sack    go down like a lead balloon    have it in for  
make a meal of it    ~~out of order~~    out of the blue  
pull your socks up    ring a bell    talking shop

- 1 You can't call off our date now – I've got the tickets and everything. That's totally out of order. (*unacceptable*)
- 2 I reckon we've done enough. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_? (*finish*)
- 3 Why should I look on the bright side? I've just been \_\_\_\_\_ . (*dismissed from my job*)
- 4 There's no point in you coming out with us. We'll only be \_\_\_\_\_ . (*discussing work*)
- 5 We were all stunned. Completely \_\_\_\_\_ she said, 'I'm leaving Reggie. The thing is, I've fallen in love with another man.' (*very unexpectedly*)
- 6 You'd better \_\_\_\_\_ , my girl. At your present work-rate, you're not going to get the grades you need. (*start working hard*)
- 7 I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_ these video programming instructions. It's probably because I'm over 15. (*can't understand at all*)

- 8 Jimmy 'the Bull' Gavrano. Now that name \_\_\_\_\_  
Wasn't he a New York mafia boss?  
(*is somewhere hidden in my memory*)
- 9 Look, don't \_\_\_\_\_. All I asked you to do was tidy up some computer files, not rebuild my life for me.  
(*make the job bigger than necessary*)
- 10 I told that joke about the stupid policeman and it \_\_\_\_\_ . It turned out that most of them at the party were police trainees. (*got a very negative reaction*)
- 11 I do my best, but for some reason or other my boss \_\_\_\_\_ me. (*is hostile to*)
- 12 This company is not asking for any special treatment. All we want is \_\_\_\_\_ . (*the same fair deal as others*)



Idioms from the world of sport are popular even with people who don't follow sport at all: *to score an own-goal, keep your eye on the ball, paddle your own canoe, it's a knockout*. Which of the idioms in the test is connected with sport? Check out Tests 39, 40 and 42 for more practice with idioms.

# 33 The world of business and industry

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

brand corporate identity economies of scale flexible forecast  
market forces output productivity profit margins restructure  
salaries subsidiary takeover training wages

- 1 A big German company is planning a takeover of British bicycle maker Rollo Ltd.
- 2 In agriculture, \_\_\_\_\_ have been squeezed by higher fuel costs and increasing competition from imports.
- 3 Failing internet giant, XZL.com will \_\_\_\_\_ its management, with the loss of dozens of executive jobs.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of workers in our factory are below average, but they do receive other benefits.
- 5 We plan to increase management \_\_\_\_\_ by 17% again this year, as we need to attract high quality applicants.
- 6 The profit \_\_\_\_\_ for the next half year is almost \$2 billion, which is quite healthy in the view of US analysts.
- 7 Fizzycola is a wholly-owned \_\_\_\_\_ of Megacola, but enjoys much independence from the parent company.

- 8 Our emphasis this year will be investment in \_\_\_\_\_. We believe that the skills of the workforce are our greatest asset.
- 9 This company is very big and of course saves money through \_\_\_\_\_. But at the same time it is difficult to manage.
- 10 We want to see Krunch-Bar become the best-known \_\_\_\_\_ in the chocolate snack market.
- 11 The new logo and colours on our publicity brochures are important in establishing our \_\_\_\_\_. We need to be seen as fresh, young, dynamic – but at the same time committed to quality.
- 12 Our prices are pushed up and down by \_\_\_\_\_, as are everyone else's. We have to work with that.
- 13 They are producing the same number of units as last year – in other words, \_\_\_\_\_ has remained constant.
- 14 We have lost a lot of staff, but we are still achieving the same output. So \_\_\_\_\_ has risen – that's the key to our success.
- 15 Our workforce is now very \_\_\_\_\_; they will take on different jobs and move from one plant to another.

# 34 Headlines

Match the newspaper headlines to the short extracts from the articles. Write the correct letter in the box.

1 *Audi-ya do it?*

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2 Boost to under-18 team

3 **BROWN'S FUEL PEACE BID**

4 **CABINET BACKS EURO PLAN**

5 PM cuts health budget

6 *Poll gives lead to Greens*

7 Refugee tide warning

8 Top cop quits

a The chancellor last night attempted to calm protests over petrol prices.

b The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester has resigned.

c A thief demonstrated yesterday how he could steal a locked car in less than 30 seconds. That's how long it took to break into a £30,000 German saloon.

d 'Actually such numbers are easily absorbed,' said a Home Office spokeswoman.

e The trainee soccer players were encouraged by the £100,000 grant from the Sports Council.

f 'Winning this election is very important for us,' said Ms Thomson.

g Spending on hospitals will be reduced by 1.5% over the next two years.

h The proposals now enjoy the support of the government.

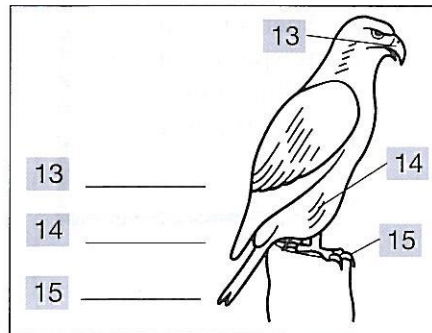
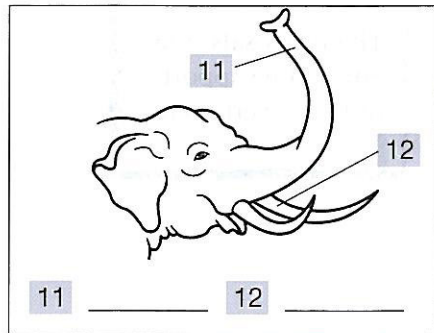
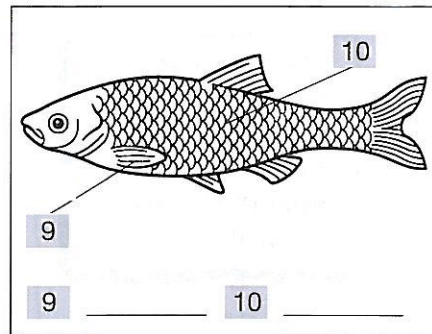
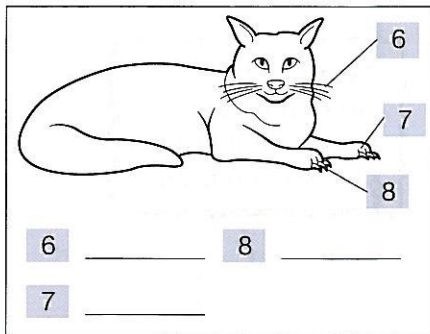
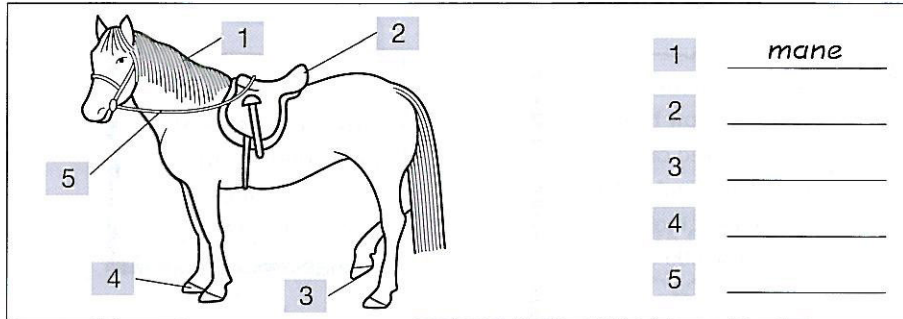


Check out Tests 38 and 46 for more practice with error correction.

# 35 Animal parts

Label the pictures with the correct word from the box.

beak claws feathers fin hoof mane paw reins  
saddle scales shoe talons trunk tusk whiskers



# 36 What is it part of?

Complete the sentences with a word from the column on the right.

- |    |                           |                 |   |                       |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1  | A viewfinder is part of   | <u>a camera</u> | a | a needle              |
| 2  | A frame is part of        | _____           | b | a book                |
| 3  | A pip is part of          | _____           | c | a shoe                |
| 4  | A neck is part of         | _____           | d | a supermarket         |
| 5  | An eye is part of         | _____           | e | a computer            |
| 6  | A petal is part of        | _____           | f | a chair               |
| 7  | A key is part of          | _____           | g | a window              |
| 8  | A pawn is part of         | _____           | h | a piano               |
| 9  | A twig is part of         | _____           | i | a bottle              |
| 10 | A beak is part of         | _____           | j | a knife               |
| 11 | An arm is part of         | _____           | k | a sailing boat        |
| 12 | A blade is part of        | _____           | l | <del>a camera</del>   |
| 13 | A spine is part of        | _____           | m | a chess set           |
| 14 | A barrel is part of       | _____           | n | a flower              |
| 15 | A sole is part of         | _____           | o | a petrol engine       |
| 16 | A hard disk is part of    | _____           | p | a rifle               |
| 17 | A carburettor is part of  | _____           | q | a bird                |
| 18 | A video camera is part of | _____           | r | an orange             |
| 19 | A mast is part of         | _____           | s | a branch              |
| 20 | A check-out is part of    | _____           | t | a surveillance system |



Check out Test 1 for more practice with animal words.

