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Speaking already

- Q1 Can you hear what he is?
(a) saying (b) speaking (c) telling (d) talking
- Q2 She hasn't come home
(a) still (b) already (c) yet (d) till
- Q3 I TV yesterday evening.
(a) saw (b) looked (c) viewed (d) watched
- Q4 We live the city centre.
(a) near (b) next (c) by (d) nearby
- Q5 She looks a famous film star.
(a) as (b) like (c) similar (d) same
- Q6 This television gives you the news.
(a) last (b) latest (c) least (d) later
- Q7 I only one mistake in last night's test.
(a) made (b) done (c) did (d) make
- Q8 I want you to tell me the truth.
(a) all (b) exact (c) real (d) whole
- Q9 He is looking a present to buy his girlfriend.
(a) for (b) at (c) in (d) on
- Q10 That's what I would like Christmas.
(a) for (b) at (c) in (d) on

Drive carefully

- Q1 You must not drink and then a car.
(a) lead (b) drive (c) take (d) guide
- Q2 Please be when you cross this road.
(a) careless (b) carefree (c) caring (d) careful
- Q3 Do what you like, I really don't
- (a) concern (b) interested (c) dislike (d) mind
- Q4 If you want to that book remember to bring it back.
(a) borrow (b) lend (c) loan (d) owe
- Q5 When your train arrives, I'll you from the station.
(a) take (b) bring (c) fetch (d) remove
- Q6 I always get early in the summer.
(a) up (b) over (c) through (d) on
- Q7 When you first meet someone, you usually shake them the hand.
(a) with (b) on (c) in (d) by
- Q8 I have never her before.
(a) saw (b) seeing (c) seen (d) see
- Q9 The teacher asked her students to do their
- (a) housework (b) homework (c) home duty (d) house job
- Q10 The police officer told the children always to tell the
(a) true (b) facts (c) information (d) truth

Listen vs. Hear

- Q1 I'm terribly sorry but I what you said just now and I wonder if you could repeat it.
(a) wasn't listen to (b) wasn't hearing (c) didn't hear (d) didn't hearing
- Q2 I attentively to the lecture on philosophy but I still didn't understand much of it.
(a) heard (b) listened (c) was hearing (d) was listen
- Q3 Can you me all right over there because you are rather a long way away?
(a) listening (b) hearing (c) listen (d) hear
- Q4 I what you are saying but that still doesn't make me want to change my mind one little bit.
(a) listen (b) hear (c) am listing (d) am hearing
- Q5 I to the concert every Monday on the radio and I imagine I am there listening to it in person.
(a) listen (b) am listening (c) hear (d) am hearing
- Q6 I should explain that he finds it very difficult to follow your conversation because he is very hard of
(a) listen to (b) listening (c) to hear (d) hearing
- Q7 Now will you please me and pay attention to what I'm saying because it's very important.
(a) hear (b) listen to (c) hearing (d) listening to
- Q8 You've been making so much noise with your music that people at the far end of the road can you.
(a) listen to (b) listening to (c) hear (d) hearing
- Q9 He sometimes pretends he can't a single word you are saying but all the time he's taking it all in.
(a) listen to (b) listening to (c) hear (d) hearing
- Q10 I have been strange stories about you recently but I do hope that there is no substance in them.
(a) listened to (b) listening to (c) heard (d) hearing

Finish vs. End

- Q1 The brothers will school both together at the end of this year.
(a) end (b) ending (c) finish (d) finishes
- Q2 They wanted their daughter to improve her social skills and sent her to the famous school in Switzerland.
(a) ends (b) ending (c) finishes (d) finishing
- Q3 You can't miss it, it's that tall building right at the of the road.
(a) end (b) ends (c) finish (d) finishes
- Q4 Sadly their marriage of 25 years in divorce.
(a) ends (b) ended (c) finishes (d) finished
- Q5 It didn't take long for the children to off the cakes and pastries that had not been eaten at the party.
(a) end (b) ending (c) finish (d) finishing
- Q6 He thought they would all share the cost of the meal but unfortunately he up paying for everybody.
(a) end (b) ended (c) finish (d) finished
- Q7 After the children had doing their homework, the whole family watched television.
(a) ends (b) ended (c) finishes (d) finished
- Q8 You could tell the time by him because he always work at exactly the same time every day.
(a) ends (b) ended (c) finish (d) finished
- Q9 I've written practically the whole book except for the last part and I just don't know how to the story.
(a) end (b) ending (c) finish (d) finishing
- Q10 To most people it seemed like a long and successful relationship and so it was a great surprise to learn that they had with each other.
(a) ends (b) ended (c) finishes (d) finished

Start vs. Begin

- Q1 I my car to make sure it worked about ten minutes before I drove to work.
(a) began (b) started (c) begin (d) start
- Q2 My car very rarely first time when the weather is really cold.
(a) begins (b) beginning (c) starting (d) starts
- Q3 We off early on the first day of summer so that we could see the sun rise.
(a) began (b) started (c) starting (d) beginning
- Q4 I read the of that book but I couldn't possibly read the whole story.
(a) starting (b) start (c) beginning (d) begin
- Q5 I can't to understand why anyone would want to be cruel to animals.
(a) start (b) begin (c) starts (d) begins
- Q6 He off at me again simply because I had forgotten to lock the back door after I came home.
(a) started (b) began (c) begun (d) starts
- Q7 I won a lot of money by betting on that horse but it was simply a case of luck.
(a) start's (b) starter's (c) beginner's (d) beginning's
- Q8 As far as I was concerned when the accident happened, it was the of the end.
(a) start (b) begin (c) starting (d) beginning
- Q9 Who would like to off the debate?
(a) begin (b) start (c) begins (d) starting
- Q10 I would greatly appreciate it if you didn't up that old argument again.
(a) start (b) begin (c) starts (d) begins

Modal Verbs

Q1 I go to see the doctor last week because I was very ill.

(a) must

(b) must to

(c) had to

Q2 I could bought that car but I didn't have enough money to pay for the petrol.

(a) had

(b) have

(c) have to

Q3 I go now because I am already late for my class.

(a) must

(b) had

(c) have to

Q4 I may able to come to your party if I have the time.

(a) be

(b) being

(c) being to

Q5 Do you clean the house every day or every week?

(a) must

(b) have

(c) have to

Q6 I speak French without a problem now because I have had many lessons.

(a) may

(b) can

(c) have

Q7 They do their homework today because it is a holiday at the school.

(a) must not

(b) don't have

(c) don't have to

Q8 I help you with your shopping because you have a lot of bags.

(a) ought

(b) ought to

(c) thought

Q9 When will you come and see us in our new house?

(a) can

(b) be able to

(c) must

Q10 I may go to Paris next week because there is a very big exhibition there.

(a) have

(b) have to

(c) had

How to use the articles

Q1 I only want little sugar in my tea, please.

- (a) a (b) the (c) such

Q2 In end we decided not to go to the cinema but to watch television.

- (a) the (b) this (c) an

Q3 It is important sometimes to stop and look around you at all the wonderful things

- (a) nature (b) in nature (c) in the nature

Q4 It is book that I have ever read.

- (a) funniest (b) a funniest (c) the funniest

Q5 I want to go to the cinema to see a film about and the French.

- (a) France (b) a France (c) the France

Q6 Can anyone give me please because I have just fallen over?

- (a) hand (b) a hand (c) the hand

Q7 The interesting thing about is all the roads that they built in Britain.

- (a) Romans (b) a Romans (c) the Romans

Q8 She always said that when she grew up she wanted to be

- (a) doctor (b) a doctor (c) the doctor

Q9 I have left my book in and I would like you to get it for me.

- (a) kitchen (b) a kitchen (c) the kitchen

Q10 Are you studying foreign languages at school, like

- (a) French (b) a French (c) the French

Relative Pronouns

- Q1 is that sitting over there in the corner?
(a) Who (b) Whom (c) Which
- Q2 I don't understand a word you are talking about.
(a) what (b) that (c) who
- Q3 They have a very large house round there are some lovely gardens.
(a) that (b) which (c) whose
- Q4 I'm looking at the photograph you sent me with your letter.
(a) which (b) who (c) whom
- Q5 There is a new television programme called: '..... wants to be a millionaire?'.
(a) Which (b) What (c) Who
- Q6 I think you will see that this is the best museum you can find in the town.
(a) that (b) which (c) who
- Q7 The police want to find out drove the red car into the shop window.
(a) who (b) who's (c) whose
- Q8 Did you meet the lady uncle works in the library?
(a) who (b) whose (c) who's
- Q9 The person in the house next to mine knows someone met the Queen.
(a) who (b) whom (c) which
- Q10 The grass, I cut every week, seems to grow very quickly.
(a) who (b) who's (c) which

Present Tense

- Q1 I her every day and she never says hello to me.
(a) see (b) am seeing (c) will see
- Q2 What is the name of that picture which you on the wall.
(a) look at (b) is looking at (c) are looking at
- Q3 to see that film that is on at the cinema next week?
(a) Do you go (b) Is you going (c) Are you going
- Q4 every single thing which that man says?
(a) Do you believe (b) Is you believing (c) Are you believing
- Q5 Sometimes I what the teacher says to me.
(a) don't understand (b) am not understanding (c) understand not
- Q6 Later tonight I my uncle, who is ill in hospital.
(a) visit (b) am visiting (c) are visiting
- Q7 Why late every time we arrange to meet?
(a) is he (b) he is (c) is he being
- Q8 by air because the cost of flying is very high.
(a) I don't often travel (b) I'm not often travelling
(c) I'll not often travelling
- Q9 Next time you to my house, you must bring that book.
(a) come (b) is coming (c) are coming
- Q10 I to remember your name but I'm afraid I can't remember it.
(a) try (b) am trying (c) will trying

Conditionals

- Q1 If I win the lottery, I buy you a very big car as a present.
(a) should (b) will (c) am
- Q2 I bought you a new car, would you be very happy?
(a) When (b) If (c) As
- Q3 If you got that job, would you have been able to move to a new house?
(a) have (b) had (c) will have
- Q4 I would want very much to move to a new house if I that job.
(a) have (b) having (c) had
- Q5 Will you come to dinner with us if we a babysitter for you?
(a) had found (b) will find (c) find
- Q6 I will try very hard to come and have dinner at your house if I able to.
(a) am (b) was (c) were
- Q7 If I you, I should work very hard so that I could earn more money.
(a) am (b) were (c) are
- Q8 you able to lend me some money if I promise you that you will get it back very soon?
(a) Are (b) Was (c) Were
- Q9 If you really want to be helpful, then you to tell me the truth.
(a) have (b) had (c) will have
- Q10 If I very hard, I would have been able to stop smoking.
(a) try (b) would have tried (c) had tried

We went on holiday

- Q1 I expect you think I'm because I don't understand that.
(a) dumb (b) stupid (c) deaf (d) crazy
- Q2 Does anyone honestly what a politician says nowadays?
(a) discover (b) think (c) believe (d) credit
- Q3 I'm sure you're quite but many people disagree with you.
(a) write (b) right (c) all right (d) serious
- Q4 Do you know where the President of America?
(a) leaves (b) lives (c) live (d) inhabits
- Q5 I've tried those tablets and they haven't done me any
(a) benefit (b) good (c) better (d) best
- Q6 I'm going for a few days so don't send me any more work.
(a) off (b) out (c) over (d) away
- Q7 This summer we went holiday to Greece.
(a) on (b) off (c) in (d) by
- Q8 If you can't reach me at home, send me a
(a) postscript (b) email (c) letter (d) brief
- Q9 I believe it is to hold a door open for a lady.
(a) politic (b) polite (c) political (d) politeness
- Q10 It is considered bad to shout at someone.
(a) habits (b) ways (c) manners (d) custom

Grammar Questions

- Q1 Which of these is a noun? It is
- (a) thing (b) think (c) that (d) there
- Q2 Which of these is a passive sentence? It is
- (a) He's been there (b) He's been taken there
(c) He's been going there (d) He will have been there
- Q3 Which of these is a preposition? It is
- (a) thorough (b) trough (c) through (d) throng
- Q4 Which of these tenses is Past Perfect Simple? It is
- (a) She had laughed (b) She has been laughing
(c) She laughed (d) She was laughing
- Q5 Which of these is an adverb? It is
- (a) quickly (b) sly (c) quicker (d) quickest
- Q6 Which of these tenses is Present Simple? It is
- (a) He spoke (b) He is speaking (c) He speaks (d) He will speak
- Q7 Which of these is an adjective? It is
- (a) hard (b) hardly (c) harden (d) hardship
- Q8 Which of these is a personal pronoun? It is
- (a) their (b) they (c) there (d) theirs
- Q9 Which of these is a gerund? It is
- (a) go (b) goes (c) going (d) gone
- Q10 Which of these is a past participle? It is
- (a) believing (b) believed (c) believes (d) belief

An Easy Question

- Q1 What exercise do you like doing of all?
(a) next (b) best (c) after (d) before
- Q2 That's a good question but I need to think about it.
(a) time (b) space (c) length (d) width
- Q3 Don't worry, there's no need to answer I'm not in a hurry.
(a) firstly (b) fairly (c) immediately (d) easily
- Q4 There are so many things that it's difficult to
(a) put (b) follow (c) find (d) choose
- Q5 Oh, come on it's not that difficult.
(a) quickly (b) hardly (c) always (d) surely
- Q6 Well, I think it is and I it's an impossible question to answer.
(a) deliver (b) reckon (c) report (d) realize
- Q7 Do you want me to it easier for you?
(a) make (b) do (c) try (d) take
- Q8 Yes, I'd very much that.
(a) understand (b) consider (c) appreciate (d) appear
- Q9 All right let me ask you what you like doing least of?
(a) everything (b) all (c) entire (d) that
- Q10 Oh, that's easy — to answer this test!
(a) trying (b) falling (c) putting (d) picking

Learn it by heart

- Q1 I don't know how to learn new words by heart.
(a) some time (b) sometimes (c) something
- Q2 I often read short articles pets in my favourite magazine.
(a) for (b) at (c) about
- Q3 I think learning be interesting because otherwise you wouldn't ever be able to succeed.
(a) can (b) should (c) must to
- Q4 You will probably agree me.
(a) with (b) for (c) in
- Q5 If you have a question please feel to ask.
(a) good (b) well (c) free
- Q6 Thank you very much indeed, that's very kind you.
(a) from (b) for (c) of
- Q7 We are really glad to have you as our and we will take good care of you.
(a) containers (b) customers (c) costumiers
- Q8 For the whole of next week we are planning to sell our new dictionaries at a special
(a) price (b) prize (c) prise
- Q9 As of now we still don't know if we will be to fulfil our contract.
(a) reliable (b) able (c) capable
- Q10 Don't worry, we are quite flexible and can make changes at time whatsoever.
(a) some (b) any (c) one

White Water Rafting

- Q1 You must admit flying in a hot air balloon is an amazing
- (a) expression (b) experience (c) expertise
- Q2 Can you remember the last time you such an exciting time?
- (a) have (b) having (c) had
- Q3 To be honest, I have never in a balloon.
- (a) flowed (b) flown (c) flying
- Q4 Really, then it's about time you tried it
- (a) in (b) out (c) on
- Q5 Are you really suggesting that we actually get into one of those ridiculous things?
- (a) shall (b) will (c) should
- Q6 Why not? There is nothing to be of. After all it won't be just us in the balloon.
- (a) fear (b) afraid (c) fright
- Q7 You must be joking. Have you forgotten how terrible I felt the last time we went somewhere plane?
- (a) in (b) with (c) by
- Q8 Oh, come on. Why do you have to be such a kill
- (a) joy (b) joke (c) fun
- Q9 That's not fair. You know full what it feels like to be worried sick when everyone else is laughing at you.
- (a) good (b) well (c) fine
- Q10 All right you win. I promise I won't bring it again. Why don't just we go white water rafting instead?
- (a) on (b) up (c) in

Where am I?

- Q1 Excuse me I if you can help me.
(a) expect (b) hope (c) believe (d) wonder
- Q2 I certainly will if I
(a) could (b) can (c) can't (d) should
- Q3 Well, my is that I'm lost.
(a) problem (b) situation (c) hardship (d) difficult
- Q4 I see you have a in your car.
(a) card (b) route (c) map (d) drawing
- Q5 Yes, I have but I can't it.
(a) pursue (b) chase (c) control (d) follow
- Q6 Now, where are you for?
(a) doing (b) going (c) driving (d) making
- Q7 I want to to Nutfield Avenue.
(a) come (b) get (c) fetch (d) find
- Q8 I don't think that's going to be
(a) hard (b) hazard (c) hardship (d) hardly
- Q9 Why do you that?
(a) tell (b) announce (c) say (d) speak
- Q10 Because you're in that road now.
(a) simply (b) obviously (c) absolutely (d) right

Remove the Spoon

- Q1 What to be the trouble?
(a) ought (b) looks (c) seems (d) tries
- Q2 It every time I drink a cup of tea.
(a) happens (b) goes (c) does (d) happened
- Q3 Can you give me a little more?
(a) exact (b) particular (c) detail (d) fact
- Q4 Well, I get a in my right eye every time I drink a cup of tea.
(a) hurt (b) shoot (c) feel (d) pain
- Q5 Do you drink a of tea with sugar?
(a) much (b) lot (c) huge (d) many
- Q6 Yes, I
- (a) did (b) have (c) do (d) done
- Q7 I can't give up drinking tea, doctor.
(a) probably (b) possibly (c) likely (d) impossibly
- Q8 I'm not you to do that but next time you drink tea with sugar...
(a) placing (b) indicating (c) speaking (d) asking
- Q9 Yes, doctor I'm sorry I you.
(a) intervened (b) intersected (c) interrupted (d) interfered
- Q10 Next time you drink tea with sugar, don't forget to the spoon.
(a) reject (b) replace (c) repeat (d) remove

Weather Forecast

- Q1 Now let's go to our weather forecaster, Mary.
(a) on (b) out (c) over (d) against
- Q2 Yes, thank you and I'm afraid it's not very bright at the moment.
(a) seeming (b) appearing (c) seeing (d) looking
- Q3 The trouble is that there are some very rain clouds over the north.
(a) fat (b) heavy (c) weighing (d) dragging
- Q4 These will some rainfall later this morning.
(a) bear (b) carry (c) produce (d) present
- Q5 Then the clouds will further south in the afternoon.
(a) transport (b) convey (c) direct (d) move
- Q6 And by early evening the country will see the rain.
(a) whole (b) total (c) complete (d) hole
- Q7 But things will tomorrow.
(a) better (b) improvise (c) increase (d) improve
- Q8 In the early morning the sun will make an
(a) apparition (b) appearance (c) appearing (d) appear
- Q9 But you'll have to be quick because it soon
(a) despairs (b) disappoints (c) deserts (d) disappears
- Q10 And of course after that our old friend rain
(a) repeats (b) reports (c) returns (d) reacts

On TV tonight

- Q1 Good evening. Let me tell you what's in for you on television tonight
(a) shop (b) market (c) store (d) screen
- Q2 It will be a bit of a mixed
- (a) sack (b) holder (c) container (d) bag
- Q3 To start we have comedy.
(a) with (b) up (c) out (d) in
- Q4 This will be a programme presenting that comedian, George Blair.
(a) populated (b) popular (c) populous (d) poplar
- Q5 After that we have the show on the latest hits.
(a) regimented (b) regulated (c) regular (d) ruled
- Q6 Next we'll have the news.
(a) latest (b) newest (c) later (d) newer
- Q7 This will be read by the very pretty Penny Lane.
(a) newsagent (b) newscaster (c) newsbringer (d) newspaper
- Q8 At I think she's very pretty.
(a) last (b) lost (c) less (d) least
- Q9 And the following programmes are all as far as I'm concerned.
(a) boring (b) bored (c) board (d) boarding
- Q10 Because after the news Penny and I are on a date.
(a) doing (b) making (c) going (d) taking

The Bells

- Q1 Don't you those bells..?
(a) ponder (b) elaborate (c) think (d) educate
- Q2 I'm sorry I can't hear a word you're saying.
(a) horribly (b) considerably (c) definitely (d) awfully
- Q3 I was trying to say was.
(a) All (b) Everything (c) Nothing (d) Something
- Q4 Sorry you'll have to speak
- (a) to (b) up (c) along (d) through
- Q5 I'll have one more and then..
(a) come (b) find (c) go (d) leave
- Q6 It's no I can't hear you.
(a) try (b) point (c) idea (d) use
- Q7 Now I've shut the window and I'll make one more
- (a) attempt (b) tempt (c) trial (d) experiment
- Q8 I wanted to say.
(a) closely (b) simply (c) naturally (d) quickly
- Q9 Ah that's better now I can't hear those awful bells. Now what was it you wanted to say?
(a) more (b) most (c) mostly (d) much
- Q10 It doesn't really now. I just wanted to say how beautiful the bells sounded.
(a) matter (b) care (c) help (d) hold

Sailing

- Q1 me what did you do at the weekend?
(a) Say (b) Speak (c) Announce (d) Tell
- Q2 Oh, it was a complete!
(a) accident (b) happening (c) disaster (d) event
- Q3 Why, what?
(a) happened (b) occurred (c) arrived (d) evolved
- Q4 Well, the was to go sailing.
(a) picture (b) sketch (c) plan (d) drawing
- Q5 That interesting.
(a) rings (b) looks (c) hears (d) sounds
- Q6 In I agree.
(a) idea (b) philosophy (c) theory (d) belief
- Q7 But not in, eh?
(a) practices (b) practice (c) practical (d) practicing
- Q8 Exactly, in fact I almost
(a) downed (b) dropped (c) dripped (d) drowned
- Q9 That have been horrible. So what are you doing this weekend?
(a) must (b) may (c) can (d) should
- Q10 I'm starting a of swimming lessons.
(a) line (b) course (c) run (d) row

Responses (1)

- Q1 Mike: I like anything to do with sport.
 (a) Have you? (b) Did you? (c) Do you? (d) Are you?
- Q2 Mike: We went to Paris last summer.
 Jane:
 (a) I never go there too. (b) I never went there.
 (c) I never did there. (d) I've never been there.
- Q3 Mike: She always goes to work on a bike.
 Jane:
 (a) She is very healthy. (b) She must be very healthy.
 (c) She can be very healthy. (d) She might be very healthy.
- Q4 Mike: They went on strike last week.
 Jane:
 (a) What on earth for? (b) Are they on earth?
 (c) Do they live on earth? (d) Why on earth to?
- Q5 Mike: More people die from eating fatty food than from smoking.
 Jane:
 (a) You must be ridiculous! (b) You must be laughing!
 (c) You must be smiling! (d) You must be joking!
- Q6 Mike: You know he failed all his examinations?
 Jane:
 (a) I must believe it. (b) I don't believe it.
 (c) I might believe it. (d) I ought to believe it.
- Q7 Mike: It's getting very late, we must hurry up.
 Jane:
 (a) Point got. (b) Point received. (c) Point taken. (d) Point held.
- Q8 Mike: I haven't stopped working for eight hours today.
 Jane:
 (a) My heart bleeds for you. (b) My heart breaks for you.
 (c) My heart beats for you. (d) My heart hurts for you.
- Q9 Mike: You know the boss will be angry with you.
 Jane:
 (a) I'm not caring. (b) I'm not at all caring.
 (c) I care nothing. (d) I don't care.
- Q10 Mike: I wonder if you could help me with this problem.
 Jane:
 (a) Probe me. (b) Try me. (c) Examine me. (d) Practise me.

Responses (2)

- Q1 Mike: 'I just can't make my mind up. What do you think?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) You're up to it. (b) It's up to you. (c) You're up for it. (d) You're up at it.
- Q2 Mike: 'Hello. I wonder if you're interested in new double-glazing.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) I'm really not interested. (b) I'm really interesting.
(c) I'm not really interesting. (d) I wasn't really interested.
- Q3 Mike: 'He offered me a 50% discount. What should I do?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Hold his hand down. (b) Bite his hand down. (c) Hold your hand in. (d) Bite his hand off.
- Q4 Mike: 'I need some support, right now.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Well, you can number me. (b) Well, I'm your number.
(c) Well, you can count on me. (d) Well, you can add on me.
- Q5 Mike: 'They haven't sent me the bill for a year now. What would you do?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) I'd simply forgot it. (b) I'd simply forget it.
(c) I'd simply forbid it. (d) I'd simply forecast it.
- Q6 Mike: 'Can you explain why she did that?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Heaven alone will say. (b) Heaven only says.
(c) Heaven alone speaks. (d) Heaven only knows.
- Q7 Mike: 'Do you think he'll be the next President?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Your guess is as good as mine. (b) Your guess is better.
(c) My guess is worse. (d) We must guess harder.
- Q8 Mike: 'That's the 16th job interview I've failed. What should I do?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Don't give over. (b) Don't give out. (c) Don't give up. (d) Don't give on.
- Q9 Mike: 'I'm taking my driving test tomorrow.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) Good fortune. (b) Good luck. (c) Good outcome. (d) Good success.
- Q10 Boss: 'And this is our new employee.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) How are you doing? (b) How did you do? (c) How do you? (d) How do you do?

Responses (3)

Q1 Mike: 'I could try another source if you like.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no point. (b) There's no end. (c) There's no idea. (d) There's no angle.

Q2 Mike: 'I could give you a lift to the station.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no requirement. (b) There's no practicality.
(c) There's no aim. (d) There's no need.

Q3 Mike: 'I suppose they might get the contract.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's little notice of that. (b) There's little dream of that.
(c) There's little chance of that. (d) There's little thought of that.

Q4 Mike: 'If the party wins the next by-election, things might get better.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no case of that. (b) There's no chance of that.
(c) There's no promise of that. (d) There's no concept of that.

Q5 Mike: 'What do you think are the chances of finding people still alive?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's little picture, really. (b) There's little imagination, really.
(c) There's little perception, really. (d) There's little hope, really.

Q6 Mike: 'I hope I haven't left it too late to apply.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's still opportunity. (b) There's still try.
(c) There's still time. (d) There's yet time.

Q7 Mike: 'I wonder what she'll get up to next.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no finding. (b) There's no knowing.
(c) There's no guessing. (d) There's no seeing.

Q8 Mike: 'I wonder if we could call at the post office first.'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no time. (b) There's no event. (c) There's no timing. (d) There's no series.

Q9 Mike: 'You just can't believe what they'll think up next, can you?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no believing. (b) There's no crediting.
(c) There's no saying. (d) There's no announcing.

Q10 Mike: 'I just think they've wasted their time, don't you?'
Jane: '.....'
(a) There's no admitting it. (b) There's no assigning it.
(c) There's no decrying it. (d) There's no denying it.

Responses (4)

Q1 Mike: 'Do you know what I did last night?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I shrink to think. (b) I don't think. (c) I will not think. (d) I do not think.

Q2 Mike: 'I bet you don't know what happened at the party?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I will not imagine. (b) I do not imagine. (c) I must not imagine. (d) I can't imagine.

Q3 Mike: 'Do you know how much the bill has come to?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I dare think. (b) I daren't think.
(c) I dare to think. (d) I will not dare to think.

Q4 Mike: 'Guess how much income tax I pay.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I haven't a thought. (b) I haven't a belief.
(c) I haven't a point. (d) I haven't a clue.

Q5 Mike: 'Then you add the square root and multiply by 67, do you follow?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Sorry, it's over me. (b) Sorry, it's past me.
(c) Sorry, it's beyond me. (d) Sorry, it's after me.

Q6 Mike: 'Do you understand what he's on about?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) No, it's long above my head. (b) No, it's road above my head.
(c) No, it's route above my head. (d) No, it's way above my head.

Q7 Mike: 'I assume you're following the argument, aren't you.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) No, it's all German to me. (b) No, it's all Greek to me.
(c) No, it's all Spanish to me. (d) No, it's all Latin to me.

Q8 Mike: 'It's amazing when you learn what technology can do, isn't it?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) The mind trembles. (b) The mind wobbles. (c) The mind stumbles. (d) The mind boggles.

Q9 Mike: 'So what do you think is the answer?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) No idea. (b) Not idea. (c) Negative idea. (d) Small idea.

Q10 Mike: 'Then you take away the first number — are you with me?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) No, you've thrown me. (b) No, you've hit me.
(c) No, you've turned me. (d) No, you've lost me.

Responses (5)

Q1 Jill: 'I'm so confused, I don't know what to do.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Take it free. (b) Take it easy. (c) Take it light. (d) Take it relaxed.

Q2 Jill: 'What shall I do — I'm in a terrible state!'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Calm on. (b) Calm up. (c) Calm along. (d) Calm down.

Q3 Jill: 'I'm afraid I've just broken the handle.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Don't brood. (b) Don't annoy. (c) Don't worry. (d) Don't anger.

Q4 Jill: 'I hope nobody minds if I leave early.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) It'll be all right. (b) It'll be all straight.
(c) It'll be all correct. (d) It'll be all fine.

Q5 Jill: 'It's going to cost a lot of money to put right, I'm afraid.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) It's not the end of the day. (b) It's not the end of the world.
(c) It's not the end of life. (d) It's not the end of everything.

Q6 Jill: 'I do hope they make it tonight — it's very late you know.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) They're tied to come. (b) They're destined to come.
(c) They're forced to come. (d) They're bound to come.

Q7 Jill: 'I don't think I can stand much more of this.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) The worst is by. (b) The worst is through.
(c) The worst is over. (d) The worst is gone.

Q8 Jill: 'What's your view of what's coming next?'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Things can only grow better. (b) Things can only get better.
(c) Things can only show better. (d) Things can only appear better.

Q9 Jill: 'I've lost everything my job, my house, my money — what should I do?'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Count your blessings. (b) Count your benefits.
(c) Count your assets. (d) Count your possessions.

Q10 Jill: 'I'm very depressed at the moment, sorry.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Face up. (b) Cheek up. (c) Nose up. (d) Chin up.

Responses (6)

Q1 John: 'Thank you so much.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) No problem. (b) Any problem. (c) A problem. (d) Some problem.

Q2 John: 'I am most grateful.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You are welcoming. (b) You welcome. (c) You're welcome. (d) You are welcomed.

Q3 John: 'Thank you very much for helping me.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You don't mention it. (b) No mention of it.
(c) You mention it. (d) Don't mention it.

Q4 John: 'That was very thoughtful of you to do that.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) Forgetful. (b) Forget it. (c) I've forgotten. (d) Don't forget it.

Q5 John: 'I really appreciate your kindness this last week.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It pleased me. (b) It was pleasing. (c) It was my pleasure. (d) It was pleasant.

Q6 John: 'I must say you really helped us out when we lost those passports.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It was the least I could do. (b) I couldn't do more.
(c) I couldn't do less. (d) I couldn't do least.

Q7 John: 'Your advice this morning was much appreciated.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) All to do with service. (b) All part of the service.
(c) All the section of the service. (d) The whole of the service.

Q8 John: 'We'd like to give you this small present to show our gratitude.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It's really not needed. (b) It's really not wanted.
(c) It's really not demanded. (d) It's really not necessary.

Q9 John: 'By the way, I've paid the taxi driver.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You mustn't have. (b) You couldn't have. (c) You shouldn't have. (d) You can't have.

Q10 John: 'And as a special thank you for all you've done, we're treating you to a meal out.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You're very stupid. (b) You're really naughty.
(c) You're really horrible. (d) You're really wicked.

Responses (7)

- Q1** Jill: 'I got that job even though you didn't think I stood a chance.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) You always did! (b) You never did! (c) You sometimes did! (d) You often did!
- Q2** Jill: 'I had some good news today — I've won the lottery.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Well I never! (b) Well I rarely!
(c) Well I frequently! (d) Well I occasionally!
- Q3** Jill: 'We've collected thousands of pounds this week for charity.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Goodness you! (b) Goodness them! (c) Goodness us! (d) Goodness me!
- Q4** Jill: 'She came top in the exam grades this summer.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) Well made. (b) Well held. (c) Well got. (d) Well done.
- Q5** Jill: 'After all that effort we didn't manage to sell a single one.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) What a loss! (b) What a shame! (c) What a job! (d) What a crime!
- Q6** Frank: 'You know I put money in that company — well it's gone bankrupt.'
Jill: '.....'
(a) Stiff luck! (b) Solid luck! (c) Hard luck! (d) Thick luck!
- Q7** Jill: 'I've waited 3 hours for a bus now.'
Frank: '.....'
(a) What a bore! (b) What a boar! (c) What bores! (d) What boars!
- Q8** Jill: 'Look at all the work I've done, aren't you impressed?'
Frank: '.....'
(a) I am amazing! (b) I am amazed! (c) I amaze! (d) I am being amazed!
- Q9** Frank: 'I hear that the Government is going to abolish income tax.'
Jill: '.....'
(a) That is the day! (b) That could be the day!
(c) That may be the day! (d) That'll be the day!
- Q10** Frank: 'They say that all this rubbish is going to be taken away tomorrow.'
Jill: '.....'
(a) I believe when I see it. (b) I'll believe it when seen.
(c) I'll believe it when I see it. (d) I see it when I believe.

Question Tags (1)

- Q1 You said you would
(a) would you? (b) did you? (c) had you? (d) didn't you?
- Q2 She's definitely not coming
(a) will she? (b) isn't she? (c) is she? (d) can she?
- Q3 It drives you mad
(a) is it? (b) does it? (c) doesn't it? (d) won't it?
- Q4 It won't hurt
(a) does it? (b) will it? (c) can it? (d) did it?
- Q5 I think you ought to go
(a) ought you? (b) do I? (c) don't you? (d) do you?
- Q6 You must go
(a) mustn't you? (b) have you? (c) had you? (d) must I?
- Q7 It happened yesterday
(a) had it? (b) has it? (c) didn't it? (d) did it?
- Q8 She's always late
(a) is it? (b) isn't she? (c) isn't it? (d) was she?
- Q9 They're selling their house
(a) will they? (b) haven't they? (c) aren't they? (d) have they?
- Q10 No-one understood that word
(a) does he? (b) did you? (c) didn't they? (d) did they?

Question Tags (2)

- Q1 Sarah: 'I want you to give me some more money.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh you want, do you? (b) Oh you'd like, would you?
(c) Oh you do, do you? (d) Oh you give, do you?
- Q2 Sarah: 'You're being very rude!'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh I have, have I? (b) I am, you think? (c) Oh I am, am I? (d) Oh it is, is it?
- Q3 Sarah: 'I've torn up your homework essay!'
Paul: '.....'
(a) That'll be nice, will it? (b) That's nice, is it?
(c) That would be nice, wouldn't it? (d) That's nice, isn't it?
- Q4 Sarah: 'I can't take any more.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh you can, can you? (b) Oh you could, could you?
(c) Oh, you can't, can you? (d) Oh you could, could you?
- Q5 Sarah: 'She hates the sight of him.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) She did, did she? (b) She does, does she?
(c) She hates, does she? (d) She doesn't hate, does she?
- Q6 Sarah: 'I would prefer to go by air.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh you would, would you? (b) Oh you did, did you?
(c) Oh you prefer, don't you? (d) Oh, you wouldn't will you?
- Q7 Sarah: 'I won't listen to you any more.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) So you will, will you? (b) So you don't, do you?
(c) So you won't, will you? (d) So you do, don't you?
- Q8 Paul: 'I spent thousands on that car.'
Sarah: '.....'
(a) Oh, you have, have you? (b) Oh you did, did you?
(c) Oh you do, do you? (d) Oh you do, don't you?
- Q9 Sarah: 'You mustn't eat with your mouth full.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh I must, must I? (b) Oh I can't, can I?
(c) Oh I have to, have I? (d) Oh I mustn't, must I?
- Q10 Sarah: 'That's not allowed you know.'
Paul: '.....'
(a) Oh you do, don't you? (b) Oh it is, isn't it?
(c) Oh it isn't, is it? (d) Oh it won't, will it?

Question Tags (3)

- Q1 You'd rather I kept quiet about it,?
(a) did you (b) had you (c) wouldn't you (d) do you
- Q2 He used to work in the city,?
(a) had he (b) does he (c) has he (d) didn't he
- Q3 He has his lunch at the office,?
(a) had he (b) did he (c) hadn't he (d) doesn't he
- Q4 In that case he'll have to look for a new job,?
(a) shall he (b) won't he (c) isn't he (d) does he
- Q5 You wouldn't want me to do that,?
(a) would you (b) will you (c) did you (d) do you
- Q6 He really didn't need to speak to me like that,?
(a) does he (b) has he (c) will he (d) did he
- Q7 Come back in the morning,?
(a) do you (b) have you (c) will you (d) don't you
- Q8 You like milk in your tea,?
(a) can you (b) have you (c) don't you (d) did you
- Q9 You are just the sort of person who would say that,?
(a) would you (b) wouldn't you (c) don't you (d) aren't you
- Q10 You shouldn't have done that,?
(a) could you (b) should you (c) couldn't you (d) didn't you

Object Pronoun

- Q1 So did you give the book to?
(a) his (b) him (c) he
- Q2 Of course I did. I gave back on Tuesday.
(a) them (b) its (c) it
- Q3 Well, he says that he doesn't trust
(a) yours (b) you (c) them
- Q4 He doesn't trust?
(a) I (b) it (c) me
- Q5 That's exactly what he said about
(a) you (b) yours (c) me
- Q6 I find that difficult to believe. Do you trust?
(a) his (b) me (c) my
- Q7 Well you and your wife have borrowed things sometimes and not given back.
(a) they (b) theirs (c) them
- Q8 Well I think you're being very unfair to
(a) our (b) us (c) ours
- Q9 In that case just look at the table and tell what you see.
(a) my (b) I (c) me
- Q10 Oh dear, I can see That must be the book I haven't given back.
(a) them (b) it (c) him

Relative Pronoun Exercises

- Q1 does that car belong to?
(a) Who (b) Which (c) Whose
- Q2 Excuse me but shouldn't you say to does that car belong to?
(a) which (b) that (c) whom
- Q3 That's another way of saying it. I'm talking about the car parked over there.
(a) who's (b) that's (c) who
- Q4 do you think would have a car like that?
(a) Whom (b) That (c) Who
- Q5 Well, I should say someone for money is no object.
(a) whom (b) who (c) that
- Q6 The car to you are referring happens to be mine!
(a) that (b) whom (c) which
- Q7 That's interesting. We are talking about the car has a red roof.
(a) that (b) who (c) that's
- Q8 Yes, it's the best car I've ever had. Why do you ask?
(a) which (b) that (c) who
- Q9 Well, I think you ought to speak to that man standing with a notebook in front of the car.
(a) which (b) whom (c) who's
- Q10 Oh no! It's a traffic warden putting a parking ticket on my car and I haven't any money to pay the fine I'll have to pay.
(a) whose (b) which (c) who

Reflexive Pronouns

- Q1 Once there was a young man who called Icarus.
(a) myself (b) himself (c) herself
- Q2 His father always wanted his children to look after and do what they wanted.
(a) themselves (b) ourselves (c) herself
- Q3 The trouble was that Icarus always wanted to put into danger.
(a) herself (b) itself (c) himself
- Q4 His father said again and again if we don't take care, we'd hurt
- (a) themselves (b) yourselves (c) ourselves
- Q5 Icarus shocked his father with an idea that he was going to try out on
- (a) himself (b) themselves (c) herself
- Q6 He had watched birds fly by throwing into the air.
(a) yourselves (b) themselves (c) ourselves
- Q7 His sister said she would like to push into the air and fly but she was too frightened.
(a) itself (b) himself (c) herself
- Q8 Icarus said he would try and he promised his father: I will not injure
- (a) yourself (b) myself (c) ourselves
- Q9 The last words his father said before Icarus left were: Look after
- (a) yourself (b) himself (c) myself
- Q10 Unfortunately Icarus went too near the sun and the wax on his wings melted and the feathers worked free and he fell on the ground and died.
(a) itself (b) yourselves (c) themselves

Basic American English

- Q1 Anna is
- (a) teacher (b) teachers (c) a teacher (d) one teacher
- Q2 boss said that you work hard.
- (a) Your (b) Yours (c) You're (d) You
- Q3 Every week I work five days and I get two days
- (a) after (b) off (c) not (d) no
- Q4 I a job at the bank.
- (a) got (b) get (c) take (d) like
- Q5 Do you prefer Microsoft Macintosh computers?
- (a) from (b) or (c) but (d) of
- Q6 Do you have children?
- (a) much (b) very (c) any (d) all
- Q7 His will not write. It is out of ink.
- (a) pencil (b) friend (c) television (d) pen
- Q8 Who won the soccer?
- (a) sport (b) gain (c) game (d) throw
- Q9 Your break is from noon to 1 pm.
- (a) supper (b) breakfast (c) dinner (d) lunch
- Q10 The police all uniforms.
- (a) wear (b) eat (c) use (d) save

Basic English Grammar

Q1 The pencils and paper on your desk.

- (a) to be (b) is (c) are (d) be

Q2 do you like to do on the weekends?

- (a) How (b) What (c) Who (d) Where

Q3 My sister is home today.

- (a) at (b) in (c) the (d) on

Q4 am an engineer.

- (a) You (b) He (c) We (d) I

Q5 The bathroom is to the front door.

- (a) next (b) far (c) opposite (d) away

Q6 He always works hard.

- (a) much (b) very (c) great (d) quietly

Q7 Do you time to go to the store for me?

- (a) like (b) go (c) have (d) give

Q8 She is athlete.

- (a) good (b) well (c) a (d) an

Q9 There are 12 in a year.

- (a) days (b) weeks (c) months (d) hours

Q10 Driving to work in a car is much than riding a bicycle.

- (a) faster (b) fast (c) fastest (d) more faster

Basic Weather Expressions

Q1 Yesterday was very sunny outside.

- (a) he (b) it (c) she (d) they

Q2 She to swim when it is hot.

- (a) loves (b) love (c) loved (d) loving

Q3 In some countries it never

- (a) snow (b) snowing (c) had snowed (d) snows

Q4 Do you like hot weather not?

- (a) but (b) or (c) because (d) so

Q5 I like it it rains.

- (a) when (b) who (c) why (d) whom

Q6 Have you made a snowman?

- (a) forever (b) always (c) ever (d) every

Q7 The sky is cloudy today.

- (a) much (b) very (c) many (d) a lot

Q8 It looks a storm is coming.

- (a) as (b) that (c) like (d) of

Q9 I am wet my umbrella broke.

- (a) because (b) or (c) if (d) so

Q10 Laura wears gloves her hands will stay warm.

- (a) or (b) that (c) why (d) so

Basic English Expressions

- Q1 My desk is a, I should clean it.
(a) messy (b) slob (c) mess (d) sloppy
- Q2 Valerie spilled water my paperwork.
(a) in (b) on (c) at (d) across
- Q3 Will you please take the trash?
(a) out (b) over (c) from (d) of
- Q4 I like pencils than pens.
(a) best (b) the best (c) better (d) more good
- Q5 My old job was than this one.
(a) more easier (b) easiest (c) most easy (d) easier
- Q6 Tom works the of anyone.
(a) hardest (b) harder (c) most hard (d) more harder
- Q7 This is the assignment I have ever had.
(a) difficult (b) more difficult (c) most difficult (d) diffultest
- Q8 My boss is very
- (a) nicer (b) nice (c) nicest (d) much nice
- Q9 Do you walk take the bus to work?
(a) because (b) from (c) but (d) or
- Q10 The janitor cleans the office night.
(a) total (b) all of (c) every (d) very

Elementary English Grammar

- Q1 She likes running.
(a) go (b) to go (c) gone (d) goes
- Q2 John his bicycle every day.
(a) ride (b) ridden (c) rides (d) to ride
- Q3 I to school every day.
(a) walk (b) walks (c) walking (d) to walk
- Q4 play guitar all the time.
(a) She (b) He (c) Us (d) They
- Q5 Do you like?
(a) dance (b) of dance (c) to dance (d) danced
- Q6 When I was a child I to climb trees.
(a) liked (b) would like (c) was liking (d) like
- Q7 It is a good idea every day.
(a) to exercise (b) exercise (c) exercising (d) exercises
- Q8 We went every day in our neighbors' swimming pool.
(a) swim (b) swam (c) had swam (d) swimming
- Q9 There a race next week.
(a) to be (b) was (c) will be (d) are
- Q10 Soccer now a popular sport in most countries.
(a) was (b) has been (c) am (d) is

Question Words

Q1 one of you is coming to my house later?

- (a) Who (b) Which (c) Why (d) How

Q2 are you going to get home from work?

- (a) Which (b) Who (c) How (d) What

Q3 is that guy talking to your sister?

- (a) Which (b) Whose (c) Who (d) Whom

Q4 She wants to know you like your coffee.

- (a) how (b) what (c) which (d) who

Q5 Let me know you hear from your mother.

- (a) who (b) which (c) whose (d) when

Q6 would you like on your hamburger?

- (a) How (b) What (c) When (d) Which

Q7 dog is that?

- (a) Who (b) When (c) Whose (d) Where

Q8 This is I want to be when I grow up.

- (a) why (b) when (c) which (d) what

Q9 My mother is the one sings on TV every morning.

- (a) whom (b) which (c) who (d) whose

Q10 shoes are those?

- (a) Why (b) Whose (c) Whom (d) Who

Common Prepositions

Q1 I live in the big house the corner.

- (a) on (b) in (c) of (d) to

Q2 My son goes English classes 5 days a week.

- (a) with (b) by (c) to (d) from

Q3 My friend Anna lives England.

- (a) from (b) at (c) on (d) in

Q4 The milk goes the refrigerator.

- (a) on (b) in (c) of (d) at

Q5 Will you come me to the store?

- (a) with (b) along (c) to (d) by

Q6 My car will not start because it is gas.

- (a) full of (b) out with (c) out of (d) with no

Q7 Please put the plates the table.

- (a) over (b) for (c) to (d) on

Q8 I like to eat ice cream chocolate sauce on top.

- (a) at (b) with (c) in (d) to

Q9 Were you church yesterday?

- (a) at (b) to (c) on (d) for

Q10 I am work right now.

- (a) with (b) at (c) of (d) on

Modal Verb Questions

Q1 you please bring me my notebook?

- (a) Will (b) May (c) Do (d) Should

Q2 you please bring me my notebook?

- (a) Did (b) Would (c) Have (d) Might

Q3 you please bring me my notebook?

- (a) Should (b) Do (c) Can (d) Haven't

Q4 you please bring me my notebook?

- (a) Shall (b) Could (c) May (d) Must

Q5 you want some water?

- (a) Can (b) Have (c) May (d) Do

Q6 you like some water?

- (a) Can (b) May (c) Would (d) Do

Q7 I ride with you to work?

- (a) Would (b) Can (c) Let (d) Have

Q8 I ride with you to work?

- (a) Does (b) Haven't (c) Allow (d) May

Q9 I could ride with you to work?

- (a) Is there any way (b) Ain't there no way
(c) Might there some way (d) Aren't there some ways

Q10 I ride with you to work?

- (a) Will you mind if (b) Could you mind if (c) Would you mind if (d) Can you mind if

Elementary Grammar Questions

- Q1 Flowers good.
(a) stink (b) feel (c) smell (d) watch
- Q2 My colour is green.
(a) preferred (b) like (c) most liked (d) favourite
- Q3 My mom is Africa.
(a) of (b) from (c) to (d) out
- Q4 There are 7 kids my family.
(a) to (b) in (c) of (d) at
- Q5 of my parents live in the United States of America.
(a) Lots (b) The two (c) All (d) Both
- Q6 4 of my grandparents are still alive.
(a) Both (b) None (c) All (d) Many
- Q7 you leave my shoes outside last night?
(a) Did (b) Do (c) Will (d) Would
- Q8 I really like spaghetti.
(a) of eat (b) to eat (c) eat (d) ate
- Q9 drive me home later?
(a) Do you think you can (b) You can
(c) Did (d) Is possible
- Q10 It is a rule: if you ride in my car you wear your seatbelt.
(a) may (b) might (c) can (d) have to

English Grammar Exercise

- Q1 Our couch is soft.
(a) very (b) much (c) lots (d) tons
- Q2 Our house 3 bedrooms.
(a) is of (b) is with (c) has (d) have
- Q3 Does your dog live inside outside?
(a) but (b) because (c) though (d) or
- Q4 Does your have a dishwasher?
(a) living room (b) bathroom (c) dining room (d) kitchen
- Q5 All of the walls are white.
(a) paint (b) painted (c) to paint (d) painting
- Q6 There is a rug the floor in the living room.
(a) in (b) under (c) on (d) next to
- Q7 The gets 6 channels.
(a) cat (b) tree (c) television (d) microwave
- Q8 Our table is for 8 people.
(a) big (b) enough big (c) a lot big (d) big enough
- Q9 Do you lock the front door night?
(a) for (b) at (c) on (d) from
- Q10 I will the clothes after you fold them.
(a) put up (b) put next (c) put under (d) in put

Much, many, a lot, lots

- Q1 How people are coming?
(a) lots (b) much (c) a lot (d) many
- Q2 How does the book cost?
(a) much (b) many (c) lots (d) a lot
- Q3 Do you need milk for this recipe?
(a) many (b) big (c) much (d) much of
- Q4 I need to practice piano before the concert.
(a) much (b) very (c) many (d) a lot
- Q5 I have of homework to do before tomorrow.
(a) a ton (b) a tan (c) a million (d) a much
- Q6 How water do you drink every day?
(a) many (b) much (c) lots of (d) very
- Q7 You are smart.
(a) much (b) many (c) very (d) lots
- Q8 I have of friends.
(a) much (b) very (c) lots (d) many
- Q9 You are a honest person.
(a) ton (b) very (c) many (d) much
- Q10 Do you have ants in your house?
(a) much (b) many (c) a lot (d) very

Elementary Adjectives

- Q1 If I am not right I am
(a) wrong (b) certain (c) correct (d) un-right
- Q2 If you are not taller you are
(a) the short (b) shorter (c) shortest (d) short
- Q3 The car is not, it is slow.
(a) speed (b) unhurried (c) fast (d) powerful
- Q4 Today it is not hot, it is
(a) cold (b) un-hot (c) hotter (d) colder
- Q5 If I am not weak I am
(a) weaker (b) pretty (c) bright (d) strong
- Q6 I do not get up, I get up early.
(a) night (b) day (c) late (d) first
- Q7 He is the heaviest and I am the
(a) lightest (b) lighter (c) light (d) heavier
- Q8 What goes up must come
(a) over (b) down (c) nice (d) left
- Q9 At the stop sign do not turn right, turn
(a) light (b) wrong (c) straight (d) left
- Q10 My mom's hair is not straight, it is
(a) long (b) short (c) curly (d) grey

Chit Chat: At the bus stop

- Q1 Mike: Where are you today?
(a) go (b) gone (c) going (d) goes
- Q2 Linda: I really want to go
(a) shops (b) shopping (c) shop (d) shopped
- Q3 Mike: What's with the shops here?
(a) wrong (b) incorrect (c) false (d) funny
- Q4 Linda: Nothing really but there is more in the town.
(a) choosing (b) choose (c) chosen (d) choice
- Q5 Mike: That's true but you have to a long time for a bus.
(a) attend (b) expect (c) wait (d) await
- Q6 Linda: Yes, I waiting for 30 minutes already.
(a) will be (b) have been (c) was (d) am
- Q7 Mike: Then it's just well it's not raining.
(a) as (b) more (c) much (d) than
- Q8 Linda: I don't like the of that dark cloud over there.
(a) sight (b) look (c) vision (d) sign
- Q9 Mike: Oh dear. Are you going to wait any
(a) quicker (b) slower (c) former (d) longer
- Q10 Linda: No. I've just it's Sunday and there are no buses today.
(a) understood (b) followed (c) realised (d) believed

Chit Chat: Talking about the Doctor

- Q1 Mike: Haven't seen you for
- (a) centuries (b) ages (c) periods (d) times
- Q2 Linda: No, I've been a lot of pain the last few months.
- (a) over (b) off (c) across (d) in
- Q3 Mike: I'm sorry to hear that. Tell me it.
- (a) through (b) of (c) about (d) with
- Q4 Linda: It's awful really. At the it's in my knee.
- (a) moment (b) second (c) occasion (d) hour
- Q5 Mike: That can walking very difficult.
- (a) do (b) make (c) cause (d) give
- Q6 Linda: Then the pain in my back.
- (a) there are (b) there will be (c) there should be (d) there's
- Q7 Mike: I know what that's
- (a) same (b) as (c) similar (d) like
- Q8 Linda: Of I mustn't forget the pains in my feet.
- (a) way (b) course (c) path (d) lane
- Q9 Mike: Suddenly I'm much better. I won't see the doctor today. Good bye.
- (a) going (b) trying (c) feeling (d) making
- Q10 Linda: But you can't go I haven't described my other pains.
- (a) still (b) again (c) till (d) yet

Chit Chat: In the Aeroplane

- Q1 Linda: Have you ever before? Only it's my first time in a plane and I'm a little nervous.
(a) fled (b) flown (c) flowed (d) flying
- Q2 Mike: Yes, lots of times. There's no need to about it.
(a) worry (b) think (c) ponder (d) brood
- Q3 Linda: That's easy for you to but I feel very anxious.
(a) dictate (b) speak (c) call (d) say
- Q4 Mike: All you have to do is take it and relax.
(a) back (b) cool (c) easy (d) straight
- Q5 Linda: I had a drinks before I came on board and that hasn't helped.
(a) lot (b) few (c) little (d) many
- Q6 Mike: Never I'm sure you'll be all right and anyhow we're starting to move now.
(a) mind (b) care (c) object (d) deny
- Q7 Linda: Yes, you're right. It's as everything on the plane is shaking.
(a) when (b) like (c) but (d) if
- Q8 Mike: That means that the engines are warming It won't be long now.
(a) off (b) up (c) over (d) in
- Q9 Linda: Oh yes. I don't know why I was so I think flying is great!
(a) nervous (b) terrible (c) awful (d) nerveing
- Q10 Mike: Don't get too excited! We're still on the runway and haven't taken yet.
(a) through (b) by (c) off (d) in

Chit Chat: At the pub

- Q1 Charles: I don't think I've you before in this pub.
(a) see (b) seen (c) seeing (d) saw
- Q2 Deborah: No, this is my first
- (a) stay (b) encounter (c) meeting (d) visit
- Q3 Charles: And I see you've your little dog with you.
(a) brining (b) brings (c) brought (d) bought
- Q4 Deborah: Yes, he goes with me.
(a) everywhere (b) all over (c) somewhere (d) nowhere
- Q5 Charles: It's very good the way he sits at the table and eats his with a knife and fork.
(a) substance (b) content (c) sustenance (d) food
- Q6 Deborah: Oh yes. He's very good. At home when he's eating, he goes into the kitchen and washes up his plates.
(a) finished (b) ended (c) ends (d) finishes
- Q7 Charles: That's really I find that difficult to believe.
(a) amaze (b) amazing (c) amazes (d) amazed
- Q8 Deborah: Believe me — he's a really wonderful dog and can do things that people do.
(a) much (b) more (c) most (d) lots
- Q9 Charles: The one thing I've is that he doesn't say anything.
(a) remarked (b) connected (c) commented (d) noticed
- Q10 Deborah: Yes, that's right. He's not talking today because he's got a throat.
(a) sick (b) sore (c) ill (d) hurt

Chit Chat: At the restaurant

- Q1 Waiter: What would you like to with, sir?
(a) engage (b) consume (c) start (d) tackle
- Q2 Diner: I was thinking I try the soup.
(a) can (b) will (c) ought to (d) might
- Q3 Waiter: Sorry sir. The soup's
- (a) off (b) over (c) through (d) under
- Q4 Diner: In that I'll try the roast beef.
(a) example (b) case (c) instance (d) situation
- Q5 Waiter: You'll have no luck there either. We haven't got any
- (a) left (b) leaving (c) right (d) taken
- Q6 Diner: Oh that's a Perhaps I could have the pork.
(a) crime (b) blame (c) shame (d) short
- Q7 Waiter: It's really not your We don't have any pork now.
(a) moment (b) time (c) hour (d) day
- Q8 Diner: Oh this is Do you have anything at all?
(a) ridicule (b) ridiculous (c) ridiculing (d) ridiculed
- Q9 Waiter: Now sir it's not worth your temper. You could take the last thing on the menu.
(a) losing (b) holding (c) dropping (d) throwing
- Q10 Diner: Right then. If it's not too much Please bring me a cup of coffee.
(a) difficulty (b) problem (c) hardship (d) trouble

Chit Chat: On the phone

- Q1 Woman: Hello. 6 — 3 — 4 — 9 — 5. Who's please?
(a) calling (b) talking (c) acting (d) hearing
- Q2 Charlie: Yes, hello it's Charlie here. I wanted to how you are.
(a) discover (b) detect (c) uncover (d) know
- Q3 Woman: Me? Oh, I'm doing, thank you and you?
(a) good (b) fine (c) healthy (d) fit
- Q4 Charlie: Well, to be I've had a few problems recently.
(a) open (b) overt (c) honest (d) correct
- Q5 Woman: Sorry to hear that. What of problems?
(a) species (b) kind (c) example (d) group
- Q6 Charlie: Well, it all started when my wife out on me.
(a) strolled (b) rushed (c) paced (d) walked
- Q7 Woman: Sorry to hear that. That must have been a
(a) hit (b) strike (c) blow (d) knock
- Q8 Charlie: Of course that was some time ago and I've got to it now.
(a) used (b) bound (c) held (d) tied
- Q9 Woman: By the way I don't know anybody Charlie.
(a) entitled (b) called (c) headed (d) nominated
- Q10 Charlie: Sorry about that I must have the wrong number. Have a nice day.
(a) selected (b) directed (c) dialled (d) done

Chit Chat: In the theatre

- Q1 Alice: I think the play is just on the of starting.
(a) tip (b) peak (c) top (d) point
- Q2 Mary: I do hope so. I'm very of the main actor.
(a) like (b) fond (c) amiable (d) close
- Q3 Alice: Me too. Just listen to the of his voice now.
(a) noise (b) speech (c) sound (d) roar
- Q4 Mary: The trouble is I always his name.
(a) forget (b) forbid (c) forego (d) forefend
- Q5 Alice: I think his first name is Michael but I can't remember the
(a) brand name (b) proper name (c) pet name (d) surname
- Q6 Mary: I've got it. it's Dobson. Yes, that's it — Michael Dobson.
(a) Certainly (b) Surely (c) Naturally (d) Obviously
- Q7 Alice: Yes, you're right. I've seen him on tv loads of times.
(a) fully (b) alive (c) dead (d) clear
- Q8 Mary: Yes, Michael Dobson he was in that new as the detective.
(a) killer (b) filler (c) thriller (d) tiller
- Q9 Alice: He was really good in that. Oh look, he's suddenly stopped and started
(a) glaring (b) glazing (c) glancing (d) glossing
- Q10 Michael Dobson: I'm very, ladies you know who I am. Now can you stop talking so that we can get on with the play?
(a) certain (b) glad (c) clear (d) clever

Chit Chat: In the supermarket

- Q1 Employee: Are you problems, madam?
(a) feeling (b) trying (c) having (d) knowing
- Q2 Old lady: Yes. I wonder if you could help me, young man.
(a) probably (b) likely (c) possibly (d) easily
- Q3 Employee: Of course. In what?
(a) direction (b) path (c) road (d) way
- Q4 Old lady: The fact is I just can't that cereal packet on the top shelf.
(a) touch (b) reach (c) acquire (d) access
- Q5 Employee: No problem. you are.
(a) There (b) Then (c) How (d) What
- Q6 Old lady: There is just one other you can help me with if you have a moment.
(a) article (b) try (c) thing (d) heading
- Q7 Employee: Just tell me and I'll if I can help.
(a) look (b) see (c) glance (d) watch
- Q8 Old lady: All I want to know is day today is.
(a) what (b) when (c) where (d) who
- Q9 Employee: It's Thursday of course. What do you want to know?
(a) to (b) at (c) up (d) for
- Q10 Old lady: Well you see this supermarket is so big I can't find the way I've been here since Tuesday!
(a) on (b) off (c) out (d) through

Chit Chat: In the train

- Q1 Mrs Ashton: Excuse me but do you know this train is going to London?
(a) since (b) if (c) how (d) whenever
- Q2 Mr Corp: Oh yes, madam. She's going to London.
(a) precisely (b) exactly (c) definitely (d) always
- Q3 Mrs Ashton: Well, that's good
- (a) information (b) knowledge (c) knowing (d) news
- Q4 Mr Corp: What you say that, madam?
(a) forces (b) makes (c) does (d) requires
- Q5 Mrs Ashton: Well, last time I by train, I got on the wrong one.
(a) travelled (b) caught (c) tripped (d) ended
- Q6 Mr Corp: What to you then?
(a) occurred (b) transpired (c) happened (d) developed
- Q7 Mrs Ashton: It was terrible because I ended miles away from where I wanted to go.
(a) over (b) up (c) through (d) in
- Q8 Mr Corp: Well, you'll have no such today, madam.
(a) puzzle (b) situation (c) condition (d) problem
- Q9 Mrs Ashton: Look are you the train's going to London. It's taking a long time to leave.
(a) sure (b) clear (c) evident (d) obvious
- Q10 Mr Corp: Don't you madam. It is going to London but not for another 4 hours!
(a) concern (b) think (c) worry (d) consider

Other, another, others, the others

- Q1 There are ten pieces of fruit in my basket. One is an orange, one is a grape and is an apple.
(a) others (b) the other (c) another (d) the others
- Q2 I have two pencils. One is black, is blue.
(a) another (b) the others (c) others (d) the other
- Q3 There are four girls in my apartment. Two are called Casey and Amber. are Joanne and Lindsey.
(a) Others (b) The others (c) Another (d) The other
- Q4 There are several holidays in Brazil. One is Independence Day and are Children's Day and Teacher's Day.
(a) some others (b) another (c) the others (d) the other
- Q5 My friend has two cars. One is black and is red.
(a) another (b) the other (c) the others (d) others
- Q6 My mom speaks three languages. One is English and one is French.
(a) others (b) the other (c) another (d) the others
- Q7 There are eight pets in my house. Six are cats and are dogs.
(a) others (b) another (c) the other (d) the others
- Q8 There are 50 states in the United States. One is North Carolina and are Virginia and Kentucky.
(a) another (b) the others (c) some others (d) the other
- Q9 My neighbor has four kids. One of them is a boy and are girls.
(a) the others (b) others (c) another (d) the other
- Q10 There are three books in my backpack. One is a maths book and is a chemistry book.
(a) others (b) another (c) the other (d) the others

Adjective Prepositions Constructions

Q1 Venice is famous its canals.

- (a) about (b) in (c) with (d) for

Q2 My son is afraid the dark.

- (a) from (b) on (c) of (d) by

Q3 Maria is married my cousin.

- (a) with (b) for (c) to (d) into

Q4 The second hotel was different the first.

- (a) to (b) for (c) with (d) from

Q5 Lucas is very good drawing.

- (a) at (b) on (c) to (d) with

Q6 I'm tired waiting for the bus. Let's take a taxi.

- (a) to (b) on (c) of (d) from

Q7 George was worried his father's health.

- (a) since (b) about (c) on (d) at

Q8 I didn't know you were interested science.

- (a) in (b) for (c) on (d) to

Q9 Why are you angry him?

- (a) of (b) from (c) on (d) with

Q10 We were very pleased the service.

- (a) with (b) on (c) at (d) from

Anything, nothing, something, everything

Q1 I don't have to do today.

- (a) nothing (b) anything (c) everything (d) any

Q2 Are there dogs in the house?

- (a) something (b) nothing (c) any (d) anybody

Q3 I know about it!

- (a) anything (b) nothing (c) someone (d) any

Q4 There is I need to do tomorrow afternoon.

- (a) any (b) anything (c) yet (d) something

Q5 My friend doesn't know about her Birthday Party!

- (a) something (b) nothing (c) anything (d) anyone

Q6 Did you bring you needed for the trip?

- (a) no (b) any (c) nothing (d) everything

Q7 If there is you need you can call me, okay?

- (a) anything (b) any (c) nothing (d) everything

Q8 I think there is wrong with my VCR. It is not working very well.

- (a) anything (b) nothing (c) something (d) everything

Q9 My friend's decisions have to do with me.

- (a) nothing (b) anything (c) someone (d) any

Q10 My mom asked me how I was and I said was fine.

- (a) anything (b) something (c) any (d) everything

American homophones

- Q1 I would eat 24/7 if I could get away with it.
(a) desert (b) dessert (c) deserts (d) assest
- Q2 My friend said she doesn't any foreign languages.
(a) no (b) knew (c) know (d) now
- Q3 We took the kids swimming all morning. Now completely exhausted.
(a) they're (b) there (c) their (d) them
- Q4 My friend's dog always chases tail.
(a) their (b) theirs (c) it's (d) its
- Q5 Every time I go on a trip I leave my dog in a
(a) channel (b) cannel (c) canal (d) kennel
- Q6 The of my school was overwhelmingly strict.
(a) principal (b) principle (c) principality (d) prince
- Q7 The chocolate chip cookies are on five.
(a) I'll (b) isle (c) aisle (d) island
- Q8 There are millions of people in Third World Countries.
(a) pur (b) poor (c) pour (d) pore
- Q9 Christina loves to!
(a) so (b) soul (c) sew (d) sow
- Q10 Hey Tom, how's the in Tulsa today?
(a) wither (b) whether (c) feather (d) weather

Pronouns: who, whose, whom, which

- Q1 This is the teacher told me my son has been misbehaving in class.
(a) which (b) whose (c) whom (d) who
- Q2 My husband, I love, sent me flowers at work last night.
(a) who (b) whom (c) which (d) whose
- Q3 This is the girl car hit that tree down last week.
(a) who (b) which (c) whose (d) whom
- Q4 Those were the boxes were sent to you last month, but never made it here.
(a) which (b) who (c) whose (d) whom
- Q5 is going to take the dog for a walk?
(a) Which (b) Whose (c) Who (d) Whom
- Q6 shall I fear, but the ones who hurt me?
(a) Whose (b) Whom (c) Who (d) Which
- Q7 I asked you one of these shoes you think would go with my outfit.
(a) whose (b) who (c) whom (d) which
- Q8 house is it, anyway? Are we allowed to stay in here?
(a) Who's (b) Whom (c) Whose (d) Which
- Q9 I have friends love me so much, they made a surprise birthday party for me last night.
(a) who (b) whom (c) which (d) whose
- Q10 That young man to we owe some thanks, saved our mom's life on that car accident.
(a) which (b) whom (c) who (d) whose

Some, any, few, little

- Q1 Wow! Look at that! How books do you have on your shelf? I have to tell you, it's quite a great collection!
(a) much (b) many (c) any (d) some
- Q2 Would you like juice?
(a) a (b) an (c) some (d) much
- Q3 How money do you have?
(a) much (b) more (c) many (d) often
- Q4 I only have dollars.
(a) some (b) any (c) a little (d) a few
- Q5 I want to make orange juice. Have you got oranges?
(a) much (b) many (c) any (d) few
- Q6 No, I don't have any. But I have apples, if you'd like to make apple juice instead.
(a) a little (b) some (c) any (d) few
- Q7 There are people trying to go to the U2 concert this weekend.
(a) many (b) much (c) a little (d) any
- Q8 How many gallons of water did you bring for the trip? — I just have gallons.
(a) much (b) any (c) a little (d) a few
- Q9 Jessica spent a lot of money on her car. Now she only has money left to pay for her living expenses.
(a) many (b) a few (c) a little (d) much
- Q10 How time do you have left before you have to go to school?
(a) some (b) much (c) many (d) any

Prepositions Test

Q1 I was jogging in the park this morning and saw this dog coming me. It looked like he was going attack me, but he was just trying to reach out for his owner who was running right behind me.

- (a) onto (b) after (c) towards (d) below

Q2 Barbara, your boyfriend is waiting for you in the car.

- (a) around (b) outside (c) above (d) against

Q3 I heard a glass breaking noise in the living room and ran to see what happened. A pigeon flew the window and broke it.

- (a) for (b) from (c) by (d) against

Q4 Suzanne who lives that coffee shop place, came over to visit you this morning.

- (a) on (b) by (c) at (d) in

Q5 I don't know how many times I have told my daughter to look at both sides before running the street.

- (a) across (b) alongside (c) beside (d) around

Q6 My house is the grocery store and the gas station.

- (a) under (b) off (c) among (d) between

Q7 The temperature in Washington D.C today is eight degrees zero.

- (a) beside (b) below (c) behind (d) between

Q8 The cat is sitting the wall.

- (a) on (b) over (c) above (d) underneath

Q9 As soon as Bob heard his boss coming, he jumped his chair and pretended he was working.

- (a) inside (b) under (c) for (d) down

Q10 Frederick lives the hill, where all the mansions are.

- (a) above (b) unto (c) onto (d) up

Past Participle Sentences

- Q1 Had I been able to go to school as a child, I would have how to read.
(a) learned (b) learn (c) learning (d) had learn
- Q2 I would have all night if I could but we all had to leave early because Carmen didn't feel good.
(a) sing (b) sung (c) sang (d) singed
- Q3 Adrian should have never home. If he hadn't, he'd be in a better situation right now.
(a) leave (b) leaved (c) left (d) leaving
- Q4 Perhaps she would have been by that dog if its owner hadn't been faster and caught him right on time.
(a) bit (b) bite (c) bitted (d) bitten
- Q5 If it wasn't for that medicine you gave me, I would have a lot worse.
(a) gotten (b) gone (c) get (d) gutted
- Q6 Last night, I I was calling the police and really did it.
(a) dream (b) dreaming (c) dreamed (d) have dreamed
- Q7 I'm glad to know that you have me for what I have done.
(a) forgive (b) forgives (c) forgiven (d) forgave
- Q8 After looking for him all day, Jeremy finally found his dog under a cave.
(a) hid (b) hide (c) hidden (d) hit
- Q9 I would have pictures from my trip, if I had a camera.
(a) took (b) take (c) taken (d) had took
- Q10 When he finally arrived, his date had already
(a) going (b) go (c) went (d) gone

ESL Prepositions

- Q1 The board meeting was called due to the sudden demise of the chief executive office.
(a) for (b) off (c) to (d) out
- Q2 My father put \$1,000 as a deposit to help my sister purchase a new car.
(a) in (b) out (c) down (d) on
- Q3 I have some material from which I could knock an article if you want me to.
(a) up (b) down (c) together (d) off
- Q4 The finance director has come in a lot of criticism over his unsuccessful handling of the company's investments.
(a) back (b) for (c) to (d) on
- Q5 The factory churns thousands of pairs of low cost shoes every day.
(a) out (b) off (c) in (d) into
- Q6 Low consumer demand has forced the retailer to mark a wide range of goods by as much as 40%.
(a) up (b) down (c) back (d) off
- Q7 Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett must be making a fortune. They're clearly raking over \$1,000,000 a year.
(a) up (b) in (c) on (d) out
- Q8 The clothing manufacturer recently branched into sportswear.
(a) out (b) in (c) off (d) back
- Q9 Distributors will probably bump the price of the software when the next version is released.
(a) up (b) on (c) off (d) out
- Q10 The director was drummed of office for life when it was discovered that she had been involved in insider trading.
(a) up (b) in (c) on (d) out

Common English Errors (1)

- Q1 There are many of jobs in Oregon right now.
(a) ways (b) brands (c) kinds (d) forms
- Q2 She ran over to the commotion to what was happening.
(a) know about (b) find more (c) find (d) find out
- Q3 After some time, Vince to know the university campus very well.
(a) got (b) understood (c) found (d) learned
- Q4 Don't forget about your daughter's soccer game — she'll never you!
(a) absolve (b) exonerate (c) excuse (d) forgive
- Q5 When I drove into Seattle yesterday afternoon, the was still cloudy and wet.
(a) weather (b) climate (c) climate condition (d) environment
- Q6 I'm worried about her because she more pills than usual.
(a) eats (b) munches (c) is taking (d) is eating
- Q7 I'm so busy — I hope you'll my messy office space.
(a) forgive (b) absolve (c) excuse (d) acquit
- Q8 He was married fifty years
- (a) before now (b) ago (c) long before (d) long ago
- Q9 I at six o'clock in the morning every day.
(a) awake (b) wake up (c) get up from my bed (d) leave my bed
- Q10 We decided to bed this morning because last night wore us out.
(a) be in our (b) stay in our (c) stay in (d) stay on our

Common English Errors (2)

- Q1 That book isn't in right now but we can one for you.
(a) book (b) order (c) instruct (d) command
- Q2 I some great books from the library this past weekend.
(a) lent (b) had a loan of (c) borrowed (d) loaned
- Q3 We always at the hotel by the marina when we go to San Francisco.
(a) stay (b) live (c) inhabit (d) reside
- Q4 I haven't from anyone lately.
(a) hear (b) listened (c) informed (d) heard
- Q5 After the attack, the woman quickly.
(a) calmed down (b) calmed down her anger
(c) calmed her anger (d) calmed her feelings
- Q6 me as soon as possible. It's urgent.
(a) Phone call (b) Call (c) Call up (d) Telephone call
- Q7 People this place the "Forbidden Forest."
(a) call (b) entitle (c) name (d) describe
- Q8 I've been so busy with new clients that I hired new staff just to
(a) upkeep (b) keep up (c) keep (d) persist
- Q9 You're an asset to our team.
(a) Stay it up! (b) Remain doing it! (c) Keep it up! (d) Continue it up!
- Q10 It's difficult to understand what she in her job — it seems very boring.
(a) distinguishes in (b) looks in (c) observes in (d) sees in

Common English Errors (3)

- Q1 people like this area a lot.
(a) Elder (b) Older (c) The old (d) More elder
- Q2 My brother is really nice to me.
(a) eldest (b) more old (c) maturest (d) most older
- Q3 After visiting several galaxies, the aliens found themselves captivated by life on
(a) world (b) the world (c) the earth (d) earth
- Q4 It's one of the nicest countries
(a) on the earth (b) in the world (c) on the globe (d) on the world
- Q5 I know it sounds unreasonable but it that she will never come back.
(a) is possible (b) could be possible (c) could be possibly (d) is possibly
- Q6 As soon as I picked up the rare object, it
(a) was not together (b) came to be apart (c) came apart (d) was separated
- Q7 You should after you've finished your lessons.
(a) come to my home (b) come over (c) come into my home (d) get to my home
- Q8 Our friends — who we haven't seen in a long time — last night.
(a) appeared in our home (b) came in our home
(c) came to our home (d) came by
- Q9 I keep my favorite ring a large, metal, heavy safe at home.
(a) in (b) between (c) about (d) around
- Q10 The world needs to depend on other energy sources, oil and other natural resources.
(a) beside (b) likewise (c) besides (d) also beside

Common English Errors (4)

Q1 Her mother when she was just a little girl.

- (a) is dead (b) dead (c) died (d) was dead

Q2 If my back starts, I can't go anywhere with you next week.

- (a) acting out (b) performing (c) acting up (d) becoming bad

Q3 She was hoping the terrible argument would before the wedding.

- (a) blow away (b) blow over (c) carry away (d) blow down

Q4 After the car accident, Bob had to his endurance during his rehabilitation classes.

- (a) make (b) build more (c) build forward (d) build up

Q5 My uncle has a long beard and a chest.

- (a) furred chest (b) furry (c) many hair (d) hairy

Q6 Due to his age, everyone thinks he should find a suitable mate and settle

- (a) on (b) along (c) down (d) up

Q7 The movie was very shocking because it is a true story that took place in our state.

- (a) based through (b) based on (c) found through (d) coming from

Q8 His speech was articulate and I asked him to his ideas.

- (a) make bigger (b) spread out (c) expand on (d) expand about

Q9 Our nanny has always been to us.

- (a) very kindly (b) kindly (c) being kindly (d) kind

Q10 I with the book quickly.

- (a) fed up (b) bored (c) got bored (d) became bored up

Common Quantity Nouns

- Q1 The boys gathered a bundle of
(a) sticks (b) people (c) beads (d) houses
- Q2 Over by the railroad tracks, there was a heap of
(a) houses (b) flowers (c) stairs (d) stones
- Q3 In the distance, the onlookers could see a fleet of
(a) players (b) insects (c) stairs (d) ships
- Q4 As she looked up, she saw a flight of
(a) birds (b) insects (c) crows (d) stairs
- Q5 The flock of stayed together.
(a) sheep (b) blankets (c) ships (d) cows
- Q6 A swarm of gathered around the swamp.
(a) sheep (b) birds (c) insects (d) cows
- Q7 A crowd of lined up to see what was happening.
(a) cows (b) sheep (c) people (d) birds
- Q8 There was a long row of near the beach.
(a) cows (b) insects (c) stairs (d) houses
- Q9 The herd of kept eating as the wind blew past them.
(a) people (b) birds (c) cows (d) crows
- Q10 At the show, we saw many different schools of
(a) birds (b) cattle (c) fish (d) beads

Using Make and Do (1)

- Q1 The manager was surprised at how many things Ron could at once.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q2 She him a solemn promise that she would never steal again.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q3 His teacher begged him to more of an effort in class.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q4 We had so much fun in Chicago — we it in three days.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q5 The business a lot of money this year.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q6 The university research department stumbled upon something new and a big discovery because of it.
(a) make (b) did (c) made (d) do
- Q7 His mother forced him to his homework every night after supper.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q8 No matter how hard he pushed him, he couldn't his son do the job properly.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q9 The teacher suggested they another exercise to understand the problem better.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q10 We only have one more pot of stew — will it?
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did

Using Prepositions

- Q1 Ralph was late work again. He may be fired.
(a) on (b) at (c) for (d) to
- Q2 Naomi is keen working in Africa this coming year.
(a) of (b) for (c) on (d) at
- Q3 He's been suffering migraine headaches again.
(a) with (b) from (c) of (d) about
- Q4 All of Chris' teachers agree that he is very good math.
(a) with (b) for (c) at (d) on
- Q5 To get a job as a secretary, you must be good typing and answering phones.
(a) for (b) at (c) with (d) about
- Q6 Due to his new shift, he has to wake up 3 a.m. every day.
(a) in (b) at (c) on (d) from
- Q7 Such bad behavior is typical the spoiled child.
(a) for (b) with (c) about (d) of
- Q8 Mary is so pleased her students' grades this past year.
(a) for (b) with (c) at (d) along
- Q9 He was very angry his mother because she grounded him yesterday.
(a) with (b) to (c) about (d) on
- Q10 Karen is very jealous Kim and it's very obvious to others.
(a) of (b) about (c) at (d) with

Using Make and Do (2)

- Q1 Even though the situation was not ideal, they decided to a go of things.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q2 She finally begged him to a move in the very long and tiresome chess game.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q3 He was so proud of his car yesterday because during the race it 260 km/hr.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q4 She suddenly realized that she only had a few days left on her vacation so she decided to the most of it.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q5 I'm not quite ready yet — I have to my hair.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q6 His mother was late because she the beds before she left the house.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q7 No one knows why he those terrible things in the past.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q8 He was confused and couldn't up his mind about what to do next.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q9 The teacher had to up a new syllabus because her old was outdated.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q10 They up quickly after the silly argument.
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did

Why Questions

- Q1 countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Where (d) Who
- Q2 is measured by the Richter Scale?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Where (d) Who
- Q3 does the word "alphabet" come from?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Where (d) When
- Q4 was the first man in space?
(a) When (b) Where (c) Which (d) Who
- Q5 does NATO stand for?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Where (d) who
- Q6 year did Prince Charles of England marry?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Where (d) Who
- Q7 did William Jefferson Clinton become President of the United States?
(a) When (b) What (c) Where (d) Who
- Q8 Caribbean island does Sir Vivian Richards come from?
(a) Which (b) What (c) Where (d) Who
- Q9 was the youngest person to be elected as President of the United States?
(a) Which (b) What (c) Where (d) Who
- Q10 year did the first commercial aviation flight take place?
(a) When (b) What (c) Where (d) Which

While, during and for

Q1 My uncle died the war.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q2 The phone rang I was eating brunch.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q3 I lived in Denpasar several years.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q4 I was in Geneva I made lots of friends.
(a) While (b) During (c) For

Q5 Last week I was held up four hours because of the traffic.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q6 A salesman knocked on our door we were watching a movie.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q7 I hurt my leg the third quarter of the basketball match.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q8 A game of rugby usually lasts eighty minutes.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

Q9 my stay in hospital, the nurses looked after me very well.
(a) While (b) During (c) For

Q10 I was traveling through Mumbai six weeks last summer.
(a) while (b) during (c) for

auxiliary verbs: was, did, have

- Q1 The flight delayed because of bad weather.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q2 you do much sightseeing when you were on vacation in Madrid?
(a) Was (b) Were (c) Did (d) had
- Q3 They leaving for the airport when I last saw them.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q4 I forgotten to set my alarm clock, so I was late for my train.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q5 it raining when you left your office this afternoon?
(a) Was (b) Were (c) Did (d) Had
- Q6 The employees informed last night that their company was going into receivership.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q7 The police located the art work which been stolen from the gallery.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q8 The fire caused by an electrical problem.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q9 She was surprised that he knew her name. She never met him before.
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had
- Q10 How many times your travel documents checked before you boarded the airplane?
(a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

prepositions of time: for, ago, since, on, at

- Q1 I graduated from college 2002.
(a) since (b) on (c) in (d) at
- Q2 I like to go to bed midnight on Saturdays.
(a) since (b) on (c) during (d) at
- Q3 He migrated to Istanbul five years
(a) since (b) ago (c) for (d) at
- Q4 The artist had been painting two decades before he sold his first painting.
(a) during (b) for (c) since (d) on
- Q5 Shakespeare was born 23 April, 1564.
(a) since (b) on (c) in (d) at
- Q6 In Europe autumn begins September.
(a) in (b) on (c) at (d) since
- Q7 We always eat a roast dinner Christmas day.
(a) in (b) on (c) at (d) since
- Q8 His pet anaconda died five months and he still misses it.
(a) for (b) since (c) ago (d) on
- Q9 I've been studying Italian I was five years old.
(a) for (b) since (c) ago (d) on
- Q10 The chairman of the board has been employed in the finance industry 1984.
(a) in (b) on (c) since (d) at

Common English phrases with prepositions

- Q1 I had a crash yesterday afternoon. Fortunately I didn't do too much damage my car.
(a) with (b) in (c) about (d) to
- Q2 Simon isn't at school this week. He's vacation.
(a) in (b) between (c) on (d) to
- Q3 We're out coffee. Could you please go the supermarket and pick up some more.
(a) for (b) in (c) of (d) to
- Q4 This morning I received a cheque in the mail one thousand dollars.
(a) about (b) for (c) on (d) with
- Q5 You're really annoying me. You're doing it purpose, aren't you?
(a) about (b) of (c) on (d) in
- Q6 Can you tell the difference butter and margarine?
(a) in (b) with (c) between (d) about
- Q7 There have been many complaints your behavior.
(a) with (b) of (c) about (d) for
- Q8 The trouble my mother in law is that she doesn't listen to anybody.
(a) with (b) about (c) for (d) between
- Q9 I'm tired of cooking every night. Let's eat out a change.
(a) on (b) for (c) to (d) in
- Q10 Have you got any photos your girlfriend?
(a) about (b) between (c) of (d) which

Articles in English Grammar

Q1 I want to buy laptop computer next week.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q2 Can you please go to grocery store on fifth street and buy 2 cartons of milk?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q3 Please meet me at the train station in hour from now.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q4 I like to watch tennis on the television. It is very good game.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q5 My brother won an award for being best speller in our school.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q6 Hello, my name is Bob! I haven't anything to do tonight, so if you're not busy, would you like to watch movie or something with me?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q7 I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw elephant crossing the road in front of my school yesterday.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q8 How much will it cost to go on holiday to Bali?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q9 Can you please help me pick out birthday present for my father?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q10 President of the United States will be visiting Australia next week.

