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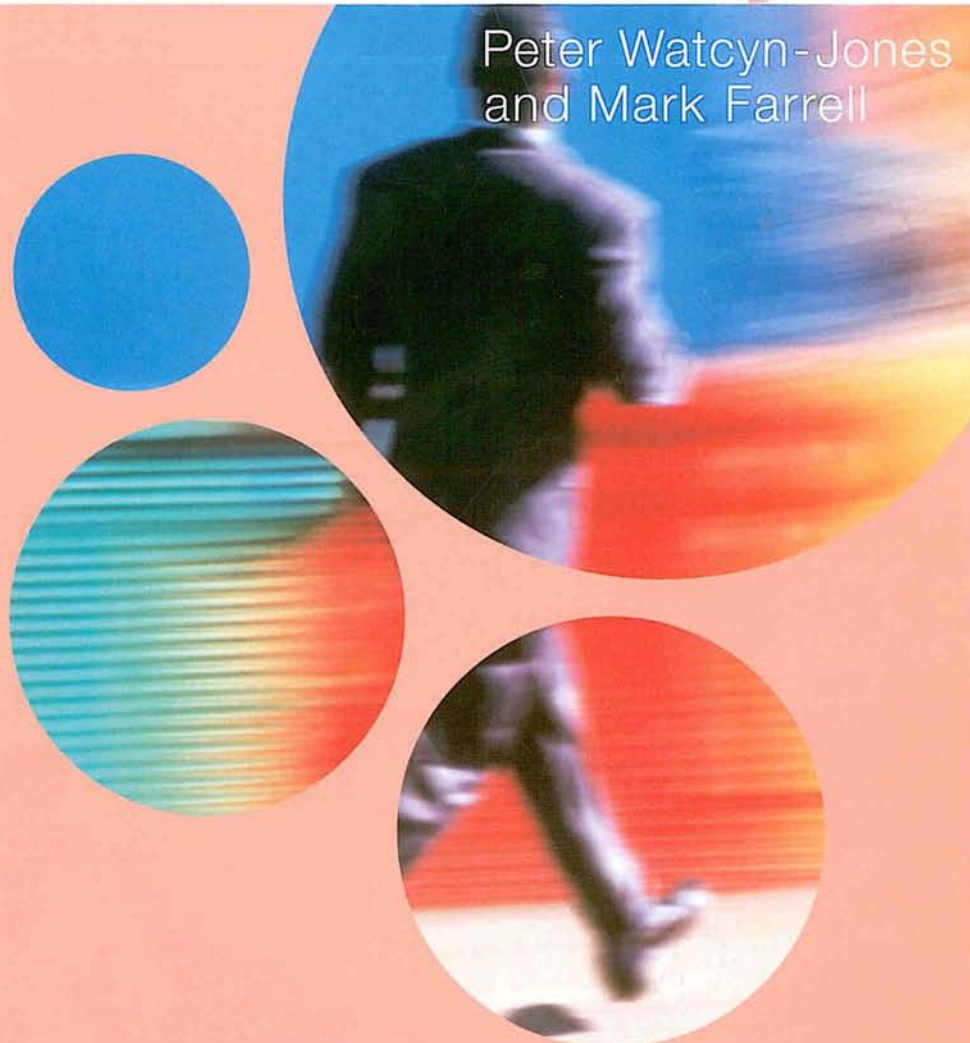
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# To the student

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, tools, shapes, computers, musical instruments, 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.

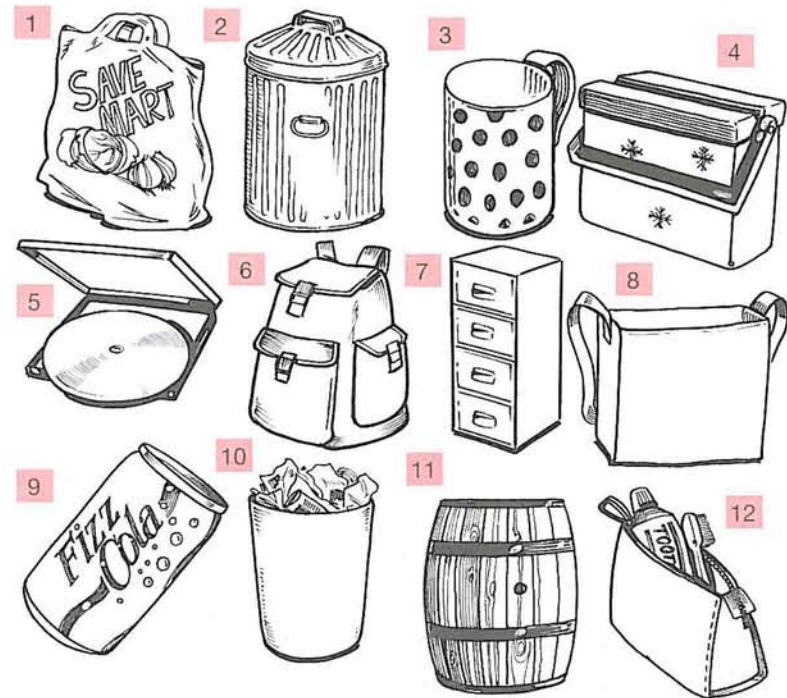
Good luck with learning the words in this book. And we hope you enjoy using the words in real situations once you've learnt them here.

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# 1 Containers

Write the numbers of the pictures next to the correct word(s).

barrel	<u>11</u>	ice box	_____
can	_____	mug	_____
CD case	_____	rucksack	_____
carrier bag	_____	shoulder bag	_____
dustbin	_____	sponge bag	_____
filing cabinet	_____	wastepaper basket	_____

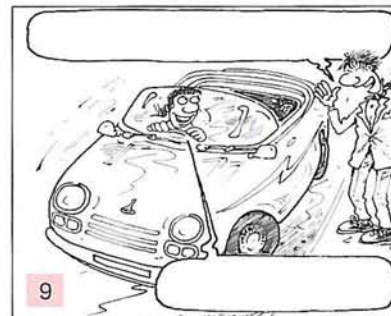
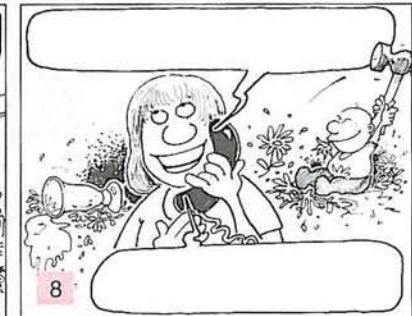
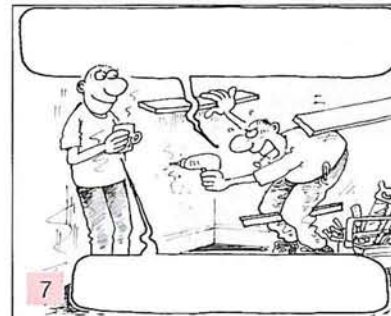
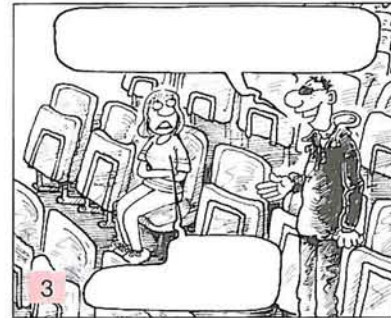
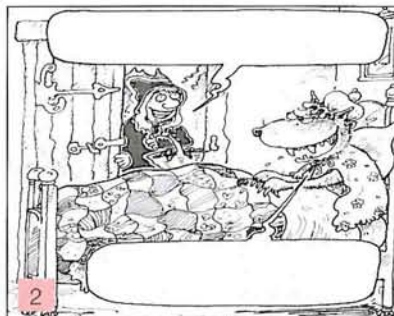


Some combinations of noun + noun are written as one word: *dustbin*, *skyscraper*, *workshop*. Others remain separate: *police station*, *car park*. Can you think of any more examples of both types?

# 2 Useful everyday phrases

Fill in the speech bubbles in the cartoons, using one sentence from each column.

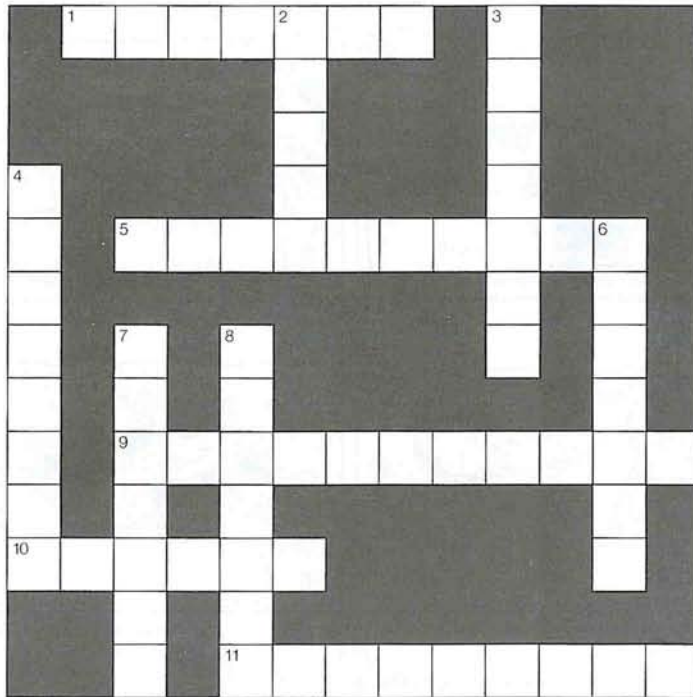
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?              | a A pleasure.  |
| 2 Do you mind if I switch the light off?          | b Ah well! That's life!                                  |
| 3 Could I borrow your mobile? My battery is flat. | c Certainly. Here you are.                               |
| 4 I wish I hadn't said that to her.               | d No, it's free.   |
| 5 I'm sorry I'm late.                             | e No, please don't. I feel frightened enough with it on. |
| 6 May I come in?                                  | f Oh, I'm so pleased to hear it.                         |
| 7 Pass the salt, please.                          | g Oh, that's alright. You got the job!                   |
| 8 Thanks for the lift, Amina.                     | h You are joking, aren't you, Sir?                       |
| 9 The baby's much better now.                     | i Yes, of course. What can I do?                         |
| 10 You couldn't give me a hand, could you?        | j Yes, please do.  |



# 3 The press

Complete the crossword using eleven of these words.

advertising article caption cartoon circulation column  
cover crosswords editor editorial headline journalist  
management newsagent reviewer section tabloid words



## Across

- 1 You must read the \_\_\_\_\_ about Bill Gates on the business page. (7)
- 5 I'd love to be a \_\_\_\_\_, but it's difficult to get jobs on newspapers. (10)
- 9 The \_\_\_\_\_ of *The Sun* newspaper is well over three million. (11)
- 10 Nothing gets into the paper without the \_\_\_\_\_'s approval. She's tough. (6)
- 11 Would you go down to the \_\_\_\_\_ and get me a copy of *The Telegraph*, please? (9)

## Down

- 2 There's a great picture of the desert on the front \_\_\_\_\_ of the *National Geographic* magazine this month. (5)
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ under the photo says 'The Prime Minister in Liverpool today', but the photo actually shows a horse falling over! (7)
- 4 The main \_\_\_\_\_ in *The Mirror* today is TV STAR LOSES TROUSERS (8)
- 6 *The Mirror* is a \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper – that means it is small and it contains a lot about sport and television. (7)
- 7 There's a fascinating article about new Russian poetry in the Arts \_\_\_\_\_. (7)
- 8 A \_\_\_\_\_ is a funny drawing with a caption or a speech bubble. (7)

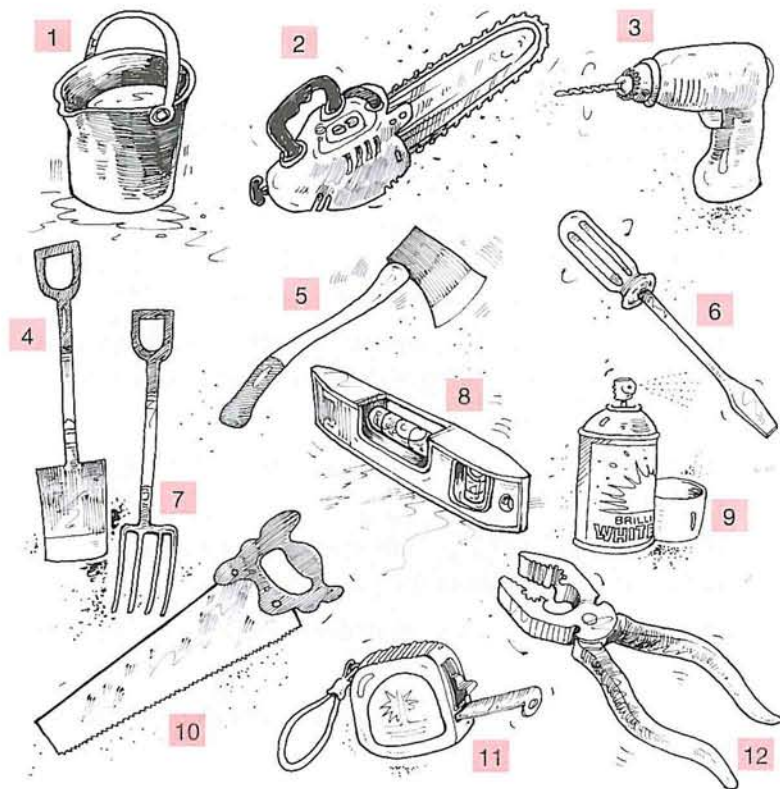


Reading English language newspapers is an excellent way of increasing your vocabulary. They are always up-to-date, unlike books. Read articles which you already know something about – then you can guess a lot of the difficult words.