# 37 Sickness and health

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

allergic   anaesthetic   antibodies   ~~antiseptic~~  
crutches   dermatologist   diarrhoea   hay fever  
infectious   insomnia   maternity   midwife  
prescription   sedative   transfusion

- 1 It's only a scratch, but it could get dirty. Put some antiseptic cream on it.
- 2 She was rushed to hospital in labour, but there was no room in the \_\_\_\_\_ ward, so she ended up in a general ward.
- 3 But in the end it was an easy birth, attended by a \_\_\_\_\_. She didn't see a doctor until later.
- 4 I'm a tough guy. You can do that little operation without \_\_\_\_\_. Ow! On second thoughts, can I change my mind about that?
- 5 Every summer I get really bad \_\_\_\_\_. It's a shame, because I love gardens and the countryside.
- 6 In fact I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to all sorts of things – nuts, eggs, chocolate and loads more.
- 7 There was a delay in giving the \_\_\_\_\_, as the hospital had no supplies of her blood group.

- 8 Before an operation, they usually give you a \_\_\_\_\_, which calms you down very nicely.
- 9 This book is so boring that it should be sold as a cure for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 I took the \_\_\_\_\_ to the chemist, but she couldn't read it and had to phone my doctor to find out what it said!
- 11 The whole family had \_\_\_\_\_. The queue for the toilet was terrible.
- 12 I've had some kind of 'flu. But don't worry – it's past the \_\_\_\_\_ stage by now.
- 13 It's only a sprained ankle, but he's been walking around on \_\_\_\_\_ for ten days.
- 14 This test doesn't actually find the virus; it checks for \_\_\_\_\_ in your system.
- 15 I thought this spot might be skin cancer, but the \_\_\_\_\_ told me it was nothing serious.



The names of medical specialists are similar in many languages, but the exact form – and the pronunciation – can be difficult to get right. Try saying these quickly three times – *anaesthetist, ophthalmologist, cardiologist, paediatrician, gynaecologist, obstetrician, psychiatrist!*



# 38 A badly written menu

The manager of this restaurant is not brilliant at English, and he has made sixteen mistakes in the menu. Underline them and correct them.

**Pasta**

parmesan Lasagna with spinach  
 Spaghetti with partisan cheese and tomato source  
 Spaghetti with garlic and herbs  
 The Chef's Special Ravioli filled with tomato and him

**Meat**

Veal in breadcrumbs  
 Perk cutlets  
 Wild Boer sausages  
 Venison stew  
 Lame chops  
 Scottish beef stake

**Chicken and Game**

Roast peasant (shot locally)  
 Roast cartridge with orange sauce  
 Stir-fried organic chicken with ginger and garlic

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fish</b></p> <p>Grilled red mallet              Place in white wine sauce              Grilled tuner              Thai-style pawns in hot sauce</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vegetables</b></p> <p>Broccoli              Beens              Cabbage              Parrots              Pleas</p>
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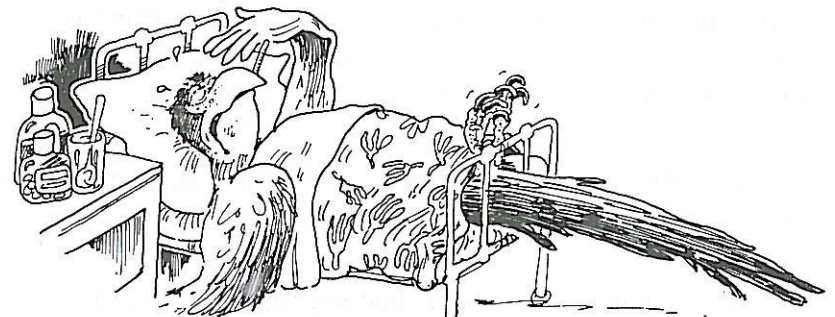
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# 39 Idiomatic similes

Complete the similes using words from the box.

a bat   a bee   brass   clockwork   a cucumber  
 a daisy   ditchwater   a dodo   a feather   a fox   gold  
 the grave   ~~a hatter~~   the hills   life   nails   a parrot  
 a picture   a rock   toast

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 As mad as <u>a hatter</u> | 11 As sick as _____   |
| 2 As dead as _____          | 12 As steady as _____ |
| 3 As light as _____         | 13 As pretty as _____ |
| 4 As regular as _____       | 14 As bold as _____   |
| 5 As blind as _____         | 15 As cool as _____   |
| 6 As large as _____         | 16 As warm as _____   |
| 7 As dull as _____          | 17 As old as _____    |
| 8 As cunning as _____       | 18 As fresh as _____  |
| 9 As hard as _____          | 19 As silent as _____ |
| 10 As busy as _____         | 20 As good as _____   |



These similes are all common idioms. But original similes are also much used by poets and comedians. Wordsworth's most famous opening lines are: *I wandered lonely as a cloud, That floats on high o'er vales and hills.* Check out Tests 32, 40 and 42 for more practice with idioms.

# 40 Animal idioms

Complete the sentences with the phrases below.

big fish in a small pond	pecking order
chicken-feed	<del>ruffle feathers</del>
dinosaurs	teaching an old dog new tricks
empty nest	the cat that got the cream
fly on the wall	top dog
kill the goose that lays the golden eggs	barking up the wrong tree
loan shark	wild horses couldn't tear them apart
more fish in the sea	

- 1 The appointment of Esther as office manager is going to ruffle feathers. She's about 20 years younger than most of the staff.
- 2 My youngest sister has just left home and my poor parents are suffering from \_\_\_\_\_ syndrome.
- 3 Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Mick Fleetwood and a few other rock \_\_\_\_\_ will be playing at the show.
- 4 If possible, borrow the money from a proper bank. Don't go to some \_\_\_\_\_ who will charge you 75% interest, and then send a gangster round to collect the money.
- 5 All the lecturers in the department are officially equal, so there's a constant struggle over who's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Just accept that the neighbours had nothing to do with the death of your dog. You're \_\_\_\_\_, if you'll excuse the pun.
- 7 In my small town I was a \_\_\_\_\_. Now I'm in London, nobody has heard of me – I'm just one of thousands of DJs hanging round the music scene.

- 8 You mustn't sell off the pizza delivery service – it's the most profitable part of the business. If you do, you will \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Try to forget about that stupid guy, Alice. You're a lovely girl, and there are plenty \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Look, in this company you don't choose your afternoon off until the deputy manager has chosen hers, the supervisor has chosen his and I have chosen mine. There's a strict \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 The work may be interesting and 'rewarding', but no-one does it for the money. The pay is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 Ever since the first day of term those two have been inseparable; \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 On TV there was an amazing \_\_\_\_\_ documentary about life behind the scenes in a police station. They didn't seem to realize the camera was there.
- 14 Why the big, broad smile and the humming? You look like \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 You're a retired football coach, and this job involves a lot of computer skills. So it's a question of \_\_\_\_\_. Are you sure you're up to it?



Check out Tests 32, 39 and 42 for more practice with idioms.

# 41 Travel and holidays

Which responses go with these sentences? Write the correct letter in the space.

- 1 Did you book, Madame?  e
- 2 Do you know the exchange rate? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Do you have a complaint, sir? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Have you anything to declare? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How about a self-catering villa in Tunisia? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I reckon we should check in now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Did you make an insurance claim? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Let's get a package holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Have you registered, Madame? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Please proceed to baggage reclaim. \_\_\_\_\_



- a Isn't it a bit early? The flight's not for another two hours.
- b Yes. We got the full value of the camera and a bit for the damaged suitcase.
- c Will you do that while I try phoning? There are three cases, remember.
- d Just this bottle of perfume. Do I have to pay duty on it?
- e Yes. One double room for four days. The name is McIntosh.
- f Isn't that a bit unadventurous? I think it would be more fun to find hotels and transport when we get there – and it may be cheaper, too.
- g That's a great idea. Then we can get food from the market and take it in turns cooking.
- h Yes. It seems to be impossible to regulate the air-conditioning.
- i Yes. We signed in and left our passports with you this morning.
- j Yes. It's about 1.6 Swiss francs to the dollar.