(a) A

(b) An

(c) The

a, some or any

- Q1 We need kilo of apples.
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q2 Have you got water?
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q3 There's newspaper on the table.
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q4 I've got salad sandwiches for my lunch today.
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q5 I haven't got tea. Can you go to the corner store and buy some more?
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q6 How about cup of coffee?
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q7 There are grapes in the fridge.
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q8 Is there orange juice left in the fridge?
(a) a (b) some (c) any
- Q9 I need money to go shopping.
(a) a (b) any (c) some
- Q10 We need to buy bread rolls if you want to make hotdogs for your lunch.
(a) a (b) some (c) any

Interrogative pronouns

- Q1 is the girl in the blue dress?
(a) Who (b) Whom (c) What (d) Which
- Q2 is the name of the team in red?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Who (d) Whom
- Q3 likes to play pinball at the arcade?
(a) Who (b) Whom (c) What (d) Which
- Q4 For did Shelia make these cookies.
(a) who (b) whom (c) which (d) what
- Q5 of the names did you choose for the puppy?
(a) What (b) Which (c) Who (d) Whom
- Q6 completed the assignment?
(a) Who's (b) Who (c) Whom (d) Which
- Q7 the highest ranking official in the United States?
(a) Who's (b) Whom (c) Who (d) What
- Q8 To did Mark lend his video game?
(a) who (b) who's (c) whom (d) what
- Q9 of the cars is parked in the driveway?
(a) Which (b) Who's (c) What (d) Whom
- Q10 To should the check be made payable?
(a) who (b) who's (c) whom (d) which

Possessive pronouns

- Q1 Mia left notebook on the bus.
(a) her (b) yours (c) his
- Q2 The colorful picture of the flowers is
(a) their (b) your (c) mine
- Q3 The proud parents brought home new baby girl.
(a) his (b) her (c) their
- Q4 Will strummed guitar and invited everyone to sing.
(a) his (b) its (c) her
- Q5 The computer quickly stores information on huge memory.
(a) yours (b) theirs (c) its
- Q6 These warm chocolate chip cookies melt in mouth.
(a) its (b) your (c) yours
- Q7 Is seat belt always fastened?
(a) your (b) mine (c) its
- Q8 The fluffy brown puppy is
(a) its (b) my (c) theirs
- Q9 hand shot up when the teacher asked for volunteers.
(a) Their (b) Her (c) Mine
- Q10 I didn't get a cheeseburger, so I tasted
(a) mine (b) its (c) hers

Phrasal verbs

- Q1 I'm sorry, James isn't at the moment. Can I take a message?
(a) in (b) away (c) up (d) off
- Q2 We've run sugar. Could you please buy some more?
(a) down on (b) away from (c) on with (d) out of
- Q3 I don't know how you with such noisy brothers. It would drive me crazy.
(a) put up (b) put away (c) clear up (d) bring up
- Q4 You've borrowed such a great deal of money from me lately. I need to exactly how much you owe me.
(a) make up (b) put out (c) work out (d) clear up
- Q5 Can you the time of the next train to Munich?
(a) sort out (b) put out (c) find out (d) try out
- Q6 That maths exam was incredibly difficult. It took me ages to some of the answers.
(a) sort out (b) put out (c) work out (d) find out
- Q7 I don't mind helping you bake a cake, but just make sure you everything when you've finished.
(a) put out (b) put away (c) sort out (d) bring up
- Q8 I'm broke. I have to an idea for making money.
(a) get on with (b) put up with (c) run out of (d) come up with
- Q9 Our teacher told us to our work quietly.
(a) get on with (b) put up with (c) run out of (d) come up with
- Q10 The government wants to a new scheme to encourage people to start their own businesses.
(a) work out (b) try out (c) find out (d) run out

Agatha Christie test questions

- Q1 Agatha Christie lived with family in England.
(a) her (b) his (c) their
- Q2 Agatha Christie have a happy marriage.
(a) wasn't (b) didn't (c) isn't
- Q3 Agatha Christie her husband in 1930.
(a) divorced (b) annulled (c) cancelled
- Q4 Agatha Christie was a very successful writer of detective
(a) yarns (b) fairy-tales (c) stories
- Q5 She for eleven days in December 1926.
(a) evaporated (b) disappeared (c) departed
- Q6 The police found her flat but there was no sign of Agatha Christie.
(a) empty (b) emptiness (c) empty space
- Q7 Agatha Christie wrote more than 80 mysteries and sold 300 million books.
(a) more (b) extra (c) over
- Q8 People all over the world have Agatha Christie's stories.
(a) grasped (b) realized (c) read
- Q9 Agatha Christie didn't tell why she disappeared in December 1926.
(a) someone (b) anyone (c) no one
- Q10 Agatha Christie wrote her first detective story in 1920 and became very
(a) success (b) successor (c) successful

Conjunctions: and, but, or, so

- Q1 We will visit Australia New Zealand during our next vacation.
(a) and (b) but (c) so
- Q2 My teeth were hurting I made an appointment to go the dentist.
(a) or (b) so (c) but
- Q3 Have you seen heard the latest musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber?
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q4 I wanted to go to the rock concert all the tickets were already sold out.
(a) so (b) but (c) and
- Q5 I wanted to eat sushi for dinner I went to a Japanese restaurant.
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q6 I wanted to eat fish for lunch the fish and chip shop had closed for the day.
(a) or (b) but (c) so
- Q7 I am going to do my homework take a shower when I get home from school.
(a) and (b) but (c) so
- Q8 My father wanted to watch a soccer match on television my mother was already watching another program.
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q9 My brother wanted to buy a novel I went to the book store after I finished work.
(a) so (b) or (c) but
- Q10 I wanted to visit my grandmother last week she had an accident and had to be taken to hospital.
(a) but (b) or (c) so

Compound words with tooth

Q1 I usually take a to work so I can clean my teeth thoroughly after I have eaten my lunch.

(a) toothbrush

(b) toothpick

(c) toothpaste

Q2 My wife hates it if I leave the lid off the after I have finished brushing my teeth.

(a) toothbrush

(b) toothpaste

(c) toothache

Q3 It is very dangerous for small children to play with

(a) toothbrushes

(b) toothpicks

(c) toothaches

Q4 My father told me that I will get a if I eat too much chocolate.

(a) toothpaste

(b) toothache

(c) toothpick

Q5 "Mum, can you please buy me a new when you go the supermarket this afternoon?"

(a) toothpaste

(b) toothache

(c) toothbrush

Q6 Tomorrow I must go the pharmacy and buy some more

(a) toothpaste

(b) toothpick

(c) toothbrush

Q7 My daughter woke up screaming in the middle of the night because she had a terrible

(a) toothpick

(b) toothbrush

(c) toothache

Q8 Nora asked the waiter to bring her a after she had finished eating her dessert.

(a) toothbrush

(b) toothpick

(c) toothache

Q9 "I can't seem to find the new tube of that I purchased from the supermarket yesterday."

(a) toothbrush

(b) toothpick

(c) toothpaste

Q10 My old is looking very shaggy. I think it's about time to buy a new one.

(a) toothpick

(b) toothpaste

(c) toothbrush

Beginner Grammar Questions Test (1)

- Q1 I wonder how many children going on the school field trip this month.
(a) are (b) has (c) is
- Q2 Every morning, I go to work car.
(a) for (b) by (c) in
- Q3 Do you like sushi? No, I
- (a) don't like (b) don't (c) are not
- Q4 Has anyone seen Laura? to work today?
(a) Is she coming (b) Does she come (c) She come
- Q5 I hope you're having a good time. like some more tea?
(a) Do you (b) Will you (c) Would you
- Q6 Let's hang out later tonight. want to come over after work?
(a) You will (b) Do you (c) Does you
- Q7 I was out when you called. I went to the store buy some milk.
(a) for (b) to (c) order to
- Q8 I haven't talked to Nicole recently. When you talk to her last?
(a) does (b) was (c) did
- Q9 We a wonderful time. Thanks for inviting us over for dinner.
(a) had (b) have (c) has
- Q10 The forecast isn't good for tomorrow. It's to rain so don't forget to bring your umbrella.
(a) having (b) going (c) seems

Irregular Verbs (1)

- Q1 Have you your ticket for the concert on Friday yet?
(a) getting (b) get (c) got
- Q2 I have numerous plants in my garden this year.
(a) grow (b) grown (c) grows
- Q3 Laurie and Tom for the coast on Monday morning.
(a) leaves (b) leaving (c) left
- Q4 Can you the mirror on that wall, please?
(a) put (b) putting (c) puts
- Q5 The bridesmaids beautiful lavender-colored dresses at the wedding last Saturday.
(a) wears (b) wore (c) wear
- Q6 Rose her son to his soccer practice. She should be back shortly.
(a) took (b) take (c) taken
- Q7 Steinbeck a number of memorable novels and stories set in California.
(a) write (b) written (c) wrote
- Q8 Andrea's husband is a truck driver. He huge semi-trailers for a living.
(a) drive (b) drives (c) driven
- Q9 After looking at a variety of color palettes, Tammy finally the color for her family room walls.
(a) choose (b) chose (c) chosen
- Q10 Luther has to four new tires for his car. He wants higher quality tires so they will last longer.
(a) bought (b) buying (c) buy

Like a red rag

- Q1 Don't talk to him about politics because it's like a rag to a bull.
(a) blue (b) white (c) red (d) black
- Q2 He takes the optimistic view and talks about a skies scenario.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) yellow
- Q3 She hasn't worked here very long and is therefore a little on matters of procedure.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) green
- Q4 Now that they have read it in, they believe me.
(a) red and blue (b) blue and red (c) white and black (d) black and white
- Q5 The reason why I feel so today is because it's my birthday and no-one has sent me any cards.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q6 She lost the company a lot of money last week and as a result has got a mark against her name.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q7 In this business you cannot afford to make any mistake and must be seen to be lily
- (a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) green
- Q8 As they turned round and ran away, people thought they were
- (a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) yellow
- Q9 Ask her to help you with your calculations because she's hot at mathematics.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q10 I know he doesn't like you because the moment you came in the room I saw him give you a look.
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black

If you tend to forget

- Q1 He tends to forget things very quickly and behaves more and more like the typical professor.
(a) clear-minded (b) absent-minded (c) well-minded (d) cool-minded
- Q2 This is a very expensive holiday intended for those with plenty of money as it involves a trip the world.
(a) through (b) along (c) about (d) around
- Q3 The car is almost ready to collect from the garage but there are just a couple of spare missing.
(a) parts (b) pieces (c) extras (d) accessories
- Q4 They were of having broken into the stately home and stolen several famous paintings.
(a) charged (b) described (c) accused (d) blamed
- Q5 The one thing my family will always remember about Grace was the many of kindness that she showed us in her long life.
(a) deeds (b) acts (c) actions (d) feats
- Q6 If you had bought a house about thirty years ago you would certainly find that it had considerably in value.
(a) increased (b) heightened (c) developed (d) doubled
- Q7 If you're not careful you'll find that because of your generous nature, she'll start taking of you.
(a) part (b) advantage (c) consideration (d) prominence
- Q8 There's a huge in the local paper about the special offers available in the store this weekend.
(a) announcement (b) display (c) notice (d) advertisement
- Q9 You'll notice that as soon as the children come home from school, the dog will jump up and show its great for them.
(a) infection (b) affection (c) affectation (d) protection
- Q10 Sociologists maintain that some of the films on show today have created a generation of very children.
(a) frightened (b) afraid (c) fearful (d) frightening

Easy Questions

- Q1 There are no problems for me because I find those questions very
- (a) easy (b) facile (c) soft (d) straight
- Q2 Are you going for your holidays this year?
- (a) outside (b) absent (c) abroad (d) external
- Q3 They him for his brave actions.
- (a) praised (b) worshipped (c) flattered (d) congratulated
- Q4 He is very lucky to have got himself a job.
- (a) pear (b) banana (c) lemon (d) plum
- Q5 They from the fire unhurt.
- (a) evaded (b) escaped (c) avoided (d) abstained
- Q6 After two rings of the bell she suddenly in the doorway.
- (a) seemed (b) looked (c) appeared (d) viewed
- Q7 She never spoke about herself and was always very about the good things she had done.
- (a) modest (b) meek (c) humble (d) simple
- Q8 He has lots of money and two houses in the city.
- (a) holds (b) owns (c) occupies (d) possesses
- Q9 One of that child's teeth is very and will soon fall out.
- (a) lost (b) losing (c) lose (d) loose
- Q10 They worked hard all day without a
- (a) break (b) suspension (c) pause (d) breach

Do, make, get, take

- Q1 You must decide and up your mind.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q2 What time do you up in the morning?
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q3 At the moment we are trying to for the town centre.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q4 After they had shouted at each other, they decided to it up.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q5 They are very good friends and on well with each other.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q6 The firm has expanded and they want to on extra staff.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q7 She's good at writing stories for children and is always keen to up new plots.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q8 As we don't have much money at the moment, we've decided to without certain luxuries.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q9 We mustn't be late this morning because today is when the new boss is going to over.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take
- Q10 Most of the telephone lines were destroyed in the storm last night and so it's almost impossible to through to anybody today.
(a) do (b) get (c) make (d) take

The Farmer and his Sons

- Q1 A farmer had two sons both of whom were not very and avoided work if they could.
(a) industrial (b) industrious (c) industry (d) industrialist
- Q2 One day the father knew that he was dying and called his two sons to his bed
(a) corner (b) wall (c) table (d) side
- Q3 He wanted his sons to pay as much to the cultivation of the farm as he had done many years.
(a) thought (b) care (c) attention (d) management
- Q4 He told them that there was a treasure in the land and they would have to look for it when he had gone.
(a) unseen (b) hidden (c) concealed (d) obscured
- Q5 He told them that they would find it in one of his 3 vine but he didn't tell them which one it was.
(a) yards (b) feet (c) spaces (d) areas
- Q6 The sons assured their father that they would work hard to out the treasure.
(a) find (b) sort (c) seek (d) try
- Q7 As soon as their father had died and been, the sons took out all their farming tools and started to dig the land.
(a) grounded (b) earthed (c) confined (d) buried
- Q8 They worked really hard and dug every single metre of their father's land.
(a) block (b) square (c) cube (d) pure
- Q9 However long they dug and however hard they worked, they to find the smallest bit of treasure.
(a) lacked (b) missed (c) avoided (d) failed
- Q10 Clearly their father had been a wise man because all the work the sons had done on the land ensured that they had the best for years.
(a) gathering (b) yielding (c) crop (d) production

A Holiday Report

- Q1 Yesterday I to an archeological site because I want to be an archeologist.
(a) go (b) went (c) visited
- Q2 The problems I have the language are to do with spelling.
(a) on (b) to (c) with
- Q3 If I want to pass my exams, I study very hard.
(a) can (b) must (c) will
- Q4 The thing of all difficulties in a language is vocabulary.
(a) worst (b) bad (c) worse
- Q5 I have been English for 5 years.
(a) study (b) trying (c) learning
- Q6 When we walked into the school, we saw that the students were working very
(a) hardly (b) hard (c) easy
- Q7 Most people don't want to study Latin because it is a language.
(a) death (b) old (c) dead
- Q8 I've forgotten the name of my teacher but I think it is something like
(a) brown (b) Smith (c) jones
- Q9 What is the name of the you put tea into?
(a) think (b) thing (c) thinking
- Q10 I a lot of presents for my birthday.
(a) got (b) became (c) become

Going on foot

- Q1 I'm tired of waiting for buses, I'm going there foot.
(a) with (b) on (c) to (d) by
- Q2 Who said growing up was?
(a) fun (b) joke (c) humour (d) laughter
- Q3 If you want to have your central heating checked, you need a plumber.
(a) knowing (b) trained (c) learned (d) careful
- Q4 The moment the lights went out, there were scences of
(a) madness (b) insanity (c) attack (d) panic
- Q5 Don't be put by his manner, he is really kind hearted.
(a) through (b) up (c) off (d) in
- Q6 When a film is really boring in the cinema, I tend to nod
(a) out (b) off (c) to (d) through
- Q7 Have you heard the latest? John and Mary are married.
(a) getting (b) becoming (c) growing (d) going
- Q8 As she had made such an impression on her employers, she was soon offered
(a) progress (b) preferment (c) promotion (d) position
- Q9 There's a new software program on the market that's supposed to protect your computer from any
(a) virus (b) disease (c) complaint (d) illness
- Q10 As they always tell you the value of shares can go as well as up.
(a) across (b) over (c) down (d) in

Say vs. Tell

- Q1 I dare you're right.
(a) tell (b) told (c) tells (d) say
- Q2 I've you not to do that many times before.
(a) told (b) saying (c) says (d) said
- Q3 That, they walked out of the room in total silence.
(a) told (b) said (c) telling (d) saying
- Q4 You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hear.....
(a) telling (b) says (c) tells (d) say
- Q5 That's what people are always
(a) say (b) said (c) telling (d) saying
- Q6 What I and what I do are not necessarily the same.
(a) said (b) saying (c) say (d) tell
- Q7 It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not a word.
(a) tells (b) saying (c) telling (d) told
- Q8 Now that would be but my lips are sealed.
(a) told (b) saying (c) telling (d) said
- Q9 us that story again!
(a) Say (b) Tell (c) Tells (d) Says
- Q10 I'm afraid I can't for sure but I think it's safe.
(a) said (b) says (c) say (d) telling

Close vs. Shut

- Q1 In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be off.
(a) shutting (b) closing (c) closed (d) shut
- Q2 In the moments of the symphony someone's mobile phone started ringing.
(a) close (b) closing (c) shut (d) shutting
- Q3 The detectives had no problems in solving the crimes as it was clearly an open and case.
(a) closed (b) closing (c) shut (d) shutting
- Q4 The police officer warned us that the road ahead was
- (a) shut (b) shutting (c) closing (d) closed
- Q5 In view of the limited amount of information and evidence the case was now considered to be
- (a) closing (b) closed (c) shutting (d) shut
- Q6 Everything in that shop is now very cheap because they are having a down sale.
(a) shuts (b) shutting (c) closes (d) closing
- Q7 After a number of years as a monk he decided to leave because he felt very in.
(a) shut (b) shutting (c) closes (d) closed
- Q8 After the terrible experiences that they had been through, the couple themselves away from the community.
(a) shut (b) shuts (c) closes (d) closing
- Q9 The new musical that has had such bad reviews will at the end of this week.
(a) close (b) closed (c) shut (d) shuts
- Q10 I'm afraid that tree will have to come down as it out the light in the sitting room.
(a) close (b) closes (c) shut (d) shuts

At the Restaurant

- Q1 The food here is quite good although the menu is quite
- (a) elementary (b) basic (c) easy (d) fundamental
- Q2 I must admit that whenever I've eaten at that restaurant, I've always come away feeling satisfied.
- (a) completely (b) usually (c) quickly (d) full
- Q3 I promise you that dining here will be really an experience for you.
- (a) excitable (b) excited (c) exciting (d) excite
- Q4 There's something about the of that particular dish that makes it memorable.
- (a) flavour (b) flavoured (c) flavouring (d) flavours
- Q5 It can be very irritating when the waiter to bring what you have ordered.
- (a) forgot (b) forgets (c) forgetting (d) forgotten
- Q6 If you're really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the of that dish.
- (a) ingredients (b) contents (c) make-up (d) composition
- Q7 As they're special of the restaurant, they always get a good table.
- (a) partners (b) customers (c) patrons (d) visitors
- Q8 We got very bad service today and had to the waiter three times about the drinks.
- (a) remember (b) order (c) reminder (d) remind
- Q9 We simply didn't know what to choose for our main dish so in the end we made a choice.
- (a) random (b) casual (c) formal (d) straight
- Q10 The restaurant was listed in the guide as it had been to be of the appropriate standard.
- (a) valued (b) esteemed (c) respected (d) judged

At the Theatre

- Q1 It was one of those plays where the moved at great speed.
(a) acting (b) act (c) actor (d) action
- Q2 There are different ways of Shakespeare's plays and each director makes an individual choice.
(a) meeting (b) welcoming (c) approaching (d) showing
- Q3 One of the greatest actors of the century an unforgettable character in the part of Scrooge from the novel by Charles Dickens.
(a) developed (b) manufactured (c) moulded (d) created
- Q4 Many people go to the theatre not to see a play where the plot is complicated but to listen to the brilliant between the actors.
(a) dialogue (b) chat (c) conversation (d) comments
- Q5 You can't compare the of watching live theatre with watching a film.
(a) knowledge (b) experience (c) understanding (d) knowing
- Q6 Are you one of those people who never goes to see a play until you've read the in the newspaper?
(a) writers (b) reviews (c) opinions (d) notes
- Q7 The were so carried away with the acting that at the end of the play they all stood up and applauded.
(a) spectators (b) watchers (c) listeners (d) audience
- Q8 There are always special in her tragedies that move you to tears.
(a) constituents (b) elements (c) particles (d) ingredients
- Q9 However well written the play is, it will never succeed without outstanding
(a) performers (b) movers (c) workers (d) creators
- Q10 As always his latest play has been a huge success and all the tickets are until August.
(a) taken out (b) put out (c) sold out (d) bought out

Popular Idioms

- Q1 Lightning never strikes in the same place
- (a) before (b) twice (c) secondly (d) thrice
- Q2 If you watch a kettle, it never
- (a) cooks (b) stew (c) boils (d) heats
- Q3 Look before you
- (a) leap (b) strike (c) rush (d) go
- Q4 Don't count your chickens before they are
- (a) born (b) fed (c) hatched (d) stolen
- Q5 It's all right to tell a lie.
- (a) red (b) white (c) blue (d) black
- Q6 There's no fool like an fool.
- (a) aged (b) ancient (c) elderly (d) old
- Q7 Let dogs lie.
- (a) sleeping (b) snoozing (c) dreaming (d) barking
- Q8 Strike while the iron is
- (a) heating (b) heated (c) hot (d) soft
- Q9 Politeness costs
- (a) a lot (b) a little (c) much (d) nothing
- Q10 Never look a gift horse in the
- (a) mouth (b) eye (c) nose (d) teeth

Popular Garden Idioms

- Q1 Never let the grow under your feet.
(a) weeds (b) grass (c) flowers (d) bulbs
- Q2 The grass is always on the other side.
(a) blacker (b) further (c) greener (d) longer
- Q3 Everything is coming up
- (a) roses (b) daisies (c) tulips (d) lilies
- Q4 Poor Mary was a bit of a at the dance.
(a) cornflower (b) cauliflower (c) wallflower (d) wildflower
- Q5 He led her up the garden
- (a) path (b) lane (c) street (d) road
- Q6 Everything in the is lovely.
(a) roses (b) flowers (c) grass (d) garden
- Q7 Money doesn't grow on
- (a) plants (b) bulbs (c) trees (d) bushes
- Q8 A bird in the hands is worth in the bush.
(a) four (b) three (c) two (d) one
- Q9 Come to the point and stop beating about the
- (a) tree (b) flower (c) hedge (d) bush
- Q10 Don't trust him, he's a bit of a snake in the
- (a) grass (b) flowers (c) plants (d) weeds

Eating Out

- Q1 As there are so many dishes on the menu, would you like me to something to eat?
(a) decide (b) suggest (c) offer (d) consider
- Q2 They simply couldn't decide which restaurant to choose and so in the end they took a vote and the decided on a Chinese one.
(a) most (b) more (c) majority (d) main
- Q3 We waited one hour for the main dish to and then it was the wrong order.
(a) arrive (b) reach (c) deliver (d) send
- Q4 If you really want to enjoy the full flavour of that particular meal, you must remember to the right balance of sauces together.
(a) join (b) stick (c) attach (d) mix
- Q5 It is always more relaxing to eat in a restaurant where the faces of the staff are and know everyone by name.
(a) familiarized (b) familiar (c) familiarly (d) familiarity
- Q6 There was a great discussion about which particular type of cuisine the guests would choose and finally they reached a and settled on the set menu.
(a) compromising (b) compromised (c) compromise (d) compromisingly
- Q7 It doesn't matter how late you arrive at this restaurant you can always on a warm welcome from the owner.
(a) trust (b) confide (c) rely (d) believe
- Q8 The place was so full of people and tables that the waiter had to us through the crowds to our table.
(a) show (b) guide (c) conduct (d) enable
- Q9 The problem about writing on food is that however hard you try, you will say what you like and end up being
(a) subjective (b) objective (c) reflective (d) directive
- Q10 The success of a really good meal is that not only must it taste good but it should also look good and thus to your eye.
(a) attract (b) appeal (c) attend (d) appear

Hot and Cold

- Q1 I've just received his latest detective novel from the publisher so it's what you might call hot the press.
(a) by (b) from (c) with (d) off
- Q2 You can never tell exactly what she is thinking because she very often hot and cold over some topics.
(a) blows (b) swings (c) flies (d) changes
- Q3 Although I'd made up my mind to do it last night now I'm not sure and am getting cold about it.
(a) hands (b) feet (c) legs (d) arms
- Q4 They like to think they're very important people but politicians just talk a lot of hot most of the time.
(a) words (b) steam (c) air (d) stuff
- Q5 Since the argument we've had about the garden hedge, our neighbours take no notice of us and give us the cold when they see us.
(a) ankle (b) shoulder (c) elbow (d) hand
- Q6 As soon as the president was taken ill, the deputy had to take charge and is currently in the hot now.
(a) seat (b) chair (c) place (d) position
- Q7 The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after it had been established that he had committed the murder in cold
- (a) attack (b) feeling (c) blood (d) passion
- Q8 I ordered a coffee from the waiter but by the time it had reached me it was cold.
(a) stone (b) rock (c) block (d) tile
- Q9 The police have set up a special hot so that people can get in touch to find out about the accident.
(a) connection (b) line (c) communication (d) phone
- Q10 He's always very uneasy like a cat on hot whenever he is waiting to hear the results of the examinations.
(a) bricks (b) floors (c) paths (d) roads

A Collision: Finish this Story

- Q1 I really can't tell what's
- (a) going on (b) taking off (c) going by (d) taking in
- Q2 The trouble is somebody is
- (a) standing to me (b) standing from me
(c) standing in front of me (d) standing about me
- Q3 The best thing I suppose is to ask him
- (a) to disappear (b) to vanish (c) to move (d) to depart
- Q4 That's better I've got a clearer
- (a) sight now (b) view now (c) picture now (d) vision now
- Q5 It looks from what I can see as if there's been some kind of
- (a) collision (b) event (c) situation (d) position
- Q6 Yes, now he's gone I can see that there are two cars in the car park that have
- (a) gone through each one (b) gone by one another
(c) gone into one another (d) gone into each one
- Q7 There are a lot of people there in the car park and they're
- (a) sailing their arms about (b) waving their arms about
(c) turning their arms about (d) driving their arms about
- Q8 I'm walking right up to the crowd now to see
- (a) what's happen (b) what's happens (c) what's happened (d) what's occurring
- Q9 Now I can see quite clearly that the big red car has
- (a) stricken the little blue one (b) struck the little blue one
(c) stroked the little blue one (d) stuck the little blue
- Q10 Oh dear I've just discovered that the little blue one
- (a) belongs to me (b) is belonging to me (c) belonged to me (d) has belonged to me

Will or Shall?

- Q1 Do you know the difference?
(a) between will and shall (b) of will and shall
(c) from will and shall (d) by will and shall
- Q2 I can see from the expression on your face that you haven't
(a) got a thought (b) got a view (c) got a clue (d) got a suggestion
- Q3 I think the best way is to tell you a story that
(a) clears the difference (b) explains the difference
(c) expounds the difference (d) exposes the difference
- Q4 The main difference is that 'I will'
(a) means 'I want to' (b) signifies 'I want to'
(c) shows 'I want to' (d) says 'I want to'
- Q5 If you say 'I shall' then you are talking
(a) on the future (b) about the future (c) to the future (d) for the future
- Q6 I want you to imagine that a man is walking
(a) in the country (b) on the countryside (c) by the countryside (d) over the country
- Q7 After a few minutes he
(a) attains a river (b) acquires a river (c) nears a river (d) reaches a river
- Q8 There is a man in the river fully clothed who is
(a) in problems (b) in hardships (c) in difficulties (d) in hazards
- Q9 The man in the river keeps
(a) calling off 'I will drown, I will drown' (b) calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'
(c) calling to 'I will drown, I will drown' (d) calling from 'I will drown, I will drown'
- Q10 The man on the river bank, who is good at grammar, thinks the man really wants to drown, walks on and
(a) allows him drown (b) permits him drown (c) lets him drown (d) lets him to drown

The two Butter Frogs

- Q1 A long, long time ago there were two frogs who thought it would be a good idea to
 (a) go on an outing (b) go outing (c) go out (d) out go
- Q2 They had never left their pond before and to them it was a very big
 (a) advent (b) adventurous (c) adventure (d) adventurer
- Q3 At first they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for the first time in their lives experienced
 (a) a sense of free (b) a sense of freeing (c) a sense of freed (d) a sense of freedom
- Q4 The weather was perfect and the sun never
 (a) stopped to shine (b) stopped to burn (c) stopped shining (d) stopped shone
- Q5 They found plenty of food and decided to stop and
 (a) take rest (b) take a rest (c) take resting (d) take rested
- Q6 In the hot sun they started to feel sleepy and very soon
 (a) fell into asleep (b) fell into sleep (c) fell asleep (d) fell into sleepy
- Q7 Suddenly the sound of a cat meowing
 (a) made them awake (b) made them waken (c) made them waking (d) made them wake up
- Q8 They panicked and
 (a) flew for their lives (b) fled for their lives
 (c) flowed for their lives (d) fleeing for their lives
- Q9 They ran into a farm house and jumped right into a barrel of milk where they
 (a) hopped and hopped in order not to sink (b) hopping and hopping in order not to sink
 (c) hoped and hoped in order not to sink (d) hoping and hoping in order not to sink
- Q10 Sadly the smaller frog grew tired and drowned but the older one kept on moving about and in the morning

 (a) found he was sat on a barrel of butter (b) found he sat on a barrel of butter
 (c) found he was sitting on a barrel of butter (d) found he sits on a barrel of butter

Cross Questions

- Q1 Jane: Did you know you broke the glass when you the door last night?
 (a) smashed (b) crashed (c) slammed (d) slashed
- Q2 Frank: It couldn't possibly have been me I always shut doors
 (a) still (b) hardly (c) scarcely (d) quietly
- Q3 Jane: I'm sorry you're not telling the truth, you were the last person to
 (a) come home (b) come to home (c) come at home (d) come to house
- Q4 Mike: That doesn't prove anything. Actually I heard the sound of glass in the night.
 (a) creaking (b) crackling (c) breaking (d) broken
- Q5 Jane: You're just making that up — I know you're not
 (a) saying the truth (b) speaking the truth (c) talking the truth (d) telling the truth
- Q6 Mike: Honestly, I did hear that kind of noise, I
 (a) swear I did (b) assure I did (c) adjure I did (d) advise I did
- Q7 Jane: Sorry you can protest if you like but it doesn't
 (a) break any ice with me (b) cut any ice with me
 (c) freeze any ice with me (d) make any ice with me
- Q8 Mike: Just a minute what's that note?
 (a) gummed on the door (b) adhered on the door (c) glued on the door (d) stuck on the door
- Q9 Jane: It's some kind of note from Joe next door — no I
 (a) can't make it out (b) can't make it off (c) can't make it in (d) can't make it on
- Q10 Mike: Give it to me. Very interesting! He says he broke the glass by accident and
 (a) he's soundly apologetic (b) he's deeply apologetic
 (c) he's sorry apologetic (d) he's purely apologetic

Leave me alone

- Q1 Alan: Excuse me but what are you doing?
(a) intervening (b) interviewing (c) interrupting (d) intercepting
- Q2 User: I should have thought it was pretty
(a) obvious (b) absolute (c) noticeable (d) accurate
- Q3 Alan: Well, I only asked — there's no need to bite my off!
(a) nose (b) head (c) arm (d) leg
- Q4 User: Sorry I didn't mean to be rude but I'm trying to
(a) deliberate (b) ruminate (c) concentrate (d) cogitate
- Q5 Alan: I see and what is the you are working on?
(a) duty (b) task (c) work (d) goal
- Q6 User: I'm working on those English tests, which I find very interesting.
(a) notorious (b) fabled (c) famous (d) infamous
- Q7 Alan: Oh, yes I've heard of them. Do they you with your English?
(a) aid (b) support (c) help (d) comfort
- Q8 User: Yes, they would do if you didn't in asking questions.
(a) continue (b) persist (c) insist (d) pursue
- Q9 Alan: If that's how you feel, I'll leave you
(a) lonely (b) lonesome (c) alone (d) apart
- Q10 User: What an excellent idea! Leave me in and go and write another test.
(a) piece (b) peacetime (c) peaceful (d) peace

What now?

- Q1 Did you hear the story about the woman who said she could tell the?
(a) coming (b) future (c) going (d) next
- Q2 I hope you haven't because I'm about to it to you now.
(a) restore (b) repeat (c) relate (d) regain
- Q3 Her name was Mary Smith and she had a for telling people what was going to happen.
(a) title (b) reputation (c) description (d) idea
- Q4 Somebody once used her advice and made a out of buying shares in a small company that did well.
(a) heap (b) gold (c) fortune (d) amount
- Q5 The strange thing was that she never actually used her to benefit herself.
(a) giving (b) gift (c) gave (d) given
- Q6 People started to be of her and thought that perhaps she had a secret source of information.
(a) suspect (b) suspecting (c) suspicion (d) suspicious
- Q7 Some others wanted to try and her out and prove that she didn't have this special ability.
(a) make (b) take (c) catch (d) do
- Q8 The plan was to pretend to her house late one night and see if she was really any good at knowing it was going to happen.
(a) steal (b) burgle (c) rob (d) enter
- Q9 Mike Andrews, whose idea it was, intended to give everything back but he just wanted to her ability.
(a) discover (b) try (c) test (d) examine
- Q10 As Mr Andrews was about to leave he found a note pinned to his door. It was from Mary Smith advising him to be careful because she has just bought a young guard dog.
(a) severe (b) ferocious (c) harsh (d) spiteful

Wrapped round her finger

- Q1 I can't those silly people who always go around with their mobile phones glued to their ears.
(a) head (b) hand (c) stomach (d) finger
- Q2 If you think I didn't catch you that young waitress, you're quite mistaken.
(a) fingering (b) heading (c) handing (d) eying
- Q3 He is such a coward because whenever it comes to speaking his mind he always down instead.
(a) backs (b) heads (c) hands (d) noses
- Q4 Come on, shake a we're running late.
(a) nose (b) hand (c) leg (d) foot
- Q5 Don't you think it's about time you put your down and told them what you really think?
(a) finger (b) hand (c) head (d) foot
- Q6 Well, unfortunately as I had one glass too many last night, I guess I should go for of the dog.
(a) a foot (b) a hair (c) a nose (d) an ear
- Q7 As she's such a nasty little thing, I can see it won't take her long to wrap you round her little
(a) shoulder (b) body (c) finger (d) tongue
- Q8 Could you please give me a I'm afraid I can't handle it by myself.
(a) tooth (b) foot (c) hand (d) finger
- Q9 Are you sure your new boss isn't married? — Yes, honestly, I have it straight from the horse's
(a) back (b) mouth (c) foot (d) nose
- Q10 Hey, get up and do your homework you lazy
(a) bones (b) bottoms (c) hips (d) back

The Ants and the Grasshopper

- Q1 One winter's day when the sun was shining you could hear the of great activity.
(a) move (b) sound (c) moving (d) sounding
- Q2 What you could hear was the ants who were drying grain.
(a) active (b) doing (c) busy (d) business
- Q3 Sensibly as all ants do, they had the grain during the summer.
(a) assembled (b) assumed (c) brought (d) collected
- Q4 Their plan was to eat this during the winter.
(a) provision (b) providing (c) provider (d) provided
- Q5 They were so in their work that they didn't notice a grasshopper.
(a) enveloped (b) engrossed (c) encompassed (d) enlarged
- Q6 The grasshopper was so weak he was practically because he hadn't eaten for ages.
(a) straining (b) stalking (c) starving (d) streaming
- Q7 He saw the ants and them with all the strength he could find to let him have a little food.
(a) begged (b) bade (c) bid (d) bartered
- Q8 The ants shook their heads at him and asked him why he hadn't up food in the summer.
(a) stood (b) stored (c) stoked (d) stopped
- Q9 The poor grasshopper he had spent the whole summer enjoying himself singing and dancing.
(a) confused (b) confessed (c) continued (d) contented
- Q10 All the ants laughed and said in that case he would have to dance to bed in the winter.
(a) famous (b) familiar (c) faded (d) famished

The Two Dogs

- Q1 A man had two dogs: a hound to help him with his sports and another to guard the house.
(a) trained (b) tutored (c) brought up (d) educated
- Q2 Whenever the hunter came home, he always gave the house dog a large of what he caught.
(a) section (b) slice (c) portion (d) quantity
- Q3 The hound dog was very about this.
(a) overturned (b) set up (c) upturned (d) upset
- Q4 He told the house dog he found it very having to do all the hard work.
(a) annoyed (b) annoying (c) annoys (d) annoy
- Q5 What made things worse, he continued, was that the house dog never part in any of the hunting.
(a) did (b) put (c) took (d) had
- Q6 All the house dog did was simply to feed himself on the results of the that the hound dog undertook.
(a) exertions (b) extremes (c) exercises (d) excesses
- Q7 The house dog felt he had to himself in the face of all this criticism.
(a) display (b) detect (c) defend (d) distend
- Q8 The house dog asked him not to pick on him if he wanted to someone.
(a) accuse (b) blame (c) disapprove (d) fault
- Q9 The house dog told him to criticize their master who had taught him not how to work but how to on the work of others.
(a) hang (b) support (c) attach (d) depend
- Q10 The moral of this fable is: you mustn't children for the mistakes of their parents.
(a) reproach (b) relieve (c) repeal (d) reject

The Hare and the Tortoise

- Q1 One day a hare looked at a tortoise and the short feet of the tortoise.
(a) laughed (b) ridiculed (c) ridiculous (d) laughter
- Q2 He also made of the slow pace at which the tortoise travelled.
(a) fun (b) joke (c) laugh (d) funny
- Q3 The tortoise agreed that the hare ran as fast as the wind but claimed that he could easily him in a race.
(a) strike (b) hit (c) beat (d) knock
- Q4 It was that the tortoise should choose the course and also the end of the race.
(a) consented (b) permitted (c) allowed (d) agreed
- Q5 The tortoise never stopped and continued walking at a pace all the time to the end of the race.
(a) steadying (b) steadied (c) steady (d) steadily
- Q6 The hare shot ahead and then decided to down at the side of the path for a rest.
(a) lay (b) lie (c) laid (d) lain
- Q7 It wasn't long before the hare fell into a sleep.
(a) profound (b) steep (c) deep (d) full
- Q8 When he woke up, he couldn't his eyes because there was the tortoise crossing the finishing line.
(a) understand (b) believe (c) comprehend (d) follow
- Q9 At the end of the race the tortoise, by all his hard work, was quietly slumbering on the line.
(a) destroyed (b) excavated (c) exhausted (d) evacuated
- Q10 The moral of this fable is: slow but always wins the race in the end.
(a) sure (b) evident (c) certain (d) definite

Who has done it?

- Q1 The detective story is sometimes called 'whodunit' because the reader has to work who did it, who committed the crime.
(a) in (b) out (c) off (d) over
- Q2 The skill of course of the writing is how many times a reader can be sent up alleys.
(a) short (b) twisted (c) blind (d) long
- Q3 Another way of putting this is how many red the author can throw in the reader's path.
(a) fish (b) sharks (c) cod (d) herrings
- Q4 The idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of so that they never know what's going to happen next.
(a) suspense (b) suspension (c) suspending (d) suspenders
- Q5 As the plot, you find yourself agreeing with one character's solution and then another's.
(a) undoes (b) unfolds (c) unties (d) unfurls
- Q6 As a result you feel as if you are walking in a since at each turning you come to a block end.
(a) muddle (b) mess (c) maze (d) mist
- Q7 One of the best known detectives is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot who uses what he calls his little grey — his brains.
(a) molecules (b) cells (c) particles (d) atoms
- Q8 Invariably Poirot calls all the together in the last part of the story.
(a) suspicions (b) suspecting (c) suspected (d) suspects
- Q9 One by one he the innocent until finally the murderer is unmasked.
(a) extinguishes (b) excludes (c) eliminates (d) exerts
- Q10 The thing that always surprises me is the fact that the murderer bothers to take in the final meeting.
(a) partition (b) part (c) parting (d) parted

Life on Mars?

- Q1 Anyone seeking of life on Mars is likely to be disappointed.
(a) clarity (b) evidence (c) witness (d) index
- Q2 Scientists have been through data from an orbiting satellite.
(a) combing (b) scratching (c) brushing (d) scaling
- Q3 It seems that Mars has always been cold and icy and that it's not true that oceans have on the planet in its early history.
(a) shaped (b) figured (c) contoured (d) formed
- Q4 This in the life on Mars argument comes just when it is closest to Earth in 60.000 years.
(a) turn (b) twist (c) corner (d) angle
- Q5 Because it is coming so close observers are hoping to settle the argument about life on the planet once and for
(a) everything (b) every (c) all (d) altogether
- Q6 A spacecraft is heading for the planet with a device that will into the soil to sniff for proof of any life.
(a) hole (b) swim (c) burrow (d) turn
- Q7 Researchers are also looking into the possibility of one day launching a manned to Mars.
(a) sending (b) mission (c) destination (d) explore
- Q8 As the planet gets nearer to the Sun, enormous dust storms can be whipped
(a) over (b) on (c) in (d) up
- Q9 Unfortunately the dust storms tend to the view of the planet.
(a) fog (b) obscure (c) confuse (d) darken
- Q10 Everyone hopes that Mars will remain dust free otherwise people will only be able to see an orange
(a) blot (b) block (c) blob (d) blab

Story (1)

- Q1 Most students have to try and earn extra money by taking a holiday job. They turn their studies and experience the real world for a while.
(a) into (b) down (c) aside from (d) to
- Q2 One long hot summer I turned waiting as my method of getting cash.
(a) into (b) to (c) down (d) aside from
- Q3 Perhaps I should turn that word 'waiting' a more specific explanation: I mean being a waiter in a hotel.
(a) down (b) to (c) into (d) aside from
- Q4 I had of course turned my hand many jobs during the vacation periods but waiting was certainly the most difficult.
(a) to (b) into (c) down (d) out
- Q5 The one hotel that hadn't turned my application was situated right in the middle of a forest.
(a) out (b) down (c) into (d) aside from
- Q6 You turned the drive and saw only hills all around you so it felt like the middle of nowhere.
(a) out (b) aside from (c) down (d) into
- Q7 It had been a very large private house that had been turned a small hotel for twenty-five guests.
(a) out (b) down (c) into (d) to
- Q8 The new owners had had to turn all the rooms which were full of rubbish.
(a) to (b) down (c) into (d) out
- Q9 The other problem had been to turn an old tramp who had lived in a room upstairs for two years without the knowledge of the old lady who was the original owner.
(a) out (b) aside from (c) to (d) into
- Q10 The tramp turned to be a distant relative but hadn't said anything to the old lady because he knew she was completely deaf.
(a) into (b) out (c) down (d) to

Story (2)

- Q1 When I turned for work on my first day, the hotel had already been flourishing for 5 years.
(a) to (b) up (c) down (d) over
- Q2 They were so successful that they were even turning bookings.
(a) away (b) into (c) in (d) down
- Q3 In fact they were actually turning people.
(a) away (b) into (c) down (d) up
- Q4 Some people had turned on the off chance.
(a) away (b) up (c) into (d) to
- Q5 Most of the residents were elderly and so they all invariably turned early most evenings.
(a) down (b) over (c) in (d) into
- Q6 The waiting was done by me and Doris, who should have turned it years ago and by rights have been a guest herself because of the great age.
(a) to (b) away (c) into (d) in
- Q7 However, as she told me frequently, she had no intention of turning an old fogey herself.
(a) over (b) down (c) into (d) in
- Q8 I suppose breakfast is the most difficult task to turn your hand because there are so many variations of drink, cereal, egg and bread.
(a) down (b) to (c) over (d) in
- Q9 You had to stand there for ages while each guest made up their mind, turning the choices in their minds.
(a) down (b) over (c) in (d) into
- Q10 After a long wait like that very often they would simply turn everything and simply ask for a cup of tea.
(a) down (b) in (c) up (d) over

Story (3)

- Q1 One morning an old lady turned at the dining room and sat down.
(a) on (b) up (c) aside (d) around
- Q2 She sniffed at the air full of breakfast smells, got up, turned and walked out again.
(a) up (b) against (c) aside (d) around
- Q3 Apparently she had completely forgotten that she'd already eaten breakfast that day. I turned to hide my smile.
(a) back (b) around (c) up (d) aside
- Q4 Unfortunately Doris caught me at it. 'Don't you turn your nose at the old dears', she rebuked me.
(a) up (b) around (c) aside (d) against
- Q5 'You'll be like that one day' she continued, Just you wait'. I turned to apologize.
(a) around (b) back (c) on (d) against
- Q6 Sadly Doris had already turned her back me and gone back to the kitchen.
(a) against (b) out (c) on (d) in
- Q7 She rather turned me after that.
(a) out (b) against (c) back (d) in
- Q8 These days I wish I could turn the clock and tell Doris how right she was!
(a) out (b) in (c) on (d) back
- Q9 You see I've just turned all the lights ready for the night.
(a) out (b) in (c) on (d) up
- Q10 I'm now ready to turn for the night but the worrying thing is I just can't remember what I had for supper.
(a) up (b) on (c) in (d) out

Go for it

- Q1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours
- (a) smash (b) crash (c) clash (d) hash
- Q2 After what you've, I'm sure you need a holiday.
- (a) felt (b) sensed (c) acted (d) experienced
- Q3 We won't that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.
- (a) discuss (b) enter (c) introduce (d) interrupt
- Q4 now that I've heard what he has done to his family.
- (a) I think often of him (b) I think a lot of him
(c) I don't think at all of him (d) I don't think much of him
- Q5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply
- (a) take the opportunity soon (b) take the opportunity fairly
(c) take the opportunity now (d) take the opportunity slowly
- Q6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's
- (a) become flat (b) become rotten (c) become rich (d) become stale
- Q7 There were so many members of the political party who had the leader that he resigned.
- (a) insisted (b) invited (c) apposed (d) opposed
- Q8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you and I'll join you later.
- (a) go before me (b) go in front of me (c) go forwards me (d) go by me
- Q9 If petrol prices any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.
- (a) ascend (b) raise (c) increase (d) develop
- Q10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please from where I so rudely stopped you.
- (a) continue (b) stop (c) speak (d) finish

Eating Disorder

- Q1 George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious about him.
(a) accusations (b) insinuations (c) intimations (d) allegations
- Q2 George denied everything and said he would any newspaper which dared to print stories about him.
(a) sow (b) see (c) sue (d) sew
- Q3 George had a very well paid contract with a television advertiser of garden peas and he didn't want to fall out the company.
(a) of (b) with (c) over (d) under
- Q4 The contract stated that he would never eat any meat
- (a) whatsoever (b) whosoever (c) howsoever (d) whichsoever
- Q5 Wherever George went, journalists would follow him to try and find a way to him.
(a) exhort (b) exercise (c) expose (d) extract
- Q6 Even in his own house he was not safe because cameras would on him.
(a) spy (b) speak (c) spook (d) spoof
- Q7 Once he was photographed eating in his dining room and the caption read: 'A picture of a eating sausages'.
(a) freak (b) frump (c) frame (d) fraud
- Q8 As it turned out these were not sausages but in fact very big carrots and the photographer had to pay enormous
- (a) harms (b) hurts (c) damages (d) injuries
- Q9 In the end the pressure became too much for George and he confessed his secret.
(a) guilt (b) guilty (c) gilt (d) gilded
- Q10 He admitted eating a meat pie every day. As the news headlines announced: '..... vegetarian eats his own words'.
(a) Bogus (b) Bonus (c) Bulbous (d) Bilious

Save the Day

- Q1 I don't care what you say, I reckon I could beat you at chess day of the week.
(a) some (b) any (c) each (d) every
- Q2 At the of the day it's what you believe in that's important.
(a) start (b) beginning (c) finish (d) end
- Q3 It's getting late now and I'm very tired so I think we'll it a day.
(a) name (b) describe (c) call (d) label
- Q4 After all the discussions and debates it was our speaker who the day.
(a) scored (b) won (c) found (d) ended
- Q5 It just didn't stop raining throughout our holiday, day in day
(a) over (b) under (c) up (d) out
- Q6 Don't worry your bad luck will soon end. Remember every has its day.
(a) dog (b) cat (c) mouse (d) rat
- Q7 After a very long engagement Mike and Mary decided at last to the day.
(a) state (b) mention (c) name (d) hold
- Q8 It wasn't long ago when I last saw her — it was only the day.
(a) recent (b) last (c) final (d) other
- Q9 I don't know exactly when we'll go but we really must visit them one of days.
(a) this (b) these (c) that (d) those
- Q10 Despite all the problems and difficulties Charlie turned up at last minute and the day.
(a) caught (b) hit (c) saved (d) took

Yes, Yes, Yes

- Q1 I am sure you made the right choice and I support your decision.
(a) fairly (b) quite (c) considerably (d) wholly
- Q2 You can on me, have no fear about that!
(a) support (b) rely (c) hold (d) hang
- Q3 No matter what happens, you must remember that I'm you all the way.
(a) in (b) from (c) with (d) by
- Q4 I know that they have all abandoned you one by one but I hope you won't forget I've by you from the beginning.
(a) adhered (b) fastened (c) joined (d) stuck
- Q5 I am convinced you are right to take that action and should ignore any opposition.
(a) absolutely (b) very (c) simply (d) all
- Q6 When it comes to the vote, you can on me to support you.
(a) stand (b) count (c) number (d) figure
- Q7 Even if things get difficult, I will not or hesitate to stand up for you.
(a) quiver (b) tremble (c) waver (d) waiver
- Q8 He was delighted that she hadn't him down when he proposed to her.
(a) put (b) turned (c) placed (d) switched
- Q9 The bank manager smiled and announced that his application for a loan had been
(a) approved (b) improved (c) disproved (d) reproved
- Q10 The pair of you have my and I hope you have a happy marriage together.
(a) wishing (b) praying (c) blessing (d) hoping

Do you mind?

- Q1 She was slowly going her mind with worry until she heard her daughter was safe and well.
(a) past by (b) in to (c) out of (d) straight through
- Q2 I do think you should this in mind before you seriously think about changing jobs.
(a) carry (b) stand (c) hold (d) bear
- Q3 I'd honestly never heard such an outstanding performance of that symphony — it simply my mind.
(a) blew (b) tore (c) split (d) broke
- Q4 The police officer asked him why he hadn't reported the matter earlier and he said simply that it had never his mind.
(a) travelled (b) crossed (c) found (d) discovered
- Q5 I'm inclined to give her a of my mind considering all the trouble she has caused this month.
(a) section (b) slice (c) piece (d) portion
- Q6 It's clear as they say that great minds think because we have both come to exactly the same conclusion.
(a) same (b) similar (c) like (d) alike
- Q7 He has a one mind as all he ever talks about is money, money, money.
(a) track (b) road (c) path (d) rail
- Q8 I just can't decide whether to go on holiday this week or later in the year. I'm really in minds about it.
(a) twice (b) double (c) two (d) dual
- Q9 There, I knew there was something I had to do today and now it's completely my mind.
(a) slid (b) glided (c) sailed (d) slipped
- Q10 I tried to show an interest in her future career but she simply told me to mind my own
(a) state (b) business (c) activities (d) actions

Good Bye

- Q1 Why didn't you up for work yesterday?
(a) to (b) turn (c) keep (d) make
- Q2 To be honest I was feeling a bit down.
(a) pushed (b) pulled (c) switched (d) run
- Q3 Well, I don't think that's a very good reason and you must up with a better explanation.
(a) come (b) take (c) do (d) put
- Q4 I'm sorry I'm not sure I can it across any better.
(a) show (b) put (c) pick (d) get
- Q5 Now, I must insist as your supervisor if you really want to on in your career, you must tell me the truth.
(a) take (b) break (c) get (d) hold
- Q6 All right I up, I'll tell you the truth.
(a) try (b) bring (c) call (d) give
- Q7 Now, you're being sensible — on.
(a) catch (b) find (c) carry (d) join
- Q8 Well, I won't up any more excuses. I wasn't here yesterday because I went to a football match.
(a) make (b) move (c) do (d) look
- Q9 Thank you for your honesty. Now up that piece of paper.
(a) take (b) show (c) pick (d) hold
- Q10 Right. What's this? Oh no, you're me out of the firm.
(a) leaving (b) throwing (c) paying (d) shutting

Keeping it Quiet

- Q1 As it was very late when he came home he was as quiet as a in order not to wake anybody up.
(a) cat (b) mouse (c) dog (d) rat
- Q2 As she was on a very dangerous mission for the government she had to keep about what she did for a living.
(a) dad (b) aunt (c) uncle (d) mum
- Q3 There were lots of rumours about what the son had done but as it was a very wealthy family the father tried very hard to everything up.
(a) quiet (b) hush (c) stop (d) silence
- Q4 If you want me to say nothing about it, I promise that if anybody asks then my lips are
(a) stuck (b) closed (c) shut (d) sealed
- Q5 As far as I'm concerned to be away from traffic, phones and radios on holiday is perfect bliss because to me silence is
(a) golden (b) silver (c) copper (d) steel
- Q6 The so-called majority are the vast number of people who don't actually go out on the street and protest.
(a) quiet (b) noiseless (c) silent (d) still
- Q7 The hall was full of people anxious to hear what the speaker was going to say and in the few seconds before he started it was so quiet you could hear a drop.
(a) pin (b) needle (c) nail (d) screw
- Q8 The rescuers tried desperately to listen out for people trapped in the wreckage but sadly the cries of those trapped were
(a) unhearing (b) auditory (c) audited (d) inaudible
- Q9 The villagers complained about the noise from the daily bell ringing practice from the church and asked if it could somehow be
(a) suppressed (b) stifled (c) muffled (d) wrapped
- Q10 In view of the embarrassment that might be caused if the story came out, she promised not to a word about it.
(a) send (b) breathe (c) mouth (d) open

A Crying Shame

- Q1 It's no good worrying about that now because the damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled
- (a) sauce (b) water (c) beer (d) milk
- Q2 It really is a crying that after all that money has been spent, the project is now being abandoned.
- (a) shock (b) shame (c) disgust (d) pity
- Q3 As a child she would burst into tears at every problem and so she soon got known as a regular at school.
- (a) crychild (b) cryinfant (c) crybaby (d) crygirl
- Q4 It really was a large and spacious garden but it cried out something colourful to be planted.
- (a) for (b) to (c) by (d) on
- Q5 We had great hopes of being able to invite the distinguished writer to our meeting but he cried at the last moment.
- (a) on (b) through (c) with (d) off
- Q6 For crying out how many times do I have to tell you how to work that machine?
- (a) strong (b) loud (c) full (d) hard
- Q7 I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the
- (a) stars (b) sun (c) earth (d) moon
- Q8 The trouble is that he's cried so often that now he's in real trouble, nobody believes him.
- (a) wolf (b) tiger (c) cat (d) dog
- Q9 George is now 70 and he reckons that working conditions for the average office clerk today are a cry from when he first started work.
- (a) distant (b) long (c) far (d) further
- Q10 There was a noisy crowd of about a dozen people in cry chasing after the child who'd stolen an apple from the fruit market.
- (a) strong (b) full (c) loud (d) big

Speaking: At the Theatre

- Q1 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your of our performance.
(a) appearance (b) appreciation (c) appeasement (d) apparition
- Q2 We have done this play many times in different towns but your has been the greatest so far.
(a) appointment (b) application (c) apposition (d) applause
- Q3 We will always remember the way you stood up and at some of the speeches in the play.
(a) clapped (b) clopped (c) clipped (d) clammed
- Q4 Our leading actor is unable to come on the stage at the moment because he is with emotion.
(a) overtaken (b) overdrawn (c) overcome (d) overturned
- Q5 Don't worry I'm sure it's only and that he'll soon recover before the next performance.
(a) temperate (b) temporary (c) contemporary (d) temporarily
- Q6 That is the reason why I am standing here and making this short
(a) speak (b) speaking (c) spoke (d) speech
- Q7 The leading lady is also absent from our stage and you can probably hear her her heart out as I speak.
(a) sobbing (b) soaking (c) spitting (d) calling
- Q8 I think that the main for all this emotion is probably the way you have reacted to the play.
(a) ratio (b) reason (c) ration (d) rate
- Q9 You see throughout our season we have never received so much laughter as we have from you.
(a) currant (b) curious (c) current (d) curtain
- Q10 The reason for this is possibly that you thought it was a but in fact it is a tragedy.
(a) comic (b) comedy (c) comedian (d) comely

Speaking: At the Supermarket

- Q1 Will the driver of the blue Ford Fiesta XYZ 343 please their car.
(a) send (b) move (c) take (d) tow
- Q2 The reason for this is that the Fiesta is our delivery lorry from leaving the premises.
(a) holding (b) keeping (c) preventing (d) promoting
- Q3 We ask the of this vehicle to go back to their car as soon as possible and park their car in another space.
(a) possessor (b) possessing (c) ownership (d) owner
- Q4 This is a customer We have a special offer at the moment on bananas.
(a) audition (b) announcement (c) statement (d) prediction
- Q5 For the next hour it will be possible to buy just one of bananas and get one more free.
(a) bunch (b) branch (c) hand (d) group
- Q6 Further to our for the Ford Fiesta to be reparked, this matter is now very urgent. Our lorry cannot get out.
(a) saying (b) asking (c) request (d) question
- Q7 We have to inform our customers that the store will be closing in half an hour's
(a) o'clock (b) time (c) hour (d) duration
- Q8 We would like to our customers that over the Christmas period we will be closing an hour earlier than usual.
(a) remember (b) retake (c) repeat (d) remind
- Q9 There are now only ten minutes remaining for you to make your and go to the checkout.
(a) purchases (b) buying (c) sales (d) selling
- Q10 A final for the driver of the Ford Fiesta: there is no need now to repark as our delivery lorry has done that for you!
(a) note (b) message (c) saying (d) hint

Speaking: At the Station

- Q1 The train now at the platform 6 is the 10.45 for London.
(a) sitting (b) standing (c) waiting (d) remaining
- Q2 Unfortunately it is now 11 o'clock and so there is a of 15 minutes already.
(a) waiting (b) lateness (c) space (d) delay
- Q3 The train at platform 14 cannot leave because there is a power on that particular line...
(a) failure (b) miss (c) failing (d) missing
- Q4 The train for London at platform 6 is still there and is not to leave for at least 20 minutes.
(a) intended (b) expected (c) proposed (d) awaited
- Q5 The small cafe situated near platform 6 is now free cups of tea to those waiting for the London train.
(a) discharging (b) dispensing (c) offering (d) disposing
- Q6 Severe storms last night together with heavy rainfall means that some of the lines of the station are now
(a) waterlogged (b) waterproof (c) water soaked (d) waterfall
- Q7 We thought for a moment that the 10.45 for London might be about to catch fire but it was a alarm.
(a) wrong (b) false (c) difficult (d) general
- Q8 This is a general notice for all passengers: the restaurant in the main is now open.
(a) concord (b) conduit (c) concourse (d) condition
- Q9 There was in fact a small fire in the train on platform 6 but we're glad to tell you that the flames have been
(a) distinguished (b) dampened (c) saturated (d) extinguished
- Q10 We regret to announce that the 10.45 for London is now out of service because the driver is having a nervous
(a) breakdown (b) low down (c) breakout (d) low break

Speaking: The Broadcast

- Q1 Welcome to Radio News and now over to our who's covering the procession this morning.
(a) reviewer (b) reporter (c) announcer (d) introducer
- Q2 Hi listeners, I should explain that I have a eye view of this magnificent sight as the parade passes underneath me.
(a) cat's (b) dog's (c) bird's (d) rat's
- Q3 To tell you the truth I shouldn't be up here on top of this large statue of Field Marshal Smith.
(a) caught (b) catching (c) cornered (d) perched
- Q4 There is a long line of soldiers on horseback marching to the sound of a band.
(a) copper (b) brass (c) zinc (d) aluminium
- Q5 It really is quite uncomfortable up here and there's a policeman at me, which I don't like.
(a) spying (b) guiding (c) staring (d) starring
- Q6 After the soldiers I can see a group of circus who are jumping and dancing as they go.
(a) members (b) doers (c) actors (d) performers
- Q7 Next I can see some pensioners slowly moving along the road and some can't walk and are in
(a) highchairs (b) low chairs (c) wheelchairs (d) pushchairs
- Q8 That policeman is getting out his and walking near the statue I'm sitting on.
(a) notebook (b) exercise book (c) storybook (d) copybook
- Q9 It has started to rain and I shall get to the skin if I stay much longer up here.
(a) sunk (b) suited (c) stuck (d) soaked
- Q10 Oh dear, listeners, I shall have to return you to the studio because the policeman says he is going to me.
(a) seize (b) arrest (c) grasp (d) hold

Speaking: The Wedding

- Q1 Ladies and gentlemen it is a very great privilege for me to be asked to make a speech about the bride and her
(a) grant (b) grade (c) groan (d) groom
- Q2 I have known Sally and Paul since we were at school
(a) towards (b) together (c) to us (d) to them
- Q3 Most people considered that they were for each other even in those days.
(a) done (b) making (c) made (d) makes
- Q4 The other students described them as Romeo and Juliet and used to make fun of them behind their
(a) heads (b) eyes (c) ears (d) backs
- Q5 Neither of them was at all by this sort of behaviour as they just grew fonder of each other.
(a) deterred (b) defeated (c) disturbed (d) denied
- Q6 The teachers had a spot for them too and were sympathetic if there was any trouble between them.
(a) gentle (b) simple (c) soft (d) quiet
- Q7 Then they both left school and both started working, as you can, for the same company.
(a) vision (b) imagine (c) credit (d) visualize
- Q8 When the announcement was made about their, there was a big celebration.
(a) engage (b) engages (c) engagement (d) engaged
- Q9 No one was surprised because everyone took it for that one day they would marry.
(a) grasped (b) understood (c) granting (d) granted
- Q10 Mind you I was surprised because you see I find it quite why on earth she didn't marry me.
(a) unbelievable (b) unbelieving (c) disbelief (d) disbelieving

Speaking: Political Party

- Q1 Fellow citizens I am honoured to be to speak to you tonight about my party.
(a) demanded (b) forced (c) enquired (d) invited
- Q2 As you probably know the Tranquillity Party stands for peace and in the countryside.
(a) quite (b) quiet (c) quietly (d) quieten
- Q3 In our publicity, unlike our political, we do not make a lot of noise about our policies.
(a) attackers (b) destroyers (c) opponents (d) hitters
- Q4 We want people to live in harmony with each other and to settle amicably.
(a) distastes (b) disasters (c) disturbs (d) disputes
- Q5 You may be interested to know that we are holding a in the centre of our town this weekend.
(a) rally (b) really (c) royally (d) routine
- Q6 Naturally all the are requested to be as peaceful as possible and above all not to shout.
(a) partygoers (b) participants (c) partakers (d) partisans
- Q7 At the moment we are trying very hard to increase our membership which stands at 500.
(a) presence (b) presents (c) presently (d) presenting
- Q8 this is a very small figure in comparison with the other major political parties.
(a) Confessing (b) Admittedly (c) Admits (d) Confession
- Q9 But then you all have turned tonight and that proves there is growing interest in our ideals.
(a) in (b) over (c) up (d) into
- Q10 In of the terrible weather you have come along tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and I should like to thank all four of you for coming.
(a) spite (b) despite (c) view (d) spiteful

Cinemas

- Q1 Her latest film its object in a very short space of time, which was to shock.
(a) acquired (b) got (c) attained (d) controlled
- Q2 The critics to praise the work of this director whatever films he makes.
(a) run (b) continue (c) persist (d) insist
- Q3 The film was the first to show conditions in which poor people lived and as such was to future directors.
(a) influence (b) hold (c) infect (d) show
- Q4 The only reason for them going to the cinema on that day was to find some form of
(a) internment (b) involvement (c) engrossment (d) entertainment
- Q5 The director's intention in making the film was to try and simplicity as seen by a child.
(a) report (b) reprehend (c) represent (d) comprehend
- Q6 The fans outside the cinema on the first showing of the film were unwilling to until all the stars had gone home.
(a) dispose (b) displace (c) discover (d) disperse
- Q7 The delay in the film to the general public was because certain scenes were considered tasteless.
(a) replacing (b) repeating (c) releasing (d) reporting
- Q8 The theme of the second film is quite simply a of the first.
(a) construction (b) continuation (c) continuum (d) continuing
- Q9 In the making of the film the direction is quite from the financing of the project.
(a) separate (b) separation (c) separately (d) separates
- Q10 Very often someone will give a of a film and when you see it for yourself, it's quite different.
(a) describing (b) describes (c) described (d) description

Lots of Stuff

- Q1 Personally I don't believe a word of it and if you want my opinion I think it's all stuff and
- (a) garbage (b) trash (c) nonsense (d) rubbish
- Q2 You know the kind of things politicians talk about: health care, education, welfare and stuff that.
- (a) as (b) with (c) on (d) like
- Q3 He'd carefully avoided having any alcohol until he was twenty-five and then he had a small drop of the stuff.
- (a) hard (b) difficult (c) solid (d) ground
- Q4 You shouldn't really have any difficulties with the work they're doing as it's very basic in fact you could call it stuff.
- (a) babies' (b) children's (c) kids' (d) juniors'
- Q5 It's quite clear she's studied the subject very thoroughly and when she lectured, you could tell she her stuff.
- (a) knew (b) got (c) showed (d) took
- Q6 Now remember when you get up to speak, we're all relying on you to impress everyone and we expect you to your stuff.
- (a) make (b) say (c) take (d) do
- Q7 It's very difficult to make him enjoy himself, relax and take it easy because he always behaves like a stuffed
- (a) suit (b) shirt (c) jacket (d) coat
- Q8 the stuff! I want to hear it loud and clear and as much of it as you can manage. Well done!
- (a) Here (b) There (c) That's (d) More
- Q9 If you really want to lose weight, the only way is to eat less and stop stuffing your every five minutes!
- (a) throat (b) face (c) teeth (d) tongue
- Q10 It came as a great shock to him when he heard the news and quite the stuffing out of him for days.
- (a) hit (b) pulled (c) knocked (d) threw

Hear my Story

- Q1 Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a story.
(a) big (b) high (c) tall (d) long
- Q2 I'm afraid it was the old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again.
(a) same (b) like (c) similar (d) parallel
- Q3 It was a bit of a story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.
(a) cry (b) weep (c) tear (d) sob
- Q4 I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs — it's a bit like stories.
(a) speaking (b) telling (c) saying (d) uttering
- Q5 The story that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.
(a) says (b) works (c) sends (d) goes
- Q6 To a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.
(a) cut (b) reduce (c) snip (d) curtail
- Q7 She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent stories.
(a) brief (b) short (c) abrupt (d) sudden
- Q8 It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story is a bit weak.
(a) theme (b) thread (c) tendency (d) line
- Q9 He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank — a genuine story.
(a) success (b) famous (c) glamour (d) fame
- Q10 In early civilisations it was the story to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.
(a) speaker (b) talker (c) announcer (d) teller

High and Low

- Q1 She's a high at the moment because everything is going her way.
(a) in (b) on (c) for (d) at
- Q2 I have high that we will succeed with our project in view of all the interest we have received.
(a) feelings (b) sensations (c) hopes (d) views
- Q3 It's high we left if we really want to be there on time.
(a) hour (b) minute (c) tempo (d) time
- Q4 You'll just have to get used to these highs and as it's all part of being in business.
(a) downs (b) lows (c) falls (d) fails
- Q5 Now that he's become office manager you can't even talk to him — he's so high and
(a) mighty (b) strong (c) powerful (d) severe
- Q6 The really high of the evening's entertainment was when two clowns came into the ring and started throwing things at each other.
(a) thing (b) feature (c) place (d) spot
- Q7 He left the safe door unlocked last night so I reckon he'll be for the high this morning.
(a) leap (b) go (c) jump (d) try
- Q8 It's always the same when you break one of the rules of the office, she gets on her high and starts shouting at you.
(a) camel (b) pony (c) donkey (d) horse
- Q9 The moment she joined the staff you just knew she was a high and it was no surprise when she got promotion within six weeks.
(a) sailor (b) flier (c) pilot (d) goer
- Q10 They wanted to make sure that their small daughter shared in the meal and so they asked the restaurant to provide a high
(a) place (b) seat (c) chair (d) position

A Night Out

- Q1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the as they would say in the USA.
(a) goings (b) doings (c) moves (d) movies
- Q2 Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for
(a) periods (b) ages (c) times (d) lengths
- Q3 The subject of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.
(a) matter (b) topic (c) theme (d) interest
- Q4 At least that was to be the background although the main interest was in something else.
(a) inferred (b) implied (c) suggested (d) supposed
- Q5 It will come as no to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.
(a) damage (b) surprise (c) concern (d) interest
- Q6 The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to deeply in love.
(a) go (b) drop (c) fall (d) feel
- Q7 When you see the first kiss on the and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.
(a) slide (b) picture (c) board (d) screen
- Q8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly your head from side to side.
(a) tipping (b) testing (c) turning (d) trying
- Q9 And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a in the box at every explosion.
(a) John (b) Jack (c) Jim (d) James
- Q10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never the again.
(a) same (b) identical (c) similar (d) like

Lots of Pieces

- Q1 Charlie didn't have much in the way of property — just and pieces.
(a) things (b) dots (c) bits (d) section
- Q2 In fact this was a piece of for Charlie as it happened.
(a) fortune (b) gratitude (c) thanks (d) luck
- Q3 Because when the of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar to steal something, he didn't find anything valuable.
(a) villain (b) peasant (c) evil (d) devil
- Q4 Charlie came home when the burglar was still there but he didn't to pieces, he stayed calm.
(a) find (b) come (c) go (d) try
- Q5 The burglar also had an assistant with him who clearly didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the and fled.
(a) activity (b) action (c) act (d) acting
- Q6 Charlie decided he would say exactly what he thought of the burglar and give him a piece of his
(a) thoughts (b) brain (c) thinking (d) mind
- Q7 He told him he was a wicked person and further he was a piece of work.
(a) horrible (b) nasty (c) disgusting (d) bad
- Q8 The burglar explained that he didn't have a proper job and only did piece
(a) works (b) working (c) work (d) worker
- Q9 Charlie laughed and said he was doing the same now — it was of a piece with burgling.
(a) some (b) same (c) complete (d) all
- Q10 Eventually the police arrived and were pleased to see Charlie was still all right and in piece.
(a) one (b) fine (c) good (d) solid

Testing, Testing

- Q1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed — it has stood the test of
(a) duration (b) time (c) history (d) length
- Q2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've it to the test.
(a) placed (b) struck (c) started (d) put
- Q3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the first.
(a) waters (b) springs (c) rivers (d) lakes
- Q4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test
(a) theme (b) process (c) case (d) example
- Q5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test it first.
(a) travel (b) drive (c) try (d) conduct
- Q6 These are indeed times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election.
(a) tested (b) tester (c) testing (d) testable
- Q7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test who decided whether a plane was safe to fly.
(a) drivers (b) travellers (c) operations (d) pilots
- Q8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test and then drink it.
(a) tube (b) pipe (c) glass (d) cup
- Q9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test to make sure that it worked properly.
(a) pit (b) hole (c) bed (d) centre
- Q10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test on the screen.
(a) paper (b) sheet (c) place (d) card

Cliches

- Q1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time — 24-.....
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7
- Q2, I couldn't agree with you more.
(a) Totally (b) Clearly (c) Finally (d) Absolutely
- Q3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and the issue.
(a) advise (b) speak (c) address (d) talk
- Q4 It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say 50.
(a) around (b) across (c) through (d) into
- Q5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was
- (a) fine (b) awesome (c) interesting (d) clear
- Q6 We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a figure of 6 million dollars.
(a) ball field (b) ball place (c) ball park (d) ball game
- Q7 I agree with what you say, but ...
(a) wholly (b) basically (c) quickly (d) simply
- Q8 You fill in those forms on a weekly
- (a) stand (b) base (c) size (d) basis
- Q9 I hope you will be patient and with me a minute.
(a) stay (b) hold (c) bear (d) maintain
- Q10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a place.
(a) difficult (b) hard (c) soft (d) firm

Losing It (1)

- Q1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing
(a) looks (b) appearance (c) face (d) looking
- Q2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing
(a) terrain (b) space (c) land (d) ground
- Q3 Please don't lose because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end.
(a) heart (b) body (c) strength (d) feeling
- Q4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your, then you're in real trouble.
(a) hold (b) stay (c) grab (d) grip
- Q5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her and crashed into the tree.
(a) control (b) brain (c) head (d) skull
- Q6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any over it if I were you.
(a) rest (b) sleep (c) time (d) slumber
- Q7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost of what he was saying.
(a) pace (b) route (c) path (d) track
- Q8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost
(a) case (b) reason (c) cause (d) argument
- Q9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost me.
(a) to (b) on (c) for (d) by
- Q10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing
(a) part (b) role (c) section (d) game

Losing It (2)

- Q1 The trouble with him is that if you push him too far, he's likely to shout at you and lose his
(a) cold (b) coldness (c) cool (d) ice
- Q2 There's no hope for him now because he's lost his and has gone completely crazy.
(a) glasses (b) stones (c) jewels (d) marbles
- Q3 At the very last minute she broke down in tears and lost her
(a) skill (b) nerve (c) sense (d) feeling
- Q4 First he started shouting and then he began to throw things round the room and it was clear he had just lost his
(a) rag (b) cloth (c) cover (d) sheet
- Q5 Despite his great age we realized that he'd not lost his because he was still able to deliver a wonderful speech.
(a) feel (b) contact (c) touch (d) feeling
- Q6 Do you mind repeating that last bit again as I seem to have lost the of your argument?
(a) length (b) string (c) cord (d) thread
- Q7 When it came to dividing the profits we lost because we didn't get our fair share.
(a) off (b) out (c) in (d) through
- Q8 As she was walking across the tight rope at the circus she lost her and fell to the ground.
(a) control (b) direction (c) balance (d) sense
- Q9 After a while I got fed up with the film and began to lose in the story.
(a) thought (b) following (c) thinking (d) interest
- Q10 There's no harm in trying your luck there because after all you have to lose.
(a) less (b) nothing (c) a little (d) least

How to ask a question

- Q1 May I ask you whether you have had a chance to my case?
(a) convene (b) consider (c) contend (d) construct
- Q2 Can I it to you that the delay you have caused is not reasonable?
(a) place (b) send (c) hold (d) put
- Q3 Could I know why the business has so long to conclude?
(a) lasted (b) endured (c) taken (d) found
- Q4 May I make another to ask you to explain the situation more clearly?
(a) assault (b) attempt (c) attraction (d) advice
- Q5 I would be most interested to know why the committee has turned my proposal.
(a) down (b) off (c) over (d) out
- Q6 We should be delighted to find out when the new scheme comes into
(a) affect (b) effect (c) infect (d) confect
- Q7 How much is the new car to cost me?
(a) trying (b) doing (c) finding (d) going
- Q8 When are you thinking of buying a washing machine?
(a) novel (b) new (c) recent (d) actual
- Q9 What has to your New Year resolution to stop smoking?
(a) occurred (b) fallen (c) happened (d) occasioned
- Q10 Why do you always me when I try to ask a question?
(a) interpose (b) intercede (c) interfere (d) interrupt

How to attract someone

- Q1 I say, you've just on my foot!
(a) stuck (b) stode (c) struck (d) trodden
- Q2 Look out, there's a car on your left.
(a) driving (b) approaching (c) guiding (d) conducting
- Q3 Just a minute, you have just my case.
(a) burst (b) bundled (c) braced (d) broken
- Q4 Mind, the doors are
(a) finishing (b) ending (c) closing (d) falling
- Q5 Watch it, you almost my eye out with that umbrella.
(a) pointed (b) poked (c) placed (d) pumped
- Q6 Be careful, there's a large between the platform and the train.
(a) gap (b) fall (c) area (d) line
- Q7 Hallo, do you see what you did to that of books when you walked past?
(a) hill (b) mount (c) pile (d) store
- Q8 Hang on, you've given me the wrong I gave you a ten-pound note.
(a) difference (b) change (c) alternation (d) account
- Q9 Stop, that man's just gone with my wallet!
(a) off (b) out (c) on (d) by
- Q10 Excuse me, but you have your car lights on.
(a) placed (b) left (c) found (d) tested

How to compliment

- Q1 You look in that dress, Amanda. How beautiful you are.
(a) startling (b) stunning (c) stretching (d) starting
- Q2 I can honestly say I haven't had such a meal for ages.
(a) delight (b) delighted (c) delightful (d) delighting
- Q3 I must get to know the name of your so that I can buy a suit like that.
(a) maker's (b) dresser's (c) warder's (d) tailor's
- Q4 I must you on your performance in the play — it was remarkable.
(a) impress (b) advise (c) congratulate (d) enquire
- Q5 One can tell immediately that you are a by the accomplished way you perform.
(a) amateur (b) worker (c) tyro (d) professional
- Q6 I honestly can't believe that you are enough to have such grown up children.
(a) wise (b) old (c) grown (d) clear
- Q7 Even if I for a hundred years, I couldn't possibly reach your standard.
(a) perfected (b) pursued (c) practised (d) polished
- Q8 You certainly don't look your What's your secret?
(a) old (b) age (c) worth (d) type
- Q9 It's always a talking to you — you know so much!
(a) please (b) pleased (c) pleasing (d) pleasure
- Q10 Thank you very much for your letter. As always it's to read.
(a) fun (b) amusement (c) entertainment (d) funnily

Modal Medley

- Q1 I know I do it because I have done it before.
(a) ought (b) must (c) can
- Q2 You really see that film because I know you'll like it.
(a) will (b) should (c) could
- Q3 It's quite clear that you to visit their house, so why don't you?
(a) have been able (b) may (c) want
- Q4 It's the right thing to do in this situation and it's my belief that you to go.
(a) should (b) might (c) ought
- Q5 I say to myself each morning I really write that letter.
(a) can (b) must (c) might
- Q6 I have your permission to leave the meeting early?
(a) Will (b) Would (c) May
- Q7 You should take an umbrella with you today, it rain later.
(a) must (b) might (c) will
- Q8 Don't worry they eventually succeed, I assure you.
(a) will (b) might (c) want
- Q9 Now there's no argument here. You to finish on time because you have no choice.
(a) must (b) can (c) have
- Q10 you really help me? If so, I should be most grateful.
(a) Could (b) Must (c) May

Christmas Postman (1)

- Q1 My main for becoming a temporary postman during the Christmas holiday period.
(a) cause (b) incident (c) rational (d) reason
- Q2 Was because I had amassed some rather large
- (a) sums (b) amounts (c) bills (d) totals
- Q3 And what was more I had got no money.
(a) interesting (b) important (c) valuable (d) vital
- Q4 My trainer was a postman by the of Ted.
(a) title (b) label (c) name (d) sign
- Q5 With a life time of in doing all the walks in the town.
(a) experience (b) knowing (c) habit (d) custom
- Q6 It was all a question of, he said and then he explained
(a) ruling (b) straightening (c) tidying (d) order
- Q7 the moment I got into the office.
(a) selecting (b) dividing (c) choosing (d) sorting
- Q8 He didn't want any of his to imagine that being a postman was an easy job.
(a) trainers (b) training (c) trainees (d) trains
- Q9 He was up with people he met every so often
(a) eaten (b) fed (c) consumed (d) digested
- Q10 who it was a part-time job because it was all finished by mid-day.
(a) tested (b) criticised (c) claimed (d) held

Christmas Postman (2)

- Q1 He described the very carefully.
(a) processing (b) sequence (c) follows (d) followed
- Q2 The first thing was to be since you started at a time when most people were asleep.
(a) punctual (b) pointed (c) punctilious (d) pointing
- Q3 Immediately you arrived you had to start sorting the mail into different pigeon
(a) parts (b) gaps (c) slots (d) holes
- Q4 Sometimes you found some handwriting and didn't know where the letter should go.
(a) wonderful (b) meticulous (c) terrible (d) beautiful
- Q5 He was always criticising teachers for not teaching children to write
(a) personally (b) privately (c) proper (d) properly
- Q6 These letters should be put to one side and old Charlie, the handwriting, would look through them later.
(a) expert (b) exponent (c) exhibitor (d) executive
- Q7 The next was to draw some cold water, fill the kettle and make a cup of tea.
(a) foot (b) step (c) pace (d) stride
- Q8 Ted was always calm and optimistic. He never let himself get by the job.
(a) doomed (b) downgraded (c) depressed (d) downed
- Q9 He left me alone for an hour to follow his method and asked me to call him if I any difficulties.
(a) encountered (b) engendered (c) entered (d) enquired
- Q10 As he had been very busy in his house since two that morning of a burst water pipe, he went to have a rest.
(a) through (b) for (c) on (d) because

Christmas Postman (3)