# 4 Tools and equipment

Write the number of the picture next to the correct word(s).

axe	5	fork	_____	spade	_____
bucket	_____	pair of pliers	_____	spirit level	_____
tape measure	_____	saw	_____	spray can	_____
drill	_____	screwdriver	_____	chain saw	_____



Several tools come in the form of a pair: *scissors, pliers, wire cutters*. We can talk about them without saying *a pair of*, but don't forget that then they become plurals. For example, *Where is that pair of wire cutters?* OR *Where are those wire cutters?*

# 5 Word building 1

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

- 1 Money can't buy you happiness – or at least that's what some people say. **HAPPY**
- 2 I don't think guns are \_\_\_\_\_ toys for young children. **SUIT**
- 3 Alexander Graham Bell developed the first telephone in 1876. Did he have any idea how important his \_\_\_\_\_ would become? **INVENT**
- 4 Come on! You can do it! There's no such word as \_\_\_\_\_ ! **POSSIBLE**
- 5 The tobacco companies understood the \_\_\_\_\_ effects of smoking for a long time – but kept quiet about them. **HARM**
- 6 Towards the end of the 20th century, Microsoft became the world's most \_\_\_\_\_ company. **SUCCESS**
- 7 Kate Winslet's \_\_\_\_\_ is the only good thing about this film. **PERFORM**
- 8 The England football team has some talent, but we're all \_\_\_\_\_ about their chances in the World Cup. **DOUBT**
- 9 Frightened? I was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ ! **TERROR**
- 10 Adam is too \_\_\_\_\_. All I said was I didn't like his new hair colour, and now he won't speak to me. **SENSE**
- 11 I was kept \_\_\_\_\_ last night by another crazy party in the flat below me. **WAKE**
- 12 I know Harry is physically \_\_\_\_\_ , but he is a bit boring, isn't he? **ATTRACT**
- 13 You have a problem, and I'm very \_\_\_\_\_. But I'm not in a position to lend you money. **SYMPATHY**



Some words can be built on more than once: *read* → *readable* → *unreadable*. Try the same thing with *move*, *find*, *pronounce*, *employ*. Check out Test 26 for more practice with word building.

# 6 What are they like?

Use the words in the box to describe the people below.

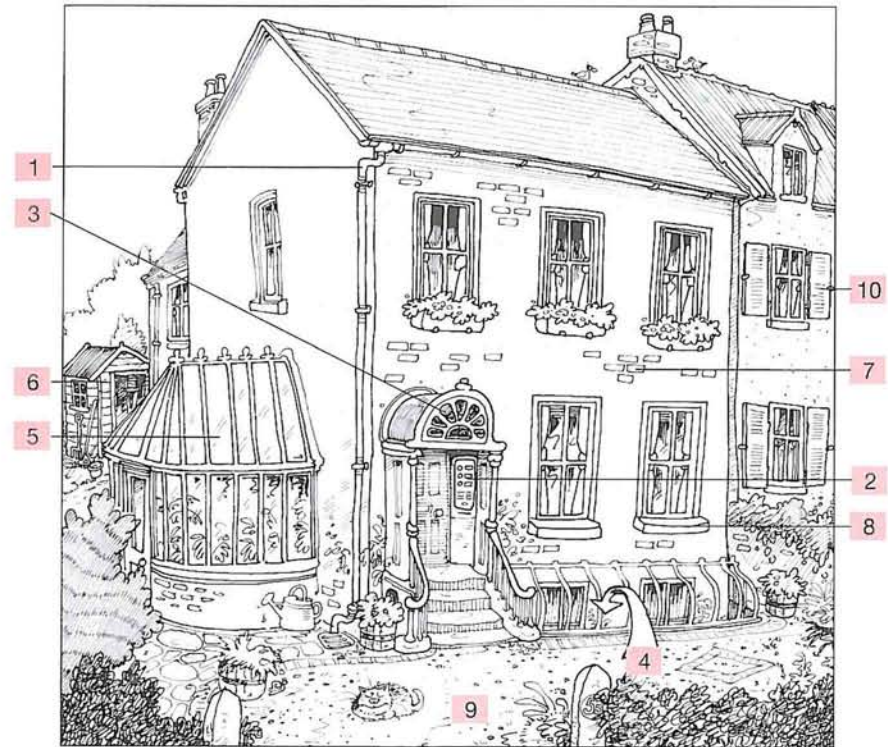
absent-minded   bossy   generous   impulsive   ~~indecisive~~  
laid-back   punctual   reliable   shy   witty


- 1 Andrew can never make up his mind about anything. Just don't offer him a choice! indecisive
- 2 Carlos is not rich, but he always buys us drinks. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Claudia has never been late for a class – not once in seven months! \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I can't believe that guy Klaus. One day he just walked out of the class and went to Peru. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Jana doesn't seem to worry about anything. I wish I was more like her! \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Millie tries to dominate the class. She really pushes everyone around. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Poor Sandra! Recently she left her laptop computer at a bus stop. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Ruth is very sweet, but she never speaks unless you speak to her first. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 When the teacher asks questions, Naseem always has a funny answer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 You can always depend on Ashok. \_\_\_\_\_

# 7 Outside the house

Write the numbers of the picture next to the correct word(s).

- |              |          |             |       |
|--------------|----------|-------------|-------|
| basement     | <u>4</u> | intercom    | _____ |
| bricks       | _____    | porch       | _____ |
| conservatory | _____    | shed        | _____ |
| drainpipe    | _____    | shutter     | _____ |
| drive        | _____    | window sill | _____ |



 The word *house* is sometimes used as a general term to mean house or flat. For example, we talk about **housework** (never about *flatwork*), and **house prices**.



# 8 Too many words

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

apologized atmosphere biography emergency exhausted  
hitchhiking insomnia nephew ~~optimistic~~ outskirts  
regretted shelter souvenirs stamina surgeon

- 1 He was a happy person who was always **expecting the best to happen** ( optimistic ).
- 2 He was very sorry for ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) what had happened. He felt that it was his fault.
- 3 He had great **resistance to tiredness** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and could run for hours without stopping.
- 4 I sometimes read in the middle of the night, as I suffer from a **serious inability to sleep** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 5 I've just read a very good **account of the life** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of Fidel Castro.
- 6 The manager of the hotel **said she was sorry** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for all the problems we had experienced. And she offered a discount!
- 7 Since the age of about nine, I've always wanted to be a **person who performs operations at a hospital** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

- 8 It was a terrible storm and on the bare mountainside there was nowhere to **get out of the bad weather** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 9 By the way, this is my **brother's son** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), Roger.
- 10 I was totally **tired and worn out** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) after running the London Marathon.
- 11 Too much carbon dioxide is now entering **the layer of air and gases surrounding the Earth** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 12 I tried **standing by the road with my thumb in the air** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), but nobody stopped – so I took the bus.
- 13 Quick! Call an ambulance. This is an **extremely dangerous situation in which we must act fast** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 14 We met in a cheap hotel, somewhere in the **area of housing a long way from the centre** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 15 The shop next to the Tower of London sells cheap **things to remind you of your visit** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) – well, they look cheap, but actually they're quite expensive!



When you learn a new word, you often meet it again very soon in your reading. It's a pleasant surprise – but it's unlikely to happen if you don't read! Check out Test 46 for more practice.

# 9 Choose the word 1

Choose the best word to complete each sentence.



- 1 After hours of walking across the desert they thought they saw an oasis, but they were wrong. There was nothing there; it was only a mirage.  
a) ghost (b) mirage c) trick d) mirror
- 2 The boxer recovered, although he had been \_\_\_\_\_ for ten minutes after the fight. His doctor has told him to give up fighting.  
a) unconscious b) asleep c) stopped d) ignorant
- 3 Today's football match has been \_\_\_\_\_ because of bad weather. They will play next Thursday instead.  
a) put away b) cancelled c) decided d) postponed
- 4 If workers and bosses cannot agree, they sometimes bring in professionals from outside to \_\_\_\_\_ in the dispute.  
a) settle b) decide c) arbitrate d) compromise

- 5 The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ around the square in a perfect display of discipline, watched by the President and his foreign guests.  
a) walked b) marched c) strolled d) ran
- 6 The very idea of my sister being a thief is quite \_\_\_\_\_ ! She is a qualified dentist, a mother of three and a governor of a primary school.  
a) risky b) dishonest c) futile d) absurd
- 7 Heavy snow \_\_\_\_\_ the train for several hours.  
a) cancelled b) hindered c) delayed d) postponed
- 8 According to the weather \_\_\_\_\_ , there will be more snow tomorrow.  
a) programme b) information c) forecast d) news
- 9 I liked her. She gave me the \_\_\_\_\_ of being clever but modest, which is quite unusual.  
a) impression b) thought c) idea d) picture
- 10 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ship now lies under 300 metres of water, and we shall probably never discover its secrets.  
a) crash b) body c) corpse d) wreck



Sometimes a dictionary definition is not enough. You need to see words in action. Extensive reading is the secret of success.

# 10 Education

Complete the sentences and the table using words from the box.

boarding compulsory curriculum head teacher nursery school  
~~subjects~~ primary school secondary school single-sex staff  
syllabus terms timetable university

- 1 My favourite subjects are Music, Maths and French. I hate History.
- 2 They made all these changes to the school without consulting the \_\_\_\_\_ – that is, the teachers and the cleaners and so on.
- 3 School is \_\_\_\_\_ in England and Wales, as it is in most countries. But some children manage to avoid school, somehow or other.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ schools (boys-only or girls-only) are becoming popular again – at least with parents!
- 5 In England and Wales, the school year is divided into three \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The person in charge of a school is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 This school has a modern \_\_\_\_\_, including subjects such as Business Studies, Media Studies and IT.
- 8 The History \_\_\_\_\_ this year includes the fall of communism, the 1960s in the USA, and South Africa in the 20th century.

- 9 If you want to know which day or time you have a particular lesson, you can always look at the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 10 A \_\_\_\_\_ school is one where pupils live during term-time and only go home to their families in the holidays.

## The education system in England and Wales

11 \_\_\_\_\_ Age 18 +

12 \_\_\_\_\_ Age 11–18

13 \_\_\_\_\_ Age 5–11

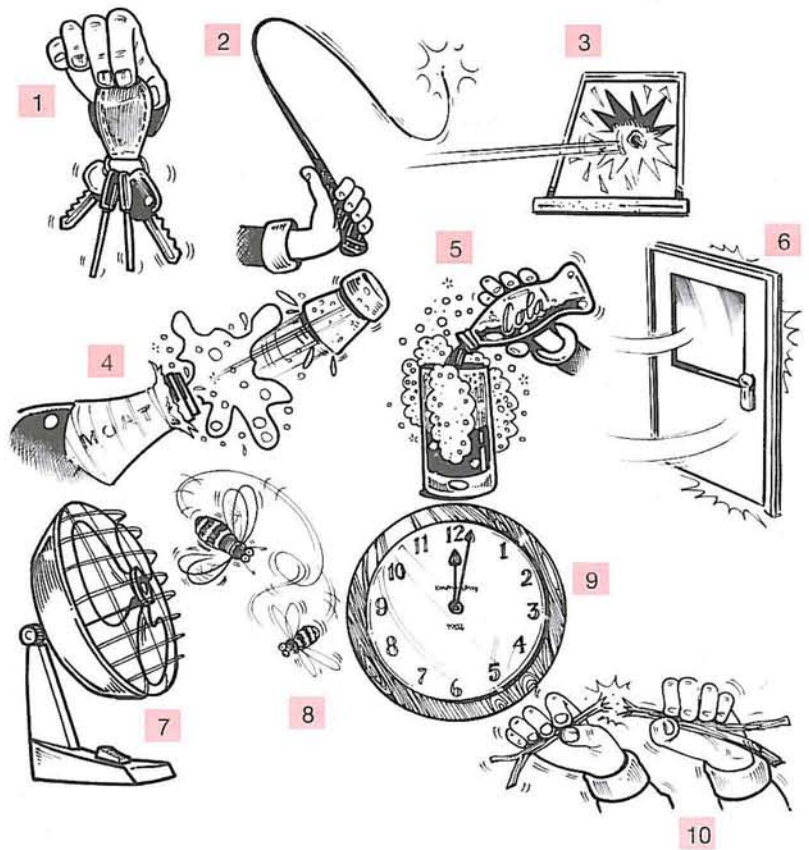
14 \_\_\_\_\_ Age 3–5



People studying at university are always called *students*. Children at primary school are usually called *pupils*. For those at secondary school we either say *students* or *pupils*.

# 11 Crash, bang, whirr!

bang buzz crack crash fizz ~~jingle~~ pop snap tick whirr



- 1 jingle    2 \_\_\_\_\_    3 \_\_\_\_\_    4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_    6 \_\_\_\_\_    7 \_\_\_\_\_    8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_    10 \_\_\_\_\_

# 12 Prepositions

Write the correct noise word under each of the pictures.

out of    at    in    on    for    of

Complete the sentences with the best preposition.

- 1 After all that trouble, we've ended up the best of friends.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the day, it's just a game. Don't worry about it.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ all I know, he might be a brilliant tennis player.
- 4 Great. They want us to do the job. We're \_\_\_\_\_ business!
- 5 Keep \_\_\_\_\_ touch. Send me an e-mail now and again.
- 6 My boss is a person \_\_\_\_\_ little imagination.
- 7 That old phone looks \_\_\_\_\_ place here. Everything else is so cool.
- 8 That's it. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ here. See you guys later.
- 9 The atmosphere is bad. Craig and Darron are always \_\_\_\_\_ each other's throats.
- 10 I've just read a fascinating book \_\_\_\_\_ the history of the Stock Exchange.
- 11 This program is completely \_\_\_\_\_ date. It doesn't even work with Windows 2000.
- 12 You've done brilliantly - \_\_\_\_\_ a beginner.
- 13 It's no good phoning . You have to go there \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- 14 We started in this business later than our competitors, so obviously we're \_\_\_\_\_ a disadvantage.

# 13 Phrasal verbs 1

Replace the words in brackets with a suitable phrasal verb. Put the verbs in the right form.

go for   ~~turn up~~   take after   hold up   go in for   chill out  
look into   go off   check out   run out of   get over   call off  
go along with   come up with   get away with

- 1 The trouble with Frank is that he usually turns up about an hour late for meetings. (*arrives*)
- 2 Karen, I'd like you to \_\_\_\_\_ this complaint we received from a client. It seems quite serious. (*examine*)
- 3 The bomb \_\_\_\_\_ in a main street near the centre, but luckily it was at a quiet time of the day. (*exploded*)
- 4 You won't get another chance like this for a very long time. \_\_\_\_\_ it! (*take the opportunity of doing*)
- 5 Hey! Just \_\_\_\_\_ this new MP3 player. The sound quality is great. (*try*)
- 6 We're not serving sandwiches, I'm afraid, madam. We've \_\_\_\_\_ bread. (*used up our supply of*)
- 7 Yes, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ that. (*accept*)
- 8 Because of a really heavy downpour, the party in the park had to be \_\_\_\_\_. (*cancelled*)

- 9 Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ the 'Weirdest Hair Competition', Ulla? I'm sure you'd win it. (*enter*)
- 10 I wonder who first \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of air-bags in cars? (*thought of*)
- 11 What a lovely baby! He certainly doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ his father, does he? (*resemble*)
- 12 I still haven't really \_\_\_\_\_ the death of my mother. (*recovered from*)
- 13 Because of flooding on the line between Brighton and Victoria, my train was \_\_\_\_\_ for several hours. (*delayed*)
- 14 Samantha is the teacher's pet, so she can \_\_\_\_\_ almost anything. She brought her dog to school the other day. (*do something bad without getting into trouble*)
- 15 Don't keep dancing all night. Just \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally; give yourself a break. (*relax*)




The special thing about phrasal verbs is that they mean something different from their parts. So it can be quite difficult to guess their meanings. For example, you know the verb *take* and the preposition *after*, but that doesn't help you to work out the meaning of *take after*. The best thing to do is learn phrasal verbs one at a time, as idioms. Check out Tests 22 and 38 for some more practice with phrasal verbs.