When travelling, you often have to give your name and other information to people. It helps to spell out some words with the International Spelling Alphabet:

Alpha	Hotel	Oscar	Victor
Bravo	India	Papa	Whisky
Charlie	Juliet	Quebec	X-ray
Delta	Kilo	Romeo	Yankee
Echo	Lima	Sierra	Zulu
Foxtrot	Mike	Tango	
Golf	November	Uniform	

(This is what airline pilots use to avoid dangerous mistakes.)

# 42 Idioms – weather and nature

Complete the sentences with the idioms below. Where necessary, change the forms to fit the sentences.

a drop in the ocean	freeze out
a huge outcry	go with the flow
landslide victory	find (your) roots
a storm in a teacup	<del>see the wood for the trees</del>
an uphill struggle	the calm before the storm
blown off course	get bogged down

- 1 Stand back and look at the whole situation. You can't see the wood for the trees.  
(can't get a general picture because you are confused by the detail)

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- 2 This project has been \_\_\_\_\_ all the way.  
(a hard job without breaks)

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- 3 In the end I just gave up with Inger. She sort of \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.  
(was always unfriendly).

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- 4 I'm not going to be difficult about this. I'll just \_\_\_\_\_.  
(accept what everyone else has agreed)

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- 5 As a manager, you should make the big decisions. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ in the detail.  
(become too involved)

- 6 We get a lot of Americans coming to Ireland to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(get information about their ancestors)

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- 7 A million dollars may sound like a lot of money, but it's \_\_\_\_\_ in this situation.  
(an insignificant amount)

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- 8 Everyone will forget about this in no time. It's just \_\_\_\_\_.  
(crisis which looks big, but is only about a small issue)

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- 9 I can assure you that this government will not be \_\_\_\_\_ by this little piece of scandal.  
(forced to change direction)

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- 10 The party became a bit self-satisfied after its \_\_\_\_\_ in the general election.  
(very decisive win)

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- 11 After that advert which showed a rabbit smoking a cigarette, there was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a huge number of negative reactions)

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- 12 It all seems OK now, but I fear that this is just \_\_\_\_\_.  
(the quiet time which precedes a serious crisis)



Check out Tests 32, 39 and 40 for more practice with idioms.

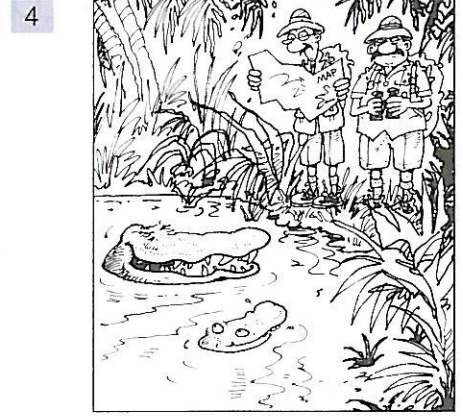
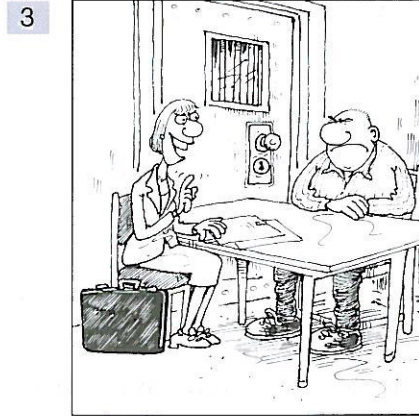
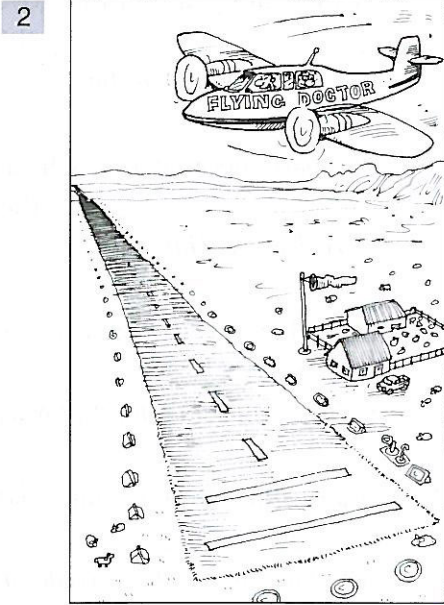
# 43 Cartoons 2

Write the correct letter under each cartoon.

- a Either we've been burgled, or your father lost the remote control.
- b I can't defend you if I know you are guilty. But if you don't tell me where the money is hidden, you can't afford me.
- c Don't feel intimidated, Mr Allsop.
- d That's the Burtons' farm. They're hypochondriacs.
- e They look pretty revolting. But they're very nutritious.
- f Would you remind me, Tracey – am I hiring or firing Mr Willis?



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# 44 Too many words about universities

Replace the words in bold type with a single word from the box.

anthropologist archaeologist conference ~~dissertation~~ journal  
laboratory lecture paper postgraduate research sabbatical  
seminar sociologist specialism statistician

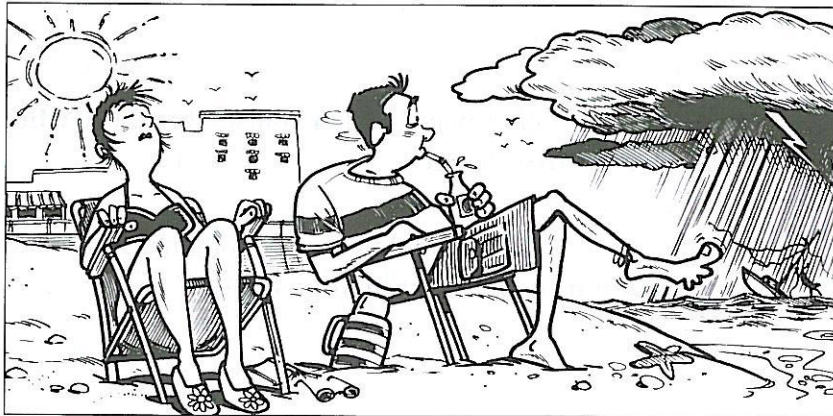
- 1 As part of our MA course, we have to do a **very long essay with an element of original research** ( *dissertation* ). The marks we get for this count towards our final result.
- 2 Instead of taking notes, I sometimes use a tape to record the **talk given by a member of staff and attended by lots of students** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 3 Occasionally we have a **discussion with a smaller number of students, chaired by a member of staff** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). We have to prepare contributions, and it can be quite stressful.
- 4 My economics professor went to a conference in Singapore and presented a **summary of a piece of research** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) on free trade and exchange rates.
- 5 I'm afraid Doctor Kopala is not available. She is on a **one-year paid break from teaching, in which research is carried out** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 6 I feel that it's important for me to attend this **big meeting of academics from different places** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 7 I am preparing this paper for publication in a **specialist academic magazine** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 8 I am a zoologist, but my **particular area of expertise and knowledge** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) is temperature control mechanisms in marine mammals. Are you interested in that?
- 9 Professor Blumenfeld is a **person who studies the way people operate in society, the dynamics of class and so on** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 10 In Papua New Guinea I met an **academic who studies humans, concentrating on traditional cultures** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 11 Egypt is a wonderful place for an **academic who studies history through the physical remains of ancient civilizations** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 12 This is not just a medical question. We need a **person who understands and interprets confusing mathematical data** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 13 We now work in a new **building equipped with scientific equipment, set up especially for research and teaching** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 14 This department offers many **higher courses, for those who already have a first degree** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 15 For a doctorate, you have to do your own original **study and investigation into an aspect of your subject** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

# 45 A breath of fresh air

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

breath clap flash gust hint moment piece pinch  
speck spell stretch ~~stroke~~ touch trace wink

- 1 She had an amazing stroke of luck with her website name Buy.com – an international company bought it from her for \$1 million.
- 2 Let's go out and get a \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh air.
- 3 Take everything he says with a \_\_\_\_\_ of salt. Remember his story about being a karate black belt? Pure fantasy.
- 4 A rather insignificant \_\_\_\_\_ of lightning was followed by an ear-splitting \_\_\_\_\_ of thunder – it was weird.
- 5 This \_\_\_\_\_ of road is an accident black-spot, and no action is being taken to improve it.
- 6 So, the week will start with a \_\_\_\_\_ of warm weather, but don't expect it to last.



- 7 At the first \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble, we are out of here – right?
- 8 I was so worried about you – I didn't get a \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep.
- 9 It's only a \_\_\_\_\_ of dust. Just splash your eye with water – and stop complaining.
- 10 A sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of wind pulled the tent out of our hands, and we had to start again.
- 11 He took the gold medal, but his \_\_\_\_\_ of glory was to be short-lived. A drug test proved positive and he was immediately stripped of the honour.
- 12 Come on, let me join you in this business deal. I want a \_\_\_\_\_ of the action.
- 13 I feel that the stainless steel chairs add a \_\_\_\_\_ of class to the place. Don't you agree?
- 14 The police have found a \_\_\_\_\_ of blood on his jacket. They are holding him for questioning.