- Q1 At first I got on famously finding the right pigeonholes, checking Ted's list and putting the letters in
- (a) bounds (b) bundles (c) bonds (d) bounded
- Q2 After about two hours of this my internal battery started to get low and I found myself losing
- (a) patients (b) patents (c) patters (d) patience
- Q3 It was at this stage that Ted came in quickly me to finish and get on the road.
- (a) demanding (b) taking (c) giving (d) encouraging
- Q4 The post office in this country district didn't use vans because of the
- (a) costing (b) monies (c) expense (d) expenses
- Q5 I had to do with a bicycle that looked as though it had been hit several times.
- (a) try (b) make (c) end (d) take
- Q6 Once out in the open air I experienced a violent but soon the sun came out.
- (a) wet (b) raining (c) rains (d) shower
- Q7 The shouts of joy coming from some houses as I put the mail through the letter made up for the discomfort and.
- (a) space (b) line (c) box (d) opening
- Q8 I was beginning to feel like a Father Christmas.
- (a) sort (b) real (c) type (d) kind
- Q9 I then came to number 56 that Ted had me about. They had a ferocious dog.
- (a) warned (b) threatened (c) indicated (d) shown
- Q10 The only way to with this one, Ted recommended, was to rush at the door, shove the letters through the door and go away as quickly as possible.
- (a) tackle (b) manage (c) handle (d) deal

Christmas Postman (4)

- Q1 I did just that but in my I dropped a small packet that fell into a puddle.
(a) hurry (b) haste (c) speed (d) hasting
- Q2 I didn't have the courage to make another assault on the house. Instead I took it home to it out.
(a) make (b) do (c) try (d) dry
- Q3 I knew if I told Ted he would talk a lot about being strictly against the rules but I was convinced it didn't
(a) concern (b) affect (c) matter (d) worry
- Q4 In my kitchen I looked at the address and saw the recipient was a Master Richard. I was ashamed of my
(a) coward (b) cowardice (c) cowardly (d) cowards
- Q5 and thought I was depriving a young child of his Christmas present from some loving
(a) relative (b) related (c) reality (d) relatively
- Q6 I rubbed the package with a towel and went quickly again to number 56 hurrying down the path in the true of the season,
(a) sense (b) ghost (c) taste (d) spirit
- Q7 clutching the precious bundle in my hand I it through the letter box
(a) gave (b) took (c) thrust (d) turned
- Q8 expecting to hear a happy of surprise from young Richard. As I hurried away
(a) yelp (b) sound (c) noise (d) din
- Q9 to the sound of the dog, I knocked by accident the garden gate just in time to hear a voice shouting:
(a) braying (b) breathing (c) barking (d) hooting
- Q10 Master Richard! When will that woman realise I'm over fifty and can't knitted socks!
(a) hate (b) dislike (c) sit (d) stand

Tick Tock

- Q1 They're trying very hard to finish in time and they're working the clock.
(a) up (b) through (c) on (d) against
- Q2 You have to turn this from left to right — in other words clock.....
(a) way (b) wise (c) path (d) route
- Q3 I'm afraid you can't make yourself any younger and turn the clock
(a) to (b) by (c) back (d) down
- Q4 You can always be sure that there'll be a delivery today as the service is as regular as clock.....
(a) time (b) task (c) job (d) work
- Q5 It's an amazing system so that at whatever time of day you can always get a response as the staff are there the clock.
(a) along (b) round (c) about (d) down
- Q6 What time do you start work or more exactly when do you clock?
(a) on (b) about (c) with (d) by
- Q7 When do you finish work or more exactly what time do you clock?
(a) over (b) off (c) through (d) in
- Q8 I've clocked about an additional 20 hours this week in overtime pay.
(a) on (b) for (c) up (d) with
- Q9 The competition is very strong as each team wants to be fastest and the clock.
(a) hit (b) knock (c) strike (d) beat
- Q10 She's not really interested in her job and just waits for the end of the day to come. She's just a clock
(a) watcher (b) seer (c) looker (d) gazer

Company Decisions

- Q1 I strongly recommend you make a checklist of points to consider deciding which method of payment to accept.
(a) when (b) what (c) who (d) where
- Q2 How long do you think it will take we'll be in a position to implement the changes to our distribution system?
(a) upon (b) about (c) to (d) before
- Q3 Yesterday the project manager suddenly announced that the launch of the new promotion campaign had been because of software problems.
(a) transcended (b) created (c) postponed (d) founded
- Q4 Because of their expertise the two young engineers have been the opportunity to join our staff.
(a) offer (b) offering (c) offered (d) offers
- Q5 One of the indicators of success in any business is how types of communication channels they use.
(a) much (b) many (c) lot (d) lots
- Q6 An effective customer support system should be as the nerve centre of all company communication.
(a) regarded (b) imagined (c) thought (d) dreamt
- Q7 It goes without that there are more goals that can be achieved with your business than simply generating revenue.
(a) talking (b) saying (c) asking (d) arguing
- Q8 A company's success will largely depend how far ahead into the future it can forecast.
(a) on (b) of (c) at (d) in
- Q9 In addition to an organisation's vision and ability to set goals it is also that every team member feels part of a unit.
(a) lively (b) strict (c) vivid (d) vital
- Q10 Especially large corporations on an international scale create and pursue a human resources policy covering many different aspects.
(a) operates (b) operating (c) operation (d) operated

Save Our Animals (1)

- Q1 From a very early age Cathy had been passionate animals.
 (a) of (b) to (c) about (d) through
- Q2 She used to hob nob (socialise) with people who the same way as she did.
 (a) considered (b) held (c) approved (d) thought
- Q3 These people were not at all fuddy duddy (uninteresting) or indeed hoity toity (supercilious) and their main interest in life was to that all animals were well treated.
 (a) ensure (b) assure (c) convince (d) convict
- Q4 She soon got to know one of the local big wigs (important people) in a local organisation at stopping cruelty to animals.
 (a) shot (b) aimed (c) hit (d) struck
- Q5 He had been in his hey day (at his most successful time) an important in a government department for agriculture.
 (a) character (b) puppet (c) personage (d) figure
- Q6 In fact because he had refused to kow tow to (accept without question) some of the official regulations, he had been forced to take retirement.
 (a) busy (b) easy (c) early (d) quick
- Q7 But as far Cathy was concerned, he was the bee's knees (someone to admire) and when she left school, she went to work as his assistant in the Society for the Protection of Animals.
 (a) so (b) more (c) than (d) as
- Q8 Her parents however were not at all pleased where she had decided to work.
 (a) about (b) for (c) concerning (d) around
- Q9 They lived in a des res (very attractive house) and her father, John Fortune, who was really a bit of a fat cat (wealthy businessman) thought that all this animal was a lot of hocus pocus (nonsense).
 (a) matter (b) business (c) concerns (d) topic
- Q10 Cathy and her father had several pow wows (conversations) about her decision but it usually up with a lot of argy bargy (arguments).
 (a) concluded (b) terminated (c) ended (d) lasted

Save Our Animals (2)

- Q1 What her mother and father to most was the endless tittle tattle (gossip) in the village about a young woman working for this hot shot (well known entrepreneur),
(a) subjected (b) dejected (c) rejected (d) objected
- Q2 who was also by some as a bit of a wheeler dealer (someone who does business in an underhand way).
(a) looked (b) pictured (c) regarded (d) believed
- Q3 Cathy didn't believe any of this and was delighted to be working for Geoffrey Winton if for no other than that living at home was very humdrum (boring).
(a) reason (b) cause (c) fact (d) decision
- Q4 The rest of the organisation thought that she and Winton were a dream team (ideal partners) because she was enthusiastic and he was very
(a) expertise (b) empirical (c) expert (d) experienced
- Q5 After all she thought her brother was enjoying himself and had gone to work in America as a result of the brain drain (talented people leaving their own country to work for better pay in another).
(a) astray (b) abroad (c) alone (d) afar
- Q6 One morning there was quite a hubbub (loud noise and activity) in the Fortune when Cathy came rushing into the sitting room helter skelter (running at great speed),
(a) housework (b) housebound (c) household (d) housetops
- Q7 and announced what she thought was a cheerful earful (a good piece of news) and that was she had been invited to attend a in the capital.
(a) demarcation (b) denuciation (c) depression (d) demonstration
- Q8 As far as her father was concerned this was double trouble (two problems) — first working for Fortune and now getting involved in a demonstration.
(a) simply (b) quite (c) entirely (d) quietly
- Q9 As far as he was concerned this would be a of time because the speakers at the rally would just talk mumbo jumbo (nonsense).
(a) waist (b) wasting (c) waste (d) worst
- Q10 But Cathy had made up her and the next morning wham bam (very quickly) she caught the early train and went off to the rally.
(a) brain (b) mind (c) thought (d) decision

Save Our Animals (3)

- Q1 On the train journey she began to think about what her father had said with his to the rag bag (muddled collection) of ideas in her organisation.
(a) direction (b) referral (c) reference (d) referred
- Q2 And if she was really with herself she was beginning to have a teenie weenie (very small) feeling of doubt as to whether she was doing the right thing.
(a) honoured (b) honourable (c) honest (d) honourably
- Q3 She just wished that her father could and be even steven (fair) about her side of the argument.
(a) try (b) trying (c) tried (d) tries
- Q4 But as soon as she reached the meeting point for the rally, there was no time for day
(a) thinking (b) musing (c) sleeping (d) dreaming
- Q5 At the beginning it was a bit harum scarum (disorganised) and people were running higgledy piggledy (in different and chaotic directions) but soon everything down,
(a) set (b) seated (c) settled (d) setting
- Q6 and people who had been running about pell mell (in confusion) were now standing and listening to the speeches.
(a) quiet (b) still (c) upright (d) quite
- Q7 She felt and was pleased she had come to the demonstration.
(a) returned (b) restored (c) refreshed (d) reassured
- Q8 And then one incident at the end of the rally convinced her that she had the right decision to work for the organisation.
(a) done (b) got (c) taken (d) brought
- Q9 A police officer on horseback was the crowds and she found herself being gently moved by the horse.
(a) controlling (b) maintaining (c) conducting (d) driving
- Q10 As it drew near she found she was asking herself whether she had done the right thing. She looked at the horse and it was actually nodding its head and she could have sworn it said okie dokie (all right).
(a) allowed (b) loudly (c) loud (d) aloud

Simple Present (1)

- Q1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has from his father — the king of all worriers.
(a) received (b) left (c) earned (d) inherited
- Q2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to
(a) dissolve (b) solve (c) cut (d) release
- Q3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.
(a) life (b) existence (c) living (d) existing
- Q4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years
(a) ago (b) gone (c) passed (d) over
- Q5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too — people in love.
(a) tumble (b) drop (c) decline (d) fall
- Q6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"
(a) constitution (b) disposition (c) institution (d) position
- Q7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."
(a) across (b) through (c) around (d) against
- Q8 "In London, which on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."
(a) stands (b) holds (c) begins (d) sits
- Q9 I apologise for the simplicity of these but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.
(a) declamations (b) requirements (c) mentions (d) statements
- Q10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he
(a) undertook (b) underwent (c) understood (d) underdid

Simple Present (2)

- Q1 The other in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather.
(a) feature (b) part (c) character (d) principal
- Q2 She too lives in this and remote village where Andrew has his cottage.
(a) minor (b) tiny (c) unimportant (d) wretched
- Q3 Now Sally is an entirely different kettle of fish. Her philosophy runs as follows: "Worrying never gets you anywhere and life is too short to time imagining the worst."
(a) pass (b) spend (c) expend (d) waste
- Q4 In a word she is the complete in temperament of Andrew. Here comes another cliché: opposites attract.
(a) opposite (b) opponent (c) opposed (d) opposition
- Q5 But you must remember that two years ago the two main characters hadn't met, which was surprising when you consider the close of Andrew's cottage and Sally's.
(a) approximation (b) proximity (c) standing (d) placing
- Q6 If you take the first left after the post office, you come to Sally's place and if you take the second to the right after that you come to the cottage where Andrew lives.
(a) turn (b) turn up (c) turn in (d) turning
- Q7 The next participant in this village drama is the weather, which a very significant part in English life.
(a) holds (b) manages (c) plays (d) controls
- Q8 It was late April and the sun had disappeared behind dark heavy rain clouds but Andrew had already set for the local pub.
(a) up (b) off (c) to (d) by
- Q9 Naturally he had his umbrella with him and a heavy coat that aphorism his mother always used: "Never cast a clout (remove an article of clothing) before May is out."
(a) pursuing (b) chasing (c) running after (d) following
- Q10 Fortunately he made it to the pub before the storm
(a) broke (b) fell (c) dropped (d) collapsed

Simple Present (3)

- Q1 The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.
(a) begs (b) requests (c) asks (d) offers
- Q2 Andrew showed him the headlines: "Petrol prices rise again" — "But you haven't got a car" said his friend — "I know" retorted Andrew — "still it means everything will go up in price, too."
(a) too (b) else (c) other (d) also
- Q3 Everyone in the pub looks depressed at this remark and begins to think of all the price increases that will follow.
(a) ideally (b) conveniently (c) suitably (d) easily
- Q4 The is palpable. Then suddenly the door bursts open and in walks our heroine, Sally looking like a drowned rat.
(a) boom (b) bloom (c) room (d) gloom
- Q5 Most people in the pub think to themselves: "What a pretty girl" Andrew sees her as someone who is and needs help.
(a) drenched (b) drowned (c) draped (d) downed
- Q6 He walks over to her and asks if she is right.
(a) everything (b) some (c) all (d) total
- Q7 For probably the first time in his life Andrew actually his worry from himself to someone else.
(a) preferred (b) transferred (c) offered (d) differed
- Q8 And he mixes her a drink to protect her from a possible cold.
(a) unusual (b) speciality (c) specialised (d) special
- Q9 The conversation went as follows: "I hear you live in this village, too" — "How do you?" asked Andrew.
(a) discover (b) find (c) know (d) realise
- Q10 But Sally changed the subject. "This drink tastes delicious. How did you make it?" — "I put a drop of ginger ale and a piece of lemon in the alcohol and then thoroughly."
(a) stir (b) beat (c) mash (d) fork

Simple Present (4)

- Q1 I always keep those two with me when I go out at night.
(a) particles (b) parts (c) ingredients (d) contents
- Q2 Suddenly Sally looked at her watch: "I must My train leaves in ten minutes."
(a) fly (b) flow (c) flee (d) flea
- Q3 "Don't forget to take those two tablets I and let me know how you are."
(a) digested (b) congested (c) ingested (d) suggested
- Q4 "I'll you know as soon as I come back from London." And then she went.
(a) permit (b) let (c) allow (d) leave
- Q5 Immediately Andrew started to worry. He didn't know her name. He didn't know her address and he felt strange. He his pulse. He tests his mental faculties: "Two and two make four."
(a) detects (b) investigates (c) checks (d) ticks
- Q6 It was a different sort of worry that was a concern. He wants to see her again.
(a) exactly (b) fairly (c) usually (d) almost
- Q7 seconds he rushed out of the pub leaving his coat behind, ran into the pouring rain with no umbrella.
(a) Outside (b) Within (c) Without (d) Inside
- Q8 What was to him? He saw Sally standing on the platform getting into the train and the train leaving the station.
(a) happening (b) occurring (c) falling (d) coming
- Q9 He jumps down from the platform onto the and waves at the train driver to stop. The train stops and Andrew gets onto it.
(a) path (b) road (c) track (d) lane
- Q10 Six weeks this extraordinary episode Sally got married.
(a) later (b) after (c) sooner (d) through

Simple Present (5)

- Q1 Andrew doesn't any more now.
(a) concern (b) disturb (c) regret (d) worry
- Q2 He calm.
(a) stands (b) stays (c) rests (d) relaxes
- Q3 The obvious time when people him to start worrying was.
(a) waited (b) awaited (c) expected (d) stood
- Q4 during the wedding in the village church just over two years ago.
(a) ceremony (b) performance (c) occasion (d) event
- Q5 As he says, "I know what everyone was"
(a) dreaming (b) thinking (c) supposing (d) believing
- Q6 They thought I would go to
(a) parts (b) sections (c) particles (d) pieces
- Q7 But I was perfectly relaxed and I it all to Sally. She is certainly a wonderful wife.
(a) debt (b) lend (c) owe (d) borrow
- Q8 She smiled at me when we were standing the altar.
(a) in (b) at (c) on (d) through
- Q9 and I stopped worrying from that moment
(a) on (b) to (c) for (d) by
- Q10 You can see me relaxed in the newspaper pictures especially that one with the caption: "ANDREW SMODLEY HANDS THE RING TO SALLY FAIRWEATHER'S FUTURE HUSBAND."
(a) trying (b) seeing (c) looking (d) watching

Tenses (1)

Q1 I come if I had had time.

- (a) have (b) had (c) would have (d) did

Q2 This time tomorrow you sitting in a deck chair on the beach.

- (a) are (b) were (c) will (d) will be

Q3 Before you telephoned, I watching television.

- (a) was (b) will be (c) am (d) have

Q4 After the storm finished, many people were found lying in the street.

- (a) has (b) had (c) were (d) did

Q5 Tomorrow we taking the day off.

- (a) will (b) have (c) were (d) are

Q6 Where did you for your holiday in the end?

- (a) went (b) gone (c) go (d) going

Q7 I must admit you tried but I'm afraid the answer is still no.

- (a) did (b) will (c) do (d) have

Q8 Sometimes I wonder if I ever succeed.

- (a) do (b) shall (c) am (d) were

Q9 How many times you been there?

- (a) has (b) will (c) have (d) did

Q10 She's working there since she left school.

- (a) had (b) done (c) have (d) been

Tenses (2)

- Q1 It's time we
(a) go (b) went (c) are going (d) going
- Q2 I honestly couldn't follow a word you
(a) are saying (b) will say (c) were saying (d) did say
- Q3 He asked me what I doing there.
(a) am (b) did (c) will be (d) was
- Q4 I've just that the price has gone up again.
(a) am told (b) have told (c) been told (d) was told
- Q5 She was annoyed that she spoken to like that.
(a) had been (b) has been (c) was been (d) will have been
- Q6 I've just been here that man has been released.
(a) reads (b) reading (c) read (d) have read
- Q7 If you were stopped by the police for speeding, what you do?
(a) will (b) shall (c) do (d) would
- Q8 Long the King!
(a) live (b) lives (c) living (d) lived
- Q9 If I get there early enough, I you a seat.
(a) did save (b) do save (c) am saving (d) shall save
- Q10 When I'm in town, I listening to the birds.
(a) missing (b) miss (c) misses (d) missed

Tenses (3)

- Q1 Ah there you! I wondered where you were.
(a) be (b) were (c) are (d) have been
- Q2 She said she'd help him if she
(a) could (b) can (c) can't (d) have been able
- Q3 He told them he starting work the next day.
(a) will be (b) will have been (c) would be (d) would have been
- Q4 I had instructions that I to leave the door unlocked when I came home.
(a) will being (b) were (c) am (d) was
- Q5 He refused to go until he seen all the paintings.
(a) had (b) was (c) is (d) has
- Q6 Don't worry even if you make a mistake because if you, it doesn't matter.
(a) were doing (b) had done (c) do (d) will do
- Q7 He silly things like this. Take no notice now.
(a) always did (b) will always do (c) had always done (d) is always doing
- Q8 The man who walking down the road just then, lives next door.
(a) is (b) will be (c) was (d) has been
- Q9 It doesn't make sense. I can't understand why he at you last night.
(a) had shouted (b) is shouting (c) has should (d) shouted
- Q10 Come on tell me honestly what you to do now.
(a) wanted (b) want (c) are wanting (d) will want

Hotchpotch

- Q1 As we've got plenty of time to before the train comes, let's have a coffee.
(a) waste (b) lose (c) spend (d) kill
- Q2 If you mention someone's mistakes in public, it can only be regarded as very
(a) tactless (b) casual (c) careless (d) pointed
- Q3 I didn't think he looked very well when we last saw him — in fact he was really out of
(a) order (b) form (c) sorts (d) trend
- Q4 He's the sort of person who never worries about anything and has a happy disposition.
(a) over-heels (b) tempered (c) disposed (d) go-lucky
- Q5 I don't know what's the matter with me today I suppose I'm feeling under the
(a) clouds (b) rain (c) weather (d) tiles
- Q6 There's a very informative programme on the radio tonight on affairs.
(a) actual (b) current (c) positive (d) factual
- Q7 He didn't reveal his name with his first book and published it under a
(a) synonym (b) homonym (c) acronym (d) pseudonym
- Q8 He spoke the language in a regional, which made it impossible for me to understand him.
(a) voice (b) accent (c) jargon (d) dialect
- Q9 I sometimes find that the made by the advertisers are more interesting than the actual television programmes themselves.
(a) commercials (b) comments (c) commerce (d) commercially
- Q10 Now remember don't be late with your thesis and don't forget the is Tuesday week.
(a) sideline (b) by line (c) deadline (d) lifeline

Student Teacher Dialogue (1)

- Q1 Teacher: So you want to learn English?
(a) speak (b) speaking (c) to speak (d) speaks
- Q2 Student: Yes, I want to be able to speak
- (a) good (b) well (c) goodly (d) proper
- Q3 Teacher: I don't see that as a
- (a) situation (b) puzzle (c) answer (d) problem
- Q4 Yes, that's for you to say.
(a) facile (b) straight (c) easy (d) interesting
- Q5 Teacher: What you say that?
(a) makes (b) does (c) tries (d) goes
- Q6 Student: Just because you are a speaker.
(a) natural (b) native (c) national (d) nature
- Q7 Teacher: I understand what you
- (a) intend (b) signify (c) show (d) mean
- Q8 Student: So what am I to do?
(a) being (b) asking (c) going (d) beginning
- Q9 Teacher: Well, if you, I could give you lessons next week.
(a) love (b) like (c) would (d) desire
- Q10 Student: That very good to me. I'll see you next week.
(a) strikes (b) hits (c) falls (d) sounds

Student Teacher Dialogue (2)

- Q1 Teacher: So what do you know prepositions?
(a) from (b) at (c) about (d) in
- Q2 Student: Well I know that they usually come a noun.
(a) on (b) before (c) after (d) under
- Q3 Teacher: Very good. Which do you find the difficult?
(a) worst (b) best (c) less (d) most
- Q4 Student: If I had to choose one, I would in.
(a) turn (b) pick (c) touch (d) pluck
- Q5 Teacher: The thing to is that in usually means inside a place or a position.
(a) remember (b) repeat (c) remind (d) return
- Q6 Student: I see. But what's the difference in and into?
(a) from (b) among (c) between (d) for
- Q7 Teacher: Ah, you see "in" means you are there inside "into" means you enter as: You go into the room.
(a) how (b) when (c) ever (d) however
- Q8 Student: Another problem is I don't understand there are two words sounding the same — T and one O and T double O.
(a) because (b) whenever (c) why (d) that's why
- Q9 Teacher: Good question. T and one O is the preposition and T and double O often means extra as in: This exercise is too difficult. And don't forget the third word also sounding the same — the two.
(a) finger (b) figurine (c) thumb (d) number
- Q10 Student: Oh, no two is thank you very much!
(a) enough (b) equal (c) even (d) indeed

Student Teacher Dialogue (3)

- Q1 Teacher: Can you explain to me when you the Past Simple and when the Present Perfect?
(a) employ (b) utilise (c) exercise (d) use
- Q2 Student: I think the past simple is for a time in the past and the present perfect is when you don't know when it was.
(a) definite (b) clear (c) obvious (d) absolute
- Q3 Teacher: Excellent. Now if I wanted to describe my time in Paris in 1999 with the verb 'stay', what I say?
(a) am (b) would (c) ought (d) have
- Q4 Student: I think it is I stayed in Paris in 1999. Is that all?
(a) correct (b) accurate (c) fine (d) right
- Q5 Teacher: Absolutely perfect. Now what the Present Perfect Continuous?
(a) through (b) into (c) about (d) concerning
- Q6 Student: That's one I never understand hard I try.
(a) whenever (b) however (c) wherever (d) whatever
- Q7 Teacher: Well if you started living in Paris in 1999 and you are still there, you say; I have been living there 1999.
(a) since (b) for (c) till (d) until
- Q8 Student: Yes, I see I think I understand but you have many tenses in English!
(a) to (b) in (c) also (d) too
- Q9 Teacher: Right one more. Tell me which form you use if you are going to leave Paris and you tell someone about the length of time from your arrival till now.
(a) simply (b) just (c) justly (d) alone
- Q10 Student: Oh, that's easy. I say: I have lived here for 6 years. I can see from the on your face I am right.
(a) depression (b) impression (c) expression (d) derision

Phrasal Verb: Walk

- Q1 They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking together.
(a) in (b) out (c) through (d) off
- Q2 The trouble with you is you let your boss do exactly what he wants and let him walk all you.
(a) across (b) under (c) by (d) over
- Q3 He never looks where he's going and as a result is always walking things.
(a) up (b) on (c) into (d) beyond
- Q4 He came into the room, shouted at everybody and then left the room walking in a really bad temper.
(a) down (b) off (c) over (d) to
- Q5 I'm sorry to say that the safe has been broken into and someone's walked with all the money.
(a) along (b) into (c) of (d) off
- Q6 They took no notice of the accident and simply walked
- (a) by (b) in (c) across (d) through
- Q7 A total stranger walked to me and asked if I could lend him some money.
(a) along (b) by (c) up (d) under
- Q8 They have an expression in Australia when a famous person mixes with the crowd, they say they're going on a walk.....
(a) across (b) along (c) out (d) about
- Q9 The manager was terrified that his employees would stop work and walk without warning.
(a) over (b) about (c) out (d) at
- Q10 knew we shouldn't have trusted them because they suddenly left and walked on us.
(a) in (b) out (c) above (d) to

Charlie's Knees

- Q1 Charlie always thought he was the knees because he had a very good opinion of himself.
(a) cat's (b) dog's (c) bee's (d) mouse's
- Q2 Even when he won the knees competition at a holiday camp he wasn't ashamed — he just loved it.
(a) knobbly (b) wobbly (c) cobbled (d) wobbled
- Q3 He'd learnt to think he was important from an early age his mother's knee.
(a) from (b) to (c) over (d) at
- Q4 His father told him he was special as he dandled him his knee.
(a) by (b) on (c) up (d) through
- Q5 Then he met Maria as a grown up and fell in love as a sort of knee reaction almost without thinking.
(a) leap (b) jump (c) jerk (d) trip
- Q6 You see he'd known her once as a small child when he was knee to a grasshopper and now they met as adults.
(a) high (b) tall (c) long (d) broad
- Q7 They met at a mutual friend's party where everyone was having a great time in a kind of knees
(a) under (b) on (c) in (d) up
- Q8 Shortly after that he down on one knee and proposed marriage to her and she accepted him.
(a) threw (b) went (c) walked (d) leant
- Q9 After they were married, Charlie had to work very hard and he was always knee in decorating and painting the house.
(a) deep (b) level (c) steep (d) long
- Q10 What poor Charlie didn't know before was that Maria loved telling others what to do and so he had to do as he was told and the knee.
(a) stretch (b) pull (c) lower (d) bend

Paper expressions

- Q1 It's almost completed now because all we have to do is sign a few documents and then the paper..... is finished.
(a) job (b) work (c) task (d) function
- Q2 They've tried to keep the truth from you but nothing's changed as all they've done is paper the cracks.
(a) across (b) in (c) up (d) over
- Q3 If you keep the window open all the time, you'll need something heavy like a to stop things blowing away.
(a) paperstone (b) paperrock (c) paperweight (d) paperblock
- Q4 The professor is an important paper on sociolinguistics tonight in the main hall.
(a) speaking (b) delivering (c) talking (d) holding
- Q5 I shouldn't worry too much about him. He looks very frightening but underneath he's really a paper
(a) tiger (b) lion (c) jaguar (d) cat
- Q6 The reason why I knew all about the story in the village is because it was on the front page of the paper.
(a) near (b) nearby (c) neighbouring (d) local
- Q7 As soon as the story about the scandal became known, it didn't take long to the papers.
(a) strike (b) attack (c) hit (d) thump
- Q8 You really shouldn't everything you read in the papers.
(a) believe (b) credit (c) think (d) ponder
- Q9 She makes a loaf of bread last a very long time because she cuts each slice paper
(a) slight (b) long (c) tight (d) thin
- Q10 Do you know how many of wallpaper are needed to decorate this room?
(a) strands (b) rolls (c) strips (d) sizes

Verb Tenses

- Q1 Where tonight?
(a) you go (b) going (c) are you going (d) had you gone
- Q2 That my business.
(a) is (b) will be (c) was (d) had
- Q3 Sorry, I mean to be rude.
(a) haven't (b) can't (c) won't (d) don't
- Q4 all right.
(a) This is (b) That's (c) There is (d) That has
- Q5 I hope I offended you.
(a) didn't (b) won't (c) haven't (d) couldn't
- Q6 No, I promise you. You offend me at all.
(a) shouldn't (b) wouldn't (c) hadn't (d) didn't
- Q7 So, got an idea.
(a) I'd (b) I'll (c) I've (d) I'm
- Q8 OK. me about it.
(a) Tell (b) Say (c) Speak (d) Talk
- Q9 I possibly we could go out together, tonight.
(a) think (b) have thought (c) did think (d) thought
- Q10 That a good idea to me.
(a) has sounded (b) will sound (c) sounds (d) shall sound

English Tenses

- Q1 Mike: Please go away. I'm a letter. I need some quiet.
(a) written (b) wrote (c) writing (d) will write
- Q2 Sarah: I I won't make a sound.
(a) promise (b) am promising (c) did promise (d) promised
- Q3 Mike: That's what you always
- (a) said (b) are saying (c) had said (d) say
- Q4 Sarah: I know but this time I it.
(a) have meant (b) mean (c) had meant (d) will mean
- Q5 Mike: I don't honestly think you telling the truth.
(a) were (b) had been (c) are (d) will be
- Q6 Sarah: At least me a chance.
(a) give (b) gave (c) giving (d) are giving
- Q7 Mike: If I, I know I shall regret it.
(a) have (b) do (c) had (d) were
- Q8 Sarah: No, you
- (a) didn't (b) haven't (c) couldn't (d) won't
- Q9 Mike: All right. You stay as long as you don't make any noise.
(a) will (b) could (c) can (d) would
- Q10 Sarah: Thank you very much. I shall be as quiet as a mouse but just put the TV on.
(a) I'd (b) I'll (c) I've (d) I'm

Conditional Tenses

- Q1 If I you, I wouldn't risk it.
(a) had been (b) am (c) would be (d) were
- Q2 If they had waited another month, they could probably a better price for their house
(a) would get (b) had got (c) have got (d) could get
- Q3 It's quite simple really. When it's cold, water
(a) froze (b) has frozen (c) freezes (d) had frozen
- Q4 If he decides to accept that job, he it for the rest of his life.
(a) has regretted (b) had regretted (c) is regretting (d) will regret
- Q5 If you of applying for that job, my advice is: forget it.
(a) are thinking (b) will think (c) will be thinking (d) would think
- Q6 If he hadn't been driving so fast, he have hit the motorcyclist.
(a) didn't (b) hadn't (c) wouldn't (d) hasn't
- Q7 he been more careful, he would have spotted the mistake.
(a) Were (b) Had (c) Has (d) Is
- Q8 If she goes on passing her exams, soon be qualified to practise as a lawyer.
(a) she's (b) she had (c) she has (d) she'll
- Q9 If I pay you twice as much, will you to finish by Tuesday?
(a) are able (b) is able (c) be able (d) can be able
- Q10 If only I'd invested in that company, I'd a millionaire by now.
(a) became (b) have become (c) had become (d) would become

Sleep Expressions

- Q1 Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help a few times.
(a) sleeping (b) dozing off (c) waking up (d) resting
- Q2 Cold medicines usually make me feel I feel like I don't have energy to do anything.
(a) asleep (b) hyper (c) awake (d) drowsy
- Q3 Janine! Where were you? I've been looking all over for you. — Sorry, mom! I was reading a book by the tree over the lake, fell and lost track of the time.
(a) sleep (b) sleepy (c) asleep (d) slept
- Q4 In winter time, bears hide themselves in caves and
(a) hibernate (b) take a nap (c) snooze (d) relax
- Q5 What time do you usually go to at night? — Hmm... usually at about midnight.
(a) sleepy (b) asleep (c) sleep (d) dream
- Q6 I feel so today. I should have gone to bed earlier last night.
(a) dreamy (b) sleepy (c) asleep (d) relaxed
- Q7 My neighbor likes every day after lunch.
(a) to hibernate (b) to doze off (c) to take a nap (d) to snore
- Q8 My daughter is having a party tonight at our house.
(a) night (b) sleepy (c) snooze (d) slumber
- Q9 Every time he gets back from work, my husband likes to sit in his armchair and for a few minutes before dinnertime.
(a) sleep away (b) rest (c) slumber (d) snore
- Q10 Caitlin was an extremely hyper kid. When taking care of her, her mom hardly ever had time to
(a) relax (b) doze off (c) slumber (d) snooze

English tense explanations

- Q1 I want to try and carry out an
- (a) experience (b) endeavour (c) endurance (d) experiment
- Q2 My is to explain the different uses of the tenses.
- (a) problem (b) plan (c) situation (d) thought
- Q3 The main question is knowing where you?
- (a) commence (b) initiate (c) start (d) activate
- Q4 As you know there are many tenses in English.
- (a) probably (b) certainly (c) sometimes (d) doubtfully
- Q5 The problem is you can tell the difference
- (a) what (b) how (c) which (d) where
- Q6 between, for, the Present and Present Perfect.
- (a) case (b) sample (c) instant (d) example
- Q7 But I should myself from talking about
- (a) control (b) halt (c) stop (d) exact
- Q8 particular tenses I've talked about tenses in general.
- (a) since (b) before (c) although (d) if
- Q9 Please me for going on to the middle of my story
- (a) forgive (b) forget (c) forbid (d) forefend
- Q10 when I should be thinking about the
- (a) initial (b) genesis (c) first (d) beginning

English tense explanations (2)

- Q1 So let's go to the beginning.
(a) on (b) back (c) for (d) over
- Q2 The thing to remember is
(a) superior (b) premier (c) premium (d) first
- Q3 that each tense has two
(a) shapes (b) figures (c) forms (d) outlines
- Q4 are the Simple and the Continuous.
(a) Them (b) They (c) Their (d) Theirs
- Q5 We can say: he goes to work Monday to Friday and that a habit and is the Present simple tense.
(a) describes (b) defeats (c) detracts (d) defers
- Q6 This is something he every day.
(a) did (b) doing (c) does (d) done
- Q7 He lives in a small house that's another
(a) picture (b) illustration (c) image (d) painting
- Q8 Now we come to the other part and we that continuous.
(a) call (b) hail (c) nominate (d) address
- Q9 We say: he is walking home now and that means at this and is the Present continuous tense.
(a) day (b) period (c) moment (d) occasion
- Q10 In this way we describe what is now.
(a) going (b) elapsing (c) taking (d) happening

Idioms with the phrasal verb come

- Q1 First impressions are important because how you initially can be as important as what you say.
(a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q2 I just can't seem to be able to find a good personal assistant as they are so hard to
- (a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q3 When disaster strikes, will your insurer for you?
(a) come out (b) come over (c) come through (d) come to
- Q4 If you have eaten a banana in the last 2-3 days and a fever followed by a skin infection, you should seek urgent medical attention!
(a) come across (b) come up with (c) come down with (d) come out with
- Q5 In terms of personality she's certainly well since she changed her attitude.
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come over (d) come out
- Q6 Menopause symptoms may after stopping menopausal hormone therapy.
(a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q7 Making the decision to about your sexual preferences can sometimes be scary and stressful.
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come out (d) come over
- Q8 I was just wondering how astronomers their facts when you realise just how far away the stars are.
(a) come out with (b) come up with (c) come along (d) come out
- Q9 It was reported that the Government is expected to stringent norms to prevent "predatory takeovers" of Indian private banks.
(a) come along (b) come up with (c) come across (d) come out
- Q10 My boyfriend wants to when nobody is at home, and I'm scared it might well lead to something else!
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come out (d) come over

Idioms with the phrasal verb look

- Q1 Students were instructed to use the Internet some information about Australia for the class project.
(a) to look after (b) to look over (c) to look into (d) to look up
- Q2 The treasurer assured his constituents that he would the scandal shortly after the results of the general election were made public.
(a) look into (b) look up (c) look over (d) look after
- Q3 My attorney advised me the terms and conditions of the insurance policy several times so that I was fully aware of what I was getting myself into.
(a) to look after (b) to look over (c) to look into (d) to look up
- Q4 I have always my grandfather because he has lived such an amazing life.
(a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked up to (d) looked after
- Q5 I my laptop in car, in my office and even under the bed, but I couldn't find it anywhere.
(a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked after (d) looked over
- Q6 Airport authorities advised passengers to suspicious looking people passing through the international terminal.
(a) look for (b) look out for (c) look after (d) look at
- Q7 The view from the penthouse suite of the five star hotel over the Pacific Ocean.
(a) looks for (b) looks at (c) looks out (d) looks after
- Q8 Students were given five minutes to the examination paper before they were told to start writing.
(a) look after (b) look through (c) look into (d) look up
- Q9 My family finally made the painful decision of admitting my grandmother to a nursing home as she is no longer capable of herself.
(a) looking into (b) looking out (c) looking at (d) looking after
- Q10 When I blamed the hospital for giving me the wrong medicine, the management the matter very carefully.
(a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked into (d) looked after

Time clauses: future tense examples

- Q1 I'll cook supper I come home.
(a) until (b) while (c) before (d) as soon as
- Q2 I want to finish my work we go out.
(a) until (b) while (c) before (d) as soon as
- Q3 She's going to look after the cat I'm away on holiday.
(a) until (b) while (c) before (d) before
- Q4 I'll email you I arrive.
(a) as soon as (b) until (c) as long as (d) while
- Q5 We'll find a hotel we arrive in Jakarta.
(a) until (b) while (c) when (d) as long as
- Q6 She won't speak to her boyfriend he apologizes.
(a) while (b) as long as (c) when (d) until
- Q7 Drink your coffee it gets cold.
(a) when (b) as soon as (c) while (d) before
- Q8 Don't cross the road you see the green man.
(a) as long as (b) as soon as (c) while (d) until
- Q9 I'll give you a ring we get back from our vacation.
(a) while (b) until (c) when (d) as long as
- Q10 Our doctor advised us to have malaria vaccinations we travel to Lombok.
(a) until (b) before (c) as soon as (d) as long as

Idioms with the phrasal verb bring

- Q1 Englishmen can't always quite wearing shorts.
(a) bring off (b) bring on (c) bring up (d) bring over
- Q2 There are some "natural" methods that you can try to labour if you and your baby are in good health.
(a) bring to (b) bring on (c) bring out (d) bring over
- Q3 I want to the dinner tonight so that you don't have to worry about feeding your kids.
(a) bring to (b) bring on (c) bring out (d) bring over
- Q4 The Central Coast of New South Wales has been described as a great place to children.
(a) bring out (b) bring off (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q5 Custom frames can help to improve the look of your artwork and thus the best.
(a) bring out (b) bring over (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q6 U2 will not the online release of the band's new album, following news that it has leaked onto the Internet.
(a) bring out (b) bring forward (c) bring back (d) bring up
- Q7 The Super Bowl champion Steelers have decided to fullback Verron Haynes for at least another two seasons.
(a) bring out (b) bring forward (c) bring up (d) bring back
- Q8 The slips fieldsman moved quickly to his left and then flung himself further left-wards to a spectacular catch.
(a) bring forward (b) bring off (c) bring back (d) bring up
- Q9 How much money do I need to to your house for the poker game tonight?
(a) bring out (b) bring over (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q10 If natural disasters have anything good about them, it may be the compassion they in people.
(a) bring out (b) bring forward (c) bring up (d) bring back

Question / Response Test

- Q1 When do you have to pick John up at the airport?
- (a) He flew into the international airport (b) I don't think she's coming
(c) I should be there at about five o'clock
- Q2 What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas?
- (a) I picked it up yesterday (b) A bottle of perfume
(c) She received jewelry from her mother
- Q3 How many people are coming to the birthday party?
- (a) There were about 70 people at the restaurant (b) Fifty people were there
around the corner
(c) We're expecting about 25 people
- Q4 What are you doing tonight?
- (a) We had a great time (b) I went to that new Asian restaurant
(c) I think I'm going to a movie with Susan
- Q5 How was your honeymoon?
- (a) It was great (b) We went by plane (c) We went to Mexico
- Q6 What is your favorite kind of food?
- (a) I ate Mexican food yesterday (b) I like Italian food
(c) Korean cuisine is very spicy
- Q7 Who is coming to the business conference?
- (a) The management team and the personnel (b) The assembly line workers were there
department are coming for sure
(c) Fifty members attended the conference
- Q8 What are your thoughts on yesterday's meeting?
- (a) I think the president will be there (b) I'm glad we covered the human resources' issue
(c) We should bring up the workers' concerns
- Q9 When are you going to the party?
- (a) Cindy is coming with me (b) We arrived at 7 pm
(c) We're going right after work
- Q10 Where is the best place to go for a drink?
- (a) I'll meet you there after work (b) The little pub around the corner has great beer on
(c) La Cantina has some great food tap

Short Idioms Exam

- Q1 After their argument, John didn't know if Rick was a friend or
(a) blood (b) rival (c) fiend (d) foe
- Q2 Many Christians believe your body and belong to God.
(a) soul (b) reason (c) brain (d) heart
- Q3 Joanne left abruptly — without rhyme or
(a) verse (b) reason (c) cause (d) record
- Q4 Ben estimated how much wear and the new tires could handle.
(a) tear (b) abuse (c) effect (d) impact
- Q5 He is head over about his new girlfriend.
(a) heart (b) body (c) backwards (d) heels
- Q6 He bent over to please his boss but the manager was never satisfied.
(a) forward (b) backwards (c) both ways (d) sideways
- Q7 Nicole's promotion and added workload kept her as busy as a
(a) fox (b) bird (c) horse (d) bee
- Q8 Mandy's children are her flesh and so they always come first on her priority list.
(a) blood (b) water (c) soul (d) friend
- Q9 On Jen and Brad's very first date, she could tell he was as cunning as a
(a) puppy (b) bear (c) fox (d) wolf
- Q10 Before Tom headed into the forest, he made sure he had packed his bow and
(a) shotgun (b) back pack (c) canteen (d) arrows

Conversations and Comprehension Test

- Q1 Boy: I want to buy a fish.
Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?
Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?
Question: What is the boy looking for?
- (a) A red and yellow fish (b) A cold water Goldfish (c) A tropical fish
- Q2 Ray: I need a vacation.
Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.
Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.
Question: Where does Ray want to go?
- (a) Mexico because it's beautiful at this time of year (b) A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico
(c) The Bahamas
- Q3 Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?
Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.
Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.
Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque?
- (a) The three-legged race (b) The food (c) The games
- Q4 Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.
Maria: Really. Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?
Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low-light requirements.
Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy?
- (a) Small, house plants (b) Plants that need a lot of sunlight
(c) Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight
- Q5 Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.
Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?
Frank: Not too far. It will be about a three-hour drive from here.
Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain?
- (a) By plane (b) By car (c) By ship
- Q6 Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?
Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.
Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.
Question: What department is the new girl in?
- (a) Cathy's department (b) The reception area (c) The mailroom
- Q7 Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?
Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.
Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.
Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference?
- (a) The environment (b) Technology around the world
(c) Technology and modern business

Q8 Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Deb's flight leave?

(a) 7:45 am

(b) 5 am

(c) 7:45 pm

Q9 Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and I out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant?

(a) Axel and his wife

(b) Axel, his wife and her parents

(c) Axel, his wife and his parents

Q10 Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

(a) Much more than 150 people

(b) About 150 people

(c) Less than 150 people

Compound words: someone, anyone, somewhere

- Q1 I asked if wanted an ice cream?
(a) anyone (b) someone (c) everyone (d) no one
- Q2 Did phone me when I was out?
(a) anyone (b) someone (c) everyone (d) no one
- Q3 You're face looks horribly familiar. Haven't I seen you before?
(a) anywhere (b) nowhere (c) somewhere (d) everywhere
- Q4 She left the room without saying
- (a) nothing (b) something (c) everything (d) anything
- Q5 I have never been more beautiful than Thailand.
(a) anywhere (b) nowhere (c) somewhere (d) everywhere
- Q6 Who was at the party? Pete, Anne, Mark, Barry, all the Pearsons, Sally Masters and Sally Bennett.
(a) Anyone (b) Someone (c) Everyone (d) No one
- Q7 What would you like to eat for lunch? I don't mind.
(a) Nothing (b) Something (c) Everything (d) Anything
- Q8 Where do you want to go on holiday? with a beach. I don't care where we go as long as it's sunny and has got a nice sandy beach.
(a) Anywhere (b) Nowhere (c) Somewhere (d) Everywhere
- Q9 I have to say to you. Goodbye.
(a) nothing (b) something (c) everything (d) anything
- Q10 I felt so embarrassed. I was sure that was looking at me.
(a) anyone (b) someone (c) everyone (d) no one

Idioms with the phrasal verb break

- Q1 After years of working for a shoddy employer I was finally able to from that company and set up my own business.
(a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q2 Nasa is currently in the process of trying to work out how to avoid any more of its spaceships from on re-entry to Earth.
(a) breaking off (b) breaking away (c) breaking out (d) breaking up
- Q3 Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the prison were told to be on the look out for a group of criminals who recently of gaol.
(a) broke off (b) broke away (c) broke out (d) broke up
- Q4 It can be very difficult for young couples to a marriage when there are young children involved.
(a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q5 I decided to my relationship with my girlfriend when I found out that she was seeing someone else.
(a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break open
- Q6 "Be careful not to spill the yolk when you the egg."
(a) break out (b) break off (c) break open (d) break down
- Q7 A burglar my house when I was away on vacation and stole some of my electronic goods.
(a) broke into (b) broke off (c) broke open (d) broke up
- Q8 Teachers in Sydney have decided to call a snap strike next week after negotiations with the State Government over a ten per cent pay increase early this morning.
(a) broke into (b) broke down (c) broke open (d) broke up
- Q9 A rebel Labour Party MP recently decided to from his party and become an independent member for his electorate.
(a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q10 I am always very worried that my car will because it is already twenty years old.
(a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break down

Financial and bank expressions

- Q1 Can you please us some money until we get paid next week?
(a) lend (b) give (c) borrow (d) grant
- Q2 I decided to invest in the commodities market as the on offer from the bank was at an all-time low.
(a) increase (b) interest (c) rent (d) tax
- Q3 Many retailers in Jakarta refuse to exchange purchases unless you can show them your
- (a) recipe (b) receipt (c) bill (d) change
- Q4 My boss informed me that I had been nominated to a sales pitch to one of our company's largest buyers.
(a) make (b) perform (c) talk (d) do
- Q5 I saw a very good advertised in the newspaper this week.
(a) employment (b) occupation (c) work (d) job
- Q6 My wife has a job at the department store.
(a) half-time (b) spare-time (c) part-time (d) over-time
- Q7 The psychiatrist gave his patient a for some medicine.
(a) recipe (b) statement (c) prescription (d) receipt
- Q8 When a fire broke out at the Louvre, at least twenty paintings were destroyed, including two by Henri Matisse.
(a) worthless (b) priceless (c) valueless (d) useless
- Q9 I must remember to fill in my tax before the end of this week.
(a) return (b) declaration (c) brochure (d) pamphlet
- Q10 Can you take this money to the bank and make a for me?
(a) loan (b) transaction (c) deposit (d) withdrawal

Idioms with the phrasal verb run

- Q1 The Australian Labour Party doesn't currently have any politicians that would be capable of successfully the Prime Minister at the next federal election.
(a) running away with (b) running for (c) running against (d) running down
- Q2 Hillary Clinton has not ruled out president at the next election.
(a) running off (b) running for (c) running against (d) running down
- Q3 I decided to my girlfriend and get married when I found out that her parents didn't like me because of my religion.
(a) run away with (b) run for (c) run against (d) run through
- Q4 My parents were very disappointed when they found out that I had all their money.
(a) run off with (b) run for (c) run against (d) run through
- Q5 The apartment block failed to attract any buyers and was taken off the market so renovations could be carried out.
(a) run off (b) run through (c) run after (d) run down
- Q6 Many children try to from home for one reason or another at least once during their childhood.
(a) run away (b) run for (c) run against (d) run down
- Q7 It's so nice to you again after all this time. I don't think I've seen you for at least twenty years.
(a) run out (b) run into (c) run after (d) run off
- Q8 Can you please our marketing campaign with me one more time? I don't quite fully understand it yet.
(a) run off (b) run into (c) run through (d) run after
- Q9 Our dog loves to the mail truck.
(a) run through (b) run over (c) run after (d) run in
- Q10 My mum had a with my teacher for not allowing me to go to the toilet during class.
(a) run-on (b) run-in (c) rundown (d) run-off

Traveling Downunder: How can I immigrate to Australia?

- Q1 Tourists who visit Australia without a visa will usually be entry into the country.
(a) refused (b) rejected (c) revoked (d) rebuked
- Q2 The Australian government has decided to increase the number of available to skilled workers next year.
(a) passports (b) documents (c) visas (d) passes
- Q3 The Australian minister for has come under alot of scrutiny lately for her department's decision to issue refugee status to boat people from Papua.
(a) immigrant (b) emigrant (c) colonization (d) immigration
- Q4 Newly arrived migrants must live in Australia for a period of two years before they are eligible to become permanent
(a) nationalities (b) populations (c) residents (d) inhabitants
- Q5 There has been a sharp increase in the number of boat people to Australia in the past ten years.
(a) arriving (b) traveling (c) departing (d) transiting
- Q6 Australia is a country and therefore has the right to choose whether or not tourists are granted with visas.
(a) independent (b) governing (c) autonomous (d) sovereign
- Q7 People with a known history of tuberculosis will automatically be from entering Australia.
(a) refused (b) rejected (c) discarded (d) disqualified
- Q8 Australian citizens who are receiving social security benefits from the government are not permitted to tourists wanting to travel to Australia.
(a) benefactor (b) sponsor (c) giver (d) donor
- Q9 Tourists involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution may have their visas permanently and be banned from entering Australia at any time in the futue.
(a) cancelled (b) called off (c) abandoned (d) annulled
- Q10 Retirement visas do not to Australian permanent residency or citizenship. However people with this type of visa my stay in Australia for a long period of time.
(a) lead (b) result (c) generate (d) develop

How to describe people: attitude expressions

- Q1 My wife is always when she gets her period and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.
(a) jealous (b) talkative (c) content (d) bad-tempered
- Q2 Students at the school where I teach are so They always hand in their homework on time.
(a) patient (b) lazy (c) reliable (d) friendly
- Q3 Glenn is so He always helps out the underprivileged people in our community.
(a) creative (b) reticent (c) sociable (d) generous
- Q4 My little sister is so at school that she is too afraid to ask to go to the toilet.
(a) timid (b) intrepid (c) tolerant (d) envious
- Q5 Never ask Phoebe to dance while her husband is looking. He always gets so of her.
(a) jealous (b) responsive (c) mortified (d) tolerant
- Q6 Our new teacher is so If we don't understand something, she goes over it again and again until we do.
(a) lazy (b) shy (c) patient (d) friendly
- Q7 I think Indonesian people are so They'll always come up to you in the street and try to practice their English.
(a) friendly (b) reliable (c) imaginative (d) bad-tempered
- Q8 Barry loves to talk a lot, doesn't he? In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite as as him.
(a) reserved (b) cantankerous (c) chatty (d) liberal
- Q9 Mary's husband is so He never helps her with any of the chores around the house.
(a) vigorous (b) dependable (c) lazy (d) tolerant
- Q10 Our English teacher at school is so He is always coming up with new games that help make learning fun.
(a) bland (b) creative (c) talkative (d) trustworthy

Comparison with as as

- Q1 Teenage girls smoke almost boys in many of the villages in West Java.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q2 I told my son that I would take me to the circus next week he keeps his promise not to fight with his sister.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q3 You need to go to the hospital possible. An erratic heartbeat can be very dangerous.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q4 Oh no! I failed all my exams last week. I'm dead when my parents see my final report card.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q5 I bet you don't love me I love you. That would be impossible!
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q6 I will accept your marriage proposal you promise to love me and take care of me forever.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q7 Rampant corruption in Indonesia will continue to happen the government continues to deny that the problem exists.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q8 Many British housewives cannot understand why many British men love watching football twice their women.
(a) as good as (b) as soon as (c) as long as (d) as much as
- Q9 Many anti-war protesters think that the President of the United States should withdraw his troops from Iraq possible.
(a) as long as (b) as soon as (c) as good as (d) as much as
- Q10 A wise man once said that a change is almost a holiday.
(a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as

English grammar and vocabulary questions

- Q1 I had to keep my daughter home from school today because she had a of 38 degrees.
(a) fever (b) headache (c) temperature (d) warmth
- Q2 When we were in Bali last year we at a marvelous hotel overlooking the beach.
(a) stopped (b) lived (c) rented (d) stayed
- Q3 I usually up six at 6.30 a.m. every morning.
(a) awake (b) rise (c) get (d) go
- Q4 Good afternoon. I see the manager, please.
(a) will (b) wish (c) like to (d) want to
- Q5 I thought Nancy said she spend the weekend with her parents.
(a) should (b) will (c) is (d) was going to
- Q6 I was wondering if you can me to play the violin?
(a) assist (b) teach (c) learn (d) study
- Q7 Would you this letter to the Post Office, please?
(a) send (b) take (c) retrieve (d) fetch
- Q8 I hate doing the — especially cleaning the windows.
(a) homework (b) housework (c) jobs (d) groundwork
- Q9 I got married years ago.
(a) for two (b) in two (c) at two (d) two
- Q10 I'm sorry but I haven't today.
(a) read my lesson (b) done my lesson (c) done my homework (d) studied my homework

Compound words: aftermath, afterthought, afterbirth

- Q1 After experiencing too many late "sinking spells", The Duchess of Bedford arrived upon the idea of having tea and finger food at about 5 p.m.
(a) afterwards (b) afterbirth (c) afternoon (d) aftertaste
- Q2 In the of World War I the political, cultural, and social order of the world was drastically changed in many places, even outside the areas directly involved in the war.
(a) afterwards (b) afterbirth (c) afternoon (d) aftermath
- Q3 I'm not convinced that the Christian would mean much to me if I had to lie and cheat in order to attain it.
(a) afternoon (b) aftertaste (c) afterlife (d) afterbirth
- Q4 It is better to halt mass murder than to clean it up
(a) afterthought (b) aftermath (c) afterwards (d) afterlife
- Q5 The is delivered during the third stage of labour.
(a) afterthought (b) afterlife (c) aftertaste (d) afterbirth
- Q6 The fruity tones of this mild balanced brew produce a delightful
(a) afterthought (b) afternoon (c) aftertaste (d) afterlife
- Q7 Contrary to popular opinion, Judaism does believe in an, but it is not the primary focus of the religion.
(a) afterthought (b) afternoon (c) aftertaste (d) afterlife
- Q8 We enjoyed the rest of our lunch, but I think we were both pretty taken aback by the encounter we had when we first entered the restaurant.
(a) afterwards (b) aftermath (c) afternoon (d) aftertaste
- Q9 Childcare is currently available for Kindergarten children on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
(a) afterthought (b) afternoon (c) aftertaste (d) afterbirth
- Q10 The Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme commenced activities in January 2005 in the immediate of the Tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004.
(a) afterthought (b) aftertaste (c) afternoon (d) aftermath

Idioms with the phrasal verb drop

- Q1 Many parents assume that their children will in school if they spend too much time playing video games.
(a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop over (d) drop behind
- Q2 Children who of school face a high risk of sexual exploitation, hazardous labor, and living in the street.
(a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q3 It is not necessary to attend every class in order to participate, so please and join the fun!
(a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q4 Students who are required to pass a test to enter the 9th grade are more likely to prior to entering 10th grade.
(a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q5 A 27-year-old Canadian woman confused the weekend with a weekday and her 6-year-old at school on a Saturday.
(a) dropped off (b) dropped out (c) dropped behind (d) dropped in
- Q6 Visitors attending the annual Open House have the option of either participating in information sessions for their entire duration or portions of the seminars based on their schedule and interest.
(a) dropping out (b) dropping in (c) dropping behind (d) dropping in on
- Q7 Special ramps for picking up and passengers are provided at the curbs of the arrival and departure floors of each terminal.
(a) dropping off (b) dropping out (c) dropping behind (d) dropping in
- Q8 Unannounced visits are usual on campus, and guests are always welcome. Friends sometimes one another, but it is mostly relatives who visit each other, and mothers who frequently meet with their daughters.
(a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q9 Please between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday November 16 for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation.
(a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop in (d) drop behind
- Q10 Senior Constable Smith asked the suspect to the police station at lunch time in order to answer some questions regarding his alleged involvement in a bank robbery.
(a) drop over (b) drop off (c) drop out (d) drop by

Idioms with the phrasal verb pass

- Q1 The World Congress of Georgian Jews yesterday announced the of their head rabbi.
(a) passing through (b) passing by (c) passing away (d) passing round
- Q2 Entrepreneurs have several options when it comes to a family business to their children.
(a) passing over (b) passing out (c) passing by (d) passing on
- Q3 Don't your opportunity to increase sales by leveraging the power of email marketing.
(a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass by (d) pass round
- Q4 Once you Prospect Street, we will be on the right hand side of the block, directly across the street from the museum.
(a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q5 If you were to suddenly, your business could be tied up in probate court for several years.
(a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q6 Lawmakers shouldn't the chance to regulate tobacco.
(a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q7 I can make myself I do it by taking in a deep breath and then pushing all that air down. It takes me about 15 seconds.
(a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass over (d) pass by
- Q8 Foreign companies will have to the hat to pay for the extra costs of doing business in Indonesia.
(a) pass up (b) pass by (c) pass round (d) pass over
- Q9 Approximately 27,000 — 29,000 vehicles the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on a daily basis.
(a) pass through (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass on
- Q10 The game is just a preadolescent version of autoerotic asphyxia paraphilia.
(a) pass through (b) pass out (c) pass by (d) pass over

Airport and flight travel expressions

- Q1 Check-in counters are open two hours before the scheduled flight time.
(a) going (b) arrival (c) departure (d) transit
- Q2 It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure their is valid for entry and they have fulfilled all immigration requirements in the country of destination.
(a) endorsement (b) passport (c) document (d) papers
- Q3 Passengers are required to produce appropriate at the check-in counter.
(a) passport (b) visa (c) ticket (d) identification
- Q4 Passengers are advised to be at the gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.
(a) boarding (b) ticket (c) departure (d) arrival
- Q5 If you fail to check in on time or fail to board the aircraft by the time the aircraft departs, the fare you paid will not be to you for any reason whatsoever.
(a) returned (b) remunerated (c) refunded (d) rewarded
- Q6 Children below age 12 will not be accepted for unless they are accompanied by a person of at least 18 years of age.
(a) journey (b) voyage (c) carriage (d) trip
- Q7 Passengers are strongly not to check in valuable and fragile items as baggage.
(a) advised (b) informed (c) told (d) reminded
- Q8 Passengers are required to retrieve their as soon as it is available for collection at their place of destination.
(a) ticket (b) baggage (c) boarding pass (d) passport
- Q9 It is the passenger's responsibility to all outgoing flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.
(a) rebook (b) reorder (c) reserve (d) reconfirm
- Q10 Passengers must at the airport sufficiently in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to permit completion of government formalities and check-in procedures.
(a) depart (b) transit (c) arrive (d) transfer

Digital cameras, photography and picture vocabulary

- Q1 To save power, your camera will enter standby mode if no operations are performed for a preset length of time.
(a) battery (b) tripod (c) memory (d) lens
- Q2 Pictures stored on the can be printed in the same way as photos taken with a film camera.
(a) memory (b) zoom (c) flash (d) memory card
- Q3 When the is on, pictures are taken ten seconds after the shutter-release button is pressed.
(a) tripod (b) view finder (c) power switch (d) self-timer
- Q4 One key to cleaning the of your camera is not to touch it with your fingers.
(a) zoom (b) eyelet (c) lens (d) tripod
- Q5 Pictures can be by inserting a memory card containing images into a printer or having prints made at a digital photo lab.
(a) taken (b) shot (c) printed (d) exposed
- Q6 The on your camera may not be able to light the entire subject at distances of less than 40 centimeters.
(a) lens (b) flash (c) zoom (d) microphone
- Q7 Pictures taken with a digital camera are stored as files.
(a) image (b) memory (c) compression (d) analogue
- Q8 To reduce the amount of memory each image occupies, pictures are as they are saved to the memory card.
(a) enlarged (b) compressed (c) spread out (d) deleted
- Q9 Pictures are stored in created automatically by the camera.
(a) memory (b) displays (c) folders (d) focus
- Q10 If your camera fails to as expected, you should check the troubleshooting section of your instruction manual.
(a) photograph (b) snapshot (c) function (d) display

Expressions with death, marriage and divorce

- Q1 Her father's came as great shock to all those who knew him.
(a) dead (b) died (c) death (d) die
- Q2 Did you hear? James and Beth last week.
(a) get married (b) been married (c) got married (d) married
- Q3 Our poor old dog is We've had him for fourteen years. He just sleeps all day long.
(a) dead (b) dying (c) death (d) die
- Q4 The young girl screamed when she saw the body sprawled out on her living room floor.
(a) dead (b) dying (c) death (d) die
- Q5 We had a lovely in a small country church. The ceremony was presided over by our parish priest.
(a) reception (b) marriage (c) wedding (d) honeymoon
- Q6 My great grandfather's body was lost at sea in a horrific boat accident yesterday. A will be held for him at the Presbyterian church next Thursday.
(a) funeral (b) burial (c) cremation (d) memorial service
- Q7 Helen is planning to with Michael.
(a) marry (b) elope (c) engage (d) divorce
- Q8 Sterility is not adequate grounds for divorce or in New Zealand.
(a) annulment (b) nuptials (c) matrimony (d) marriage
- Q9 Marriage ceremonies must take place 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in a room with an open door in Manitoba.
(a) after (b) between (c) from (d) during
- Q10 The body of my late wife was laid to rest in a beautiful cedar adorned with twelve dozen white roses.
(a) casket (b) wreath (c) grave (d) morgue

Mobile telecommunication expressions

- Q1 You can receive, display, edit and/or send text messages on any network that has a agreement.
(a) multimedia messaging service (b) roaming
(c) short message service (d) mailbox
- Q2 It is for drivers to exercise proper control of their vehicle at all times whilst using the mobile phone.
(a) irrelevant (b) illegal (c) imperative (d) inconsequential
- Q3 Before removing the battery from your phone, please ensure that the device is switched off and the is disconnected from the handset.
(a) charger (b) antenna (c) ear piece (d) infrared port
- Q4 You can transfer data between two cellular phones by using the connection located on the front of your phone.
(a) hands free (b) main (c) infra red (d) charger
- Q5 Recently phone numbers, answered calls and missed calls are stored in the call log.
(a) deleted (b) added (c) fixed (d) dialed
- Q6 Before Internet services can be accessed on your cellular phone, you need to to your network operator to enable the relevant configuration information.
(a) subscribe (b) contact (c) get in touch with (d) make contact with
- Q7 Cell broadcasts allow users to messages on specified topics, such as traffic, and weather information from their network operator.
(a) receive (b) dispatch (c) process (d) translate
- Q8 The message centre number for your network should be preprogrammed on your SIM card.
(a) contributor (b) supplier (c) contractor (d) provider
- Q9 When you receive an MMS message on your phone, the message is displayed along with a tone, illumination and/or vibration.
(a) box (b) icon (c) key (d) connector
- Q10 Some hand phones are designed to be with certain multimedia messaging services.
(a) communicable (b) comfortable (c) comparable (d) compatible

Idioms with the phrasal verb pull

- Q1 I was told that his chances for the surgery were slim and if he did make it, he was given little hope for the next 24 hours.
(a) pulling in (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling down
- Q2 "If you don't behave," my father said, "I'm going to right here, and you can wait by the side of the road till we come and get you."
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q3 this period has given me the confidence and courage to pursue anything I want to despite the hard times.
(a) Pulling off (b) Pulling out (c) Pulling through (d) Pulling in
- Q4 Children should never be allowed to play in driveways because one never knows when someone may
(a) pull over (b) pull off (c) pull through (d) pull in
- Q5 President Bush said last Saturday that of Iraq now is not an option and rejected calls by some lawmakers to start bringing U.S. troops home.
(a) pulling off (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling in
- Q6 The M4 dissects the Downs and the rest of the county from east to west. The noise affects a wide area either side of the motorway and can real estate prices.
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q7 Cyclists should always remember that motorists will frequently cross the bike lane to park and and out of driveways.
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull in
- Q8 Rescue teams rushed to the site and started bodies from beneath the wreckage of the five-storied Al Ghaza hotel.
(a) pulling in (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling down
- Q9 If you experience a breakdown, you should to the side of the road and raise the hood of your car.
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q10 One of the most memorable images of the war was created when U.S. troops the statue of Saddam Hussein in Fardus Square.
(a) pulled over (b) pulled out (c) pulled through (d) pulled down

Idioms with the phrasal verb get

- Q1 After the small talk was over, it was time for the two heads of state to discussions concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.
(a) get through with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q2 My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to paying taxes in my own country was to set up an offshore bank account.
(a) get away with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q3 The high school teacher was so strict that he would not let his students any of the stunts that they tried to pull with their previous teacher.
(a) get away with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q4 Train passengers wishing to go to the football match were advised to the train at the next stop.
(a) get on with (b) get off (c) get in (d) get on
- Q5 By the time I you, you will be sorry that you ever stepped foot on the face of this earth.
(a) get through with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q6 The referee instructed both captains to stop their complaining and the rugby match.
(a) get by with (b) get on with (c) get through with (d) get by with
- Q7 The days when Americans can in the world on English only will soon be gone.
(a) get in (b) get off (c) get by (d) get on
- Q8 Please mind your step when you the train.
(a) get on with (b) get by with (c) get by (d) get on
- Q9 I knew that I had to early the next morning so I set my alarm for 4.30 a.m.
(a) get on (b) get off (c) get up (d) get out
- Q10 Employees at the reinsurance company were finding it very difficult to with their new manager.
(a) get along (b) get away (c) get through (d) get out

Idioms with the phrasal verb go

- Q1 Pakistani viewers will no longer be able to watch their favorite Bollywood movies as the government has decided that all Indian cable channels will the air at the end of this month.
(a) go off (b) go out (c) go on (d) go over
- Q2 Would you rather for a picnic or a meal at a restaurant?
(a) go off (b) go out (c) go on (d) go over
- Q3 The mayor has allowed vendors to to their old place after many of them complained of lesser income following the implementation of the night market last week.
(a) go back (b) go out (c) go on (d) go off
- Q4 Rosie overslept because her alarm clock didn't this morning.
(a) go off (b) go over (c) go on (d) go back
- Q5 The families of the seven astronauts lost aboard the space shuttle Columbia told NASA last Monday that space exploration must
(a) go out (b) go over (c) go off (d) go on
- Q6 Indonesia's fuel subsidies could 100 trillion Rupiah (\$9.6 billion) due to high prices and fuel scarcity in parts of the world's fourth most populous country, its president said on Tuesday.
(a) go on (b) go over (c) go out (d) go off
- Q7 Two out of every five companies struck by disaster of business.
(a) go back (b) go over (c) go out (d) go off
- Q8 the railroad tracks, and at the traffic light, go straight. The street becomes Broad St. as you cross over Main St. Continue to the next stoplight on Broad St. and turn right onto Markham Ave. The library is the first building on the left.
(a) Go back (b) Go over (c) Go out (d) Go off
- Q9 A chiropractor who claims he can treat anyone by in time to when an injury occurred has attracted the attention of State regulators.
(a) going out (b) going off (c) going back (d) going over
- Q10 Earlier this morning the wind was blowing at about 25 mph and the temperature was -5 F. It was way too cold to jogging.
(a) go back (b) go over (c) go out (d) go off

Phrasal Verbs (A to B)

- Q1 Sherri tries to Marcie all the time.
(a) act up (b) act like (c) seeming like
- Q2 When he tried to balance his checkbook, he found that things just didn't
(a) add on (b) add right (c) add up
- Q3 Ken really likes Kirstie but he's too nervous to
(a) ask her out (b) ask her on (c) ask out
- Q4 Lenny didn't when his superior reprimanded him.
(a) back up (b) back down (c) back over
- Q5 Norman is really aggressive and sometimes he should know when to
(a) back up (b) back off (c) back over
- Q6 Sandy wants to learn how to drive but she must also learn how to so she can get in and out of parking spots easily.
(a) back up (b) back behind (c) back off
- Q7 No one at the office expected him to lose his temper and the way he did.
(a) blow away (b) blow over (c) blow up
- Q8 After the tragic accident, Lauren's mother had a nervous
(a) breakup (b) breakdown (c) breakthrough
- Q9 Kathy felt a little uneasy when she found out her neighbours had a
(a) break-in (b) breakout (c) break
- Q10 No one in the group could believe that Sally and Steve
(a) broke over (b) broke up (c) broke apart

Phrasal Verbs (B to C)

- Q1 Marty often important issues at the meetings.
(a) brought down (b) brought up (c) brought over
- Q2 Sue felt she should on her math skills before she started school.
(a) brush on (b) brush over (c) brush up
- Q3 He could feel the back of his neck when they started talking about the tragedy.
(a) burn on (b) burn in (c) burn up
- Q4 Candace has a bad habit of in front of others.
(a) butting in (b) butting (c) butting into
- Q5 Ken tried to his teachers in order to get a good report card.
(a) butter up (b) butter over (c) butter in
- Q6 The guard had to the dogs when Henry approached the locked gate.
(a) call on (b) call down (c) call off
- Q7 Everyone could see by the grimace on his face that he didn't the meal in front of him.
(a) care on (b) care for (c) care of
- Q8 He didn't to new concepts easily.
(a) catch on (b) catch up (c) catch with
- Q9 They the hotel late last night.
(a) checked into (b) checked on (c) checked
- Q10 Due to his illness, he worked hard to with his missed schoolwork.
(a) catch on (b) catch up (c) catch

Action verbs and sports expressions

- Q1 People have against each other in bowling for thousands of years.
(a) originated (b) competed (c) enjoyed (d) gained
- Q2 The French probably tennis in about 1150.
(a) developed (b) originated (c) competed (d) invented
- Q3 Martina Navratilova into one of the world's greatest tennis players.
(a) excelled (b) played (c) developed (d) established
- Q4 Michael Schumacher has Formula 1 racing over the past decade.
(a) competed (b) invented (c) dominated (d) excelled
- Q5 Helen Moody a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.
(a) set (b) played (c) starred (d) defeated
- Q6 In Germany during the Middle Ages, people bowling at village dances.
(a) competed (b) gained (c) enjoyed (d) brought
- Q7 Ellen Hanson the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.
(a) developed (b) dominated (c) earned (d) starred
- Q8 Mary E. Outerbridge the first tennis court in New York City in 1874.
(a) originated (b) competed (c) dominated (d) established
- Q9 Alethea Gibson to play tennis on the streets of New York City.
(a) earned (b) learned (c) competed (d) excelled
- Q10 In 1926 Suzanne Lenglen in the first U.S. professional tennis tour.
(a) invented (b) learned (c) starred (d) enjoyed

English prepositions exercises

- Q1 Please place the umbrella stand the door.
(a) across (b) beside (c) through (d) before
- Q2 You can get extra supplies the stationery store.
(a) with (b) from (c) about (d) during
- Q3 Eileen and Miranda have been best friends third grade.
(a) after (b) during (c) from (d) since
- Q4 We can do this work any extra help.
(a) without (b) withdraw (c) with (d) within
- Q5 Michael stood the other new students in his class.
(a) apart from (b) according to (c) in addition to (d) out of
- Q6 We ran five laps the gym and then practiced our jump shots.
(a) against (b) across (c) around (d) among
- Q7 During my study time, I came this beautiful poem.
(a) past (b) over (c) onto (d) upon
- Q8 Will you please write about John Cabot Abigail Adams?
(a) in front of (b) in spite of (c) instead of (d) into
- Q9 Everyone went outside the building the false alarm.
(a) because of (b) in front of (c) on top of (d) instead of
- Q10 The airplane flew the storm.
(a) about (b) above (c) along (d) ahead

this, that, these, those

- Q1 Look over there. is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen.
(a) That (b) Those (c) These (d) This
- Q2 Miriam told same joke yesterday.
(a) these (b) this (c) that (d) those
- Q3 Matthew, take and put it over there.
(a) this (b) that (c) these (d) those
- Q4 Her eyes shining, the little girl pointed to piece of candy.
(a) that (b) this (c) these (d) those
- Q5 elephants are sleeping under the shade of the elm tree over there.
(a) These (b) Those (c) This (d) That
- Q6 are the best days of our lives.
(a) These (b) This (c) Those (d) That
- Q7 students at the administration office want to transfer to our school.
(a) Those (b) That (c) This (d) These
- Q8 The pilot calmly steered us through big cloud.
(a) this (b) that (c) these (d) those
- Q9 film that dad saw last week seems like an interesting movie to watch.
(a) These (b) That (c) This (d) Those
- Q10 May I buy five of pictures hanging over there, please?
(a) this (b) that (c) these (d) those

Common subordinating conjunctions

- Q1 Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats it is easy to shape.
(a) although (b) because (c) after (d) while
- Q2 I haven't spoken with Jane she moved.
(a) unless (b) while (c) since (d) although
- Q3 Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities the weather is bad.
(a) when (b) where (c) wherever (d) whereas
- Q4 Please read the book it's still available from the library.
(a) before (b) although (c) since (d) while
- Q5 Everybody had dessert they finished eating the main course.
(a) while (b) because (c) until (d) after
- Q6 The pep rally won't begin the last class of the day has ended.
(a) until (b) so that (c) since (d) than
- Q7 Elena will groom the horse in the morning she can ride it in the afternoon.
(a) until (b) unless (c) so that (d) when
- Q8 You will receive extra credit you turn in your project early.
(a) although (b) than (c) if (d) unless
- Q9 The concert will end at 10.30 p.m. the audience insists on several encores.
(a) while (b) unless (c) though (d) as
- Q10 they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.
(a) Until (b) Where (c) When (d) Before

Reflexive and intensive pronouns

- Q1 One person who made a career based on the sea was Rachel Carson.
(a) himself (b) herself (c) itself (d) myself
- Q2 Deep-sea divers wear wetsuits to protect under the water.
(a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) itself
- Q3 If you were a diver, you would buy a JIM suit or helmet.
(a) myself (b) himself (c) yourself (d) herself
- Q4 Divers use external air supplies to enable to breathe under water.
(a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) himself (d) themselves
- Q5 Decompression sickness manifests with joint pain, and it can be fatal.
(a) myself (b) herself (c) itself (d) himself
- Q6 Rachel Carson's first book, *Under the Sea-Wind*, described struggles sea creatures find facing.
(a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) itself
- Q7 Rachel Carson's life was marked with conservation efforts that we can learn from.
(a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) herself
- Q8 Rachel Carson put on a diver's helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for
(a) myself (b) himself (c) herself (d) ourself
- Q9 The bends occurs when divers raise to the top too quickly.
(a) ourselves (b) themselves (c) yourselves (d) itself
- Q10 A diver must supply with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.
(a) himself (b) itself (c) yourself (d) myself

Simple Present, Simple Past, Simple Future

- Q1 The candidate many voters when she ran for governor last year.
(a) impress (b) impressed (c) will impress
- Q2 My father still heating oil from a company in Chicago.
(a) buys (b) bought (c) will buy
- Q3 Janelle for the neighbours next Saturday night.
(a) baby-sat (b) baby-sit (c) will baby-sit
- Q4 When she was younger, my grandmother in a mortuary.
(a) works (b) will work (c) worked
- Q5 The athlete with the college track team next month.
(a) trains (b) trained (c) will train
- Q6 The relative humidity usually when the temperature goes down.
(a) falls (b) fell (c) will fall
- Q7 Next year we in the eighth grade.
(a) are (b) will be (c) were
- Q8 Her best friend in that apartment building over there.
(a) live (b) lives (c) living
- Q9 Last week we 150 newspapers.
(a) delivers (b) delivered (c) will deliver
- Q10 Yesterday you you would like to learn how to knit a sweater.
(a) said (b) say (c) will say

Expressions with ill: ill at ease, ill-mannered

- Q1 A Christian should abandon all toward the person they forgive.
 (a) ill will (b) ill timed (c) ill mannered (d) ill at ease
- Q2 Impolite, foul-mouthed parents invariably produce, foul-mouthed children.
 (a) ill timed (b) ill advised (c) ill mannered (d) ill gotten
- Q3 The president clearly felt a little with some of the protesters' rhetoric, but he eventually agreed to talk to them.
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill mannered (c) ill at ease (d) ill advised
- Q4 To end suffering completely, one must remove desire, and ignorance.
 (a) ill will (b) ill mannered (c) ill timed (d) ill at ease
- Q5 The decision of the Sri Lankan selectors to rest Marvan Atapattu for the third test match was and dangerous.
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill at ease (c) ill timed (d) ill mannered
- Q6 Using their and extraordinary financial resources and insider dealing, the oligarchs gained control over much of Russia's political apparatus.
 (a) ill mannered (b) ill gotten (c) ill timed (d) ill advised
- Q7 According to the Small Business Association (SBA), "Inadequate or financing is a major reason for small-business failure."
 (a) ill mannered (b) ill at ease (c) ill advised (d) ill timed
- Q8 Today's youth is far more disorderly and than in the past and it is not just a minority but the vast majority.
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill timed (c) ill mannered (d) ill at ease
- Q9 Some immigrants of middle-eastern descent currently living in Oregon still feel after the September 11th terrorist attacks.
 (a) ill advised (b) ill at ease (c) ill mannered (d) ill gotten
- Q10 The world has suffered more from the ravages of marriages than from virginity.
 (a) ill advised (b) ill at ease (c) ill gotten (d) ill will

Idioms with the prasal verb fall

- Q1 David Beckham's Sir Alex Ferguson originated from his decision to stay at home and tend his ailing son rather than attend training on that particular Friday.
(a) fall-through (b) fall behind in (c) fallback on (d) fallout with
- Q2 Don't always creating another database or a workaround program because there may actually be a better business solution for the problem.
(a) fall through (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q3 Frequent binge drinkers are eight times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss a class, schoolwork, get hurt or injured, and damage property.
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q4 Student mentors catch children before they cracks.
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q5 The northeastern state of Assam could the Indian map soon.
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q6 A Brussels based think tank reported that Europe is Asia in terms of education and skills.
(a) falling behind (b) falling behind in (c) falling back on (d) falling off
- Q7 She had no family support system to, and she couldn't afford daycare.
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q8 A recent survey showed that one in three house hunters have had a property purchase
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q9 Some married couples each other over differences of opinion on how things could or should be done.
(a) fall through (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q10 Deciduous trees send messages to leaves telling them when to
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall off

Idioms with the phrasal verb put

- Q1 Our daily habits often force us to all kinds of degrading and destructive events, all in the name of keeping things comfortable or familiar.
(a) put up (b) put up with (c) put on hold (d) put out
- Q2 A Russian culture festival on Tajik territory has been indefinitely because of a local typhoid fever outbreak.
(a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q3 The Government has decided to the recent Cabinet decision to cut the food subsidy bill by 30 per cent, following protests from a section of Congress.
(a) put up (b) put out (c) put on hold (d) put in
- Q4 your garbage at the designated pickup point by 8 a.m. on the collection days scheduled for your area.
(a) Put off (b) Put in (c) Put out (d) Put on
- Q5 It was reported that Hyundai Motor Co. will a car-assembly plant in the Philippines after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea forge a free trade agreement.
(a) put up (b) put in (c) put up with (d) put out
- Q6 Sweaters are easy to, comfortable, warm and above all stylish.
(a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q7 The United Nations was charge of sorting out differences among countries offering to build a Tsunami early warning system after a flood of proposals in the wake of the Indian Ocean tragedy.
(a) put in (b) put up with (c) put on hold (d) put out
- Q8 Homeowners a kitchen fire last Sunday night, only to soon notice the fire was spreading inside the walls of their home.
(a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q9 French soldiers decided to a Punch and Judy show for their American counterparts.
(a) put on (b) put in (c) put off (d) put out
- Q10 A Betawi couple hoping to marry last weekend were forced to their wedding ceremony until law and order had been restored in the city.
(a) put on (b) put in (c) put off (d) put out

Reported commands: reported speech

- Q1 "Would you like to spend the weekend with us?" They her to spend the weekend with them.
(a) advised (b) ordered (c) invited (d) begged
- Q2 "Could you open the window please?" She him to open the window.
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) asked (d) warned
- Q3 "Go to bed immediately!" Mary's mother her to go to bed immediately.
(a) advised (b) begged (c) asked (d) ordered
- Q4 "Don't forget to post the letter!" He me to post the letter.
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) begged (d) asked
- Q5 "Park the car behind the van." The instructor him to park the car behind the van.
(a) offered (b) told (c) asked (d) ordered
- Q6 "Please, please, turn down the radio!" Mark's sister him to turn the radio down.
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) asked (d) begged
- Q7 "Don't play with the matches. They're very dangerous." The teacher the children not to play with the matches.
(a) ordered (b) asked (c) warned (d) begged
- Q8 "I'll give you a lift to the airport." Michelle to give her husband a lift to the airport.
(a) refused (b) offered (c) asked (d) begged
- Q9 "I won't lend you any more money." Matthew to lend me any more money.
(a) offered (b) asked (c) refused (d) invited
- Q10 The teacher said to her student: "You need to study harder." She him to study harder.
(a) asked (b) advised (c) ordered (d) begged

Doing business: expressions with the word business

- Q1 A represents written documentation of the vital issues necessary to convince investors that a particular opportunity is worthy of investment.
(a) business class (b) business card (c) business park (d) business plan
- Q2 Whether you are looking for a job or running a company, giving out is crucial to marketing your skills or services.
(a) business studies (b) business cards (c) business hours (d) business plans
- Q3 passengers have a lavatory reserved for their exclusive use.
(a) Business hours (b) Business park (c) Business class (d) Business card
- Q4 The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center are 8 am 5 pm Monday through Friday.
(a) business hours (b) business cards (c) business suits (d) business parks
- Q5 Today, it is rare to see a worn with a waistcoat in North America, although it is still popular among conservative-minded businessmen in the rest of the world.
(a) business park (b) business card (c) business suit (d) business plan
- Q6 "Well here we are rapidly approaching the of the season."
(a) business card (b) business park (c) business end (d) business suit
- Q7 The Economics & Business Education Association represents teachers and lecturers of and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout the UK.
(a) business hours (b) business studies (c) business parks (d) businessmen
- Q8 Our attitude is reserved entirely for the way we behave at work.
(a) business wise (b) business card (c) businesswoman (d) businesslike
- Q9 We offer e-mail services that give you superior spam and fraud protection and a custom domain name in your e-mail, all for a reasonable price.
(a) business card (b) business class (c) business end (d) business plan
- Q10 Data marts can be a good way to serve the data needs of a particular set of users, allowing specialized functions such as data cleansing, joining, formatting and transformations to be performed automatically.
(a) business plan (b) business card (c) business end (d) business suit

Australiana: expressions that describe life in Australia

- Q1 Australia is roughly the same as the United States with less than a tenth of the people.
(a) bulk (b) landmass (c) size (d) volume
- Q2 In a 2003 survey conducted by the United Nations, Australia came in fourth among the best in the world to live based on based on income, education and life expectancy.
(a) regions (b) provinces (c) territories (d) countries
- Q3 Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so the are opposite of those in the Northern Hemisphere.
(a) times (b) seasons (c) months (d) years
- Q4 Melbourne is Australia's second largest town and was recently the best city in the world in which to live.
(a) decided (b) given (c) voted (d) awarded
- Q5 Adelaide is in Southern Australia and is the quintessential picture of charm with its colonial architecture.
(a) located (b) placed (c) established (d) to be found
- Q6 Perth is the most westerntown of Australia and holds the of having more sun filled hours than most of Australia's other capital cities.
(a) peculiarity (b) admiration (c) notoriety (d) distinction
- Q7 Perth offers an eclectic within the breathtaking backdrop of grassy parks, towering palm trees and endless waterways.
(a) daily life (b) life (c) everyday life (d) lifestyle
- Q8 If you're looking for a spectacular of life in a diverse country then Australia is well worth serious consideration.
(a) quantity (b) superiority (c) quality (d) meaning
- Q9 Whether you in the fast pace of big city life or crave the tranquility of the desert, Australia is such a diverse country that you're likely to find exactly what you are seeking.
(a) like (b) thrive (c) enjoy (d) benefit
- Q10 In a world that is often turned upside down with, Australia still paints a picture of tranquility, a laidback lifestyle and a "can-do" attitude.
(a) turmoil (b) order (c) protest (d) disturbance

Facts about pizza in the US: pizza industry expressions

- Q1 Americans are the greatest and consumers of pizza in the world.
(a) creators (b) producers (c) inventors (d) users
- Q2 Americans eat 350 of pizza per second.
(a) slices (b) segments (c) parts (d) fragments
- Q3 There are 61,269 in the United States.
(a) pizza users (b) pizzas (c) pizzerias (d) pizza pies
- Q4 Pizza is a \$30 billion per year
- (a) corporation (b) company (c) industry (d) conglomerate
- Q5 October is national pizza in the United States.
(a) day (b) year (c) month (d) week
- Q6 The world's pizzeria opened in Naples in 1830.
(a) latest (b) last (c) first (d) newest
- Q7 Pizza Hut has over 12,000 restaurants the world.
(a) through (b) all through (c) throughout (d) all the way through
- Q8 Pepperoni is the pizza that Americans like the most.
(a) component (b) topping (c) part (d) element
- Q9 Pizza to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century.
(a) roamed (b) wandered (c) drifted (d) migrated
- Q10 The popularity of pizza really when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II.
(a) detonated (b) exploded (c) blasted (d) blew up

Who wants to be a millionaire?