# 14 Word building 2

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

- |    |  |          |
|----|--|----------|
| 1  | Always strive for <u>perfection</u> , but be content when you fail.  | PERFECT  |
| 2  | There is a lot of _____ in the street. Are we missing something?   | ACTIVE   |
| 3  | There are _____ reasons not to fall in love. But let's do it anyway.                                       | COUNT    |
| 4  | ' _____ , _____ night' – do you know the song?   | STAR     |
| 5  | Don't ask. I'm afraid I'm _____ to help you.   | POWER    |
| 6  | I'd love to, but _____ I can't make it this weekend.   | FORTUNE  |
| 7  | Just what is the _____ of listening to four old men playing rock music?                                    | ATTRACT  |
| 8  | Safety is not my _____ . Speak to my supervisor.   | RESPONSE |
| 9  | Clean it up now. It's _____ , and sooner or later somebody will fall over.                                 | SLIP     |
| 10 | 'I've been concerned about your _____ for some time,' the head teacher said in a rather threatening voice. | BEHAVE   |
| 11 | What do we want? _____ ! When do we want it? Now!  | EQUAL    |
| 12 | I haven't got any _____ , so I can't get anywhere in life. Sad but true, my friend.                        | QUALIFY  |
| 13 | The unexplained _____ of the lead singer made the band even more famous. He never turned up again.         | APPEAR   |


 Some words can be built on more than once: *depend* → *dependence* → *independence*. Try the same thing with *break*, *comfort*, *conscious*, *probable*.

# 15 Let's watch TV!

actor aerial camera operator cattle cement chat show  
 comedy critic director district documentary DVD edge film  
 graduate interview mist news presenter producer quiz  
 remote control satellite dish screen set shelter skyscraper  
 soap sound engineer video cassette video recorder viewer

Put these words onto the right TV screens. There should be eight words on each screen.

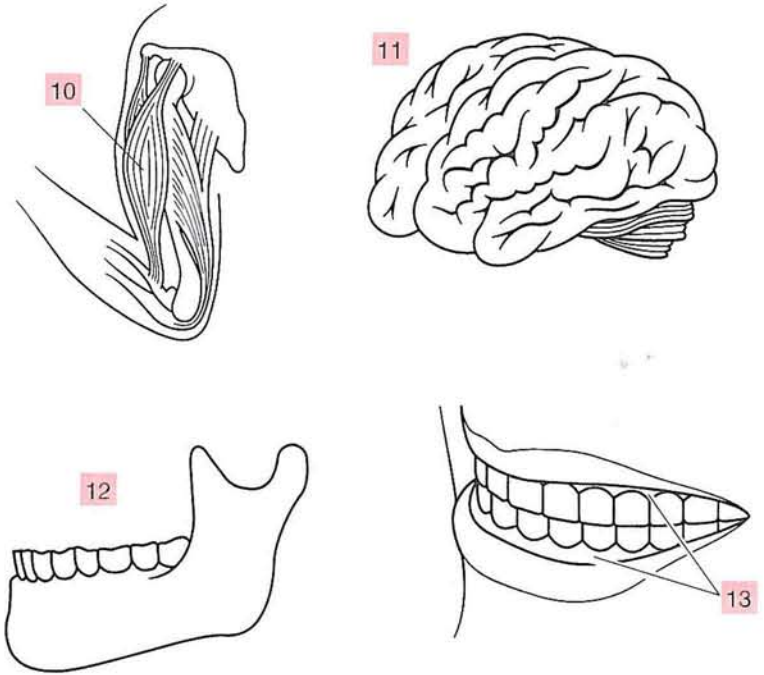
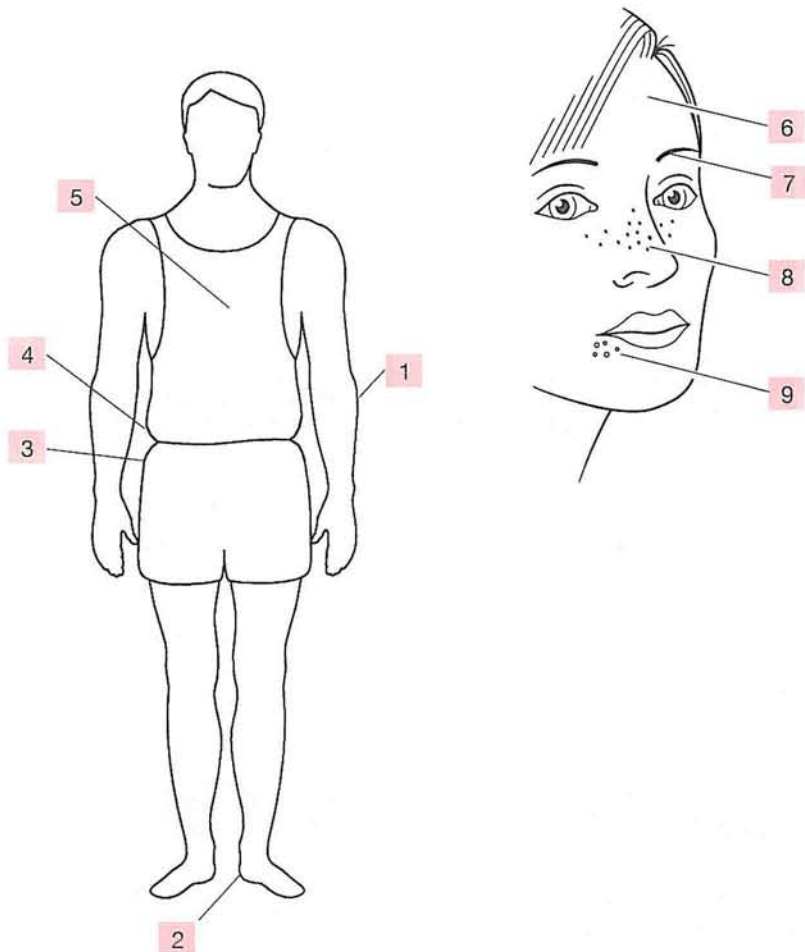
1	TV hardware <i>aerial</i>	2	Types of TV programme
3	People connected with TV	4	Nothing to do with TV

 Because it is such a big part of everyday life, television tends to have some pet or slang names. In Britain it is known as *TV*, *telly* or *the box*.

# 16 Parts of the body

Write the words in the labels.

blood brain chest ~~elbow~~ eyebrow forehead freckles  
gums heel hip jaw muscle spots waist



- |   |              |    |       |    |       |
|---|--------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| 1 | <i>elbow</i> | 6  | _____ | 11 | _____ |
| 2 | _____        | 7  | _____ | 12 | _____ |
| 3 | _____        | 8  | _____ | 13 | _____ |
| 4 | _____        | 9  | _____ |    |       |
| 5 | _____        | 10 | _____ |    |       |



Check out Test 20 for expressions with parts of the body.

# 17 Words beginning with *in-*

Use the clues to complete the words.

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 A guitar, a piano or a flute, for example.                 | I N S T R U M E N T           |
| 2 Not to exclude.  | I N C [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]         |
| 3 The money you get from working, investing or whatever.     | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] E             |
| 4 Synonym for <i>hurt</i> or <i>damage</i> .                 | I N [ ] U [ ] [ ]             |
| 5 It produces goods or services.                             | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Y         |
| 6 If a disease is _____, you can catch it from someone else. | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] S |
| 7 To let someone know.                                       | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] M             |
| 8 Rather like <i>discover</i> , but more original.           | I N [ ] [ ] N [ ]             |
| 9 At the beginning (or a letter standing for a name).        | I N I [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]         |
| 10 Not guilty.   | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] T         |
| 11 To check thoroughly.                                      | I N [ ] P [ ] [ ] [ ]         |
| 12 A formal word for <i>teach</i> .                          | I N S [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]     |
| 13 Say something rude or unpleasant to someone.              | I N [ ] [ ] L [ ]             |
| 14 A formal word for <i>get bigger</i> .                     | I N [ ] [ ] A [ ] [ ]         |
| 15 To plan or expect to do something.                        | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] D             |
| 16 To speak when someone else is still speaking.             | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] P [ ]     |
| 17 A person, not seen as part of society or a group.         | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] L |
| 18 A question and answer session.                            | I N [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] W     |

# 18 What is it part of?

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 A trunk is part of _____.          | a a book            |
| 2 A hand is part of _____.           | b a camera          |
| 3 A steering wheel is part of _____. | c a clock           |
| 4 A trigger is part of _____.        | d a chair           |
| 5 A core is part of _____.           | e a car             |
| 6 A yolk is part of _____.           | f a comb            |
| 7 An index is part of _____.         | g a flower          |
| 8 A lens is part of _____.           | h a boat            |
| 9 A leg is part of _____.            | i a picture         |
| 10 A petal is part of _____.         | j a gun             |
| 11 A heel is part of _____.          | k a shoe            |
| 12 A tooth is part of _____.         | l a river           |
| 13 A mouth is part of _____.         | m <del>a tree</del> |
| 14 A stern is part of _____.         | n an apple          |
| 15 A foreground is part of _____.    | o an egg            |



Words for parts of the body are used for many other things, too. We talk about *the eye* of a needle and of a storm, *the foot* of a mountain and a bed, *the head* of a company, *the neck* of a bottle and *the nose* of an aeroplane.



# 19 Computers

My friend Phil has just bought a computer, and he doesn't know much about it yet. His mistakes are in bold type. Help him by writing the correct technical terms in the spaces.

a virus CDs crash e-mail floppy hard internet keyboard  
modern ~~monitor~~ mouse processing scanner surf website

- 1 The colours on the **television** ( monitor ) are not the same as the printed pages.
- 2 What's the difference between the left click and the right click on the **rat** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) ?
- 3 How many programs can I store on the **hot** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) disk?
- 4 Should I make copies of everything on those **little** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) disks?
- 5 Those **big shiny disks** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) are great! There's so much stuff on them!
- 6 I can't understand all those extra buttons on the **typewriter** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 7 Computers! They drive you mad sometimes. You've put all your work on them and then they just **stop working** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

- 8 I use mine mostly for word **producing** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), or whatever you call it.
- 9 I want to put my old photos onto the computer, so I'm getting one of those **photocopier** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) things.
- 10 You can get an incredible amount of information on the **netscape** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 11 When I get connected, I'm going to send lots of **digital letters** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to people.
- 12 I might even make my own **sight** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) which people can visit to check out my photos and so on.
- 13 But I am a bit worried about wasting a lot of time **skating** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 14 Anyway, I haven't yet got a **thingamajig** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to connect my computer to the phone line.
- 15 Apparently there's a danger of getting **bacteria** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) from files you download.



Words for new technology change and develop very quickly. Even the spell checker on the computer doesn't always know the new computer vocabulary! If you have an English spell checker, try it with the words on this page and some other hot new words.

## 20

‘Parts of the body’  
expressions

Complete the sentences with expressions from the box. Put the verbs in the correct form.

brainwave   cheeky   to put (your) foot in it   to stick (your) neck out  
hair-raising   ~~heartless~~   eyesore   out of (your) mind   nosy  
to see eye to eye   pain in the neck   put (your) finger on it

- 1 How could you be so heartless? I’m still crying because you left me, and now you want your Best of Rap video back – to watch with that girl!

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- 2 I’m in trouble simply because I \_\_\_\_\_ and told the truth about the management of this place.

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- 3 When was the last time you had a \_\_\_\_\_? Oh, yes, that brilliant idea of selling goldfish on the internet. Mmm.

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- 4 We have an excellent working relationship. We \_\_\_\_\_ on almost everything.

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- 5 That ex-boyfriend of yours is a real \_\_\_\_\_. I’m not surprised you dumped him.

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- 6 £2000? You must be \_\_\_\_\_ if you think I’m paying that!

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- 7 Right there in the historic centre of the city, there’s a horrible new office block, a real \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 8 You’re right – that is exactly the problem. You’ve \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 9 I told the teacher he was looking smart today, and he said, ‘Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_.’ I was only trying to be nice.

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- 10 Have you ever tried minding your own business, you \_\_\_\_\_ little person?

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- 11 The Devil’s Dive at the new theme park is a seriously \_\_\_\_\_ ride.

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- 12 I really \_\_\_\_\_ when I mentioned the boss’s trip to Paris with Dave. Her husband hadn’t heard about it before and he went mad.

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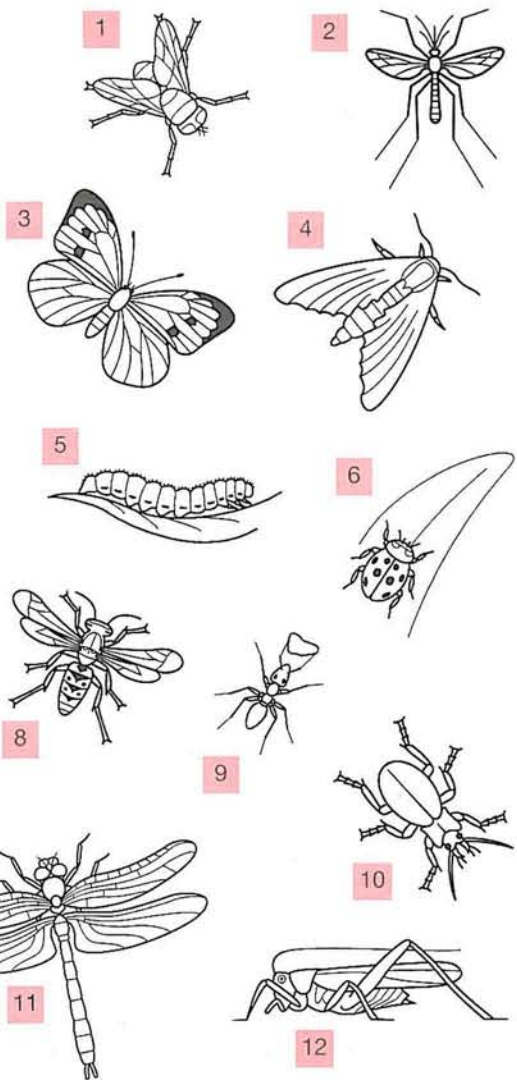




The exact words are important in idioms like the ones above. For example, *brainstorm* is very different from *brainwave*. And the expression *Out of sight, out of mind* means ‘If you don’t see someone, you don’t think about them’ – completely different from *Out of your mind*.