The most general word of this type is *a bit*. You can say *a bit of luck*, *a bit of trouble*, *a bit of sleep*, *a bit of road*, a bit of almost anything, in fact!

# 46 Newspaper misprints

Underline and correct the misprints in these newspaper extracts.

1 According to a recent survey, 49% of houses in the country are not adequately insulted.

insulated

3 Satan wedding dress, white and pink, beautiful, size 14: for sale £250 o.n.o.

5 The judge said she was giving a severe sentence which would act as a detergent to others tempted by computer fraud.

7 The choir of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Liverpool, sins regularly at festivals around the country.

2 Customs officers were accepting brides in exchange for co-operation with the drug smugglers.

4 The conference was attended by Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and other groups interested in conversation.

6 Window, youthful 48, seeks professional man for friendship / romance.

8 The Almahari, an Egyptian restaurant in Knightsbridge, serves exquisite deserts.

9 The company is finding it increasingly hard to get killed software engineers.

11 The party on board the yacht had to be called off, owing to the gale-force winds. Guests of up to 80mph were recorded in the area.

13 Among other exotic pets, Mrs Lavender has a carrot that talks.

15 The Atomic Energy Authority has been criticized for its management of unclear waste.

10 Mr Pertini, now in hospital with a back injury, said, 'I was just moving the lawn – something I've done many times before.'

12 The London restaurant guide has 128 pages of useful information, gathered from various sauces.

14 Ms Francis, writer of several bestselling novels, lives on the third story of a block of flats in Edinburgh.



Check out Tests 34 and 38 for more practice with error correction.



# 47 Take away two letters

Take away two letters from each of the following words to make a new word.

- 1 disguised → disused : abandoned, no longer used
- 2 executive → \_\_\_\_\_ : to kill legally
- 3 smooth → \_\_\_\_\_ : black powder left by burning coal
- 4 deliberate → \_\_\_\_\_ : to make free
- 5 feeling → \_\_\_\_\_ : to throw roughly
- 6 excite → \_\_\_\_\_ : the way out
- 7 install → \_\_\_\_\_ : a shop in an open market
- 8 marine → \_\_\_\_\_ : the hair on a horse's or lion's neck
- 9 remember → \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who belongs to the club
- 10 mineral → \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who digs out coal, gold etc
- 11 saving → \_\_\_\_\_ : to make music with your voice
- 12 release → \_\_\_\_\_ : to rent or hire
- 13 spine → \_\_\_\_\_ : like a needle
- 14 spite → \_\_\_\_\_ : a big hole in the ground
- 15 scarce → \_\_\_\_\_ : to be concerned
- 16 surgeon → \_\_\_\_\_ : to push forward all together
- 17 sweat → \_\_\_\_\_ : to consume orally
- 18 stripe → \_\_\_\_\_ : an excursion
- 19 funnel → \_\_\_\_\_ : petrol, coal and so on
- 20 triangle → \_\_\_\_\_ : to get all mixed up
- 21 switch → \_\_\_\_\_ : skin irritation
- 22 follow → \_\_\_\_\_ : to move smoothly, like a river

# 48 Moods, states and feelings

Complete the sentences using words from the box.

confused ~~drowsy~~ faint fragile introspective listless  
nostalgic peckish psyched up relieved tense

- 1 Tiredness can kill. If you start to feel drowsy when you're driving, stop as soon as you can.
- 2 It's normal to feel a little bit \_\_\_\_\_ before a performance. But you have to get over it.
- 3 Anyone feeling \_\_\_\_\_ ? I've made a few sandwiches, and there's tea or juice.
- 4 Oh, thank goodness you're safe! I'm so \_\_\_\_\_. I was imagining all sorts of horrors.
- 5 If someone feels \_\_\_\_\_, get them to sit down straightaway as there is a danger of them falling. Stay with them, and offer them a drink of water.
- 6 She's been \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks, just moping around the house. Is it a mood, or could it be something medical?
- 7 He's been hurt a lot by the break-up. He's a bit \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment, so treat him with care.
- 8 I'm \_\_\_\_\_. It's all too ... I don't know. I don't understand what's happening to me.
- 9 She's a great coach. She manages to get the team \_\_\_\_\_ to just the right level before a game.
- 10 She's going through an \_\_\_\_\_ phase, trying to come to terms with herself. Her therapist is very helpful.
- 11 Times are hard for many Russians, and some feel \_\_\_\_\_ about the old soviet system.

# 49 Words beginning with *de-*

Write the words defined below in the boxes on the right.

- 1 A formal discussion on a topic by a group of people. (n)
- 2 Something you do when you play cards. (vb)
- 3 Lacking in something. (adj)
- 4 To pull down a building. (vb)
- 5 Device for unscrambling TV signals. (n)
- 6 Reliable. (adj)
- 7 To ask (strongly) for something. (vb)
- 8 A date or time before which something must be done. (n)
- 9 Government of the people, by the people, for the people. (n)
- 10 Washing-up liquid. (n)
- 11 A type of seat (very popular on British beaches). (n)
- 12 You put it under your arms to stop the smell of sweat. (n)
- 13 To win a victory over someone; to beat someone. (vb)
- 14 Not accidental. (adj)
- 15 To dislike very much. (vb)

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A common meaning of *de-* as a prefix is to undo or reverse the action of the verb: **deregulate**, **deflate**, **de-ice**, **decompress**, **decriminalize**, **decelerate**. Can you think of any more examples?

# 50 Right or wrong?

Are the words in bold type in the following sentences used correctly or not?

Explain what's wrong with the ones that are not correct.

		right	wrong
1	A <b>malevolent</b> person has a heart of gold.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	He had the job before me. He was my <b>predecessor</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	A road with ice on it is called a <b>slip road</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	A student who doesn't work hard enough is known as an <b>understudy</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	He has a lot of <b>personnel</b> and family problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	The killer in Psycho stuffs dead birds. He's an amateur <b>taxidermist</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Her parents are very wealthy. Her father's a <b>marquee</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	He works for an advertising agency. He's a <b>copywriter</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	I had to sack her for incompetence – a very <b>tasteless</b> task.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

right wrong

10	If something is <b>fragile</b> it means it has a sweet or pleasant smell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	If you're suffering from <b>amnesia</b> , you've lost your memory.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<b>Inflammable</b> is the opposite of flammable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	It's not <b>comprehensive</b> – I mean, no – one can understand it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	She's written fifty-eight novels. She's really <b>prolific</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	You'll need to use a lot of <b>workforce</b> to lift that lift that piece of concrete.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Mrs Malaprop in the 18th century play *The Rivals* by Sheridan misused so many words that such mistakes are known as **malapropisms**. For example, she said **illiterate** him from your memory (it should be **obliterate**). And she said as **headstrong** as an **allegory** on the banks of the Nile. What should that be?

# 51 Who wrote what?

Try to work out who wrote the books below. Choose from the following authors.

Anna Gramm   Dinah Mite   I C Waters   I Malone   I O More  
Ivor Pett   Justin Case   Lotta Kidz   Miss T Day   Percy Vere  
R U Strong   Robin Banks   Roland Coffey   ~~Sandy Shaw~~   U C Friends

1 *Holidays by the Sea*  
by Sandy Shaw

2 **Get Rich Quick**  
££££££££££££££  
by \_\_\_\_\_

3 **MiXed Up Letters**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

4 **Never Give Up**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

5 *Preparing for the Unexpected*  
by \_\_\_\_\_

6 **Demolition with Explosives**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

7 **My Marriage Break-up**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

8 **How to Manage a Large Family**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

9 **≡ Quick ≡**  
*Breakfasts*  
by \_\_\_\_\_

10 **The Antarctic Ocean**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

11 **Test Your Muscles**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

12 **Why it's Good to Throw Parties**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

13 **Getting a BIGGER Bank Loan**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

14 **My Cat**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

15 **A Foggy Morning**  
by \_\_\_\_\_

# 52 Homophones

In these pairs (not pears!) of sentences, the missing words sound the same but are spelt differently.

- 1 Breathe in that fresh sea air .  
Prince William is the heir to the throne.

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- 2 She won a silver \_\_\_\_\_ at the Olympics.  
Don't \_\_\_\_\_ in my affairs.

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- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ of shoes.  
Would you like an apple or a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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- 4 She wears a lovely fresh \_\_\_\_\_ by Calvin Klein.  
\$4.99? Why not add a \_\_\_\_\_ and make it five dollars?