- Q1 Many people have about winning a big prize in the lottery.
(a) imagined (b) visualized (c) fantasized (d) discovered
- Q2 For many people, their way of life is closely linked to their circumstances.
(a) economic (b) ergonomic (c) profitable (d) money
- Q3 Most people like the of not having to work.
(a) scheme (b) suggestion (c) design (d) idea
- Q4 People who win the lottery are usually advised not to their address and phone number.
(a) douse (b) screen (c) transmit (d) publicize
- Q5 There are many stories about people who couldn't how to be rich.
(a) teach (b) cram (c) learn (d) revise
- Q6 A sailor from Sweden won three million dollars in the lottery and handed it to shipmates and strangers in the street.
(a) previous (b) former (c) past (d) earlier
- Q7 All over the world, lotteries new millionaires every week.
(a) construct (b) craft (c) build (d) create
- Q8 A 45 year old cook from Sydney three weeks after winning 10 million dollars in the lottery.
(a) dropped away (b) dropped out (c) dropped off (d) dropped dead
- Q9 In 1989, a woman from Los Angeles won 7 million dollars in the lottery and immediately went on a spree.
(a) indulging (b) gorging (c) spending (d) fussing
- Q10 Many people about what they would do with their money if they won the lottery.
(a) plan (b) dream (c) vision (d) hallucinate

Pablo Picasso: expressions describing the Picasso's life

- Q1 Pablo Picasso showed his from a very young age.
(a) genius (b) brain (c) master mind (d) clever
- Q2 Picasso hated school and often to go unless he could take his pet with him.
(a) rebuked (b) rebuffed (c) rejected (d) refused
- Q3 Picasso's of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong places.
(a) likenesses (b) portraits (c) descriptions (d) images
- Q4 Picasso died of heart failure during an of influenza in 1973.
(a) attack (b) assault (c) offence (d) assail
- Q5 Picasso's work ideas about art around the world.
(a) misused (b) ruined (c) changed (d) tainted
- Q6 Picasso was on October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain.
(a) born (b) borne (c) birth (d) birthday
- Q7 Picasso to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters.
(a) grew up (b) grown up (c) grew out of (d) grew on
- Q8 Picasso's genius as an artist was by many people.
(a) famous (b) familiar (c) recognized (d) distinguished
- Q9 When Picasso was 90 years old, he was honored by an at the Louvre in Paris.
(a) explanation (b) display (c) exhibition (d) museum
- Q10 Picasso over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures.
(a) painted (b) formed (c) shaped (d) created

Words in context: strong collocations

- Q1 Please take these separate lists and them into one document.
(a) specify (b) maneuver (c) merge (d) divulge
- Q2 This pet store sells rare tropical fish and other creatures.
(a) chaotic (b) erotic (c) robotic (d) exotic
- Q3 I guarantee that your hot temper will cause you trouble.
(a) ironically (b) gradually (c) inevitably (d) wholeheartedly
- Q4 My teacher mumbled so softly that I could only understand him.
(a) persistently (b) vaguely (c) discreetly (d) invariably
- Q5 After the terrible tsunami our orderly lives became
- (a) chaotic (b) erotic (c) exotic (d) robotic
- Q6 If the cookie recipe is complete, it will the ingredients you need.
(a) divulge (b) elicit (c) specify (d) emerge
- Q7 Peter was the best swimmer, but he lost the final of the swimming competition.
(a) vaguely (b) surly (c) inevitably (d) ironically
- Q8 Our final idea for the product was much better than our one.
(a) illuminated (b) intellectual (c) intense (d) initial
- Q9 After I fell down the steps, I felt unsteady and
- (a) flighty (b) giddy (c) scatty (d) squatty
- Q10 During our walk along the beach we noticed the shifting reflections on the surface of the water.
(a) unflinching (b) undulating (c) unfaltering (d) indiscriminating

Expressions with heart: heartache, heartthrob, heartburn

- Q1 Getting over a break-up is hard to do. Instead of wallowing in your, try to take positive steps to put your failed relationship behind you.
(a) heartbeat (b) heartburn (c) heartache (d) heartbreak
- Q2 Spanish singing Enrique Iglesias has been forced to pull out of concerts in Hong Kong and in the Philippines because of a visa problem in Malaysia.
(a) heartbreak (b) heartthrob (c) heartbeat (d) heartburn
- Q3 I feel really blessed, you know, because a lot of people who have a never get any advance warning.
(a) heart attack (b) heartache (c) heartburn (d) heart disease
- Q4 Nighttime not only disrupts your sleep, but it may lead to other health risks such as raising your risk of cancer or aggravating asthma.
(a) heartbeat (b) heartland (c) heartfelt (d) heartburn
- Q5 Allow me to express my sorrow at the immense tragedy that has been perpetrated upon the American people by the wicked evildoers who were responsible for the September 11th terrorist attacks.
(a) heartache (b) heartburn (c) heartthrob (d) heartfelt
- Q6 Palpitations are sensations that feel like pounding or racing.
(a) heartthrob (b) heartbeat (c) heartbreak (d) heartfelt
- Q7 Just about everyone experiences the type of grief we call at one time or another.
(a) heartbreak (b) heartburn (c) heart attack (d) heart disease
- Q8 The UK has one of the highest rates of death from in the world.
(a) heartbreak (b) heartbeat (c) heartthrob (d) heart disease
- Q9 The Burgundy countryside is fast becoming the Islamic of France.
(a) heartthrob (b) heartfelt (c) heartland (d) heartburn
- Q10 Bollywood Hrithik Roshan pointed a finger at a gang of camera-happy Indian fans gathered to watch him shooting a film on the south bank of the river Thames.
(a) heartbeat (b) heartthrob (c) heartache (d) heartbreak

Idioms with the phrasal verb knock

- Q1 I usually work at about 4:00 o'clock and run to the station to catch the train to my next job.
(a) knock on (b) knock off (c) knock up (d) knock out
- Q2 England South Africa in the Singapore Sevens tournament at Singapore's National Stadium, beating them 33-14 in the semi-final yesterday.
(a) knocked on (b) knocked in (c) knocked off (d) knocked out
- Q3 Do you want me to some lunch?
(a) knock out (b) knock up (c) knock on (d) knock off
- Q4 A few months ago, James got a his front door.
(a) knock off (b) knock on (c) knock out (d) knock up
- Q5 The defendant pleaded guilty to providing a group of Russians with goods.
(a) knock-off (b) knock on (c) knock out (d) knock up
- Q6 Professional boxers don't wear head gear because their intent is to their opponent.
(a) knock off (b) knock out (c) knock up (d) knock on
- Q7 There wasn't much food in the cupboard, but I managed to a meal for myself.
(a) knock out (b) knock up (c) knock off (d) knock on
- Q8 People who their neighbor's doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it.
(a) knock off (b) knock out (c) knock on (d) knock up
- Q9 A scrum is a way of restarting a game of rugby union after an accidental infringement such as a
(a) knock on (b) knock out (c) knock up (d) knock off
- Q10 The Gulshan is a good honest curry house renowned for its ability to a rather good curry.
(a) knock out (b) knock off (c) knock up (d) knock on

Idioms and expressions with just: just about, just before

- Q1 the doors opened they all noticed a 5 note lying on the floor.
(a) Just over (b) Just before (c) Just then (d) Just about
- Q2 Well, I am 2 months in now with my new venture and business is still going strong.
(a) just as (b) just over (c) just after (d) just then
- Q3 Can I get pregnant my period has finished?
(a) just then (b) just after (c) just over (d) just about
- Q4 Jack Wheeler is the most interesting man I know.
(a) just over (b) just then (c) just about (d) just as
- Q5 Old-fashioned toothbrushes are good as electric ones at reducing plaque.
(a) just over (b) just about (c) just as (d) just then
- Q6 the guy behind us leaned over and said, almost hysterically happy, "That's one terrific baby you've got there!"
(a) Just about (b) Just the thing (c) Just then (d) Just over
- Q7 President Bush thanked his hosts for a warm welcome addressing the 25th annual conference.
(a) just about (b) just over (c) just then (d) just before
- Q8 Holmen's Board decided on Wednesday to invest in total \$500 in the Group's newsprint mill outside Norrkping.
(a) just after (b) just as (c) just over (d) just before
- Q9 The bill that Congress has produced is monstrous in every way.
(a) just then (b) just as (c) just over (d) just about
- Q10 Fog machines can be to get you into the partying mood.
(a) just then (b) just over (c) just above (d) just the thing

American Presidents William Jefferson Clinton

- Q1 Bill Clinton, whose father a few months before he was born, wanted to be President from a very early age.
(a) passed out (b) passed through (c) passed away (d) passed up
- Q2 Clinton defied his critics by surviving an of personal scandals.
(a) arraign (b) array (c) arrant (d) arrow
- Q3 Clinton himself as a "New Democrat" and has frequently been referred to as the "Comeback Kid."
(a) fashioned (b) dressed (c) clothed (d) clad
- Q4 In 1978, at the age of thirty-two, Bill Clinton became the youngest governor in the and in Arkansas history.
(a) nation (b) native (c) nativity (d) national
- Q5 As President-elect, Clinton vowed to focus on economic issues like a "laser beam," working especially to overcome the growth of the American economy.
(a) slugger (b) sluggish (c) slummy (d) slurry
- Q6 Clinton suffered two major during his administration.
(a) quarterbacks (b) outbacks (c) setbacks (d) comebacks
- Q7 Clinton's partner in his political and marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerged as a key player in his administration.
(a) career (b) job (c) trade (d) work
- Q8 Future history books may well begin by noting that Bill Clinton was the second President to have been by the U.S. House of Representatives.
(a) beseeched (b) reached (c) impeached (d) preached
- Q9 Clinton had a significant influence on the of the Democratic Party.
(a) road (b) path (c) direction (d) course
- Q10 Clinton succeeded in brokering peace negotiations in Northern Ireland between Catholics and Protestants.
(a) sparring (b) warring (c) barring (d) jarring

Idioms with the word hard

- Q1 Poor people in Australia who are for cash may seek financial assistance from the Salvation Army.
(a) hard core (b) hard up (c) hard sell (d) hard court
- Q2 Many small businesses just starting choose to accept cold as their only method of payment.
(a) hard court (b) hard core (c) hard sell (d) hard cash
- Q3 My parents wouldn't permit me to listen to heavy metal music when I was growing up.
(a) hard core (b) hard headed (c) hard cash (d) hard pressed
- Q4 Yesterday I taught my daughter how to cook a egg for breakfast.
(a) hard hearted (b) hard pressed (c) hard boiled (d) hard headed
- Q5 My former boss was so that he often refused to listen to the opinions of his subordinates.
(a) hard headed (b) hard hearted (c) hard boiled (d) hard pressed
- Q6 Applicants for the sales position are required to submit a of their CV by Thursday, May 17th 2006 at the latest.
(a) hard core (b) hard copy (c) hard cash (d) hard court
- Q7 Many amateur tennis players find it much easier to play tennis on a surface as opposed to playing on a surface that is made from grass.
(a) hard core (b) hard court (c) hard pressed (d) hard cash
- Q8 The dictator refused to grant clemency to his imprisoned political opponents.
(a) hard hearted (b) hard pressed (c) hard copy (d) hard bitten
- Q9 Employees at the garment factory were forced to work twelve hour shifts as they were for time to complete the order.
(a) hard bitten (b) hard headed (c) hard hearted (d) hard pressed
- Q10 James needed to go to the store to purchase a new door for his holiday house.
(a) hard core (b) hardboard (c) hardware (d) hard court

Compound words: head

- Q1 My wife will only let me listen to classical music if I agree to wear my
 (a) head lamps (b) head phones (c) head dress (d) headlights
- Q2 My father lodged an insurance claim last week because he had an accident and broke one of the on his car.
 (a) headlights (b) head phones (c) head sets (d) head dress
- Q3 Jimmy wanted to go to the Halloween party in an Indian costume but was unable to find a to complete his outfit.
 (a) head phone (b) head set (c) head dress (d) head light
- Q4 The flight from Sydney to Singapore will take two hours longer than usual this morning as the plane is flying into a strong
 (a) headlong (b) headway (c) headwind (d) headland
- Q5 I was very surprised to read the in the newspaper this morning regarding the incarceration of our country's former president.
 (a) headlines (b) headlands (c) headlights (d) headrooms
- Q6 First time entrants in this years city marathon will be given a ten minute over the rest of the field.
 (a) headland (b) headstart (c) head off (d) headwind
- Q7 I was very disappointed to find out that the new car that I wanted to buy had insufficient
 (a) headlight (b) head set (c) headroom (d) headlamp
- Q8 All flights out of Sydney's new airport were delayed last week due to extremely strong that was blowing across the tarmac.
 (a) headwind (b) headland (c) headroom (d) headlight
- Q9 Mixing spirits and beer is not a very good idea. I usually wake up with a very bad the next morning.
 (a) headset (b) headlight (c) headache (d) headland
- Q10 We were extremely upset when we arrived at the cemetery and discovered that my late grandfather's had been destroyed by vandals.
 (a) headset (b) headstone (c) headphone (d) headlight

Phrasal Verbs (C)

- Q1 The couple of the hotel early this morning.
(a) checked out (b) checked in (c) checked about
- Q2 Randy always tried to on rainy days.
(a) cheer everyone on (b) cheer everyone up (c) cheer everyone
- Q3 Most of the kids at school thought he was scared and that he would of the race.
(a) chicken out (b) chicken (c) chicken in
- Q4 The supervisor asked everyone to for the manager's birthday present.
(a) chip (b) chip over (c) chip in
- Q5 He when the police officers started to question him about the robbery.
(a) clammed (b) clammed up (c) clammed about
- Q6 He wants to as a mean boss so his employees will work hard for him.
(a) come in (b) come across (c) come about
- Q7 Rick a terrible cold this week.
(a) came up with (b) came about with (c) came down with
- Q8 Lisa was her friends to help her move.
(a) counting down (b) counting about (c) counting on
- Q9 The new police chief is trying to on the current drug problem in the city.
(a) crack down (b) crack over (c) crack
- Q10 Lawrence is trying to on fatty foods.
(a) cut down (b) cut up (c) cut about

Phrasal Verbs (D to F)

- Q1 The custody battle for many months.
(a) dragged down (b) dragged on (c) dragged in
- Q2 The architect some blueprints for you last week.
(a) drew on (b) drew up (c) drew down
- Q3 I on my friend yesterday to surprise her.
(a) dropped (b) dropped over (c) dropped in
- Q4 Cathy her mother's house for a visit this past week.
(a) dropped (b) dropped in (c) dropped by
- Q5 Bruce of school when he was only fifteen years old and then took on a job.
(a) dropped (b) dropped out (c) dropped by
- Q6 After a lot of fuss, Rose liking the new dish very much.
(a) ended up (b) ended (c) ended in
- Q7 The manager was so afraid the multi-million dollar deal would
(a) fall up (b) fall down (c) fall through
- Q8 The children tried to a way of getting to the concert on their own.
(a) figure out (b) figure about (c) figure up
- Q9 Karen had to for Dave while he was away on vacation.
(a) fill up (b) fill (c) fill in
- Q10 The couple many forms before they could immigrate to England.
(a) filled (b) filled about (c) filled out

Phrasal Verbs (G to H)

Q1 Rick's father and mother didn't with his grandparents and were always having disagreements.

(a) get about

(b) get along

(c) get

Q2 They rented a car so it would be easier to the new city.

(a) get on

(b) get around

(c) get

Q3 Lucy was so busy that she didn't fixing the stereo.

(a) get around

(b) get around to

(c) get with

Q4 His salary is low so he's just right now.

(a) getting in

(b) getting about

(c) getting by

Q5 He worked hard to to Berkeley this past year.

(a) get with

(b) get in

(c) get by

Q6 The criminal tried to the evidence quickly.

(a) get rid of

(b) get rid about

(c) get rid on

Q7 The students when the teacher left the room.

(a) goofed up

(b) goofed off

(c) goofed on

Q8 You'll need to your assignments by Friday.

(a) hand by

(b) hand

(c) hand in

Q9 Beth's father is too proud to ask for

(a) hand-ins

(b) hand-overs

(c) hand-outs

Q10 Laurie decided to after the fourth ring.

(a) hang up

(b) hang down

(c) hang over

Phrasal Verbs (H to L)

- Q1 Two men staged a at the bank across the street from us yesterday afternoon.
(a) hold-up (b) hold-in (c) hold-on
- Q2 We still have to the finer details about our upcoming trip to Scotland.
(a) iron in (b) iron on (c) iron out
- Q3 Most of the service stations decided to their gas prices after the gas war between them.
(a) jack in (b) jack out (c) jack up
- Q4 Kevin the great opportunity to be the floor manager.
(a) jumped all over (b) jumped in (c) jumped over
- Q5 Even though he was exhausted, he
(a) kept going (b) kept out (c) kept in
- Q6 Trent was of school for bad behavior.
(a) kicked in (b) kicked over (c) kicked out
- Q7 Just look at that gorgeous girl — She's a
(a) knock in (b) knock over (c) knock out
- Q8 When I hit my head on the cupboard, I almost
(a) knocked myself out (b) knocked myself in (c) knocked myself
- Q9 The company was experiencing financial problems so they had to fifty employees.
(a) lay on (b) lay off (c) lay out
- Q10 Karen didn't want to she went over the wedding list one more time.
(a) leave anyone in (b) leave anyone out (c) leave anyone over

Phrasal Verbs (L)

- Q1 Jeff felt as if he had been when he lost his job.
(a) let on (b) let down (c) let over
- Q2 At long last the storm is starting to look like it's going to
(a) let in (b) let down (c) let up
- Q3 He started to his life and then decided to take another trip.
(a) look back on (b) look back in (c) look back down
- Q4 The rich family poor people in this area.
(a) looks down in (b) looks down on (c) looks down back
- Q5 She started to the upcoming trip.
(a) look forward to (b) look forward about (c) look forward over
- Q6 Norma promised she would Cara's children while she was away on a business trip.
(a) look in over (b) look in on (c) look down on
- Q7 The sheriff said he would the crime a bit more thoroughly.
(a) look down (b) look on (c) look into
- Q8 You can't tell them apart — Elena her mother.
(a) looks just alike (b) looks just like (c) looks just over
- Q9 Before Sheila died from a long cancer battle, she asked her sister to her children.
(a) look down (b) look after (c) look in
- Q10 Ray hadn't seen his friend in years but he decided to anyway.
(a) look him up (b) look him down (c) look him in

Phrasal Verbs (L to P)

- Q1 I hardly ever gamble but I was at the casino yesterday.
(a) lucky (b) lucked (c) lucked out
- Q2 He is different so many children him.
(a) made fun at (b) made fun over (c) make fun of
- Q3 The couple decided to kiss and after the day long argument.
(a) make out (b) make on (c) make up
- Q4 Even though she squinted, she couldn't what he had written.
(a) make out (b) make over (c) make about
- Q5 He decided to his past mistakes by doing some good in his community.
(a) make up about (b) make up for (c) make up over
- Q6 The deparment store has its prices since the last time I was here.
(a) marked over (b) marked up (c) marked about
- Q7 The items are because the manager wants to make more room for the incoming spring line.
(a) marked under (b) marked down (c) marked over
- Q8 Everyone laughed at the between the twin brothers at the party.
(a) mix in (b) mix up (c) mix over
- Q9 Billy was so tired that he was in class.
(a) nodding in (b) nodding on (c) nodding off
- Q10 Her father when she was just a kid.
(a) passed over (b) passed away (c) passed down

Phrasal Verbs (P to R)

- Q1 Emily when she suddenly saw the burglar enter her home.
(a) passed out (b) passed in (c) passed over
- Q2 Ken the best fruit at the supermarket.
(a) picked in (b) picked down (c) picked out
- Q3 Steve was always trying to girls at the nightclub.
(a) pick down (b) pick up (c) pick by
- Q4 The kids Trent because he is different.
(a) pick on (b) pick over (c) pick down
- Q5 The whole community to make the playground safe and aesthetic.
(a) pitched on (b) pitched in (c) pitched over
- Q6 After weeks of planning the escape, Sue finally started to believe they could
(a) pull it off (b) pull it forward (c) pull it up
- Q7 Jeremy didn't want to the wedding any longer.
(a) put over (b) put by (c) put off
- Q8 Kathleen felt like she had to with a lot from her family.
(a) put up (b) put over (c) put
- Q9 That store is really expensive. It's a
(a) rip down (b) rip off (c) rip over
- Q10 If you the numbers, it will be easier to calculate the estimate.
(a) round with (b) round over (c) round off

Phrasal Verbs (R to T)

- Q1 Heidi an old friend while she was shopping last week.
(a) ran over (b) ran down (c) ran into
- Q2 The corner store often bread near the end of the week.
(a) runs out over (b) runs out of (c) runs down on
- Q3 The night before the play, the crew the stage.
(a) set up (b) set down (c) set in
- Q4 The assembly line problem was a minor for the company last week.
(a) set about (b) set down (c) set back
- Q5 The girl with the purple hair wants to from the group.
(a) stand out (b) stand in (c) stand over
- Q6 Bob's father taught him to be firm and to for what he believes.
(a) stand down (b) stand up (c) stand in
- Q7 People are getting tired of Seth because he always late.
(a) shows (b) shows up (c) shows over
- Q8 The "T" in the acronym Time.
(a) stands about (b) stands over (c) stands for
- Q9 Kelly her mother. They have many of the same interests.
(a) takes after (b) takes over (c) takes on
- Q10 Leslie decided to early from the party.
(a) take in (b) take off (c) take on

Phrasal Verbs (T)

- Q1 I decided to organic cooking.
(a) take up (b) take over (c) take about
- Q2 Kristie was at Matt because of the things he said to her last week.
(a) ticked on (b) ticked about (c) ticked off
- Q3 Marg wanted to the old sofa but her husband couldn't part with it.
(a) throw out (b) throw up (c) throw down
- Q4 Leila was feeling blue so she went shopping to some new outfits.
(a) try at (b) try on (c) try in
- Q5 Samantha was late for the basketball
- (a) try out (b) try in (c) try up
- Q6 Bryan tapped Pauline on her shoulder so she would and see the parade approaching behind them.
(a) turn in (b) turn over (c) turn around
- Q7 The teacher asked her students to the assignments by Friday at noon.
(a) turn on (b) turn in (c) turn with
- Q8 John tried to ask Cara out on a date but she
- (a) turned him over (b) turned him through (c) turned him down
- Q9 Keira can't bear people who can't make up their minds and is by procrastinators.
(a) turned in (b) turned up (c) turned off
- Q10 Chris thinks dark hair is a real
- (a) turn on (b) turn in (c) turn up

Phrasal Verbs (T to W)

- Q1 Kevin all of the information and then gave the note to his wife so she could put it into a computer file.
(a) took on (b) took down (c) took over
- Q2 Ethan asked his girlfriend to the music so he could clearly hear the music they were listening to in the car.
(a) turn over (b) turn up (c) turn in
- Q3 Krista her ill husband all day long.
(a) waited on (b) waited in (c) waited down
- Q4 Neil liked to early on Saturdays.
(a) wake on (b) wake up (c) wake over
- Q5 Rayleen her little brother all the time.
(a) watched out for (b) watched out about (c) watched out
- Q6 Chris was afraid the inexpensive tires would quickly.
(a) wear on (b) wear over (c) wear out
- Q7 Lilly likes to early in the morning so that she's fit for work.
(a) work on (b) work over (c) work out
- Q8 Rob looks because he's working two jobs at the moment.
(a) worn on (b) worn in (c) worn out
- Q9 We are getting close to the meeting so are there any final questions or concerns?
(a) wrapping down (b) wrapping over (c) wrapping up
- Q10 Jim didn't have much time to the contract.
(a) write about (b) write over (c) write up

Idioms about Animals

- Q1 Beth is so afraid of flying. I think she should stop being such a
- (a) freaky cat (b) scaredy cat (c) afraid bird
- Q2 My parents when my teacher called them and told them about my poor grades.
- (a) had a cow (b) had a pig (c) had a bird
- Q3 Everyone told me I'd be if I took that job on Wall Street.
- (a) swimming like a jellyfish (b) swimming with sharks
(c) swimming with fish
- Q4 A told me it is your anniversary today. How many years is it now for you two?
- (a) talking parrot (b) little birdie (c) hummingbird
- Q5 During the monsoon season, it rains for nearly one whole month.
- (a) birds and bees (b) cats and dogs (c) pigs and horses
- Q6 The suave salesman looked nice but when he told us about the 0% financing, the deal seemed a little
- (a) fishy (b) doggy (c) foxy
- Q7 Hollywood is so competitive that it seems like a world, doesn't it?
- (a) shark eat shark (b) wolf eat wolf (c) dog eat dog
- Q8 He's so nervous. I wish for once he'd stop being such a
- (a) fish (b) rabbit (c) chicken
- Q9 My little girl copies everything I say. She's like a little
- (a) parrot (b) budgie (c) chicken
- Q10 Everyone notices Rob's wife when she walks into a room. She's pretty and
- (a) fox like (b) foxy (c) doggy

Idioms about Food

- Q1 Ethan's teachers told him he is the 'cream of the crop' of his graduating class. What does 'cream of the crop' mean?
- (a) Good (b) The best (c) Not so good
- Q2 His drama coach 'egged him on' so he'd go onto the stage and perform as well as he did during the rehearsals. What does "egged him on" mean?
- (a) To discourage someone (b) To encourage someone
(c) To tell them they should be embarrassed
- Q3 Keira felt like tennis was 'her cup of tea.' What does 'her cup of tea' mean?
- (a) That it's not the right thing for her (b) That it's a perfect match for her
(c) That she should practice more
- Q4 Ray was as 'cool as a cucumber' about his exam because he studied all week for it. What does 'cool as a cucumber' mean?
- (a) To be scared and cold about something (b) To be very embarrassed about something
(c) To be very calm and relaxed about something
- Q5 Everyone knew that the politician had his 'finger in the pie' of many businesses around the city. What does 'finger in the pie' mean?
- (a) To be involved in something (b) To be uninterested in something
(c) Wanting to get out of something
- Q6 Most of Kim's teachers wanted her to 'use her noodle' more when it came to exam time. What does 'use her noodle' mean?
- (a) To act up more (b) To think more (c) To try more
- Q7 "In a nutshell", the problem was caused by a faulty wire," said the experienced electrician. What does 'in a nutshell' mean?
- (a) To be blunt about something (b) To be concise about something
(c) To be long and exhaustive about something
- Q8 The trial turned out to be 'a hot potato' that everyone at the table was thinking about. What does 'a hot potato' mean?
- (a) A topic that is very controversial (b) A topic that is easy to answer/solve
(c) A topic that people are indifferent about because they want to eat
- Q9 The king was so rich, arrogant and mean that when he was overthrown by his people, most of his subjects thought it was about time he 'ate some humble pie.' What does to 'eat humble pie' mean?
- (a) To get upset/angry about something (b) To be vengeful
(c) To accept shame
- Q10 Mary was going through a rough time and her family felt like they had to 'walk on eggshells' around her. What does to 'walk on eggshells' mean?
- (a) To be very messy (b) To be very loud
(c) To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something

Prepositions of Time and Date (1)

- Q1 I wouldn't want his shift — he has to wake up 3 am everyday.
(a) (none) (b) on (c) at
- Q2 Mandy can't wait for snow because she wants to go skiing the winter.
(a) in (b) at (c) (none)
- Q3 I don't know what time they'll be back this evening, if at all. It all depends on the road conditions today.
(a) for (b) in (c) (none)
- Q4 We hope there won't be much snow this year but you never know.
(a) about (b) (none) (c) on
- Q5 last year, the weather was really bad. This year, the forecast is better.
(a) In (b) (none) (c) About
- Q6 I have to go for a check-up next week. I go for a check-up once a year.
(a) about (b) on (c) (none)
- Q7 I called in to make an appointment and I can see the doctor 3 pm. Can you come with me?
(a) (none) (b) on (c) at
- Q8 I'm meeting an old friend for lunch noon. I haven't seen her for a long time.
(a) on (b) in (c) at
- Q9 I don't have any plans Thanksgiving Day because my entire family lives overseas.
(a) for (b) in (c) about
- Q10 I'm going to my parents' house in Maine. What are you doing Christmas Day?
(a) on (b) in (c) with

Prepositions of Time and Date (2)

- Q1 yesterday, I went shopping and found some great outfits for spring.
(a) On (b) In (c) (none)
- Q2 The meeting is Monday morning at 9:30 am sharp. Don't be late.
(a) in (b) with (c) on
- Q3 My birthday is April. Can you come to my birthday party?
(a) on (b) (none) (c) in
- Q4 I love swimming the summer months. I usually swim at an outdoor pool as much as I can and sometimes we go the lake.
(a) about (b) (none) (c) in
- Q5 I'm going hiking the weekend. Do you want to come?
(a) in (b) on (c) about
- Q6 After our hiking trip, I'm going to be really sore Monday morning.
(a) about (b) in (c) on
- Q7 three weeks, I'm going on a camping trip. We're going to a really scenic spot.
(a) On (b) In (c) (none)
- Q8 the day after tomorrow, I'm going to Bora Bora. I can't wait!
(a) In (b) On (c) (none)
- Q9 2002, I got a promotion and I'm hoping for another one this year.
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q10 Someday, the future, we're going to build the house of our dreams.
(a) on (b) about (c) in

Prepositions of Time and Date (3)

- Q1 yesterday, we went to the Royal Alberta Museum they had some really interesting exhibits.
(a) On (b) For (c) (none)
- Q2 We're going to the Botanical Gardens and tomorrow, we're planning to see some more aspects this city has to offer.
(a) in (b) (none) (c) on
- Q3 two weeks, the project should be complete. I hope our clients approve of the new format.
(a) On (b) In (c) About
- Q4 I finished a very important project two months ago. It was really intense because of the cutting edge technology we used.
(a) on (b) (none) (c) in
- Q5 My vacation starts July 3. Wendy will fill in for me while I'm gone.
(a) on (b) at (c) in
- Q6 I like to eat breakfast the morning but today I had to skip it because I had an early meeting with the Board of Directors.
(a) on (b) in (c) about
- Q7 I love going for walks the spring everything is so fresh and beautiful.
(a) about (b) (none) (c) in
- Q8 I'm going to finish reading this great book today — it's really captivating.
(a) in (b) on (c) (none)
- Q9 2004, I'm getting a raise so we'll be able to afford more things like tropical vacations.
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q10 We're going for dinner at a great Italian restaurant tonight. It's not far from here.
(a) (none) (b) on (c) about

Prepositions of Time and Date (4)

- Q1 the seventeenth century, artwork in Europe was quite different from what you see today.
(a) (none) (b) In (c) On
- Q2 Valentine's Day, I'm taking my girlfriend to a wonderful spot it's really remote and romantic. I hope she likes it.
(a) On (b) In (c) About
- Q3 one week ago, she was told she couldn't have any more time off.
(a) For (b) (none) (c) In
- Q4 next month, I'm expecting my family to visit from the Virgin Islands.
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q5 Saturday night, we went to a great movie and then had supper with the Johnsons.
(a) For (b) On (c) In
- Q6 Independence Day, we always go to the fair and watch the fireworks at 11 pm.
(a) About (b) On (c) (none)
- Q7 Wednesday night, I'm going to take the staff out for dinner.
(a) About (b) In (c) On
- Q8 tomorrow evening, we're going to have a surprise birthday party for Mitch.
(a) (none) (b) About (c) In
- Q9 midnight, the tradition is to sing a traditional song to ring in the New Year.
(a) On (b) At (c) In
- Q10 2005, I finished my degree and now I'm working with a small accounting firm.
(a) On (b) In (c) At

What Comes Next? (1)

- Q1 What I'll do now is
- (a) up to me (b) through me (c) across me (d) on to me
- Q2 I'm very tired so I think I'll
- (a) go out (b) turn off (c) turn in (d) turn over
- Q3 It must be at least a year since
- (a) you are here (b) you will be here (c) you were here (d) you had been here
- Q4 I just don't follow a single word — I'm afraid it's all
- (a) Spanish to me (b) German to me (c) Welsh to me (d) Greek to me
- Q5 I'm desperate. All I need really is someone to
- (a) take me a hand (b) put me a hand (c) give me a hand (d) show me a hand
- Q6 I'm sorry that's not fair. It's no good
- (a) blaming me (b) betraying me (c) believing me (d) beholding me
- Q7 As far as I'm concerned they can all go
- (a) jump in the oven (b) jump in the bin (c) jump in the field (d) jump in the lake
- Q8 If you must talk, do it quietly
- (a) I trust you (b) I beg you (c) I follow you (d) I demand you
- Q9 Did you hear that noise? I'm sure there must be
- (a) a bugler in the house (b) a bungler
(c) a burglar in the house (d) a bowler in the house
- Q10 All I ask is that you
- (a) give me just one last chance (b) give me just one last occasion
(c) give me just one last time (d) give me just one last series

What Comes Next? (2)

- Q1 I can't make head nor tail of this —
- (a) it's utter destruction (b) it's utter paperwork
(c) it's utter rubbish (d) it's utter cheese
- Q2 I don't know about you but I'm so hungry
- (a) I could eat a mountain (b) I could eat the table
(c) I could eat a cow (d) I could eat a horse
- Q3 You don't have to shout
- (a) I'm not that daft (b) I'm not that deaf (c) I'm not that dead (d) I'm not that dumb
- Q4 I have tried, honestly but
- (a) I just can't get across to her (b) I just can't get up to her
(c) I just can't get in between her (d) I just can't get through to her
- Q5 If I had the chances you have,
- (a) I'd simply grab them (b) I'd simply control them
(c) I'd simply hold them (d) I'd simply manage them
- Q6 If you can't get this right, then
- (a) there's no sense for you (b) there's no thought for you
(c) there's no hope for you (d) there's no idea for you
- Q7 If the situation's that bad I suggest
- (a) you sell in (b) you sell up (c) you sell on (d) you sell off
- Q8 They realised that the police had them cornered and
- (a) they gave themselves up (b) they gave themselves under
(c) they gave them selves to (d) they gave themselves over
- Q9 There's no rush for an answer so just
- (a) spend your time (b) give your time (c) waste your time (d) take your time
- Q10 We can safely say that the business is now concluded so
- (a) that's him (b) that's us (c) that's it (d) that's them

What Comes Next? (3)

Q1 I wouldn't hesitate to accept that offer. If it were me

- (a) I'd bite his head off (b) I'd bite his hand off
(c) I'd bite his nose off (d) I'd bite his finger off

Q2 There are several ways of looking at this and

- (a) you'll have to opt (b) you'll have to take
(c) you'll have to choose (d) you'll have to accept

Q3 Nobody's going to call me names and

- (a) get on with it (b) get up with it (c) get away from it (d) get away with it

Q4 You can't agree with both of them

- (a) make your opinion up (b) make your mind up
(c) make your brain up (d) make your thoughts up

Q5 Don't worry about not getting enough support

- (a) I'm with you all the way (b) I'm with you the whole route
(c) I'm with you all the path (d) I'm with you the whole road

Q6 If you could be serious for just one moment

- (a) I'd accept it (b) I'd believe it (c) I'd appreciate it (d) I'd understand it

Q7 Nobody ever got in his way

- (a) he'd just stride all over them (b) he'd just stroll all over them
(c) he'd just hop all over them (d) he'd just walk all over them

Q8 You're not telling me you didn't laugh once

- (a) I bet you will (b) I bet you did (c) I bet you have (d) I bet you do

Q9 Don't worry what other people think

- (a) just take no note of them (b) just take no sign of them
(c) just take no hint of them (d) just take no notice of them

Q10 We're having a barbecue next week,

- (a) will you come (b) did you come (c) do you come (d) were you coming

What Comes Next? (4)

- Q1 It's getting very late
- (a) I'll have to speed you
(b) I'll have to accelerate you
(c) I'll have to hurry
(d) I'll have to push you
- Q2 If we leave it any longer,
- (a) we'll catch the bus
(b) we'll miss the train
(c) we'll lose the train
(d) we'll lose the bus
- Q3 There is a deadline, I'm afraid,
- (a) so you mustn't dither
(b) so you mustn't doodle
(c) so you mustn't dabble
(d) so you mustn't diddle
- Q4 We should have been there 2 hours ago,
- (a) so we're well back
(b) so we're well off
(c) so we're well backward
(d) so we're well behind
- Q5 If we leave this minute,
- (a) I'm sure we'll make it
(b) I'm sure we'll take it
(c) I'm sure we'll get it
(d) I'm sure we'll turn it
- Q6 They arrived in the middle of the night
- (a) because their flight was detained
(b) because their flight was despatched
(c) because their flight was delayed
(d) because their flight was defused
- Q7 As the old saying goes:
- (a) He who hesitates is found
(b) He who hesitates is lost
(c) He who hesitates is late
(d) He who hesitates is long
- Q8 They should have arrived by now. I wonder
- (a) what has kept them (b) what has held them (c) what has got them (d) what has done them
- Q9 I'm being as quick as I can. Just don't
- (a) hug me (b) tug me (c) lug me (d) bug me
- Q10 I'm giving you your last warning. If you're not ready in five minutes,
- (a) you're on your self (b) you're on your own (c) you're on your side (d) you're on your turn

What Comes Next? (5)

- Q1 Do you mind repeating that? I didn't quite
- (a) grab it the first time (b) snatch it the first time
(c) seize it the first time (d) grasp it the first time
- Q2 Did you follow all that? Answer:
- (a) No, my mind's a complete blank (b) No, my mind's a complete hole
(c) No, my mind's a complete space (d) No, my mind's a complete void
- Q3 Did you get that? Answer: Well, not really.?
- (a) Could you float that past me once more (b) Could you run that past me once more
(c) Could you fly that past me once more (d) Could you walk that past me once more
- Q4 I don't know about you but I can't make sense of this at all. Answer:
- (a) Me too, I'm just out of my height (b) Me too, I'm just out of my length
(c) Me too, I'm just out of my depth (d) Me too, I'm just out of my size
- Q5 You look a little confused. Do you know
- (a) what I'm on about (b) what I'm off about
(c) what I'm under about (d) what I'm in about
- Q6 I hope it's all clear now, isn't it? Answer: No,
- (a) you've left me there (b) you've dropped me there
(c) you've hit me there (d) you've lost me there
- Q7 If you want us to follow your argument I suggest you
- (a) use less conspicuous words (b) use less complicated words
(c) use less confused words (d) use less concerned words
- Q8 Promise me that at least you'll try this exercise, won't you? Answer:
- (a) I'll have an effort (b) I'll have a trial (c) I'll have a go (d) I'll have a trial
- Q9 What do you make of this test? Answer: It's quite
- (a) beyond me (b) below me (c) behind me (d) beside me
- Q10 If you can't actually say the words then why don't you try
- (a) sing them (b) singing them (c) to have sung them (d) having sung them

Quickies

- Q1 If you live abroad, do you live?
(a) in another country (b) in your own country (c) in a big country (d) in a small country
- Q2 If you are absent are you?
(a) here (b) there (c) not here (d) not sure
- Q3 When you accept something, do you?
(a) let it (b) take it (c) drop it (d) hold it
- Q4 If you have your own accommodation, do you?
(a) travel there (b) leave there (c) work there (d) live there
- Q5 If someone gives you an account, do you?
(a) pay it (b) describe it (c) wash it (d) lend it
- Q6 If you have an ache, is it?
(a) pleasant (b) unpleasant (c) pleasing (d) placid
- Q7 If you want to perform in the theatre, do you want to become an?
(a) engineer (b) auctioneer (c) actor (d) entrepreneur
- Q8 If you want to get to the other side of a bridge, do you?
(a) cross it (b) jump it (c) leap it (d) throw it
- Q9 If it's a genuine picture, is it?
(a) perfect (b) real (c) false (d) copied
- Q10 If you adjust something, do you?
(a) finish it (b) buy it (c) change it (d) choose it

What comes next (the bill)

- Q1 This is most embarrassing. I can't pay the bill for my meal. I'm afraid
- (a) I've forgotten my wallet at home (b) I've left my wallet at home
(c) I've abandoned my wallet at home (d) I've quit my wallet at home
- Q2 I would be most obliged if you
- (a) let me to pay later (b) permit me pay later
(c) allow me to pay later (d) grant me to pay later
- Q3 The other thing I could do is
- (a) leave my watch as a present (b) leave my watch as a token
(c) leave my watch as a gift (d) leave my watch as a deposit
- Q4 I can see by the expression on your face
- (a) you don't really like the thought (b) you don't really like the concept
(c) you don't really like the idea (d) you don't really like the belief
- Q5 I could phone someone to
- (a) take me the money (b) bring me the money (c) carry me the money (d) gain me the money
- Q6 I see. So what you are saying is
- (a) I'm holding up your trade (b) I'm holding off your trade
(c) I'm holding on your trade (d) I'm holding in your trade
- Q7 Well, I did say I was sorry and I think
- (a) you're being very indistinct (b) you're being very unclear
(c) you're being very unfavourable (d) you're being very unreasonable
- Q8 You say you have no choice but to
- (a) collect the manager (b) call the manager (c) deliver the manager (d) present the manager
- Q9 That sounds a good idea. I'm sure he'll
- (a) symbolise (b) energise (c) sympathise (d) eulogise
- Q10 All right, all right Mr manager. Just as you say,
- (a) of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen (b) inevitably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen
(c) understandably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen (d) indubitably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen

What comes next (the letter)

- Q1 I know I'm a very bad letter writer but
- (a) I was thinking for you the other day (b) I was thinking on you the other day
(c) I was thinking of you the other day (d) I was thinking to you the other day
- Q2 And that's what
- (a) has deduced me to write this letter (b) has prompted me to write this letter
(c) has made me to write this letter (d) has concluded me to write this letter
- Q3 Do you remember the last time
- (a) we actually met (b) we really met (c) we factually met (d) we finally met
- Q4 I remember it as if it
- (a) is yesterday (b) would be yesterday (c) could be yesterday (d) was yesterday
- Q5 I believe we met for lunch in an expensive restaurant and you
- (a) opted the priciest item on the menu (b) tested the priciest item on the menu
(c) chose the priciest item on the menu (d) entered the priciest item on the menu
- Q6 And you must know why this fact
- (a) has fixed in my mind (b) has adhered in my mind
(c) has fastened in my mind (d) has stuck in my mind
- Q7 I only had a
- (a) a very modest plate (b) a very modest number
(c) a very modest dish (d) a very modest bowl
- Q8 This was just as well in view of what
- (a) happened (b) appeared (c) transferred (d) interposed
- Q9 You haven't forgotten,
- (a) certainly (b) surely (c) clearly (d) naturally
- Q10 I had to pay for you. So isn't it
- (a) on time you paid me back (b) in time you paid me back
(c) about time you paid me back (d) over time you paid me back

Antonyms (1)

- Q1 Lou approved of the behavior his respectful sons displayed during the church service this week. What is an antonym of approve?
- (a) commend (b) support (c) reject (d) like
- Q2 Nancy concurred with her boss about the new direction the company was taking. What is an antonym of concur?
- (a) disagree (b) agree (c) surrender (d) confess
- Q3 Robert's amiable mother was always trying to help people and she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis. What is an antonym of amiable?
- (a) friendly (b) generous (c) disagreeable (d) likeable
- Q4 No one understood why Kevin decided to revoke the agreement but they went along with him anyway. What is an antonym of revoke?
- (a) cancel (b) withdraw (c) keep (d) revolt
- Q5 Environmentalists around the world fight to preserve the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations to come. What is an antonym of preserve?
- (a) destroy (b) protect (c) conserve (d) consider
- Q6 Henry hoped that his sons would someday take over his retail business and maintain a high level of customer service and satisfaction that Henry valued so much. What is an antonym of maintain?
- (a) uphold (b) continue (c) eliminate (d) connect
- Q7 Mary's jovial uncle was always funny and she loved when he came over to visit. What is an antonym of jovial?
- (a) cheerful (b) miserable (c) jolly (d) happy
- Q8 Maureen usually felt down and depressed on Mondays because she never got enough sleep on the weekends. What is an antonym of depressed?
- (a) unhappy (b) cheerful (c) glum (d) understanding
- Q9 Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse and/or neglect their children. What is an antonym of neglect?
- (a) abandon (b) mistreat (c) nurture (d) delegate
- Q10 Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often yearned to see his wife and children again. What is an antonym of yearn?
- (a) desire (b) refuse (c) long (d) unite

Antonyms (2)

- Q1 When the plane crashed near the Arctic Circle, the survivors were able to withstand the cold and harsh elements because they met native Eskimos who taught them much-needed survival skills. What is an antonym of withstand?
- (a) endure (b) survive (c) perish (d) possess
- Q2 Melanie thought the issue at hand was not morally just and consequently she would never endorse the petition circulating throughout her neighborhood. What is an antonym of endorse?
- (a) support (b) oppose (c) approve (d) create
- Q3 At the managers' meeting, the group decided against the new project as a viable option and decided on another direction to ensure success for the company's fall line. What is an antonym of viable?
- (a) impractical (b) feasible (c) practical (d) positive
- Q4 After many months of grueling work and painful injuries to her shoulder and back, Susan realized that her dream of swimming the English Channel was unattainable. What is an antonym of unattainable?
- (a) impossible (b) unachievable (c) realistic (d) confused
- Q5 The couple tried to converse in the busy restaurant but they couldn't hear themselves speak so they went elsewhere. What is an antonym of converse?
- (a) talk (b) stop talking (c) chat (d) communicate
- Q6 After a grueling and busy week at work, the stillness of the pond reminded Lara of the silence she'd been searching for since Monday. What is an antonym of stillness?
- (a) uproar (b) tranquility (c) serenity (d) tameness
- Q7 The dim lights made it hard to see so Ben squinted to make out the stranger's face in the distance. What is an antonym of dim?
- (a) faint (b) muted (c) strong (d) weak
- Q8 As the coyotes howled, Gloria and Steven found it difficult to see in the gloomy forest. What is an antonym of gloomy?
- (a) bright (b) ominous (c) dark (d) dreadful
- Q9 The merry wedding ceremony took place outdoors. It was beautiful and picturesque! What is an antonym of picturesque?
- (a) ugly (b) scenic (c) pretty (d) aesthetic
- Q10 The graphic movie is for adults only because most of the scenes are unsuitable for children. What is an antonym of graphic?
- (a) detailed (b) explicit (c) implicit (d) clear

American English Idioms

- Q1 Even though Tom was afraid of heights, he was determined to face the music so he slowly pulled himself up the ladder. What is the meaning of 'face the music'?
- (a) deal with a problem or fear (b) run away from a problem or fear
(c) create a problem or fear (d) hide the truth
- Q2 Ryan hit the nail on the head when he said the government spending is outrageous and unethical. What is the meaning of 'hit the nail on the head'?
- (a) to say something that is accurate (b) to say something that is incorrect
(c) to say something that is pretentious (d) to say something that is stupid
- Q3 The O'Riley sisters don't get along and they never see eye to eye on any issue. What is the meaning of 'see eye to eye'?
- (a) to disagree (b) to see things the same way
(c) to abandon an idea (d) to surrender
- Q4 I know there is a lot of biology material to cover and learn but if you want to pass the exam, you have to learn it by heart. What is the meaning of 'learn it by heart'?
- (a) fail to remember (b) commit to memory
(c) put out of one's mind (d) eliminate a thought or idea
- Q5 Mr. Taylor is a great mentor because he's really nice and an old hand at teaching. What is the meaning of 'an old hand'?
- (a) an inexperienced person (b) an experienced person
(c) a novice (d) a positive person
- Q6 The deal did not seem honest and Ron did not want to stick out his neck and risk everything until he was sure about every last detail. What is the meaning of 'stick out his neck'?
- (a) to make oneself vulnerable (b) to make oneself unbeatable
(c) to pry into other people's business (d) to comprehend an idea
- Q7 The reason why Aurora is dressed to the nines is because she's got a date tonight. Doesn't she look great? What is the meaning of 'dressed to the nines'?
- (a) dressed too casual for the occasion (b) dressed up and looking great
(c) dressed in a size nine (d) dressed in a plain-looking suit
- Q8 Tommy got into real trouble at school today. He used a four-letter word in the classroom. What is the meaning of 'used a four letter word'?
- (a) pledged to be a good boy (b) used bad language
(c) didn't keep his promise (d) didn't follow his teacher's instructions
- Q9 Ronsoon realized by putting two and two together that the salesman was trying to trick him into buying the used car. What is the meaning of 'put two and two together'?
- (a) to renounce an idea (b) to figure out what is going on
(c) to detain two people (d) to do some arithmetic
- Q10 He rarely cares about anyone but himself he's always looking out for number one. What is the meaning of 'looking out for number one'?
- (a) to only care about oneself (b) to care about others
(c) to worry about what others think (d) to be sympathetic about others' feelings

Confusing Words test (1)

- Q1 How much of an did World War II have on Europe?
(a) affect (b) effect (c) effects (d) affects
- Q2 The World War was devastating many countries.
(a) fore (b) for (c) four (d) floor
- Q3 Lynn and Mike were ecstatic about the of their first child this year.
(a) birth (b) berth (c) birch (d) births
- Q4 that, they were also happy about the purchase of their new home.
(a) Beside (b) Among (c) Besides (d) Between
- Q5 The weather on the coast is really wet and cloudy — it rains
(a) allot (b) a lot (c) lot (d) allotment
- Q6 The point is that you'll have to seek counsel about the crisis you're facing.
(a) principal (b) principle (c) principals (d) principles
- Q7 After a year of continual turmoil, Kevin decided to move to a place with political upheaval.
(a) fewer (b) less (c) lesser (d) few
- Q8 The army was led by a famous General was known for his tactical and strategic raids.
(a) whose (b) who's (c) that (d) who
- Q9 There are many and unfortunate people in every country around the world.
(a) pour (b) pore (c) poor (d) poured
- Q10 Some charity groups are working to lower the of poor people around the world.
(a) numbers (b) herds (c) flocks (d) number

Confusing Words test (2)

- Q1 Kevin's dream of creating a perfect world is only an because there is no such thing as a perfect world.
(a) allusion (b) illusion (c) allusions (d) illusions
- Q2 I think Kevin's heart is in the right place because we should always strive for world
- (a) pieces (b) peak (c) peace (d) piece
- Q3 On most evenings just before dusk, the farmer loves to sit on his porch and look out onto the pasture.
(a) quite (b) quit (c) quits (d) quiet
- Q4 The farmer often says that a peaceful, natural life is the only for him.
(a) way (b) weigh (c) whey (d) ways
- Q5 Sometimes, there is a lot of animosity between friends. This will certainly cause those relationships to fail.
(a) personnel (b) personification (c) personal (d) personality
- Q6 Tim's grandparents suffered the Great Depression.
(a) through (b) thru (c) threw (d) thorough
- Q7 Afterwards, they had to deal with some major and wars as well.
(a) miner (b) minor (c) mining (d) miners
- Q8 lifestyle is really hectic and unhealthy.
(a) Their (b) They're (c) There (d) They
- Q9 First Mandy said she wanted pieces of candy and then she asked for three.
(a) to (b) two (c) too (d) tow
- Q10 At the of the crime, police officers interviewed eyewitnesses and gathered evidence.
(a) seen (b) seem (c) scene (d) scenic

Confusing Words test (3)

- Q1 Can you imagine what world would be like if there weren't any cars?
(a) our (b) hour (c) are (d) hours
- Q2 The fierce wind all night long it was intolerable!
(a) blown (b) blues (c) blew (d) blue
- Q3 Mathematics is about concepts and practice and you must the basics if you are going to pass your exam.
(a) learned (b) learn (c) lean (d) loan
- Q4 I don't care where we go. It's up to you. I ate
- (a) all ready (b) ready (c) already (d) readiness
- Q5 George her on her speech and she politely thanked him as she walked passed the crowd of reporters.
(a) complemented (b) compliment (c) complement (d) complimented
- Q6 Every night after supper, Lawrence lies down on the sofa with a good book. Lawrence needs a magnifying glass to read because his is so bad.
(a) site (b) sight (c) soot (d) sights
- Q7 Thomas really likes the nursing home his children chose for him because his personal is nice and competent.
(a) aids (b) aid (c) aide (d) add
- Q8 Cindy realized the was crisp and clean and she breathed in deeply to soak in the night's natural charm.
(a) heir (b) are (c) err (d) air
- Q9 The little girl when her mother told her she couldn't have the toy she saw in the department store.
(a) bald (b) balled (c) bawled (d) bowled
- Q10 After retirement, the elderly couple decided it was time to their large home and move into something smaller.
(a) cell (b) sell (c) seal (d) seller

Confusing Words test (4)

- Q1 The Internet company me for the items I ordered last week.
(a) build (b) billed (c) bailed (d) built
- Q2 Karrie was tired and soon became with the activity her teacher assigned.
(a) border (b) board (c) bored (d) bowed
- Q3 Joy tied a in the ribbon so the Christmas package would look beautiful when she sent it to her parents.
(a) knot (b) naught (c) not (d) knock
- Q4 The adult falcon on smaller birds, mammals and reptiles.
(a) praise (b) prays (c) prayed (d) preys
- Q5 The came down all night but in the morning, the sun shone and we were able to have a beautiful and dry picnic in the afternoon.
(a) rein (b) reign (c) rain (d) ramp
- Q6 Dorothy carefully all of the Christmas gifts and then she filled all of the stockings with small gifts and goodies.
(a) rapt (b) rapped (c) roped (d) wrapped
- Q7 Joey asked his father to him a bedtime story. His favorite book is Green Eggs and Ham' by Doctor Seuss.
(a) read (b) reed (c) reel (d) rid
- Q8 In each question, the students were asked to choose the word from a multiple choice list of possibilities.
(a) right (b) write (c) rite (d) wrote
- Q9 The was long and it looked like a ribbon laid out across the hills of the prairies.
(a) road (b) rode (c) rowed (d) rod
- Q10 The seamstress chose a strong to finish off the dress she was making for her granddaughter's birthday.
(a) seem (b) seen (c) seam (d) scene

Confusing Words test (5)

- Q1 The cat chased his until he fell over because he was so dizzy.
(a) tale (b) tail (c) tall (d) teal
- Q2 The warm breeze and starry sky made that particular the perfect setting for a romantic dinner.
(a) knot (b) knight (c) neat (d) night
- Q3 As the chocolate chip cookies baked in the oven, a delicious filled the entire house.
(a) cent (b) scent (c) sent (d) send
- Q4 As Johnny walked up to the plate, the opposing team prayed for a strike or a ball.
(a) fowl (b) fall (c) follow (d) foul
- Q5 I can the Pacific Ocean and many marine animals, such as seagulls, crabs and clams, from my bedroom window everyday.
(a) see (b) sea (c) saw (d) seen
- Q6 Tyler that the team was in trouble so he tried harder than usual to strike out the batter.
(a) now (b) new (c) know (d) knew
- Q7 The affair made everyone uncomfortable. Most wished the ordeal would end very soon.
(a) haul (b) hole (c) hail (d) whole
- Q8 Tom is a talented and innovative carpenter. He uses many different types of in his work.
(a) wood (b) wad (c) would (d) wade
- Q9 The was eating from a berry bush when he was suddenly startled by the scent of the approaching and unsuspecting hikers.
(a) beer (b) bore (c) bear (d) bare
- Q10 Tree frogs usually soak up moisture from the on trees and leaves in the mornings.
(a) due (b) do (c) dew (d) does

Confusing Words test (6)

- Q1 The skating performed very well in both the short and long programs.
(a) pare (b) pear (c) poor (d) pair
- Q2 I want you to the restaurant tonight. I always decide and I'm tired of finding new and interesting places to eat.
(a) choose (b) chose (c) chew (d) chews
- Q3 Joanne told her young daughter that it is impolite to at people.
(a) stare (b) stair (c) store (d) star
- Q4 Rebecca is very nervous because, later this afternoon, she has to with the executive vice-president of the firm.
(a) might (b) meet (c) meat (d) mitt
- Q5 Thomas tried to give blood this past week but the new nurse said she couldn't draw any samples. She was unable to find a suitable in Thomas' arm.
(a) vane (b) vein (c) vain (d) van
- Q6 Bears' diets consist of mainly fish and
- (a) buries (b) berries (c) bars (d) beer
- Q7 Carson felt and nauseous. He wondered if he got food poisoning from seafood restaurant he dined in earlier in the evening.
(a) week (b) weak (c) woke (d) wake
- Q8 In the summer months, the usually rises at 5 am and sets at about 9 pm.
(a) sum (b) some (c) sun (d) son
- Q9 The bus driver was issued a new
- (a) route (b) root (c) rot (d) wrote
- Q10 The heavy rain fell hard against the window all day long. By nightfall, the streets and sewers overflowed with excess water.
(a) pane (b) pant (c) pan (d) pain

Confusing Words test (7)

- Q1 At school this week, Jonathon his mother a beautiful gift for her birthday.
(a) made (b) maid (c) mad (d) make
- Q2 Sandra loves her drama class so she decided to audition for the lead in the school play.
(a) roll (b) rail (c) rule (d) role
- Q3 of canola fields in the prairies made the whole world look like a golden blanket.
(a) Roams (b) Rose (c) Rows (d) Raids
- Q4 The Johnsons live very close to the ocean and their three daughters love to go to the in the summer they look forward to it every year.
(a) birch (b) beach (c) beech (d) batch
- Q5 The factory produces much-needed products but it also pollutes the air and water supply.
(a) stall (b) steel (c) stole (d) steal
- Q6 are part of the elk, caribou and moose family.
(a) Deer (b) Deem (c) Dear (d) Dirt
- Q7 In the South Pole, Emperor penguins stay with their female mates' eggs until their chick hatches. They endure long periods of cold and hunger during this time.
(a) mail (b) male (c) man (d) moan
- Q8 Shelley's is very long. It almost touches the floor.
(a) here (b) hair (c) hare (d) hear
- Q9 Johnny looked and felt nauseous when he saw his father eat a raw oyster for the first time.
(a) pail (b) pan (c) pain (d) pale
- Q10 Raymond is a mathematician. He just an award for his work in the field of quantum physics.
(a) one (b) won (c) wand (d) wan

Confusing Words test (8)

- Q1 Thomas doesn't like a lot of seafood. For example, he doesn't like clams, shrimp or
- (a) muscles (b) mantles (c) monsoons (d) mussels
- Q2 The flight attendant walked up and down the to make sure all of the passengers had enough to eat and drink on the long flight to Australia.
- (a) I'll (b) isle (c) aisle (d) owl
- Q3 Rebecca called a plumber because she has a loud and annoying in the bathroom that keeps her up some nights.
- (a) leap (b) lime (c) leek (d) leak
- Q4 The soldier received the of honor for his bravery during WWII.
- (a) meddle (b) metal (c) medal (d) mantle
- Q5 Connie is self-conscious about her so she always wears really baggy, oversized clothing.
- (a) weight (b) wait (c) way (d) wade
- Q6 During the play, the actor forgot his lines. There was a long in the audience until he remembered the next line and then the show continued.
- (a) paws (b) pose (c) post (d) pause
- Q7 There was a huge thunderstorm in the Midwest last week. stones as big as baseballs fell from the sky and damaged many vehicles and homes.
- (a) Hale (b) Hole (c) Hail (d) Whole
- Q8 The successful, advertising company is not really worried about this fiscal year because they are doing so well. The company has a lot of international clients.
- (a) prophets (b) profits (c) puppets (d) profiles
- Q9 The on Henry's shoe is worn so he took them to the shoe repair shop.
- (a) sold (b) sole (c) soul (d) soap
- Q10 Kathy bought a beautiful to go with her gorgeous wedding dress.
- (a) veil (b) vole (c) vale (d) vain

Confusing Words test (9)

- Q1 Wild are found in many parts of the world including North and South America, Europe and Asia.
(a) boors (b) bores (c) boars (d) bowls
- Q2 The Sahara is a very hot and dry place. However, in spite of the harsh climate, certain plants and animals continue to prosper each year.
(a) desert (b) dessert (c) desk (d) discern
- Q3 Paul loves to hike early in the morning because everything is so crisp and fresh at that time. The morning dew and makes the world look dreamy.
(a) mass (b) mast (c) mist (d) missed
- Q4 Sahara, a beautiful Arabian mare, has a long and sleek Her owner bathes and grooms her on a regular basis.
(a) mein (b) mane (c) main (d) man
- Q5 The church choir sings the most beautiful every Sunday. I wish I could sing that well.
(a) hymn (b) him (c) ham (d) hominy
- Q6 The contractor took the couple to the of their new home. He wanted to discuss details about the size and geographic issues they will have to address before construction can begin.
(a) cite (b) site (c) sight (d) soot
- Q7 Normally, Robert likes his medium-rare but his wife, on the other hand, likes hers well-done.
(a) stake (b) stain (c) steak (d) stoke
- Q8 To improve Taylor's reading skills, Taylor's teacher told his mother that he should read his English assignments at home every night.
(a) aloft (b) allot (c) aloud (d) allowed
- Q9 Richard got his finger caught in the doorjam and it was for two days afterwards.
(a) soar (b) sear (c) sire (d) sore
- Q10 I use rosemary, marjoram and in an old-fashioned, roasted chicken recipe my mother gave me.
(a) tune (b) thumb (c) time (d) thyme

Confusing Words test (10)

- Q1 The window latch broke earlier in the day. By nightfall, the wind blew harder than ever and there was a noticeable in the apartment.
(a) drought (b) draft (c) draught (d) daft
- Q2 There is a great deli around the corner. Tom orders cornbeef on bread for lunch everyday.
(a) root (b) reed (c) wry (d) rye
- Q3 Jeffrey decided to take some night classes. He really enjoys the first-year English he attends every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the college.
(a) coarse (b) cord (c) curse (d) course
- Q4 The sun's are enjoyable in the summertime. However, sunbathers should wear sunscreen in order to prevent sun burns and skin damage.
(a) raze (b) raise (c) rays (d) rave
- Q5 The little loves to horse around and play in the backyard with his dog, Skippy.
(a) bay (b) boy (c) buoy (d) buy
- Q6 People should always make sure they dispose of their products in an environmentally friendly way.
(a) waist (b) waste (c) haste (d) wait
- Q7 Tracy decided to join the Peace in the fall. She wants to make a difference in the world.
(a) Cores (b) Cords (c) Corps (d) Core
- Q8 There is a terrible bug going around. Everyone at work is sick and the clinics are full of patients who want to get better before Christmas.
(a) flu (b) flew (c) fluke (d) flame
- Q9 Dogs are not considered full-..... until they are about three-years-old.
(a) groomed (b) grown (c) groan (d) growl
- Q10 At the office, the telephone must four times before the answering machine picks up the call.
(a) wrong (b) wring (c) ring (d) rang

Confusing Words test (11)

- Q1 The eyewitness caught a glimpse of the armed robber. As a result, she couldn't identify the thief in a police line-up.
(a) feint (b) fan (c) faint (d) fein
- Q2 In a court of law, every person who is accused of a crime is entitled to a trial.
(a) fein (b) fair (c) fare (d) fame
- Q3 Larry warned his friend about the pyramid scheme. Those schemes are usually based on a system that is often unfair to those on the bottom.
(a) tears (b) tier (c) tear (d) teak
- Q4 Every Sunday, we can hear the church from where we live.
(a) belle (b) bail (c) beam (d) bell
- Q5 The judge set the accused's It was a large amount because the crime was so violent.
(a) ball (b) bale (c) bail (d) bales
- Q6 In the morning, Sally loves to eat organic because it's made with oats. She feels that gives her a healthy start every day.
(a) cereal (b) serum (c) serial (d) sealer
- Q7 The bank across the street offered us a very good interest rate on a personal this month.
(a) lone (b) loan (c) loaf (d) line
- Q8 Norma made a beautiful and delicious chocolate, cake for her grandson's birthday this weekend.
(a) lame (b) layer (c) lair (d) leer
- Q9 Jennifer and Cameron went out for a candlelit dinner. Then they went to the to take in the romantic setting of the oceanfront property.
(a) peel (b) pier (c) pear (d) peer
- Q10 The house is very large but the most impressive part of it is the vaulted
(a) searing (b) ceiling (c) sealing (d) seeming

Confusing Words test (12)

- Q1 In order to make the training manuals stand out, the company used specialty cardstock rather than paper for the front and back covers.
(a) pane (b) pain (c) plain (d) plane
- Q2 Casey asked her mother to her a mountain bike for her 14th birthday next month.
(a) by (b) boy (c) bye (d) buy
- Q3 The affluent family had an impressive wine in their mansion prior to the stock market crash.
(a) cellar (b) sell (c) sealer (d) seller
- Q4 Laurie loves trips to the ocean because she gets to swim in the sea as well as watch the come in every evening.
(a) tiered (b) tide (c) tied (d) toad
- Q5 Lance drew up the blueprints. He decided that the house should be about 1500 square when construction is complete.
(a) foot (b) feat (c) feet (d) fat
- Q6 The large of cattle was difficult to move. The rancher used Border Collie dogs to help him round them up in the fall.
(a) herd (b) heard (c) herder (d) heed
- Q7 The couple couldn't afford an elaborate honeymoon. So, on their 10th wedding anniversary, they went on a in the Bahamas.
(a) crews (b) cruise (c) crumb (d) crew
- Q8 Every year before Christmas, there are huge on all kinds of Christmas wrapping paper, ornaments and decorations.
(a) sails (b) sales (c) stalls (d) seals
- Q9 For Christians around the world, Sunday is a day. In the past, many people didn't work on Sundays. Nowadays, however, a lot of people work on Sundays.
(a) holy (b) wholly (c) holly (d) hole
- Q10 Surrounding the estate is a huge, metal fence with a large in the front of the mansion. Security people and trained dogs guard the front entrance on a 24-hour basis.
(a) gate (b) gait (c) got (d) gain

Airport Terminology (1)

- Q1 Most people don't like seats on airplanes. They usually prefer window seats.
(a) terminal (b) aisle (c) isle (d) corridor
- Q2 Cindy was so frustrated with the because her suitcases were lost.
(a) baggage claim area (b) seating (c) lavatory (d) cockpit
- Q3 Flight attendants must see everyone's before they are allowed to get onto the plane.
(a) life jacket (b) metal detector (c) boarding pass (d) oxygen mask
- Q4 With most airlines, passengers are allowed to bring one piece of luggage with them.
(a) carry-on (b) carry (c) boarding (d) designer
- Q5 Pilots and co-pilots usually sit and control the area of an airplane.
(a) window (b) nose (c) cockpit (d) back
- Q6 Right before take-off, the instructed the passengers on what to do in case of an emergency as well as where all emergency exits are located.
(a) flight attendant (b) waitress (c) passenger (d) baggage handler
- Q7 Ben had to run for five minutes, after his plane landed, because his connecting flight's was so far away.
(a) runway (b) cockpit (c) tray table (d) gate
- Q8 Bette quickly looked around for the on the plane because her little girl wasn't feeling well.
(a) lavatory (b) cockpit (c) window (d) terminal
- Q9 Sandra had to go through the airport's in the security area three times because she had so many metal hairpins in her hair.
(a) boarding pass (b) baggage claim area (c) metal detector (d) lavatory
- Q10 Jack put his carry-on baggage under his seat because the was full.
(a) shelf (b) cupboard
(c) seat (d) overhead compartment

Bank Terminology (1)

- Q1 Mandy wants to buy because she doesn't want to carry cash when she goes to Europe.
(a) a line of credit (b) traveler's checks (c) a roll of quarters (d) a pen
- Q2 Christina wants to her check because she needs the money right away.
(a) rent (b) buy (c) cash (d) exchange
- Q3 Robert a check this past week. Now, he must pay two NSF charges because of it.
(a) hopped (b) skipped (c) bounced (d) threw
- Q4 charges are high and cause a lot of problems for people who bounce checks.
(a) NSF (non-sufficient funds) (b) NEF (not-enough funds)
(c) CAN (check not acceptable) (d) CP (check problem)
- Q5 Raymond wants to his account balance because he is afraid that there isn't enough money to cover an upcoming payment.
(a) check (b) withdraw (c) exchange (d) open
- Q6 Every two weeks, Sandy's salary is directly into her bank account. It usually goes in before midnight on Fridays.
(a) filled (b) deposited (c) exchanged (d) opened
- Q7 Laurie has a lot of foreign currency that she wants to into local currency.
(a) open (b) exchange (c) fill (d) review
- Q8 Rose went into the bank today to a new checking account.
(a) exchange (b) withdraw (c) open (d) fill
- Q9 In the past, all customers out withdrawal slips in order to withdraw funds from their accounts. Nowadays, many banks are paperless and can withdraw the funds electronically.
(a) opened (b) exchanged (c) reviewed (d) filled
- Q10 Whenever customers open a new checking account, the bank allows them to personalized checks.
(a) rent (b) take out (c) borrow (d) order

Bank Terminology (2)

- Q1 Ben and Jen need money to redecorate their home. So, they asked a loan officer if they qualify for a instead of a second-mortgage on their house.
(a) deposit slip (b) line of credit (c) debit card (d) bill
- Q2 Nowadays, bank customers have more options. For example, they can pay their bills over the telephone or they can pay them
(a) online (b) over the phone
(c) with a safety deposit box (d) with a bank teller
- Q3 Some people rent a in order to keep important papers and items safe.
(a) deposit slip (b) safety deposit box (c) debit card (d) bank statement
- Q4 Almost all customers have a card so they don't have to go into the bank to withdraw money. They can also use their cards to purchase goods in stores.
(a) export (b) debit (c) withdrawal (d) loan
- Q5 Laurie has two accounts. She can funds from her checking account into her savings account right over the phone.
(a) loan (b) order (c) transfer (d) rent
- Q6 Every month, Kevin his bank statement in order to balance his checkbook.
(a) fills out (b) exchanges (c) withdraws (d) reviews
- Q7 Mary has an appointment with a loan because she wants to buy a new car and needs \$3000 to complete the purchase.
(a) teller (b) secretary (c) taker (d) officer
- Q8 Karen learned how to her checkbook at an early age. Her father thought it was important.
(a) balance (b) pay-off (c) exchange (d) withdraw
- Q9 Rose and Tom want to get approved for a because they want to buy a house this year.
(a) check (b) safety deposit box (c) mortgage (d) savings account
- Q10 Normally, people get for a mortgage before they go house shopping so they know what kind of house they can afford to buy.
(a) pre-approved (b) withdrawal slips (c) an order (d) traveler's checks

Common Phrases and Responses (1)

- Q1 That looks heavy. Can I give you a hand with that?
- (a) Normally, I don't like that kind of thing. (b) Sure, that would be great.
(c) My hands are wet. (d) I don't like to hold hands.
- Q2 Are you going to call in sick tomorrow?
- (a) I get a coffee break at ten in the morning. (b) My wife isn't feeling well.
(c) I think so. I don't feel well. (d) It's my turn to go first.
- Q3 Do you think we should put the meeting off until tomorrow?
- (a) It was nice meeting you. (b) She doesn't like me very much.
(c) I know, he normally calls by now. (d) Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.
- Q4 Kristine's working a lot. Are you tied up this week?
- (a) I look forward to it. (b) I believe you.
(c) Yes, I'm really busy. (d) I'm really tired.
- Q5 This training session is difficult. I had a really hard time reading that training manual.
- (a) Her speech was really well done. (b) I am going to the meeting soon.
(c) I'm going to write it down again for you. (d) Me too. It was very intensive.
- Q6 What's on your agenda for the holidays?
- (a) Possibly. I'll eat out tonight. (b) I need a coffee break.
(c) We'll discuss that during the meeting tomorrow. (d) I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont for Christmas.
- Q7 Carrie pointed out that you're having some problems adjusting to your new job.
- (a) Sure, if possible. (b) I like Carrie.
(c) I liked my old job a lot. (d) I hope so.
- Q8 Are you fed up with your job?
- (a) Actually, I ate really well yesterday. (b) Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.
(c) I liked the speaker today. (d) I fed the dog this morning.
- Q9 What are your plans for the weekend?
- (a) We're going skiing in Montana. (b) I like ice fishing.
(c) Cold weather is hard to deal with sometimes. (d) I don't have a schedule printed out yet.
- Q10 When did you settle on a name for the baby?
- (a) We haven't talked about the upcoming deal yet. (b) Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.
(c) We should go out tonight. (d) That sounds great.

Phrasal Verbs used with Criminal Activity

- Q1 Our neighbor's home insurance went up last week because they had this past month.
(a) break-down (b) break-up (c) break-in (d) break out
- Q2 The thieves managed to with a lot of money. However, one-year later, they were apprehended and sentenced to 50 years in prison without the possibility of parole.
(a) pick up (b) make up (c) get away (d) pick away
- Q3 After one-year, Ben decided to He couldn't live with the guilt any longer.
(a) turn himself in (b) turn himself off (c) turn down (d) turn over
- Q4 The bank robber managed to steal \$1000 during the intense downtown. The robber was caught one week later.
(a) hold down (b) hold up (c) hold out (d) hold
- Q5 Jamie is quite bitter lately because her last boyfriend with all of her savings.
(a) ran up (b) kept up (c) left off (d) ran off
- Q6 Gang life is very unforgiving. If the rules aren't followed, gang members will with people they don't like.
(a) stay away (b) lure away (c) do away (d) keep away
- Q7 After a one-hour, high-speed chase, the police finally the criminal.
(a) put over (b) pulled over (c) beat over (d) kept up
- Q8 Terrorists often use bombs to buildings and other kinds of property.
(a) blow in (b) blow up (c) push (d) fall over
- Q9 At first, the young couple didn't realize they were talking to dangerous criminals. Once they realized who they were, they to police.
(a) turned them in (b) turned over (c) turned them down (d) turned them up
- Q10 The public is outraged by the violence committed by the known criminal. They want to for good.
(a) put him away (b) put him off (c) turn him over (d) turn him down

Phrasal verbs and traveling

- Q1 After you buy an airplane ticket, you must once you arrive at the airport in order to confirm the flight and get a seat on the aircraft.
(a) check over (b) check in (c) check out (d) check off
- Q2 Sue is stressed out lately. I think she needs to for awhile. I suggested a cruise in the Bahamas.
(a) get away (b) go off (c) get in (d) get over
- Q3 Sally is wondering what time her husband's plane The plane was delayed in Colorado due to a blizzard.
(a) gets up (b) gets in (c) get away (d) get on
- Q4 Ellie had to in order to make the green light. She's usually a pretty good driver.
(a) speed up (b) speed in (c) speed on (d) sped up
- Q5 Randy was very nervous during his first flight lesson. Afterwards, he told me the best part was, at the beginning, during
(a) take over (b) take in (c) take out (d) take off
- Q6 The stranded crew for the long journey at 5 am. They needed as much natural light as they could get.
(a) set off (b) set by (c) set in (d) set over
- Q7 On their way to the city, the newlyweds thought they would an old hangout for a quick drink because it was on the way.
(a) stop on (b) stop out (c) stop by (d) stop down
- Q8 Helen went to Italy this spring. Before she was scheduled to leave the country, she decided to in Tuscany for awhile. She hasn't returned yet because she likes it so much.
(a) stop off (b) stop over (c) stop down (d) stop on
- Q9 We drove to Canada this past summer. We had to four times on the way. We got pretty good gas mileage.
(a) fill out (b) ran out (c) fill up (d) fill in
- Q10 Adriana has to because her flight is leaving in ten minutes.
(a) fill up (b) run up (c) run out (d) hurry up

Common Phrases and Responses (2)

- Q1 Do you want to hang out tonight?
- (a) I need a vacation. (b) I think we should hang it up to dry.
(c) Sure, let's watch movies together. (d) My hands are full right now.
- Q2 I have to check. Can you hold a moment?
- (a) Yes, I'll hold. (b) Don't let go of me.
(c) I have to hold onto my puppy or she'll run away. (d) Surely, I'll take that.
- Q3 Can you expand on that?
- (a) Yes, I need more room. (b) Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.
(c) I hope so. (d) I'd appreciate that.
- Q4 Are Cindy and Max breaking up?
- (a) They had a break-in last week. (b) Yes, they're so cute together.
(c) Yes, they're getting married. (d) Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.
- Q5 When did you come across that project.
- (a) It was very difficult to read that training manual. (b) Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.
(c) I drove across a beautiful bridge yesterday. (d) I went to the barbeque yesterday.
- Q6 Who will give the bride away at her wedding?
- (a) I'm going to give them new, designer towels. (b) Her fiance, of course.
(c) Her father, of course. (d) She's going to wear white.
- Q7 Don't worry about it. You can count on me.
- (a) Math is my favorite subject. (b) I'd appreciate that, thanks.
(c) I don't want to do inventory this week. (d) I hate using cash registers.
- Q8 Did he go against his father's wishes?
- (a) Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway. (b) Yes, his parents are very happy.
(c) Sure, go ahead. (d) I'd like that a lot.
- Q9 How did you manage to come by this great job?
- (a) You should come by after work. (b) It's possible that I left it at work.
(c) I'm ready for a change. (d) I answered an advertisement in the paper.
- Q10 Did you have some friends over last night?
- (a) Yes, I'd like that. (b) Maybe, if possible.
(c) Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by. (d) Yes, Ron and Sue are coming over at 6 pm.

Common Phrases and Responses (3)

- Q1 I picked up the basket and it came apart in my hands.
- (a) I love that craft store. (b) If you have your receipt, you can return it.
(c) You should give it to Haley for Christmas. (d) You should buy it. It's in great shape.
- Q2 Randy's mother is amazing. She's 93 years old and still fends for herself.
- (a) I know. She's very healthy. (b) I know. They're going to put her in a nursing home.
(c) I know. She lives with her son and he takes care of her every need. (d) I know. She's confined to her bed.
- Q3 When did Microsoft come out with a new version of that software?
- (a) Yes, I like it a lot. (b) Last week. Isn't it great?
(c) They developed the new product. (d) Microsoft creates software products.
- Q4 If my knee starts acting up, I'll have to miss the marathon tomorrow.
- (a) I know. She'll have to stop acting up or she'll get in trouble. (b) Yes, I feel really good and strong right now.
(c) I know. I'm going to see my doctor today. (d) You should see your doctor today to make sure you're OK for the race.
- Q5 Do you think the thunder storm will blow over soon?
- (a) I know. The weather is great. (b) I hope so.
(c) Sure, we can. (d) Yes, the explosion was very scary.
- Q6 What are you doing to build up your endurance for the upcoming marathon?
- (a) I'm building a new house this year. (b) They just finished building the cabin.
(c) I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day. (d) I don't need endurance to run marathons.
- Q7 How does one o'clock sound?
- (a) Yes, thank you. (b) Surely you don't mean that?
(c) Great. I'll see you at three o'clock. (d) Sounds good. I'll meet you there.
- Q8 I haven't seen you for a long time. Let's get together and catch up.
- (a) I caught a cold last week too. (b) I really like your new boss.
(c) I'd love to! I want to know everything. (d) It's nice to meet you.
- Q9 Let's sit down and hash out an agreement tomorrow.
- (a) Sure, let's meet at 10 am. (b) No, I don't like hash browns.
(c) I don't need a chair, thanks. (d) Oh, they're great.
- Q10 I can't stand her!
- (a) I'd like a chair too, please. (b) I don't like her either.
(c) My legs are weak. (d) That's great! I knew you'd like her a lot.