# 21 Insects

Write the number of the picture next to the correct word(s).

- ant \_\_\_\_\_ 9
- bee \_\_\_\_\_
- beetle \_\_\_\_\_
- butterfly \_\_\_\_\_
- caterpillar \_\_\_\_\_
- cricket \_\_\_\_\_
- dragonfly \_\_\_\_\_
- fly \_\_\_\_\_
- ladybird \_\_\_\_\_
- mosquito \_\_\_\_\_
- moth \_\_\_\_\_
- wasp \_\_\_\_\_



 Why haven't we included a spider on this page?

# 22 Phrasal verbs 2

Replace the words in brackets in the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb. Put the verbs in the correct form.

break down    butt in    ~~clear up~~    come across    cut down on  
 get through to    look back on    look up to    put down    rip off

- 1 It's pretty miserable now – grey and wet. But they say it's going to clear up later. (*become fine*)

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- 2 Football stars have a responsibility. Young fans \_\_\_\_\_ them, and treat them as role-models. (*admire*)

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- 3 Some people \_\_\_\_\_ the communist era with nostalgia. (*remember*)

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- 4 Let me finish what I'm saying. I can't stand it when you \_\_\_\_\_ . (*interrupt*)

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- 5 If you can't give up, at least \_\_\_\_\_ the number of sweets you eat. (*reduce*)

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- 6 I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ you on your mobile this morning. There was no tone at all. (*contact*)

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- 7 I was surfing the internet when I \_\_\_\_\_ a really weird site, all about cooking insects. (*found by chance*)

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- 8 Yesterday the bus \_\_\_\_\_ , and we all stood there by the roadside in the rain. (*stopped working*)

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- 9 Quite a few taxi-drivers \_\_\_\_\_ foreign customers. (*cheat, overcharge*)

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- 10 You don't care about my feelings. All you ever do is try to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_. (*criticize, humiliate*)


# 23 Classifications

Put these words into their correct groups. Then complete the name for each group on the right.

Asia balloon ~~paper~~ ferry Indian mango morphine orange  
quarter rucksack shark sofa spinach toilet tortoise

- 1 iron, aluminium, copper, zinc
- 2 peach, pear, strawberry, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Australia, Africa, Europe, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 cellar, attic, hall, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 desk, stool, chest of drawers, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 sports bag, suitcase, briefcase, \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 oil tanker, trawler, cruise ship, \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 turquoise, violet, magenta, \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 microlite, jumbo-jet, helicopter, \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 penicillin, paracetamol, aspirin, \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 snake, lizard, dinosaur, \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 salmon, trout, tuna, \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 half, third, sixteenth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 celery, carrot, courgette, \_\_\_\_\_


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 In our brains, words are stored in groups – so it's not a bad idea to learn them that way!

# 24 How's your maths?

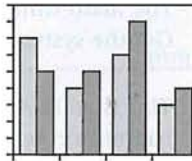
Write the numbers next to the correct words.

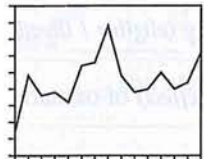
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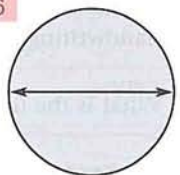
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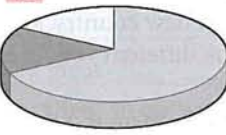
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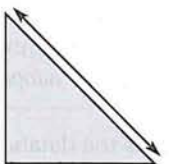
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8  $\sqrt{x}$

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 Several of these mathematical words have meanings in everyday life, too. Think of a town *square*, an ice-cream *cone*, and the *pyramids* in Egypt.

# 25 Confusing words 1

These words are very close, either in form or meaning. Underline the correct one in each sentence.

- 1 I used to listen to pop. Now I prefer (classical / classic) music.
- 2 Those tiny cars are very (economic / economical) to run.
- 3 It's a long course, but if you stick with it you'll (eventually / possibly) get a really valuable qualification. So it's worth it.
- 4 The main thing with this filing job is to be (effective / efficient). Get the system right and don't waste time.
- 5 This is an (historic / historical) victory for the Hungarian men's badminton team in their first international competition.
- 6 For heaven's sake do your work on the computer in future. Your handwriting is totally (eligible / illegible).
- 7 What is the (affect / effect) of oxidation on unpainted surfaces?
- 8 The experimenters claim, in their defence, that the animals which they use are treated as (humanely / humanly) as possible.
- 9 Did you have the (opportunity / possibility) to visit the Louvre when you were in Paris?
- 10 In the class we often debate (actual / topical) questions, like the present attitudes to refugees and asylum-seekers.
- 11 When you move to a new country, how long does it take to (adapt / adopt) to the different way of life?
- 12 As the database is used, there is a (continuous / continual) process of up-dating, done automatically by the program.



Check out Test 47 for some more practice with confusing words.

# 26 Word building 3

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

- 1 My hopes for the job were high, but the reality REAL was rather different.
- 2 The American War of \_\_\_\_\_ is known in the USA as the Revolution. DEPEND
- 3 Medical treatment in the USA depends on your \_\_\_\_\_ to pay. ABLE
- 4 They said I was \_\_\_\_\_ to be a school governor, just because I have a criminal record. FIT
- 5 He looks hideous, but he has a great \_\_\_\_\_. PERSON
- 6 It was rather \_\_\_\_\_ of you to leave both your children on the bus. CARE
- 7 I spent my \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town where even the cats and dogs were bored. CHILD
- 8 This advert was filmed in a \_\_\_\_\_ old factory. USE
- 9 Don't accuse me of \_\_\_\_\_. You are the HYPOCRITE hypocrite.
- 10 These poor chickens are kept in very \_\_\_\_\_ conditions. NATURE
- 11 The price of \_\_\_\_\_ is ridiculous. ACCOMMODATE That's why I live with my parents.
- 12 All the \_\_\_\_\_ are randomly tested for drugs. COMPETE
- 13 Show the slightest \_\_\_\_\_, and you are HESITATE out of this game.
- 14 It used to be a nice \_\_\_\_\_. Not any more. NEIGHBOUR
- 15 The sooner you get medical \_\_\_\_\_ for this, the better. TREAT
- 16 This mafia killer showed great \_\_\_\_\_ TENDER towards his family – but then, so do tigers.

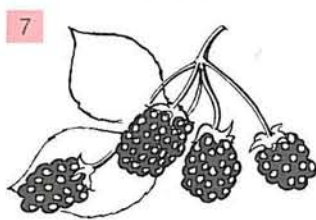
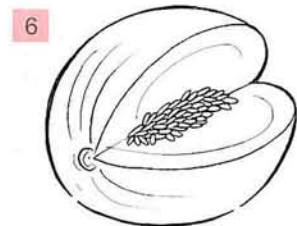
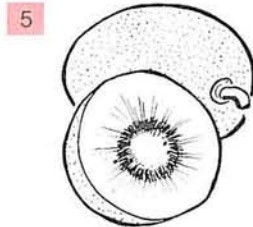
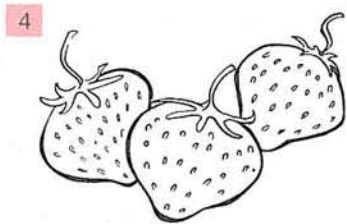
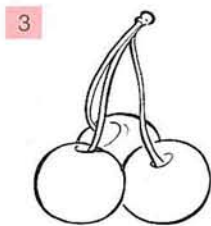
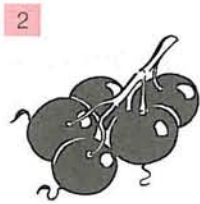


The adjective *able* is the root of the noun *ability*. What are the nouns from *stable*, *profitable*, *flexible*, *predictable*, *changeable*? Check out Test 5 for more practice with word building.

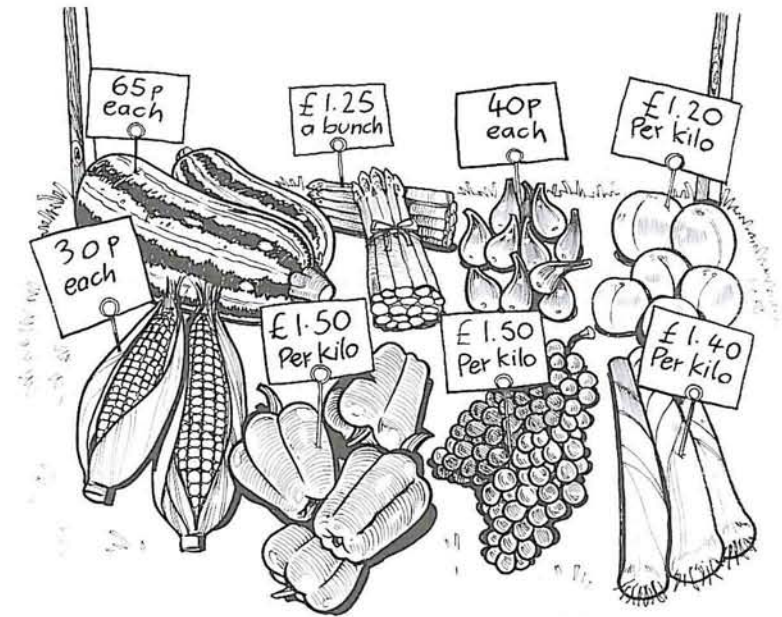
# 27 Fruit and vegetables

1 Write the correct name of the fruit under each picture.

blackberries    blackcurrants    cherries    kiwi fruit    ~~mango~~  
 melon    strawberries



1 mango      2 \_\_\_\_\_      3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_      5 \_\_\_\_\_      6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 \_\_\_\_\_



2 You have £10 in your pocket. Can you afford this shopping list?

five figs	£2.00
a bunch of asparagus	_____
a marrow	_____
half a kilo of peppers	_____
a kilo of leeks	_____
a kilo of peaches	_____
half a kilo of grapes	_____
ten sweet corn	_____
TOTAL	£ _____

# 28 Cars and roads

Put the following words into the correct sentences:

airbag alarm brake central locking change gear clutch  
driving licence handbrake ~~headlights~~ lane overtake  
seatbelt skid traffic jam windscreen

- 1 The headlights are badly adjusted. I can only see about 10 metres in front of the car.
- 2 I don't really know how to \_\_\_\_\_. I've always driven automatics.
- 3 When the traffic is heavy, just stay in the same \_\_\_\_\_ and relax.
- 4 There's ice on the road. You're going to \_\_\_\_\_ if you're not careful.
- 5 You can get a \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of seventeen in Britain.
- 6 Don't forget! When you see an obstacle, there's a certain amount of thinking time before you actually \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When a car \_\_\_\_\_ goes off in our street, no one takes any notice at all.

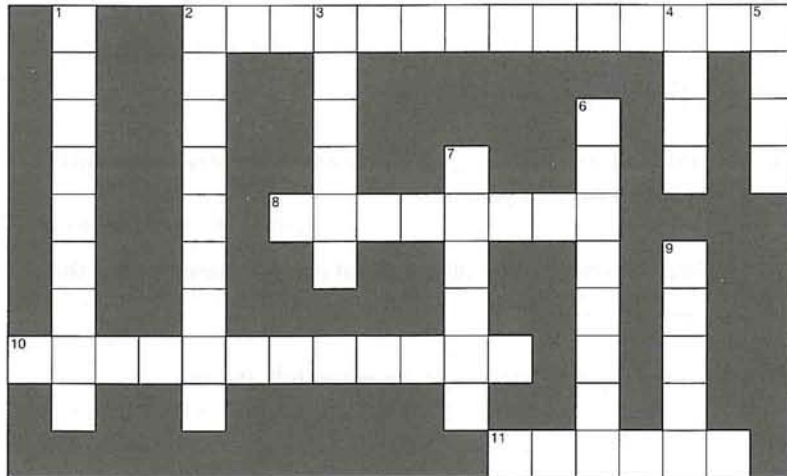
- 8 Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ nice and clean. A clear view of the road is absolutely essential.
- 9 People can get very bad-tempered, even violent, when they're sitting in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 It's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ on narrow country roads with a big lorry in front of you.
- 11 Before you change gear on a manual car, you have to press the \_\_\_\_\_ down.
- 12 The car's slipping backwards down the hill. Put the \_\_\_\_\_ on!
- 13 It's amazing the way the \_\_\_\_\_ inflates so fast when the car hits something.
- 14 Clunk, click, every trip! Always fasten your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 It's OK. Don't bother about your door. The car has \_\_\_\_\_.



The subject of cars is perhaps the one with the most differences between British and American English. For example, *windscreen*, *bumper*, *boot* and *tyre* in Britain are *windshield*, *fender*, *trunk* and *tire* in the USA.

# 29 At the cinema

Read the clues and complete the crossword.



## Across

- 2 Explosions, fires, space travel, ghosts etc. (7, 7)
- 8 The person who gets the money together to make the film. (8)
- 10 American English for 'cinema'. (5, 7)
- 11 In the cinema, the film is projected onto a big \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

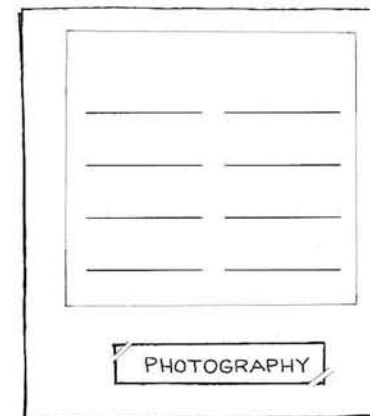
## Down

- 1 Home-town of the movie business. (9)
- 2 A translation at the bottom of the screen. (9)
- 3 The machine which captures the magic. (6)
- 4 The people who make the film. (4)
- 5 The word for a very famous and successful movie actor. (4)
- 6 This person tells the actors what to do. (8)
- 7 Tom Cruise speaking Japanese? Actually, the film is \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 9 The name of the film. (5)

# 30 The art world

Put these words into the right places. There should be eight words or phrases in each section.

black and white bronze ~~brush~~ digital drill fever film  
 flash fresco hammer impressionist lens marble metal  
 mural news oils old master paint passage scarf  
 sculptor stone swallow tide transparency water colour  
 weapon whistle wide angle wood 35mm





# 31 Definitions – the language of business

Write the words next to their definitions.

assembly line chief executive costs customers ~~employees~~  
 exports investment market forces multi-national profit  
 research and development salary shareholder shares union

- 1 employees : the people who work for a company.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ : a system in which each worker does one small part of the whole process.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ : pressures which push prices up or down.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ : goods or services which are sold abroad.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ : an owner of shares.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ : the person with most power in the daily running of the company.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ : an organisation of employees, which negotiates with the management.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money made by a company after it has paid its costs.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ : work to improve products or introduce new ones.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ : those who buy from the company.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : the mechanism by which the ownership of a company is divided between various individuals or institutions.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money which the company spends as part of its operation.
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money paid to an employee each month.
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ : something which costs a lot of money now, but will bring profit after a time.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ : a very large company which operates in many countries.