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- 5 We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the broken-down car to a garage.  
I dropped the box on my foot and broke my big \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- 6 How much is the train \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
She got more than me. It's not \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- 7 We can't row the boat. An \_\_\_\_\_ is missing.  
Gold is extracted from \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- 8 Do you come to this \_\_\_\_\_ often?  
Sole and \_\_\_\_\_ are flat fish.

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- 9 To be quite \_\_\_\_\_ , I don't like it.  
It only costs one \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris.

- 10 As American as apple \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The Greek letter \_\_\_\_\_ is used in maths to calculate area of a circle.

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- 11 During the \_\_\_\_\_ of King George III.  
Take an umbrella in case of \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- 12 A \_\_\_\_\_ is bigger than a rabbit.  
Comb your \_\_\_\_\_ . It looks awful.

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- 13 A building \_\_\_\_\_ is a dangerous place.  
We caught \_\_\_\_\_ of her only briefly.

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- 14 Please come home. We have \_\_\_\_\_ you terribly.  
It's not really fog – more of a light \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- 15 He \_\_\_\_\_ from side to side, as if drunk.  
They're not shiny leather – they're \_\_\_\_\_ .



Of course, homophones are one of the features of English that cause spelling problems. People write things like *she past the exam* (what is the mistake here?) Perhaps the biggest source of confusion is a group of three homophones, all of which are common words: *there*, *their* and *they're*.

# 53 One word, two meanings

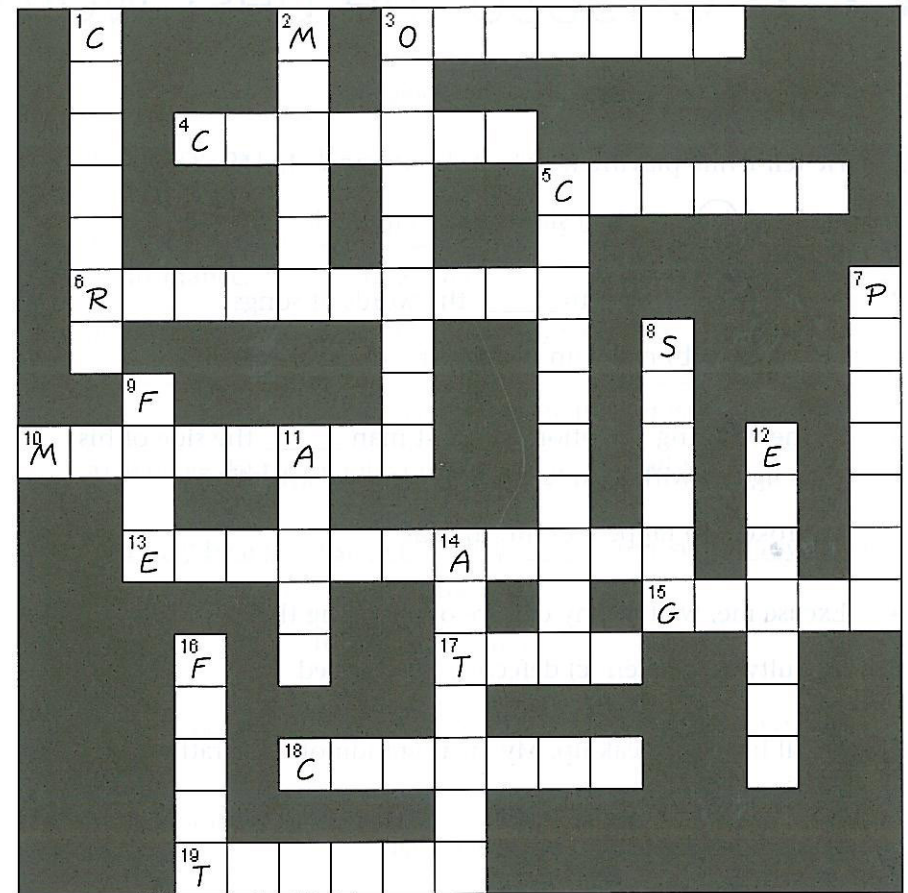
Read the two definitions for each word and complete the crossword.

## Across

- 3 a) general, including everything b) a coat for dirty work (7)  
 4 a) happy, satisfied b) what a text contains (7)  
 5 a) holds up a building b) section of text in a newspaper (6)  
 6 a) massive and sudden political change  
 b) wheel or part of a machine going round (10)  
 10 a) look after, repair e.g. a building b) assert, say strongly (8)  
 13 a) you pass or fail it at school b) a close check (11)  
 15 a) where a dead person is buried b) very serious (5)  
 17 a) container for petrol, water etc  
 b) military vehicle with big gun (4)  
 18 a) an insect that jumps b) strange but popular English sport (7)  
 19 a) part of forehead b) religious building (Hindu, Roman, etc.) (6)

## Down

- 1 a) opposite of the city b) a state with a flag, government, etc. (7)  
 2 a) a booklet with instructions b) by hand (6)  
 3 a) done by a surgeon b) the way something works (9)  
 5 a) being found guilty by a court b) strong opinion (10)  
 7 a) an ordinary soldier b) not public (7)  
 8 a) nice season of the year b) often found inside a mattress (6)  
 9 a) a metal tool b) a place to store data on the computer (4)  
 11 a) to say you were wrong b) let someone in (5)  
 12 a) gases from a car b) to make tired (7)  
 14 a) a newspaper story b) a thing, an item (7)  
 16 a) not very clear b) to become unconscious (5)



Homophones, like the ones in Test 52, are words with different spellings but the same sound. The pairs of words in this test have the same spelling **and** the same sound; the technical term for such words is *homonyms*. Most homonyms are really just different uses of the same word; for example, the historian's *revolution* and the engineer's *revolution* are obviously related. But some homonyms really have totally separate meanings and origins, like *bear* (the animal) and *bear* (the verb).

# 54 Choose the best word

Choose the best word to complete each sentence.

- 1 He fell while playing tennis and grazed his knee.  
a) sliced b) grazed c) slashed d) skimmed
- 2 It is usually difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the words of songs.  
a) overhear b) make up c) identify d) make out
- 3 At the wedding reception, the best man \_\_\_\_\_ the side of his glass lightly with a knife to get the guests' attention.  
a) stroked b) tapped c) hit d) beat
- 4 Excuse me, waiter. Any chance of changing this cup? It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) faulty b) broken c) defective d) chipped
- 5 You'll have to speak up. My great-grandmother is rather \_\_\_\_\_ of hearing.  
a) hard b) difficult c) unsure d) bad
- 6 She was so \_\_\_\_\_ in the book she was reading that she didn't notice me come into the room.  
a) impressed b) mesmerized c) fascinated d) engrossed
- 7 I can't stop now, Marisa. I'm a bit \_\_\_\_\_ for time. I'll phone you later.  
a) lack b) short c) pushed d) rushed
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ will be served during the interval.  
a) Refreshments b) Groceries c) Nourishment d) Supplies

- 9 You're off to Sri Lanka? What an extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_. So am I.  
a) chance b) fate c) luck d) coincidence.
- 10 Two of the actors got the \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the performance. Typical amateurs!  
a) laughter b) chuckles c) giggles d) sniggers
- 11 In \_\_\_\_\_, women live longer than men in most countries.  
a) average b) the whole c) general d) generally
- 12 You may be a good singer, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ unlikely that you will make it big. Looks are important, too.  
a) greatly b) largely c) highly d) almost
- 13 A lot of people try to make use of \_\_\_\_\_ in the law to pay less tax.  
a) loopholes b) shortages c) gaps d) clauses
- 14 Microsoft \_\_\_\_\_ the software industry.  
a) overcomes b) overwhelms c) dominates d) controls
- 15 Police are \_\_\_\_\_ the crime using DNA fingerprinting.  
a) researching b) investigating c) checking d) inspecting



A dictionary may help you when you do this test. But with these subtle differences between words, the dictionary often lets you down; it just doesn't give the example you need. The only way to achieve this kind of proficiency in any language is – you've guessed it! – reading. With extensive reading, you will pick up all these subtleties painlessly – in fact, not just painlessly, but with pleasure!

# 55 Rhyming words

Write the answers to the following questions.

- 1 Which word means *intelligent* and rhymes with *sight*? bright
- 2 Which word means *spacious* and rhymes with *gloomy*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Which word means *attic* and rhymes with *soft*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Which word means *avarice* and rhymes with *need*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Which word means *kill* and rhymes with *weigh*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Which word means *begin* and rhymes with *fence*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Which word means *happen* and rhymes with *fir*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Which word means *wander* and rhymes with *home*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Which word means *huge* and rhymes with *pence*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Which word means *accomplish* and rhymes with *sleeve*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Which word means *strong* and rhymes with *stuff*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Which word means *encourage* and rhymes with *merge*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Which word means *be hungry* and rhymes with *carve*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Which word means *something you say to God* and rhymes with *fair*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Which word means *undisciplined* and rhymes with *forty*? \_\_\_\_\_



When you do this test, don't forget that rhymes sound the same but may be spelt very differently. *Ought* rhymes with *sort* (and *taught*, *taut*, *court*), but *enough* doesn't rhyme with *through*!