Question Tags Test (1)

Q1 Laurie can come by tomorrow,?

(a) can she

(b) can't she

(c) is she

Q2 She's from Korea,?

(a) is she

(b) isn't she

(c) could she

Q3 He's meeting me at 10 am,?

(a) isn't he

(b) could he

(c) is he

Q4 Kathy's never impolite,?

(a) isn't she

(b) is she

(c) shouldn't she

Q5 The children don't have to come in right now,?

(a) don't they

(b) do they

(c) doesn't it

Q6 You still want to meet with him,?

(a) do you

(b) does you

(c) don't you

Q7 There aren't many guests here yet,?

(a) are they

(b) aren't there

(c) are there

Q8 We can't ask her again,?

(a) can't we

(b) could they

(c) can we

Q9 The checks haven't been sent,?

(a) do they

(b) have they

(c) haven't they

Q10 We didn't receive many calls this month,?

(a) didn't we

(b) should we

(c) did we

Confusing Words test (13)

- Q1 Children often like and ketchup on their hotdogs.
(a) mustered (b) moose (c) mustard
- Q2 The gang didn't like Simon so, after school, they confronted him and him up.
(a) beet (b) beat (c) bit
- Q3 Don't worry about her. She has a of her own.
(a) mind (b) mined (c) mince
- Q4 The garden was made up of a lot of high hedges in perfectly planted rows. It looked like a from above.
(a) maise (b) maid (c) maze
- Q5 In Canada, there are many different types of wild animals including large mammals such as
(a) moose (b) mousse (c) mice
- Q6 There are also wild, feline creatures such as cougars and
(a) links (b) lynx (c) likes
- Q7 Jeremy had a bad cold last week. He blew his all day long.
(a) nose (b) knees (c) knows
- Q8 Thomas went to church yesterday and met a really nice
(a) none (b) noon (c) nun
- Q9 Kevin was very tired and he loudly when his teacher began reading the play aloud.
(a) side (b) sighed (c) site
- Q10 Many teachers say that you must have a lot of in order to teach middle school students effectively.
(a) patience (b) prints (c) patients

Confusing Words test (14)

- Q1 All children love to open on Christmas morning.
(a) presence (b) presents (c) prince
- Q2 A new animal was discovered in Laos. It looked very strange and many people didn't believe it was at first.
(a) reel (b) roll (c) real
- Q3 Sharon normally takes her film to the nearby shop to get her negatives and developed.
(a) prints (b) prince (c) poles
- Q4 The beautiful and rare eagle above the mountain top. It was an outstanding sight.
(a) sword (b) spayed (c) soared
- Q5 After the lay-off announcement, most of the workers felt like they were in a They couldn't believe they all lost their jobs.
(a) days (b) dice (c) daze
- Q6 On Saturday night, Clay and Cindy are going to watch a concert at the local auditorium. The new received good reviews in the paper this past week.
(a) banned (b) band (c) bond
- Q7 Many years ago, most working dogs were to perform certain tasks well.
(a) bred (b) brood (c) bread
- Q8 The farmer frantically called the veterinarian when he realized his cows broke into the large grain His whole herd could die because too much grain at one time is bad for cows.
(a) been (b) bin (c) bone
- Q9 While the family was camping, they heard a loud growl in the bushes. They were afraid that it might be a bear because they were camping in country.
(a) grisly (b) gruesome (c) grizzly
- Q10 You to get your car fixed. I'm tired of driving you around!
(a) halve (b) half (c) have

Confusing Words test (15)

- Q1 The in the play had long, dark hair and beautiful eyes and she played the part very well. I think she's going to go far in her career.
(a) heroine (b) heroin (c) hero
- Q2 During the tumultuous war, Isaac decided he and his family should their country.
(a) flea (b) flee (c) flew
- Q3 Karen bought beautiful shoes for the wedding but they didn't fit right so she got blisters on the of both her feet.
(a) heals (b) heels (c) holes
- Q4 Every morning, the children play together as they for the school bus to arrive. Sometimes, however, the weather is really bad so they huddle together in the bus shelter.
(a) wait (b) weight (c) want
- Q5 When the weather is cold and wet, some of the children a lot until the school bus arrives.
(a) wine (b) wind (c) whine
- Q6 There are many kinds of frogs and in the world. In fact, there are more than 5,000 species.
(a) towed (b) toads (c) toes
- Q7 After the inappropriate outburst, everyone seemed at the meeting.
(a) tents (b) teas (c) tense
- Q8 A jogger immediately called the wildlife department on her cell phone when she saw the beached
(a) wail (b) while (c) whale
- Q9 The king was not a nice man but he did look very regal when he sat on his
(a) throne (b) thrown (c) threw
- Q10 The honeymooners rented the penthouse at the gorgeous hotel with the stunning, ocean front views.
(a) sweet (b) sweat (c) suite

A Sticky Moment

- Q1 Andrew was terrified on the first day in his new job and he wondered how he would stick it
(a) on (b) in (c) out (d) across
- Q2 His girlfriend advised him not to let everyone boss him around and begged him to stick for himself.
(a) over (b) up (c) under (d) through
- Q3 With this in mind and for his own self-respect he was determined to stick it.
(a) at (b) to (c) by (d) into
- Q4 He made a good friend that first day who advised him to stick him and ignore what anyone said.
(a) from (b) across (c) down (d) by
- Q5 A sudden moment of drama occurred when a man rushed into the office and told everyone to stick their hands
(a) in (b) for (c) up (d) over
- Q6 He was rather sticking his neck because Andrew had in fact once been a police officer.
(a) through (b) over (c) to (d) out
- Q7 At that precise moment Andrew thought it wasn't a very good idea to stick his oar and interfere.
(a) across (b) in (c) along (d) about
- Q8 But it soon became clear to everyone that he had trained in this type of work as it stuck a mile.
(a) out (b) into (c) beneath (d) above
- Q9 He calmly approached the gunman and told him to stick his gun The latter did as he was told and handed Andrew the gun.
(a) under (b) away (c) without (d) underneath
- Q10 Understandably Andrew was cheered by everyone and since that day has been stuck a reputation for being very brave.
(a) at (b) by (c) out (d) with

Confusing Words test (16)

- Q1 A-frame houses are great. I love the at the front of the house and the vaulted ceilings on the inside.
(a) peek (b) peak (c) pique
- Q2 The teacher did not extend the essay's due date despite her students'
- (a) pleas (b) please (c) pleats
- Q3 A single fell from her eyes when she heard about the fire.
(a) tare (b) tier (c) tear
- Q4 The left-wing government decided to take an opinion to find out whether or not the people agreed with the upcoming laws.
(a) poll (b) pole (c) paw
- Q5 Steven broke his big toe but doctors don't usually toes so he should be really careful until it heals.
(a) caste (b) cast (c) cost
- Q6 At the of the painting, beautiful watercolors were used to depict water.
(a) bass (b) bees (c) base
- Q7 The racoon the little squirrel around the backyard for nearly 20 minutes.
(a) chased (b) chaste (c) caste
- Q8 The party met at 8 pm for the wedding rehearsal and, afterwards, for the rehearsal dinner.
(a) bridle (b) bridal (c) brittle
- Q9 The reef in Australia is beautiful. We went scuba diving and saw some of the underwater natural beauty.
(a) choral (b) coral (c) corral
- Q10 During the boring play, Isaiah began to off. His head fell onto his mother's shoulder.
(a) does (b) don (c) doze

Confusing Words test (17)

- Q1 The on the little boy's bicycle needs to be replaced so he can safely ride his bike around the neighborhood.
(a) peddle (b) pedal (c) puddle
- Q2 Josephine told her best friend, Olivia, to the moment because Olivia is going to Europe this summer.
(a) seas (b) sees (c) seize
- Q3 Katherine felt like to doing something different so she decided to pierce her, or belly button, this week.
(a) navel (b) naval (c) novice
- Q4 Sandra loves to sit on her porch and drink coffee in the
(a) mourning (b) morning (c) mowing
- Q5 You must the garlic cloves in order to use them in this recipe.
(a) mice (b) mints (c) mince
- Q6 You have to a coat today because it's been snowing all night long. It's so cold!
(a) where (b) wear (c) ware
- Q7 Children, all over the world, are studying arts such as karate, kung-fu and tae-kwon-do.
(a) martial (b) marshall (c) masher
- Q8 The shopping is so crowded because today is Christmas Eve.
(a) mall (b) maul (c) mole
- Q9 Don't forget to the window. There was a terrible draft in here when I came home yesterday.
(a) clothes (b) clause (c) close
- Q10 Did you read the in the contract? You should because it's an important section in the document.
(a) clause (b) claws (c) clothes

Confusing Words test (18)

- Q1 The has a lot of difficult decisions to make including whether or not he should proceed with the raid tonight.
(a) kernel (b) colonel (c) carnal
- Q2 We had a delicious picnic on the banks of the small this past weekend.
(a) creek (b) creak (c) crock
- Q3 The teacher the lesson on geometry yesterday so you need to get the notes from one of your peers as soon as possible.
(a) taut (b) tote (c) taught
- Q4 Scientists have uncovered many of the mysteries regarding DNA strands and
(a) jeans (b) genes (c) gin
- Q5 Sarah rides her Arabian every weekend.
(a) hoarse (b) horse (c) hoax
- Q6 Don't forget to put the water away once you've finished watering the lawn.
(a) hose (b) hoes (c) highs
- Q7 The is large and has a Victorian flavor to it. We stayed there for two days.
(a) in (b) aw (c) inn
- Q8 Before you buy that used car, you should check with the motor vehicles department to make sure the car is free of any
(a) liens (b) leans (c) lone
- Q9 I bought a small of scented, lavender oil yesterday.
(a) vile (b) veil (c) vial
- Q10 The painting had beautiful colors in it but the content was a little
(a) odd (b) awed (c) ode

Confusing Words test (19)

- Q1 Every Christmas, the children pray for snow because they love going on rides on Christmas Eve.
(a) slay (b) sleigh (c) slough
- Q2 If you want to fight your speeding ticket, you must appear in traffic to defend your position on the 15th of the month.
(a) quart (b) court (c) curt
- Q3 Parents are constantly reminding their children to eat of their vegetables at supper time.
(a) all (b) awl (c) ale
- Q4 Can you please about a cup of cheese so we can put it on the pizza right away?
(a) great (b) grate (c) grit
- Q5 In the past, people used in soap making processes. Nowadays, many people feel that it's too strong and harsh so they opt for more gentle substances.
(a) lye (b) lie (c) lay
- Q6 is used as a main ingredient in many baked products.
(a) Flower (b) Friar (c) Flour
- Q7 If you want to make southern-fried chicken, you should use a deep because you will need to use a lot of peanut oil.
(a) friar (b) fryer (c) flour
- Q8 The personnel department has interviewed many possible candidates for the job. They want to someone by the end of the month.
(a) hire (b) higher (c) hare
- Q9 The couple decided to go with the larger because they are going to have about 250 people attend their wedding reception in June.
(a) hail (b) haul (c) hall
- Q10 As the raft went down the river rapids, the guide lost an in the process.
(a) or (b) ore (c) oar

Confusing Words test (20)

- Q1 The robbers were about an hour after the bank robbery took place.
(a) cot (b) caught (c) coat
- Q2 Every second Friday, Isaiah goes to the bank to his paycheck.
(a) cache (b) clash (c) cash
- Q3 Often, state governments will implement a sales in order to collect more funds for various reasons.
(a) tax (b) tacks (c) ticks
- Q4 Coffee is delicious. However, there are also many different kinds of delicious to choose from these days.
(a) tees (b) toes (c) teas
- Q5 I pulled the plant out of the garden because I thought it was only a It turns out, it was a beneficial herb that I could have used in my cooking.
(a) weed (b) we'd (c) wed
- Q6 I have to buy a because I want to grow a beautiful, vegetable garden this spring.
(a) spayed (b) sped (c) spade
- Q7 The garden table was made of black, iron. It looks great with the other outdoor furniture on the patio.
(a) rote (b) rot (c) wrought
- Q8 You will need a passport if you want to cross the They just changed the law this year.
(a) border (b) boarder (c) bidder
- Q9 After the huge feast, Tim's stomach ached because he so much delicious food at one time.
(a) eight (b) ail (c) ate
- Q10 I asked my husband to my purse while I put on my winter coat.
(a) hold (b) holed (c) hailed

Enough, a lot and too (1)

- Q1 It's such a beautiful day and it's not far so I'm going to walk to the bus stop today. Thanks for offering me a ride though.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q2 Stuntmen are trained to do stunts that are dangerous for people to do at home.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q3 You seem a little cranky today. Did you get sleep last night?
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q4 We love going to the beach when there aren't many people there.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q5 Don't worry. If you don't have money to close the deal on the house, I'll lend you the down payment.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q6 Jamie really loved the dinette set but it was expensive so she didn't buy it.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q7 That job is difficult for me. Besides that, my boss is so controlling.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q8 I don't have of reports to do today so I should be home by supper time.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q9 Karen was depressed so she ate of chocolate this past weekend.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q10 I'm exhausted because I'm really worried about finances lately. I didn't get sleep last night or the night before that.
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too

Few, a little and some (1)

- Q1 This meal was so good. Do you think I could have a more beef, please?
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q2 Would you like cream in your coffee?
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q3 I love Thailand. I've already been there a times and I plan to go back this summer.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q4 I can't go right now because I still have a orders to fill by 5 o'clock.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q5 Since I started my new job, it seems like I've got very time to do the things I enjoy.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q6 Do you want more potato chips? There's another bag in the cupboard if you do.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q7 I love coffee in the morning but I only take a milk and two teaspoons of sugar in it.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q8 I need a help with my homework. Do you have time to help me?
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q9 Despite their marketing efforts, the promoters only managed to sell a CDs for the band this past year.
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q10 My boss is very particular about everything and he has very tolerance for silly mistakes.
(a) few (b) little (c) some

Today, yesterday and tomorrow (1)

- Q1 I love that restaurant. In fact, I'm going there night.
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q2 I saw Canadian geese flying south on my way to work morning.
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q3 I can fit you in morning. Does that work for you?
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q4 I don't know where Pamela is right now. I haven't seen her since
- (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q5 My boss wants me to finish the project first thing morning.
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q6 I can't help you today but I can give you a hand
- (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q7 I don't think Cora has come in yet because I haven't seen her at all
- (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q8 We're celebrating our wedding anniversary We've been married for exactly 25 years now.
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q9 When are you stopping by — or tomorrow?
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q10 It's 10 o'clock in the morning right now. Before you go home, I need you to stop by my office. I have to speak with you immediately.
(a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow

Polite Indirect Questions & Statements Test (1)

- Q1 I had a great time at your house this past weekend. to come to dinner this evening?
(a) You want (b) Would you like (c) You like
- Q2 It seems like a lot of flights are delayed today. when flight 673 arrives.
(a) I want (b) I wondering (c) I wonder
- Q3 I'm new to this city and I'm lost. tell me where 5th street is?
(a) You (b) Can you (c) You will
- Q4 New York is such a big city. where the subway station is?
(a) Do you happen to know (b) You tell me (c) You know
- Q5 where Kevin is today. He wasn't here yesterday either.
(a) I didn't sure (b) I'm not know (c) I don't know
- Q6 some change for the bus please. Thank you.
(a) You give me (b) I have some (c) I would like
- Q7 any idea where Laurie is? I've been looking for her all morning.
(a) Have you (b) You know (c) You have
- Q8 We have an urgent meeting this morning. when Carrie usually arrives?
(a) I would like (b) Do you know (c) You know
- Q9 I don't know my way around yet. show me the way to the bus station?
(a) You can (b) I want you (c) Do you think you could
- Q10 repeat that please? The street noise is very loud so I didn't hear you the first time.
(a) Could you possibly (b) You need to (c) You should

Travel Arrangements Test (1)

- Q1 I would like a from Phoenix to New York on Friday please.
(a) passport (b) ticket (c) boarding pass
- Q2 I need to be in Dallas on Friday. Do you have any left on the early flight on Friday?
(a) passengers (b) checks (c) seats
- Q3 Yes, I have one seat on Friday's that departs at 9 am.
(a) seat (b) flight (c) direct
- Q4 Oh, my goodness! That's too early. What's the check-in?
(a) flight (b) time (c) seat
- Q5 There's a flight to New York that leaves at 11:30 am. Would you like to book that seat?
(a) direct (b) time (c) check-in
- Q6 I don't want a seat in economy class. Do you have any class seats left?
(a) direct (b) business (c) higher
- Q7 Do I need an updated to fly within the same country?
(a) passport (b) business class (c) seat
- Q8 No, but the flight attendant at Gate 77 will need to see your ticket and before you can board the aircraft.
(a) boarding pass (b) seat (c) flight
- Q9 Normally, I don't any luggage because I travel light. Is that going to be a problem?
(a) board (b) check (c) reserve
- Q10 No, that's not a problem. You're allowed one piece of luggage.
(a) check-in (b) reserved (c) carry-on

Good, Well and Okay Test (1)

- Q1 We should strive for world peace for the of mankind.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q2 I hope Dorothy gets away soon. I think a relaxing vacation will do her a world of
- (a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q3 Tom lived in Japan for 10 years. He speaks Japanese very
- (a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q4 You look great! That new outfit looks on you.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q5 I know she's going through a rough time right now but I know she'll be in time.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q6 You've already completed a lot of work for him. That's enough for today.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q7 When you're training a dog, you should always use phrases such as "..... girl/boy!" to show praise for good behavior.
(a) Good (b) Well (c) Okay
- Q8 Hockey players must skate extremely in order to make it to the National Hockey League.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q9 Is she going to be? She slipped on some ice last night and I'm worried about her.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q10 James was upset because he didn't do very on his chemistry exam this past week.
(a) good (b) well (c) okay

Irregular Verbs Test (2)

- Q1 I studying when my rude neighbors interrupted me with their loud music.
(a) be (b) was (c) been
- Q2 Samantha her promise so her sister doesn't trust her as much anymore.
(a) break (b) broken (c) broke
- Q3 Laura has her own hair for the past 15 years. It usually looks great.
(a) cut (b) cuts (c) cutting
- Q4 I need you to me to work today. My car isn't running.
(a) drive (b) drove (c) driven
- Q5 Carrie has a stressful job and she always has a lot of work to on the weekends.
(a) do (b) does (c) did
- Q6 Last year, Mrs. Simon volunteered at the local hospital. She used to treats for the patients on Mondays.
(a) brought (b) bring (c) brings
- Q7 Rose was surprised when she stepped into the kitchen because someone had all of the pies.
(a) ate (b) eat (c) eaten
- Q8 Tim his wife a beautiful diamond ring for their 25th wedding anniversary.
(a) given (b) gave (c) give
- Q9 I'm sorry. I'm really busy today so I have to I'll call you later.
(a) go (b) went (c) gone
- Q10 Raymond a lot about gardening and environmental issues. You should ask him about the large scale garden you want to put into your backyard.
(a) know (b) knows (c) known

Irregular Verbs Test (3)

- Q1 Sarah Spanish really well. She lived in Mexico for 5 years.
(a) speak (b) speaks (c) spoken
- Q2 Microsoft just out with a new software program. It's on sale at that office supply store down the road.
(a) came (b) come (c) comes
- Q3 Do you a lot of work to do tonight? I was hoping we could go out to dinner at about 6 pm.
(a) has (b) have (c) had
- Q4 I just about the business venture. Give me some time to think about it and I'll get back to you with a decision this week.
(a) heard (b) hear (c) hears
- Q5 I the baby until the storm passed because she wouldn't stop crying.
(a) holds (b) holding (c) held
- Q6 I know that dresser is old but I want to it because it belonged to my grandmother.
(a) kept (b) keeps (c) keep
- Q7 Kathy how to change the oil in her car this past weekend.
(a) learn (b) learned (c) learning
- Q8 I lemon chicken two weeks ago. I think I want that for supper again today.
(a) make (b) makes (c) made
- Q9 I into an old friend yesterday. I haven't seen her since middle school.
(a) runs (b) run (c) ran
- Q10 Mr. Benson you wanted to see me. Can we meet in an hour because I'm really busy right now?
(a) say (b) said (c) saying

Irregular Verbs Test (4)

- Q1 I you should quit your job and find a career that you enjoy.
(a) think (b) thinks (c) thought
- Q2 Currently, Brady every morning. He's in really good shape and he's very dedicated.
(a) swam (b) swims (c) swim
- Q3 I cooked some fish yesterday so the whole kitchen like seafood for three hours.
(a) stank (b) stink (c) stinking
- Q4 The armed robber three thousand dollars from the West Valley Bank this past Monday.
(a) stolen (b) steal (c) stole
- Q5 David increasingly upset because he couldn't get his point across.
(a) become (b) became (c) becoming
- Q6 He to laugh out loud when he heard the joke's punch line.
(a) begin (b) beginning (c) began
- Q7 Please don't that booklet I gave you because I want to keep it for future reference.
(a) bent (b) bends (c) bend
- Q8 As soon as I into the sandwich I knew something was wrong. Upon further inspection, I noticed that the beef patty was undercooked.
(a) bite (b) bites (c) bit
- Q9 When I cut my finger, it for a long time so I went to the hospital.
(a) bled (b) bleeding (c) bleed
- Q10 The wind and howled all night long.
(a) blowing (b) blew (c) blow

Irregular Verbs Test (5)

- Q1 The two ropes were together so it was difficult to get them apart.
(a) bind (b) bound (c) binds
- Q2 Every year, Shirley German Shepherd dogs. I always go visit her when she has a new litter of puppies.
(a) breeds (b) breed (c) breeding
- Q3 My father our home in 1990 and he designed it as well.
(a) builds (b) built (c) building
- Q4 Thomas' workplace down last week. Now, he's out of a job because the owner didn't have insurance.
(a) burn (b) burns (c) burned
- Q5 My mom five fish on our family fishing trip last year.
(a) caught (b) catch (c) catches
- Q6 The little boy, who was scared of Santa Claus, to his mother's arm when he saw the man in the red suit for the first time.
(a) clings (b) clung (c) cling
- Q7 Tory slowly around the corner because she wanted to scare her younger brother.
(a) crept (b) creep (c) creeping
- Q8 Carrie has to with a lot of issues at work because her boss is often dishonest and ruthless.
(a) dealt (b) deals (c) deal
- Q9 My puppy a huge hole in the backyard last night. Today, we have to fill the hole because it doesn't look good.
(a) dig (b) digging (c) dug
- Q10 David's mother nervously watched as her young son into the swimming pool for the first time.
(a) dive (b) dove (c) diving

Irregular Verbs Test (6)

- Q1 Timothy a picture for his mother at school today.
(a) draw (b) drew (c) drawn
- Q2 Last week, I that you lived in Europe and I came to visit you.
(a) dream (b) dreaming (c) dreamt
- Q3 You have to a lot of water in this part of the country in the summer months or you could dehydrate on hot days.
(a) drink (b) drank (c) drunk
- Q4 The little puppy down when he tried to climb the stairs for the first time.
(a) fall (b) fell (c) fallen
- Q5 Don't forget to the dog. He's hungry!
(a) feed (b) fed (c) feeds
- Q6 I don't well. I think I got food-poisoning at that restaurant we went to this afternoon.
(a) felt (b) feel (c) feels
- Q7 Robert and Kevin at school today. I don't know why. They usually get along so well.
(a) fight (b) fought (c) fighting
- Q8 David was beginning to get a little worried about his dwindling finances but he just a new job yesterday. His first day is on Monday.
(a) find (b) found (c) finds
- Q9 The refugees the war-torn country last week. Now, there are a lot of hungry people south of the border.
(a) flee (b) flees (c) fled
- Q10 Bailey the Frisbee into the air. Rob caught it and threw it back to her.
(a) fling (b) flinging (c) flung

Irregular Verbs Test (7)

- Q1 Every year, Canadian geese south for the winter so they must have a lot of endurance.
(a) fly (b) flies (c) flown
- Q2 I know I have to get my oil changed but I to do it today.
(a) forget (b) forgot (c) forgotten
- Q3 I forgot her birthday but she readily me because I told her about my busy schedule.
(a) forgive (b) forgave (c) forgiven
- Q4 All of the beautiful plants due to the snowstorm last night.
(a) frozen (b) froze (c) freeze
- Q5 I like to buy whole bean coffee so I can the beans when I get home. It's seems to taste better that way.
(a) ground (b) grind (c) grinds
- Q6 I a beautiful, framed photograph on my living room wall this past weekend. I just love it!
(a) hang (b) hung (c) hangs
- Q7 Taylor loves to play and seek with her friends from school.
(a) hid (b) hides (c) hide
- Q8 At the little league baseball game on Sunday, John a home run and everyone cheered.
(a) hit (b) hits (c) hitting
- Q9 Every night, Sarah down beside her bed to pray.
(a) kneel (b) kneeling (c) kneels
- Q10 Sandra doesn't feel well so I told her to down for a little while.
(a) lie (b) lied (c) lying

Irregular Verbs Test (8)

Q1 Curt down his pencil because he was so frustrated with the difficulty of the intensive exam.

- (a) laid (b) laying (c) lying

Q2 The tree frog right onto my shoulder. Tree frogs are pretty docile creatures.

- (a) leap (b) leaped (c) leaping

Q3 The teacher her students down the hallway and into the gymnasium.

- (a) lead (b) led (c) leading

Q4 I my good friend \$50 this past weekend. I know he will pay me back as soon as he can.

- (a) lends (b) lent (c) lending

Q5 Every time the family goes shopping, Trish her son push the cart in the grocery store.

- (a) let (b) letting (c) lets

Q6 It was so dark when the lights went out so my husband a nearby candle.

- (a) light (b) lit (c) lights

Q7 We in France but now we live in Florida.

- (a) meets (b) met (c) meet

Q8 Karen one word in the spelling bee last week but her teacher still wants to nominate her for the state competition next month.

- (a) misspell (b) misspelled (c) misspelling

Q9 I Gina for her sister at the wedding. They look like twins sometimes.

- (a) mistake (b) mistook (c) mistakes

Q10 My husband the lawn today. I'm so happy because it looks clean and manicured now.

- (a) mow (b) mowed (c) mown

Irregular Verbs Test (9)

- Q1 I my purse in San Francisco last year. I had to cancel all of my credit cards. It was such a hassle!
(a) lose (b) lost (c) losing
- Q2 Tim had a lot of hurdles to throughout his childhood because he used to get a lot of seizures. He has epilepsy.
(a) overcome (b) overcame (c) overcomes
- Q3 I like most of the re-decorating Sally did in her house. But, I think she it because it looks cluttered.
(a) overdo (b) overdid (c) overdone
- Q4 A few government officials plan to the current leader and system.
(a) overthrow (b) overthrew (c) overthrown
- Q5 People can now for their gasoline right at the pump with their credit or debit cards in California. It's a very convenient system.
(a) pay (b) paid (c) pays
- Q6 Sue her case at the hearing. Now, she must wait for a decision.
(a) plead (b) pled (c) pleading
- Q7 The defense lawyer must that the defendant didn't commit the violent crime.
(a) prove (b) proved (c) proves
- Q8 I have to go downtown today anyway. Why don't you with me?
(a) ride (b) rode (c) rides
- Q9 The phone in the middle of the night so Ron jumped out of bed to answer it.
(a) ring (b) rang (c) rings
- Q10 I left my house at 5 am yesterday because I wanted to watch the sun
(a) rise (b) rose (c) risen

Irregular Verbs Test (10)

- Q1 I a great movie on Friday night. I think it's still playing at the movie theater. You should go see it soon.
(a) see (b) saw (c) seeing
- Q2 James adventure in his life so he's never satisfied with regular activities.
(a) seeks (b) sought (c) seeking
- Q3 My husband and I our dining room set and with the money, we bought another one that suits our style more.
(a) sell (b) sold (c) selling
- Q4 I my mother a birthday package. I hope it arrives on time.
(a) send (b) sent (c) sending
- Q5 I like to Last month, I made those beautiful drapes in the bedroom.
(a) sew (b) sewed (c) sewn
- Q6 The wind was fierce last night. It the entire house and blew down some trees outside.
(a) shake (b) shook (c) shakes
- Q7 Ken his face every other day.
(a) shave (b) shaves (c) shaven
- Q8 The farmer must his flock twice a year.
(a) shear (b) shore (c) shears
- Q9 My dog usually her winter coat in the spring. During that time, I have to brush her twice or three times a day.
(a) shed (b) sheds (c) shedding
- Q10 In Mediterranean countries, the sun all day long in the summer and it rains in the winter.
(a) shine (b) shines (c) shining

Irregular Verbs Test (11)

- Q1 Thomas regularly targets at the nearby firing range.
(a) shots (b) shoots (c) shooting
- Q2 Frank me his garden. He spends a lot of time outdoors.
(a) show (b) showed (c) showing
- Q3 The little puppy looked like he was when his owner scolded him for chewing the red slippers.
(a) shrink (b) shrinks (c) shrinking
- Q4 Currently, Sam in the church choir. He's really good.
(a) sung (b) sings (c) sang
- Q5 On his first day of school, Ben in the middle row.
(a) sit (b) sat (c) sitting
- Q6 I for 12 hours yesterday. I was exhausted!
(a) sleeps (b) sleeping (c) slept
- Q7 The hero in the children's story the horrible dragon.
(a) slay (b) slew (c) slaying
- Q8 The farmer decided to five acres of barley this year.
(a) sowed (b) sown (c) sow
- Q9 We went tobogganing at Christmas time. My children down the hills, over and over again, in wonderment. I like it when they're happy.
(a) slide (b) sliding (c) slid
- Q10 The soldier the heavy backpack over his shoulder.
(a) sling (b) slung (c) slinging

Irregular Verbs Test (12)

- Q1 The large vessel in the Atlantic Ocean more than 200 years ago.
(a) sink (b) sinking (c) sank
- Q2 Henry around the whole course in the golf cart we rented last week.
(a) speed (b) sped (c) speeding
- Q3 We too much money when we went to Hawaii last year. This year, we're going to the Napa Valley.
(a) spend (b) spending (c) spent
- Q4 Christie her milk all over the kitchen table. She's very clumsy sometimes.
(a) spill (b) spilling (c) spilled
- Q5 Samuel is very stressed out. His head is because he has to make so many serious decisions within a short amount of time.
(a) spin (b) spun (c) spinning
- Q6 Yesterday, Carrie out her peas when she tried them for the first time. She's a very picky eater.
(a) spitting (b) spat (c) spits
- Q7 The little frog from the pond at once. He scared us all at first.
(a) spring (b) sprung (c) springing
- Q8 Mrs. Montgomery told Shawn to in the corner. She didn't approve of his behavior in class that day.
(a) stand (b) stood (c) standing
- Q9 I know it's hard but you have to with it. You'll graduate soon.
(a) stick (b) stuck (c) sticking
- Q10 I got by a bee last summer. It hurt a lot.
(a) sting (b) stung (c) stinging

Irregular Verbs Test (13)

- Q1 Jason into the room with ease. He feels very comfortable in front of large groups.
(a) stride (b) strode (c) stridden
- Q2 Randy out at the baseball game last night. He's still angry about it!
(a) strike (b) struck (c) striking
- Q3 Most people for success but they must remember to do what they enjoy as well.
(a) strive (b) strove (c) striven
- Q4 Johnny that he'd never steal again.
(a) swear (b) swore (c) sworn
- Q5 Yesterday, I my entire house. I also did the dishes and washed the floors.
(a) sweep (b) swept (c) sweeping
- Q6 After I accidentally slammed my finger in the car door, it up and turned blue.
(a) swell (b) swelled (c) swollen
- Q7 He the baseball bat as hard as he could but he still missed the fast ball.
(a) swing (b) swung (c) swinging
- Q8 This year, Mrs. Switzer will high school mathematics. She's really nice and smart.
(a) taught (b) teach (c) teaches
- Q9 I usually up my old bills and other financial information before I put them into the garbage can. I'm going to buy a paper shredder in the near future.
(a) tear (b) tore (c) torn
- Q10 Bailey me a secret. I won't tell anyone about it because it's quite serious.
(a) tell (b) told (c) telling

Irregular Verbs Test (14)

- Q1 Cactus and succulents in dry, hot climates.
(a) thrive (b) thrived (c) thriving
- Q2 Every time I get the mail, I away junk mail. It's such a waste of paper.
(a) throw (b) threw (c) thrown
- Q3 The teachers at your school must the rules set out by the state.
(a) uphold (b) upheld (c) upholding
- Q4 I up late today. I was so tired.
(a) wakes (b) woke (c) waking
- Q5 My grandmother the wool for a beautiful blanket that she knitted by hand. I still have it today.
(a) weave (b) wove (c) woven
- Q6 At the wedding, the mother of the bride because she was so happy for her daughter.
(a) weep (b) weeping (c) wept
- Q7 Our hometown football team just the final game of the season!
(a) win (b) won (c) winning
- Q8 David information during the criminal investigation. So, the police charged him as well.
(a) withhold (b) withheld (c) withholding
- Q9 Some animals have to harsh weather conditions in northern Canada.
(a) withstand (b) withstood (c) withstanding
- Q10 You have to the water out of those wet clothes before you hang them up to dry.
(a) wring (b) wrung (c) wringing

Irregular Verbs Test (15)

- Q1 Matt slowly across the diving board and peered into the water below.
(a) trod (b) tread (c) trodden
- Q2 Kathy the garden hose around the existing wheel and then put it into the shed.
(a) wind (b) wound (c) winding
- Q3 Many trees in California fruit in the summer and autumn months. There is also a lot of year-round gardening that takes place.
(a) bear (b) bore (c) bearing
- Q4 Jack's mother him to go to the store alone. She will allow him to go when he's ten years old.
(a) forbids (b) forbade (c) forbidding
- Q5 Due to her terrible actions last month, Karen's friends have her. They won't even take her calls anymore.
(a) forsake (b) forsakes (c) forsaken
- Q6 The football game on Sunday is very important so the boys are nervous because they don't want to
(a) lose (b) lost (c) losing
- Q7 Susan is competitive and she to win the swimming competition next week.
(a) mean (b) means (c) meaning
- Q8 In the long-distance race yesterday, the second runner the leader at the last minute and won the competition.
(a) overtake (b) overtook (c) overtaken
- Q9 In the dark ages, areas in Europe were by horrible and tragic diseases.
(a) smite (b) smote (c) smitten
- Q10 Vienna can't her thoughts together in front of large groups because she gets really nervous.
(a) string (b) strung (c) stringing

Eating Idioms

- Q1 I could eat a horse — means: I
- (a) don't like horses (b) have a very big mouth
(c) am very hungry (d) can eat anything
- Q2 You'll have to eat your words, I'm afraid — means: You'll have to
- (a) repeat what you said (b) explain what you said
(c) speak more slowly (d) apologise for what you said
- Q3 You can't have your cake and eat it — means: You can't
- (a) have another piece of cake (b) have everything you want
(c) take the cake home (d) possibly eat any more cake
- Q4 Well, I'll eat my hat! — means: I don't'
- (a) trust it (b) understand it (c) believe it (d) accept it
- Q5 You'll have to eat humble pie — means: You'll have to
- (a) admit you're wrong (b) say that again (c) swallow it quickly (d) eat it again
- Q6 What's eating you? — means: What's making you
- (a) hungry (b) ill (c) forgetful (d) irritable
- Q7 He's eating his heart out for his ex-girlfriend — means: He wishes
- (a) he could be back with his ex-girlfriend (b) his ex-girlfriend would go away
(c) he could help his ex-girlfriend (d) he could understand his ex-girlfriend
- Q8 She had them all eating out of her hand — means: She was able to
- (a) feed them all (b) charm them all (c) spoil them all (d) please them all
- Q9 It's a dog eat dog environment — means: It's an environment where
- (a) animals run wild (b) everybody is very rude to one another
(c) everybody is very cruel to one another (d) everyone is very competitive with one another
- Q10 We're going to eat out tonight — means: We're going to eat in
- (a) the kitchen tonight (b) the garden tonight
(c) a restaurant tonight (d) in the moonlight tonight

Literary Terms (1)

- Q1 When a writer says one thing but actually means or signifies the opposite, it's called
- (a) irony (b) imagery (c) action
- Q2 A funny piece of writing that usually makes fun of foolish or evil behavior is called a
- (a) metaphor (b) satire (c) exaggeration
- Q3 When a writer makes something out to be more than it is, it's called an
- (a) exaggeration (b) simile (c) metaphor
- Q4 Jonathon was like an eager puppy — always willing to have fun and make people smile. This phrase is an example of a
- (a) metaphor (b) simile (c) satire
- Q5 "Her heart erupted with mounds of scorching anguish when she recalled the incident" is an example of a
- (a) simile (b) metaphor (c) satire
- Q6 The sequence of events or actions that take place in a story is called the
- (a) plot (b) satire (c) metaphor
- Q7 The look or appearance, with regard to time and place, of a story is called the
- (a) setting (b) sketch (c) sonnet
- Q8 An idea or saying that has been overused is called a
- (a) cliché (b) climax (c) symbol
- Q9 The tells the story to the readers.
- (a) narrator (b) symbol (c) genre
- Q10 In a story, a person, place or thing that stands for or represents an idea or concept is a
- (a) symbol (b) setting (c) plot

Literary Terms (2)

- Q1 A(n) is a story where a person writes about themselves and their own life story.
(a) biography (b) autobiography (c) play
- Q2 When someone writes another person's life story, the written work is called a(n)
(a) biography (b) autobiography (c) play
- Q3 When an editor or journalist writes a personal opinion about an event or idea, the column is called a(n)
(a) personal tragedy (b) editorial (c) speech
- Q4 A piece of writing that is supposed to be read aloud for others to hear is called a
(a) rhythm (b) speech (c) sonnet
- Q5 The of a piece of literature is described as the kind or type of literature it is.
(a) genre (b) action (c) plot
- Q6 A story usually covers the facts of an event that have taken place in society.
(a) news (b) detective (c) sad
- Q7 A movie or book is based on real events or ideas that have taken place in history.
(a) non-fictional (b) fictional (c) funny
- Q8 The main idea of any piece of writing is called the
(a) theme (b) stanza (c) biography
- Q9 The writer or author of a play is called a
(a) poet (b) playwright (c) biographer
- Q10 A writer's manner or way of writing is called his/her
(a) stereotype (b) style (c) action

Literary Terms (3)

- Q1 A play or movie that is supposed to make us laugh and does not have a tragic ending is called a
- (a) comedy (b) tragedy (c) action
- Q2 The writer or author of a poem is called a
- (a) playwright (b) novelist (c) poet
- Q3 A technique that involves clues that a writer gives his/her readers about what will happen later on in a novel or in a short story is known as
- (a) imagery (b) foreshadowing (c) understating
- Q4 A technique used in literature that evokes or stimulates the senses such as hearing, seeing and smelling is known as
- (a) imagery (b) foreshadowing (c) rhythm
- Q5 When a writer uses words to give animals human characteristics and qualities, the technique is called
- (a) characterization (b) personification (c) symbolism
- Q6 A person who writes novels is called a
- (a) novelist (b) playwright (c) poet
- Q7 The in a play, novel or short story consists of the conversations that the characters have with one another.
- (a) dialogue (b) dialect (c) conflict
- Q8 Writing that is created for entertainment purposes and that is imaginative is called
- (a) non-fiction (b) figurative language (c) fiction
- Q9 A person who gathers facts, interviews people and writes articles about the news for the public is called a
- (a) poet (b) novelist (c) journalist
- Q10 The of a story is an important message that the readers are supposed to receive and understand.
- (a) action (b) moral (c) dialect

Literary Terms (4)

Q1 is a type of fictional literature that deals with places and events that don't and can't exist in the world as we know it.

- (a) Science fiction (b) Historical drama (c) Realistic drama

Q2 is writing that tries to deal with and describe real life situations.

- (a) Science fiction (b) Realistic drama (c) Fantasy drama

Q3 A is a personal record or journal about the writer's intimate feelings and opinions.

- (a) dialogue (b) diary (c) dialect

Q4 A is a story that is passed down from one generation to the next.

- (a) poem (b) essay (c) folktale

Q5 An author who writes funny stories is called a

- (a) dramatist (b) humorist (c) poet

Q6 A is a false or fictional name that writer uses instead of his/her real name.

- (a) pen name (b) humorous name (c) pamphlet

Q7 A story is about an experience or event that changes a character's life in a significant way.

- (a) turning point (b) science fiction (c) dramatic

Q8 The is the main character in a story, play etc.

- (a) antagonist (b) protagonist (c) humorist

Q9 The is a character who struggles with or works against the main character in a story, play etc.

- (a) antagonist (b) protagonist (c) humorist

Q10 In a story, the main character solves some sort of crime that was committed.

- (a) detective (b) dramatic (c) humorous

When do you say this?

- Q1 I say "Are you all right?" when I am
- (a) concerned about someone (b) tired with someone (c) happy with someone
- Q2 I say "I am fed up" when I
- (a) am angry (b) have eaten too much (c) have had enough
- Q3 I say "I could eat a horse" when I am
- (a) lazy (b) hungry (c) late
- Q4 I say "I haven't a clue" when I
- (a) am curious (b) understand nothing (c) am apologetic
- Q5 I say "I've got to go now" when I am
- (a) waiting (b) curious (c) late
- Q6 I say "My feet are killing me" when I have
- (a) walked a lot (b) worked a lot (c) eaten a lot
- Q7 I say "You can count on me" when I
- (a) trust someone (b) support someone (c) dislike someone
- Q8 I say "They lost" when I tell someone the
- (a) truth (b) answer (c) result
- Q9 I say "Your lips must be sealed" when I
- (a) tell someone to be quiet (b) want someone to keep a secret
(c) want someone to stop eating
- Q10 I say "I haven't a minute to spare" when I
- (a) have plenty of time (b) am waiting for someone (c) am very busy

Reaching agreement

- Q1 Some people always like to agree with everyone because they can always see the other person's of view.
(a) purpose (b) place (c) point (d) proposal
- Q2 For them it's very difficult to decide and make their up at times like general elections.
(a) ideas (b) thoughts (c) beliefs (d) minds
- Q3 They listen to one speaker and then to another and they never know who to for when the election time comes around.
(a) vote (b) choose (c) elect (d) select
- Q4 The difficulty is that they always agree with the person they've last listened to and for them that is a real
(a) hardship (b) hazard (c) difficulty (d) task
- Q5 You see, they watch one political party on TV and believe they are reasonable and talk but then they watch another party and they seem reasonable, too.
(a) carefully (b) sensibly (c) considerably (d) cautiously
- Q6 We have a word for these people and call them voters because their views are always in the air.
(a) flitting (b) flowing (c) flying (d) floating
- Q7 Of course once you are inside the building where you have to put your cross against the name of the candidate you choose, there is no time to or hesitate.
(a) dither (b) distract (c) digress (d) differ
- Q8 Sometimes the politicians we elect, all have to agree and make very serious decisions as it could be a matter of or death.
(a) living (b) life (c) live (d) livid
- Q9 Fortunately for most of us such a situation doesn't happen often and so the problem doesn't
(a) raise (b) rise (c) arise (d) ride
- Q10 Probably the easiest solution if you can't agree on one thing or another is to a coin in the air and see which side it lands on.
(a) throw (b) move (c) lift (d) place

The holiday of a lifetime

- Q1 Sue had been saving her money for a long time because she wanted to go on a round the world cruise.
(a) in (b) on (c) up (d) off
- Q2 This had been a dream of since she was a child.
(a) hers (b) she (c) her (d) she's
- Q3 And now at it was a reality and her dream was about to be
(a) finished (b) fulfilled (c) completed (d) done
- Q4 She had paid a, a sum of money that would guarantee her cabin on the cruise.
(a) disposal (b) dispensary (c) deposition (d) deposit
- Q5 She had also decided that she would buy herself some new luggage, a of cases that cost a lot of money.
(a) pack (b) set (c) pile (d) group
- Q6 But she didn't really care how much she paid because she simply wasn't about the expense.
(a) distracted (b) disturbed (c) bothered (d) considered
- Q7 After all as far as she was concerned the cruise was going to be a journey of a
(a) lifetime (b) lifelong (c) lifestyle (d) lifeline
- Q8 The night before the start of her holiday she the night in a luxurious hotel very near the airport.
(a) expended (b) spent (c) endured (d) waited
- Q9 She didn't sleep very well, not because of the noise of the planes, since the airport seemed very quiet, but because she was so at the thought of the cruise.
(a) elevated (b) extended (c) expectant (d) excited
- Q10 It was only when she had finished her breakfast that she realised why the airport had seemed so quiet- everyone had stopped work and gone on!
(a) hit (b) knock (c) fall (d) strike

If memory serves me right

- Q1 Mary: Why are you so worried?
(a) appearing (b) seeming (c) seeing (d) looking
- Q2 Pete: I'm not really worried. It's just that for I've been trying to remember the name of that actor in the first ever colour film.
(a) times (b) ages (c) periods (d) lengths
- Q3 Mary: Do you know what the film was?
(a) named (b) described (c) called (d) labelled
- Q4 Pete: No, that's just it. It's completely gone out of my
(a) head (b) brain (c) intelligence (d) knowledge
- Q5 Mary: At least tell me what the actor looked
(a) as (b) same (c) similar (d) like
- Q6 Pete: Well, he was tall and spoke with a very English
(a) tone (b) sound (c) accent (d) noise
- Q7 Mary: When was the film actually?
(a) done (b) made (c) created (d) formed
- Q8 Pete: It have been some time in 1947, I'm sure of that.
(a) could (b) would (c) must (d) may
- Q9 Mary: Why are you so keen to find who it was?
(a) out (b) in (c) through (d) on
- Q10 Pete: To tell you the, I've forgotten that, too!
(a) true (b) truly (c) truthful (d) truth

My computer and me

- Q1 I just don't get on with computers all.
(a) by (b) at (c) in (d) with
- Q2 They always go with me and break down.
(a) incorrect (b) false (c) wrong (d) inaccurate
- Q3 As a result of this I find I have to call experts to come and help me.
(a) out (b) over (c) about (d) up
- Q4 When they come to my house, these experts, they show me what I do.
(a) should (b) ought (c) might (d) may
- Q5 As I watch them, everything becomes very and I understand everything.
(a) correct (b) clear (c) light (d) lighted
- Q6 The trouble is that as soon as they leave, I tend to everything they have told me.
(a) ignore (b) erase (c) forget (d) deny
- Q7 The best piece of someone told me to do when the computer doesn't work was to turn the computer off, have a cup of coffee and then turn it on again.
(a) counsel (b) council (c) recommendation (d) advice
- Q8 The first time I this, everything was fine for five minutes and then it stopped working again.
(a) tried (b) endeavoured (c) experimented (d) experienced
- Q9 I have now bought a new computer which is perfect because it's very small and so doesn't take up much
(a) area (b) position (c) room (d) place
- Q10 It looks very smart and modern but I do have one problem and that's because I don't know how to switch it on.
(a) spacious (b) major (c) size (d) significant

Work and job expressions

- Q1 The one day that most people hate is Monday because that's when they have to go back to their of work.
(a) scene (b) situation (c) place (d) part
- Q2 The one day that many people love is Friday because that is when they can think about their time at the weekend.
(a) by (b) off (c) in (d) over
- Q3 Usually Saturday and Sunday just by more quickly than the other 5 days of the week.
(a) flow (b) fly (c) flee (d) follow
- Q4 But then what would to us if we didn't do any work?
(a) happen (b) arrive (c) occur (d) come
- Q5 In the first place we'd have no money to buy food and we'd probably
(a) hunger (b) decrease (c) starve (d) degrade
- Q6 Mind you it could be a way of weight and becoming slimmer.
(a) loosening (b) losing (c) lacking (d) avoiding
- Q7 But in the end we would probably find that doing nothing all day could be very uninteresting and
(a) boring (b) fading (c) dreading (d) hurting
- Q8 So let's not complain too much about it because we simply have to accept it as a fact of life.
(a) required (b) demanded (c) needful (d) necessary
- Q9 Just remember and never that some people aren't able to work even when they want to.
(a) foretell (b) forget (c) forfeit (d) forecast
- Q10 One way is to, even if it's not true, and tell yourself that the new name for Monday is Friday!
(a) prepare (b) predict (c) prefer (d) pretend

Newspaper Headlines

- Q1 Some people only read the lines in a newspaper.
(a) top (b) big (c) main (d) head
- Q2 You should always check the sell date of things you buy in the supermarket.
(a) in (b) through (c) by (d) off
- Q3 When the building was completed, all the workers were paid
(a) off (b) through (c) out (d) over
- Q4 The boss was good enough to my mistake.
(a) oversee (b) overtake (c) overdo (d) overlook
- Q5 It is always when you misunderstand the customs of other countries.
(a) embarrassing (b) peculiar (c) singular (d) attitude
- Q6 Newspapers are to people's doors every day.
(a) taken (b) distributed (c) delivered (d) handed
- Q7 In her speech she expressed her for all the help she had been given.
(a) thankfulness (b) gratitude (c) gratefulness (d) thanking
- Q8 In nothing much happened at the meeting.
(a) quick (b) briefly (c) short (d) shortly
- Q9 At the end of the speech the whole assembly gave the speakers a standing
(a) ovation (b) applause (c) cheering (d) support
- Q10 Politicians pretend to ignore opinion
(a) votes (b) figures (c) numbers (d) polls

Learning tips and instructions

- Q1 Start reading the story from page 4 and then go on until you the end of the chapter.
(a) arrive (b) reach (c) touch (d) achieve
- Q2 Answer the questions at the back of the book and make that you check your answers carefully.
(a) obvious (b) definite (c) sure (d) clear
- Q3 The whole purpose of all these exercises is to your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.
(a) test (b) probe (c) investigate (d) interpret
- Q4 A useful way to your vocabulary is to read as much as possible.
(a) amass (b) increase (c) collect (d) gather
- Q5 You should read not only newspapers but also novels so that you can see examples of language.
(a) idiomatic (b) automatic (c) axiomatic (d) symptomatic
- Q6 Another important activity is to your spoken language.
(a) train (b) practise (c) exercise (d) emphasise
- Q7 If you can the cost of travel, there is of course no substitute for visiting the country itself.
(a) afford (b) spend (c) expend (d) calculate
- Q8 Try to a native speaker to talk to you so that you can record the conversation.
(a) influence (b) persuade (c) encourage (d) impress
- Q9 Play the tape back as many times as you like and everything that the native speaker has said.
(a) hold (b) take (c) hear (d) repeat
- Q10 If you manage to do all these things, it won't be long before you find yourself speaking the language
(a) flowingly (b) fluently (c) knowingly (d) frequently

Phrasal Verbs

- Q1 If you want to join that club, you have to a form and send it to your secretary.
(a) fill up (b) fill out (c) fill into (d) fill over
- Q2 Don't worry we'll have to wait a little longer because I'm sure he'll soon.
(a) turn up (b) turn in (c) turn into (d) turn down
- Q3 Last week I that book you wanted in a small shop.
(a) came up (b) came into (c) came across (d) came by
- Q4 What you have to do is to a new idea that will enable us to make a lot of money.
(a) think over (b) think out (c) think about (d) think up
- Q5 I need to find some kind of chemical that will the weeds in the garden.
(a) keep off (b) keep out (c) keep down (d) keep on
- Q6 When spring comes, people often feel inclined to their houses.
(a) do over (b) do through (c) do up (d) do in
- Q7 The time has now come when it will be necessary to making a plan.
(a) see about (b) see over (c) see through (d) see into
- Q8 It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has
(a) set out (b) set in (c) set up (d) set off
- Q9 You need not worry that you'll be left on your own because I'll always you.
(a) stand for (b) stand to (c) stand by (d) stand from
- Q10 You can tell by the way she talks and behaves that she her mother.
(a) takes to (b) takes in (c) takes back (d) takes after

Time Expressions (1)

- Q1 There's no need to worry, we shall get to the station long before the train leaves as we have of time.
(a) sacks (b) packets (c) parcels (d) bags
- Q2 The concert doesn't start at least an hour and so we have time to
- (a) kill (b) murder (c) remove (d) destroy
- Q3 The station isn't far away and the train leaves in about ten minutes so there is no need to worry — we have time to
- (a) save (b) store (c) spare (d) place
- Q4 The problem is he has no work to do and with time on his he is likely to get into trouble.
(a) hands (b) fingers (c) feet (d) legs
- Q5 I told him time and not to do it but he takes no notice.
(a) often (b) already (c) again (d) frequently
- Q6 I always like to get to an appointment in time.
(a) good (b) best (c) fine (d) clear
- Q7 It's time she learnt to look after herself.
(a) of (b) in (c) about (d) through
- Q8 We're not living here for good but just for the time
- (a) seeing (b) trying (c) going (d) being
- Q9 Time, it's difficult to believe that we've been here all day.
(a) flows (b) flies (c) flees (d) files
- Q10 Time will whether we have made the right decision.
(a) say (b) know (c) tell (d) find

Time Expressions (2)

- Q1 The business has lost a lot of orders recently and is going through a time.
(a) slender (b) poor (c) thin (d) acute
- Q2 The railways system is very efficient as the trains always arrive time.
(a) up (b) at (c) for (d) on
- Q3 My opinion is that they don't know what to do and are merely playing time.
(a) to (b) for (c) at (d) in
- Q4 You can tell just looking at their out of date equipment that the company is well the times.
(a) behind (b) across (c) under (d) outside
- Q5 His invention showed that he understood what was going to happen in the future and proved he was of his time.
(a) in front (b) before (c) ahead (d) forward
- Q6 You can tell she has hit the time because of the huge car she drives.
(a) high (b) massive (c) large (d) big
- Q7 If you really want to send that letter off today, it's time you went to the post office.
(a) high (b) quick (c) proper (d) right
- Q8 The orchestra are meant to time with the conductor.
(a) hold (b) keep (c) take (d) show
- Q9 If you want to grow as a business and attract new customers you must with the times.
(a) move (b) follow (c) keep (d) hold
- Q10 The parcel eventually arrived six weeks later, and not time!
(a) after (b) before (c) since (d) for

Interviews and Jobs

- Q1 Before you start applying for any job, you must be absolutely sure you have the right paper
- (a) qualities (b) qualifiers (c) qualifying (d) qualifications
- Q2 In advance of drawing up the job specification and advertisement, you have to sit down and work out the you have in mind for the ideal employee.
- (a) portrait (b) profile (c) picture (d) sketch
- Q3 As soon as the arrive, it will be your job to show them round the work place and give them a general history of the company for which they want to work.
- (a) chosen (b) selected (c) candidates (d) appliers
- Q4 At the moment the company is doing an extensive advertising campaign with a view to new staff.
- (a) recruiting (b) catching (c) reaching (d) taking
- Q5 After you've read the details of the job, made some notes and written a draft letter, check the details, write the final letter and then your application.
- (a) pursue (b) submit (c) undergo (d) undertake
- Q6 I think you were asking too much of that new member of staff when you expected her to with a cost-cutting scheme.
- (a) come over (b) come through (c) come by (d) come up
- Q7 I think that you've chosen a very good area of work to seek employment in because I've heard that jobs are there.
- (a) many (b) abundant (c) frequent (d) plenty
- Q8 Interviewing applicants for an important job can be a very time process but it's worth it in the end.
- (a) lasting (b) developing (c) consuming (d) taking
- Q9 When you are interviewing someone, it is obviously necessary to ask questions relevant to their job experience but discussing someone's other is also useful.
- (a) deeds (b) accomplishments (c) doings (d) holdings
- Q10 We can offer you a salary that will be with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands.
- (a) level (b) equal (c) connected (d) commensurate

At the Doctors

- Q1 As soon as the doctor looked at her, he was able to the cause of her frequent headaches.
(a) decide (b) diagnose (c) define (d) describe
- Q2 Treatment of this particular disorder was beyond the doctor's capability and he the patient to a specialist.
(a) referenced (b) returned (c) referred (d) reduced
- Q3 He left the surgery feeling a lot better than when he arrived because the doctor had reassured him that his condition was not
- (a) clear (b) serious (c) determined (d) possible
- Q4 The doctor took out of her bag an unusual but promised her young patient that it would not hurt her.
(a) utensil (b) method (c) control (d) instrument
- Q5 I must confess I feel much better today, as I have found that the medication prescribed has been most
- (a) effecting (b) effects (c) effective (d) affective
- Q6 Under the policy of the new health regulations if you decide to cancel your and don't notify the surgery, you will be fined.
(a) meeting (b) appointment (c) rendezvous (d) date
- Q7 Before she was allowed to leave the hospital, a physiotherapist had to the extent of her mobility.
(a) assume (b) accept (c) assess (d) assert
- Q8 The treatment has proved very successful but to check progress he has to arrange to visit the doctor's
- (a) usually (b) always (c) principally (d) annually
- Q9 It is much easier to an illness than it is to cure it.
(a) prepare (b) prevent (c) postpone (d) prefer
- Q10 Before they could start any kind of treatment, they had to write to the previous hospital in order to obtain her
- (a) writings (b) prescriptions (c) records (d) recordings

Mistaken Identity

- Q1 Interviewer: Perhaps you could start by telling us why you've
- (a) obtained for this job (b) applied for this job
(c) intended for this job (d) asked for this job
- Q2 Candidate: I think the main reason is because I like working in
- (a) the free air (b) the clear air (c) the pure air (d) the open air
- Q3 Interviewer: You mean you like the idea of an office with
- (a) air control (b) air management (c) air conditioning (d) air condition
- Q4 Candidate: I'm sorry I don't understand what you're
- (a) in about (b) on about (c) for about (d) off about
- Q5 Interviewer: I should have thought this was
- (a) clear obvious (b) mostly obvious (c) pretty obvious (d) mainly obvious
- Q6 Candidate: Not to me,
- (a) it isn't (b) it can't be (c) it won't be (d) it will be
- Q7 Interviewer: I think there must be a mistake, I
- (a) put it you're Mr Johnson (b) take it you're Mr Johnson
(c) place it you're Mr Johnson (d) try it you're Mr Johnson
- Q8 Candidate: I'm Mr Jensen. I'm afraid it's a case of
- (a) mistaken personality (b) mistaken character
(c) mistaken person (d) mistaken identity
- Q9 Interviewer: So you're not after the job of guardian,
- (a) I presume (b) I pretend (c) I prefer (d) I preview
- Q10 Candidate: No, sorry as I said I like working outside, I want to be a gardener,
- (a) if you don't care (b) if you don't agree (c) if you don't mind (d) if you don't see

Letter Writing (1)

- Q1 Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to describe the I've been having with one of your products.
(a) incidents (b) instances (c) problems (d) examples
- Q2 I am referring to your lawnmower in the catalogue as 'Supercut'.
(a) described (b) deferred (c) considered (d) mentioned
- Q3 To begin with I would like to take over the name itself.
(a) outcome (b) issue (c) trouble (d) pains
- Q4 'Super' to my mind suggests, which it does not possess.
(a) outstanding (b) wonderful (c) excellent (d) excellence
- Q5 'Cut' I should have thought was an essential of any lawnmower.
(a) require (b) requirement (c) requires (d) requiring
- Q6 Unfortunately this does not to 'Supercut'.
(a) concern (b) attribute (c) apply (d) confer
- Q7 The first time I tried to use it, your lawnmower simply over the grass but did not cut it.
(a) walked (b) rolled (c) strode (d) tripped
- Q8 the grass was flat but it was still as long as when I had started.
(a) Confessing (b) Confessed (c) Admitted (d) Admittedly
- Q9 What I would like you to do is to pay me my money and take 'Supercut' away.
(a) back (b) return (c) again (d) reply
- Q10 Finally I want someone to come and cut my grass at your
Yours faithfully, Herb Grass.
(a) expenditure (b) expense (c) expending (d) expends

Letter Writing (2)

- Q1 Dear Charles I thought it was time I wrote to you and told you what I've been up to.
(a) in (b) about (c) at (d) by
- Q2 My main news is that Mary has at long last to marry me.
(a) concerned (b) convened (c) concerted (d) consented
- Q3 She puts it another way and says she will be able to make an man of me.
(a) honest (b) honour (c) honestly (d) honourable
- Q4 And now I come to a very important I want to ask of you.
(a) favourite (b) favour (c) favourable (d) favouring
- Q5 Putting it I should be delighted if you would agree to be my best man at our wedding.
(a) easily (b) quietly (c) fairly (d) simply
- Q6 I can you that the duties are not in any way complicated.
(a) confirm (b) assure (c) assert (d) affirm
- Q7 In fact you could not possibly say that the job of best man is at all
(a) arduous (b) articulate (c) ardent (d) arduously
- Q8 This brings me to another point: why aren't you and Sara tying the?
(a) noose (b) rope (c) knot (d) string
- Q9 After all why should you two continue to be free and I have to give up my?
(a) latitude (b) liberty (c) scope (d) immunity
- Q10 Let me have your as soon as possible.
Your old friend, Mick.
(a) return (b) response (c) respect (d) recur

Letter Writing (3)

- Q1 Dear Sir, having read your advertisement, I should like to this letter as my application for the post of marketing manager.
(a) deliver (b) submit (c) return (d) send
- Q2 As you will see from my C.V., I am currently working as a waiter.
(a) endorsed (b) included (c) attached (d) appeared
- Q3 You may think that this is a job for someone who is applying for a marketing post.
(a) peculiar (b) stranger (c) usual (d) typical
- Q4 Perhaps I should explain the reason for working in a restaurant as a waiter in preparation for a marketing job.
(a) underground (b) undercover (c) understanding (d) underlying
- Q5 As I see it, a restaurant is a market and it is the job of a waiter to the clients into choosing products from the menu.
(a) push (b) pervade (c) tempt (d) instruct
- Q6 I am sure I could very easily all the requirements of the job.
(a) complete (b) fulfil (c) commit (d) finish
- Q7 For example some of my clients cannot decide whether to have fruit or tiramisu.
(a) picked (b) wet (c) fresh (d) plucked
- Q8 On such an occasion like that I market well and always make them the one we have most of.
(a) decide (b) believe (c) select (d) effect
- Q9 I am sure I could my skills as a waiter to the tasks that are needed for your advertised post.
(a) transfer (b) translate (c) transpose (d) transverse
- Q10 Finally I look forward to from you and as you will understand I don't want to 'wait' very long.
Yours faithfully,
I.A.M. Hopeful.
(a) hear (b) hearing (c) heard (d) hears

Letter Writing (4)

- Q1 Dear all, just to let you know that we reached our after a dramatic start.
(a) goal (b) aim (c) end (d) destination
- Q2 I could say that we are having a wonderful time but that would be from the truth.
(a) distant (b) far (c) long (d) further
- Q3 Everything started to go wrong the moment we arrived at the airport because of the industrial taken by the baggage handlers.
(a) activity (b) acts (c) acting (d) action
- Q4 These baggage handlers had decided they didn't want to our cases on to the plane.
(a) lead (b) load (c) lode (d) led
- Q5 The result of this was that we were held for six hours in the departure lounge waiting for the end of the dispute.
(a) up (b) on (c) by (d) about
- Q6 By the time the plane took off as you can, we were all tired, hungry and miserable.
(a) believe (b) anticipate (c) imagine (d) think
- Q7 When we eventually arrived at the hotel, we had to our luggage at reception.
(a) sort out (b) sort of (c) sort in (d) sort by
- Q8 The big problem was that our luggage wasn't there — it had simply
(a) disintegrated (b) distorted (c) dislodged (d) disappeared
- Q9 Our first day was spent in the local shops all the things that we believed we had brought with us.
(a) finding (b) looking (c) purchasing (d) searching
- Q10 On the last day of our holiday the manager of the hotel greeted us from ear to ear to inform us that our luggage had arrived at reception!
See you soon
Meggy and Tom.
(a) screaming (b) beaming (c) streaming (d) strechting

Flying across the Channel

- Q1 Do you have any idea what BASE jumping?
(a) signifies (b) means (c) says (d) tells
- Q2 Apparently it is an where the letters in the word are the first letters of a group of words.
(a) abbreviation (b) addition (c) anomaly (d) acronym
- Q3 In other words the letters building, antennae, span and earth, all of which you can jump from.
(a) stand up (b) stand in (c) stand for (d) stand by
- Q4 Felix Baumgartner recently basejumped out of a plane 9,000 metres Dover, a port on the south coast of England.
(a) up (b) above (c) higher (d) at
- Q5 He intended to across the channel with a parachute and land on the coast of France near Calais.
(a) fly (b) flee (c) flew (d) flow
- Q6 He started very early in the morning so that he was able to commercial flights.
(a) evict (b) avoid (c) eject (d) abject
- Q7 During the flight his supporters that he will have reached 200 kmh.
(a) attain (b) argue (c) claim (d) dispute
- Q8 The fact remains that he and managed with the help of oxygen supplies to complete the crossing in ten minutes.
(a) lived (b) continued (c) achieved (d) survived
- Q9 He created a new and joins Louis Bleriot, the first to fly across the channel in 37 minutes and Matthew Webb, the first to swim across in 22 hours.
(a) record (b) recorder (c) recording (d) records
- Q10 These are amazing achievements but if like me you want comfort, warmth and food on the journey, take the ferry crossing 90 minutes.
(a) during (b) lasting (c) duration (d) while

Teaching your Wife to Drive

- Q1 Teaching someone to drive is one of the experiences you can have.
(a) cruellest (b) heaviest (c) scariest (d) latest
- Q2 You sit in the passenger seat and your learner to do what you would normally do.
(a) learn (b) perform (c) compose (d) instruct
- Q3 The problem is that if your learner doesn't understand, you can both end up in the
(a) side (b) ditch (c) drain (d) floor
- Q4 The situation is more if the learner is a member of your family.
(a) confirmed (b) contorted (c) complicated (d) confused
- Q5 If this relative is also your wife, then things become even more disastrous because it could end in
(a) divorce (b) division (c) distance (d) diversion
- Q6 The secret of being a good driving teacher is never on any occasion to lose your temper or your
(a) brain (b) thought (c) idea (d) head
- Q7 If you do lose one of them or both, your learner will lose confidence and also lose of the car.
(a) control (b) check (c) break (d) stop
- Q8 In my none of this happened — all I did was shout and scream, which made me feel better.
(a) example (b) case (c) instance (d) incident
- Q9 I am proud to say that I taught my wife and my two sons and they all first time.
(a) past (b) passing (c) passed (d) pass
- Q10 The only to me is as they were successful on the first attempt, how come some years before it had taken me four tries!
(a) confusion (b) mystery (c) intrigue (d) unknown

One is always going to lose...

- Q1 Building Societies currently find themselves in a situation because they try to please the savers and also the borrowers and yet one group is always going to lose.
 (a) perfect (b) precarious (c) pretentious (d) pertinent
- Q2 Whenever there is a meeting between the finance minister and the governor of the bank, people start asking questions and rumours
 (a) abut (b) about (c) abound (d) abide
- Q3 Invariably if interest rates go up, the building societies pay more to their savers and borrowers complain at the increase they have to pay and maintain the societies are their affairs.
 (a) mistaking (b) misplacing (c) misfiring (d) mishandling
- Q4 Chief executives then start making pleasant speeches and smile a lot because they want to the concerns of their borrowers.
 (a) assuage (b) assert (c) assemble (d) assent
- Q5 Months go by and most people forget their problems and get used to the idea of paying more and then talks and the whole process starts all over again.
 (a) retake (b) resume (c) repeat (d) return
- Q6 The government then has to show that it is involved in the whole business of saving and lending and tries to convince everyone that it is of both savers and lenders.
 (a) supporting (b) supporter (c) supportive (d) supported
- Q7 The government next announces that measures are due to come into that will change the whole process.
 (a) forces (b) forced (c) force (d) forcing
- Q8 They say this but then the difficulty is trying to find out when the measures are coming into effect and when they will be
 (a) rated (b) ratified (c) rates (d) rating
- Q9 This is all very disappointing for the house buyer who doesn't really know what's going to happen next and how much the interest rate will be.
 (a) would-go (b) would-try (c) would-see (d) would-be
- Q10 Our poor potential buyer reads the papers, watches the television news and gets excited at the prospect of another meeting of the financiers but in the end nothing of comes of it all.
 (a) note (b) notice (c) noting (d) noted

A Public Figure

- Q1 Imagine an public figure attacked by press and public, who is facing an inquiry into allegations of having obtained money by deception.
(a) empowered (b) endangered (c) embattled (d) engrossed
- Q2 Any arguments he put up in his defence were regarded as a by people who were determined to see him convicted.
(a) cloud (b) smokescreen (c) confusion (d) fog
- Q3 People tended not to believe a word he said and maintained that his protestations of innocence were wearing a bit
(a) scarce (b) bare (c) scant (d) thin
- Q4 There was very strong support for the police who were determined to this kind of crime.
(a) restrain (b) manage (c) curb (d) kill
- Q5 The press had been by an unknown source to make as much publicity about him as they could.
(a) prompted (b) picked (c) promoted (d) proposed
- Q6 His agent spent a lot of time the press on his background in the hope that they would present a balanced view.
(a) training (b) briefing (c) showing (d) clearing
- Q7 Views as to his guilt or innocence even before the trial started from utter conviction that he was guilty to wild support for his innocence.
(a) started (b) began (c) ranged (d) swept
- Q8 Gradually however as the days went by even his greatest supporters were beginning to him.
(a) destroy (b) desert (c) despair (d) destruct
- Q9 Then two days before the trial was due to start, new evidence came to proving he was totally innocent.
(a) light (b) see (c) show (d) indicate
- Q10 By then of course it was too late because the damage had already been done to his career, which everything else he did for the rest of his life.
(a) overtook (b) overcame (c) overran (d) overshadowed

State Secrets

- Q1 We often hear that such and such a piece of information cannot be released into the public in the interest of national security.
(a) dominion (b) domination (c) domain (d) domestic
- Q2 Journalists however love to get hold of a story somehow but they run the risk of facing a if they break the official secrets act.
(a) back whip (b) backlash (c) backstore (d) back strike
- Q3 When there is a inquiry taking place, the rush to get more details is intense.
(a) high profile (b) high brow (c) high intensity (d) high drama
- Q4 The more the authorities try to conceal what is happening, the more it fuels about what might be happening.
(a) speculative (b) spectacle (c) speciality (d) speculation
- Q5 Sometimes a journalist will get hold of sensitive information knowing that he will get by government agencies if he dares reveal it.
(a) wild (b) torn (c) savaged (d) ravaged
- Q6 The person in charge of the enquiry will occasionally what can be disclosed in newspapers.
(a) signal (b) signify (c) sign (d) seal
- Q7 Once this disclosure is it's the job of the journalist to follow it through to a satisfactory conclusion.
(a) heightened (b) highlighted (c) high pitched (d) hightailed
- Q8 Mind you it has to be a convincing article because the reading public can soon see through the of a weak argument.
(a) clarity (b) clearness (c) transparency (d) transparent
- Q9 The question must always be in the mind of the writer whether what is being written is likely to a threat to the safety of the community at large.
(a) place (b) put (c) start (d) pose
- Q10 The last possible thing that anyone wants to happen to their country is to turn it into a for troublemakers.
(a) port (b) harbour (c) haven (d) location

The News

- Q1 Here is the news read by Alan Townend. Today the Government is plans for a new scheme to help society.
(a) opening (b) unveiling (c) undoing (d) showing
- Q2 The idea behind the scheme is to try and stealing in the country.
(a) curb (b) kill (c) maintain (d) confuse
- Q3 The scheme will be into the school curriculum at the beginning of next academic year.
(a) entered (b) presented (c) welcomed (d) introduced
- Q4 Children will be taught to respect other people's property and
(a) belongings (b) attachments (c) added (d) additions
- Q5 If child A steals child B's exercise book, child A will have to stand up in front of the school and to being a thief.
(a) conduce (b) confess (c) conduct (d) conform
- Q6 The Government said the Prime Minister was sick and tired of papers disappearing from his office.
(a) speaking person (b) speak person (c) spoken person (d) spokesperson
- Q7 Last week the Prime Minister had to give an important address to an international when he found his speech had disappeared.
(a) assembled (b) assembly (c) assembling (d) assembles
- Q8 This was of course very embarrassing for the P.M. and of the speech he told funny stories.
(a) in spite (b) in case (c) instead (d) intend
- Q9 The worst part of the incident was that the audience did not see the funny of his stories.
(a) edge (b) side (c) line (d) part
- Q10 I regret I cannot continue with the news because someone has the next page.
(a) misappropriated (b) misconstrued (c) mistaken (d) misread

Talking through his hat

- Q1 I do take my hat to the new director for having pulled the company back from bankruptcy.
(a) by (b) on (c) to (d) off
- Q2 Whatever you do take no notice of him because he's not thinking straight — he's talking his hat.
(a) up (b) through (c) at (d) under
- Q3 It was one of those society weddings you know when the men wear hats and tails.
(a) tall (b) long (c) top (d) full
- Q4 I hope you can keep a secret because I'd like you to keep this information your hat.
(a) under (b) in (c) by (d) over
- Q5 At last she's made her mind up and decided to throw her hat in the and become a candidate.
(a) circle (b) ring (c) round (d) middle
- Q6 I don't think she stands a chance in the election and if she does win, I'll my hat.
(a) bite (b) consume (c) eat (d) chew
- Q7 You simply can't trust that politician because he changes his mind every five minutes at the of a hat.
(a) fall (b) tumble (c) jump (d) drop
- Q8 If you want to keep up with the latest fashion, you shouldn't wear that — it's hat now.
(a) late (b) old (c) finished (d) gone
- Q9 In view of the special efforts our coach driver has made today, I think it would be nice to round the hat for him.
(a) offer (b) give (c) place (d) hand
- Q10 In his present job there are so many different responsibilities involved that he has to several hats.
(a) take (b) put (c) wear (d) dress

Consider this

- Q1 The most difficult part for the salesperson is to potential customers of the usefulness of the product.
(a) consider (b) convince (c) contract (d) confirm
- Q2 If you want to get the best out of your sales force, they must believe in the product and be enough to promote it vigorously.
(a) inspired (b) invested (c) included (d) indebted
- Q3 A customer will always return to the same firm and buy again.
(a) interested (b) encouraged (c) satisfactory (d) satisfied
- Q4 That style of dress was once considered to be a but now it is coming back into fashion.
(a) fuss (b) fad (c) fidget (d) fun
- Q5 One of the first things to do when you want to a new product is to ascertain its potential demand.
(a) maintain (b) master (c) market (d) muster
- Q6 The main business interest at the moment is to watch the supermarkets for the same clientele.
(a) contrasting (b) competing (c) concerning (d) confusing
- Q7 Our sales meetings were reduced to once a fortnight because the weekly meetings were not considered to be enough.
(a) productive (b) producing (c) produced (d) products
- Q8 Her ability to facts and figures quickly was the main reason for her rapid rise in the business.
(a) consumer (b) consumption (c) consume (d) consuming
- Q9 The success of our website is due to the fact that customers can different prices for the same article.
(a) continue (b) conclude (c) confer (d) compare
- Q10 If you want to keep with the latest developments in your field, you have to read the relevant magazines.
(a) currant (b) current (c) currents (d) currently

Scandal

- Q1 Mathew Smith was a highly respected member of parliament with no on his character.
(a) sign (b) indication (c) stain (d) point
- Q2 At least that's what he thought until the press started trying to up something about his past.
(a) push (b) dig (c) spade (d) fork
- Q3 Apparently when he was still at school, he didn't have a ticket for his train journey one day and he was
(a) found (b) founded (c) funded (d) fined
- Q4 This piece of information was discovered by one keen local reporter and was up out of all proportion by the national press.
(a) blown (b) blew (c) blowing (d) blows
- Q5 Headlines appeared maintaining that Mathew was a dishonest thief.
(a) laying (b) liar (c) lain (d) lying
- Q6 Other papers asked the question: How can we trust our politicians if they on society?
(a) chat (b) chafe (c) cheat (d) chance
- Q7 There was even talk that incidents like this one could the Government.
(a) tipple (b) topple (c) tackle (d) tickle
- Q8 The Prime Minister called Mathew in to talk to him and said he couldn't tolerate any of scandal in his Party.
(a) whiff (b) scent (c) smell (d) stink
- Q9 At last Mathew decided to speak for himself and tell the truth.
(a) on (b) to (c) up (d) off
- Q10 The reporter had got it wrong because he found his ticket and he wasn't 'fined', he was simply 'fine'.
(a) fully (b) fairly (c) complete (d) completely

You have to go

- Q1 My job has gone because my boss has me.
(a) burned (b) fired (c) lit (d) flamed
- Q2 I shan't be working tomorrow because I've just been given the
- (a) bag (b) case (c) container (d) sack
- Q3 I was this morning and had to empty my desk this afternoon.
(a) departed (b) deterred (c) dismissed (d) disliked
- Q4 I was handed my yesterday and so today I'm looking for a new job.
(a) tickets (b) cards (c) books (d) papers
- Q5 The company decided to get of me last week and so I had to leave.
(a) rid (b) rod (c) red (d) ride
- Q6 I have been made because my work here is no longer needed.
(a) repellent (b) reduced (c) redundant (d) repeated
- Q7 The firm has decided to which means they don't want me.
(a) resize (b) upsize (c) in size (d) downsize
- Q8 They told me to go because I was said to be to requirements.
(a) excess (b) surplus (c) recess (d) excessive
- Q9 It was quite clear they didn't want me because I was told not to to come back to work tomorrow.
(a) care (b) concern (c) bother (d) worry
- Q10 No, I didn't ask the boss for more money today because he gave me one month's
(a) information (b) news (c) facts (d) notice

Speed

- Q1 There was absolutely no hesitation on her part and quick as a she paid the bill.
(a) spark (b) light (c) flash (d) switch
- Q2 As a child he had no problems learning foreign languages mainly because he was very quick on the
(a) downturn (b) upstart (c) downfall (d) uptake
- Q3 He just couldn't play fast and with his employees any longer simply because they never knew where he was.
(a) slow (b) loose (c) weak (d) tight
- Q4 He a fast one at the entrance because he handed over 4 tickets although there were 5 of them entering the exhibition.
(a) pulled (b) pushed (c) took (d) gave
- Q5 Since he left the army, he misses the excitement and danger and still wants to live life in the fast
(a) track (b) path (c) street (d) lane
- Q6 You'll have to be quick off the if you want to buy one of those houses because they're selling very fast.
(a) point (b) stage (c) mark (d) spot
- Q7 He's one of the rich quick fraternity who believe in making money as quickly as possible.
(a) get (b) take (c) put (d) pull
- Q8 He sees financial gain everywhere and never misses an opportunity to make a fast
(a) pound (b) buck (c) pence (d) shilling
- Q9 Now that the company has made its first million, there's no stopping it and it's full ahead.
(a) power (b) vapour (c) strength (d) steam
- Q10 I appreciate your hard work but sometimes you're so fast that you miss the details and I think it's a case of more less speed.
(a) hurry (b) hasty (c) haste (d) hurried

Up in the Clouds

- Q1 Have you noticed how much more the price of petrol is today? It's really sky now.
(a) up (b) high (c) through (d) on
- Q2 I was asked how many tests I would write and I said the sky's the — in other words as many as possible.
(a) end (b) finish (c) limit (d) top
- Q3 Her boss thought she was wonderful and always her to the skies.
(a) complimented (b) congratulated (c) flattered (d) praised
- Q4 I simply don't believe the scheme will ever succeed, it's just in the sky.
(a) meat (b) pie (c) food (d) meals
- Q5 Question: What do they call those huge buildings in New York? Answer: They're called sky.....
(a) scratchers (b) ticklers (c) scrapers (d) touchers
- Q6 You can see the sun if you look at the roof through the sky.....
(a) space (b) light (c) opening (d) window
- Q7 It's a very pale version of the colour and that's why it's called sky.....
(a) blue (b) pink (c) yellow (d) red
- Q8 The rocket was fired and quickly took off sky.....
(a) long (b) broad (c) wide (d) length
- Q9 He just wouldn't take anything seriously and could always be found playing about and generally sky.....
(a) larking (b) joking (c) playing (d) birding
- Q10 I think you're either mad or very brave to jump out of a plane and wait some time before opening your parachute in a sky.....
(a) drop (b) fall (c) crash (d) dive

Papers

- Q1 You can hear everything that's going on next door because the walls are paper
- (a) long (b) wide (c) thin (d) tall
- Q2 We're going to the college tonight to hear Professor Kent a paper on language learning on the net.
- (a) speak (b) deliver (c) raise (d) talk
- Q3 I can't see the point of trying to settle the dispute between those two institutions because you'll just be papering over the
- (a) fissures (b) splits (c) divisions (d) cracks
- Q4 After the first revolution the dictator no longer had much control and became just a paper
- (a) lion (b) tiger (c) elephant (d) cat
- Q5 The cross country run where the runners follow a track of pieces of paper is called a paper
- (a) chase (b) race (c) relay (d) sport
- Q6 Some countries have some very interesting designs on their paper
- (a) cash (b) coinage (c) money (d) pay
- Q7 Not that it has happened yet but the age of the computer was meant to introduce the idea of the paper..... office.
- (a) minus (b) few (c) least (d) less
- Q8 The main work has just been completed and all we have to do now is finish the paper
- (a) task (b) job (c) work (d) function
- Q9 She was given a very decorative paper to stop all her papers blowing away once the window was opened.
- (a) weight (b) heavy (c) block (d) stone
- Q10 Her first novel was a huge success and it was only a few weeks after publication that the paper came out.
- (a) side (b) edition (c) back (d) book

Bones

- Q1 I hung the washing out only two hours ago but it is already bone thanks to the hot sunshine.
(a) parched (b) dry (c) clear (d) dried
- Q2 They came straight out with their complaint no bones about it whatsoever.
(a) saying (b) trying (c) doing (d) making
- Q3 It was a miracle that he was still alive as he hadn't eaten for weeks and when they found him he was just and bone.
(a) skin (b) flesh (c) meat (d) cover
- Q4 It was quite simple really — he never did any work at all and was sacked for being bone
(a) lazy (b) useless (c) idle (d) inactive
- Q5 It's impossible to say exactly why I think that's the case. All I can say is that I it in my bones.
(a) understand (b) feel (c) see (d) follow
- Q6 We're expecting a visit from a French couple soon so I'll have to bone on my French.
(a) in (b) to (c) with (d) up
- Q7 Ah, yes I've got a bone to with you. You told me you would pay me back last week and I still haven't got the money yet.
(a) pick (b) chew (c) taste (d) eat
- Q8 Although the TV programme was funny, my aunt was a bit shocked because some of the jokes were a bit the bone.
(a) next (b) close (c) near (d) by
- Q9 I won't go into the full details of the proposition, I'll just give you the bones.
(a) naked (b) bare (c) simple (d) stripped
- Q10 Her children were very ungrateful for all she'd done for them as she had really worked her to the bone for them.
(a) elbows (b) arms (c) legs (d) fingers

Lucky You

- Q1 He told us the usual things about how everything had gone wrong — it was a typical luck story.
(a) solid (b) hard (c) stiff (d) black
- Q2 With a little of luck I think she'll pass her driving test first time.
(a) section (b) particle (c) parcel (d) bit
- Q3 If I were you I would certainly accept the offer. If you ask for any more you're just your luck.
(a) pushing (b) probing (c) promoting (d) pending
- Q4 I thought the best thing was to wish them both luck and hope that everything worked out well.
(a) best (b) all (c) good (d) fine
- Q5 You really couldn't blame anyone for the accident because it was just a case of luck.
(a) worse (b) worst (c) foul (d) bad
- Q6 Last week they it very lucky because they managed to win the lottery.
(a) hit (b) struck (c) knocked (d) hammered
- Q7 She always seems to come out of any crisis unharmed and I'm convinced she was born under a lucky
(a) planet (b) asteroid (c) moon (d) star
- Q8 He just couldn't make up his mind which to choose and so in the end he decided to take luck.
(a) pot (b) tin (c) can (d) box
- Q9 Everyone decided to help him by offering money as they'd heard he was on his luck.
(a) low (b) down (c) off (d) below
- Q10 After all his failures in the business world he decided to his luck in the casino.
(a) turn (b) endeavour (c) attempt (d) try

Stages

- Q1 All the a stage said Shakespeare, meaning life is like a play in the theatre.
(a) earth's (b) world's (c) land's (d) country's
- Q2 This project has only just been started and is in its stages at the moment.
(a) first (b) beginning (c) starting (d) early
- Q3 You don't have to pay for it all at once as you can buy it in stages.
(a) facile (b) easy (c) simple (d) clear
- Q4 We've now the stage where it's time to make our minds up.
(a) acquired (b) found (c) reached (d) got
- Q5 I've seen her act in many films but never live stage.
(a) at (b) in (c) through (d) on
- Q6 It's quite normal when you make your first speech in public to suffer from stage
(a) fear (b) nerves (c) fright (d) anxiety
- Q7 As he didn't want anyone else to hear what he was saying he spoke to her in a stage
(a) whisper (b) hush (c) voice (d) tone
- Q8 He's always been fascinated by the theatre and has spent many years doing odd jobs as a stage
(a) worker (b) hand (c) man (d) holder
- Q9 From childhood she has been stage and was delighted when she got her first major part in the play at the national theatre.
(a) hit (b) shocked (c) slapped (d) struck
- Q10 The whole event seemed very unnatural and had clearly been stage appeal to the voters before the election.
(a) handled (b) managed (c) controlled (d) developed

Venues

- Q1 The first was to hold the event in the open air but that posed many problems.
(a) ideal (b) notion (c) plan (d) sketch
- Q2 This proposal was soon discarded because we might find difficulty with the local
(a) regulations (b) rulings (c) rules (d) regulars
- Q3 After a lot of discussion we decided to hire a professional to us.
(a) enable (b) empower (c) devote (d) assist
- Q4 The first thing she recommended was for us to all the people who were involved.
(a) combine (b) conduct (c) coordinate (d) conduce
- Q5 The next thing we needed to work out was the exact of the area that we needed in order to present the event.
(a) diversions (b) directions (c) diagonals (d) dimensions
- Q6 In view of the large number of people the of a parking area was considered very important.
(a) proximity (b) approximate (c) prominence (d) profession
- Q7 After a great deal of discussion a was eventually found, which seemed to be what was wanted.
(a) sight (b) site (c) seat (d) sighting
- Q8 At this stage it was clear that they had to know the number of people who were going to attend.
(a) full (b) defined (c) determined (d) exact
- Q9 Invitations were sent out and in the response was quite good.
(a) all (b) general (c) common (d) ordinary
- Q10 Unfortunately the event was never because no one had considered the reaction of the local people to the noise of a loud pop concert.
(a) put up (b) given (c) staged (d) taken

Trains

- Q1 It was necessary to telephone enquiries before we could get the number to ring up the railway station.
(a) dictionary (b) directory (c) survey (d) compendium
- Q2 We thought it was a good idea to take some sandwiches with us so that we'd have something to eat for the of the journey.
(a) lasting (b) period (c) timing (d) duration
- Q3 As one of our party was over 60 she was to a reduction in the price of the ticket.
(a) allowed (b) given (c) granted (d) entitled
- Q4 I suppose as we live in a very rural area, we are lucky that a train service actually here.
(a) operates (b) works (c) functions (d) takes
- Q5 Mind you the cost of travel is very high and went up again last month.
(a) stages (b) periods (c) fares (d) admissions
- Q6 All you can say is that the high price is somewhat by being able to get to a large city quickly.
(a) upset (b) overturned (c) highlighted (d) offset
- Q7 The other advantage of this particular service is that by and large the trains are
(a) timely (b) punctual (c) pointed (d) exact
- Q8 On the day we travelled most people had decided to stay at home as the train was empty.
(a) considerably (b) related (c) reliable (d) relatively
- Q9 We ate our sandwiches and for the of the journey we enjoyed looking at the scenery.
(a) remainder (b) remaining (c) remained (d) remains
- Q10 Before we knew what had happened we had left our village behind and were in the middle of the big city.
(a) removed (b) far (c) remote (d) released

Bite, Bit, Bitten

Q1 She certainly won't invest in that company again having lost a fortune — it's a case of once bitten twice

- (a) nervous (b) coy (c) shy (d) reserved

Q2 He may seem very angry but don't worry his is worse than his bite.