The language of business is very dynamic – it changes all the time. For example, when a company sells part of its operation or gets smaller, the modern word is *downsizing*. So watch out for hot new words! Check out Test 48 for more practice with definitions.

# 32 Add a letter

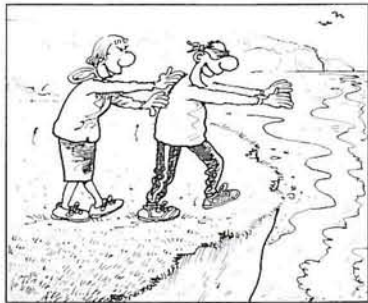
Add a letter to each of these nouns to make a new noun.

- 1 pace peace The opposite of *war*.
- 2 crates \_\_\_\_\_ Lots of these on the Moon.
- 3 hosts \_\_\_\_\_ Do you believe in these scary things?
- 4 pints \_\_\_\_\_ Get enough of these and you win the game.
- 5 roof \_\_\_\_\_ You need this to convict someone of a crime.
- 6 pear \_\_\_\_\_ A long, sharp weapon which was used for hunting.
- 7 ray \_\_\_\_\_ A waiter uses this to carry food to the table.
- 8 cow \_\_\_\_\_ A big black bird.
- 9 cars \_\_\_\_\_ You can play lots of different games with these.
- 10 plane \_\_\_\_\_ Not a star, but it can look like one.
- 11 pot \_\_\_\_\_ A city with a harbour.
- 12 beds \_\_\_\_\_ Use these to make a necklace.
- 13 hares \_\_\_\_\_ Buy and sell these on the stock exchange.
- 14 steam \_\_\_\_\_ A small river. It can look and sound very pretty.
- 15 cub \_\_\_\_\_ Something you can join.
- 16 chin \_\_\_\_\_ You can wear a small gold one, but not a big steel one.
- 17 pants \_\_\_\_\_ They're alive, but they're not animals.
- 18 axes \_\_\_\_\_ Not really as good as e-mails.
- 19 bed \_\_\_\_\_ If a road has one, it's not straight.
- 20 ice \_\_\_\_\_ Little furry animals – or useful computer devices!

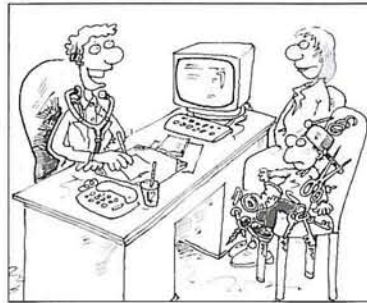
# 33 Cartoons

Match the correct words with each cartoon.

- a A bit too high that time, Sven.
- b But you can't stop me listening to it.
- c Can I have my money back? It's too tight.
- d Now, you say your son has swallowed a magnet?
- e Oh, darling, you're so sweet. I do love surprises!
- f Oh, no! I think you're right. This is the top ...
- g The bus seems a bit late this morning.
- h The programme wasn't that bad, Gary.
- i Well, Simon always wanted a parrot, really.
- j When I was a boy, we had to walk to the TV to change channels.



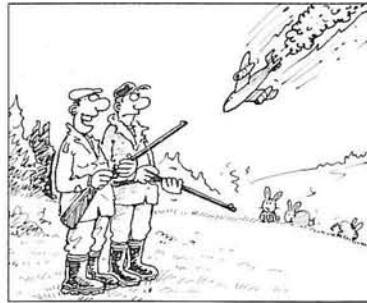
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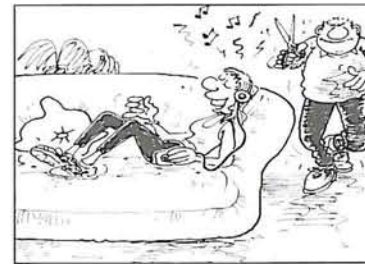
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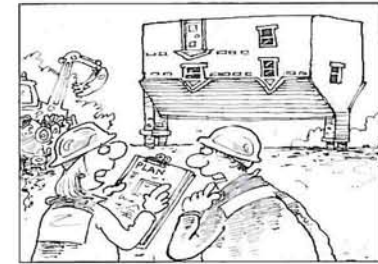
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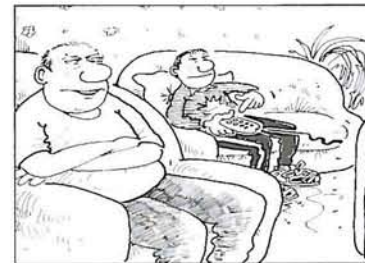
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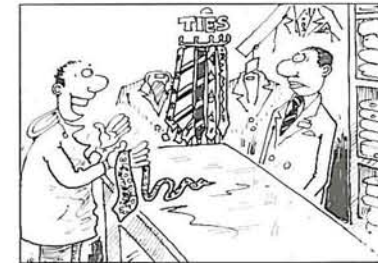
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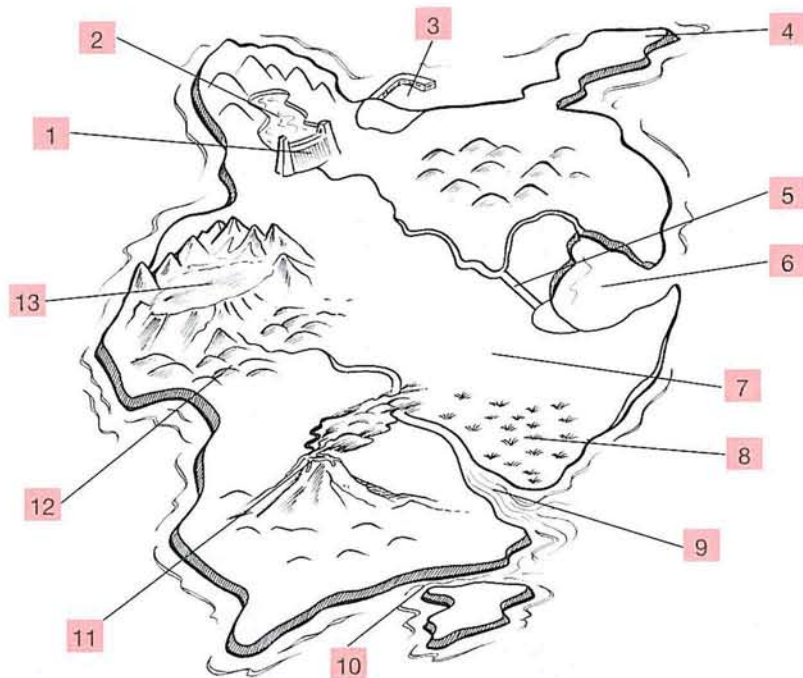


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# 34 The island of San Cristobal

Use these words to fill in the labels on the map.

bay canal channel ~~dam~~ estuary foothills harbour peninsula plain plateau reservoir volcano wetland



- |              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1 <u>dam</u> | 6 _____  | 11 _____ |
| 2 _____      | 7 _____  | 12 _____ |
| 3 _____      | 8 _____  | 13 _____ |
| 4 _____      | 9 _____  |          |
| 5 _____      | 10 _____ |          |

# 35 Connections

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

- 1 clutch, brake, headlight, wheel

C A R

- 2 cover, title, chapter, author

O

- 3 ward, surgeon, theatre, operation

P L

- 4 deposit, cash, loan, cheque

B

- 5 dial, code, mobile, hold

L E

- 6 ace, pack, hearts, spades

S

- 7 root, square, divide, fraction

A

- 8 leaves, branch, trunk, rings

E

- 9 pupil, iris, contact lens, wink

E

- 10 pressure, forecast, change, temperature

T R

- 11 column, editor, section, article

W E

- 12 frame, portrait, landscape, signature

P G

- 13 lead, bone, smell, basket

O

- 14 mouse, screen, program, crash

O T

- 15 officer, arrest, station, question

L C

- 16 racket, net, service, love

T



Try making up some of these groups yourself, and get your friends to solve them. It's easier than you might think!

# 36 Puzzle it out – who won the FA Cup?

See if you can fill in the names of the football teams on the chart, and so find out who won the FA Cup.

Quarter-final	Semi-final	Final	
_____ 1 goal _____ 0 goals	_____ 0 goals	_____ 1 goal	
_____ 2 goals _____ 4 goals			
_____ 1 goal <i>Leeds</i> 0 goals	_____ 3 goals		_____ 3 goals
_____ 2 goals _____ 3 goals	_____ 2 goals		
Winner: _____			

Arsenal lost by one goal in the semi-final.

Newcastle scored two goals in the quarter-final.

Manchester United beat Leeds.

Aston Villa scored one goal less than the team that beat them in the semi-final.

Tottenham played Arsenal in the quarter-final.

Liverpool played Chelsea in the quarter-final. Liverpool got twice as many goals.

Leeds lost 0–1 in the quarter-final.



This puzzle may seem very difficult at first. But keep trying – it does work!

# 37 Words ending in -o

Read the clues and complete the words in the grid.

HERO

    F    O

    O

P    O

S    I    O

    O    O

G    O

    N    O

    S    O

    I    O

    L    O

    O

S    O

    G    O

H    O

- The most important character in a story, book, or film.
- A type of large cow with long horns, found mainly in Africa and Asia.
- A sound which comes back to you when you shout e.g. across a valley.
- An area in the garden made of stone or concrete.
- A blood-sucking insect, sometimes carrying malaria.
- (a) A ball game played on horse-back. (b) A ball game played in water.
- A part of a city lived in by people excluded through poverty or race.
- A Latin-American dance.
- A place where you can play games (e.g. roulette) for money.
- An infectious disease which can result in paralysis, usually prevented by vaccination.
- A mountain with a crater out of which lava and smoke escape.
- A big musical instrument; can be electronic or mechanical.
- Where an artist or photographer works.
- The goods carried by ship, plane or other vehicle.
- The ring of light around a saint's head in a religious painting.

# 38 Phrasal verbs 3

Replace the words in brackets in the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb. Put the verbs in the correct form.

~~back up~~ break up do up get off go into go round go through  
hang out with hold down keep up with let down look down on  
take in take on turn off

- 1 We have to stick together on this. I'll speak to the manager, but you've got to back me up. (*support*)
- 2 I warn you – I'm very fast. You won't be able to \_\_\_\_\_ me. (*go as fast as*)
- 3 My father gives money to homeless people in the street, but he still \_\_\_\_\_ them. (*considers himself better than*)
- 4 What's happened to me and Justin? We \_\_\_\_\_ ages ago. (*ended our relationship*)
- 5 Actually, Justin \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ badly. He had promised to take me with him to America. (*disappointed me*)
- 6 There are seven of us, aren't there? I've got some sandwiches, but not really enough to \_\_\_\_\_. (*be shared by everyone*)
- 7 This year has been pure hell. I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ that again. (*suffer*)
- 8 What's wrong with that guy? That's the fifth time he has been sacked this year. Why can't he \_\_\_\_\_ a job? (*keep*)

- 9 We really have to \_\_\_\_\_ this bathroom. Look at the state of it! (*decorate*)
- 10 Be realistic. Avoid stress. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ more work than you can do. (*agree to do*)
- 11 Are you still \_\_\_\_\_ that weird guy Andrew? Oh, you married him – I'm sorry! (*spend time with*)
- 12 There are a lot of reasons for this, but I can't \_\_\_\_\_ them now. (*explain fully*)
- 12 My son was arrested for assault, but he \_\_\_\_\_ with a warning. (*escaped, avoided serious punishment*)
- 14 If the idea of sick people \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_, a career in nursing is not for you. (*is very unattractive to*)
- 15 That's enough computer science for one day! I just can't \_\_\_\_\_ any more. (*learn, understand*)



Notice that the particles in these phrasal verbs, such as *down, off, on, out*, seem to have general meanings. For example *off* often has a negative meaning: *turn off, switch off, put off, get off*. Look out for these patterns. Check out Tests 13 and 22 for more practice with phrasal verbs.

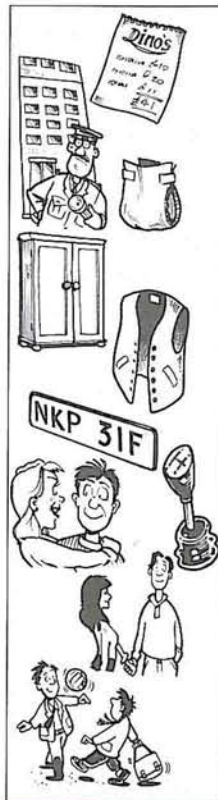
# 39 British and American English


Complete the list of British and American words.

break   caretaker   ~~check~~   closet   darling   date  
nappy   shift   vest   number plate

American English   British English

- |    |                    |                           |
|----|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | <u>check</u>       | bill (at a restaurant)    |
| 2  | janitor            | _____                     |
| 3  | _____              | wardrobe                  |
| 4  | diaper             | _____                     |
| 5  | _____              | waistcoat                 |
| 6  | license plate      | _____                     |
| 7  | _____              | gear stick                |
| 8  | honey              | _____                     |
| 9  | _____              | go out with (girl or boy) |
| 10 | recess (at school) | _____                     |



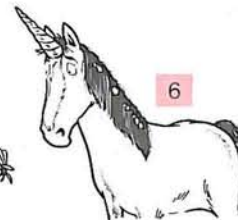
 Spelling: some US words have *-ense* instead of UK *-ence*, for example *license*, *defense*, *pretense*, *offense*. And *colour*, *humour* and *honour* are spelled *color*, *humor* and *honor* in the USA.

# 40 Fact or fantasy?

You may think they don't exist. But you had better know what they're called, just in case! Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

alien   dragon   fairy   ghost   ~~giant~~   monster  
unicorn   vampire   witch   wizard

- 1 Bone-crusher is a giant.
- 2 Hilda is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Draggie-boots is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Henry is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 MacDrac is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Lancelot is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Merlin is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Nessie is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Stella is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Zagxok is an \_\_\_\_\_.



# 41 Prepositions after verbs

Complete the sentences using prepositions – words like *from*, *of*, *for*, etc.