# 56 Verbs and nouns

Complete the phrases using words from the box.

achieve   acquit   adjourn   apply for   award   catch   celebrate  
compose   confess   ~~demolish~~   deny   earn   express   extinguish  
forge   influence   inherit   invest   investigate   pay

- 1 To demolish an old building
- 2 To \_\_\_\_\_ a fire
- 3 To \_\_\_\_\_ a crime, a mystery
- 4 To \_\_\_\_\_ a birthday, a victory
- 5 To \_\_\_\_\_ a living
- 6 To \_\_\_\_\_ a decision
- 7 To \_\_\_\_\_ success
- 8 To \_\_\_\_\_ a job, a work permit
- 9 To \_\_\_\_\_ a wish, an opinion
- 10 To \_\_\_\_\_ attention, someone a compliment
- 11 To \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting
- 12 To \_\_\_\_\_ sight of someone
- 13 To \_\_\_\_\_ your guilt
- 14 To \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune, a house
- 15 To \_\_\_\_\_ a prize, a medal
- 16 To \_\_\_\_\_ music
- 17 To \_\_\_\_\_ a banknote, a passport
- 18 To \_\_\_\_\_ an accusation
- 19 To \_\_\_\_\_ an accused person
- 20 To \_\_\_\_\_ money, capital



# 57 Language crossword

Read the clues and complete the crossword.

## Across

- 2 Two words with the same meaning. (7)
- 6 *Look up, rip off* and *check out* are all \_\_\_\_\_ verbs. (7)
- 8 A sentence with *if* is known as a \_\_\_\_\_. (11)
- 10 The way your voice goes up and down as you speak. (10)
- 12 Formal word for a *question form*. (13)
- 13 For example: a, e, o. (5)
- 14 For example: *by, through, at*. (11)
- 15 For example: *Every cloud has a silver lining*. (7)

## Down

- 1 A question which does not expect an answer. (10)
- 3 Verbs such as *may, can, must*. (5)
- 4 A word like *and, but, while*. (11)
- 5 For example: *t, s, b, h, x*. (9)
- 6 *Eating* is a present one, *eaten* is a past one. (10)
- 7 A word that sounds the same as another word, but is spelt differently and has a completely different meaning. (9)
- 9 A word with same letters as another word, but in a different order, e.g. *danger* and *garden*. (7)
- 11 For example: *to meet, to kiss, to forget*. (10)
- 12 A phrase such as *call it a day*. (5)

The crossword puzzle grid is 15 columns wide and 15 rows high. The starting points for the clues are as follows:

- 1 (R) - Down, starting at row 1, column 1.
- 2 (S) - Across, starting at row 1, column 4.
- 3 - Across, starting at row 1, column 10.
- 4 (C) - Down, starting at row 2, column 4.
- 5 (C) - Down, starting at row 2, column 14.
- 6 (P) - Across, starting at row 3, column 6.
- 7 (H) - Down, starting at row 4, column 7.
- 8 (C) - Across, starting at row 5, column 1.
- 9 (A) - Across, starting at row 5, column 10.
- 10 (I) - Down, starting at row 6, column 7.
- 11 (I) - Down, starting at row 6, column 13.
- 12 (I) - Down, starting at row 7, column 1.
- 13 (V) - Across, starting at row 8, column 6.
- 14 (P) - Across, starting at row 9, column 4.
- 15 (P) - Across, starting at row 10, column 11.

# 58 Crazy definitions

Match the words in the box to their rather unusual definitions.

archaeologist ~~baby~~ bread classic illegal intense optimist  
postman prune sense of humour soap three-course meal  
vacuum cleaner warehouse woolly jumper

- 1   baby   : Something with a noise at one end and a smell at the other.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ : Something possessed by people who laugh at your jokes.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ : Something that everybody wants to have read but nobody wants to read.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ : A broom with a stomach.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ : A sick bird of prey.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ : What you say when you are lost.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ : Where campers sleep.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ : A plum that has sunbathed too much.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ : Someone whose career is in ruins.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ : Shampoo for bald people.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : Two chips and a pea.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ : Raw toast.
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ : Someone who gets the sack as soon as he starts work.
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ : A cross between a sheep and a kangaroo.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ : Someone who sees a half empty bottle and says it's half full.



Several of these definitions are based on word play or puns. That is the basis of much English-speaking humour. A girl says *I'm going to pick up my prints*, meaning *get my photos from the shop*; her friend says *Which prince is that – Prince William?* But beware: if overused, puns can become very irritating.

# 59 Match the sentences

Match the sentences 1–10 with the responses a–j.

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|--|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Could you extend the deadline?</li> <li>2 You should get in touch with your solicitor.</li> <li>3 I'll have to cancel the meeting.</li> <li>4 I'm calling to confirm our arrangement.</li> <li>5 The signal is fading, Captain.</li> <li>6 He's abusing his position as a police officer.</li> <li>7 We're losing pressure. We'll have to descend.</li> <li>8 We've exceeded our targets again this year.</li> <li>9 Why are you frowning?</li> <li>10 You are betraying your country.</li> </ol> |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Don't be ridiculous. I am not a spy.</li> <li>b Good – so we'll see you on Friday.</li> <li>c You mean – by taking bribes?</li> <li>d I think we should maintain altitude, with those mountains ahead.</li> <li>e But by how much? Only half a million dollars.</li> <li>f Don't be pathetic. Why not just postpone it?</li> <li>g OK. You can have another day.</li> <li>h Just try to get their position, OK?</li> <li>i I think I should be able to sort this out without resorting to the law.</li> <li>j Oh, money worries, among other things.</li> </ol> |
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# 60 British and American English

Complete the table of British and American words using words/phrases from the box.

car park   city centre   ~~deck of cards~~   first floor  
 first year undergraduate   garden   liquor store   pacifier   period  
 postman   shoestring   term   trainers   vacation

AMERICAN ENGLISH	BRITISH ENGLISH
1 <i>deck of cards</i>	pack of cards
2 downtown	
3	ground floor
4 freshman	
5	off-licence
6 mailman	
7	lace
8 sports shoes	
9	full stop
10 yard	
11 semester	
12	dummy
13 parking lot	
14	holiday



Will American English take over in Britain? Probably not. Slang catches on quickly; a recent example is *no way* (*No way am I paying for you lot!*) But nobody in Britain is starting to say *sidewalk* instead of *pavement*, or *gas* instead of *petrol*, however many American films they watch.

## Answers

### Test 1

badger 4	newt 5
bat 6	otter 3
deer 1	slug 8
eel 12	sparrow 9
hedgehog 2	swallow 11
mole 7	woodpecker 10

### Test 2

1 flight	7 outing
2 travel	8 package holiday
3 journey	9 hike
4 voyage	10 tour
5 cruise	11 expedition
6 trip	12 safari

### Test 3

1 asset	9 route
2 boredom	10 stripes
3 signed	11 range
4 dial	12 marine
5 hint	13 verse
6 ideals	14 several
7 lied	15 prides
8 braille	

*garden* is an anagram of *danger*

### Test 4

1 gone off
2 gave ... away
3 goes back
4 getting ... down
5 getting at
6 went out
7 turn ... down
8 drop in
9 came up with
10 get round
11 handed in
12 passed away

### Test 5

1 versatile	9 tolerant
2 gullible	10 weird
3 illiterate	11 tough
4 clumsy	12 genuine
5 elegant	13 dynamic
6 intellectual	14 cynical
7 skilful	15 intimidating
8 superstitious	

### Test 6

1 eyelash	8 thigh	15 heart
2 eyelid	9 shin	16 lung
3 pupil	10 sole	17 liver
4 nostril	11 calf	18 kidney
5 iris	12 palm	19 spine
6 armpit	13 knuckle	20 skull
7 vein	14 artery	21 ribs

### Test 7

1 prison	9 aeroplane
2 newspaper	10 window
3 bed	11 funeral
4 car	12 chess
5 astrology	13 castle
6 watch	14 football
7 cat	15 farm
8 camera	

### Test 8

Across	Down
1 temporary	1 transparent
4 amateur	2 approximately
6 suspicious	3 generous
10 unreliable	5 horizontal
11 voluntary	7 senior
	8 superior
	9 blunt