- (a) bark (b) growl (c) snort (d) snarl

Q3 They were so angry with me they practically bit my off.

- (a) nose (b) hand (c) fingers (d) head

Q4 I think he'll succeed but it's a lot of work and sometimes he feels he's bitten off more than he can

- (a) digest (b) chew (c) taste (d) swallow

Q5 In view of the way things have improved I now feel confident enough to have another bite at the

- (a) banana (b) apple (c) pear (d) cherry

Q6 I'm very sorry to tell you that your scheme has failed and it has well and truly bitten the

- (a) powder (b) dust (c) fluff (d) ground

Q7 It must have come as a great shock to get the sack but I'm afraid you'll just have to accept it and bite the

- (a) shot (b) knife (c) bullet (d) blow

Q8 I can't believe that he's turning against his own parents — it's like biting the hand that you.

- (a) brought (b) nourished (c) helped (d) fed

Q9 My advice to you is to resist saying anything at the moment and simply bite your

- (a) mouth (b) teeth (c) lip (d) gums

Q10 I know she would really like to say exactly what she feels but I believe she should bite her

- (a) cheek (b) nails (c) ear (d) tongue

Issues

- Q1 I agree in general with what you have said but I'm not happy about one point and I must issue with you over that.
(a) bring (b) take (c) find (d) put
- Q2 The trouble with her is that she always exaggerates and an issue out of everything.
(a) pulls (b) tries (c) gets (d) makes
- Q3 As far as I'm concerned his explanation was useless as it merely the issue.
(a) confused (b) troubled (c) disturbed (d) upset
- Q4 I wish we could stick to the subject and just consider the topic issue.
(a) on (b) by (c) at (d) in
- Q5 The value of one of the early copies of that book can be considerable if it happens to be a issue.
(a) premier (b) prime (c) beginning (d) first
- Q6 It was a family that had had a long history but it came to a halt when George went because he died issue.
(a) without (b) missing (c) incomplete (d) failing
- Q7 The police are very keen to talk to one particular man and have issued a of him.
(a) naming (b) description (c) calling (d) describing
- Q8 We panicked when we got near the house because we could see smoke issuing the top bedroom window.
(a) against (b) on (c) out of (d) into
- Q9 All the reporters of the war were issued bulletproof jackets to give them better protection.
(a) on (b) by (c) at (d) with
- Q10 Turn on the television and look at the current news programme and you will find everyone discussing the issue of the day.
(a) big (b) large (c) enormous (d) huge

What a Cracker

- Q1 He always believed in giving his children the same opportunities in life so that each one would have a fair crack of the
- (a) strike (b) blow (c) hit (d) whip
- Q2 This is going to be a difficult task but we'll get there in the end although it is a nut to crack.
- (a) rigid (b) hard (c) solid (d) heavy
- Q3 It's a long way we have to travel tomorrow so we must get up very early in the morning at the crack of
- (a) dawn (b) dusk (c) day (d) sun
- Q4 In celebration at passing his examinations he invited everyone round to crack a and have a drink with him.
- (a) glass (b) flask (c) bottle (d) jug
- Q5 In view of the falling standards the company decided to appoint a very office manager who would be able to crack the whip a bit.
- (a) stiff (b) severe (c) serious (d) strict
- Q6 For goodness' sake hurry up because if we don't cracking soon we'll miss the bus.
- (a) find (b) get (c) use (d) put
- Q7 I really think you should make an effort and apply for that job and at least a crack at it.
- (a) have (b) do (c) place (d) try
- Q8 Well, I must admit that I was a bit disappointed with the exhibition after all the praise it's received — it isn't all it's cracked to be.
- (a) off (b) up (c) over (d) in
- Q9 They haven't really put matters right at all because they've simply papered the cracks.
- (a) through (b) along (c) beside (d) over
- Q10 They spent a huge amount of time and money to deal with that small problem and it's like taking a sledgehammer to crack a
- (a) pea (b) bean (c) nut (d) seed

Lunch is served

- Q1 I strongly recommend that restaurant as I was very with how quickly they brought the food.
(a) influenced (b) interested (c) impressed (d) induced
- Q2 Of course if speed is the most important thing, you can always up your lunch from the take away cafe.
(a) hand (b) hold (c) keep (d) pick
- Q3 The other night we went to a French restaurant and it to Charles to translate everything on the menu for us.
(a) went (b) fell (c) dropped (d) took
- Q4 What you like in the way of lunch very much depends on your taste.
(a) separate (b) strange (c) distinguished (d) individual
- Q5 It is customary for the office junior to make a of what each colleague wants from the sandwich bar.
(a) list (b) description (c) inventory (d) table
- Q6 Nowadays you can even order your lunch online and your food will be to your office.
(a) handed (b) reached (c) delivered (d) transported
- Q7 Personally I find that although the taste of your lunch is important, it should also look on the plate.
(a) content (b) rested (c) prettily (d) elegant
- Q8 There is nothing worse when you take important clients out for lunch to find that the choice of dishes is very
(a) isolated (b) lonely (c) narrow (d) weak
- Q9 Mind you if there is a very long menu for lunch, it can be a problem for the waiter to deal with a order.
(a) various (b) multiply (c) multifaceted (d) multiple
- Q10 The worst part naturally of any meal whatever the time of day is having to the bill.
(a) settle (b) arrange (c) manage (d) control

Dry as you like

- Q1 I'm afraid I don't like this sherry because I find it too and I prefer something nice and dry.
(a) soft (b) sweet (c) gentle (d) tart
- Q2 We're not quite sure how it will work so today we're having a dry to find out if there are any problems.
(a) go (b) try (c) attempt (d) run
- Q3 She studies some very obscure things to do with ancient Greek documents — to most people a really dry as subject.
(a) powder (b) earth (c) dust (d) soil
- Q4 It was one of those scenes that made you want to cry your eyes out and I do believe there wasn't a dry in the theatre.
(a) eye (b) nose (c) cheek (d) face
- Q5 There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were all right with our tent and were as dry as a
(a) cover (b) bone (c) coat (d) sheet
- Q6 We all set out together early in the morning in different cars but ours broke down and nobody bothered to look for us so we were left and dry.
(a) up (b) top (c) on (d) high
- Q7 As a result of the very long heat wave last summer many of the rivers have now completely dried
(a) off (b) up (c) over (d) through
- Q8 As it's still very warm outside I recommend you leave your swimming things in the garden to let them dry
(a) in (b) to (c) out (d) under
- Q9 She's very subtle in the comments she makes and she has a wonderfully dry of humour.
(a) feeling (b) opinion (c) meaning (d) sense
- Q10 If you want to keep your customers coming in on a regular basis you mustn't let your stocks dry.
(a) go (b) turn (c) take (d) run

Back Again

- Q1 I'm suspicious really because at the back of my I don't trust them.
(a) brain (b) mind (c) idea (d) thought
- Q2 He said he'd read my funny story and had laughed twice, which was a sort of back compliment.
(a) slapped (b) hit (c) thrown (d) handed
- Q3 She was a very famous film star some 40 years ago but now she's regarded as unimportant — a sort of back
(a) figure (b) digit (c) number (d) person
- Q4 He's having trouble with his mother-in-law because she likes to control everything rather like a backseat
(a) conductor (b) driver (c) doer (d) goer
- Q5 Where we live is a sort of back..... because nobody here knows what's going on in the world.
(a) stream (b) river (c) pond (d) water
- Q6 She's the sort of person who can't bear being secretive and will never talk about you your back.
(a) on (b) over (c) behind (d) across
- Q7 There's still some way to go with this latest project but I think we've the back of it.
(a) smashed (b) broken (c) hit (d) crashed
- Q8 I've lived here all my life and know every single road and street like the back of my
(a) finger (b) palm (c) thumb (d) hand
- Q9 Poor woman since she got knocked down by a car, she's been on her back.
(a) flat (b) prone (c) laying (d) straight
- Q10 He's one of those irritating people who manages within a few minutes of meeting someone to their back up.
(a) shift (b) put (c) place (d) turn

Bearing Information

- Q1 Try and be a little more cheerful because if you don't bear soon, you'll make everyone else miserable.
(a) through (b) along (c) up (d) to
- Q2 We were in a small rowing boat and were terrified that the steamer hadn't seen us as it was bearing on us.
(a) down (b) across (c) over (d) under
- Q3 I fully understand your comments and bearing those in, I have made the appropriate decision.
(a) brain (b) mind (c) thought (d) sense
- Q4 As we have all worked very hard this year, I'm hoping that our efforts will bear
(a) produce (b) benefits (c) yields (d) fruit
- Q5 We all have our to bear so I should be grateful if you would stop complaining all the time.
(a) problems (b) situations (c) crosses (d) results
- Q6 There is really nothing much you can do to stop it and I'm afraid you'll just have to and bear it.
(a) scorn (b) grin (c) laugh (d) smile
- Q7 I hope you can be patient for a little longer and bear me while I try and solve the problem.
(a) by (b) on (c) at (d) with
- Q8 She has been proved right in everything she did as the report quite clearly bears
(a) out (b) to (c) for (d) onto
- Q9 The judge dismissed the new evidence completely because it had no bearing the trial.
(a) to (b) on (c) into (d) by
- Q10 Quite honestly the two cases are so completely different that they really don't bear
(a) confirmation (b) contrast (c) comprehension (d) comparison

What the Devil

- Q1 It's very hard trying to get the tenses right in English. In fact it's the devil to know whether it's simple or continuous.
(a) same (b) very (c) usual (d) actual
- Q2 In a way it's probably just as well the deputy has become the new chief. It's a case of the devil you know.
(a) easier (b) rather (c) harder (d) better
- Q3 Many people have been made redundant in the takeover and those who joined last were the first to go. The principle of devil take the applied.
(a) final list (b) old list (c) hindmost (d) youngest
- Q4 We don't really get on with the new boss but he has some good ideas so we must give the devil his
(a) owing (b) right (c) share (d) due
- Q5 The work has to be done as we have no choice. As they say, needs must when the devil
(a) drives (b) guides (c) steers (d) races
- Q6 She likes to take the opposite point of view and play the devil's
(a) lawyer (b) advocate (c) support (d) attitude
- Q7 of the devil. We were just talking about you before you came in the room.
(a) Quote (b) Announce (c) Utter (d) Speak
- Q8 When your parents find out what you've done, you'll be in serious trouble and there'll be the devil to
(a) show (b) pay (c) credit (d) hold
- Q9 You should really look through that agreement carefully before you sign because the devil is in the
(a) detail (b) exact (c) finery (d) precise
- Q10 It took me ages to set up my computer because I spent the devil of a trying to understand the notes.
(a) duration (b) time (c) length (d) space

Two For You

- Q1 A bird in the hand is worth two in the as they say when you have at least one definite thing in contrast to two uncertain things.
(a) hedge (b) tree (c) bush (d) plant
- Q2 It wouldn't take much for me to cancel that trip in fact for two I think I will.
(a) needles (b) nails (c) points (d) pins
- Q3 Quite honestly I really can't decide which one to choose — I'm what you might say in two
(a) minds (b) thoughts (c) ideas (d) views
- Q4 I promise I'll be very quick indeed and I'll be back in two of a lamb's tail.
(a) moves (b) shakes (c) twitches (d) wags
- Q5 I'll see to that in two and it'll be all over in a minute.
(a) times (b) crosses (c) ticks (d) strikes
- Q6 You honestly can't tell one twin from another as they are like as two in a pod.
(a) potatoes (b) tomatoes (c) bananas (d) peas
- Q7 I worked out the answer in the end by putting two and two
(a) aside (b) apart (c) together (d) through
- Q8 I'm sorry I can't accept any other explanation. My mind is made up and there are no two about it.
(a) roads (b) paths (c) routes (d) ways
- Q9 I honestly wouldn't trust either of them. They both think the same way and they're two of a
(a) type (b) kind (c) genre (d) sort
- Q10 I can see you're angry and want to do the same to them but remember that two wrongs don't make a
(a) right (b) rite (c) correction (d) point

At the End of the Day (1)

- Q1 There are late risers and early risers, those who need a lot of sleep and those who need only a,
(a) less (b) nothing (c) few (d) little
- Q2 some who take to wake up and some who jump straight out of bed first thing,
(a) long time (b) ages (c) periods (d) lengths
- Q3 but whatever the required, all of us need sleep at some time during the day or night.
(a) sum (b) total (c) amount (d) lot
- Q4 And so it's not surprising the many ways we have of it.
(a) describing (b) defining (c) delineating (d) developing
- Q5 To start with there is a special for children.
(a) talk (b) language (c) speak (d) chat
- Q6 The sandman is coming is what we say to children
(a) dreamy (b) torpid (c) stagnant (d) sleepy
- Q7 following the old story about that strange man who to drop sand in their eyes near bed time.
(a) is required (b) is told (c) is supposed (d) is needed
- Q8 we talk of the need for a child to start on his journey to slumber land or the land of nod
(a) Differently (b) Alternately (c) Adversely (d) Alternatively
- Q9 and parents of a musical of mind can speed their children on their way to this land of sleep with a lullaby.
(a) twist (b) turn (c) corner (d) state
- Q10 Of course as you grow older, you in the luxury of short sleeps during the day.
(a) enter (b) fall (c) indulge (d) incur

At the End of the Day (2)

- Q1 You can take a cat nap beside the fire or doze off on a train
- (a) route (b) travel (c) voyage (d) journey
- Q2 which all describe the kind of sleep that can be at a moment's notice.
- (a) intervened (b) interacted (c) interrupted (d) invaded
- Q3 A more basic expression of this is to have a little shuteye.
- (a) trend (b) sort (c) tendency (d) variety
- Q4 Should you wish for a little peace and at the office,
- (a) quite (b) still (c) halt (d) quiet
- Q5 put a outside your door stating: Do not disturb — having 40 winks.
- (a) notice (b) board (c) sign (d) tablet
- Q6 Forty apparently is the allowed for this kind of sleep.
- (a) major (b) majority (c) maximum (d) macrocosm
- Q7 The strange is that few people announce boldly:
- (a) matter (b) thing (c) point (d) event
- Q8 Well, I think I'll to sleep now.
- (a) go (b) take (c) make (d) get
- Q9 More than not as a guest we'll say:
- (a) possible (b) likely (c) probably (d) possibly
- Q10 Well, I think if you don't, I'll turn in now.
- (a) care (b) say (c) mind (d) look

At the End of the Day (3)

- Q1 Without offending the of your host, you could also say:
(a) hostelry (b) hospital (c) hospitable (d) hospitality
- Q2 I think it's time for me to hit the sack, which need be no of the softness of the mattress.
(a) criterion (b) critique (c) criticism (d) critical
- Q3 And very important people are not described as simply going to bed but rather retiring for the night.
(a) incidentally (b) eventually (c) absolutely (d) entirely
- Q4 Somehow it sounds just a bit more
- (a) dignity (b) dignified (c) dignify (d) dignitary
- Q5 Of course should your guests be to go home to their own beds
(a) uncertain (b) unclear (c) ungrateful (d) unwilling
- Q6 and you have a strong desire to be of them and go to sleep
(a) riddance (b) ridden (c) rid (d) ride
- Q7 you could be subtle and up the sitting room clock
(a) wind (b) stir (c) turn (d) take
- Q8 look at your watch or even yawn.
(a) anxious (b) anxiety (c) anxiousness (d) anxiously
- Q9 But if you have no at all, the best thing is to drop off or nod off in the middle of the conversation.
(a) restrictions (b) inhibitions (c) prohibitions (d) conditions
- Q10 And if all else go upstairs and come down again in your pyjamas.
(a) falls (b) fell (c) fails (d) feels

At the End of the Day (4)

- Q1 There are several that describe the state of being asleep
(a) impressions (b) expressions (c) conditions (d) digressions
- Q2 and most seem to to deep sleep like being sound asleep or fast asleep
(a) direct (b) deter (c) defer (d) refer
- Q3 There are also some describing deep sleep: to sleep like a top, like a baby, like a log
(a) likenesses (b) comparisons (c) similarities (d) synonyms
- Q4 When the sleeper totally refuses to be, we say they are sleeping like the dead.
(a) deterred (b) defused (c) disturbed (d) disgruntled
- Q5 More colloquial expressions speak of someone being out like a light, spark out or for a very sleeper dead to the world
(a) big (b) huge (c) large (d) heavy
- Q6 Well, I don't know about you but all this is having a very soporific on me
(a) effect (b) affect (c) affection (d) affectation
- Q7 but just assuming you are awake and in the land of the living
(a) clear (b) wide (c) broad (d) high
- Q8 let me leave you with a expression. Next time you're off upstairs to bed
(a) end (b) last (c) lasting (d) final
- Q9 give the rest of the house a surprise by showing your classical education and say:
(a) up (b) on (c) off (d) in
- Q10 Well I think I'll be off now and my rest in the arms of Morpheus. Happy dreams!
(a) fetch (b) take (c) bring (d) let

GMAT Verbal Quiz

- Q1 This story is on an incident that actually happened.
(a) founded (b) grounded (c) based (d) established
- Q2 I'm afraid I shan't be to come on Tuesday because of a prior engagement.
(a) capable (b) able (c) can (d) possible
- Q3 You can easily tell that this document from the 12th century because of a distinctive script.
(a) holds (b) trails (c) lasts (d) dates
- Q4 I'm sorry to tell you but she is simply that this will be the result but she has no actual proof.
(a) daydreaming (b) hallucinating (c) hypothesizing (d) dithering
- Q5 I do apologise for talking to you a minute ago only I you for one of my colleagues, who looks exactly like you.
(a) mistook (b) accepted (c) believed (d) thought
- Q6 It's a waste of time asking them for their opinion as they're bound to object because they've been against the idea from the start.
(a) subjective (b) derogative (c) conscious (d) prejudiced
- Q7 I asked you to bring back a different one but you've brought a similar one back that's exactly the as the first one.
(a) equivalent (b) apparent (c) same (d) identical
- Q8 The main quality that is required of someone holding that kind of job is to have the to get on with people.
(a) task (b) ability (c) requirement (d) need
- Q9 They couldn't hold their meeting in the open air of the heavy rain.
(a) because (b) but (c) since (d) for
- Q10 I always let her handle that kind of situation because she's very good at with difficult clients.
(a) taking (b) bringing (c) tackling (d) dealing

GMAT Vocabulary

- Q1 Some people who have been made redundant make no further effort to get employment in complete to those who decide to retrain.
(a) comparison (b) difference (c) attitude (d) contrast
- Q2 The new company decided not to copy their predecessors but their structure after the latest trends in business.
(a) model (b) frame (c) differ (d) make
- Q3 Under the new regulations no one is allowed to smoke inside the building but you are to smoke outside.
(a) arranged (b) permitted (c) granted (d) let
- Q4 She is as a possible future first minister.
(a) looked (b) observed (c) glanced (d) seen
- Q5 Although the bank had turned down his application twice, they suddenly had a change of heart and decided to to his request for a loan.
(a) accede (b) access (c) accrue (d) adapt
- Q6 It's not yet been fully certified yet but the recently discovered bones are to be those of the missing link.
(a) credited (b) argued (c) required (d) believed
- Q7 The over the rights and wrongs of this issue has been a never- ending discussion inside parliament.
(a) chatter (b) debate (c) gossip (d) rumour
- Q8 The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in of falling into the sea.
(a) risk (b) chance (c) danger (d) likelihood
- Q9 I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more twice what I had to pay.
(a) as (b) at (c) like (d) than
- Q10 They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were to go back to work.
(a) pursued (b) persuaded (c) prevented (d) perceived

GMAT Words

- Q1 As a troubleshooter he was often to sort out problems in different area offices.
(a) transmitted (b) delivered (c) attached (d) sent
- Q2 I don't believe it myself but to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits.
(a) following (b) regarding (c) according (d) concerning
- Q3 He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's a rock and a hard place.
(a) against (b) between (c) across (d) over
- Q4 Eventually they made their minds up and to appoint the outsider to the job.
(a) considered (b) decided (c) maintained (d) took
- Q5 In to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work.
(a) order (b) command (c) requirement (d) purpose
- Q6 With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move from the city to the countryside.
(a) along (b) afar (c) near (d) away
- Q7 The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and for the sudden drop in profits.
(a) talk (b) speak (c) account (d) decide
- Q8 The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's for the government to help.
(a) crying (b) calling (c) shouting (d) hailing
- Q9 The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to the buildings against possible terrorist attacks.
(a) defend (b) distract (c) defer (d) detract
- Q10 It wasn't really a serious crime but it was pointed out to him that by parking there he was in of a local byelaw.
(a) vindication (b) virement (c) visitation (d) violation

Learn English Vocabulary

- Q1 As a new employee she's very anxious to do the right thing and hopes that her new project with the approval of her boss.
(a) reaches (b) meets (c) accepts (d) holds
- Q2 It's just not within his character and I would never say that he was to that kind of behaviour.
(a) presented (b) prepared (c) pre-empted (d) predisposed
- Q3 You couldn't find a more loyal bunch of people who have a of reliability so strong that they will never let you down.
(a) wish (b) desire (c) sense (d) sensing
- Q4 You can take it or leave it as there is absolutely no to accept my proposal.
(a) push (b) pressure (c) pushing (d) leaning
- Q5 The department has so much money on administration that there is little left for employing sales personnel.
(a) devoted (b) exhausted (c) developed (d) spent
- Q6 Although he claimed it was an accident, he was of murder.
(a) accused (b) blamed (c) criticized (d) arrested
- Q7 They say that pregnant women develop a for certain foods and must eat them all the time.
(a) appetite (b) craving (c) thirst (d) eating
- Q8 You must choose the right description for each word and I would this one as an adjective.
(a) delineate (b) decipher (c) decide (d) define
- Q9 I wouldn't believe everything she says because it's my belief that she is to exaggerate.
(a) designated (b) declined (c) inclined (d) tended
- Q10 We will get as near as we can to your requirements but we may not be able to all your needs.
(a) meet (b) encounter (c) measure (d) face

English Vocabulary Exercises

- Q1 Thanks to the crash barrier in the middle of the motorway cars are from hitting those on the other side in the event of an accident.
(a) distracted (b) diverted (c) directed (d) prevented
- Q2 It doesn't matter what position you hold in society everyone is to the same laws.
(a) object (b) subject (c) controlled (d) restricted
- Q3 As I was a stranger in that country I was not with some of their customs and didn't understand why people were laughing at me.
(a) addicted (b) attracted (c) acquainted (d) acquired
- Q4 You can have that car in any colour you want in fact you have a of 24 different ones.
(a) choice (b) choosing (c) number (d) shade
- Q5 The theatre was to display in the entrance some of the excellent newspaper reviews the play had received.
(a) deluded (b) developed (c) demanded (d) delighted
- Q6 As the hospital had been careless with its hygiene procedures, the patient found she had been with a harmful virus.
(a) detected (b) rejected (c) infected (d) suspected
- Q7 As a of the district she had absolutely no difficulty in understanding the local dialect.
(a) inhabitant (b) relation (c) native (d) newcomer
- Q8 There is a new company regulation to remove the danger of passive smoking, which all employees from smoking at their place of work.
(a) prohibits (b) promotes (c) professes (d) protests
- Q9 He finds breathing very difficult in restricted spaces as he from asthma.
(a) refers (b) defers (c) suffers (d) differs
- Q10 I am very pleased to be working with you because I think the same way and with your policies.
(a) accept (b) conform (c) confer (d) agree

Increasing Vocabulary

- Q1 You can have whichever one you want as I'll let you from these examples here.
(a) consider (b) deliberate (c) choose (d) enable
- Q2 I think you can clearly see now what I mean as that incident that I am obviously right.
(a) decides (b) demonstrates (c) protests (d) highlights
- Q3 For the first time in his life of going straight home, he called in at a pub on the way back.
(a) instead (b) inside (c) including (d) into
- Q4 You can tell that this piece of furniture is to America because of the strong colonial style.
(a) born (b) inherent (c) special (d) native
- Q5 for his age and he is after all only 12, I think his achievement is remarkable.
(a) Permitting (b) Discerning (c) Allowing (d) Regarding
- Q6 If you to take that step in your career, you have only yourself to blame if it all goes wrong.
(a) have (b) believe (c) experiment (d) choose
- Q7 I've always thought of her as the kind of person you can trust, you know the sort you can on.
(a) depend (b) deter (c) defend (d) defeat
- Q8 It was a totally new experience for us visiting that factory abroad as we were to all sorts of new techniques.
(a) involved (b) intended (c) invested (d) introduced
- Q9 No one had a clue what had actually happened neither the police the public.
(a) or (b) either (c) nor (d) never
- Q10 All cyclists must now wear some kind of helmet in order to their heads against injury in the event of an accident.
(a) proffer (b) protect (c) produce (d) prevent

Improving Verbal Skills

- Q1 You can tell that this car has been very well made and is certainly to the other makes in this garage.
(a) better (b) clearer (c) above (d) superior
- Q2 It's quite obvious that whatever you like to call his remarks they are impolite and to slander.
(a) same (b) amount (c) total (d) extend
- Q3 He to have sailed single-handed round the world but personally I don't believe him.
(a) says (b) believes (c) claims (d) intends
- Q4 In this biography she is as a kind sweet old lady but in reality she was a bad tempered old witch.
(a) depicted (b) framed (c) outlined (d) caught
- Q5 He had to be from all the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease.
(a) outcast (b) eliminated (c) extracted (d) isolated
- Q6 It's not that I don't trust you I must have some evidence of your identity.
(a) although (b) but (c) also (d) because
- Q7 The General made absolutely sure his troops were ready for battle and with the latest equipment.
(a) invested (b) created (c) provided (d) tested
- Q8 People used to think the cinema would be by television but it never happened because people still go to the pictures.
(a) supposed (b) surrounded (c) suppressed (d) supplanted
- Q9 She to be very confident on stage but inside she was feeling very nervous.
(a) appeared (b) supposed (c) stood (d) credited
- Q10 There's little point in those two firms competing for the same market as they would be much better with one another.
(a) consuming (b) convincing (c) convening (d) collaborating

Verbal Skills Test

- Q1 We sometimes find it difficult to imagine where we come from and believe that we are in fact from apes.
(a) directed (b) departed (c) devolved (d) descended
- Q2 Although he hadn't actually done anything, he looked as if he might and he was arrested for being outside the house with to burgle it.
(a) purpose (b) reason (c) intent (d) inclination
- Q3 Not only did he pay for them to go on holiday but he provided them with spending money.
(a) addition (b) also (c) either (d) too
- Q4 I don't mind sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in a hostel as anything is to sleeping in a tent.
(a) preferable (b) preferred (c) preferring (d) prefers
- Q5 I know you trust him but I have my doubts about him and must admit to being of him.
(a) suspect (b) suspecting (c) suspicious (d) suspected
- Q6 You needn't worry about that regulation as it has nothing to do with you and doesn't to your situation.
(a) adhere (b) apply (c) attract (d) attach
- Q7 The Government published a report clearing the minister of any guilt and that he had acted correctly.
(a) concluded (b) conducted (c) conferred (d) confided
- Q8 They are in fact twins but are not at all alike physically but are not from one another in attitude.
(a) separate (b) divided (c) diverse (d) different
- Q9 Like all good philosophers in of truth she is always looking for new perspectives.
(a) sight (b) reach (c) search (d) enquiry
- Q10 Let's look at it this way — it's not so much a problem a challenge to our efforts.
(a) as (b) since (c) for (d) it

Verbal Test

- Q1 In some 19th century novels you see the very poor conditions people lived in that can only be described as misery.
(a) dejected (b) object (c) reject (d) abject
- Q2 Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can scenes from every day life.
(a) deter (b) depict (c) delineate (d) defer
- Q3 This is a sort of shortened version of what happened and has been to fit into the newspaper.
(a) adopted (b) attuned (c) abbreviated (d) added
- Q4 It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.
(a) furtive (b) fugitive (c) furious (d) famous
- Q5 It was a remarkable performance because the actor seemed to convey the whole range of human emotions , what you might call the complete from beginning to end.
(a) gamble (b) grasp (c) granting (d) gamut
- Q6 The telephone connection was very poor and we only heard a account of what the reporter was describing.
(a) gesticulated (b) gambled (c) garrulous (d) garbled
- Q7 The teacher found it quite to try and teach the children because they refused to listen to a word she was saying.
(a) festive (b) futile (c) feeble (d) fatuous
- Q8 The university decided to give their an honorary degree because she had always been most generous in her financial help.
(a) believer (b) benefit (c) benefactor (d) beholder
- Q9 I've no wish to disregard or your achievements but I think you could have done much more.
(a) belittle (b) bemoan (c) bereave (d) betoken
- Q10 His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and in the extreme.
(a) fertile (b) frequent (c) febrile (d) facetious

Verbal Advantage

- Q1 She suddenly stopped speaking to him on the phone and the conversation came to an end.
(a) acute (b) arid (c) awful (d) abrupt
- Q2 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are to make them shorter.
(a) abridged (b) accented (c) adopted (d) acquired
- Q3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly
- (a) flogging (b) failing (c) flagging (d) foiling
- Q4 Fortunately she took no notice of the reviews of her acting and was quite to some of the more sarcastic comments.
(a) important (b) impenetrable (c) immediate (d) impervious
- Q5 The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask questions.
(a) incisive (b) inserting (c) introducing (d) inductive
- Q6 Although her boss knew that she was not telling the truth, her explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally that he believed her.
(a) pleasant (b) perceptive (c) penetrating (d) plausible
- Q7 As soon as he had invested the money, he became uneasy and was beginning to sense about his investment.
(a) questions (b) qualms (c) queries (d) quavers
- Q8 Many of the safety instructions on things you buy often seem unnecessary and often quite to the average person.
(a) superb (b) supreme (c) superfluous (d) superficial
- Q9 He found himself at the edge of the cliff in a position because one wrong step and he would fall into the sea.
(a) precipitate (b) peculiar (c) pertinent (d) precarious
- Q10 Everything about the village was what you'd call because all the houses were well looked after and reminded you of a time long since gone.
(a) quaint (b) queer (c) quiet (d) queenly

Verbal Learning

- Q1 Everyone lost their money when the so-called treasurer with all the society's savings.
(a) avoided (b) evaded (c) absolved (d) absconded
- Q2 The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the who had helped him.
(a) acolytes (b) attackers (c) accomplices (d) associates
- Q3 I have no wish to these criminal activities but I do have some sympathy with the perpetrators.
(a) condone (b) concede (c) console (d) conduct
- Q4 The judge has to adopt a view of the crime by being utterly impartial.
(a) detracted (b) detached (c) definite (d) defended
- Q5 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained totally calm and assumed an air of
(a) equation (b) equality (c) equanimity (d) equity
- Q6 The police stopped the car because it had followed an course down the road and asked the driver why he was going from side to side.
(a) uneven (b) unequal (c) unerring (d) erratic
- Q7 It was possible to look up the topic on the internet but she decided instead to ask her father who knew the answer to most things.
(a) earnest (b) erudite (c) learning (d) imminent
- Q8 The party leader advised all her members to any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.
(a) risk (b) undertake (c) eschew (d) involve
- Q9 He has a very refined vocabulary and prefers to use a rather than a more common and vulgar word.
(a) euphemism (b) delicacy (c) finery (d) edition
- Q10 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an search of my car but I can't find that book.
(a) exhausted (b) exhausting (c) exhaust (d) exhaustive

High School Vocabulary

- Q1 The result of the election didn't give either candidate a clear majority but in the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and to the wishes of the electorate.
(a) accept (b) accent (c) accede (d) ascend
- Q2 The sound of the waterfall goes on all day and night and in the end the noise gets on your nerves.
(a) interrupting (b) inciting (c) invading (d) incessant
- Q3 I apologized for what seemed like a deliberate act of rudeness but I explained that it had been purely accidental and an action on my part.
(a) inverted (b) inadvertent (c) incurred (d) inhibited
- Q4 Although it's a complicated subject the professor managed to make it all totally clear and by her delivery.
(a) lucid (b) luminous (c) lightening (d) lifting
- Q5 When you take a party of tourists round a famous city there are always those who and keep everybody else waiting.
(a) litter (b) lessen (c) loiter (d) languish
- Q6 Before she knew what had happened a man suddenly fell on her across and stealing her handbag.
(a) lurking (b) linking (c) limping (d) lunging
- Q7 There was absolutely no call for him to criticise her so cruelly and in almost a manner.
(a) malformed (b) malicious (c) maladroit (d) malcontent
- Q8 There was absolutely no question about it he was the idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.
(a) provincial (b) provided (c) proverbial (d) protective
- Q9 You'll soon get used to his funny ways as it's one of the of his personality.
(a) quibbles (b) quills (c) quaffs (d) quirks
- Q10 He didn't really give speeches because he used to scream and shout and you could hear him a hundred meters down the road.
(a) reigning (b) raining (c) ruling (d) rattling

Advanced Vocabulary

- Q1 He always follows that old: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
(a) phrase (b) ballad (c) adage (d) analogy
- Q2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and interest.
(a) agree (b) adapt (c) apart (d) accrue
- Q3 People often ask her how she manages to stay slim and she always tells them she is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being
(a) abbreviated (b) abstemious (c) actuated (d) abrupt
- Q4 You must react now and not just be as if there is nothing wrong.
(a) complacent (b) combining (c) combative (d) concerning
- Q5 I find these mathematical puzzles too and prefer the more straightforward type.
(a) abject (b) abortive (c) abounding (d) abstruse
- Q6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite about her decision and wouldn't consider any alternative.
(a) attractive (b) attentive (c) adamant (d) adjoined
- Q7 It was quite obvious that he was drunk because he couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not
(a) contented (b) coherent (c) convinced (d) convoluted
- Q8 The strings on the puppet were all intertwined and it took us ages to them.
(a) disentangle (b) distribute (c) disturb (d) distend
- Q9 There are really too many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or
(a) fictions (b) fanatics (c) fusion (d) factions
- Q10 He liked to play the and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.
(a) eclectic (b) eccentric (c) evasive (d) evolved

Sand Idioms

- Q1 The sands of are running out and you'll have to hurry up.
(a) moment (b) clock (c) minute (d) time
- Q2 It's no good your head in the sand, you'll have to face the truth in the end.
(a) filling (b) burying (c) putting (d) digging
- Q3 If you your enterprise on sand, it's certain to fail eventually.
(a) put (b) try (c) build (d) heap
- Q4 They have decided to a line in the sand and start all over again.
(a) designate (b) draw (c) sketch (d) delineate
- Q5 The sands are and everything is changing in this century.
(a) shifting (b) turning (c) moving (d) going
- Q6 It runs into millions and millions — almost as many as the of sand you can see on this beach.
(a) pieces (b) pinches (c) grains (d) drops
- Q7 Children often go down to the seaside and use their buckets and spades to make sand
(a) buildings (b) castles (c) houses (d) constructions
- Q8 In order to get children to go to sleep, parents sometimes say that the sand will soon come and put sand in their eyes.
(a) person (b) human (c) wizard (d) man
- Q9 For very small children at their nursery school there is often a sand where they can play.
(a) pit (b) hole (c) container (d) box
- Q10 When there is a danger of flooding, people often pile up sand outside their houses to stop the water coming in.
(a) pots (b) sacks (c) packets (d) bags

The Parliamentary Candidate (1)

- Q1 There was absolutely no that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked politics all the time.
(a) belief (b) concern (c) query (d) doubt
- Q2 All the members of his family were pleased therefore when Henry was as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency in which they were living.
(a) adapted (b) added (c) adopted (d) addicted
- Q3 One year later the date of the general election was by the Prime Minister.
(a) announced (b) denounced (c) presented (d) delivered
- Q4 the election campaign Henry's wife and his two teenage daughters worked night and day for him
(a) for (b) throughout (c) by (d) from
- Q5 and he finally a seat in the House of Commons by a very large majority.
(a) chose (b) bought (c) derived (d) won
- Q6 Every day of the campaign was a
(a) trial (b) experiment (c) challenge (d) achievement
- Q7 but there was one day in particular that Henry would never
(a) remember (b) forget (c) discover (d) avoid
- Q8 That was the day he thought he was going to be blown by a bomb.
(a) out (b) over (c) off (d) up
- Q9 On a Friday morning at the beginning of the campaign, the phone in the Orpingtons' house at 6.30 in the morning.
(a) ringed (b) rung (c) rang (d) wrung
- Q10 Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He who could possibly be ringing at that early hour in the morning.
(a) wondered (b) asked (c) considered (d) believed

The Parliamentary Candidate (2)

- Q1 Henry: Hello.
Man's voice: Is that Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate?
Henry: Yes,
- (a) talking (b) dictating (c) speaking (d) deciding
- Q2 Man's voice: Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb...
Henry: A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been off. Operator! Operator! Operator!
- (a) cut (b) severed (c) removed (d) drained
- Q3 It was no good. The line had gone As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.
- (a) quiet (b) dormant (c) dead (d) still
- Q4 They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.
- (a) instructed (b) directed (c) said (d) informed
- Q5 At half past eight Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters.
Andrew: If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the of the matter.
- (a) base (b) end (c) bottom (d) hind
- Q6 Henry: Certainly not! I'm not going to let be scared by some stupid crank.
- (a) himself (b) itself (c) myself (d) themselves
- Q7 Andrew: What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?
Henry: No, I was half asleep.
His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be me.
- (a) punishing (b) threatening (c) hitting (d) striking
- Q8 Andrew: That makes the whole business even more sinister. Look here, Henry, one day won't make all that much difference. I'll tell people that you've your voice or something.
- (a) lost (b) missed (c) disturbed (d) forgotten
- Q9 Henry: No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my if I were out of the campaign even for one day.
- (a) outsiders (b) opposites (c) opponents (d) onlookers
- Q10 Andrew: If you say so. But I'd like to make it that I'm dead against it.
- (a) absolute (b) clear (c) defined (d) extreme

The Parliamentary Candidate (3)

- Q1 Henry Orpington's first that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at ten o'clock.
 (a) entrance (b) engagement (c) incitement (d) endeavour
- Q2 As most of the men were at work, his audience consisted mainly of women and young children.
 (a) off (b) over (c) under (d) out
- Q3 Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen inconspicuously with the crowd.
 (a) meddled (b) moulded (c) mingled (d) melded
- Q4 There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the price of fruit and vegetables.
 (a) rising (b) raising (c) risen (d) raised
- Q5 After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby for him to kiss, but the of Henry's beard must have frightened it because it began to scream its head off.
 (a) seeing (b) sighting (c) sight (d) scene
- Q6 At eleven o'clock he a brief visit to a public house on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead.
 (a) bought (b) paid (c) sought (d) did
- Q7 At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his wife and daughters. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for the leaflets he was sending out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly of his involvement in politics.
 (a) disliked (b) discouraged (c) disappointed (d) disapproved
- Q8 Vera: Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably get blown up by a bomb.
 Henry: Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke.
 (a) each (b) every (c) all (d) entirely
- Q9 There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest meeting of the campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.
 (a) utter (b) whole (c) absolute (d) lasting
- Q10 Henry: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so...
 Voice from the crowd: ... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!
 Henry: No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a in the House of Commons.
 (a) sound (b) speech (c) noise (d) voice

The Parliamentary Candidate (4)

- Q1 The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, half a dozen tractors roared onto the field.
(a) automatically (b) particularly (c) suddenly (d) especially
- Q2 'Do you like tomatoes?' shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry for a moment and then replied: 'Yes, I like them very much.'
(a) delayed (b) stumbled (c) stated (d) hesitated
- Q3 'Well, we can't sell them at a profit,' said the tractor driver, 'because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to, you can have them!'
(a) loss (b) disaster (c) waste (d) rubbish
- Q4 It was then that Henry that the tractors were loaded with boxes of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him full in the face.
(a) noticed (b) decided (c) believed (d) remarked
- Q5 He realized that he had to say something quickly to the crowd over to his side. 'Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now let's get on with the meeting.'
(a) acquire (b) win (c) gain (d) control
- Q6 The crowd started to and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. He went back to his sister's house to collect his family.
(a) cry (b) call (c) weep (d) cheer
- Q7 Vera: I've got some supper ready. I'm sure you must be
(a) fasting (b) eating (c) starving (d) munching
- Q8 Henry: You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have the house thoroughly and found nothing at all.
Vera: Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made.
Henry: All right, Vera. Just so long as there are no tomatoes in it!
(a) searched (b) found (c) looked (d) hunted
- Q9 After supper, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.
Man's voice: Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line or something.
Henry: Well, what about the bomb?
Harris: The bomb? What on do you mean?
Henry: That's what I'd like to know. You said, I want to warn you about a bomb.
(a) land (b) ground (c) mud (d) earth
- Q10 Harris: Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I some farmers planning to break up your meeting.
Henry: I don't see what all this has got to do with a bomb.
Harris: Well, if we hadn't been cut off I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes!
(a) listened (b) overheard (c) attended (d) understood

Tense Agreement

- Q1 No sooner I shut the door, when the telephone rang.
(a) have (b) did (c) will (d) had
- Q2 By the time I had reached the bottom of the mountain, I extremely tired.
(a) feel (b) have felt (c) felt (d) am feeling
- Q3 When he was only thirty years old, he already experienced what most people only experience when they are much older.
(a) has (b) had (c) is (d) was
- Q4 The witness everyone that he hadn't had anything to do with the crime.
(a) convinces (b) is convincing (c) convinced (d) has convinced
- Q5 We asked him why he telephoned earlier.
(a) hadn't (b) hasn't (c) didn't (d) wouldn't
- Q6 Actually I had it to her before we set out.
(a) mention (b) mentions (c) mentioning (d) mentioned
- Q7 I must admit I thought how the story would finish before I read the book.
(a) haven't (b) hadn't (c) aren't (d) couldn't
- Q8 I'd had scarcely any time to think about it before they me for my opinion.
(a) had asked (b) did ask (c) asked (d) have asked
- Q9 He realized he left it in the car before he reported it lost.
(a) has (b) didn't (c) wouldn't (d) had
- Q10 It a great shock to everyone because he hadn't said a word for 10 years.
(a) is (b) will be (c) was (d) are

Future Tenses

- Q1 What be doing this time tomorrow?
(a) were you (b) did you (c) have you (d) will you
- Q2 go if you like because I have to do some shopping.
(a) I'm (b) I'd (c) I'll (d) I've
- Q3 I simply wait until she comes back.
(a) was (b) am (c) shall (d) do
- Q4 He was quite definite about it and assured me he come.
(a) will (b) shall (c) should (d) would
- Q5 If they arrive late, they will have to get their own meal.
(a) do (b) had (c) would (d) will
- Q6 I really hope I see you again.
(a) did (b) shall (c) should (d) would
- Q7 What happen to the family if he loses all his money?
(a) does (b) did (c) will (d) is
- Q8 be buying the house or haven't you decided yet?
(a) Did you (b) Have you (c) Were you (d) Will you
- Q9 I'm sure they get married and live happily ever afterwards.
(a) did (b) have (c) will (d) would
- Q10 What do you to do when you leave school?
(a) wanted (b) wanting (c) wants (d) want

Past Tenses

- Q1 I told them I just going out for a short walk.
(a) would (b) am (c) was (d) will
- Q2 He asked me what I with the paint brush.
(a) did do (b) had done (c) will do (d) have done
- Q3 She told me carefully on the icy roads.
(a) to be driven (b) to have driven (c) to drive (d) to be driven
- Q4 I wonder what happened while I was away.
(a) will have (b) has (c) was (d) had
- Q5 She wonders why I never abroad by plane.
(a) travel (b) have been travelling
(c) has travelled (d) will have travelled
- Q6 Quite honestly all I was doing was simply polite conversation.
(a) made (b) making (c) having made (d) makes
- Q7 He was wondering what prompted him to take no notice at all.
(a) has (b) have (c) had (d) having
- Q8 I was asking myself what in all honesty she do next.
(a) will (b) would (c) shall (d) had
- Q9 He actually denied anything of the sort.
(a) to do (b) done (c) did (d) doing
- Q10 He came into the room and demanded what was happening.
(a) to know (b) knowing (c) know (d) having known

Passive Tense Forms

- Q1 The castle built in the 15th century.
(a) was (b) is (c) has been (d) will be
- Q2 Is he arrested as we speak?
(a) be (b) been (c) being (d) will be
- Q3 All these houses neglected for decades.
(a) will be (b) are being (c) has been (d) have been
- Q4 There's no question that they delighted when they see her tomorrow.
(a) have been (b) will be (c) had been (d) will have been
- Q5 That building left unoccupied since 1950.
(a) would be (b) would being (c) has been (d) will be
- Q6 The children taken to school by bus every day.
(a) are (b) have (c) was (d) had
- Q7 I can assure you that this box never been opened before I opened this morning.
(a) was (b) will (c) is (d) had
- Q8 That ceremony enacted on Tuesday next.
(a) has been (b) is (c) is being (d) have
- Q9 How many times have you your house broken into?
(a) been (b) had (c) be (d) have
- Q10 I'm sorry you can't come in at the moment because we the house decorated right now.
(a) have had (b) will have (c) had (d) are having

Gerund or Infinitive

- Q1 me if I've told you this before.
(a) Stopping (b) Stopped (c) Stops (d) Stop
- Q2 All I can say at the moment is: Long the company!
(a) live (b) lives (c) lived (d) living
- Q3 Sometimes I wish I what the future holds.
(a) know (b) known (c) knew (d) knows
- Q4 And at other times I'm glad I know what the future holds.
(a) didn't (b) doesn't (c) hadn't (d) don't
- Q5 Let's there tomorrow if it's fine.
(a) going (b) gone (c) go (d) goes
- Q6 Try the door really hard if you want to open it.
(a) pushing (b) push (c) pushes (d) pushed
- Q7 Try these irregular verbs by next week.
(a) learned (b) to learn (c) learns (d) learning
- Q8 I really appreciate your me at this difficult time.
(a) helps (b) help (c) helped (d) helping
- Q9 I'll finish now and I look forward to you again soon.
(a) seeing (b) see (c) seen (d) having seen
- Q10 Please come back soon and the work you started two weeks ago.
(a) finished (b) finishing (c) finish (d) finishes

Perfect Tenses

- Q1 Many people tried but no-one has succeeded so far.
(a) did (b) have been (c) were (d) have
- Q2 That programme is so boring that it's like watching paint
(a) dries (b) dried (c) dry (d) has dried
- Q3 By the end of this year I realize I writing tests for three years now.
(a) shall be (b) shall have been (c) will be (d) shall have
- Q4 Do you mind the door as I find it very hot in here?
(a) to open (b) opened (c) opens (d) opening
- Q5 I honestly think that the time come when we should celebrate our success.
(a) has (b) had (c) will (d) having
- Q6 How anyone to live in those conditions in the 18th century is difficult to imagine.
(a) manages (b) will manage (c) managed (d) is managing
- Q7 ever heard of this writer before?
(a) Did you (b) Have you (c) Do you (d) Will you
- Q8 That stupid dog all day long.
(a) does always bark (b) always is barking (c) had always barked (d) is always barking
- Q9 They were eating dinner when the lights out.
(a) go (b) are going (c) went (d) goes
- Q10 No-one believe your story when you tell them.
(a) will (b) did (c) has (d) is

English Grammar Tenses

- Q1 any one object if I turn the heating down?
(a) Do (b) Does (c) Did (d) Doing
- Q2 I come to the conclusion that nowadays nobody cares about anything.
(a) will (b) had (c) do (d) have
- Q3 No matter what happens next I help you.
(a) am (b) have (c) will (d) would
- Q4 They for 3 hours when the storm suddenly broke.
(a) had been running (b) have been running (c) are running (d) will be running
- Q5 I assumed you paying for the repairs until the end of last year.
(a) have been (b) was been (c) are being (d) had been
- Q6 get tired of answering the same questions every day?
(a) Have you ever (b) Had you ever (c) Do you ever (d) Are you ever
- Q7 She working on that manuscript for 2 years now.
(a) will be (b) has been (c) had been (d) is
- Q8 I there once a long time ago and haven't been back since.
(a) went (b) go (c) have gone (d) was going
- Q9 She trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.
(a) kept (b) is keeping (c) had kept (d) keeps
- Q10 I complete silence now while I try this experiment.
(a) am wanting (b) want (c) did want (d) have wanted

Idioms with the phrasal verb carry

- Q1 An eagle, if pressed for food, might a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry out
- Q2 Finland and the Finnish upper secondary education system constitute a good example of the fact that it is possible to very extensive readjustments with a view to making a system more flexible and adapted to individualized learning.
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q3 India and Iran will continue to deepen ties and bilateral projects, including the tri-nation pipeline and a multi-billion dollar gas deal.
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q4 The liver regulates most chemical levels in the blood and excretes a product called bile, which helps waste products from the liver.
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry over
- Q5 China's cultural industry was given a boost last week after the government announced its plan to cultural reform in more than 20 provincial areas.
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q6 Items such as pointed scissors and ice skates are examples of articles that are not permitted in your baggage when boarding an aircraft.
(a) carry off (b) carry on (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q7 An employee with 400 accrued sick leave hours at the end of the fiscal year will into the new fiscal year 360 hours of sick leave and 8 hours of additional annual leave.
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q8 When irrigation has no system, the evaporating water deposits a gradual build-up of salinization, which is eventually damaging to plant life.
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q9 The Scottish Parliament has appointed Mr. Maley to an assessment of the current cost estimate and likely completion date of a new information technology project.
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q10 Animals and humans use the evaporation of water to heat that is absorbed from the sun or generated by metabolic activity and exercise.
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry off (d) carry out

Culinary delights

- Q1 Middle Eastern restaurants often have a way of whisking you away to a far off land of belly dancers, exotic spices and drink.
(a) incriminating (b) intimidating (c) intoxicating (d) instigating
- Q2 Thai cuisine is one of the most romantic of the Asian cuisines as it still an element of mystery and exoticism.
(a) remains (b) retains (c) refrains (d) regains
- Q3 Modern Asian restaurants in Jakarta have an history.
(a) extended (b) external (c) extracted (d) exude
- Q4 Indonesia has an range of Japanese restaurants as Japan has long been the biggest investor in the country
(a) ecliptic (b) ecstatic (c) eclectic (d) eccentric
- Q5 International restaurants in Singapore are adept at simultaneously perfecting both eastern and western dishes on their menus
(a) partially (b) particularity (c) partly (d) particularly
- Q6 Hong Kong has to be one of the few places on the planet where you can enjoy cuisine and service at relatively reasonable prices.
(a) exquisite (b) explicit (c) expletive (d) explosive
- Q7 European cuisine always a sense of nostalgia and romance, like running into an old flame.
(a) evolves (b) evinces (c) evokes (d) evicts
- Q8 America is at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.
(a) undecidedly (b) undeniably (c) underbelly (d) underling
- Q9 Many people drink wine, but many wine consumers know little about wine or wine and food pairing because they are intimidated or put off by the pretensions often associated with wine.
(a) appropriation (b) appreciation (c) apportion (d) apprehension
- Q10 One of the most beautiful things about Jakarta is its wealth from both within the archipelago and around the world.
(a) cursory (b) cautionary (c) coronary (d) culinary

Interactive worksheets (1)

- Q1 The historical church has an quality to it because of the beautiful artwork and the serenity that the stained-glass windows and natural lighting provide.
(a) eminent (b) imminent (c) immanent (d) imagine
- Q2 Before the ball, the imposter himself so the guests wouldn't recognize him.
(a) disassembled (b) dissembled (c) disengaged (d) disliked
- Q3 The widow spent more than two days writing a loving and appropriate to put on her beloved husband's headstone.
(a) epigram (b) epithet (c) epitaph (d) epic
- Q4 The dark, eerie and sky seemed to speak to general McKenney about the upcoming violence they were about to face.
(a) forbidding (b) foreboding (c) formidable (d) forfeit
- Q5 Bryan's friends dared him to jump off of the cliff into the awaiting lake below. But the intuitive boy the danger because the lake looked shallower than usual.
(a) forewent (b) foresaw (c) forsake (d) forced
- Q6 During the war, many families tried to as much food and supplies as they could.
(a) horde (b) hone (c) hoard (d) hail
- Q7 The warm and charm of the home is what attracted Carrie to it in the first place. She likes the simple pleasures in life.
(a) discreet (b) discrete (c) disgusted (d) deviant
- Q8 During the middle ages, men often fought each other in a in order to settle serious disagreements.
(a) duel (b) dual (c) dial (d) doll
- Q9 After the stock market crash, the once-affluent family was forced to their home and lifestyle.
(a) denigrate (b) degrader (c) downgrade (d) deviate
- Q10 All animals are born with innate or qualities. As they grow, they pick up new skills from their environment.
(a) eminent (b) immanent (c) imminent (d) illicit

Interactive worksheets (2)

- Q1 The hunting dogs sensed the danger way before the hunters were able to see the approaching predators.
(a) eminent (b) imminent (c) immanent (d) elicit
- Q2 Tom was arrested on Friday. Six months later, he received a sentence of ten years in prison for dealing drugs.
(a) elicit (b) elite (c) eliminate (d) illicit
- Q3 The district attorney desperately tried to a confession from the accused in the cross-examination. He really wanted to win the case because he believed the accused was guilty.
(a) illicit (b) eliminate (c) elicit (d) elite
- Q4 Many people want to from their native countries to other nations. However, nowadays, it's much more difficult than it was in the past.
(a) immigrate (b) eminent (c) emigrate (d) imminent
- Q5 "Dear Abby" is a column that people who write in with problems. Some think the column is useful but others strongly disagree.
(a) devises (b) advises (c) advice (d) devices
- Q6 There was an apple lying on the floor. Tammy thought it was rude that someone left it lying on the kitchen floor like that.
(a) corps (b) corpse (c) cord (d) core
- Q7 Three months before the wedding, Laura brought her bridesmaid dress into a dress shop so that the seamstress had enough time to it.
(a) alter (b) altar (c) aural (d) oral
- Q8 After the odd outburst, the group of long time friends agreed that Carmela's behavior on the weekend trip was
(a) bazaar (b) bizarre (c) buzzer (d) busier
- Q9 A look of came over Nancy's face when the verdict was announced. She now wants to meet with lobbyists who work to change laws for the betterment of society.
(a) discussed (b) deform (c) disperse (d) disgust
- Q10 The saga lasted three hours. A lot of people in the theater enjoyed the film but most agreed that it was too long.
(a) epoch (b) except (c) epic (d) excerpt

American Government Questions Test (1)

- Q1 Ingrained within the first amendment, freedom of the declares and maintains that people can put ideas down in writing and can communicate freely in the United States.
(a) speech (b) press (c) people (d) country
- Q2 When a new law is recommended or proposed, a is created. A decision about whether to pass it or not is made afterwards.
(a) bill (b) delegate (c) right (d) function
- Q3 After a bill is introduced and passed by Congress, it is given to the who makes the final decision.
(a) vice-president (b) president (c) senator (d) judge
- Q4 The U.S. Congress is comprised of two divisions: the House of Representatives and the Congress has the responsibility and authority to analyze and pass bills as well as make laws.
(a) Senate (b) President (c) Session (d) Committee
- Q5 In the end, however, a United States president maintains the authority to either accept or a bill.
(a) elect (b) stand (c) pass (d) veto
- Q6 If something happens that renders a US president incapable of fulfilling his duties, the fills in.
(a) peace officer (b) judge (c) vice-president (d) senate
- Q7 The president has a number of responsibilities and one is to ambassadors to foreign countries.
(a) elect (b) appoint (c) alert (d) reject
- Q8 Anyone who wants to run for the presidential office position must be a natural-born citizen of the United States and a permanent of America for a minimum of 14 years.
(a) country (b) resident (c) diplomat (d) representative
- Q9 Within the US government, the division that manages trade and business affairs, both in America and abroad, is the Department of
(a) Commerce (b) Agriculture (c) Labor (d) Senate
- Q10 Within the US government, the sector that manages the protection and sustainability of natural resources is the department of the
(a) agriculture (b) defense (c) homeland security (d) interior

US Government Questions Test (2)

- Q1 The term is a change or modification applied to a practice or law that already exists.
(a) convention (b) amendment (c) authority
- Q2 When a population votes on a certain subject, the larger number of people who agree, and must equal more than one-half of the voting population, is called the
(a) minority (b) convention (c) majority
- Q3 was a law that outlawed the production, sale, use and/or transport of alcohol for consumption purposes in the United States. By 1933, the law was abolished.
(a) Constitution (b) National (c) Prohibition
- Q4 A written, legal record or document requesting assistance, change or modifications within a government system already in place is called a
(a) constitution (b) petition (c) convention
- Q5 Stemming from John Locke's ideas, innate rights, such as life, property and liberty, are known as rights in the U.S.
(a) moral (b) normal (c) natural
- Q6 Early governments in the US established a This is a written outline that verifies the rights of the people within a unified, democratic government.
(a) convention (b) constitution (c) pamphlet
- Q7 A is an agreement or understanding between two regions, states or countries that defines trade and other matters identified by both parties.
(a) delegate (b) executive (c) treaty
- Q8 In the US, the division of government that deals with law, courts and justice is the system or branch.
(a) financial (b) judicial (c) popular
- Q9 Sometimes bills are vetoed. However, at other times, a bill or amendment is approved or
(a) ratified (b) united (c) imported
- Q10 A person who is not a member of a police or fire-fighting department or enlisted in the military is known as a
(a) civilian (b) officer (c) senator

US Government Questions Test (3)

- Q1 Congress has a number of lawmaking responsibilities and is known as the branch of the US government.
(a) conventional (b) legislative (c) Supreme Court
- Q2 A United States president has the authority to appoint judges to the Court and ambassadors to foreign countries.
(a) trial (b) Supreme (c) Congress
- Q3 Every four years, certain people run for office. A person who runs for the presidential office position in a national campaign is called a presidential
(a) candidate (b) officer (c) lawyer
- Q4 Among other responsibilities, Congress has the authority to collect and pass laws regarding the income tax structure.
(a) amendments (b) taxes (c) opinions
- Q5 When a public official is accused and then charged with wrongful or unlawful conduct, the process is known as an
(a) resignation (b) depression (c) impeachment
- Q6 A person who is born in a certain country is entitled to specific rights, benefits and duties and considered a of that particular country.
(a) resident (b) citizen (c) lawyer
- Q7 When a person is charged with a criminal act, the judicial system can either convict or the person of the charges.
(a) acquit (b) converse (c) resign
- Q8 Within the US government, the sector that operates all facets concerning veterans' services is the department.
(a) homeland security (b) labor (c) veterans affairs
- Q9 Within the US government, the sector that supervises and directs minimum wage and employee standards that exist in the current system is the department.
(a) justice (b) labor (c) interior
- Q10 A division of the governmental system that presides over health and human services within the boundaries of America is the department of
(a) interior (b) education
(c) health and human services

US Government Questions Test (4)

- Q1 The government division that manages oil, natural gas and various other resources for the purpose of utilization and conservation is the department of
- (a) energy (b) labor (c) education
- Q2 The government division that deals with students, learning, development and teachers is the department of
- (a) energy (b) labor (c) education
- Q3 If someone doesn't pay his/her taxes or knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to tax agencies or administrators, the crime is called
- (a) tax evasion (b) tax cuts (c) disagreement
- Q4 When people have the liberty to manage and run businesses with little government control or interference, this type of governing is called a system.
- (a) free (b) free enterprise (c) regulated industry
- Q5 The government sector that manages the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, airports and railroads in the United States is the department of
- (a) interior (b) transportation (c) agriculture
- Q6 The government sector that supervises all facets of farming and cultivation is the department of
- (a) defense (b) interior (c) agriculture
- Q7 By dividing the government into three departments or branches, the power of the nation is split up so each branch is separate and distinct. This is known as
- (a) separation of power (b) common power (c) equalization of power
- Q8 When federal and state governments have some control over the same issues, at their distinct levels, the system encompassing this type of government is called powers.
- (a) correct (b) shared (c) uniform
- Q9 The government division that manages all facets of the armed forces is the department of
- (a) education (b) defense (c) interior
- Q10 Certain areas of society are mandated only by the states so the federal government can't control them. This type of power is called power.
- (a) normal (b) reserved (c) state

US Judicial System Question Test (1)

- Q1 A person who is accused of a crime, in a court of law, is known as the
- (a) plaintiff (b) defendant (c) prosecutor
- Q2 Three important sectors or branches of government in the United States are the legislative, executive and branches.
- (a) jury (b) constitution (c) judicial
- Q3 Within the American judicial, there are three levels of courts.
- (a) nationality (b) system (c) prosecutors
- Q4 The three levels of court in the US are as follows: district courts, the courts of appeals and the Court.
- (a) Upper (b) Superior (c) Supreme
- Q5 Within the system, courts are the only federal courts that sometimes employ a judge and a jury.
- (a) regional (b) district (c) claim
- Q6 The Supreme Court is the highest level of justice in the US. Supreme Court decisions have sometimes called for modifications in the
- (a) President (b) Constitution (c) Executive
- Q7 A case must be heard in a district court first. After a decision is made in that court, the case can move into the
- (a) attorney (b) court of appeals (c) lower court
- Q8 A lawyer that works for either the state or federal government and sometimes cross-examines a defendant is known as the attorney.
- (a) district (b) defense (c) jury
- Q9 In the highest court level in the country, Supreme Court justices decide whether or not an issue is unconstitutional. They are appointed by the
- (a) Lawyers (b) President (c) Citizens
- Q10 A lawyer who is hired by a defendant to represent his/her case is called a attorney.
- (a) defense (b) prosecuting (c) presidential

US Government Questions Test (5)

- Q1 Tax that is calculated and dependant on the amount a person earns in a democracy is called tax.
(a) sales (b) income (c) service
- Q2 Federal or state tax that is added to goods and/or services is called tax.
(a) sales (b) income (c) service
- Q3 is the term used when a county, town or city defines and decides where homes and businesses are to be situated.
(a) Seats (b) Zoning (c) Court
- Q4 A is a region or district that is divided from other areas in order to establish and operate local governments in that particular area.
(a) zoning (b) county (c) commission
- Q5 In each county, the head of the law enforcement agency or body is called the
(a) police (b) chief (c) sheriff
- Q6 A person who is elected, to represent and govern a city or town, by the people is called the
(a) county clerk (b) treasurer (c) mayor
- Q7 When communities or groups hold functions in order to raise money for a cause, the activity is called a
(a) consituent (b) fund-raiser (c) platform
- Q8 A is a stance or statement containing a political party's thoughts, beliefs and plans put forth prior to an election.
(a) constituent (b) fund-raiser (c) platform
- Q9 Usually, political parties are more resistant to change.
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) socialist
- Q10 Political parties that are usually more open to societal change are referred to as parties.
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) socialist

US Government Questions Test (6)

- Q1 Usually, a political party that holds the lesser amount of seats, or power, within an existing government is called the party.
(a) lesser (b) minimum (c) opposition
- Q2 The Republican Party in the US is usually more when compared to the Democratic Party.
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) opposition
- Q3 A person who is selected to run in an election is called a
- (a) mayor (b) keynote (c) nominee
- Q4 Democrats in the US are usually more when compared to the Republican Party.
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) opposition
- Q5 In order to vote, American citizens must first be in their voting district.
(a) nominated (b) registered (c) selected
- Q6 An American citizen who is living outside of the US during an election year can fill out an ballot in order to vote from the existing location.
(a) person (b) absentee (c) eligible
- Q7 If an issue is disagreed upon and put forth in a direct vote approach by the government, the undertaking is called a
- (a) recall (b) referendum (c) convention
- Q8 An is a person who leaves his/her country to live in another country.
(a) attorney (b) nationality (c) emigrant
- Q9 People who are being victimized or persecuted and, therefore, leave their country in order to seek refuge in a safer place are known as
- (a) immigrants (b) refugees (c) nationalists
- Q10 Citizens of other countries who reside in the US are called
- (a) nominees (b) refugees (c) aliens

US Government Questions Test (7)

- Q1 If a person, who is not a citizen of the US, is ordered to leave the country, the order is known as
- (a) immigration (b) emigration (c) deportation
- Q2 is the process people go through when they are offered citizenship in a country but they were born in another country.
- (a) Allegiance (b) Naturalization (c) Security
- Q3 If an alien is offered American citizenship, he/she must take an oath of in order to proceed with the next course of action.
- (a) country (b) government (c) allegiance
- Q4 is the love and loyalty citizens possess for their country.
- (a) Lobbyism (b) Ambition (c) Patriotism
- Q5 Groups who want changes within the existing societal system can law making, government officials and members.
- (a) lobby (b) bully (c) turnout
- Q6 A study or survey regarding citizens' thoughts and opinions about a certain subject is called an poll.
- (a) subject (b) mandated (c) opinion
- Q7 A group of people who have similar interests in mind and work together for change or action is called an group.
- (a) poll (b) citizen (c) interest
- Q8 The rules, laws and regulations that guide and govern a particular country are called public
- (a) group (b) polls (c) policy
- Q9 Individual freedoms declared in the US Constitution, such as freedom of the press, speech and religion, are known as civil
- (a) liberties (b) protectionists (c) interests
- Q10 Every American citizen, over the age of 18, has the right to in elections via prior amendments in the US Constitution.
- (a) vote (b) stand (c) oversee

Economics Questions test (1)

- Q1 People often like to have a lot of material goods but water, food and shelter are basic people and other animals require to stay alive.
(a) wants (b) needs (c) desires
- Q2 When someone really likes a product but that item is not necessary to stay alive, the product is called a or a luxury.
(a) want (b) need (c) requirement
- Q3 The earth supplies us with many beautiful things as well as many natural, raw materials. These usable materials are called
- (a) industrial elements (b) natural resources (c) chemical reactions
- Q4 There are many companies that manufacture products and consumers buy them. The products that people buy are called
- (a) supply (b) services (c) goods
- Q5 Companies will often use raw materials in order to turn them into usable products that consumers need and want. This process is called
- (a) capital (b) manufacturing (c) resources
- Q6 Some companies, don't specialize in manufacturing, but rather they do work, for a fee, for other people. This work is known as a
- (a) product (b) goods (c) service
- Q7 Every country experiences at some point or another. This is when a country's wants are larger than the available resources.
(a) low-end products (b) scarcity (c) goods
- Q8 Whether it's a natural resource or not, every possible use of a resource is called an
- (a) opportunity (b) shortage (c) costs
- Q9 Any item or material that people use to manufacture products or use in order to provide services is called a
- (a) shortage (b) resource (c) worker
- Q10 There are many companies around the world. The people who own each individual business are called
- (a) entrepreneurs (b) workers (c) attendants

Economics Questions test (2)

- Q1 A is the person who directs, supervises and operates a business or a section of a business. This person is in a management position but is not always the owner of the company.
(a) worker (b) manager (c) wealthy person
- Q2 When people or departments become highly-skilled in one area of production because they only create or produce one item or one part of an item, occurs.
(a) labor (b) service (c) specialization
- Q3 is a system where products or parts of products move from one worker to another. This is an efficient system that is used in order to manufacture products in a highly productive manner.
(a) A labor shortage (b) A line of people (c) An assembly line
- Q4 When companies split up or divide workers' tasks so that each worker performs one job or task, the process is known as
(a) division of labor (b) student lines (c) technology
- Q5 Many companies around the world use, or make use of scientific advancements, to manufacture new and improved products every day.
(a) introductions (b) division (c) technology
- Q6 store huge amounts of information within computer systems that were not in existence 40 years ago.
(a) Advantages (b) Databases (c) Assembly lines
- Q7 In some nations, people and families are below the poverty level and are in need so they are given in order to survive.
(a) technology (b) welfare (c) consumers
- Q8 In a economy, individuals and businesses own and make most of the decisions about resources. In this type of economy, the people own and control most of the production processes.
(a) modest (b) market (c) command
- Q9 In a economy, individuals and governments own and control production together. They both decide how resources will be used, what will be produced and who will buy and use the products.
(a) market (b) mixed (c) command
- Q10 Whether businesses manufacture goods or offer services, all of the money taken in by a business is called
(a) costs (b) labor (c) revenue

Health and Nutrition Questions Test (1)

- Q1 When people say they want a six pack, they want to work out their muscles in order to tone their stomachs.
(a) abdominal (b) leg (c) bicep
- Q2 In addition to muscle building exercises, most trainers will recommend some form of for a cardiovascular workout.
(a) lifting weights (b) protein shake (c) aerobic activity
- Q3 Nowadays, there are many forms of medicine such as acupuncture and homeopathic remedies.
(a) artificial (b) calorie (c) alternative
- Q4 A manufactured substance that is used to sweeten drinks and food is called a(n)
(a) calorie (b) artificial sweetener (c) bacteria
- Q5 is found in orange juice and is another word for Vitamin C.
(a) Carbohydrates (b) Ascorbic acid (c) Bacteria
- Q6 is a substance that is found in many drinks and foods such as coffee and chocolate bars. This substance can keep you awake for long periods of time.
(a) Gelatin (b) Spice (c) Caffeine
- Q7 In North America, many people eat in the morning for breakfast. This item is put into a bowl and milk is added.
(a) cholesterol (b) cereal (c) pasta
- Q8 is found in foods such as potatoes and pasta dishes.
(a) Batter (b) Digestion (c) Carbohydrate
- Q9 When some people go on a diet, they count their every day.
(a) chopsticks (b) digestion (c) calories
- Q10 Many people are trying to keep their levels down in order to avoid heart problems in the future.
(a) cholesterol (b) batter (c) freezer

Water Idioms

- Q1 Although he had had a bad experience with his business, he treated it as water off a duck's back — means:
(a) of some importance (b) of much importance (c) of no importance (d) of great importance
- Q2 He was told that the new plan he'd developed just wouldn't hold water — means:
(a) wouldn't float (b) wouldn't work (c) wouldn't swim (d) wouldn't sink
- Q3 Every time we came up with a new proposal, he would throw cold water on it — means:
(a) discourage it (b) dispute it (c) destroy it (d) dislike it
- Q4 After all the money that she's borrowed and also spent, she now finds herself in deep water — means:
(a) in decline (b) in despair (c) in defeat (d) in trouble
- Q5 He's decided to make a fresh start and regards all his old problems as water under the bridge — means:
(a) not worth looking at (b) not worth worrying about
(c) not worth talking about (d) not worth dreaming about
- Q6 Once he's earned a bit of money he immediately spends it like water — means:
(a) spends it on drink (b) spends it every day
(c) spends it freely (d) spends it very slowly
- Q7 Whenever she goes to that club she always feels like a fish out of water — means:
(a) uncomfortable (b) slippery (c) dry (d) tired
- Q8 It's many years since we last met and a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then — means:
(a) a lot has floated (b) a lot has drifted (c) a lot has fallen (d) a lot has happened
- Q9 The jewels in that showcase are clearly of the first water — means:
(a) of high value (b) of high quality (c) of high reputation (d) of high density
- Q10 Their job as advisers was to pour oil on troubled waters — means:
(a) make things damper (b) mix things better (c) calm things down (d) pick things up

Air Idioms

- Q1 Don't worry about her, she always gives herself airs and graces — means:
- (a) She always walks like that (b) She always moves around like a cloud
(c) She always thinks she's very important (d) She always gives herself plenty of time
- Q2 I honestly think the time has come to clear the air — means:
- (a) to open the windows (b) to look at things more carefully
(c) to get rid of the smoke (d) to make things simpler
- Q3 There's a lot of discussion in the air about it — means:
- (a) that's not definite (b) that's not available
(c) that's not present (d) that's not open
- Q4 I don't know about you but I feel like taking the air at the moment — means:
- (a) going shopping (b) going for a walk (c) going for a drink (d) going to eat
- Q5 Our holiday plans are up in the air at the moment — means:
- (a) indefinite (b) scheduled (c) postponed (d) delayed
- Q6 When I told him the news, he went up in the air — means:
- (a) he jumped up (b) he fell over (c) he became dizzy (d) he became angry
- Q7 You know what they're like. They just talked a lot of hot air — means:
- (a) unclear sentences (b) empty promises (c) indefinite plans (d) powerful words
- Q8 As soon as they heard the news, they were walking on air — means:
- (a) were very shocked (b) were very angry (c) were very happy (d) were very polite
- Q9 The radio play is on the air later tonight — means:
- (a) being broadcast (b) being planned (c) being rehearsed (d) being recorded
- Q10 The concert is being played in the open air on Sunday — means:
- (a) everywhere (b) somewhere (c) there (d) outside

English Grammar

(Answer Keys)

Speaking already

A1 Can you hear what he is saying?

answer: (a) saying

A2 She hasn't come home yet.

answer: (c) yet

A3 I watched TV yesterday evening.

answer: (d) watched

A4 We live near the city centre.

answer: (a) near

A5 She looks like a famous film star.

answer: (b) like

A6 This television gives you the latest news.

answer: (b) latest

A7 I only made one mistake in last night's test.

answer: (a) made

A8 I want you to tell me the whole truth.

answer: (d) whole

A9 He is looking for a present to buy his girlfriend.

answer: (a) for

A10 That's what I would like for Christmas.

answer: (a) for

Drive carefully

- A1 You must not drink and then drive a car.
answer: (b) drive
- A2 Please be careful when you cross this road.
answer: (d) careful
- A3 Do what you like, I really don't mind.
answer: (d) mind
- A4 If you want to borrow that book, remember to bring it back.
answer: (a) borrow
- A5 When your train arrives, I'll fetch you from the station.
answer: (c) fetch
- A6 I always get up early in the summer.
answer: (a) up
- A7 When you first meet someone, you usually shake them by the hand.
answer: (d) by
- A8 I have never seen her before.
answer: (c) seen
- A9 The teacher asked her students to do their homework.
answer: (b) homework
- A10 The police officer told the children always to tell the truth.
answer: (d) truth

Listen vs. Hear

- A1 I'm terribly sorry but I didn't hear what you said just now and I wonder if you could repeat it.
answer: (c) didn't hear
- A2 I listened attentively to the lecture on philosophy but I still didn't understand much of it.
answer: (b) listened
- A3 Can you hear me all right over there because you are rather a long way away?
answer: (d) hear
- A4 I hear what you are saying but that still doesn't make me want to change my mind one little bit.
answer: (b) hear
- A5 I listen to the concert every Monday on the radio and I imagine I am there listening to it in person.
answer: (a) listen
- A6 I should explain that he finds it very difficult to follow your conversation because he is very hard of hearing.
answer: (d) hearing
- A7 Now will you please listen to me and pay attention to what I'm saying because it's very important.
answer: (b) listen to
- A8 You've been making so much noise with your music that people at the far end of the road can hear you.
answer: (c) hear
- A9 He sometimes pretends he can't hear a single word you are saying but all the time he's taking it all in.
answer: (c) hear
- A10 I have been hearing strange stories about you recently but I do hope that there is no substance in them.
answer: (d) hearing

Finish vs. End

- A1 The brothers will finsh school both together at the end of this year.
answer: (c) finish
- A2 They wanted their daughter to improve her social skills and sent her to the famous finishing school in Switzerland.
answer: (d) finishing
- A3 You can't miss it, it's that tall building right at the end of the road.
answer: (a) end
- A4 Sadly their marriage of 25 years ended in divorce.
answer: (b) ended
- A5 It didn't take long for the children to finish off the cakes and pastries that had not been eaten at the party.
answer: (c) finish
- A6 He thought they would all share the cost of the meal but unfortunately he ended up paying for everybody.
answer: (b) ended
- A7 After the children had finished doing their homework, the whole family watched television.
answer: (d) finished
- A8 You could tell the time by him because he always finished work at exactly the same time every day.
answer: (d) finished
- A9 I've written practically the whole book except for the last part and I just don't know how to end the story.
answer: (a) end
- A10 To most people it seemed like a long and successful relationship and so it was a great surprise to learn that they had finished with each other.
answer: (d) finished

Start vs. Begin

A1 I started my car to make sure it worked about ten minutes before I drove to work.

answer: (b) started

A2 My car very rarely starts first time when the weather is really cold.

answer: (d) starts

A3 We started off early on the first day of summer so that we could see the sun rise.

answer: (b) started

A4 I read the beginning of that book but I couldn't possibly read the whole story.

answer: (c) beginning

A5 I can't begin to understand why anyone would want to be cruel to animals.

answer: (b) begin

A6 He started off at me again simply because I had forgotten to lock the back door after I came home.

answer: (a) started

A7 I won a lot of money by betting on that horse but it was simply a case of beginner's luck.

answer: (c) beginner's

A8 As far as I was concerned when the accident happened, it was the beginning of the end.

answer: (d) beginning

A9 Who would like to start off the debate?

answer: (b) start

A10 I would greatly appreciate it if you didn't start up that old argument again.

answer: (a) start

Modal Verbs

A1 I had to go to see the doctor last week because I was very ill.

answer: (c) had to

A2 I could have bought that car but I didn't have enough money to pay for the petrol.

answer: (b) have

A3 I have to go now because I am already late for my class.

answer: (c) have to

A4 I may be able to come to your party if I have the time.

answer: (a) be

A5 Do you have to clean the house every day or every week?

answer: (c) have to

A6 I can speak French without a problem now because I have had many lessons.

answer: (b) can

A7 They don't have to do their homework today because it is a holiday at the school.

answer: (c) don't have to

A8 I ought to help you with your shopping because you have a lot of bags.

answer: (b) ought to

A9 When will you be able to come and see us in our new house?

answer: (b) be able to

A10 I may have to go to Paris next week because there is a very big exhibition there.

answer: (b) have to

How to use the articles

A1 I only want a little sugar in my tea, please.

answer: (a) a

A2 In the end we decided not to go to the cinema but to watch television.

answer: (a) the

A3 It is important sometimes to stop and look around you at all the wonderful things in nature.

answer: (b) in nature

A4 It is the funniest book that I have ever read.

answer: (c) the funniest

A5 I want to go to the cinema to see a film about France and the French.

answer: (a) France

A6 Can anyone give me a hand please because I have just fallen over?

answer: (b) a hand

A7 The interesting thing about the Romans is all the roads that they built in Britain.

answer: (c) the Romans

A8 She always said that when she grew up she wanted to be a doctor.

answer: (b) a doctor

A9 I have left my book in the kitchen and I would like you to get it for me.

answer: (c) the kitchen

A10 Are you studying foreign languages at school, like French?

answer: (a) French

Relative Pronouns

A1 Who is that sitting over there in the corner?

answer: (a) Who

A2 I don't understand a word that you are talking about.

answer: (b) that

A3 They have a very large house round which there are some lovely gardens.

answer: (b) which

A4 I'm looking at the photograph which you sent me with your letter.

answer: (a) which

A5 There is a new television programme called: 'Who wants to be a millionaire?'

answer: (c) Who

A6 I think you will see that this is the best museum that you can find in the town.

answer: (a) that

A7 The police want to find out who drove the red car into the shop window.

answer: (a) who

A8 Did you meet the lady whose uncle works in the library?

answer: (b) whose

A9 The person in the house next to mine knows someone who met the Queen.

answer: (a) who

A10 The grass, which I cut every week, seems to grow very quickly.

answer: (c) which

Present Tense

- A1 I see her every day and she never says hello to me.
answer: (a) see
- A2 What is the name of that picture which you are looking at on the wall.
answer: (c) are looking at
- A3 Are you going to see that film that is on at the cinema next week?
answer: (c) Are you going
- A4 Do you believe every single thing which that man says?
answer: (a) Do you believe
- A5 Sometimes I don't understand what the teacher says to me.
answer: (a) don't understand
- A6 Later tonight I am visiting my uncle, who is ill in hospital.
answer: (b) am visiting
- A7 Why is he late every time we arrange to meet?
answer: (a) is he
- A8 I don't often travel by air because the cost of flying is very high.
answer: (a) I don't often travel
- A9 Next time you come to my house, you must bring that book.
answer: (a) come
- A10 I am trying to remember your name but I'm afraid I can't remember it.
answer: (b) am trying

Conditionals

A1 If I win the lottery, I will buy you a very big car as a present.

answer: (b) will

A2 If I bought you a new car, would you be very happy?

answer: (b) If

A3 If you had got that job, would you have been able to move to a new house?

answer: (b) had

A4 I would want very much to move to a new house if I had that job.

answer: (c) had

A5 Will you come to dinner with us if we find a babysitter for you?

answer: (c) find

A6 I will try very hard to come and have dinner at your house if I am able to.

answer: (a) am

A7 If I were you, I should work very hard so that I could earn more money.

answer: (b) were

A8 Are you able to lend me some money if I promise you that you will get it back very soon?

answer: (a) Are

A9 If you really want to be helpful, then you have to tell me the truth.

answer: (a) have

A10 If I had tried very hard, I would have been able to stop smoking.

answer: (c) had tried

We went on holiday

A1 I expect you think I'm stupid because I don't understand that.

answer: (b) stupid

A2 Does anyone honestly believe what a politician says nowadays?

answer: (c) believe

A3 I'm sure you're quite right but many people disagree with you.

answer: (b) right

A4 Do you know where the President of America lives?

answer: (b) lives

A5 I've tried those tablets and they haven't done me any good.

answer: (b) good

A6 I'm going away for a few days so don't send me any more work.

answer: (d) away

A7 This summer we went on holiday to Greece.

answer: (a) on

A8 If you can't reach me at home, send me a letter.

answer: (c) letter

A9 I believe it is polite to hold a door open for a lady.

answer: (b) polite

A10 It is considered bad manners to shout at someone.

answer: (c) manners

Grammar Questions

A1 Which of these is a noun? It is thing.

answer: (a) thing

A2 Which of these is a passive sentence? It is He's been taken there.

answer: (b) He's been taken there

A3 Which of these is a preposition? It is through.

answer: (c) through

A4 Which of these tenses is Past Perfect Simple? It is She had laughed.

answer: (a) She had laughed

A5 Which of these is an adverb? It is quickly.

answer: (a) quickly

A6 Which of these tenses is Present Simple? It is He speaks.

answer: (c) He speaks

A7 Which of these is an adjective? It is hard.

answer: (a) hard

A8 Which of these is a personal pronoun? It is they.

answer: (b) they

A9 Which of these is a gerund? It is going.

answer: (c) going

A10 Which of these is a past participle? It is believed.

answer: (b) believed

An Easy Question

A1 What exercise do you like doing best of all?

answer: (b) best

A2 That's a good question but I need time to think about it.

answer: (a) time

A3 Don't worry, there's no need to answer immediately I'm not in a hurry.

answer: (c) immediately

A4 There are so many things that it's difficult to choose.

answer: (d) choose

A5 Oh, come on it's surely not that difficult.

answer: (d) surely

A6 Well, I think it is and I reckon it's an impossible question to answer.

answer: (b) reckon

A7 Do you want me to make it easier for you?

answer: (a) make

A8 Yes, I'd very much appreciate that.

answer: (c) appreciate

A9 All right let me ask you what you like doing least of all?

answer: (b) all

A10 Oh, that's easy — trying to answer this test!

answer: (a) trying

Learn it by heart

A1 I sometimes don't know how to learn new words by heart.

answer: (b) sometimes

A2 I often read short articles about pets in my favourite magazine.

answer: (c) about

A3 I think learning should be interesting because otherwise you wouldn't ever be able to succeed.

answer: (b) should

A4 You will probably agree with me.

answer: (a) with

A5 If you have a question please feel free to ask.

answer: (c) free

A6 Thank you very much indeed, that's very kind of you.

answer: (c) of

A7 We are really glad to have you as our customers and we will take good care of you.

answer: (b) customers

A8 For the whole of next week we are planning to sell our new dictionaries at a special price.

answer: (a) price

A9 As of now we still don't know if we will be able to fulfil our contract.

answer: (b) able

A10 Don't worry, we are quite flexible and can make changes at any time whatsoever.

answer: (b) any

White Water Rafting

- A1 You must admit flying in a hot air balloon is an amazing experience.
answer: (b) experience
- A2 Can you remember the last time you had such an exciting time?
answer: (c) had
- A3 To be honest, I have never flown in a balloon.
answer: (b) flown
- A4 Really, then it's about time you tried it out.
answer: (b) out
- A5 Are you really suggesting that we should actually get into one of those ridiculous things?
answer: (c) should
- A6 Why not? There is nothing to be afraid of. After all it won't be just us in the balloon.
answer: (b) afraid
- A7 You must be joking. Have you forgotten how terrible I felt the last time we went somewhere by plane?
answer: (c) by
- A8 Oh, come on. Why do you have to be such a kill joy.
answer: (a) joy
- A9 That's not fair. You know full well what it feels like to be worried sick when everyone else is laughing at you.
answer: (b) well
- A10 All right you win. I promise I won't bring it up again. Why don't just we go white water rafting instead?
answer: (b) up

Where am I?