- 1 They accused me of selling secrets to the enemy.
- 2 I must apologize \_\_\_\_\_ not replying sooner, but I'm afraid I'm completely disorganized.
- 3 My parents didn't approve \_\_\_\_\_ me joining the army.
- 4 I didn't use to believe \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts. Not until last night, that is!
- 5 Can I rely \_\_\_\_\_ you to copy the files and e-mail them today?
- 6 I am very annoyed \_\_\_\_\_ you. Can't you try doing something useful for a change?
- 7 OK, don't laugh \_\_\_\_\_ my jokes. Just sit there looking miserable.
- 8 Who is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ the cleaning staff in this company?
- 9 My mother managed to cope \_\_\_\_\_ six children and a job.
- 10 I really object \_\_\_\_\_ the way people park on the pavement.
- 11 The wrong man was arrested and charged \_\_\_\_\_ murder.
- 12 I respect you \_\_\_\_\_ the way you never give up.
- 13 The company is investing heavily \_\_\_\_\_ new technology.



When a preposition is followed by a verb, takes the *-ing* form: *He apologized for being late.* Check out Test 12 for more practice with prepositions.

# 42 Newspaper misprints

Circle and correct the misprints in these extracts from newspapers.

- 1 The Old Ship pub is only about 50/<sup>yards</sup>(years) from the new dance club.
- 2 The phone box was vandalized twice in two days. The police were old, but they took no action.
- 3 A man in his forties with a black bear was seen walking away from the scene of the crime.
- 4 As the ozone layer is destroyed, the danger is that more ultra-violent light will reach the Earth.
- 5 For sale: a collection of second-hand boots. Good condition. Includes a lot of Austen, Dickens, Hardy, George Eliot, etc.
- 6 First floor flat. Spacious living room with large south-facing widow.
- 7 BRIDGE COLLAPSES IN ALASKA. Cars and trucks fell 30 metres into the nice-cold water of the river below.
- 8 *Star Wars* producer George Lucas was due to arrive in Hollywood for the ceremony, but his planet was late.
- 9 Quite a large crowd gathered in the street outside the palace, hoping to see the Prints of Wales.
- 10 Owen scored two beautiful goats against Manchester United last night.
- 11 There was a running bottle between police and protestors.
- 12 The race was won by a strong two-year-old house called *Lady Luck*.

# 43 The environment

Complete the sentences below using words from the box.

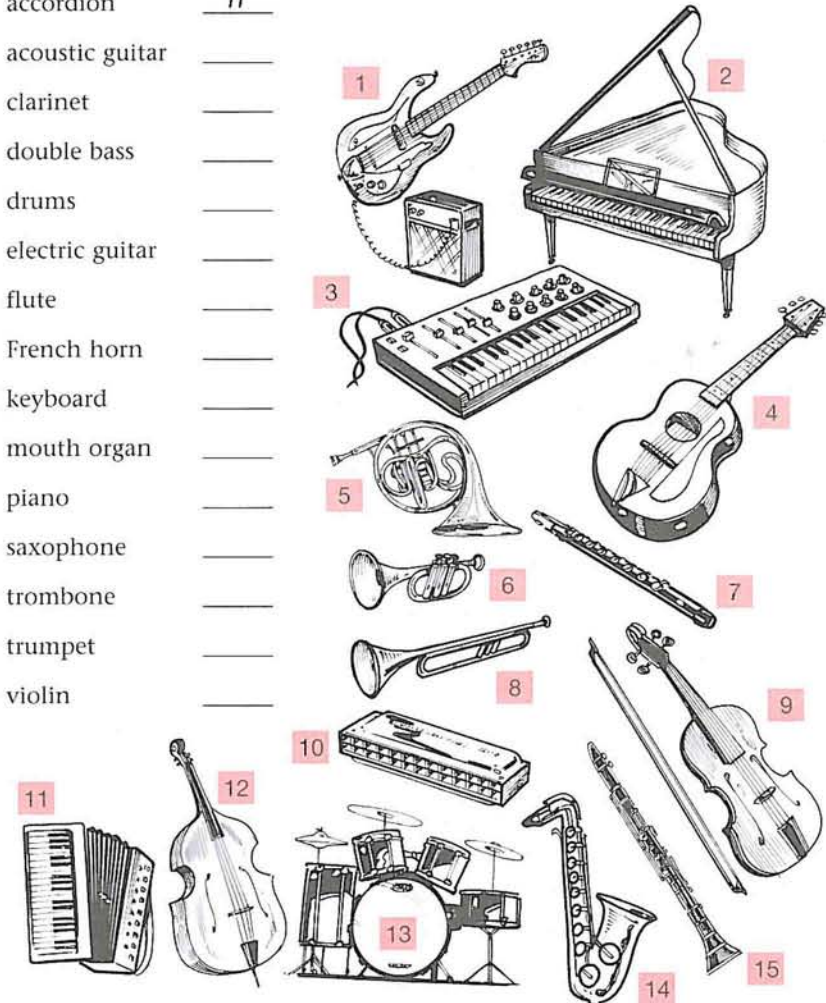
acid alternative fossil greenhouse ozone layer pollution public  
~~rain forest~~ recycling solar species warming

- 1 The tropical rain forest is being cut down.
- 2 By \_\_\_\_\_ glass, metal and paper, we save energy.
- 3 Scientists have detected holes in the \_\_\_\_\_, which will allow harmful radiation to reach the surface of the Earth.
- 4 Some gases trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere, causing the so-called '\_\_\_\_\_ effect'.
- 5 One result of global \_\_\_\_\_ is likely to be a disastrous rise in sea levels.
- 6 Heavy industry causes a great deal of air \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Solar energy and wind energy are sometimes called '\_\_\_\_\_' energy because they are used instead of coal, oil and gas.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ panels use the sun's energy to heat water.
- 9 Human activity has destroyed many animal \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 People still prefer their own cars to \_\_\_\_\_ transport.
- 11 Coal, oil and gas are known as \_\_\_\_\_ fuels.
- 12 Damage has been caused to forests by \_\_\_\_\_ rain.

# 44 Musical instruments

Write the number of the picture next to the correct word(s).

- accordion 11
- acoustic guitar \_\_\_\_\_
- clarinet \_\_\_\_\_
- double bass \_\_\_\_\_
- drums \_\_\_\_\_
- electric guitar \_\_\_\_\_
- flute \_\_\_\_\_
- French horn \_\_\_\_\_
- keyboard \_\_\_\_\_
- mouth organ \_\_\_\_\_
- piano \_\_\_\_\_
- saxophone \_\_\_\_\_
- trombone \_\_\_\_\_
- trumpet \_\_\_\_\_
- violin \_\_\_\_\_



Actually, there are several different types of saxophone and of drum. There's the *bass*, the *snare*, the *bongo drum* and others. Saxophones come as *sopranos*, *altos*, *tenors* and *baritones*.



# 45 Choose the word 2

Choose the best word to complete each sentence.

- 1 Only three people survived the plane crash. Everyone else was killed.  
a) lived b) recovered c) relieved d) **survived**
- 
- 2 She told us about an interesting \_\_\_\_\_ which she is planning – across Europe by train and bicycle.  
a) voyage b) travel c) crossing d) journey
- 
- 3 'Excuse me, Mr Hadid. There's a / an \_\_\_\_\_ message for you from your daughter.'  
a) vital b) hasty c) urgent d) essential
- 
- 4 Is it possible to \_\_\_\_\_ now for next term's evening classes?  
a) enlist b) join in c) inscribe d) enrol
- 
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ he is nearly seventy-five, he can still beat me at tennis.  
a) In spite of b) Since c) Although d) Despite
- 
- 6 These oranges are nice and sweet, but they've got so many \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) pips b) stones c) seeds d) peel
- 
- 7 It used to cost £25 a year to \_\_\_\_\_ to this website, but now they've made it free.  
a) join b) subscribe c) support d) pay

- 8 If you buy a camera in Singapore and take it back to England, you have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ on it.  
a) cash b) expenses c) duty d) fines
- 
- 9 The meeting will begin at 10.30 \_\_\_\_\_. Not 10.34 – do you understand?  
a) exact b) on time c) immediately d) sharp
- 
- 10 When I was 16, my parents wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ me stay out later than 9 o'clock.  
a) permit b) allow c) want d) let
- 
- 11 My father died, and with six younger brothers and sisters I had no \_\_\_\_\_ but to leave school and get a job.  
a) possibility b) choice c) hope d) chance
- 
- 12 When I get rich, I'm going to have a swimming-pool in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an electric guitar.  
a) form b) design c) figure d) shape

# 46 Synonyms 1

Synonyms are words which have the same, or almost the same, meaning. Replace the words in bold type with a word from the box.

accustomed   enough   enthusiastic   genuine   good-looking  
huge   incredible   innocent   ~~odd~~   pleasant   probable  
reserved   rude   terrible   unnatural

- 1 Francis had a rather **peculiar** ( odd ) habit of rubbing his watch with one finger. Everyone thought he was in a hurry to leave.
- 2 Miriam is a bit too **shy** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to be a TV presenter, don't you think?
- 3 Your brother is an extremely **attractive** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) young man. Please introduce me.
- 4 I like **authentic** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) folk music, not this semi-pop stuff which they do for tourists.
- 5 That new guy Schwarz is a bit **cheeky** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). I don't think we'll keep him very long.
- 6 Which of his four excuses for being late did you find the most **unbelievable** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )?
- 7 Thank you so much for a very **enjoyable** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) evening!

- 8 I was paid an **enormous** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) amount for the job. I can't tell you how much. I'm embarrassed.
- 9 We now have **sufficient** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) evidence to convict you, Mr Cavicchioli.
- 10 You have committed the most **appalling** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) crimes.
- 11 A piece of advice: when you are trying to get a deal, don't sound too **keen** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 12 Leo doesn't worry us. We're **used** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to dealing with weird people.
- 13 The flavours in fast food are so often **artificial** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). Where do they get them from?
- 14 You think Cavicchioli is **not guilty** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )? But it's written all over his face!
- 15 It is quite **likely** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) that he will spend the rest of his life in jail.



Usually, the shorter synonym is the more common in everyday speech: *bad*, *short*, *fat* and *skinny* are more popular than *negative*, *diminutive*, *obese* and *emaciated*. Check out Test 59 for more practice with synonyms.

# 47 Confusing words 2

These words are very close, either in form or meaning. Underline the correct one in each sentence.

- 1 In my view this is a (*classical* / *classic*) case of 'too little, too late'.
- 2 The (*economic* / *economical*) argument for having an independent central bank is quite... I'm sorry, am I boring you?
- 3 This stuff is very (*effective* / *efficient*) against diarrhoea, but I don't know about the side-effects.
- 4 It's not that bad. After eight years in prison, you will become (*eligible* / *illegible*) for early release.
- 5 I don't care. It doesn't (*affect* / *effect*) me.
- 6 Is there a (*an opportunity* / *a possibility*) of you coming to help me?
- 7 I'm not talking about the actor who played the astronaut; I want to meet the (*actual* / *topical*) astronaut.
- 8 The paralysis in the company is due to the (*imminent* / *eminent*) departure of the chief executive.
- 9 It is not (*humanely* / *humanly*) possible to remember all the phone numbers you need.
- 10 A number of (*priceless* / *worthless*) treasures have been stolen.



Check out Test 25 for some more practice of confusing words.

# 48 Definitions – money words

Write the words next to their definitions.

affluent bargain commission discount duty fare fee ~~fine~~  
inheritance interest poverty ransom refund reward royalties

- 1 *fine* : payment as a form of punishment for breaking the law; often an alternative to a prison sentence.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ : money given to someone who helps the police or helps to return stolen property to its owner.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ : a more formal / academic word for *rich*.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ : money paid to a salesperson – a percentage of the value of the goods they have sold.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ : money paid by the borrower to the lender; a percentage of the amount borrowed.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money you pay to travel by plane, bus, train, etc.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money or property you get from someone when they die.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ : a tax paid on things you import into a country; taxes on alcohol, tobacco and petrol.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ : money paid for the release of someone who has been kidnapped.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ : payments made to the writer of a book, a piece of music, etc.; a percentage of the price.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : a reduction in the price of something you are buying.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ : the money you pay a professional (e.g. doctor, architect)
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ : something bought for less than the usual price.
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ : money which is given back to you – because you have returned faulty goods to the shop, for example.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ : the abstract noun from *poor*.

# 49 Right or wrong?

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

		right	wrong
1	You look like an angel, and you smell like a <b>flour</b> .	_____	✓ _____
2	She always manages to say something insulting or <b>offensive</b> .	_____	_____
3	I want staff who are keen and energetic. I don't need <b>eager</b> people.	_____	_____
4	I saw an interesting <b>label</b> in the doctor's waiting-room, about sun-bathing and skin cancer.	_____	_____
5	If you like beautiful <b>scenery</b> , Scotland is definitely the place for you.	_____	_____
6	There's always a long wait at my doctor's. She has too many <b>patience</b> .	_____	_____
7	I speak more in <b>sorrow</b> than in anger.	_____	_____
8	The people who work on a ship are called the <b>cast</b> .	_____	_____
9	A <b>pentagon</b> has seven sides.	_____	_____
10	<b>Bonnet</b> , <b>boot</b> and <b>glove compartment</b> are all words to do with a car.	_____	_____
11	If you are fat, you might find it hard to <b>make ends meet</b> .	_____	_____
12	The word <b>parting</b> has something to do with hair.	_____	_____
13	<b>Garlic</b> and <b>ginger</b> are both used for cooking.	_____	_____
14	If you want British people to smile for a photograph, you tell them to say ' <b>Cheers!</b> '	_____	_____
15	You usually find <b>crockery</b> in the kitchen.	_____	_____



You should have ticked eight of the words as 'wrong'. Explain what is wrong with them.

# 50 Rhyming words

Sort these words into eight groups of rhyming words.

-ache	champagne	flea	obeyed	spade
afraid	crate	great	opaque	straight
amaze	degree	heir	pear	thigh
bare	delayed	high	phrase	vain
break	delays	humane	praise	vein
buy	dye	key	quay	wait
campaign	eight	knee	reply	weighs
chair	fake	maid	snake	where

- Group 1 ache break
- Group 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Group 8 \_\_\_\_\_



All simple poetry in English depends on rhyme:

*Roses are red, violets are blue,*

*Sugar is sweet, and so are you.*

Try making up some simple rhymes like this one.

# 51 Anagrams

Change the words in bold type so that the sentences make sense. Each of the words is an anagram of the correct word – that is, it contains exactly the same letters.