### Test 9

1 food chain	8 wind turbine
2 pesticide	9 renewable
3 fertilizer	10 hydroelectric
4 exhaust	11 rechargeable
5 biodiversity	12 residues
6 conservation	13 consumption
7 genetically modified (GM)	14 erosion
	15 exploitation

### Test 10

1 disability	9 continually
2 basically	10 disobedience
3 artistic	11 globalization
4 unreasonable	12 unhelpful
5 actions	13 disqualified
6 applicable	14 precision
7 comparatively	15 dramatic
8 confidential	

**Test 11**

- 1 caught a glimpse of
- 2 distinguish
- 3 Look
- 4 watch
- 5 catch his eye
- 6 notice
- 7 glanced
- 8 recognized
- 9 peered
- 10 observing

**Test 12**

- |         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 1 flock | 9 board       |
| 2 bunch | 10 fleet      |
| 3 cast  | 11 pack       |
| 4 crowd | 12 gang       |
| 5 herd  | 13 bunch      |
| 6 swarm | 14 collection |
| 7 pack  | 15 set        |
| 8 shoal |               |

**Test 13**

- aluminium foil 11  
 apron 5  
 carton 12  
 chopping board 2  
 cling film 10  
 colander 7  
 draining board 6  
 electric whisk 4  
 food processor 3  
 grater 15  
 kitchen towel 1  
 rolling pin 13  
 sieve 14  
 timer 9  
 wok 8

**Test 14**

- |          |       |        |
|----------|-------|--------|
| 1 in     | 6 on  | 11 in  |
| 2 at     | 7 on  | 12 for |
| 3 In     | 8 by  | 13 by  |
| 4 out of | 9 in  | 14 in  |
| 5 in     | 10 by | 15 in  |

**Test 15**

- |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 3 f | 5 d |
| 2 c | 4 e | 6 a |

**Test 16**

- 1 producer
- 2 Secretary General
- 3 foreman
- 4 manager
- 5 head teacher
- 6 chef
- 7 captain
- 8 curator
- 9 principal
- 10 chair
- 11 vice chancellor
- 12 chief executive
- 13 conductor
- 14 president
- 15 editor
- 16 governor
- 17 admiral
- 18 director
- 19 consultant
- 20 spokesperson

**Test 17**

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1 unicorn      | 9 quartet     |
| 2 fortnight    | 10 pentagon   |
| 3 duel         | 11 binary     |
| 4 ambidextrous | 12 decade     |
| 5 binoculars   | 13 century    |
| 6 doubles      | 14 millennium |
| 7 twins        | 15 megabyte   |
| 8 triplets     |               |

**Test 18**

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1 altered    | 9 shade       |
| 2 blinked    | 10 possibly   |
| 3 electrical | 11 umpire     |
| 4 childish   | 12 policy     |
| 5 rumour     | 13 financial  |
| 6 cycle      | 14 morale     |
| 7 disused    | 15 convenient |
| 8 counsellor |               |

**Test 19**

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1 comedy   | 6 horror       |
| 2 soap     | 7 chat show    |
| 3 cartoon  | 8 sci-fi       |
| 4 war film | 9 romance      |
| 5 wildlife | 10 documentary |
| programme  |                |

**Test 20**

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1 insisted  | 7 stammered   |
| 2 repeated  | 8 explained   |
| 3 demanded  | 9 pleaded     |
| 4 yelled    | 10 complained |
| 5 whispered | 11 lisped     |
| 6 boasted   | 12 sighed     |

**Test 21**

- 1 let ... off
- 2 go through with
- 3 came round
- 4 put up with
- 5 go over
- 6 got round to
- 7 fall apart
- 8 Cut out
- 9 get out of
- 10 put ... up
- 11 putting ... off
- 12 get through to
- 13 works out
- 14 putting ... on
- 15 go on about

**Test 22**

- 1st Emerald Isle  
 2nd Dot Com  
 3rd Miss Piggy

**Test 23**

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| 1 sixth   | 11 betray  |
| 2 decade  | 12 cellar  |
| 3 weary   | 13 bishop  |
| 4 lanky   | 14 breed   |
| 5 recipe  | 15 enclose |
| 6 dreary  | 16 faith   |
| 7 income  | 17 delight |
| 8 rugby   | 18 grasp   |
| 9 screen  | 19 mineral |
| 10 extend | 20 resign  |

**Test 24**

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1 defence  | 9 charge       |
| 2 arrest   | 10 juvenile    |
| 3 lawyer   | 11 sentence    |
| 4 evidence | 12 bail        |
| 5 verdict  | 13 prosecution |
| 6 prove    | 14 committed   |
| 7 witness  | 15 court       |
| 8 fine     |                |

**Test 25**

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Across</b>     | <b>Down</b>    |
| 1 bar code        | 2 cordless     |
| 4 spreadsheet     | 3 fonts        |
| 5 ISP             | 4 spellchecker |
| 7 folder          | 6 pirated      |
| 8 word processing | 7 format       |
| 11 database       | 8 paste        |
| 12 scanner        | 10 install     |
| 13 crash          |                |
| 14 monitor        |                |

**Test 26**

- 1 autumn, seasons
- 2 barrel, containers
- 3 rectangle, shapes
- 4 because, conjunctions
- 5 five eighths, fractions
- 6 botany, sciences
- 7 etc., abbreviations
- 8 onyx, gems
- 9 methane, gases
- 10 swallow, birds
- 11 in, prepositions
- 12 cholera, diseases
- 13 novelist, writers
- 14 abstract, paintings
- 15 spreadsheet, programs

**Test 27**

- |         |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|
| 1 score | 6 smile  | 11 train |
| 2 scare | 7 smell  | 12 grain |
| 3 scale | 8 spell  | 13 grape |
| 4 whale | 9 spoil  | 14 graze |
| 5 while | 10 Spain | 15 erase |

**Test 28**

- 1 modem – d
- 2 hypothesis – i
- 3 harvest – l
- 4 salmon – n
- 5 hypnotist – a
- 6 heel – c
- 7 collarless – j
- 8 syringe – k
- 9 humble – m
- 10 grater – b
- 11 trout – g
- 12 skate – o
- 13 recipe – f
- 14 navel – e
- 15 tune – h

**Test 29**

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 1 stumbled  | 6 plodded  |
| 2 skipped   | 7 loitered |
| 3 staggered | 8 tramped  |
| 4 limped    | 9 crawled  |
| 5 strolled  | 10 leapt   |

**Test 30**

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 disturbing  | 6 moving     |
| 2 realistic   | 7 terrifying |
| 3 gripping    | 8 irritating |
| 4 fascinating | 9 exquisite  |
| 5 dull        | 10 striking  |

**Test 31**

- |             |          |        |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| 1 on        | 6 out of | 11 at  |
| 2 at        | 7 on     | 12 on  |
| 3 in        | 8 into   | 13 for |
| 4 in        | 9 on     | 14 at  |
| 5 in ... of | 10 on    | 15 on  |

**Test 32**

- 1 out of order
- 2 call it a day
- 3 given the sack
- 4 talking shop
- 5 out of the blue
- 6 pull your socks up
- 7 can't make head or tail of
- 8 rings a bell
- 9 make a meal of it
- 10 went down like a lead balloon
- 11 has it in for
- 12 a level playing field

**Test 33**

- 1 takeover
- 2 profit margins
- 3 restructure
- 4 wages
- 5 salaries
- 6 forecast
- 7 subsidiary
- 8 training
- 9 economies of scale
- 10 brand
- 11 corporate identity
- 12 market forces
- 13 output
- 14 productivity
- 15 flexible

**Test 34**

- |     |     |
|-----|-----|
| 1 c | 5 g |
| 2 e | 6 f |
| 3 a | 7 d |
| 4 h | 8 b |

**Test 35**

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1 mane     | 9 fin       |
| 2 saddle   | 10 scales   |
| 3 shoe     | 11 trunk    |
| 4 hoof     | 12 tusk     |
| 5 reins    | 13 beak     |
| 6 whiskers | 14 feathers |
| 7 paw      | 15 talons   |
| 8 claws    |             |

**Test 36**

- |     |      |      |      |
|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 l | 6 n  | 11 f | 16 e |
| 2 g | 7 h  | 12 j | 17 o |
| 3 r | 8 m  | 13 b | 18 t |
| 4 i | 9 s  | 14 p | 19 k |
| 5 a | 10 q | 15 c | 20 d |

**Test 37**

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1 antiseptic  | 9 insomnia       |
| 2 maternity   | 10 prescription  |
| 3 midwife     | 11 diarrhoea     |
| 4 anaesthetic | 12 infectious    |
| 5 hay fever   | 13 crutches      |
| 6 allergic    | 14 antibodies    |
| 7 transfusion | 15 dermatologist |
| 8 sedative    |                  |