A1 Excuse me I wonder if you can help me.

answer: (d) wonder

A2 I certainly will if I can.

answer: (b) can

A3 Well, my problem is that I'm lost.

answer: (a) problem

A4 I see you have a map in your car.

answer: (c) map

A5 Yes, I have but I can't follow it.

answer: (d) follow

A6 Now, where are you making for?

answer: (d) making

A7 I want to get to Nutfield Avenue.

answer: (b) get

A8 I don't think that's going to be hard.

answer: (a) hard

A9 Why do you say that?

answer: (c) say

A10 Because you're in that road right now.

answer: (d) right

Remove the Spoon

A1 What seems to be the trouble?

answer: (c) seems

A2 It happens every time I drink a cup of tea.

answer: (a) happens

A3 Can you give me a little more detail?

answer: (c) detail

A4 Well, I get a pain in my right eye every time I drink a cup of tea.

answer: (d) pain

A5 Do you drink a lot of tea with sugar?

answer: (b) lot

A6 Yes, I do.

answer: (c) do

A7 I can't possibly give up drinking tea, doctor.

answer: (b) possibly

A8 I'm not asking you to do that but next time you drink tea with sugar...

answer: (d) asking

A9 Yes, doctor I'm sorry I interrupted you.

answer: (c) interrupted

A10 Next time you drink tea with sugar, don't forget to remove the spoon.

answer: (d) remove

Weather Forecast

- A1 Now let's go over to our weather forecaster, Mary.
answer: (c) over
- A2 Yes, thank you and I'm afraid it's not looking very bright at the moment.
answer: (d) looking
- A3 The trouble is that there are some very heavy rain clouds over the north.
answer: (b) heavy
- A4 These will produce some rainfall later this morning.
answer: (c) produce
- A5 Then the clouds will move further south in the afternoon.
answer: (d) move
- A6 And by early evening the whole country will see the rain.
answer: (a) whole
- A7 But things will improve tomorrow.
answer: (d) improve
- A8 In the early morning the sun will make an appearance.
answer: (b) appearance
- A9 But you'll have to be quick because it soon disappears.
answer: (d) disappears
- A10 And of course after that our old friend rain returns.
answer: (c) returns

On TV tonight

A1 Good evening. Let me tell you what's in store for you on television tonight

answer: (c) store

A2 It will be a bit of a mixed bag.

answer: (d) bag

A3 To start with we have comedy.

answer: (a) with

A4 This will be a programme presenting that popular comedian, George Blair.

answer: (b) popular

A5 After that we have the regular show on the latest hits.

answer: (c) regular

A6 Next we'll have the latest news.

answer: (a) latest

A7 This will be read by the very pretty newscaster Penny Lane.

answer: (b) newscaster

A8 At least I think she's very pretty.

answer: (d) least

A9 And the following programmes are all boring as far as I'm concerned.

answer: (a) boring

A10 Because after the news Penny and I are going on a date.

answer: (c) going

The Bells

A1 Don't you think those bells..?

answer: (c) think

A2 I'm awfully sorry I can't hear a word you're saying.

answer: (d) awfully

A3 All I was trying to say was.

answer: (a) All

A4 Sorry you'll have to speak up.

answer: (b) up

A5 I'll have one more go and then..

answer: (c) go

A6 It's no use I can't hear you.

answer: (d) use

A7 Now I've shut the window and I'll make one more attempt.

answer: (a) attempt

A8 I simply wanted to say.

answer: (b) simply

A9 Ah that's much better now I can't hear those awful bells. Now what was it you wanted to say?

answer: (d) much

A10 It doesn't really matter now. I just wanted to say how beautiful the bells sounded.

answer: (a) matter

Sailing

A1 Tell me what did you do at the weekend?

answer: (d) Tell

A2 Oh, it was a complete disaster!

answer: (c) disaster

A3 Why, what happened?

answer: (a) happened

A4 Well, the plan was to go sailing.

answer: (c) plan

A5 That sounds interesting.

answer: (d) sounds

A6 In theory I agree.

answer: (c) theory

A7 But not in practice, eh?

answer: (b) practice

A8 Exactly, in fact I almost drowned.

answer: (d) drowned

A9 That must have been horrible. So what are you doing this weekend?

answer: (a) must

A10 I'm starting a course of swimming lessons.

answer: (b) course

Responses (1)

A1 Mike: I like anything to do with sport. Do you?

answer: (c) Do you?

A2 Mike: We went to Paris last summer.

Jane: I've never been there.

answer: (d) I've never been there.

A3 Mike: She always goes to work on a bike.

Jane: She must be very healthy.

answer: (b) She must be very healthy.

A4 Mike: They went on strike last week.

Jane: What on earth for?

answer: (a) What on earth for?

A5 Mike: More people die from eating fatty food than from smoking.

Jane: You must be joking!

answer: (d) You must be joking!

A6 Mike: You know he failed all his examinations?

Jane: I don't believe it.

answer: (b) I don't believe it.

A7 Mike: It's getting very late, we must hurry up.

Jane: Point taken.

answer: (c) Point taken.

A8 Mike: I haven't stopped working for eight hours today.

Jane: My heart bleeds for you.

answer: (a) My heart bleeds for you.

A9 Mike: You know the boss will be angry with you.

Jane: I don't care.

answer: (d) I don't care.

A10 Mike: I wonder if you could help me with this problem.

Jane: Try me.

answer: (b) Try me.

Responses (2)

A1 Mike: 'I just can't make my mind up. What do you think?'

Jane: 'It's up to you.'

answer: (b) It's up to you.

A2 Mike: 'Hello. I wonder if you're interested in new double-glazing.'

Jane: 'I'm really not interested.'

answer: (a) I'm really not interested.

A3 Mike: 'He offered me a 50% discount. What should I do?'

Jane: 'Bite his hand off.'

answer: (d) Bite his hand off.

A4 Mike: 'I need some support, right now.'

Jane: 'Well, you can count on me.'

answer: (c) Well, you can count on me.

A5 Mike: 'They haven't sent me the bill for a year now. What would you do?'

Jane: 'I'd simply forget it.'

answer: (b) I'd simply forget it.

A6 Mike: 'Can you explain why she did that?'

Jane: 'Heaven only knows.'

answer: (d) Heaven only knows.

A7 Mike: 'Do you think he'll be the next President?'

Jane: 'Your guess is as good as mine.'

answer: (a) Your guess is as good as mine.

A8 Mike: 'That's the 16th job interview I've failed. What should I do?'

Jane: 'Don't give up.'

answer: (c) Don't give up.

A9 Mike: 'I'm taking my driving test tomorrow.'

Jane: 'Good luck.'

answer: (b) Good luck.

A10 Boss: 'And this is our new employee.'

Jane: 'How do you do?'

answer: (d) How do you do?

Responses (3)

- A1 Mike: 'I could try another source if you like.'
Jane: 'There's no point.'
answer: (a) There's no point.
- A2 Mike: 'I could give you a lift to the station.'
Jane: 'There's no need.'
answer: (d) There's no need.
- A3 Mike: 'I suppose they might get the contract.'
Jane: 'There's little chance of that.'
answer: (c) There's little chance of that.
- A4 Mike: 'If the party wins the next by-election, things might get better.'
Jane: 'There's no chance of that.'
answer: (b) There's no chance of that.
- A5 Mike: 'What do you think are the chances of finding people still alive?'
Jane: 'There's little hope, really.'
answer: (d) There's little hope, really.
- A6 Mike: 'I hope I haven't left it too late to apply.'
Jane: 'There's still time.'
answer: (c) There's still time.
- A7 Mike: 'I wonder what she'll get up to next.'
Jane: 'There's no knowing.'
answer: (b) There's no knowing.
- A8 Mike: 'I wonder if we could call at the post office first.'
Jane: 'There's no time.'
answer: (a) There's no time.
- A9 Mike: 'You just can't believe what they'll think up next, can you?'
Jane: 'There's no saying.'
answer: (c) There's no saying.
- A10 Mike: 'I just think they've wasted their time, don't you?'
Jane: 'There's no denying it.'
answer: (d) There's no denying it.

Responses (4)

A1 Mike: 'Do you know what I did last night?'

Jane: 'I shrink to think.'

answer: (a) I shrink to think.

A2 Mike: 'I bet you don't know what happened at the party?'

Jane: 'I can't imagine.'

answer: (d) I can't imagine.

A3 Mike: 'Do you know how much the bill has come to?'

Jane: 'I daren't think.'

answer: (b) I daren't think.

A4 Mike: 'Guess how much income tax I pay.'

Jane: 'I haven't a clue.'

answer: (d) I haven't a clue.

A5 Mike: 'Then you add the square root and multiply by 67, do you follow?'

Jane: 'Sorry, it's beyond me.'

answer: (c) Sorry, it's beyond me.

A6 Mike: 'Do you understand what he's on about?'

Jane: 'No, it's way above my head.'

answer: (d) No, it's way above my head.

A7 Mike: 'I assume you're following the argument, aren't you.'

Jane: 'No, it's all Greek to me.'

answer: (b) No, it's all Greek to me.

A8 Mike: 'It's amazing when you learn what technology can do, isn't it?'

Jane: 'The mind boggles.'

answer: (d) The mind boggles.

A9 Mike: 'So what do you think is the answer?'

Jane: 'No idea.'

answer: (a) No idea.

A10 Mike: 'Then you take away the first number — are you with me?'

Jane: 'No, you've lost me.'

answer: (d) No, you've lost me.

Responses (5)

- A1 Jill: 'I'm so confused, I don't know what to do.'
Frank: 'Take it easy.'
answer: (b) Take it easy.
- A2 Jill: 'What shall I do — I'm in a terrible state!'
Frank: 'Calm down.'
answer: (d) Calm down.
- A3 Jill: 'I'm afraid I've just broken the handle.'
Frank: 'Don't worry.'
answer: (c) Don't worry.
- A4 Jill: 'I hope nobody minds if I leave early.'
Frank: 'It'll be all right.'
answer: (a) It'll be all right.
- A5 Jill: 'It's going to cost a lot of money to put right, I'm afraid.'
Frank: 'It's not the end of the world.'
answer: (b) It's not the end of the world.
- A6 Jill: 'I do hope they make it tonight — it's very late you know.'
Frank: 'They're bound to come.'
answer: (d) They're bound to come.
- A7 Jill: 'I don't think I can stand much more of this.'
Frank: 'The worst is over.'
answer: (c) The worst is over.
- A8 Jill: 'What's your view of what's coming next?'
Frank: 'Things can only get better.'
answer: (b) Things can only get better.
- A9 Jill: 'I've lost everything my job, my house, my money — what should I do?'
Frank: 'Count your blessings.'
answer: (a) Count your blessings.
- A10 Jill: 'I'm very depressed at the moment, sorry.'
Frank: 'Chin up.'
answer: (d) Chin up.

Responses (6)

A1 John: 'Thank you so much.'

Sue: 'No problem.'

answer: (a) No problem.

A2 John: 'I am most grateful.'

Sue: 'You're welcome.'

answer: (c) You're welcome.

A3 John: 'Thank you very much for helping me.'

Sue: 'Don't mention it.'

answer: (d) Don't mention it.

A4 John: 'That was very thoughtful of you to do that.'

Sue: 'Forget it.'

answer: (b) Forget it.

A5 John: 'I really appreciate your kindness this last week.'

Sue: 'It was my pleasure.'

answer: (c) It was my pleasure.

A6 John: 'I must say you really helped us out when we lost those passports.'

Sue: 'It was the least I could do.'

answer: (a) It was the least I could do.

A7 John: 'Your advice this morning was much appreciated.'

Sue: 'All part of the service.'

answer: (b) All part of the service.

A8 John: 'We'd like to give you this small present to show our gratitude.'

Sue: 'It's really not necessary.'

answer: (d) It's really not necessary.

A9 John: 'By the way, I've paid the taxi driver.'

Sue: 'You shouldn't have.'

answer: (c) You shouldn't have.

A10 John: 'And as a special thank you for all you've done, we're treating you to a meal out.'

Sue: 'You're really naughty.'

answer: (b) You're really naughty.

Responses (7)

- A1 Jill: 'I got that job even though you didn't think I stood a chance.'
Frank: 'You never did!'
answer: (b) You never did!
- A2 Jill: 'I had some good news today — I've won the lottery.'
Frank: 'Well I never!'
answer: (a) Well I never!
- A3 Jill: 'We've collected thousands of pounds this week for charity.'
Frank: 'Goodness me!'
answer: (d) Goodness me!
- A4 Jill: 'She came top in the exam grades this summer.'
Frank: 'Well done.'
answer: (d) Well done.
- A5 Jill: 'After all that effort we didn't manage to sell a single one.'
Frank: 'What a shame!'
answer: (b) What a shame!
- A6 Frank: 'You know I put money in that company — well it's gone bankrupt.'
Jill: 'Hard luck!'
answer: (c) Hard luck!
- A7 Jill: 'I've waited 3 hours for a bus now.'
Frank: 'What a bore!'
answer: (a) What a bore!
- A8 Jill: 'Look at all the work I've done, aren't you impressed?'
Frank: 'I am amazed!'
answer: (b) I am amazed!
- A9 Frank: 'I hear that the Government is going to abolish income tax.'
Jill: 'That'll be the day!'
answer: (d) That'll be the day!
- A10 Frank: 'They say that all this rubbish is going to be taken away tomorrow.'
Jill: 'I'll believe it when I see it.'
answer: (c) I'll believe it when I see it.

Question Tags (1)

A1 You said you would didn't you?

answer: (d) didn't you?

A2 She's definitely not coming is she?

answer: (c) is she?

A3 It drives you mad doesn't it?

answer: (c) doesn't it?

A4 It won't hurt will it?

answer: (b) will it?

A5 I think you ought to go don't you?

answer: (c) don't you?

A6 You must go mustn't you?

answer: (a) mustn't you?

A7 It happened yesterday didn't it?

answer: (c) didn't it?

A8 She's always late isn't she?

answer: (b) isn't she?

A9 They're selling their house aren't they?

answer: (c) aren't they?

A10 No-one understood that word did they?

answer: (d) did they?

Question Tags (2)

A1 Sarah: 'I want you to give me some more money.'

Paul: 'Oh you do, do you?'

answer: (c) Oh you do, do you?

A2 Sarah: 'You're being very rude!'

Paul: 'Oh I am, am I?'

answer: (c) Oh I am, am I?

A3 Sarah: 'I've torn up your homework essay!'

Paul: 'That's nice, isn't it?'

answer: (d) That's nice, isn't it?

A4 Sarah: 'I can't take any more.'

Paul: 'Oh, you can't, can you?'

answer: (c) Oh, you can't, can you?

A5 Sarah: 'She hates the sight of him.'

Paul: 'She does, does she?'

answer: (b) She does, does she?

A6 Sarah: 'I would prefer to go by air.'

Paul: 'Oh you would, would you?'

answer: (a) Oh you would, would you?

A7 Sarah: 'I won't listen to you any more.'

Paul: 'So you won't, will you?'

answer: (c) So you won't, will you?

A8 Paul: 'I spent thousands on that car.'

Sarah: 'Oh you did, did you?'

answer: (b) Oh you did, did you?

A9 Sarah: 'You mustn't eat with your mouth full.'

Paul: 'Oh I mustn't, must I?'

answer: (d) Oh I mustn't, must I?

A10 Sarah: 'That's not allowed you know.'

Paul: 'Oh it isn't, is it?'

answer: (c) Oh it isn't, is it?

Question Tags (3)

A1 You'd rather I kept quiet about it, wouldn't you?

answer: (c) wouldn't you

A2 He used to work in the city, didn't he?

answer: (d) didn't he

A3 He has his lunch at the office, doesn't he?

answer: (d) doesn't he

A4 In that case he'll have to look for a new job, won't he?

answer: (b) won't he

A5 You wouldn't want me to do that, would you?

answer: (a) would you

A6 He really didn't need to speak to me like that, did he?

answer: (d) did he

A7 Come back in the morning, will you?

answer: (c) will you

A8 You like milk in your tea, don't you?

answer: (c) don't you

A9 You are just the sort of person who would say that, aren't you?

answer: (d) aren't you

A10 You shouldn't have done that, should you?

answer: (b) should you

Object Pronoun

A1 So did you give the book to him?

answer: (b) him

A2 Of course I did. I gave it back on Tuesday.

answer: (c) it

A3 Well, he says that he doesn't trust you.

answer: (b) you

A4 He doesn't trust me?

answer: (c) me

A5 That's exactly what he said about you.

answer: (a) you

A6 I find that difficult to believe. Do you trust me?

answer: (b) me

A7 Well you and your wife have borrowed things sometimes and not given them back.

answer: (c) them

A8 Well I think you're being very unfair to us.

answer: (b) us

A9 In that case just look at the table and tell me what you see.

answer: (c) me

A10 Oh dear, I can see it. That must be the book I haven't given back.

answer: (b) it

Relative Pronoun Exercises

A1 Who does that car belong to?

answer: (a) Who

A2 Excuse me but shouldn't you say to whom does that car belong?

answer: (c) whom

A3 That's another way of saying it. I'm talking about the car that's parked over there.

answer: (b) that's

A4 Who do you think would have a car like that?

answer: (c) Who

A5 Well, I should say someone for whom money is no object.

answer: (a) whom

A6 The car to which you are referring happens to be mine!

answer: (c) which

A7 That's interesting. We are talking about the car that has a red roof.

answer: (a) that

A8 Yes, it's the best car that I've ever had. Why do you ask?

answer: (b) that

A9 Well, I think you ought to speak to that man who's standing with a notebook in front of the car.

answer: (c) who's

A10 Oh no! It's a traffic warden putting a parking ticket on my car and I haven't any money to pay the fine which I'll have to pay.

answer: (b) which

Reflexive Pronouns

A1 Once there was a young man who called himself Icarus.

answer: (b) himself

A2 His father always wanted his children to look after themselves and do what they wanted.

answer: (a) themselves

A3 The trouble was that Icarus always wanted to put himself into danger.

answer: (c) himself

A4 His father said again and again if we don't take care, we'd hurt ourselves.

answer: (c) ourselves

A5 Icarus shocked his father with an idea that he was going to try out on himself.

answer: (a) himself

A6 He had watched birds fly by throwing themselves into the air.

answer: (b) themselves

A7 His sister said she would like to push herself into the air and fly but she was too frightened.

answer: (c) herself

A8 Icarus said he would try and he promised his father: I will not injure myself.

answer: (b) myself

A9 The last words his father said before Icarus left were: Look after yourself.

answer: (a) yourself

A10 Unfortunately Icarus went too near the sun and the wax on his wings melted and the feathers worked themselves free and he fell on the ground and died.

answer: (c) themselves

Basic American English

A1 Anna is a teacher.

answer: (c) a teacher

A2 Your boss said that you work hard.

answer: (a) Your

A3 Every week I work five days and I get two days off.

answer: (b) off

A4 I got a job at the bank.

answer: (a) got

A5 Do you prefer Microsoft or Macintosh computers?

answer: (b) or

A6 Do you have any children?

answer: (c) any

A7 His pen will not write. It is out of ink.

answer: (d) pen

A8 Who won the soccer game?

answer: (c) game

A9 Your lunch break is from noon to 1 pm.

answer: (d) lunch

A10 The police all wear uniforms.

answer: (a) wear

Basic English Grammar

A1 The pencils and paper are on your desk.

answer: (c) are

A2 What do you like to do on the weekends?

answer: (b) What

A3 My sister is at home today.

answer: (a) at

A4 I am an engineer.

answer: (d) I

A5 The bathroom is next to the front door.

answer: (a) next

A6 He always works very hard.

answer: (b) very

A7 Do you have time to go to the store for me?

answer: (c) have

A8 She is an athlete.

answer: (d) an

A9 There are 12 months in a year.

answer: (c) months

A10 Driving to work in a car is much faster than riding a bicycle.

answer: (a) faster

Basic Weather Expressions

A1 Yesterday it was very sunny outside.

answer: (b) it

A2 She loves to swim when it is hot.

answer: (a) loves

A3 In some countries it never snows.

answer: (d) snows

A4 Do you like hot weather or not?

answer: (b) or

A5 I like it when it rains.

answer: (a) when

A6 Have you ever made a snowman?

answer: (c) ever

A7 The sky is very cloudy today.

answer: (b) very

A8 It looks like a storm is coming.

answer: (c) like

A9 I am wet because my umbrella broke.

answer: (a) because

A10 Laura wears gloves so her hands will stay warm.

answer: (d) so

Basic English Expressions

A1 My desk is a mess, I should clean it.

answer: (c) mess

A2 Valerie spilled water on my paperwork.

answer: (b) on

A3 Will you please take out the trash?

answer: (a) out

A4 I like pencils better than pens.

answer: (c) better

A5 My old job was easier than this one.

answer: (d) easier

A6 Tom works the hardest of anyone.

answer: (a) hardest

A7 This is the most difficult assignment I have ever had.

answer: (c) most difficult

A8 My boss is very nice.

answer: (b) nice

A9 Do you walk or take the bus to work?

answer: (d) or

A10 The janitor cleans the office every night.

answer: (c) every

Elementary English Grammar

A1 She likes to go running.

answer: (b) to go

A2 John rides his bicycle every day.

answer: (c) rides

A3 I walk to school every day.

answer: (a) walk

A4 They play guitar all the time.

answer: (d) They

A5 Do you like to dance?

answer: (c) to dance

A6 When I was a child I liked to climb trees.

answer: (a) liked

A7 It is a good idea to exercise every day.

answer: (a) to exercise

A8 We went swimming every day in our neighbors' swimming pool.

answer: (d) swimming

A9 There will be a race next week.

answer: (c) will be

A10 Soccer is now a popular sport in most countries.

answer: (d) is

Question Words

A1 Which one of you is coming to my house later?

answer: (b) Which

A2 How are you going to get home from work?

answer: (c) How

A3 Who is that guy talking to your sister?

answer: (c) Who

A4 She wants to know how you like your coffee.

answer: (a) how

A5 Let me know when you hear from your mother.

answer: (d) when

A6 What would you like on your hamburger?

answer: (b) What

A7 Whose dog is that?

answer: (c) Whose

A8 This is what I want to be when I grow up.

answer: (d) what

A9 My mother is the one who sings on TV every morning.

answer: (c) who

A10 Whose shoes are those?

answer: (b) Whose

Common Prepositions

A1 I live in the big house on the corner.

answer: (a) on

A2 My son goes to English classes 5 days a week.

answer: (c) to

A3 My friend Anna lives in England.

answer: (d) in

A4 The milk goes in the refrigerator.

answer: (b) in

A5 Will you come with me to the store?

answer: (a) with

A6 My car will not start because it is out of gas.

answer: (c) out of

A7 Please put the plates on the table.

answer: (d) on

A8 I like to eat ice cream with chocolate sauce on top.

answer: (b) with

A9 Were you at church yesterday?

answer: (a) at

A10 I am at work right now.

answer: (b) at

Modal Verb Questions

A1 Will you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (a) Will

A2 Would you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (b) Would

A3 Can you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (c) Can

A4 Could you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (b) Could

A5 Do you want some water?

answer: (d) Do

A6 Would you like some water?

answer: (c) Would

A7 Can I ride with you to work?

answer: (b) Can

A8 May I ride with you to work?

answer: (d) May

A9 Is there any way I could ride with you to work?

answer: (a) Is there any way

A10 Would you mind if I ride with you to work?

answer: (c) Would you mind if

Elementary Grammar Questions

A1 Flowers smell good.

answer: (c) smell

A2 My favourite colour is green.

answer: (d) favourite

A3 My mom is from Africa.

answer: (b) from

A4 There are 7 kids in my family.

answer: (b) in

A5 Both of my parents live in the United States of America.

answer: (d) Both

A6 All 4 of my grandparents are still alive.

answer: (c) All

A7 Did you leave my shoes outside last night?

answer: (a) Did

A8 I really like to eat spaghetti.

answer: (b) to eat

A9 Do you think you can drive me home later?

answer: (a) Do you think you can

A10 It is a rule: if you ride in my car you have to wear your seatbelt.

answer: (d) have to

English Grammar Exercise

A1 Our couch is very soft.

answer: (a) very

A2 Our house has 3 bedrooms.

answer: (c) has

A3 Does your dog live inside or outside?

answer: (d) or

A4 Does your kitchen have a dishwasher?

answer: (d) kitchen

A5 All of the walls are painted white.

answer: (b) painted

A6 There is a rug on the floor in the living room.

answer: (c) on

A7 The television gets 6 channels.

answer: (c) television

A8 Our table is big enough for 8 people.

answer: (d) big enough

A9 Do you lock the front door at night?

answer: (b) at

A10 I will put up the clothes after you fold them.

answer: (a) put up

Much, many, a lot, lots

A1 How many people are coming?

answer: (d) many

A2 How much does the book cost?

answer: (a) much

A3 Do you need much milk for this recipe?

answer: (c) much

A4 I need to practice piano a lot before the concert.

answer: (d) a lot

A5 I have a ton of homework to do before tomorrow.

answer: (a) a ton

A6 How much water do you drink every day?

answer: (b) much

A7 You are very smart.

answer: (c) very

A8 I have lots of friends.

answer: (c) lots

A9 You are a very honest person.

answer: (b) very

A10 Do you have many ants in your house?

answer: (b) many

Elementary Adjectives

A1 If I am not right I am wrong.

answer: (a) wrong

A2 If you are not taller you are shorter.

answer: (b) shorter

A3 The car is not fast, it is slow.

answer: (c) fast

A4 Today it is not hot, it is cold.

answer: (a) cold

A5 If I am not weak I am strong.

answer: (d) strong

A6 I do not get up late, I get up early.

answer: (c) late

A7 He is the heaviest and I am the lightest.

answer: (a) lightest

A8 What goes up must come down.

answer: (b) down

A9 At the stop sign do not turn right, turn left.

answer: (d) left

A10 My mom's hair is not straight, it is curly.

answer: (c) curly

Chit Chat: At the bus stop

A1 Mike: Where are you going today?

answer: (c) going

A2 Linda: I really want to go shopping.

answer: (b) shopping

A3 Mike: What's wrong with the shops here?

answer: (a) wrong

A4 Linda: Nothing really but there is more choice in the town.

answer: (d) choice

A5 Mike: That's true but you have to wait a long time for a bus.

answer: (c) wait

A6 Linda: Yes, I have been waiting for 30 minutes already.

answer: (b) have been

A7 Mike: Then it's just as well it's not raining.

answer: (a) as

A8 Linda: I don't like the look of that dark cloud over there.

answer: (b) look

A9 Mike: Oh dear. Are you going to wait any longer.

answer: (d) longer

A10 Linda: No. I've just realised it's Sunday and there are no buses today.

answer: (c) realised

Chit Chat: Talking about the Doctor

A1 Mike: Haven't seen you for ages.

answer: (b) ages

A2 Linda: No, I've been in a lot of pain the last few months.

answer: (d) in

A3 Mike: I'm sorry to hear that. Tell me about it.

answer: (c) about

A4 Linda: It's awful really. At the moment it's in my knee.

answer: (a) moment

A5 Mike: That can make walking very difficult.

answer: (b) make

A6 Linda: Then there's the pain in my back.

answer: (d) there's

A7 Mike: I know what that's like.

answer: (d) like

A8 Linda: Of course I mustn't forget the pains in my feet.

answer: (b) course

A9 Mike: Suddenly I'm feeling much better. I won't see the doctor today. Good bye.

answer: (c) feeling

A10 Linda: But you can't go yet I haven't described my other pains.

answer: (d) yet

Chit Chat: In the Aeroplane

A1 Linda: Have you ever flown before? Only it's my first time in a plane and I'm a little nervous.

answer: (b) flown

A2 Mike: Yes, lots of times. There's no need to worry about it.

answer: (a) worry

A3 Linda: That's easy for you to say but I feel very anxious.

answer: (d) say

A4 Mike: All you have to do is take it easy and relax.

answer: (c) easy

A5 Linda: I had a few drinks before I came on board and that hasn't helped.

answer: (b) few

A6 Mike: Never mind I'm sure you'll be all right and anyhow we're starting to move now.

answer: (a) mind

A7 Linda: Yes, you're right. It's as if everything on the plane is shaking.

answer: (d) if

A8 Mike: That means that the engines are warming up. It won't be long now.

answer: (b) up

A9 Linda: Oh yes. I don't know why I was so nervous I think flying is great!

answer: (a) nervous

A10 Mike: Don't get too excited! We're still on the runway and haven't taken off yet.

answer: (c) off

Chit Chat: At the pub

A1 Charles: I don't think I've seen you before in this pub.

answer: (b) seen

A2 Deborah: No, this is my first visit.

answer: (d) visit

A3 Charles: And I see you've brought your little dog with you.

answer: (c) brought

A4 Deborah: Yes, he goes everywhere with me.

answer: (a) everywhere

A5 Charles: It's very good the way he sits at the table and eats his food with a knife and fork.

answer: (d) food

A6 Deborah: Oh yes. He's very good. At home when he's finished eating, he goes into the kitchen and washes up his plates.

answer: (a) finished

A7 Charles: That's really amazing I find that difficult to believe.

answer: (b) amazing

A8 Deborah: Believe me — he's a really wonderful dog and can do most things that people do.

answer: (c) most

A9 Charles: The one thing I've noticed is that he doesn't say anything.

answer: (d) noticed

A10 Deborah: Yes, that's right. He's not talking today because he's got a sore throat.

answer: (b) sore

Chit Chat: At the restaurant

A1 Waiter: What would you like to start with, sir?

answer: (c) start

A2 Diner: I was thinking I might try the soup.

answer: (d) might

A3 Waiter: Sorry sir. The soup's off.

answer: (a) off

A4 Diner: In that case I'll try the roast beef.

answer: (b) case

A5 Waiter: You'll have no luck there either. We haven't got any left.

answer: (a) left

A6 Diner: Oh that's a shame. Perhaps I could have the pork.

answer: (c) shame

A7 Waiter: It's really not your day. We don't have any pork now.

answer: (d) day

A8 Diner: Oh this is ridiculous. Do you have anything at all?

answer: (b) ridiculous

A9 Waiter: Now sir it's not worth losing your temper. You could take the last thing on the menu.

answer: (a) losing

A10 Diner: Right then. If it's not too much trouble. Please bring me a cup of coffee.

answer: (d) trouble

Chit Chat: On the phone

A1 Woman: Hello. 6 — 3 — 4 — 9 — 5. Who's calling please?

answer: (a) calling

A2 Charlie: Yes, hello it's Charlie here. I wanted to know how you are.

answer: (d) know

A3 Woman: Me? Oh, I'm doing fine, thank you and you?

answer: (b) fine

A4 Charlie: Well, to be honest I've had a few problems recently.

answer: (c) honest

A5 Woman: Sorry to hear that. What kind of problems?

answer: (b) kind

A6 Charlie: Well, it all started when my wife walked out on me.

answer: (d) walked

A7 Woman: Sorry to hear that. That must have been a blow.

answer: (c) blow

A8 Charlie: Of course that was some time ago and I've got used to it now.

answer: (a) used

A9 Woman: By the way I don't know anybody called Charlie.

answer: (b) called

A10 Charlie: Sorry about that I must have dialled the wrong number. Have a nice day.

answer: (c) dialled

Chit Chat: In the theatre

A1 Alice: I think the play is just on the point of starting.

answer: (d) point

A2 Mary: I do hope so. I'm very fond of the main actor.

answer: (b) fond

A3 Alice: Me too. Just listen to the sound of his voice now.

answer: (c) sound

A4 Mary: The trouble is I always forget his name.

answer: (a) forget

A5 Alice: I think his first name is Michael but I can't remember the surname.

answer: (d) surname

A6 Mary: I've got it. Surely it's Dobson. Yes, that's it — Michael Dobson.

answer: (b) Surely

A7 Alice: Yes, you're dead right. I've seen him on tv loads of times.

answer: (c) dead

A8 Mary: Yes, Michael Dobson he was in that new thriller as the detective.

answer: (c) thriller

A9 Alice: He was really good in that. Oh look, he's suddenly stopped and started glaring.

answer: (a) glaring

A10 Michael Dobson: I'm very glad, ladies you know who I am. Now can you stop talking so that we can get on with the play?

answer: (b) glad

Chit Chat: In the supermarket

A1 Employee: Are you having problems, madam?

answer: (c) having

A2 Old lady: Yes. I wonder if you could possibly help me, young man.

answer: (c) possibly

A3 Employee: Of course. In what way?

answer: (d) way

A4 Old lady: The fact is I just can't reach that cereal packet on the top shelf.

answer: (b) reach

A5 Employee: No problem. There you are.

answer: (a) There

A6 Old lady: There is just one other thing you can help me with if you have a moment.

answer: (c) thing

A7 Employee: Just tell me and I'll see if I can help.

answer: (b) see

A8 Old lady: All I want to know is what day today is.

answer: (a) what

A9 Employee: It's Thursday of course. What do you want to know for?

answer: (d) for

A10 Old lady: Well you see this supermarket is so big I can't find the way out I've been here since Tuesday!

answer: (c) out

Chit Chat: In the train

A1 Mrs Ashton: Excuse me but do you know if this train is going to London?

answer: (b) if

A2 Mr Corp: Oh yes, madam. She's definitely going to London.

answer: (c) definitely

A3 Mrs Ashton: Well, that's good news.

answer: (d) news

A4 Mr Corp: What makes you say that, madam?

answer: (b) makes

A5 Mrs Ashton: Well, last time I travelled by train, I got on the wrong one.

answer: (a) travelled

A6 Mr Corp: What happened to you then?

answer: (c) happened

A7 Mrs Ashton: It was terrible because I ended up miles away from where I wanted to go.

answer: (b) up

A8 Mr Corp: Well, you'll have no such problem today, madam.

answer: (d) problem

A9 Mrs Ashton: Look are you sure the train's going to London. It's taking a long time to leave.

answer: (a) sure

A10 Mr Corp: Don't you worry madam. It is going to London but not for another 4 hours!

answer: (c) worry

Other, another, others, the others

- A1 There are ten pieces of fruit in my basket. One is an orange, one is a grape and another is an apple.
answer: (c) another
- A2 I have two pencils. One is black, the other is blue.
answer: (d) the other
- A3 There are four girls in my apartment. Two are called Casey and Amber. The others are Joanne and Lindsey.
answer: (b) The others
- A4 There are several holidays in Brazil. One is Independence Day and some others are Children's Day and Teacher's Day.
answer: (a) some others
- A5 My friend has two cars. One is black and the other is red.
answer: (b) the other
- A6 My mom speaks three languages. One is English and another one is French.
answer: (c) another
- A7 There are eight pets in my house. Six are cats and the others are dogs.
answer: (d) the others
- A8 There are 50 states in the United States. One is North Carolina and some others are Virginia and Kentucky.
answer: (c) some others
- A9 My neighbor has four kids. One of them is a boy and the others are girls.
answer: (a) the others
- A10 There are three books in my backpack. One is a maths book and another is a chemistry book.
answer: (b) another

Adjective Prepositions Constructions

A1 Venice is famous for its canals.

answer: (d) for

A2 My son is afraid of the dark.

answer: (c) of

A3 Maria is married to my cousin.

answer: (c) to

A4 The second hotel was different from the first.

answer: (d) from

A5 Lucas is very good at drawing.

answer: (a) at

A6 I'm tired of waiting for the bus. Let's take a taxi.

answer: (c) of

A7 George was worried about his father's health.

answer: (b) about

A8 I didn't know you were interested in science.

answer: (a) in

A9 Why are you angry with him?

answer: (d) with

A10 We were very pleased with the service.

answer: (a) with

Anything, nothing, something, everything

A1 I don't have anything to do today.

answer: (b) anything

A2 Are there any dogs in the house?

answer: (c) any

A3 I know nothing about it!

answer: (b) nothing

A4 There is something I need to do tomorrow afternoon.

answer: (d) something

A5 My friend doesn't know anything about her Birthday Party!

answer: (c) anything

A6 Did you bring everything you needed for the trip?

answer: (d) everything

A7 If there is anything you need you can call me, okay?

answer: (a) anything

A8 I think there is something wrong with my VCR. It is not working very well.

answer: (c) something

A9 My friend's decisions have nothing to do with me.

answer: (a) nothing

A10 My mom asked me how I was and I said everything was fine.

answer: (d) everything

American homophones

A1 I would eat dessert 24/7 if I could get away with it.

answer: (b) dessert

A2 My friend said she doesn't know any foreign languages.

answer: (c) know

A3 We took the kids swimming all morning. Now they're completely exhausted.

answer: (a) they're

A4 My friend's dog always chases its tail.

answer: (d) its

A5 Every time I go on a trip I leave my dog in a kennel.

answer: (d) kennel

A6 The principal of my school was overwhelmingly strict.

answer: (a) principal

A7 The chocolate chip cookies are on aisle five.

answer: (c) aisle

A8 There are millions of poor people in Third World Countries.

answer: (b) poor

A9 Christina loves to sew!

answer: (c) sew

A10 Hey Tom, how's the weather in Tulsa today?

answer: (d) weather

Pronouns: who, whose, whom, which

A1 This is the teacher who told me my son has been misbehaving in class.

answer: (d) who

A2 My husband, whom I love, sent me flowers at work last night.

answer: (b) whom

A3 This is the girl whose car hit that tree down last week.

answer: (c) whose

A4 Those were the boxes which were sent to you last month, but never made it here.

answer: (a) which

A5 Who is going to take the dog for a walk?

answer: (c) Who

A6 Whom shall I fear, but the ones who hurt me?

answer: (b) Whom

A7 I asked you which one of these shoes you think would go with my outfit.

answer: (d) which

A8 Whose house is it, anyway? Are we allowed to stay in here?

answer: (c) Whose

A9 I have friends who love me so much, they made a surprise birthday party for me last night.

answer: (a) who

A10 That young man to whom we owe some thanks, saved our mom's life on that car accident.

answer: (b) whom

Some, any, few, little

A1 Wow! Look at that! How many books do you have on your shelf? I have to tell you, it's quite a great collection!

answer: (b) many

A2 Would you like some juice?

answer: (c) some

A3 How much money do you have?

answer: (a) much

A4 I only have a few dollars.

answer: (d) a few

A5 I want to make orange juice. Have you got any oranges?

answer: (c) any

A6 No, I don't have any. But I have some apples, if you'd like to make apple juice instead.

answer: (b) some

A7 There are many people trying to go to the U2 concert this weekend.

answer: (a) many

A8 How many gallons of water did you bring for the trip? — I just have a few gallons.

answer: (d) a few

A9 Jessica spent a lot of money on her car. Now she only has a little money left to pay for her living expenses.

answer: (c) a little

A10 How much time do you have left before you have to go to school?

answer: (b) much

Prepositions Test

A1 I was jogging in the park this morning and saw this dog coming towards me. It looked like he was going attack me, but he was just trying to reach out for his owner who was running right behind me.

answer: (c) towards

A2 Barbara, your boyfriend is waiting for you outside in the car.

answer: (b) outside

A3 I heard a glass breaking noise in the living room and ran to see what happened. A pigeon flew against the window and broke it.

answer: (d) against

A4 Suzanne who lives by that coffee shop place, came over to visit you this morning.

answer: (b) by

A5 I don't know how many times I have told my daughter to look at both sides before running across the street.

answer: (a) across

A6 My house is between the grocery store and the gas station.

answer: (d) between

A7 The temperature in Washington D.C today is eight degrees below zero.

answer: (b) below

A8 The cat is sitting on the wall.

answer: (a) on

A9 As soon as Bob heard his boss coming, he jumped for his chair and pretended he was working.

answer: (c) for

A10 Frederick lives up the hill, where all the mansions are.

answer: (d) up

Past Participle Sentences

- A1 Had I been able to go to school as a child, I would have learned how to read.
answer: (a) learned
- A2 I would have sung all night if I could but we all had to leave early because Carmen didn't feel good.
answer: (b) sung
- A3 Adrian should have never left home. If he hadn't, he'd be in a better situation right now.
answer: (c) left
- A4 Perhaps she would have been bitten by that dog if its owner hadn't been faster and caught him right on time.
answer: (d) bitten
- A5 If it wasn't for that medicine you gave me, I would have gotten a lot worse.
answer: (a) gotten
- A6 Last night, I dreamed I was calling the police and really did it.
answer: (c) dreamed
- A7 I'm glad to know that you have forgiven me for what I have done.
answer: (c) forgiven
- A8 After looking for him all day, Jeremy finally found his dog hidden under a cave.
answer: (c) hidden
- A9 I would have taken pictures from my trip, if I had a camera.
answer: (c) taken
- A10 When he finally arrived, his date had already gone.
answer: (d) gone

ESL Prepositions

- A1 The board meeting was called off due to the sudden demise of the chief executive office.
answer: (b) off
- A2 My father put \$1,000 down as a deposit to help my sister purchase a new car.
answer: (c) down
- A3 I have some material from which I could knock up an article if you want me to.
answer: (a) up
- A4 The finance director has come in for a lot of criticism over his unsuccessful handling of the company's investments.
answer: (b) for
- A5 The factory churns out thousands of pairs of low cost shoes every day.
answer: (a) out
- A6 Low consumer demand has forced the retailer to mark down a wide range of goods by as much as 40%.
answer: (b) down
- A7 Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett must be making a fortune. They're clearly raking in over \$1,000,000 a year.
answer: (b) in
- A8 The clothing manufacturer recently branched out into sportswear.
answer: (a) out
- A9 Distributors will probably bump up the price of the software when the next version is released.
answer: (a) up
- A10 The director was drummed out of office for life when it was discovered that she had been involved in insider trading.
answer: (d) out

Common English Errors (1)

A1 There are many kinds of jobs in Oregon right now.

answer: (c) kinds

A2 She ran over to the commotion to find out what was happening.

answer: (d) find out

A3 After some time, Vince got to know the university campus very well.

answer: (a) got

A4 Don't forget about your daughter's soccer game — she'll never forgive you!

answer: (d) forgive

A5 When I drove into Seattle yesterday afternoon, the weather was still cloudy and wet.

answer: (a) weather

A6 I'm worried about her because she is taking more pills than usual.

answer: (c) is taking

A7 I'm so busy — I hope you'll excuse my messy office space.

answer: (c) excuse

A8 He was married fifty years ago.

answer: (b) ago

A9 I wake up at six o'clock in the morning every day.

answer: (b) wake up

A10 We decided to stay in bed this morning because last night wore us out.

answer: (c) stay in

Common English Errors (2)

A1 That book isn't in right now but we can order one for you.

answer: (b) order

A2 I borrowed some great books from the library this past weekend.

answer: (c) borrowed

A3 We always stay at the hotel by the marina when we go to San Francisco.

answer: (a) stay

A4 I haven't heard from anyone lately.

answer: (d) heard

A5 After the attack, the woman calmed down quickly.

answer: (a) calmed down

A6 Call me as soon as possible. It's urgent.

answer: (b) Call

A7 People call this place the "Forbidden Forest."

answer: (a) call

A8 I've been so busy with new clients that I hired new staff just to keep up.

answer: (b) keep up

A9 You're an asset to our team. Keep it up!

answer: (c) Keep it up!

A10 It's difficult to understand what she sees in in her job — it seems very boring.

answer: (d) sees in

Common English Errors (3)

A1 Older people like this area a lot.

answer: (b) Older

A2 My eldest brother is really nice to me.

answer: (a) eldest

A3 After visiting several galaxies, the aliens found themselves captivated by life on earth.

answer: (d) earth

A4 It's one of the nicest countries in the world.

answer: (b) in the world

A5 I know it sounds unreasonable but it is possible that she will never come back.

answer: (a) is possible

A6 As soon as I picked up the rare object, it came apart.

answer: (c) came apart

A7 You should come over after you've finished your lessons.

answer: (b) come over

A8 Our friends — who we haven't seen in a long time — came by last night.

answer: (d) came by

A9 I keep my favorite ring in a large, metal, heavy safe at home.

answer: (a) in

A10 The world needs to depend on other energy sources, besides oil and other natural resources.

answer: (c) besides

Common English Errors (4)

A1 Her mother died when she was just a little girl.

answer: (c) died

A2 If my back starts acting up, I can't go anywhere with you next week.

answer: (c) acting up

A3 She was hoping the terrible argument would blow over before the wedding.

answer: (b) blow over

A4 After the car accident, Bob had to build up his endurance during his rehabilitation classes.

answer: (d) build up

A5 My uncle has a long beard and a hairy chest.

answer: (d) hairy

A6 Due to his age, everyone thinks he should find a suitable mate and settle down.

answer: (c) down

A7 The movie was very shocking because it is based on a true story that took place in our state.

answer: (b) based on

A8 His speech was articulate and I asked him to expand on his ideas.

answer: (c) expand on

A9 Our nanny has always been kind to us.

answer: (d) kind

A10 I got bored with the book quickly.

answer: (c) got bored

Common Quantity Nouns

- A1 The boys gathered a bundle of sticks.
answer: (a) sticks
- A2 Over by the railroad tracks, there was a heap of stones.
answer: (d) stones
- A3 In the distance, the onlookers could see a fleet of ships.
answer: (d) ships
- A4 As she looked up, she saw a flight of stairs.
answer: (d) stairs
- A5 The flock of sheep stayed together.
answer: (a) sheep
- A6 A swarm of insects gathered around the swamp.
answer: (c) insects
- A7 A crowd of people lined up to see what was happening.
answer: (c) people
- A8 There was a long row of houses near the beach.
answer: (d) houses
- A9 The herd of cows kept eating as the wind blew past them.
answer: (c) cows
- A10 At the show, we saw many different schools of fish.
answer: (c) fish

Using Make and Do (1)

A1 The manager was surprised at how many things Ron could do at once.

answer: (b) do

A2 She made him a solemn promise that she would never steal again.

answer: (c) made

A3 His teacher begged him to make more of an effort in class.

answer: (a) make

A4 We had so much fun in Chicago — we did it in three days.

answer: (d) did

A5 The business made a lot of money this year.

answer: (c) made

A6 The university research department stumbled upon something new and made a big discovery because of it.

answer: (c) made

A7 His mother forced him to do his homework every night after supper.

answer: (b) do

A8 No matter how hard he pushed him, he couldn't make his son do the job properly.

answer: (a) make

A9 The teacher suggested they do another exercise to understand the problem better.

answer: (b) do

A10 We only have one more pot of stew — will it do?

answer: (b) do

Using Prepositions

A1 Ralph was late for work again. He may be fired.

answer: (c) for

A2 Naomi is keen on working in Africa this coming year.

answer: (c) on

A3 He's been suffering from migraine headaches again.

answer: (b) from

A4 All of Chris' teachers agree that he is very good at math.

answer: (c) at

A5 To get a job as a secretary, you must be good at typing and answering phones.

answer: (b) at

A6 Due to his new shift, he has to wake up at 3 a.m. every day.

answer: (b) at

A7 Such bad behavior is typical of the spoiled child.

answer: (d) of

A8 Mary is so pleased with her students' grades this past year.

answer: (b) with

A9 He was very angry with his mother because she grounded him yesterday.

answer: (a) with

A10 Karen is very jealous of Kim and it's very obvious to others.

answer: (a) of

Using Make and Do (2)

A1 Even though the situation was not ideal, they decided to make a go of things.

answer: (a) make

A2 She finally begged him to make a move in the very long and tiresome chess game.

answer: (a) make

A3 He was so proud of his car yesterday because during the race it did 260 km/hr.

answer: (d) did

A4 She suddenly realized that she only had a few days left on her vacation so she decided to make the most of it.

answer: (a) make

A5 I'm not quite ready yet — I have to do my hair.

answer: (b) do

A6 His mother was late because she made the beds before she left the house.

answer: (c) made

A7 No one knows why he did those terrible things in the past.

answer: (d) did

A8 He was confused and couldn't make up his mind about what to do next.

answer: (a) make

A9 The teacher had to make up a new syllabus because her old was outdated.

answer: (a) make

A10 They made up quickly after the silly argument.

answer: (c) made

Why Questions

A1 Which countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?

answer: (b) Which

A2 What is measured by the Richter Scale?

answer: (a) What

A3 Where does the word "alphabet" come from?

answer: (c) Where

A4 Who was the first man in space?

answer: (d) Who

A5 What does NATO stand for?

answer: (a) What

A6 What year did Prince Charles of England marry?

answer: (a) What

A7 When did William Jefferson Clinton become President of the United States?

answer: (a) When

A8 Which Caribbean island does Sir Vivian Richards come from?

answer: (a) Which

A9 Who was the youngest person to be elected as President of the United States?

answer: (d) Who

A10 What year did the first commercial aviation flight take place?

answer: (b) What

While, during and for

A1 My uncle died during the war.

answer: (b) during

A2 The phone rang while I was eating brunch.

answer: (a) while

A3 I lived in Denpasar for several years.

answer: (c) for

A4 While I was in Geneva I made lots of friends.

answer: (a) While

A5 Last week I was held up for four hours because of the traffic.

answer: (c) for

A6 A salesman knocked on our door while we were watching a movie.

answer: (a) while

A7 I hurt my leg during the third quarter of the basketball match.

answer: (b) during

A8 A game of rugby usually lasts for eighty minutes.

answer: (c) for

A9 During my stay in hospital, the nurses looked after me very well.

answer: (b) During

A10 I was traveling through Mumbai for six weeks last summer.

answer: (c) for

auxiliary verbs: was, did, have

A1 The flight was delayed because of bad weather.

answer: (a) was

A2 Did you do much sightseeing when you were on vacation in Madrid?

answer: (c) Did

A3 They were leaving for the airport when I last saw them.

answer: (b) were

A4 I had forgotten to set my alarm clock, so I was late for my train.

answer: (d) had

A5 Was it raining when you left your office this afternoon?

answer: (a) Was

A6 The employees were informed last night that their company was going into receivership.

answer: (b) were

A7 The police located the art work which had been stolen from the gallery.

answer: (d) had

A8 The fire was caused by an electrical problem.

answer: (a) was

A9 She was surprised that he knew her name. She had never met him before.

answer: (d) had

A10 How many times were your travel documents checked before you boarded the airplane?

answer: (b) were

prepositions of time: for, ago, since, on, at

A1 I graduated from college in 2002.

answer: (c) in

A2 I like to go to bed at midnight on Saturdays.

answer: (d) at

A3 He migrated to Istanbul five years ago.

answer: (b) ago

A4 The artist had been painting for two decades before he sold his first painting.

answer: (b) for

A5 Shakespeare was born on 23 April, 1564.

answer: (b) on

A6 In Europe autumn begins in September.

answer: (a) in

A7 We always eat a roast dinner on Christmas day.

answer: (b) on

A8 His pet anaconda died five months ago and he still misses it.

answer: (c) ago

A9 I've been studying Italian since I was five years old.

answer: (b) since

A10 The chairman of the board has been employed in the finance industry since 1984.

answer: (c) since

Common English phrases with prepositions

A1 I had a crash yesterday afternoon. Fortunately I didn't do too much damage to my car.

answer: (d) to

A2 Simon isn't at school this week. He's on vacation.

answer: (c) on

A3 We're out of coffee. Could you please go the supermarket and pick up some more.

answer: (c) of

A4 This morning I received a cheque in the mail for one thousand dollars.

answer: (b) for

A5 You're really annoying me. You're doing it on purpose, aren't you?

answer: (c) on

A6 Can you tell the difference between butter and margarine?

answer: (c) between

A7 There have been many complaints about your behavior.

answer: (c) about

A8 The trouble with my mother in law is that she doesn't listen to anybody.

answer: (a) with

A9 I'm tired of cooking every night. Let's eat out for a change.

answer: (b) for

A10 Have you got any photos of your girlfriend?

answer: (c) of

Articles in English Grammar

A1 I want to buy a laptop computer next week.

answer: (a) a

A2 Can you please go to the grocery store on fifth street and buy 2 cartons of milk?

answer: (c) the

A3 Please meet me at the train station in an hour from now.

answer: (b) an

A4 I like to watch tennis on the television. It is a very good game.

answer: (a) a

A5 My brother won an award for being the best speller in our school.

answer: (c) the

A6 Hello, my name is Bob! I haven't anything to do tonight, so if you're not busy, would you like to watch a movie or something with me?

answer: (a) a

A7 I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw an elephant crossing the road in front of my school yesterday.

answer: (b) an

A8 How much will it cost to go on a holiday to Bali?

answer: (a) a

A9 Can you please help me pick out a birthday present for my father?

answer: (a) a

A10 The President of the United States will be visiting Australia next week.

answer: (c) The

a, some or any

A1 We need a kilo of apples.

answer: (a) a

A2 Have you got any water?

answer: (c) any

A3 There's a newspaper on the table.

answer: (a) a

A4 I've got some salad sandwiches for my lunch today.

answer: (b) some

A5 I haven't got any tea. Can you go to the corner store and buy some more?

answer: (c) any

A6 How about a cup of coffee?

answer: (a) a

A7 There are some grapes in the fridge.

answer: (b) some

A8 Is there any orange juice left in the fridge?

answer: (c) any

A9 I need some money to go shopping.

answer: (c) some

A10 We need to buy some bread rolls if you want to make hotdogs for your lunch.

answer: (b) some

Interrogative pronouns

A1 Who is the girl in the blue dress?

answer: (a) Who

A2 What is the name of the team in red?

answer: (a) What

A3 Who likes to play pinball at the arcade?

answer: (a) Who

A4 For whom did Shelia make these cookies.

answer: (b) whom

A5 Which of the names did you choose for the puppy?

answer: (b) Which

A6 Who completed the assignment?

answer: (b) Who

A7 Who's the highest ranking official in the United States?

answer: (a) Who's

A8 To whom did Mark lend his video game?

answer: (c) whom

A9 Which of the cars is parked in the driveway?

answer: (a) Which

A10 To whom should the check be made payable?

answer: (c) whom

Possessive pronouns

A1 Mia left her notebook on the bus.

answer: (a) her

A2 The colorful picture of the flowers is mine.

answer: (c) mine

A3 The proud parents brought home their new baby girl.

answer: (c) their

A4 Will strummed his guitar and invited everyone to sing.

answer: (a) his

A5 The computer quickly stores information on its huge memory.

answer: (c) its

A6 These warm chocolate chip cookies melt in your mouth.

answer: (b) your

A7 Is your seat belt always fastened?

answer: (a) your

A8 The fluffy brown puppy is theirs.

answer: (c) theirs

A9 Her hand shot up when the teacher asked for volunteers.

answer: (b) Her

A10 I didn't get a cheeseburger, so I tasted hers.

answer: (c) hers

Phrasal verbs

A1 I'm sorry, James isn't in at the moment. Can I take a message?

answer: (a) in

A2 We've run out of sugar. Could you please buy some more?

answer: (d) out of

A3 I don't know how you put up with such noisy brothers. It would drive me crazy.

answer: (a) put up

A4 You've borrowed such a great deal of money from me lately. I need to work out exactly how much you owe me.

answer: (c) work out

A5 Can you find out the time of the next train to Munich?

answer: (c) find out

A6 That maths exam was incredibly difficult. It took me ages to work out some of the answers.

answer: (c) work out

A7 I don't mind helping you bake a cake, but just make sure you put away everything when you've finished.

answer: (b) put away

A8 I'm broke. I have to come up with an idea for making money.

answer: (d) come up with

A9 Our teacher told us to get on with our work quietly.

answer: (a) get on with

A10 The government wants to try out a new scheme to encourage people to start their own businesses.

answer: (b) try out

Agatha Christie test questions

A1 Agatha Christie lived with her family in England.

answer: (a) her

A2 Agatha Christie didn't have a happy marriage.

answer: (b) didn't

A3 Agatha Christie divorced her husband in 1930.

answer: (a) divorced

A4 Agatha Christie was a very successful writer of detective stories.

answer: (c) stories

A5 She disappeared for eleven days in December 1926.

answer: (b) disappeared

A6 The police found her empty flat but there was no sign of Agatha Christie.

answer: (a) empty

A7 Agatha Christie wrote more than 80 mysteries and sold over 300 million books.

answer: (c) over

A8 People all over the world have read Agatha Christie's stories.

answer: (c) read

A9 Agatha Christie didn't tell anyone why she disappeared in December 1926.

answer: (b) anyone

A10 Agatha Christie wrote her first detective story in 1920 and became very successful.

answer: (c) successful

Conjunctions: and, but, or, so

A1 We will visit Australia and New Zealand during our next vacation.

answer: (a) and

A2 My teeth were hurting so I made an appointment to go the dentist.

answer: (b) so

A3 Have you seen or heard the latest musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber?

answer: (c) or

A4 I wanted to go to the rock concert but all the tickets were already sold out.

answer: (b) but

A5 I wanted to eat sushi for dinner so I went to a Japanese restaurant.

answer: (b) so

A6 I wanted to eat fish for lunch but the fish and chip shop had closed for the day.

answer: (b) but

A7 I am going to do my homework and take a shower when I get home from school.

answer: (a) and

A8 My father wanted to watch a soccer match on television but my mother was already watching another program.

answer: (a) but

A9 My brother wanted to buy a novel so I went to the book store after I finished work.

answer: (a) so

A10 I wanted to visit my grandmother last week but she had an accident and had to be taken to hospital.

answer: (a) but

Compound words with tooth

A1 I usually take a toothbrush to work so I can clean my teeth thoroughly after I have eaten my lunch.

answer: (a) toothbrush

A2 My wife hates it if I leave the lid off the toothpaste after I have finished brushing my teeth.

answer: (b) toothpaste

A3 It is very dangerous for small children to play with toothbrushes.

answer: (a) toothbrushes

A4 My father told me that I will get a toothache if I eat too much chocolate.

answer: (b) toothache

A5 "Mum, can you please buy me a new toothbrush when you go the supermarket this afternoon?"

answer: (c) toothbrush

A6 Tomorrow I must go the pharmacy and buy some more toothpaste.

answer: (a) toothpaste

A7 My daughter woke up screaming in the middle of the night because she had a terrible toothache.

answer: (c) toothache

A8 Nora asked the waiter to bring her a toothpick after she had finished eating her dessert.

answer: (b) toothpick

A9 "I can't seem to find the new tube of toothpaste that I purchased from the supermarket yesterday."

answer: (c) toothpaste

A10 My old toothbrush is looking very shaggy. I think it's about time to buy a new one.

answer: (c) toothbrush

Beginner Grammar Questions Test (1)

A1 I wonder how many children are going on the school field trip this month.

answer: (a) are

A2 Every morning, I go to work by car.

answer: (b) by

A3 Do you like sushi? No, I don't.

answer: (b) don't

A4 Has anyone seen Laura? Is she coming to work today?

answer: (a) Is she coming

A5 I hope you're having a good time. Would you like some more tea?

answer: (c) Would you

A6 Let's hang out later tonight. Do you want to come over after work?

answer: (b) Do you

A7 I was out when you called. I went to the store to buy some milk.

answer: (b) to

A8 I haven't talked to Nicole recently. When did you talk to her last?

answer: (c) did

A9 We had a wonderful time. Thanks for inviting us over for dinner.

answer: (a) had

A10 The forecast isn't good for tomorrow. It's going to rain so don't forget to bring your umbrella.

answer: (b) going

Irregular Verbs (1)

A1 Have you got your ticket for the concert on Friday yet?

answer: (c) got

A2 I have grown numerous plants in my garden this year.

answer: (b) grown

A3 Laurie and Tom left for the coast on Monday morning.

answer: (c) left

A4 Can you put the mirror on that wall, please?

answer: (a) put

A5 The bridesmaids wore beautiful lavender-colored dresses at the wedding last Saturday.

answer: (b) wore

A6 Rose took her son to his soccer practice. She should be back shortly.

answer: (a) took

A7 Steinbeck wrote a number of memorable novels and stories set in California.

answer: (c) wrote

A8 Andrea's husband is a truck driver. He drives huge semi-trailers for a living.

answer: (b) drives

A9 After looking at a variety of color palettes, Tammy finally chose the color for her family room walls.

answer: (b) chose

A10 Luther has to buy four new tires for his car. He wants higher quality tires so they will last longer.

answer: (c) buy

Like a red rag

- A1 Don't talk to him about politics because it's like a red rag to a bull.
answer: (c) red
- A2 He takes the optimistic view and talks about a blue skies scenario.
answer: (b) blue
- A3 She hasn't worked here very long and is therefore a little green on matters of procedure.
answer: (d) green
- A4 Now that they have read it in black and white, they believe me.
answer: (d) black and white
- A5 The reason why I feel so blue today is because it's my birthday and no-one has sent me any cards.
answer: (b) blue
- A6 She lost the company a lot of money last week and as a result has got a black mark against her name.
answer: (d) black
- A7 In this business you cannot afford to make any mistake and must be seen to be lily white.
answer: (c) white
- A8 As they turned round and ran away, people thought they were yellow.
answer: (d) yellow
- A9 Ask her to help you with your calculations because she's red hot at mathematics.
answer: (a) red
- A10 I know he doesn't like you because the moment you came in the room I saw him give you a black look.
answer: (d) black

If you tend to forget

- A1 He tends to forget things very quickly and behaves more and more like the typical absent-minded professor.
answer: (b) absent-minded
- A2 This is a very expensive holiday intended for those with plenty of money as it involves a trip around the world.
answer: (d) around
- A3 The car is almost ready to collect from the garage but there are just a couple of spare parts missing.
answer: (a) parts
- A4 They were accused of having broken into the stately home and stolen several famous paintings.
answer: (c) accused
- A5 The one thing my family will always remember about Grace was the many acts of kindness that she showed us in her long life.
answer: (b) acts
- A6 If you had bought a house about thirty years ago you would certainly find that it had considerably increased in value.
answer: (a) increased
- A7 If you're not careful you'll find that because of your generous nature, she'll start taking advantage of you.
answer: (b) advantage
- A8 There's a huge advertisement in the local paper about the special offers available in the store this weekend.
answer: (d) advertisement
- A9 You'll notice that as soon as the children come home from school, the dog will jump up and show its great affection for them.
answer: (b) affection
- A10 Sociologists maintain that some of the films on show today have created a generation of very frightened children.
answer: (a) frightened

Easy Questions

A1 There are no problems for me because I find those questions very easy.

answer: (a) easy

A2 Are you going abroad for your holidays this year?

answer: (c) abroad

A3 They praised him for his brave actions.

answer: (a) praised

A4 He is very lucky to have got himself a plum job.

answer: (d) plum

A5 They escaped from the fire unhurt.

answer: (b) escaped

A6 After two rings of the bell she suddenly appeared in the doorway.

answer: (c) appeared

A7 She never spoke about herself and was always very modest about the good things she had done.

answer: (a) modest

A8 He has lots of money and owns two houses in the city.

answer: (b) owns

A9 One of that child's teeth is very loose and will soon fall out.

answer: (d) loose

A10 They worked hard all day without a break.

answer: (a) break

Do, make, get, take

A1 You must decide and make up your mind.

answer: (c) make

A2 What time do you get up in the morning?

answer: (b) get

A3 At the moment we are trying to make for the town centre.

answer: (c) make

A4 After they had shouted at each other, they decided to make it up.

answer: (c) make

A5 They are very good friends and get on well with each other.

answer: (b) get

A6 The firm has expanded and they want to take on extra staff.

answer: (d) take

A7 She's good at writing stories for children and is always keen to make up new plots.

answer: (c) make

A8 As we don't have much money at the moment, we've decided to do without certain luxuries.

answer: (a) do

A9 We mustn't be late this morning because today is when the new boss is going to take over.

answer: (d) take

A10 Most of the telephone lines were destroyed in the storm last night and so it's almost impossible to get through to anybody today.

answer: (b) get

The Farmer and his Sons

- A1 A farmer had two sons both of whom were not very industrious and avoided work if they could.
answer: (b) industrious
- A2 One day the father knew that he was dying and called his two sons to his bed side.
answer: (d) side
- A3 He wanted his sons to pay as much attention to the cultivation of the farm as he had done many years.
answer: (c) attention
- A4 He told them that there was a hidden treasure in the land and they would have to look for it when he had gone.
answer: (b) hidden
- A5 He told them that they would find it in one of his 3 vine yards but he didn't tell them which one it was.
answer: (a) yards
- A6 The sons assured their father that they would work hard to seek out the treasure.
answer: (c) seek
- A7 As soon as their father had died and been buried, the sons took out all their farming tools and started to dig the land.
answer: (d) buried
- A8 They worked really hard and dug every single square metre of their father's land.
answer: (b) square
- A9 However long they dug and however hard they worked, they failed to find the smallest bit of treasure.
answer: (d) failed
- A10 Clearly their father had been a wise man because all the work the sons had done on the land ensured that they had the best crop for years.
answer: (c) crop

A Holiday Report

A1 Yesterday I went to an archeological site because I want to be an archeologist.

answer: (b) went

A2 The problems I have with the language are to do with spelling.

answer: (c) with

A3 If I want to pass my exams, I must study very hard.

answer: (b) must

A4 The worst thing of all difficulties in a language is vocabulary.

answer: (a) worst

A5 I have been learning English for 5 years.

answer: (c) learning

A6 When we walked into the school, we saw that the students were working very hard.

answer: (b) hard

A7 Most people don't want to study Latin because it is a dead language.

answer: (c) dead

A8 I've forgotten the name of my teacher but I think it is something like Smith.

answer: (b) Smith

A9 What is the name of the thing you put tea into?

answer: (b) thing

A10 I got a lot of presents for my birthday.

answer: (a) got

Going on foot

A1 I'm tired of waiting for buses, I'm going there on foot.

answer: (b) on

A2 Who said growing up was fun?

answer: (a) fun

A3 If you want to have your central heating checked, you need a trained plumber.

answer: (b) trained

A4 The moment the lights went out, there were scenes of panic.

answer: (d) panic

A5 Don't be put off by his manner, he is really kind hearted.

answer: (c) off

A6 When a film is really boring in the cinema, I tend to nod off.

answer: (b) off

A7 Have you heard the latest? John and Mary are getting married.

answer: (a) getting

A8 As she had made such an impression on her employers, she was soon offered promotion.

answer: (c) promotion

A9 There's a new software program on the market that's supposed to protect your computer from any virus.

answer: (a) virus

A10 As they always tell you the value of shares can go down as well as up.

answer: (c) down

Say vs. Tell

A1 I dare say you're right.

answer: (d) say

A2 I've told you not to do that many times before.

answer: (a) told

A3 That said, they walked out of the room in total silence.

answer: (b) said

A4 You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hearsay.

answer: (d) say

A5 That's what people are always saying.

answer: (d) saying

A6 What I say and what I do are not necessarily the same.

answer: (c) say

A7 It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not saying a word.

answer: (b) saying

A8 Now that would be telling but my lips are sealed.

answer: (c) telling

A9 Tell us that story again!

answer: (b) Tell

A10 I'm afraid I can't say for sure but I think it's safe.

answer: (c) say

Close vs. Shut

- A1 In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be shut off.
answer: (d) shut
- A2 In the closing moments of the symphony someone's mobile phone started ringing.
answer: (b) closing
- A3 The detectives had no problems in solving the crimes as it was clearly an open and shut case.
answer: (c) shut
- A4 The police officer warned us that the road ahead was closed.
answer: (d) closed
- A5 In view of the limited amount of information and evidence the case was now considered to be closed.
answer: (b) closed
- A6 Everything in that shop is now very cheap because they are having a closing down sale.
answer: (d) closing
- A7 After a number of years as a monk he decided to leave because he felt very shut in.
answer: (a) shut
- A8 After the terrible experiences that they had been through, the couple shut themselves away from the community.
answer: (a) shut
- A9 The new musical that has had such bad reviews will close at the end of this week.
answer: (a) close
- A10 I'm afraid that tree will have to come down as it shuts out the light in the sitting room.
answer: (d) shuts

At the Restaurant

- A1 The food here is quite good although the menu is quite basic.
answer: (b) basic
- A2 I must admit that whenever I've eaten at that restaurant, I've always come away feeling completely satisfied.
answer: (a) completely
- A3 I promise you that dining here will be really an exciting experience for you.
answer: (c) exciting
- A4 There's something about the flavour of that particular dish that makes it memorable.
answer: (a) flavour
- A5 It can be very irritating when the waiter forgets to bring what you have ordered.
answer: (b) forgets
- A6 If you're really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the ingredients of that dish.
answer: (a) ingredients
- A7 As they're special patrons of the restaurant, they always get a good table.
answer: (c) patrons
- A8 We got very bad service today and had to remind the waiter three times about the drinks.
answer: (d) remind
- A9 We simply didn't know what to choose for our main dish so in the end we made a random choice.
answer: (a) random
- A10 The restaurant was listed in the guide as it had been judged to be of the appropriate standard.
answer: (d) judged

At the Theatre

- A1 It was one of those plays where the action moved at great speed.
answer: (d) action
- A2 There are different ways of approaching Shakespeare's plays and each director makes an individual choice.
answer: (c) approaching
- A3 One of the greatest actors of the century created an unforgettable character in the part of Scrooge from the novel by Charles Dickens.
answer: (d) created
- A4 Many people go to the theatre not to see a play where the plot is complicated but to listen to the brilliant dialogue between the actors.
answer: (a) dialogue
- A5 You can't compare the experience of watching live theatre with watching a film.
answer: (b) experience
- A6 Are you one of those people who never goes to see a play until you've read the reviews in the newspaper?
answer: (b) reviews
- A7 The audience were so carried away with the acting that at the end of the play they all stood up and applauded.
answer: (d) audience
- A8 There are always special elements in her tragedies that move you to tears.
answer: (b) elements
- A9 However well written the play is, it will never succeed without outstanding performers.
answer: (a) performers
- A10 As always his latest play has been a huge success and all the tickets are sold out until August.
answer: (c) sold out

Popular Idioms

A1 Lightning never strikes in the same place twice.

answer: (b) twice

A2 If you watch a kettle, it never boils.

answer: (c) boils

A3 Look before you leap.

answer: (a) leap

A4 Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

answer: (c) hatched

A5 It's all right to tell a white lie.

answer: (b) white

A6 There's no fool like an old fool.

answer: (d) old

A7 Let sleeping dogs lie.

answer: (a) sleeping

A8 Strike while the iron is hot.

answer: (c) hot

A9 Politeness costs nothing.

answer: (d) nothing

A10 Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

answer: (a) mouth

Popular Garden Idioms

A1 Never let the grass grow under your feet.

answer: (b) grass

A2 The grass is always greener on the other side.

answer: (c) greener

A3 Everything is coming up roses.

answer: (a) roses

A4 Poor Mary was a bit of a wallflower at the dance.

answer: (c) wallflower

A5 He led her up the garden path.

answer: (a) path

A6 Everything in the garden is lovely.

answer: (d) garden

A7 Money doesn't grow on trees.

answer: (c) trees

A8 A bird in the hands is worth two in the bush.

answer: (c) two

A9 Come to the point and stop beating about the bush.

answer: (d) bush

A10 Don't trust him, he's a bit of a snake in the grass.

answer: (a) grass

Eating Out

- A1 As there are so many dishes on the menu, would you like me to suggest something to eat?
answer: (b) suggest
- A2 They simply couldn't decide which restaurant to choose and so in the end they took a vote and the majority decided on a Chinese one.
answer: (c) majority
- A3 We waited one hour for the main dish to arrive and then it was the wrong order.
answer: (a) arrive
- A4 If you really want to enjoy the full flavour of that particular meal, you must remember to mix the right balance of sauces together.
answer: (d) mix
- A5 It is always more relaxing to eat in a restaurant where the faces of the staff are familiar and know everyone by name.
answer: (b) familiar
- A6 There was a great discussion about which particular type of cuisine the guests would choose and finally they reached a compromise and settled on the set menu.
answer: (c) compromise
- A7 It doesn't matter how late you arrive at this restaurant you can always rely on a warm welcome from the owner.
answer: (c) rely
- A8 The place was so full of people and tables that the waiter had to guide us through the crowds to our table.
answer: (b) guide
- A9 The problem about writing on food is that however hard you try, you will say what you like and end up being subjective.
answer: (a) subjective
- A10 The success of a really good meal is that not only must it taste good but it should also look good and thus appeal to your eye.
answer: (b) appeal

Hot and Cold

- A1 I've just received his latest detective novel from the publisher so it's what you might call hot off the press.
answer: (d) off
- A2 You can never tell exactly what she is thinking because she very often blows hot and cold over some topics.
answer: (a) blows
- A3 Although I'd made up my mind to do it last night now I'm not sure and am getting cold feet about it.
answer: (b) feet
- A4 They like to think they're very important people but politicians just talk a lot of hot air most of the time.
answer: (c) air
- A5 Since the argument we've had about the garden hedge, our neighbours take no notice of us and give us the cold shoulder when they see us.
answer: (b) shoulder
- A6 As soon as the president was taken ill, the deputy had to take charge and is currently in the hot seat now.
answer: (a) seat
- A7 The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after it had been established that he had committed the murder in cold blood.
answer: (c) blood
- A8 I ordered a coffee from the waiter but by the time it had reached me it was stone cold.
answer: (a) stone
- A9 The police have set up a special hot line so that people can get in touch to find out about the accident.
answer: (b) line
- A10 He's always very uneasy like a cat on hot bricks whenever he is waiting to hear the results of the examinations.
answer: (a) bricks

A Collision: Finish this Story

A1 I really can't tell what's going on.

answer: (a) going on

A2 The trouble is somebody is standing in front of me.

answer: (c) standing in front of me

A3 The best thing I suppose is to ask him to move.

answer: (c) to move

A4 That's better I've got a clearer view now.

answer: (b) view now

A5 It looks from what I can see as if there's been some kind of collision.

answer: (a) collision

A6 Yes, now he's gone I can see that there are two cars in the car park that have gone into one another.

answer: (c) gone into one another

A7 There are a lot of people there in the car park and they're waving their arms about.

answer: (b) waving their arms about

A8 I'm walking right up to the crowd now to see what's happend.

answer: (c) what's happened

A9 Now I can see quite clearly that the big red car has struck the little blue one.

answer: (b) struck the little blue one

A10 Oh dear I've just discovered that the little blue one belongs to me.

answer: (a) belongs to me

Will or Shall?