- 1 The kettle was boiling away and the kitchen was full of **meats** ( steam ).
- 2 It is easy to **least** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) copyright material on the internet.
- 3 I'm a bit overweight, but I can't **sister** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) chocolate.
- 4 I am terrified of being stuck in a **flit** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). It's a form of claustrophobia.
- 5 The **plates** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of this flower are bright yellow.
- 6 Some Hollywood actors go back to acting on the **gates** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 7 I warn you: if you **teach** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) in this exam, I will catch you. I have eyes in the back of my head.
- 8 Is it really possible to **meat** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) a tiger. Don't they always remain wild?
- 9 In the **thorn** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of the country, the scenery is better.
- 10 Do not **read** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to say anything critical to the boss today. She is in an awful mood.
- 11 Many people blamed the **aimed** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for Princess Diana's death.
- 12 I would like to go up the Amazon in an **ocean** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

# 52 Feelings

Use the words in the box to describe the feelings in the sentences.

~~anger~~ delight despair disappointment exhaustion hope  
infatuation interest irritation jealousy regret

- 1 My sister was hopping mad when I smashed her car. She really screamed at me. anger
- 2 I basically wasted five years of my life loving the wrong man. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I feel sure that it is going to work out OK. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 After all our hopes and expectations, I can't believe that our son failed to get into Harvard University. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Angry? Not really. It's just one of those little things that gets on your nerves. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Yes, that sounds like the right sort of job for me. Could I come and see you about it? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 It's ... it's hopeless. There's no way out. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 This is fantastic, brilliant, wonderful! I can hardly believe this is happening! \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 It's sickening to think of her with that pathetic guy. How could she prefer him to me? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Tara can't take any more. The weeks of stress have worn her down. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Paul is obsessed with that girl who works in the internet café. He never talks about anything else. \_\_\_\_\_

# 53 Who said that?

Who is the most likely person to say the sentences below?

adolescent   accountant   coach   conductor   ~~detective~~  
DJ   marketing consultant   pregnant woman   optician  
organic farmer   pensioner   physiotherapist   priest  
software engineer   victim of crime

- 1 detective : 'Do not touch anything at the crime scene. We have to collect evidence.'
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'This is a really cool track, a re-mix of a dance classic.'
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'I've had an ultrasound scan, but I still don't know if it's a boy or a girl.'
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'My parents are always, like, getting at me.'
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Come on! Twenty press-ups, and then twice around the pitch. Move!'
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'We can avoid higher tax rates if we classify some of your capital allowances as expenses.'
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'A little slower on the adagio, and then quicker when the cellos come in.'
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'You don't even need to wash these. There's no pesticide on them.'

- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Where exactly is the pain? Can you hold both arms up?'
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Please read the letters on the second line. No, Mr Prescott, it's over here on the wall.'
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'You're getting a conflict between these two programs. We'll have to delete or modify one of them.'
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Of course, in those days you didn't go abroad on holiday. You were lucky if got a trip to the cinema and a bag of sweets!'
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'You must think hard about your relationship with God, Tracey. Prayer is a very powerful thing.'
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Do we aim for the aspiring working-class female, or try to maintain the universal appeal of the product?'
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ : 'Since it happened, I've been afraid to be in the house on my own.'



What people say often identifies them very quickly. Try listening to the radio in English and see how quickly you can tell *this is a politician*, *this is a sportswoman* and so on.

# 54 Choose the word 3

Choose the best word to complete each sentence.

- 1 I can't wear red. It just doesn't suit me.  
a) suit b) fit c) match d) agree with
- 2 Many people living around the stadium \_\_\_\_\_ about the violent behaviour of the soccer fans.  
a) criticize b) disapprove c) complain d) object
- 3 Three dangerous prisoners \_\_\_\_\_ from jail at the weekend.  
a) broke out b) released c) escaped d) eloped
- 4 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in applying for the post of assistant manager? There's not much chance of you getting it, but you may as well try.  
a) keen b) interested c) enthusiastic d) eager
- 5 Her parents were very \_\_\_\_\_ when she didn't phone to say she had arrived safely.  
a) worried b) sorry c) insulted d) exhausted
- 6 I can't lend you any money, Natasha. I'm a bit \_\_\_\_\_ of cash myself at the moment.  
a) hard up b) short c) scarce d) low
- 7 You shouldn't leave your bike out in the rain. It will get \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) rotten b) rusty c) mouldy d) decayed
- 8 Take no \_\_\_\_\_ of Alex – he's only teasing you!  
a) account b) regard c) attention d) notice
- 9 It's quite a long play, and there is a fifteen-minute \_\_\_\_\_ between the first and second act.  
a) pause b) gap c) break d) interval
- 10 She got out of her high-stress job in the stock market for the \_\_\_\_\_ of her health.  
a) sake b) reason c) care d) improvement
- 11 Money invested in shares is always at \_\_\_\_\_. Share prices can go down as well as up.  
a) danger b) trouble c) chance d) risk
- 12 Take your gloves with you, darling, \_\_\_\_\_ it gets cold later. You never know.  
a) even though b) despite c) in case d) because
- 13 For heaven's sake, come on! We're going to miss this train \_\_\_\_\_ we hurry up.  
a) provided b) unless c) if d) in spite of
- 14 He went to live in Egypt for a year \_\_\_\_\_ he could improve his spoken Arabic.  
a) so that b) because of c) in order d) therefore
- 15 Everyone's been invited to the party \_\_\_\_\_ for Dougal. Why does everyone hate that guy?  
a) apart b) except c) but d) with the exception




Some words have exactly the same meaning, but are used in slightly different contexts. For example, *shut* and *close* are often interchangeable. You can say *the shop is shut* or *the shop is closed*. But, while the phrase *closing time* is normal, you cannot say *shutting time*.

# 55 Adjectives and nouns

Complete each phrase on the left with the most suitable adjective.


- |    |                           |             |                        |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1  | a / an <u>magnificent</u> | occasion    | active                 |
| 2  | a / an _____              | guess       | ambiguous              |
| 3  | _____                     | rain        | brief                  |
| 4  | a / an _____              | poison      | convenient             |
| 5  | _____                     | twins       | deadly                 |
| 6  | a / an _____              | law         | dense                  |
| 7  | a / an _____              | volcano     | disused                |
| 8  | a / an _____              | arrangement | fatal                  |
| 9  | a / an _____              | joke        | flat                   |
| 10 | a / an _____              | search      | gifted                 |
| 11 | a / an _____              | coal mine   | golden                 |
| 12 | a / an _____              | statement   | identical              |
| 13 | a / an _____              | area        | <del>magnificent</del> |
| 14 | a / an _____              | musician    | practical              |
| 15 | a / an _____              | accident    | residential            |
| 16 | a / an _____              | glimpse     | roaring                |
| 17 | a / an _____              | opportunity | rough                  |
| 18 | a / an _____              | fire        | thorough               |
| 19 | a / an _____              | tyre        | torrential             |
| 20 | _____                     | fog         | unwritten              |

 Certain adjectives and nouns tend to stick together. For example, we usually say *a strong wind*, but *heavy rain*. You just have to learn these combinations as idioms.

# 56 One word, two meanings

Find one word which fits both definitions.

- |    |   |               |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1  | a) to reserve<br>b) something you read                                | B O O K       |
| 2  | a) a country<br>b) a big edible bird                                  | _____ Y       |
| 3  | a) the sound of a dog<br>b) part of a tree                            | B _____       |
| 4  | a) contains stars and galaxies<br>b) a gap or empty place             | _____ P _____ |
| 5  | a) a building for horses<br>b) steady, unchanging                     | S _____       |
| 6  | a) part of a fence<br>b) to send a letter                             | _____ S _____ |
| 7  | a) a fruit<br>b) go out with girlfriend or boyfriend                  | _____ E       |
| 8  | a) part of the body<br>b) a large, strong box                         | C _____       |
| 9  | a) a country<br>b) some plates and cups are made of this              | _____ H _____ |
| 10 | a) a machine which keeps you cool<br>b) a keen supporter              | _____ N       |
| 11 | a) to stop work in an industrial dispute<br>b) to hit                 | _____ K _____ |
| 12 | a) almost a metre<br>b) an enclosed area; an American garden          | Y _____       |
| 13 | a) to support someone<br>b) part of the body                          | _____ C _____ |
| 14 | a) a place where rubbish is dumped<br>b) extra money given to waiters | _____ I _____ |
| 15 | a) a unit of temperature<br>b) a university qualification             | _____ G _____ |
| 16 | a) belonging to me<br>b) a source of coal, gold, etc.                 | _____ I _____ |

 It is very common in English for a noun and a verb to have the same form: *a store / to store*; *a hammer / to hammer*. Can you think of others?



# 57 Crazy definitions

Match the words to their rather unusual definitions!

adult alarm clock autobiography babysitter ~~carpet~~  
 cash celebrity cigarettes employer expert free speech  
 funeral hole net vegetarian

- 1 carpet : a dog or cat that enjoys travelling by car.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ : an overgrown child.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who is nice to meat.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ : using someone else's telephone.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ : the history of motor cars.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ : a person who gets paid for watching television.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ : a person who works hard to become famous and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ : killers that travel in packs.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ : a lot of holes tied together.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ : a poor person's credit card.
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who takes a simple subject and makes it sound complicated.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ : something that gets bigger the more you take out of it.
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ : someone who knows the two secrets of success: (a) hard work, and (b) getting someone to do it for you.
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ : a party for someone who is never there to enjoy it.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ : something which wakes up people without children.

# 58 Take away a letter

Take a letter away from each of these words to make a new word.

- 1 crater crate A big wooden container.
- 2 tissue \_\_\_\_\_ A problem, or something to discuss.
- 3 brush \_\_\_\_\_ Bigger than a flower, smaller than a tree.
- 4 split \_\_\_\_\_ Camels do this, but you shouldn't.
- 5 rang \_\_\_\_\_ Dirty old piece of cloth (in the plural, you can wear them!).
- 6 smack \_\_\_\_\_ Get this, and you're out of work.
- 7 clause \_\_\_\_\_ Has an effect.
- 8 vomit \_\_\_\_\_ Leave it out.
- 9 career \_\_\_\_\_ Somebody who looks after somebody.
- 10 shell \_\_\_\_\_ Not heaven.
- 11 comet \_\_\_\_\_ Opposite of *go*.
- 12 hint \_\_\_\_\_ Opposite of *miss*.
- 13 chain \_\_\_\_\_ Part of the face (1).
- 14 cheeky \_\_\_\_\_ Part of the face (2).
- 15 crop \_\_\_\_\_ Police officer.
- 16 breast \_\_\_\_\_ Scary person, or just an animal.
- 17 broad \_\_\_\_\_ Street, highway.
- 18 shook \_\_\_\_\_ Use one to catch a fish.
- 19 valley \_\_\_\_\_ Very narrow little street.
- 20 exist \_\_\_\_\_ Way out.



There are lots more words that can be cut in the same way. For example, *climb*, *shut*, *leap*, *bride*. Look through a text to find some, then ask a friend to try them.

# 59 Synonyms 2

Synonyms are words that have the same, or almost the same, meanings. Replace the words in bold type in the sentences with a word from the box. You may have to put some into the plural form.

alter category cease consequences estimate forecast  
hasty humorous different ~~item~~ link trouble

- 1 A number of **things** ( items ) were left behind.
- 2 All military action must **stop** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) immediately. You have been warned.
- 3 We can't really **predict** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) the future.
- 4 Can you **guess** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) the number of sweets in this jar? There's a prize for the nearest answer.
- 5 Each user has a **unique** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) PIN number.
- 6 I'm sorry to **bother** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) you. Have you got a moment?
- 7 Just look at the **results** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of your thoughtless actions. Aren't you ashamed?
- 8 This system will **join** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) all our branches together.
- 9 These drugs **change** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) the chemical messages coming from the brain.
- 10 This is not a time for **quick** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) judgments. We must think carefully.
- 11 We can divide the population into a number of economic **groups** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- 12 We're bored. Tell us an **amusing** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) story.

# 60 Odd one out

In each group of words on the left there is an odd one out. Underline it and write it into one of the sentences on the right.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 bucket, flood, earthquake, hurricane           | a A <u>whistle</u> isn't a source of light.        |
| 2 feather, fur, jaw, skin                        | b You can't talk about the _____ of a book.        |
| 3 freedom, poverty, prison, sorrow               | c A _____ isn't a weapon.                          |
| 4 hairdresser, judge, surgeon, shaver            | d A _____ isn't a category of person on the roads. |
| 5 object, topic, theme, subject                  | e A _____ isn't an article of clothing.            |
| 6 objective, adjective, preposition, conjunction | f A _____ isn't something which covers animals.    |
| 7 pedestrian, psychiatrist, driver, cyclist      | g A _____ isn't a subject to study.                |
| 8 physics, laundry, philosophy, French           | h A _____ isn't a natural disaster.                |
| 9 practical, optimistic, delicious, obedient     | i A _____ has nothing to do with computers.        |
| 10 program, programme, scanner, modem            | j A _____ isn't a machine.                         |
| 11 pump, drill, motor, jug                       | k A _____ isn't a profession.                      |
| 12 pyjamas, scarf, vest, goat                    | l You can't apply the adjective _____ to a person. |
| 13 spear, rifle, bow, mint                       | m An _____ isn't a part of speech.                 |
| 14 torch, lamp, <u>whistle</u> , candle          | n A _____ isn't a part of a building.              |
| 15 tower, conservatory, district, basement       | o A _____ isn't an abstract noun.                  |

# Answers

## Test 1

barrel 11  
can 9  
CD case 5  
carrier bag 1  
dustbin 2  
filing cabinet 7  
ice box 4  
mug 3  
rucksack 6  
shoulder bag 8  
sponge bag 12  
wastepaper basket 10

## Test 2

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

## Test 3

Across	Down
1 article	2 cover
5 journalist	3 caption
9 circulation	4 headline
10 editor	6 tabloid
11 newsagent	7 section
	8 cartoon

## Test 4

axe 5	saw 10
bucket 1	screwdriver 6
tape measure 11	spade 4
drill 3	spirit level 8
fork 7	spray can 9
pair of pliers 12	chain saw 2

## Test 5

1 happiness	8 doubtful
2 suitable	9 terrified
3 invention	10 sensitive
4 impossible	11 awake
5 harmful	12 attractive
6 successful	13 sympathetic
7 performance	

## Test 6

1 indecisive	6 bossy
2 generous	7 absent-minded
3 punctual	8 shy
4 impulsive	9 witty
5 laid-back	10 reliable

## Test 7

basement 4	intercom 2
bricks 7	porch 3
conservatory 5	shed 6
drainpipe 1	shutter 10
drive 9	window sill 8

## Test 8

1 optimistic	9 nephew
2 regretted	10 exhausted
3 stamina	11 atmosphere
4 insomnia	12 hitchhiking
5 biography	13 emergency
6 apologized	14 outskirts
7 surgeon	15 souvenir
8 shelter	