**Test 38**

- Pasta**  
partisan – parmesan  
source – sauce  
him – ham

**Meat**

- perk – pork  
Boer – boar  
lame – lamb  
stake – steak

**Chicken and Game**

- peasant – pheasant  
cartridge – partridge

**Fish**

- mallet – mullet  
place – plaice  
tuner – tuna  
pawns – prawns

**Vegetables**

- beans – beans  
parrots – carrots  
pleas – peas

**Test 39**

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1 a hatter   | 11 a parrot   |
| 2 a dodo     | 12 a rock     |
| 3 a feather  | 13 a picture  |
| 4 clockwork  | 14 brass      |
| 5 a bat      | 15 a cucumber |
| 6 life       | 16 toast      |
| 7 ditchwater | 17 the hills  |
| 8 a fox      | 18 a daisy    |
| 9 nails      | 19 the grave  |
| 10 a bee     | 20 gold       |

**Test 40**

- 1 ruffle feathers
- 2 empty nest
- 3 dinosaurs
- 4 loan shark
- 5 top dog
- 6 barking up the wrong tree
- 7 big fish in a small pond
- 8 kill the goose that lays the golden eggs
- 9 more fish in the sea
- 10 pecking order
- 11 chicken feed
- 12 wild horses couldn't tear them apart
- 13 fly on the wall
- 14 the cat that got the cream
- 15 teaching an old dog new tricks

**Test 41**

- |     |     |      |
|-----|-----|------|
| 1 e | 5 g | 8 f  |
| 2 j | 6 a | 9 i  |
| 3 h | 7 b | 10 c |
| 4 d |     |      |

**Test 42**

- 1 see the wood for the trees
- 2 an uphill struggle
- 3 froze ... out
- 4 go with the flow
- 5 get bogged down
- 6 find their roots
- 7 a drop in the ocean
- 8 a storm in a teacup
- 9 blown off course

**Test 43**

- 10 landslide victory
- 11 a huge outcry
- 12 the calm before the storm

**Test 44**

- |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 c | 3 b | 5 f |
| 2 d | 4 e | 6 a |

**Test 45**

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 dissertation | 9 sociologist     |
| 2 lecture      | 10 anthropologist |
| 3 seminar      | 11 archaeologist  |
| 4 paper        | 12 statistician   |
| 5 sabbatical   | 13 laboratory     |
| 6 conference   | 14 postgraduate   |
| 7 journal      | 15 research       |
| 8 specialism   |                   |

**Test 46**

- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| 1 stroke      | 8 wink    |
| 2 breath      | 9 speck   |
| 3 pinch       | 10 gust   |
| 4 flash, clap | 11 moment |
| 5 stretch     | 12 piece  |
| 6 spell       | 13 touch  |
| 7 hint        | 14 trace  |

**Test 47**

- 1 insulted – insulated
- 2 brides – bribes
- 3 Satan – Satin
- 4 conversation – conservation
- 5 detergent – deterrent
- 6 Window – Widow
- 7 sins – sings
- 8 deserts – desserts
- 9 killed – skilled
- 10 moving – mowing
- 11 Guests – Gusts
- 12 sauces – sources
- 13 carrot – parrot
- 14 story – storey
- 15 unclear – nuclear

**Test 48**

- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| 1 disused  | 10 miner |
| 2 execute  | 11 sing  |
| 3 soot     | 12 lease |
| 4 liberate | 13 pin   |
| 5 fling    | 14 pit   |
| 6 exit     | 15 care  |
| 7 stall    | 16 surge |
| 8 mane     | 17 eat   |
| 9 member   | 18 trip  |

- 19 fuel  
20 tangle
- 21 itch  
22 flow

## Test 48

- 1 drowsy  
2 tense  
3 peckish  
4 relieved  
5 faint  
6 listless
- 7 fragile  
8 confused  
9 psyched up  
10 introspective  
11 nostalgic

## Test 49

- 1 debate  
2 deal  
3 deficient  
4 demolish  
5 decoder  
6 dependable  
7 demand  
8 deadline
- 9 democracy  
10 detergent  
11 deckchair  
12 deodorant  
13 defeat  
14 deliberate  
15 detest

## Test 50

- 1 Wrong. A **malevolent** person wants to harm other people.
- 2 Right. A **predecessor** is someone who had your job before you.
- 3 Wrong. A **slip road** is a road for driving off or onto a motorway.
- 4 Wrong. An **understudy** is an actor who learns a part in a play in case he / she has to replace another actor.
- 5 Wrong. **Personnel** are people who work in a company or organisation. You have **personal** problems.
- 6 Right. A **taxidermist** stuffs dead animals.
- 7 Wrong. A **marquee** is a very large tent. A **marquis** is a member of the nobility.
- 8 Right. A **copywriter** is someone who writes the words for advertisements.
- 9 Wrong. **Tasteless** describes food that doesn't have much taste, or a

comment or joke that isn't appropriate in a certain situation. A very unpleasant task is **distasteful**.

10 Wrong. If something is **fragile**, it means it is delicate and could easily break. **Fragrant** describes a pleasant smell.

11 Right. **Amnesia** means the loss of memory.

12 Wrong. **Flammable** and **inflammable** have the same meaning.

13 Wrong. **Comprehensive** describes something that includes all the necessary facts and details. **Comprehensible** describes something that is clear or easy to understand.

14 Right. **Prolific** describes an artist or writer who produces many works of art, novels, etc.

15 Wrong. **Workforce** means the people who work in a company or industry.

*allegory* should have been *alligator*

## Test 51

- 1 Sandy Shaw  
2 Robin Banks  
3 Anna Gramm  
4 Percy Vere  
5 Justin Case  
6 Dinah Mite  
7 I Malone  
8 Lotta Kidz
- 9 Roland Coffey  
10 I C Waters  
11 R U Strong  
12 U C Friends  
13 I O More  
14 Ivor Pett  
15 Miss T Day

## Test 52

- 1 air, heir  
2 medal, meddle  
3 pair, pear  
4 scent, cent  
5 tow, toe  
6 fare, fair  
7 oar, ore  
8 place, plaice
- 9 frank, franc  
10 pie, pi  
11 reign, rain  
12 hare, hair  
13 site, sight  
14 missed, mist  
15 swayed, sued

## Test 53

## Across

- 3 overall  
4 content  
5 column  
6 revolution  
10 maintain  
13 examination  
15 grave  
17 tank  
18 cricket  
19 temple

## Down

- 1 country  
2 manual  
3 operation  
5 conviction  
7 private  
8 spring  
9 file  
11 admit  
12 exhaust  
14 article  
16 faint

## Test 54

- 1 b grazed  
2 d make out  
3 b tapped  
4 d chipped  
5 a hard  
6 d engrossed  
7 c pushed  
8 a Refreshments
- 9 d coincidence  
10 c giggles  
11 c general  
12 c highly  
13 a loopholes  
14 c dominates  
15 b investigating

## Test 55

- 1 bright  
2 roomy  
3 loft  
4 greed  
5 slay  
6 commence  
7 occur  
8 roam
- 9 immense  
10 achieve  
11 tough  
12 urge  
13 starve  
14 prayer  
15 naughty

## Test 56

- 1 demolish  
2 extinguish  
3 investigate  
4 celebrate  
5 earn  
6 influence  
7 achieve  
8 apply for  
9 express  
10 pay
- 11 adjourn  
12 catch  
13 confess  
14 inherit  
15 award  
16 compose  
17 forge  
18 deny  
19 acquit  
20 invest

## Test 57

## Across

- 2 synonyms  
6 phrasal  
8 conditional  
10 intonation  
12 interrogative  
13 vowel  
14 preposition  
15 proverb

## Down

- 1 rhetorical  
3 modal  
4 conjunction  
5 consonant  
6 participle  
7 homophone  
9 anagram  
11 infinitive  
12 idiom

## Test 58

- 1 baby  
2 sense of humour  
3 classic  
4 vacuum cleaner  
5 illegal (ill eagle)  
6 warehouse (where house?)  
7 intense (in tents)  
8 prune  
9 archaeologist  
10 soap  
11 three-course meal  
12 bread  
13 postman  
14 woolly jumper  
15 optimist

## Test 59

- |     |     |      |
|-----|-----|------|
| 1 g | 5 h | 8 e  |
| 2 i | 6 c | 9 j  |
| 3 f | 7 d | 10 a |
| 4 b |     |      |

## Test 60

- |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 deck of cards | 8 trainers  |
| 2 city centre   | 9 period    |
| 3 first floor   | 10 garden   |
| 4 first year    | 11 term     |
| undergraduate   | 12 pacifier |
| 5 liquor store  | 13 car park |
| 6 postman       | 14 vacation |
| 7 shoestring    |             |

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