## Test 9

1 b) mirage	6 d) absurd
2 a) unconscious	7 c) delayed
3 d) postponed	8 c) forecast
4 c) arbitrate	9 a) impression
5 b) marched	10 d) wreck

## Test 10

1 subjects	8 syllabus
2 staff	9 timetable
3 compulsory	10 boarding
4 Single-sex	11 university
5 terms	12 secondary school
6 head teacher	13 primary school
7 curriculum	14 nursery school

## Test 11

1 jingle	6 bang
2 crack	7 whirr
3 crash	8 buzz
4 pop	9 tick
5 fizz	10 snap

## Test 12

1 of	8 out of
2 At	9 at
3 For	10 on
4 in	11 out of
5 in	12 for
6 of	13 in
7 out of	14 at

## Test 13

1 turns up	3 went off
2 look into	4 Go for
5 check out	11 take after
6 run out of	12 got over
7 go along with	13 held up
8 called off	14 get away with
9 go in for	15 chill out
10 came up with	

## Test 14

1 perfection	8 responsibility
2 activity	9 slippery
3 countless	10 behaviour
4 Starry, starry	11 equality
5 powerless	12 qualifications
6 unfortunately	13 disappearance
7 attraction	

## Test 15

### TV hardware

aerial	screen
DVD	set
remote control	video recorder
satellite dish	video cassette

### Types of TV programme

chat show	interview
comedy	news
documentary	quiz
film	soap

### People connected with TV

actor	presenter
camera operator	producer
critic	sound engineer
director	viewer

### Nothing to do with TV

cattle	graduate
cement	mist
district	shelter
edge	skyscraper

## Test 16

1 elbow	8 freckles
2 heel	9 spots
3 hip	10 muscle
4 waist	11 brain
5 chest	12 jaw
6 forehead	13 gums
7 eyebrow	

## Test 17

1 instrument	4 injure
2 include	5 industry
3 income	6 infectious
7 inform	13 insult
8 invent	14 increase
9 initial	15 intend
10 innocent	16 interrupt
11 inspect	17 individual
12 instruct	18 interview

## Test 18

1 m a tree	9 d a chair
2 c a clock	10 g a flower
3 e a car	11 k a shoe
4 j a gun	12 f a comb
5 n an apple	13 l a river
6 o an egg	14 h a boat
7 a a book	15 i a picture
8 b a camera	

## Test 19

1 monitor	9 scanner
2 mouse	10 internet
3 hard	11 e-mails
4 floppy	12 website
5 CDs	13 surfing
6 keyboard	14 modem*
7 crash	15 a virus
8 processing	

\*'thingamigig' means 'something'

## Test 20

1 heartless
2 stuck my neck out
3 brainwave
4 see eye to eye
5 pain in the neck
6 out of your mind
7 eyesore
8 put your finger on it
9 cheeky
10 nosy
11 hair-raising
12 put my foot in it

## Test 21

ant 9	dragonfly 11
bee 7	fly 1
beetle 10	ladybird 6
butterfly 3	mosquito 2
caterpillar 5	moth 4
cricket 12	wasp 8

A spider wasn't included because it is not an insect but an arachnid.

## Test 22

1 clear up	6 get through to
2 look up to	7 came across
3 look back on	8 broke down
4 butt in	9 rip off
5 cut down on	10 put down

## Test 23

1 copper / metals
2 mango / fruit
3 Asia / continents
4 toilet / rooms
5 sofa / furniture
6 rucksack / luggage
7 Indian / oceans
8 ferry / ships
9 orange / colours
10 balloon / aircraft
11 morphine / drugs
12 tortoise / reptiles
13 shark / fish
14 quarter / fractions
15 spinach / vegetables

## Test 24

bar chart 4	hypotenuse 12
cone 1	radius 9
cylinder 2	rhombus 10
diameter 6	pie chart 11
equation 3	spiral 7
graph 5	square root 8

## Test 25

1 classical	7 effect
2 economical	8 humanely
3 eventually	9 opportunity
4 efficient	10 topical
5 historic	11 adapt
6 illegible	12 continuous

## Test 26

1 reality	9 hypocrisy
2 Independence	10 unnatural
3 ability	11 accommodation
4 unfit	12 competitors
5 personality	13 hesitation
6 careless	14 neighbourhood
7 childhood	15 treatment
8 disused	16 tenderness

## Test 27

1 1 mango	
2 blackcurrants	
3 cherries	
4 strawberries	
5 kiwi fruit	
6 melon	
7 blackberries	
2 No – you can't afford it.	
five figs	£2.00
bunch of asparagus	£1.25
a marrow	65p
half a kilo of peppers	75p
a kilo of leeks	£1.40
a kilo of peaches	£1.20
half a kilo of grapes	75p
ten sweet corn	£3.00
TOTAL	£11.00

## Test 28

1 headlights	9 traffic jam
2 change gear	10 overtake
3 lane	11 clutch
4 skid	12 handbrake
5 driving licence	13 airbag
6 brake	14 seatbelt
7 alarm	15 central locking
8 windscreen	

## Test 29

Across	Down
2 special effects	1 Hollywood
8 producer	2 subtitles
10 movie theater	3 camera
11 screen	4 crew
	5 star
	6 director
	7 dubbed
	9 title

## Test 30

Painting	
brush	oils
fresco	old master
impressionist	paint
mural	water colour

## Sculpture

bronze	metal
drill	sculptor
hammer	stone
marble	wood

## Photography

black and white	lens
digital	transparency
film	wide angle
flash	35mm

## Nothing to do with art

fever	swallow
news	tide
passage	weapon
scarf	whistle

## Test 31

1 employees	9 research and
2 assembly line	development
3 market forces	10 customers
4 exports	11 shares
5 shareholder	12 costs
6 chief executive	13 salary
7 union	14 investment
8 profit	15 multi-national

## Test 32

1 peace	11 port
2 craters	12 beads
3 ghosts	13 shares
4 points	14 stream
5 proof	15 club
6 spear	16 chain
7 tray	17 plants
8 crow	18 faxes
9 cards	19 bend
10 planet	20 mice

## Test 33

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

## Test 34

1 dam	8 wetland
2 reservoir	9 estuary
3 harbour	10 channel
4 peninsula	11 volcano
5 canal	12 foothills
6 bay	13 plateau
7 plain	

## Test 35

1 car	5 telephone
2 book	6 cards
3 hospital	7 maths
4 bank	8 tree
9 eye	13 dog
10 weather	14 computer
11 newspaper	15 police
12 painting	16 tennis

## Test 36

## Quarter-final

Arsenal 1 goal
Tottenham 0 goals
Chelsea 2 goals
Liverpool 4 goals
Manchester United 1 goal
Leeds 0 goals
Newcastle 2 goals
Aston Villa 3 goals

## Semi-final

Arsenal 0 goals
Liverpool 1 goal
Manchester United 3 goals
Aston Villa 2 goals

## Final

Liverpool 1 goal
Manchester United 3 goals

## Winner: Manchester United

## Test 37

1 hero	9 casino
2 buffalo	10 polio
3 echo	11 volcano
4 patio	12 piano
5 mosquito	13 studio
6 polo	14 cargo
7 ghetto	15 halo
8 tango	

## Test 38

- 1 back, up
- 2 keep up with
- 3 looks down on
- 4 broke up
- 5 let, down
- 6 go round
- 7 go through
- 8 hold down
- 9 do up
- 10 take on
- 11 hanging out with
- 12 go into
- 13 got off
- 14 turns, off
- 15 take in

## Test 39

## American English – British English

- 1 check – bill (at a restaurant)
- 2 janitor – caretaker
- 3 closet – wardrobe
- 4 diaper – nappy
- 5 vest – waistcoat
- 6 license plate – number plate
- 7 shift – gear stick
- 8 honey – darling
- 9 date – go out with (girl or boy)
- 10 recess (at school) – break

## Test 40

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 giant   | 6 unicorn |
| 2 witch   | 7 wizard  |
| 3 dragon  | 8 monster |
| 4 ghost   | 9 fairy   |
| 5 vampire | 10 alien  |

## Test 41

- |        |         |
|--------|---------|
| 1 of   | 8 for   |
| 2 for  | 9 with  |
| 3 of   | 10 to   |
| 4 in   | 11 with |
| 5 on   | 12 for  |
| 6 with | 13 in   |
| 7 at   |         |

## Test 42

- 1 yards (years)
- 2 told (old)
- 3 beard (bear)
- 4 ultra-violet (ultra violent)
- 5 books (boots)
- 6 window (widow)
- 7 ice-cold (nice-cold)
- 8 plane (planet)
- 9 Prince (Prints)
- 10 goals (goats)
- 11 battle (bottle)
- 12 horse (house)

## Test 43

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1 rain forest | 7 alternative |
| 2 recycling   | 8 Solar       |
| 3 ozone layer | 9 species     |
| 4 greenhouse  | 10 public     |
| 5 warming     | 11 fossil     |
| 6 pollution   | 12 acid       |

## Test 44

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| accordion 11      | keyboard 3        |
| clarinet 15       | mouth organ 10    |
| double bass 12    | saxophone 14      |
| drums 13          | acoustic guitar 4 |
| piano 2           | trombone 8        |
| electric guitar 1 | trumpet 6         |
| flute 7           | violin 9          |
| French horn 5     |                   |

## Test 45

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1 d) survived | 7 b) subscribe |
| 2 d) journey  | 8 c) duty      |
| 3 c) urgent   | 9 d) sharp     |
| 4 d) enrol    | 10 d) let      |
| 5 c) Although | 11 b) choice   |
| 6 a) pips     | 12 d) shape    |

## Test 46

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 odd          | 9 enough        |
| 2 reserved     | 10 terrible     |
| 3 good-looking | 11 enthusiastic |
| 4 genuine      | 12 accustomed   |
| 5 rude         | 13 unnatural    |
| 6 incredible   | 14 innocent     |
| 7 pleasant     | 15 probable     |
| 8 (a) huge     |                 |

## Test 47

- |             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 classic   | 6 a possibility |
| 2 economic  | 7 actual        |
| 3 effective | 8 imminent      |
| 4 eligible  | 9 humanly       |
| 5 affect    | 10 priceless    |

## Test 48

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 fine        | 9 ransom     |
| 2 reward      | 10 royalties |
| 3 affluent    | 11 discount  |
| 4 commission  | 12 fee       |
| 5 interest    | 13 bargain   |
| 6 fare        | 14 refund    |
| 7 inheritance | 15 poverty   |
| 8 duty        |              |

## Test 49

- 1 wrong (should be flower)
- 2 right
- 3 wrong (eager means the same as keen)
- 4 wrong (should be poster)
- 5 right
- 6 wrong (should be patients)
- 7 right
- 8 wrong (should be crew)
- 9 wrong (it has five sides)
- 10 right
- 11 wrong (if you are poor, not fat)
- 12 right
- 13 right
- 14 wrong (should be cheese)
- 15 right

## Test 50

Group 1  
ache, break, fake, opaque, snake

## Group 2

afraid, delayed, maid, obeyed, spade

## Group 3

amaze, delays, phrase, praise, weighs

## Group 4

bare, chair, heir, pear, where

## Group 5

buy, dye, high, reply, thigh

## Group 6

campaign, champagne, humane, vain, vein

## Group 7

crate, eight, great, straight, wait

## Group 8

degree, flea, key, knee, quay

## Test 51

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1 steam  | 7 cheat  |
| 2 steal  | 8 tame   |
| 3 resist | 9 north  |
| 4 lift   | 10 dare  |
| 5 petals | 11 media |
| 6 stage  | 12 canoe |

## Test 52

- 1 anger
- 2 regret
- 3 hope
- 4 disappointment
- 5 irritation
- 6 interest
- 7 despair
- 8 delight
- 9 jealousy
- 10 exhaustion
- 11 infatuation

## Test 53

- 1 detective
- 2 DJ
- 3 pregnant woman
- 4 adolescent
- 5 coach
- 6 accountant
- 7 conductor
- 8 organic farmer
- 9 physiotherapist
- 10 optician
- 11 software engineer
- 12 pensioner
- 13 priest
- 14 marketing consultant
- 15 victim of crime

## Test 54

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 a) suit       | 9 d) interval |
| 2 c) complain   | 10 a) sake    |
| 3 c) escaped    | 11 d) risk    |
| 4 b) interested | 12 c) in case |
| 5 a) worried    | 13 b) unless  |
| 6 b) short      | 14 a) so that |
| 7 b) rusty      | 15 b) except  |
| 8 d) notice     |               |

## Test 55

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 a magnificent | 11 a disused     |
| 2 a rough       | 12 an ambiguous  |
| 3 torrential    | 13 a residential |
| 4 a deadly      | 14 a gifted      |
| 5 identical     | 15 a fatal       |
| 6 an unwritten  | 16 a brief       |
| 7 an active     | 17 a golden      |
| 8 a convenient  | 18 a roaring     |
| 9 a practical   | 19 a flat        |
| 10 a thorough   | 20 dense         |

## Test 56

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1 book   | 9 China   |
| 2 Turkey | 10 fan    |
| 3 bark   | 11 strike |
| 4 space  | 12 yard   |
| 5 stable | 13 back   |
| 6 post   | 14 tip    |
| 7 date   | 15 degree |
| 8 chest  | 16 mine   |

## Test 57

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 carpet        | 9 net          |
| 2 adult         | 10 cash        |
| 3 vegetarian    | 11 expert      |
| 4 free speech   | 12 hole        |
| 5 autobiography | 13 employer    |
| 6 babysitter    | 14 funeral     |
| 7 celebrity     | 15 alarm clock |
| 8 cigarettes    |                |

## Test 58

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 1 crate | 11 come  |
| 2 issue | 12 hit   |
| 3 bush  | 13 chin  |
| 4 spit  | 14 cheek |
| 5 rag   | 15 cop   |
| 6 sack  | 16 beast |
| 7 cause | 17 road  |
| 8 omit  | 18 hook  |
| 9 carer | 19 alley |
| 10 hell | 20 exit  |

## Test 59

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1 items     | 7 consequences |
| 2 cease     | 8 link         |
| 3 forecast  | 9 alter        |
| 4 estimate  | 10 hasty       |
| 5 different | 11 categories  |
| 6 trouble   | 12 a humorous  |

## Test 60

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1 bucket h       | 9 delicious l  |
| 2 jaw f          | 10 programme i |
| 3 prison o       | 11 jug j       |
| 4 shaver k       | 12 goat e      |
| 5 object b       | 13 mint c      |
| 6 objective m    | 14 whistle a   |
| 7 psychiatrist d | 15 district n  |
| 8 laundry g      |                |

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The numbers after the entries are the tests in which they appear.

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