- A1 Do you know the difference between will and shall?
answer: (a) between will and shall
- A2 I can see from the expression on your face that you haven't got a clue.
answer: (c) got a clue
- A3 I think the best way is to tell you a story that explains the difference.
answer: (b) explains the difference
- A4 The main difference is that 'I will' means 'I want to'.
answer: (a) means 'I want to'
- A5 If you say 'I shall' then you are talking about the future.
answer: (b) about the future
- A6 I want you to imagine that a man is walking in the country.
answer: (a) in the country
- A7 After a few minutes he reaches a river.
answer: (d) reaches a river
- A8 There is a man in the river fully clothed who is in difficulties.
answer: (c) in difficulties
- A9 The man in the river keeps calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'.
answer: (b) calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'
- A10 The man on the river bank, who is good at grammar, thinks the man really wants to drown, walks on and lets him drown.
answer: (c) lets him drown

The two Butter Frogs

- A1 A long, long time ago there were two frogs who thought it would be a good idea to go on an outing.
answer: (a) go on an outing
- A2 They had never left their pond before and to them it was a very big adventure.
answer: (c) adventure
- A3 At first they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for the first time in their lives experienced a sense of freedom.
answer: (d) a sense of freedom
- A4 The weather was perfect and the sun never stopped shining.
answer: (c) stopped shining
- A5 They found plenty of food and decided to stop and take a rest.
answer: (b) take a rest
- A6 In the hot sun they started to feel sleepy and very soon fell asleep.
answer: (c) fell asleep
- A7 Suddenly the sound of a cat meowing made them wake up.
answer: (d) made them wake up
- A8 They panicked and fled for their lives.
answer: (b) fled for their lives
- A9 They ran into a farm house and jumped right into a barrel of milk where they hopped and hopped in order not to sink.
answer: (a) hopped and hopped in order not to sink
- A10 Sadly the smaller frog grew tired and drowned but the older one kept on moving about and in the morning found he was sitting on a barrel of butter.
answer: (c) found he was sitting on a barrel of butter

Cross Questions

A1 Jane: Did you know you broke the glass when you slammed the door last night?

answer: (c) slammed

A2 Frank: It couldn't possibly have been me I always shut doors quietly.

answer: (d) quietly

A3 Jane: I'm sorry you're not telling the truth, you were the last person to come home.

answer: (a) come home

A4 Mike: That doesn't prove anything. Actually I heard the sound of glass breaking in the night.

answer: (c) breaking

A5 Jane: You're just making that up — I know you're not telling the truth.

answer: (d) telling the truth

A6 Mike: Honestly, I did hear that kind of noise, I swear I did.

answer: (a) swear I did

A7 Jane: Sorry you can protest if you like but it doesn't cut any ice with me.

answer: (b) cut any ice with me

A8 Mike: Just a minute what's that note stuck on the door?

answer: (d) stuck on the door

A9 Jane: It's some kind of note from Joe next door — no I can't make it out.

answer: (a) can't make it out

A10 Mike: Give it to me. Very interesting! He says he broke the glass by accident and he's deeply apologetic.

answer: (b) he's deeply apologetic

Leave me alone

- A1 Alan: Excuse me interrupting but what are you doing?
answer: (c) interrupting
- A2 User: I should have thought it was pretty obvious.
answer: (a) obvious
- A3 Alan: Well, I only asked — there's no need to bite my head off!
answer: (b) head
- A4 User: Sorry I didn't mean to be rude but I'm trying to concentrate.
answer: (c) concentrate
- A5 Alan: I see and what is the task you are working on?
answer: (b) task
- A6 User: I'm working on those famous English tests, which I find very interesting.
answer: (c) famous
- A7 Alan: Oh, yes I've heard of them. Do they help you with your English?
answer: (c) help
- A8 User: Yes, they would do if you didn't persist in asking questions.
answer: (b) persist
- A9 Alan: If that's how you feel, I'll leave you alone.
answer: (c) alone
- A10 User: What an excellent idea! Leave me in peace and go and write another test.
answer: (d) peace

What now?

- A1 Did you hear the story about the woman who said she could tell the future?
answer: (b) future
- A2 I hope you haven't because I'm about to relate it to you now.
answer: (c) relate
- A3 Her name was Mary Smith and she had a reputation for telling people what was going to happen.
answer: (b) reputation
- A4 Somebody once used her advice and made a fortune out of buying shares in a small company that did well.
answer: (c) fortune
- A5 The strange thing was that she never actually used her gift to benefit herself.
answer: (b) gift
- A6 People started to be suspicious of her and thought that perhaps she had a secret source of information.
answer: (d) suspicious
- A7 Some others wanted to try and catch her out and prove that she didn't have this special ability.
answer: (c) catch
- A8 The plan was to pretend to burgle her house late one night and see if she was really any good at knowing it was going to happen.
answer: (b) burgle
- A9 Mike Andrews, whose idea it was, intended to give everything back but he just wanted to test her ability.
answer: (c) test
- A10 As Mr Andrews was about to leave he found a note pinned to his door. It was from Mary Smith advising him to be careful because she has just bought a ferocious young guard dog.
answer: (b) ferocious

Wrapped round her finger

A1 I can't stomach those silly people who always go around with their mobile phones glued to their ears.

answer: (c) stomach

A2 If you think I didn't catch you eying that young waitress, you're quite mistaken.

answer: (d) eying

A3 He is such a coward because whenever it comes to speaking his mind he always backs down instead.

answer: (a) backs

A4 Come on, shake a leg we're running late.

answer: (c) leg

A5 Don't you think it's about time you put your foot down and told them what you really think?

answer: (d) foot

A6 Well, unfortunately as I had one glass too many last night, I guess I should go for a hair of the dog.

answer: (b) a hair

A7 As she's such a nasty little thing, I can see it won't take her long to wrap you round her little finger.

answer: (c) finger

A8 Could you please give me a hand I'm afraid I can't handle it by myself.

answer: (c) hand

A9 Are you sure your new boss isn't married? — Yes, honestly, I have it straight from the horse's mouth.

answer: (b) mouth

A10 Hey, get up and do your homework you lazy bones.

answer: (a) bones

The Ants and the Grasshopper

A1 One winter's day when the sun was shining you could hear the sound of great activity.

answer: (b) sound

A2 What you could hear was the ants who were busy drying grain.

answer: (c) busy

A3 Sensibly as all ants do, they had collected the grain during the summer.

answer: (d) collected

A4 Their plan was to eat this provision during the winter.

answer: (a) provision

A5 They were so engrossed in their work that they didn't notice a grasshopper.

answer: (b) engrossed

A6 The grasshopper was so weak he was practically starving because he hadn't eaten for ages.

answer: (c) starving

A7 He saw the ants and begged them with all the strength he could find to let him have a little food.

answer: (a) begged

A8 The ants shook their heads at him and asked him why he hadn't stored up food in the summer.

answer: (b) stored

A9 The poor grasshopper confessed he had spent the whole summer enjoying himself singing and dancing.

answer: (b) confessed

A10 All the ants laughed and said in that case he would have to dance famished to bed in the winter.

answer: (d) famished

The Two Dogs

- A1 A man had two dogs: a hound trained to help him with his sports and another to guard the house.
answer: (a) trained
- A2 Whenever the hunter came home, he always gave the house dog a large portion of what he caught.
answer: (c) portion
- A3 The hound dog was very upset about this.
answer: (d) upset
- A4 He told the house dog he found it very annoying having to do all the hard work.
answer: (b) annoying
- A5 What made things worse, he continued, was that the house dog never took part in any of the hunting.
answer: (c) took
- A6 All the house dog did was simply to feed himself on the results of the exertions that the hound dog undertook.
answer: (a) exertions
- A7 The house dog felt he had to defend himself in the face of all this criticism.
answer: (c) defend
- A8 The house dog asked him not to pick on him if he wanted to blame someone.
answer: (b) blame
- A9 The house dog told him to criticize their master who had taught him not how to work but how to depend on the work of others.
answer: (d) depend
- A10 The moral of this fable is: you mustn't reproach children for the mistakes of their parents.
answer: (a) reproach

The Hare and the Tortoise

- A1 One day a hare looked at a tortoise and ridiculed the short feet of the tortoise.
answer: (b) ridiculed
- A2 He also made fun of the slow pace at which the tortoise travelled.
answer: (a) fun
- A3 The tortoise agreed that the hare ran as fast as the wind but claimed that he could easily beat him in a race.
answer: (c) beat
- A4 It was agreed that the tortoise should choose the course and also the end of the race.
answer: (d) agreed
- A5 The tortoise never stopped and continued walking at a steady pace all the time to the end of the race.
answer: (c) steady
- A6 The hare shot ahead and then decided to lie down at the side of the path for a rest.
answer: (b) lie
- A7 It wasn't long before the hare fell into a deep sleep.
answer: (c) deep
- A8 When he woke up, he couldn't believe his eyes because there was the tortoise crossing the finishing line.
answer: (b) believe
- A9 At the end of the race the tortoise, exhausted by all his hard work, was quietly slumbering on the line.
answer: (c) exhausted
- A10 The moral of this fable is: slow but sure always wins the race in the end.
answer: (a) sure

Who has done it?

- A1 The detective story is sometimes called 'whodunit' because the reader has to work out who did it, who committed the crime.
answer: (b) out
- A2 The skill of course of the writing is how many times a reader can be sent up blind alleys.
answer: (c) blind
- A3 Another way of putting this is how many red herrings the author can throw in the reader's path.
answer: (d) herrings
- A4 The idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of suspense so that they never know what's going to happen next.
answer: (a) suspense
- A5 As the plot unfolds, you find yourself agreeing with one character's solution and then another's.
answer: (b) unfolds
- A6 As a result you feel as if you are walking in a maze since at each turning you come to a block end.
answer: (c) maze
- A7 One of the best known detectives is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot who uses what he calls his little grey cells — his brains.
answer: (b) cells
- A8 Invariably Poirot calls all the suspects together in the last part of the story.
answer: (d) suspects
- A9 One by one he eliminates the innocent until finally the murderer is unmasked.
answer: (c) eliminates
- A10 The thing that always surprises me is the fact that the murderer bothers to take part in the final meeting.
answer: (b) part

Life on Mars?

- A1 Anyone seeking evidence of life on Mars is likely to be disappointed.
answer: (b) evidence
- A2 Scientists have been combing through data from an orbiting satellite.
answer: (a) combing
- A3 It seems that Mars has always been cold and icy and that it's not true that oceans have formed on the planet in its early history.
answer: (d) formed
- A4 This twist in the life on Mars argument comes just when it is closest to Earth in 60.000 years.
answer: (b) twist
- A5 Because it is coming so close observers are hoping to settle the argument about life on the planet once and for all.
answer: (c) all
- A6 A spacecraft is heading for the planet with a device that will burrow into the soil to sniff for proof of any life.
answer: (c) burrow
- A7 Researchers are also looking into the possibility of one day launching a manned mission to Mars.
answer: (b) mission
- A8 As the planet gets nearer to the Sun, enormous dust storms can be whipped up.
answer: (d) up
- A9 Unfortunately the dust storms tend to obscure the view of the planet.
answer: (b) obscure
- A10 Everyone hopes that Mars will remain dust free otherwise people will only be able to see an orange blob.
answer: (c) blob

Story (1)

A1 Most students have to try and earn extra money by taking a holiday job. They turn aside from their studies and experience the real world for a while.

answer: (c) aside from

A2 One long hot summer I turned to waiting as my method of getting cash.

answer: (b) to

A3 Perhaps I should turn that word 'waiting' into a more specific explanation: I mean being a waiter in a hotel.

answer: (c) into

A4 I had of course turned my hand to many jobs during the vacation periods but waiting was certainly the most difficult.

answer: (a) to

A5 The one hotel that hadn't turned down my application was situated right in the middle of a forest.

answer: (b) down

A6 You turned into the drive and saw only hills all around you so it felt like the middle of nowhere.

answer: (d) into

A7 It had been a very large private house that had been turned into a small hotel for twenty-five guests.

answer: (c) into

A8 The new owners had had to turn out all the rooms which were full of rubbish.

answer: (d) out

A9 The other problem had been to turn out an old tramp who had lived in a room upstairs for two years without the knowledge of the old lady who was the original owner.

answer: (a) out

A10 The tramp turned out to be a distant relative but hadn't said anything to the old lady because he knew she was completely deaf.

answer: (b) out

Story (2)

- A1 When I turned up for work on my first day, the hotel had already been flourishing for 5 years.
answer: (b) up
- A2 They were so successful that they were even turning down bookings.
answer: (d) down
- A3 In fact they were actually turning away people.
answer: (a) away
- A4 Some people had turned up on the off chance.
answer: (b) up
- A5 Most of the residents were elderly and so they all invariably turned in early most evenings.
answer: (c) in
- A6 The waiting was done by me and Doris, who should have turned it in years ago and by rights have been a guest herself because of the great age.
answer: (d) in
- A7 However, as she told me frequently, she had no intention of turning into an old fogey herself.
answer: (c) into
- A8 I suppose breakfast is the most difficult task to turn your hand to because there are so many variations of drink, cereal, egg and bread.
answer: (b) to
- A9 You had to stand there for ages while each guest made up their mind, turning over the choices in their minds.
answer: (b) over
- A10 After a long wait like that very often they would simply turn down everything and simply ask for a cup of tea.
answer: (a) down

Story (3)

- A1 One morning an old lady turned up at the dining room and sat down.
answer: (b) up
- A2 She sniffed at the air full of breakfast smells, got up, turned around and walked out again.
answer: (d) around
- A3 Apparently she had completely forgotten that she'd already eaten breakfast that day. I turned aside to hide my smile.
answer: (d) aside
- A4 Unfortunately Doris caught me at it. 'Don't you turn your nose up at the old dears', she rebuked me.
answer: (a) up
- A5 'You'll be like that one day' she continued, 'Just you wait'. I turned back to apologize.
answer: (b) back
- A6 Sadly Doris had already turned her back on me and gone back to the kitchen.
answer: (c) on
- A7 She rather turned against me after that.
answer: (b) against
- A8 These days I wish I could turn the clock back and tell Doris how right she was!
answer: (d) back
- A9 You see I've just turned all the lights out ready for the night.
answer: (a) out
- A10 I'm now ready to turn in for the night but the worrying thing is I just can't remember what I had for supper.
answer: (c) in

Go for it

A1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours clash.

answer: (c) clash

A2 After what you've experienced, I'm sure you need a holiday.

answer: (d) experienced

A3 We won't discuss that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.

answer: (a) discuss

A4 I don't think much of him now that I've heard what he has done to his family.

answer: (d) I don't think much of him

A5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply take the opportunity now.

answer: (c) take the opportunity now

A6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's become rotten.

answer: (b) become rotten

A7 There were so many members of the political party who had opposed the leader that he resigned.

answer: (d) opposed

A8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go before me and I'll join you later.

answer: (a) go before me

A9 If petrol prices increase any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.

answer: (c) increase

A10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please continue from where I so rudely stopped you.

answer: (a) continue

Eating Disorder

- A1 George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious allegations about him.
answer: (d) allegations
- A2 George denied everything and said he would sue any newspaper which dared to print stories about him.
answer: (c) sue
- A3 George had a very well paid contract with a television advertiser of garden peas and he didn't want to fall out with the company.
answer: (b) with
- A4 The contract stated that he would never eat any meat whatsoever.
answer: (a) whatsoever
- A5 Wherever George went, journalists would follow him to try and find a way to expose him.
answer: (c) expose
- A6 Even in his own house he was not safe because cameras would spy on him.
answer: (a) spy
- A7 Once he was photographed eating in his dining room and the caption read: 'A picture of a fraud eating sausages'.
answer: (d) fraud
- A8 As it turned out these were not sausages but in fact very big carrots and the photographer had to pay enormous damages.
answer: (c) damages
- A9 In the end the pressure became too much for George and he confessed his guilty secret.
answer: (b) guilty
- A10 He admitted eating a meat pie every day. As the news headlines announced: 'Bogus vegetarian eats his own words'.
answer: (a) Bogus

Save the Day

A1 I don't care what you say, I reckon I could beat you at chess any day of the week.

answer: (b) any

A2 At the end of the day it's what you believe in that's important.

answer: (d) end

A3 It's getting late now and I'm very tired so I think we'll call it a day.

answer: (c) call

A4 After all the discussions and debates it was our speaker who won the day.

answer: (b) won

A5 It just didn't stop raining throughout our holiday, day in day out.

answer: (d) out

A6 Don't worry your bad luck will soon end. Remember every dog has its day.

answer: (a) dog

A7 After a very long engagement Mike and Mary decided at last to name the day.

answer: (c) name

A8 It wasn't long ago when I last saw her — it was only the other day.

answer: (d) other

A9 I don't know exactly when we'll go but we really must visit them one of these days.

answer: (b) these

A10 Despite all the problems and difficulties Charlie turned up at last minute and saved the day.

answer: (c) saved

Yes, Yes, Yes

A1 I am sure you made the right choice and I wholly support your decision.

answer: (d) wholly

A2 You can rely on me, have no fear about that!

answer: (b) rely

A3 No matter what happens, you must remember that I'm with you all the way.

answer: (c) with

A4 I know that they have all abandoned you one by one but I hope you won't forget I've stuck by you from the beginning.

answer: (d) stuck

A5 I am convinced you are absolutely right to take that action and should ignore any opposition.

answer: (a) absolutely

A6 When it comes to the vote, you can count on me to support you.

answer: (b) count

A7 Even if things get difficult, I will not waver or hesitate to stand up for you.

answer: (c) waver

A8 He was delighted that she hadn't turned him down when he proposed to her.

answer: (b) turned

A9 The bank manager smiled and announced that his application for a loan had been approved.

answer: (a) approved

A10 The pair of you have my blessing and I hope you have a happy marriage together.

answer: (c) blessing

Do you mind?

- A1 She was slowly going out of her mind with worry until she heard her daughter was safe and well.
answer: (c) out of
- A2 I do think you should bear this in mind before you seriously think about changing jobs.
answer: (d) bear
- A3 I'd honestly never heard such an outstanding performance of that symphony — it simply blew my mind.
answer: (a) blew
- A4 The police officer asked him why he hadn't reported the matter earlier and he said simply that it had never crossed his mind.
answer: (b) crossed
- A5 I'm inclined to give her a piece of my mind considering all the trouble she has caused this month.
answer: (c) piece
- A6 It's clear as they say that great minds think alike because we have both come to exactly the same conclusion.
answer: (d) alike
- A7 He has a one track mind as all he ever talks about is money, money, money.
answer: (a) track
- A8 I just can't decide whether to go on holiday this week or later in the year. I'm really in two minds about it.
answer: (c) two
- A9 There, I knew there was something I had to do today and now it's completely slipped my mind.
answer: (d) slipped
- A10 I tried to show an interest in her future career but she simply told me to mind my own business.
answer: (b) business

Good Bye

A1 Why didn't you turn up for work yesterday?

answer: (b) turn

A2 To be honest I was feeling a bit run down.

answer: (d) run

A3 Well, I don't think that's a very good reason and you must come up with a better explanation.

answer: (a) come

A4 I'm sorry I'm not sure I can put it across any better.

answer: (b) put

A5 Now, I must insist as your supervisor if you really want to get on in your career, you must tell me the truth.

answer: (c) get

A6 All right I give up, I'll tell you the truth.

answer: (d) give

A7 Now, you're being sensible — carry on.

answer: (c) carry

A8 Well, I won't make up any more excuses. I wasn't here yesterday because I went to a football match.

answer: (a) make

A9 Thank you for your honesty. Now pick up that piece of paper.

answer: (c) pick

A10 Right. What's this? Oh no, you're throwing me out of the firm.

answer: (b) throwing

Keeping it Quiet

- A1 As it was very late when he came home he was as quiet as a mouse in order not to wake anybody up.
answer: (b) mouse
- A2 As she was on a very dangerous mission for the government she had to keep mum about what she did for a living.
answer: (d) mum
- A3 There were lots of rumours about what the son had done but as it was a very wealthy family the father tried very hard to hush everything up.
answer: (b) hush
- A4 If you want me to say nothing about it, I promise that if anybody asks then my lips are sealed.
answer: (d) sealed
- A5 As far as I'm concerned to be away from traffic, phones and radios on holiday is perfect bliss because to me silence is golden.
answer: (a) golden
- A6 The so-called silent majority are the vast number of people who don't actually go out on the street and protest.
answer: (c) silent
- A7 The hall was full of people anxious to hear what the speaker was going to say and in the few seconds before he started it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop.
answer: (a) pin
- A8 The rescuers tried desperately to listen out for people trapped in the wreckage but sadly the cries of those trapped were inaudible.
answer: (d) inaudible
- A9 The villagers complained about the noise from the daily bell ringing practice from the church and asked if it could somehow be muffled.
answer: (c) muffled
- A10 In view of the embarrassment that might be caused if the story came out, she promised not to breathe a word about it.
answer: (b) breathe

A Crying Shame

- A1 It's no good worrying about that now because the damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled milk.
answer: (d) milk
- A2 It really is a crying shame that after all that money has been spent, the project is now being abandoned.
answer: (b) shame
- A3 As a child she would burst into tears at every problem and so she soon got known as a regular crybaby at school.
answer: (c) crybaby
- A4 It really was a large and spacious garden but it cried out for something colourful to be planted.
answer: (a) for
- A5 We had great hopes of being able to invite the distinguished writer to our meeting but he cried off at the last moment.
answer: (d) off
- A6 For crying out loud how many times do I have to tell you how to work that machine?
answer: (b) loud
- A7 I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the moon.
answer: (d) moon
- A8 The trouble is that he's cried wolf so often that now he's in real trouble, nobody believes him.
answer: (a) wolf
- A9 George is now 70 and he reckons that working conditions for the average office clerk today are a far cry from when he first started work.
answer: (c) far
- A10 There was a noisy crowd of about a dozen people in full cry chasing after the child who'd stolen an apple from the fruit market.
answer: (b) full

Speaking: At the Theatre

- A1 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your appreciation of our performance.
answer: (b) appreciation
- A2 We have done this play many times in different towns but your applause has been the greatest so far.
answer: (d) applause
- A3 We will always remember the way you stood up and clapped at some of the speeches in the play.
answer: (a) clapped
- A4 Our leading actor is unable to come on the stage at the moment because he is overcome with emotion.
answer: (c) overcome
- A5 Don't worry I'm sure it's only temporary and that he'll soon recover before the next performance.
answer: (b) temporary
- A6 That is the reason why I am standing here and making this short speech.
answer: (d) speech
- A7 The leading lady is also absent from our stage and you can probably hear her sobbing her heart out as I speak.
answer: (a) sobbing
- A8 I think that the main reason for all this emotion is probably the way you have reacted to the play.
answer: (b) reason
- A9 You see throughout our current season we have never received so much laughter as we have from you.
answer: (c) current
- A10 The reason for this is possibly that you thought it was a comedy but in fact it is a tragedy.
answer: (b) comedy

Speaking: At the Supermarket

- A1 Will the driver of the blue Ford Fiesta XYZ 343 please move their car.
answer: (b) move
- A2 The reason for this is that the Fiesta is preventing our delivery lorry from leaving the premises.
answer: (c) preventing
- A3 We ask the owner of this vehicle to go back to their car as soon as possible and park their car in another space.
answer: (d) owner
- A4 This is a customer announcement. We have a special offer at the moment on bananas.
answer: (b) announcement
- A5 For the next hour it will be possible to buy just one bunch of bananas and get one more free.
answer: (a) bunch
- A6 Further to our request for the Ford Fiesta to be repaired, this matter is now very urgent. Our lorry cannot get out.
answer: (c) request
- A7 We have to inform our customers that the store will be closing in half an hour's time.
answer: (b) time
- A8 We would like to remind our customers that over the Christmas period we will be closing an hour earlier than usual.
answer: (d) remind
- A9 There are now only ten minutes remaining for you to make your purchases and go to the checkout.
answer: (a) purchases
- A10 A final message for the driver of the Ford Fiesta: there is no need now to repark as our delivery lorry has done that for you!
answer: (b) message

Speaking: At the Station

- A1 The train now standing at the platform 6 is the 10.45 for London.
answer: (b) standing
- A2 Unfortunately it is now 11 o'clock and so there is a delay of 15 minutes already.
answer: (d) delay
- A3 The train at platform 14 cannot leave because there is a power failure on that particular line...
answer: (a) failure
- A4 The train for London at platform 6 is still there and is not expected to leave for at least 20 minutes.
answer: (b) expected
- A5 The small cafe situated near platform 6 is now offering free cups of tea to those waiting for the London train.
answer: (c) offering
- A6 Severe storms last night together with heavy rainfall means that some of the lines of the station are now waterlogged.
answer: (a) waterlogged
- A7 We thought for a moment that the 10.45 for London might be about to catch fire but it was a false alarm.
answer: (b) false
- A8 This is a general notice for all passengers: the restaurant in the main concourse is now open.
answer: (c) concourse
- A9 There was in fact a small fire in the train on platform 6 but we're glad to tell you that the flames have been extinguished.
answer: (d) extinguished
- A10 We regret to announce that the 10.45 for London is now out of service because the driver is having a nervous breakdown.
answer: (a) breakdown

Speaking: The Broadcast

- A1 Welcome to Radio News and now over to our reporter who's covering the procession this morning.
answer: (b) reporter
- A2 Hi listeners, I should explain that I have a bird's eye view of this magnificent sight as the parade passes underneath me.
answer: (c) bird's
- A3 To tell you the truth I shouldn't be perched up here on top of this large statue of Field Marshal Smith.
answer: (d) perched
- A4 There is a long line of soldiers on horseback marching to the sound of a brass band.
answer: (b) brass
- A5 It really is quite uncomfortable up here and there's a policeman staring at me, which I don't like.
answer: (c) staring
- A6 After the soldiers I can see a group of circus performers who are jumping and dancing as they go.
answer: (d) performers
- A7 Next I can see some pensioners slowly moving along the road and some can't walk and are in wheelchairs.
answer: (c) wheelchairs
- A8 That policeman is getting out his notebook and walking near the statue I'm sitting on.
answer: (a) notebook
- A9 It has started to rain and I shall get soaked to the skin if I stay much longer up here.
answer: (d) soaked
- A10 Oh dear, listeners, I shall have to return you to the studio because the policeman says he is going to arrest me.
answer: (b) arrest

Speaking: The Wedding

- A1 Ladies and gentlemen it is a very great privilege for me to be asked to make a speech about the bride and her groom.
answer: (d) groom
- A2 I have known Sally and Paul since we were at school together.
answer: (b) together
- A3 Most people considered that they were made for each other even in those days.
answer: (c) made
- A4 The other students described them as Romeo and Juliet and used to make fun of them behind their backs.
answer: (d) backs
- A5 Neither of them was at all deterred by this sort of behaviour as they just grew fonder of each other.
answer: (a) deterred
- A6 The teachers had a soft spot for them too and were sympathetic if there was any trouble between them.
answer: (c) soft
- A7 Then they both left school and both started working, as you can imagine, for the same company.
answer: (b) imagine
- A8 When the announcement was made about their engagement, there was a big celebration.
answer: (c) engagement
- A9 No one was surprised because everyone took it for granted that one day they would marry.
answer: (d) granted
- A10 Mind you I was surprised because you see I find it quite unbelievable why on earth she didn't marry me.
answer: (a) unbelievable

Speaking: Political Party

- A1 Fellow citizens I am honoured to be invited to speak to you tonight about my party.
answer: (d) invited
- A2 As you probably know the Tranquillity Party stands for peace and quiet in the countryside.
answer: (b) quiet
- A3 In our publicity, unlike our political opponents, we do not make a lot of noise about our policies.
answer: (c) opponents
- A4 We want people to live in harmony with each other and to settle disputes amicably.
answer: (d) disputes
- A5 You may be interested to know that we are holding a rally in the centre of our town this weekend.
answer: (a) rally
- A6 Naturally all the participants are requested to be as peaceful as possible and above all not to shout.
answer: (b) participants
- A7 At the moment we are trying very hard to increase our membership which presently stands at 500.
answer: (c) presently
- A8 Admittedly this is a very small figure in comparison with the other major political parties.
answer: (b) Admittedly
- A9 But then you all have turned up tonight and that proves there is growing interest in our ideals.
answer: (c) up
- A10 In spite of the terrible weather you have come along tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and I should like to thank all four of you for coming.
answer: (a) spite

Cinemas

- A1 Her latest film attained its object in a very short space of time, which was to shock.
answer: (c) attained
- A2 The critics continue to praise the work of this director whatever films he makes.
answer: (b) continue
- A3 The film was the first to show conditions in which poor people lived and as such was to influence future directors.
answer: (a) influence
- A4 The only reason for them going to the cinema on that day was to find some form of entertainment.
answer: (d) entertainment
- A5 The director's intention in making the film was to try and represent simplicity as seen by a child.
answer: (c) represent
- A6 The fans outside the cinema on the first showing of the film were unwilling to disperse until all the stars had gone home.
answer: (d) disperse
- A7 The delay in releasing the film to the general public was because certain scenes were considered tasteless.
answer: (c) releasing
- A8 The theme of the second film is quite simply a continuation of the first.
answer: (b) continuation
- A9 In the making of the film the direction is quite separate from the financing of the project.
answer: (a) separate
- A10 Very often someone will give a description of a film and when you see it for yourself, it's quite different.
answer: (d) description

Lots of Stuff

- A1 Personally I don't believe a word of it and if you want my opinion I think it's all stuff and nonsense.
answer: (c) nonsense
- A2 You know the kind of things politicians talk about: health care, education, welfare and stuff like that.
answer: (d) like
- A3 He'd carefully avoided having any alcohol until he was twenty-five and then he had a small drop of the hard stuff.
answer: (a) hard
- A4 You shouldn't really have any difficulties with the work they're doing as it's very basic in fact you could call it kids' stuff.
answer: (c) kids'
- A5 It's quite clear she's studied the subject very thoroughly and when she lectured, you could tell she knew her stuff.
answer: (a) knew
- A6 Now remember when you get up to speak, we're all relying on you to impress everyone and we expect you to do your stuff.
answer: (d) do
- A7 It's very difficult to make him enjoy himself, relax and take it easy because he always behaves like a stuffed shirt.
answer: (b) shirt
- A8 That's the stuff! I want to hear it loud and clear and as much of it as you can manage. Well done!
answer: (c) That's
- A9 If you really want to lose weight, the only way is to eat less and stop stuffing your face every five minutes!
answer: (b) face
- A10 It came as a great shock to him when he heard the news and quite knocked the stuffing out of him for days.
answer: (c) knocked

Hear my Story

- A1 Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a tall story.
answer: (c) tall
- A2 I'm afraid it was the same old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again.
answer: (a) same
- A3 It was a bit of a sob story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.
answer: (d) sob
- A4 I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs — it's a bit like telling stories.
answer: (b) telling
- A5 The story goes that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.
answer: (d) goes
- A6 To cut a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.
answer: (a) cut
- A7 She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent short stories.
answer: (b) short
- A8 It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story line is a bit weak.
answer: (d) line
- A9 He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank — a genuine success story.
answer: (a) success
- A10 In early civilisations it was the story teller to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.
answer: (d) teller

High and Low

- A1 She's on a high at the moment because everything is going her way.
answer: (b) on
- A2 I have high hopes that we will succeed with our project in view of all the interest we have received.
answer: (c) hopes
- A3 It's high time we left if we really want to be there on time.
answer: (d) time
- A4 You'll just have to get used to these highs and lows as it's all part of being in business.
answer: (b) lows
- A5 Now that he's become office manager you can't even talk to him — he's so high and mighty.
answer: (a) mighty
- A6 The really high spot of the evening's entertainment was when two clowns came into the ring and started throwing things at each other.
answer: (d) spot
- A7 He left the safe door unlocked last night so I reckon he'll be for the high jump this morning.
answer: (c) jump
- A8 It's always the same when you break one of the rules of the office, she gets on her high horse and starts shouting at you.
answer: (d) horse
- A9 The moment she joined the staff you just knew she was a high flier and it was no surprise when she got promotion within six weeks.
answer: (b) flier
- A10 They wanted to make sure that their small daughter shared in the meal and so they asked the restaurant to provide a high chair.
answer: (c) chair

A Night Out

- A1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the movies as they would say in the USA.
answer: (d) movies
- A2 Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for ages.
answer: (b) ages
- A3 The subject matter of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.
answer: (a) matter
- A4 At least that was supposed to be the background although the main interest was in something else.
answer: (d) supposed
- A5 It will come as no surprise to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.
answer: (b) surprise
- A6 The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to fall deeply in love.
answer: (c) fall
- A7 When you see the first kiss on the screen and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.
answer: (d) screen
- A8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly turning your head from side to side.
answer: (c) turning
- A9 And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a Jack in the box at every explosion.
answer: (b) Jack
- A10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never the same again.
answer: (a) same

Lots of Pieces

A1 Charlie didn't have much in the way of property — just bits and pieces.

answer: (c) bits

A2 In fact this was a piece of luck for Charlie as it happened.

answer: (d) luck

A3 Because when the villain of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar to steal something, he didn't find anything valuable.

answer: (a) villain

A4 Charlie came home when the burglar was still there but he didn't go to pieces, he stayed calm.

answer: (c) go

A5 The burglar also had an assistant with him who clearly didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the action and fled.

answer: (b) action

A6 Charlie decided he would say exactly what he thought of the burglar and give him a piece of his mind.

answer: (d) mind

A7 He told him he was a wicked person and further he was a nasty piece of work.

answer: (b) nasty

A8 The burglar explained that he didn't have a proper job and only did piece work.

answer: (c) work

A9 Charlie laughed and said he was doing the same now — it was all of a piece with burgling.

answer: (d) all

A10 Eventually the police arrived and were pleased to see Charlie was still all right and in one piece.

answer: (a) one

Testing, Testing

- A1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed — it has stood the test of time.
answer: (b) time
- A2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've put it to the test.
answer: (d) put
- A3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the waters first.
answer: (a) waters
- A4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test case.
answer: (c) case
- A5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test drive it first.
answer: (b) drive
- A6 These are indeed testing times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election.
answer: (c) testing
- A7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test pilots who decided whether a plane was safe to fly.
answer: (d) pilots
- A8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test tube and then drink it.
answer: (a) tube
- A9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test bed to make sure that it worked properly.
answer: (c) bed
- A10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test card on the screen.
answer: (d) card

Cliches

- A1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time — 24-7.
answer: (d) 7
- A2 Absolutely, I couldn't agree with you more.
answer: (d) Absolutely
- A3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and address the issue.
answer: (c) address
- A4 It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say around 50.
answer: (a) around
- A5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was awesome.
answer: (b) awesome
- A6 We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a ball park figure of 6 million dollars.
answer: (c) ball park
- A7 I agree with what you say, basically but ...
answer: (b) basically
- A8 You fill in those forms on a weekly basis.
answer: (d) basis
- A9 I hope you will be patient and bear with me a minute.
answer: (c) bear
- A10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a hard place.
answer: (b) hard

Losing It (1)

- A1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing face.
answer: (c) face
- A2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing ground.
answer: (d) ground
- A3 Please don't lose heart because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end.
answer: (a) heart
- A4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your grip, then you're in real trouble.
answer: (d) grip
- A5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her head and crashed into the tree.
answer: (c) head
- A6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any sleep over it if I were you.
answer: (b) sleep
- A7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost track of what he was saying.
answer: (d) track
- A8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost cause.
answer: (c) cause
- A9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost on me.
answer: (b) on
- A10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing game.
answer: (d) game

Losing It (2)

- A1 The trouble with him is that if you push him too far, he's likely to shout at you and lose his cool.
answer: (c) cool
- A2 There's no hope for him now because he's lost his marbles and has gone completely crazy.
answer: (d) marbles
- A3 At the very last minute she broke down in tears and lost her nerve.
answer: (b) nerve
- A4 First he started shouting and then he began to throw things round the room and it was clear he had just lost his rag.
answer: (a) rag
- A5 Despite his great age we realized that he'd not lost his touch because he was still able to deliver a wonderful speech.
answer: (c) touch
- A6 Do you mind repeating that last bit again as I seem to have lost the thread of your argument?
answer: (d) thread
- A7 When it came to dividing the profits we lost out because we didn't get our fair share.
answer: (b) out
- A8 As she was walking across the tight rope at the circus she lost her balance and fell to the ground.
answer: (c) balance
- A9 After a while I got fed up with the film and began to lose interest in the story.
answer: (d) interest
- A10 There's no harm in trying your luck there because after all you have nothing to lose.
answer: (b) nothing

How to ask a question

A1 May I ask you whether you have had a chance to consider my case?

answer: (b) consider

A2 Can I put it to you that the delay you have caused is not reasonable?

answer: (d) put

A3 Could I know why the business has taken so long to conclude?

answer: (c) taken

A4 May I make another attempt to ask you to explain the situation more clearly?

answer: (b) attempt

A5 I would be most interested to know why the committee has turned down my proposal.

answer: (a) down

A6 We should be delighted to find out when the new scheme comes into effect.

answer: (b) effect

A7 How much is the new car going to cost me?

answer: (d) going

A8 When are you thinking of buying a new washing machine?

answer: (b) new

A9 What has happened to your New Year resolution to stop smoking?

answer: (c) happened

A10 Why do you always interrupt me when I try to ask a question?

answer: (d) interrupt

How to attract someone

A1 I say, you've just trodden on my foot!

answer: (d) trodden

A2 Look out, there's a car approaching on your left.

answer: (b) approaching

A3 Just a minute, you have just broken my case.

answer: (d) broken

A4 Mind, the doors are closing.

answer: (c) closing

A5 Watch it, you almost poked my eye out with that umbrella.

answer: (b) poked

A6 Be careful, there's a large gap between the platform and the train.

answer: (a) gap

A7 Hallo, do you see what you did to that pile of books when you walked past?

answer: (c) pile

A8 Hang on, you've given me the wrong change. I gave you a ten-pound note.

answer: (b) change

A9 Stop, that man's just gone off with my wallet!

answer: (a) off

A10 Excuse me, but you have left your car lights on.

answer: (b) left

How to compliment

A1 You look stunning in that dress, Amanda. How beautiful you are.

answer: (b) stunning

A2 I can honestly say I haven't had such a delightful meal for ages.

answer: (c) delightful

A3 I must get to know the name of your tailor's so that I can buy a suit like that.

answer: (d) tailor's

A4 I must congratulate you on your performance in the play — it was remarkable.

answer: (c) congratulate

A5 One can tell immediately that you are a professional by the accomplished way you perform.

answer: (d) professional

A6 I honestly can't believe that you are old enough to have such grown up children.

answer: (b) old

A7 Even if I practised for a hundred years, I couldn't possibly reach your standard.

answer: (c) practised

A8 You certainly don't look your age. What's your secret?

answer: (b) age

A9 It's always a pleasure talking to you — you know so much!

answer: (d) pleasure

A10 Thank you very much for your letter. As always it's fun to read.

answer: (a) fun

Modal Medley

A1 I know I can do it because I have done it before.

answer: (c) can

A2 You really should see that film because I know you'll like it.

answer: (b) should

A3 It's quite clear that you want to visit their house, so why don't you?

answer: (c) want

A4 It's the right thing to do in this situation and it's my belief that you ought to go.

answer: (c) ought

A5 I say to myself each morning I really must write that letter.

answer: (b) must

A6 May I have your permission to leave the meeting early?

answer: (c) May

A7 You should take an umbrella with you today, it might rain later.

answer: (b) might

A8 Don't worry they will eventually succeed, I assure you.

answer: (a) will

A9 Now there's no argument here. You have to finish on time because you have no choice.

answer: (c) have

A10 Could you really help me? If so, I should be most grateful.

answer: (a) Could

Christmas Postman (1)

A1 My main reason for becoming a temporary postman during the Christmas holiday period.

answer: (d) reason

A2 Was because I had amassed some rather large bills.

answer: (c) bills

A3 And what was more important I had got no money.

answer: (b) important

A4 My trainer was a postman by the name of Ted.

answer: (c) name

A5 With a life time of experience in doing all the walks in the town.

answer: (a) experience

A6 It was all a question of order, he said and then he explained

answer: (d) order

A7 the moment I got into the sorting office.

answer: (d) sorting

A8 He didn't want any of his trainees to imagine that being a postman was an easy job.

answer: (c) trainees

A9 He was fed up with people he met every so often

answer: (b) fed

A10 who claimed it was a part-time job because it was all finished by mid-day.

answer: (c) claimed

Christmas Postman (2)

- A1 He described the sequence very carefully.
answer: (b) sequence
- A2 The first thing was to be punctual since you started at a time when most people were asleep.
answer: (a) punctual
- A3 Immediately you arrived you had to start sorting the mail into different pigeon holes.
answer: (d) holes
- A4 Sometimes you found some terrible handwriting and didn't know where the letter should go.
answer: (c) terrible
- A5 He was always criticising teachers for not teaching children to write properly.
answer: (d) properly
- A6 These letters should be put to one side and old Charlie, the handwriting expert, would look through them later.
answer: (a) expert
- A7 The next step was to draw some cold water, fill the kettle and make a cup of tea.
answer: (b) step
- A8 Ted was always calm and optimistic. He never let himself get depressed by the job.
answer: (c) depressed
- A9 He left me alone for an hour to follow his method and asked me to call him if I encountered any difficulties.
answer: (a) encountered
- A10 As he had been very busy in his house since two that morning because of a burst water pipe, he went to have a rest.
answer: (d) because

Christmas Postman (3)

- A1 At first I got on famously finding the right pigeonholes, checking Ted's list and putting the letters in bundles.
answer: (b) bundles
- A2 After about two hours of this my internal battery started to get low and I found myself losing patience.
answer: (d) patience
- A3 It was at this stage that Ted came in quickly encouraging me to finish and get on the road.
answer: (d) encouraging
- A4 The post office in this country district didn't use vans because of the expense.
answer: (c) expense
- A5 I had to make do with a bicycle that looked as though it had been hit several times.
answer: (b) make
- A6 Once out in the open air I experienced a violent shower but soon the sun came out.
answer: (d) shower
- A7 The shouts of joy coming from some houses as I put the mail through the letter box made up for the discomfort and.
answer: (c) box
- A8 I was beginning to feel like a real Father Christmas.
answer: (b) real
- A9 I then came to number 56 that Ted had warned me about. They had a ferocious dog.
answer: (a) warned
- A10 The only way to deal with this one, Ted recommended, was to rush at the door, shove the letters through the door and go away as quickly as possible.
answer: (d) deal

Christmas Postman (4)

- A1 I did just that but in my haste I dropped a small packet that fell into a puddle.
answer: (b) haste
- A2 I didn't have the courage to make another assault on the house. Instead I took it home to dry it out.
answer: (d) dry
- A3 I knew if I told Ted he would talk a lot about being strictly against the rules but I was convinced it didn't matter.
answer: (c) matter
- A4 In my kitchen I looked at the address and saw the recipient was a Master Richard. I was ashamed of my cowardice
answer: (b) cowardice
- A5 and thought I was depriving a young child of his Christmas present from some loving relative.
answer: (a) relative
- A6 I rubbed the package with a towel and went quickly again to number 56 hurrying down the path in the true spirit of the season,
answer: (d) spirit
- A7 clutching the precious bundle in my hand I thrust it through the letter box
answer: (c) thrust
- A8 expecting to hear a happy yelp of surprise from young Richard. As I hurried away
answer: (a) yelp
- A9 to the sound of the barking dog, I knocked by accident the garden gate just in time to hear a voice shouting:
answer: (c) barking
- A10 Master Richard! When will that woman realise I'm over fifty and can't stand knitted socks!
answer: (d) stand

Tick Tock

- A1 They're trying very hard to finish in time and they're working against the clock.
answer: (d) against
- A2 You have to turn this from left to right — in other words clockwise.
answer: (b) wise
- A3 I'm afraid you can't make yourself any younger and turn the clock back.
answer: (c) back
- A4 You can always be sure that there'll be a delivery today as the service is as regular as clockwork.
answer: (d) work
- A5 It's an amazing system so that at whatever time of day you can always get a response as the staff are there round the clock.
answer: (b) round
- A6 What time do you start work or more exactly when do you clock on?
answer: (a) on
- A7 When do you finish work or more exactly what time do you clock off?
answer: (b) off
- A8 I've clocked up about an additional 20 hours this week in overtime pay.
answer: (c) up
- A9 The competition is very strong as each team wants to be fastest and beat the clock.
answer: (d) beat
- A10 She's not really interested in her job and just waits for the end of the day to come. She's just a clock watcher.
answer: (a) watcher

Company Decisions

- A1 I strongly recommend you make a checklist of points to consider when deciding which method of payment to accept.
answer: (a) when
- A2 How long do you think it will take before we'll be in a position to implement the changes to our distribution system?
answer: (d) before
- A3 Yesterday the project manager suddenly announced that the launch of the new promotion campaign had been postponed because of software problems.
answer: (c) postponed
- A4 Because of their expertise the two young engineers have been offered the opportunity to join our staff.
answer: (c) offered
- A5 One of the indicators of success in any business is how many types of communication channels they use.
answer: (b) many
- A6 An effective customer support system should be regarded as the nerve centre of all company communication.
answer: (a) regarded
- A7 It goes without saying that there are more goals that can be achieved with your business than simply generating revenue.
answer: (b) saying
- A8 A company's success will largely depend on how far ahead into the future it can forecast.
answer: (a) on
- A9 In addition to an organisation's vision and ability to set goals it is also vital that every team member feels part of a unit.
answer: (d) vital
- A10 Especially large corporations operating on an international scale create and pursue a human resources policy covering many different aspects.
answer: (b) operating

Save Our Animals (1)

- A1 From a very early age Cathy had been passionate about animals.
answer: (c) about
- A2 She used to hob nob (socialise) with people who thought the same way as she did.
answer: (d) thought
- A3 These people were not at all fuddy duddy (uninteresting) or indeed hoity toity (supercilious) and their main interest in life was to ensure that all animals were well treated.
answer: (a) ensure
- A4 She soon got to know one of the local big wigs (important people) in a local organisation aimed at stopping cruelty to animals.
answer: (b) aimed
- A5 He had been in his hey day (at his most successful time) an important figure in a government department for agriculture.
answer: (d) figure
- A6 In fact because he had refused to kow tow to (accept without question) some of the official regulations, he had been forced to take early retirement.
answer: (c) early
- A7 But as far as Cathy was concerned, he was the bee's knees (someone to admire) and when she left school, she went to work as his assistant in the Society for the Protection of Animals.
answer: (d) as
- A8 Her parents however were not at all pleased about where she had decided to work.
answer: (a) about
- A9 They lived in a des res (very attractive house) and her father, John Fortune, who was really a bit of a fat cat (wealthy businessman) thought that all this animal business was a lot of hocus pocus (nonsense).
answer: (b) business
- A10 Cathy and her father had several pow wows (conversations) about her decision but it usually ended up with a lot of argy bargy (arguments).
answer: (c) ended

Save Our Animals (2)

- A1 What her mother and father objected to most was the endless tittle tattle (gossip) in the village about a young woman working for this hot shot (well known entrepreneur),
answer: (d) objected
- A2 who was also regarded by some as a bit of a wheeler dealer (someone who does business in an underhand way).
answer: (c) regarded
- A3 Cathy didn't believe any of this and was delighted to be working for Geoffrey Winton if for no other reason than that living at home was very humdrum (boring).
answer: (a) reason
- A4 The rest of the organisation thought that she and Winton were a dream team (ideal partners) because she was enthusiastic and he was very experienced.
answer: (d) experienced
- A5 After all she thought her brother was enjoying himself and had gone abroad to work in America as a result of the brain drain (talented people leaving their own country to work for better pay in another).
answer: (b) abroad
- A6 One morning there was quite a hubbub (loud noise and activity) in the Fortune household when Cathy came rushing into the sitting room helter skelter (running at great speed).
answer: (c) household
- A7 and announced what she thought was a cheerful earful (a good piece of news) and that was she had been invited to attend a demonstration in the capital.
answer: (d) demonstration
- A8 As far as her father was concerned this was simply double trouble (two problems) — first working for Fortune and now getting involved in a demonstration.
answer: (a) simply
- A9 As far as he was concerned this would be a waste of time because the speakers at the rally would just talk mumbo jumbo (nonsense).
answer: (c) waste
- A10 But Cathy had made up her mind and the next morning wham bam (very quickly) she caught the early train and went off to the rally.
answer: (b) mind

Save Our Animals (3)

- A1 On the train journey she began to think about what her father had said with his reference to the rag bag (muddled collection) of ideas in her organisation.
answer: (c) reference
- A2 And if she was really honest with herself she was beginning to have a teenie weenie (very small) feeling of doubt as to whether she was doing the right thing.
answer: (c) honest
- A3 She just wished that her father could try and be even steven (fair) about her side of the argument.
answer: (a) try
- A4 But as soon as she reached the meeting point for the rally, there was no time for day dreaming.
answer: (d) dreaming
- A5 At the beginning it was a bit harum scarum (disorganised) and people were running higgledy piggledy (in different and chaotic directions) but soon everything settled down,
answer: (c) settled
- A6 and people who had been running about pell mell (in confusion) were now standing still and listening to the speeches.
answer: (b) still
- A7 She felt reassured and was pleased she had come to the demonstration.
answer: (d) reassured
- A8 And then one incident at the end of the rally convinced her that she had taken the right decision to work for the organisation.
answer: (c) taken
- A9 A police officer on horseback was controlling the crowds and she found herself being gently moved by the horse.
answer: (a) controlling
- A10 As it drew near she found she was asking herself aloud whether she had done the right thing. She looked at the horse and it was actually nodding its head and she could have sworn it said okie dokie (all right).
answer: (d) aloud

Simple Present (1)

A1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has inherited from his father — the king of all worriers.

answer: (d) inherited

A2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to solve.

answer: (b) solve

A3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of living and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.

answer: (c) living

A4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years ago.

answer: (a) ago

A5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too — people fall in love.

answer: (d) fall

A6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic disposition. He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"

answer: (b) disposition

A7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and around this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."

answer: (c) around

A8 "In London, which stands on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."

answer: (a) stands

A9 I apologise for the simplicity of these statements but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.

answer: (d) statements

A10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he underwent.

answer: (b) underwent

Simple Present (2)

- A1 The other character in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather.
answer: (c) character
- A2 She too lives in this tiny and remote village where Andrew has his cottage.
answer: (b) tiny
- A3 Now Sally is an entirely different kettle of fish. Her philosophy runs as follows: "Worrying never gets you anywhere and life is too short to waste time imagining the worst."
answer: (d) waste
- A4 In a word she is the complete opposite in temperament of Andrew. Here comes another cliché: opposites attract.
answer: (a) opposite
- A5 But you must remember that two years ago the two main characters hadn't met, which was surprising when you consider the close proximity of Andrew's cottage and Sally's.
answer: (b) proximity
- A6 If you take the first left after the post office, you come to Sally's place and if you take the second turning to the right after that you come to the cottage where Andrew lives.
answer: (d) turning
- A7 The next participant in this village drama is the weather, which plays a very significant part in English life.
answer: (c) plays
- A8 It was late April and the sun had disappeared behind dark heavy rain clouds but Andrew had already set off for the local pub.
answer: (b) off
- A9 Naturally he had his umbrella with him and a heavy coat following that aphorism his mother always used: "Never cast a clout (remove an article of clothing) before May is out."
answer: (d) following
- A10 Fortunately he made it to the pub before the storm broke.
answer: (a) broke

Simple Present (3)

- A1 The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, offers to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.
answer: (d) offers
- A2 Andrew showed him the headlines: "Petrol prices rise again" — "But you haven't got a car" said his friend — "I know" retorted Andrew — "still it means everything else will go up in price, too."
answer: (b) else
- A3 Everyone in the pub looks suitably depressed at this remark and begins to think of all the price increases that will follow.
answer: (c) suitably
- A4 The gloom is palpable. Then suddenly the door bursts open and in walks our heroine, Sally looking like a drowned rat.
answer: (d) gloom
- A5 Most people in the pub think to themselves: "What a pretty girl" Andrew sees her as someone who is drenched and needs help.
answer: (a) drenched
- A6 He walks over to her and asks if she is all right.
answer: (c) all
- A7 For probably the first time in his life Andrew actually transferred his worry from himself to someone else.
answer: (b) transferred
- A8 And he mixes her a special drink to protect her from a possible cold.
answer: (d) special
- A9 The conversation went as follows: "I hear you live in this village, too" — "How do you know?" asked Andrew.
answer: (c) know
- A10 But Sally changed the subject. "This drink tastes delicious. How did you make it?" — "I put a drop of ginger ale and a piece of lemon in the alcohol and then stir thoroughly."
answer: (a) stir

Simple Present (4)

- A1 I always keep those two ingredients with me when I go out at night.
answer: (c) ingredients
- A2 Suddenly Sally looked at her watch: "I must fly. My train leaves in ten minutes."
answer: (a) fly
- A3 "Don't forget to take those two tablets I suggested and let me know how you are."
answer: (d) suggested
- A4 "I'll let you know as soon as I come back from London." And then she went.
answer: (b) let
- A5 Immediately Andrew started to worry. He didn't know her name. He didn't know her address and he felt strange. He checks his pulse. He tests his mental faculties: "Two and two make four."
answer: (c) checks
- A6 It was a different sort of worry that was almost a concern. He wants to see her again.
answer: (d) almost
- A7 Within seconds he rushed out of the pub leaving his coat behind, ran into the pouring rain with no umbrella.
answer: (b) Within
- A8 What was happening to him? He saw Sally standing on the platform getting into the train and the train leaving the station.
answer: (a) happening
- A9 He jumps down from the platform onto the track and waves at the train driver to stop. The train stops and Andrew gets onto it.
answer: (c) track
- A10 Six weeks after this extraordinary episode Sally got married.
answer: (b) after

Simple Present (5)

A1 Andrew doesn't worry any more now.

answer: (d) worry

A2 He stays calm.

answer: (b) stays

A3 The obvious time when people expected him to start worrying was.

answer: (c) expected

A4 during the wedding ceremony in the village church just over two years ago.

answer: (a) ceremony

A5 As he says, "I know what everyone was thinking."

answer: (b) thinking

A6 They thought I would go to pieces.

answer: (d) pieces

A7 But I was perfectly relaxed and I owe it all to Sally. She is certainly a wonderful wife.

answer: (c) owe

A8 She smiled at me when we were standing at the altar.

answer: (b) at

A9 and I stopped worrying from that moment on.

answer: (a) on

A10 You can see me looking relaxed in the newspaper pictures especially that one with the caption: "ANDREW SMODLEY HANDS THE RING TO SALLY FAIRWEATHER'S FUTURE HUSBAND."

answer: (c) looking

Tenses (1)

A1 I would have come if I had had time.

answer: (c) would have

A2 This time tomorrow you will be sitting in a deck chair on the beach.

answer: (d) will be

A3 Before you telephoned, I was watching television.

answer: (a) was

A4 After the storm had finished, many people were found lying in the street.

answer: (b) had

A5 Tomorrow we are taking the day off.

answer: (d) are

A6 Where did you go for your holiday in the end?

answer: (c) go

A7 I must admit you have tried but I'm afraid the answer is still no.

answer: (d) have

A8 Sometimes I wonder if I shall ever succeed.

answer: (b) shall

A9 How many times have you been there?

answer: (c) have

A10 She's been working there since she left school.

answer: (d) been

Tenses (2)

A1 It's time we went.

answer: (b) went

A2 I honestly couldn't follow a word you were saying.

answer: (c) were saying

A3 He asked me what I was doing there.

answer: (d) was

A4 I've just been told that the price has gone up again.

answer: (c) been told

A5 She was annoyed that she had been spoken to like that.

answer: (a) had been

A6 I've just been reading here that man has been released.

answer: (b) reading

A7 If you were stopped by the police for speeding, what would you do?

answer: (d) would

A8 Long live the King!

answer: (a) live

A9 If I get there early enough, I shall save you a seat.

answer: (d) shall save

A10 When I'm in town, I miss listening to the birds.

answer: (b) miss

Tenses (3)

A1 Ah there you are! I wondered where you were.

answer: (c) are

A2 She said she'd help him if she could.

answer: (a) could

A3 He told them he would be starting work the next day.

answer: (c) would be

A4 I had instructions that I was to leave the door unlocked when I came home.

answer: (d) was

A5 He refused to go until he had seen all the paintings.

answer: (a) had

A6 Don't worry even if you make a mistake because if you do, it doesn't matter.

answer: (c) do

A7 He is always doing silly things like this. Take no notice now.

answer: (d) is always doing

A8 The man who was walking down the road just then, lives next door.

answer: (c) was

A9 It doesn't make sense. I can't understand why he shouted at you last night.

answer: (d) shouted

A10 Come on tell me honestly what you want to do now.

answer: (b) want

Hotchpotch

- A1 As we've got plenty of time to kill before the train comes, let's have a coffee.
answer: (d) kill
- A2 If you mention someone's mistakes in public, it can only be regarded as very tactless.
answer: (a) tactless
- A3 I didn't think he looked very well when we last saw him — in fact he was really out of sorts.
answer: (c) sorts
- A4 He's the sort of person who never worries about anything and has a happy go-lucky disposition.
answer: (d) go-lucky
- A5 I don't know what's the matter with me today I suppose I'm feeling under the weather.
answer: (c) weather
- A6 There's a very informative programme on the radio tonight on current affairs.
answer: (b) current
- A7 He didn't reveal his name with his first book and published it under a pseudonym.
answer: (d) pseudonym
- A8 He spoke the language in a regional dialect, which made it impossible for me to understand him.
answer: (d) dialect
- A9 I sometimes find that the commercials made by the advertisers are more interesting than the actual television programmes themselves.
answer: (a) commercials
- A10 Now remember don't be late with your thesis and don't forget the deadline is Tuesday week.
answer: (c) deadline

Student Teacher Dialogue (1)

A1 Teacher: So you want to learn to speak English?

answer: (c) to speak

A2 Student: Yes, I want to be able to speak well.

answer: (b) well

A3 Teacher: I don't see that as a problem.

answer: (d) problem

A4 Yes, that's easy for you to say.

answer: (c) easy

A5 Teacher: What makes you say that?

answer: (a) makes

A6 Student: Just because you are a native speaker.

answer: (b) native

A7 Teacher: I understand what you mean.

answer: (d) mean

A8 Student: So what am I going to do?

answer: (c) going

A9 Teacher: Well, if you like, I could give you lessons next week.

answer: (b) like

A10 Student: That sounds very good to me. I'll see you next week.

answer: (d) sounds

Student Teacher Dialogue (2)

- A1 Teacher: So what do you know about prepositions?
answer: (c) about
- A2 Student: Well I know that they usually come before a noun.
answer: (b) before
- A3 Teacher: Very good. Which do you find the most difficult?
answer: (d) most
- A4 Student: If I had to choose one, I would pick in.
answer: (b) pick
- A5 Teacher: The thing to remember is that in usually means inside a place or a position.
answer: (a) remember
- A6 Student: I see. But what's the difference between in and into?
answer: (c) between
- A7 Teacher: Ah, you see "in" means you are there inside however "into" means you enter as: You go into the room.
answer: (d) however
- A8 Student: Another problem is I don't understand why there are two words sounding the same — T and one O and T double O.
answer: (c) why
- A9 Teacher: Good question. T and one O is the preposition and T and double O often means extra as in: This exercise is too difficult. And don't forget the third word also sounding the same — the number two.
answer: (d) number
- A10 Student: Oh, no two is enough thank you very much!
answer: (a) enough

Student Teacher Dialogue (3)

- A1 Teacher: Can you explain to me when you use the Past Simple and when the Present Perfect?
answer: (d) use
- A2 Student: I think the past simple is for a definite time in the past and the present perfect is when you don't know when it was.
answer: (a) definite
- A3 Teacher: Excellent. Now if I wanted to describe my time in Paris in 1999 with the verb 'stay', what would I say?
answer: (b) would
- A4 Student: I think it is I stayed in Paris in 1999. Is that all right?
answer: (d) right
- A5 Teacher: Absolutely perfect. Now what about the Present Perfect Continuous?
answer: (c) about
- A6 Student: That's one I never understand however hard I try.
answer: (b) however
- A7 Teacher: Well if you started living in Paris in 1999 and you are still there, you say; I have been living there since 1999.
answer: (a) since
- A8 Student: Yes, I see I think I understand but you have too many tenses in English!
answer: (d) too
- A9 Teacher: Right just one more. Tell me which form you use if you are going to leave Paris and you tell someone about the length of time from your arrival till now.
answer: (b) just
- A10 Student: Oh, that's easy. I say: I have lived here for 6 years. I can see from the expression on your face I am right.
answer: (c) expression

Phrasal Verb: Walk

A1 They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking out together.

answer: (b) out

A2 The trouble with you is you let your boss do exactly what he wants and let him walk all over you.

answer: (d) over

A3 He never looks where he's going and as a result is always walking into things.

answer: (c) into

A4 He came into the room, shouted at everybody and then left the room walking off in a really bad temper.

answer: (b) off

A5 I'm sorry to say that the safe has been broken into and someone's walked off with all the money.

answer: (d) off

A6 They took no notice of the accident and simply walked by.

answer: (a) by

A7 A total stranger walked up to me and asked if I could lend him some money.

answer: (c) up

A8 They have an expression in Australia when a famous person mixes with the crowd, they say they're going on a walkabout.

answer: (d) about

A9 The manager was terrified that his employees would stop work and walk out without warning.

answer: (c) out

A10 knew we shouldn't have trusted them because they suddenly left and walked out on us.

answer: (b) out

Charlie's Knees

- A1 Charlie always thought he was the bee's knees because he had a very good opinion of himself.
answer: (c) bee's
- A2 Even when he won the wobbly knees competition at a holiday camp he wasn't ashamed — he just loved it.
answer: (b) wobbly
- A3 He'd learnt to think he was important from an early age at his mother's knee.
answer: (d) at
- A4 His father told him he was special as he dandled him on his knee.
answer: (b) on
- A5 Then he met Maria as a grown up and fell in love as a sort of knee jerk reaction almost without thinking.
answer: (c) jerk
- A6 You see he'd known her once as a small child when he was knee high to a grasshopper and now they met as adults.
answer: (a) high
- A7 They met at a mutual friend's party where everyone was having a great time in a kind of knees up.
answer: (d) up
- A8 Shortly after that he went down on one knee and proposed marriage to her and she accepted him.
answer: (b) went
- A9 After they were married, Charlie had to work very hard and he was always knee deep in decorating and painting the house.
answer: (a) deep
- A10 What poor Charlie didn't know before was that Maria loved telling others what to do and so he had to do as he was told and bend the knee.
answer: (d) bend

Paper expressions

- A1 It's almost completed now because all we have to do is sign a few documents and then the paperwork is finished.
answer: (b) work
- A2 They've tried to keep the truth from you but nothing's changed as all they've done is paper over the cracks.
answer: (d) over
- A3 If you keep the window open all the time, you'll need something heavy like a paperweight to stop things blowing away.
answer: (c) paperweight
- A4 The professor is delivering an important paper on sociolinguistics tonight in the main hall.
answer: (b) delivering
- A5 I shouldn't worry too much about him. He looks very frightening but underneath he's really a paper tiger.
answer: (a) tiger
- A6 The reason why I knew all about the story in the village is because it was on the front page of the local paper.
answer: (d) local
- A7 As soon as the story about the scandal became known, it didn't take long to hit the papers.
answer: (c) hit
- A8 You really shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers.
answer: (a) believe
- A9 She makes a loaf of bread last a very long time because she cuts each slice paper thin.
answer: (d) thin
- A10 Do you know how many rolls of wallpaper are needed to decorate this room?
answer: (b) rolls

Verb Tenses

A1 Where are you going tonight?

answer: (c) are you going

A2 That is my business.

answer: (a) is

A3 Sorry, I don't mean to be rude.

answer: (d) don't

A4 That's all right.

answer: (b) That's

A5 I hope I haven't offended you.

answer: (c) haven't

A6 No, I promise you. You didn't offend me at all.

answer: (d) didn't

A7 So, I've got an idea.

answer: (c) I've

A8 OK. Tell me about it.

answer: (a) Tell

A9 I thought possibly we could go out together, tonight.

answer: (d) thought

A10 That sounds a good idea to me.

answer: (c) sounds

English Tenses

A1 Mike: Please go away. I'm writing a letter. I need some quiet.

answer: (c) writing

A2 Sarah: I promise I won't make a sound.

answer: (a) promise

A3 Mike: That's what you always say.

answer: (d) say

A4 Sarah: I know but this time I mean it.

answer: (b) mean

A5 Mike: I don't honestly think you are telling the truth.

answer: (c) are

A6 Sarah: At least give me a chance.

answer: (a) give

A7 Mike: If I do, I know I shall regret it.

answer: (b) do

A8 Sarah: No, you won't.

answer: (d) won't

A9 Mike: All right. You can stay as long as you don't make any noise.

answer: (c) can

A10 Sarah: Thank you very much. I shall be as quiet as a mouse but I'll just put the TV on.

answer: (b) I'll

Conditional Tenses

A1 If I were you, I wouldn't risk it.

answer: (d) were

A2 If they had waited another month, they could probably have got a better price for their house

answer: (c) have got

A3 It's quite simple really. When it's cold, water freezes.

answer: (c) freezes

A4 If he decides to accept that job, he will regret it for the rest of his life.

answer: (d) will regret

A5 If you are thinking of applying for that job, my advice is: forget it.

answer: (a) are thinking

A6 If he hadn't been driving so fast, he wouldn't have hit the motorcyclist.

answer: (c) wouldn't

A7 Had he been more careful, he would have spotted the mistake.

answer: (b) Had

A8 If she goes on passing her exams, she'll soon be qualified to practise as a lawyer.

answer: (d) she'll

A9 If I pay you twice as much, will you be able to finish by Tuesday?

answer: (c) be able

A10 If only I'd invested in that company, I'd have become a millionaire by now.

answer: (b) have become

Sleep Expressions

- A1 Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help dozing off a few times.
answer: (b) dozing off
- A2 Cold medicines usually make me feel drowsy I feel like I don't have energy to do anything.
answer: (d) drowsy
- A3 Janine! Where were you? I've been looking all over for you. — Sorry, mom! I was reading a book by the tree over the lake, fell asleep and lost track of the time.
answer: (c) asleep
- A4 In winter time, bears hide themselves in caves and hibernate.
answer: (a) hibernate
- A5 What time do you usually go to sleep at night? — Hmm... usually at about midnight.
answer: (c) sleep
- A6 I feel so sleepy today. I should have gone to bed earlier last night.
answer: (b) sleepy
- A7 My neighbor likes to take a nap every day after lunch.
answer: (c) to take a nap
- A8 My daughter is having a slumber party tonight at our house.
answer: (d) slumber
- A9 Every time he gets back from work, my husband likes to sit in his armchair and rest for a few minutes before dinnertime.
answer: (b) rest
- A10 Caitlin was an extremely hyper kid. When taking care of her, her mom hardly ever had time to relax.
answer: (a) relax

English tense explanations

- A1 I want to try and carry out an experiment.
answer: (d) experiment
- A2 My plan is to explain the different uses of the tenses.
answer: (b) plan
- A3 The main question is knowing where you start?
answer: (c) start
- A4 As you probably know there are many tenses in English.
answer: (a) probably
- A5 The problem is how you can tell the difference
answer: (b) how
- A6 between, for example, the Present and Present Perfect.
answer: (d) example
- A7 But I should stop myself from talking about
answer: (c) stop
- A8 particular tenses before I've talked about tenses in general.
answer: (b) before
- A9 Please forgive me for going on to the middle of my story
answer: (a) forgive
- A10 when I should be thinking about the beginning.
answer: (d) beginning

English tense explanations (2)

A1 So let's go back to the beginning.

answer: (b) back

A2 The first thing to remember is

answer: (d) first

A3 that each tense has two forms.

answer: (c) forms

A4 They are the Simple and the Continuous.

answer: (b) They

A5 We can say: he goes to work Monday to Friday and that describes a habit and is the Present simple tense.

answer: (a) describes

A6 This is something he does every day.

answer: (c) does

A7 He lives in a small house that's another illustration.

answer: (b) illustration

A8 Now we come to the other part and we call that continuous.

answer: (a) call

A9 We say: he is walking home now and that means at this moment and is the Present continuous tense.

answer: (c) moment

A10 In this way we describe what is happening now.

answer: (d) happening

Idioms with the phrasal verb come

A1 First impressions are important because how you come across initially can be as important as what you say.

answer: (d) come across

A2 I just can't seem to be able to find a good personal assistant as they are so hard to come by.

answer: (a) come by

A3 When disaster strikes, will your insurer come through for you?

answer: (c) come through

A4 If you have eaten a banana in the last 2-3 days and come down with a fever followed by a skin infection, you should seek urgent medical attention!

answer: (c) come down with

A5 In terms of personality she's certainly come along well since she changed her attitude.

answer: (a) come along

A6 Menopause symptoms may come back after stopping menopausal hormone therapy.

answer: (b) come back

A7 Making the decision to come out about your sexual preferences can sometimes be scary and stressful.

answer: (c) come out

A8 I was just wondering how astronomers come up with their facts when you realise just how far away the stars are.

answer: (b) come up with

A9 It was reported that the Government is expected to come up with stringent norms to prevent "predatory takeovers" of Indian private banks.

answer: (b) come up with

A10 My boyfriend wants to come over when nobody is at home, and I'm scared it might well lead to something else!

answer: (d) come over

Idioms with the phrasal verb look

- A1 Students were instructed to use the Internet to look up some information about Australia for the class project.
answer: (d) to look up
- A2 The treasurer assured his constituents that he would look into the scandal shortly after the results of the general election were made public.
answer: (a) look into
- A3 My attorney advised me to look over the terms and conditions of the insurance policy several times so that I was fully aware of what I was getting myself into.
answer: (b) to look over
- A4 I have always looked up to my grandfather because he has lived such an amazing life.
answer: (c) looked up to
- A5 I looked for my laptop in car, in my office and even under the bed, but I couldn't find it anywhere.
answer: (b) looked for
- A6 Airport authorities advised passengers to look out for suspicious looking people passing through the international terminal.
answer: (b) look out for
- A7 The view from the penthouse suite of the five star hotel looks out over the Pacific Ocean.
answer: (c) looks out
- A8 Students were given five minutes to look through the examination paper before they were told to start writing.
answer: (b) look through
- A9 My family finally made the painful decision of admitting my grandmother to a nursing home as she is no longer capable of looking after herself.
answer: (d) looking after
- A10 When I blamed the hospital for giving me the wrong medicine, the management looked into the matter very carefully.
answer: (c) looked into

Time clauses: future tense examples

A1 I'll cook supper as soon as I come home.

answer: (d) as soon as

A2 I want to finish my work before we go out.

answer: (c) before

A3 She's going to look after the cat while I'm away on holiday.

answer: (b) while

A4 I'll email you as soon as I arrive.

answer: (a) as soon as

A5 We'll find a hotel when we arrive in Jakarta.

answer: (c) when

A6 She won't speak to her boyfriend until he apologizes.

answer: (d) until

A7 Drink your coffee before it gets cold.

answer: (d) before

A8 Don't cross the road until you see the green man.

answer: (d) until

A9 I'll give you a ring when we get back from our vacation.

answer: (c) when

A10 Our doctor advised us to have malaria vaccinations before we travel to Lombok.

answer: (b) before

Idioms with the phrasal verb bring

- A1 Englishmen can't always quite bring off wearing shorts.
answer: (a) bring off
- A2 There are some "natural" methods that you can try to bring on labour if you and your baby are in good health.
answer: (b) bring on
- A3 I want to bring over the dinner tonight so that you don't have to worry about feeding your kids.
answer: (d) bring over
- A4 The Central Coast of New South Wales has been described as a great place to bring up children.
answer: (d) bring up
- A5 Custom frames can help to improve the look of your artwork and thus bring out the best.
answer: (a) bring out
- A6 U2 will not bring forward the online release of the band's new album, following news that it has leaked onto the Internet.
answer: (b) bring forward
- A7 The Super Bowl champion Steelers have decided to bring back fullback Verron Haynes for at least another two seasons.
answer: (d) bring back
- A8 The slips fieldsman moved quickly to his left and then flung himself further left-wards to bring off a spectacular catch.
answer: (b) bring off
- A9 How much money do I need to bring over to your house for the poker game tonight?
answer: (b) bring over
- A10 If natural disasters have anything good about them, it may be the compassion they bring out in people.
answer: (a) bring out

Question / Response Test

- A1 When do you have to pick John up at the airport? I should be there at about five o'clock.
answer: (c) I should be there at about five o'clock
- A2 What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas? A bottle of perfume.
answer: (b) A bottle of perfume
- A3 How many people are coming to the birthday party? We're expecting about 25 people.
answer: (c) We're expecting about 25 people
- A4 What are you doing tonight? I think I'm going to a movie with Susan.
answer: (c) I think I'm going to a movie with Susan
- A5 How was your honeymoon? It was great.
answer: (a) It was great
- A6 What is your favorite kind of food? I like Italian food.
answer: (b) I like Italian food
- A7 Who is coming to the business conference? The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure.
answer: (a) The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure
- A8 What are your thoughts on yesterday's meeting? I'm glad we covered the human resources' issue.
answer: (b) I'm glad we covered the human resources' issue
- A9 When are you going to the party? We're going right after work.
answer: (c) We're going right after work
- A10 Where is the best place to go for a drink? The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap.
answer: (b) The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap

Short Idioms Exam

- A1 After their argument, John didn't know if Rick was a friend or foe.
answer: (d) foe
- A2 Many Christians believe your body and soul belong to God.
answer: (a) soul
- A3 Joanne left abruptly — without rhyme or reason.
answer: (b) reason
- A4 Ben estimated how much wear and tear the new tires could handle.
answer: (a) tear
- A5 He is head over heels about his new girlfriend.
answer: (d) heels
- A6 He bent over backwards to please his boss but the manager was never satisfied.
answer: (b) backwards
- A7 Nicole's promotion and added workload kept her as busy as a bee.
answer: (d) bee
- A8 Mandy's children are her flesh and blood so they always come first on her priority list.
answer: (a) blood
- A9 On Jen and Brad's very first date, she could tell he was as cunning as a fox.
answer: (c) fox
- A10 Before Tom headed into the forest, he made sure he had packed his bow and arrows.
answer: (d) arrows

Conversations and Comprehension Test

A1 Boy: I want to buy a fish.

Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?

Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?

Question: What is the boy looking for? A tropical fish.

answer: (c) A tropical fish

A2 Ray: I need a vacation.

Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.

Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.

Question: Where does Ray want to go? A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico.

answer: (b) A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico

A3 Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?

Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.

Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.

Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque? The games.

answer: (c) The games

A4 Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.

Maria: Really. Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?

Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low-light requirements.

Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy? Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight.

answer: (c) Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight

A5 Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.

Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?

Frank: Not too far. It will be about a three-hour drive from here.

Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain? By car.

answer: (b) By car

A6 Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?

Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.

Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.

Question: What department is the new girl in? The mailroom.

answer: (c) The mailroom

A7 Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?

Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.

Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.

Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference? Technology around the world.

answer: (b) Technology around the world

A8 Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Deb's flight leave? 7:45 am.

answer: (a) 7:45 am

A9 Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and I out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant? Axel, his wife and her parents.

answer: (b) Axel, his wife and her parents

A10 Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding? About 150 people.

answer: (b) About 150 people

Compound words: someone, anyone, somewhere

A1 I asked if anyone wanted an ice cream?

answer: (a) anyone

A2 Did anyone phone me when I was out?

answer: (a) anyone

A3 Your face looks horribly familiar. Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

answer: (c) somewhere

A4 She left the room without saying anything.

answer: (d) anything

A5 I have never been anywhere more beautiful than Thailand.

answer: (a) anywhere

A6 Who was at the party? Everyone. Pete, Anne, Mark, Barry, all the Pearsons, Sally Masters and Sally Bennett.

answer: (c) Everyone

A7 What would you like to eat for lunch? Anything. I don't mind.

answer: (d) Anything

A8 Where do you want to go on holiday? Anywhere with a beach. I don't care where we go as long as it's sunny and has got a nice sandy beach.

answer: (a) Anywhere

A9 I have nothing to say to you. Goodbye.

answer: (a) nothing

A10 I felt so embarrassed. I was sure that everyone was looking at me.

answer: (c) everyone

Idioms with the phrasal verb break

- A1 After years of working for a shoddy employer I was finally able to break away from that company and set up my own business.
answer: (b) break away
- A2 Nasa is currently in the process of trying to work out how to avoid any more of its spaceships from breaking up on re-entry to Earth.
answer: (d) breaking up
- A3 Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the prison were told to be on the look out for a group of criminals who recently broke out of gaol.
answer: (c) broke out
- A4 It can be very difficult for young couples to break up a marriage when there are young children involved.
answer: (d) break up
- A5 I decided to break off my relationship with my girlfriend when I found out that she was seeing someone else.
answer: (a) break off
- A6 "Be careful not to spill the yolk when you break open the egg."
answer: (c) break open
- A7 A burglar broke into my house when I was away on vacation and stole some of my electronic goods.
answer: (a) broke into
- A8 Teachers in Sydney have decided to call a snap strike next week after negotiations with the State Government over a ten per cent pay increase broke down early this morning.
answer: (b) broke down
- A9 A rebel Labour Party MP recently decided to break away from his party and become an independent member for his electorate.
answer: (b) break away
- A10 I am always very worried that my car will break down because it is already twenty years old.
answer: (d) break down

Financial and bank expressions

- A1 Can you please lend us some money until we get paid next week?
answer: (a) lend
- A2 I decided to invest in the commodities market as the interest on offer from the bank was at an all-time low.
answer: (b) interest
- A3 Many retailers in Jakarta refuse to exchange purchases unless you can show them your receipt.
answer: (b) receipt
- A4 My boss informed me that I had been nominated to make a sales pitch to one of our company's largest buyers.
answer: (a) make
- A5 I saw a very good job advertised in the newspaper this week.
answer: (d) job
- A6 My wife has a part-time job at the department store.
answer: (c) part-time
- A7 The psychiatrist gave his patient a prescription for some medicine.
answer: (c) prescription
- A8 When a fire broke out at the Louvre, at least twenty priceless paintings were destroyed, including two by Henri Matisse.
answer: (b) priceless
- A9 I must remember to fill in my tax return before the end of this week.
answer: (a) return
- A10 Can you take this money to the bank and make a deposit for me?
answer: (c) deposit

Idioms with the phrasal verb run

- A1 The Australian Labour Party doesn't currently have any politicians that would be capable of successfully running against the Prime Minister at the next federal election.
answer: (c) running against
- A2 Hillary Clinton has not ruled out running for president at the next election.
answer: (b) running for
- A3 I decided to run away with my girlfriend and get married when I found out that her parents didn't like me because of my religion.
answer: (a) run away with
- A4 My parents were very disappointed when they found out that I had run off with all their money.
answer: (a) run off with
- A5 The run down apartment block failed to attract any buyers and was taken off the market so renovations could be carried out.
answer: (d) run down
- A6 Many children try to run away from home for one reason or another at least once during their childhood.
answer: (a) run away
- A7 It's so nice to run into you again after all this time. I don't think I've seen you for at least twenty years.
answer: (b) run into
- A8 Can you please run through our marketing campaign with me one more time? I don't quite fully understand it yet.
answer: (c) run through
- A9 Our dog loves to run after the mail truck.
answer: (c) run after
- A10 My mum had a run-in with my teacher for not allowing me to go to the toilet during class.
answer: (b) run-in

Traveling Downunder: How can I immigrate to Australia?

- A1 Tourists who visit Australia without a visa will usually be refused entry into the country.
answer: (a) refused
- A2 The Australian government has decided to increase the number of visas available to skilled workers next year.
answer: (c) visas
- A3 The Australian minister for immigration has come under a lot of scrutiny lately for her department's decision to issue refugee status to boat people from Papua.
answer: (d) immigration
- A4 Newly arrived migrants must live in Australia for a period of two years before they are eligible to become permanent residents.
answer: (c) residents
- A5 There has been a sharp increase in the number of boat people traveling to Australia in the past ten years.
answer: (b) traveling
- A6 Australia is a sovereign country and therefore has the right to choose whether or not tourists are granted with visas.
answer: (d) sovereign
- A7 People with a known history of tuberculosis will automatically be disqualified from entering Australia.
answer: (d) disqualified
- A8 Australian citizens who are receiving social security benefits from the government are not permitted to sponsor tourists wanting to travel to Australia.
answer: (b) sponsor
- A9 Tourists involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution may have their visas cancelled permanently and be banned from entering Australia at any time in the future.
answer: (a) cancelled
- A10 Retirement visas do not lead to Australian permanent residency or citizenship. However people with this type of visa may stay in Australia for a long period of time.
answer: (a) lead

How to describe people: attitude expressions

- A1 My wife is always bad-tempered when she gets her period and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.
answer: (d) bad-tempered
- A2 Students at the school where I teach are so reliable. They always hand in their homework on time.
answer: (c) reliable
- A3 Glenn is so generous. He always helps out the underprivileged people in our community.
answer: (d) generous
- A4 My little sister is so timid at school that she is too afraid to ask to go to the toilet.
answer: (a) timid
- A5 Never ask Phoebe to dance while her husband is looking. He always gets so jealous of her.
answer: (a) jealous
- A6 Our new teacher is so patient. If we don't understand something, she goes over it again and again until we do.
answer: (c) patient
- A7 I think Indonesian people are so friendly. They'll always come up to you in the street and try to practice their English.
answer: (a) friendly
- A8 Barry loves to talk a lot, doesn't he? In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite as chatty as him.
answer: (c) chatty
- A9 Mary's husband is so lazy. He never helps her with any of the chores around the house.
answer: (c) lazy
- A10 Our English teacher at school is so creative. He is always coming up with new games that help make learning fun.
answer: (b) creative

Comparison with as as

- A1 Teenage girls smoke almost as much as boys in many of the villages in West Java.
answer: (d) as much as
- A2 I told my son that I would take me to the circus next week as long as he keeps his promise not to fight with his sister.
answer: (b) as long as
- A3 You need to go to the hospital as soon as possible. An erratic heartbeat can be very dangerous.
answer: (c) as soon as
- A4 Oh no! I failed all my exams last week. I'm as good as dead when my parents see my final report card.
answer: (a) as good as
- A5 I bet you don't love me as much as I love you. That would be impossible!
answer: (d) as much as
- A6 I will accept your marriage proposal as long as you promise to love me and take care of me forever.
answer: (b) as long as
- A7 Rampant corruption in Indonesia will continue to happen as long as the government continues to deny that the problem exists.
answer: (b) as long as
- A8 Many British housewives cannot understand why many British men love watching football twice as much as their women.
answer: (d) as much as
- A9 Many anti-war protesters think that the President of the United States should withdraw his troops from Iraq as soon as possible.
answer: (b) as soon as
- A10 A wise man once said that a change is almost as good as a holiday.
answer: (a) as good as

English grammar and vocabulary questions

A1 I had to keep my daughter home from school today because she had a temperature of 38 degrees.

answer: (c) temperature

A2 When we were in Bali last year we stayed at a marvelous hotel overlooking the beach.

answer: (d) stayed

A3 I usually get up six at 6.30 a.m. every morning.

answer: (c) get

A4 Good afternoon. I want to see the manager, please.

answer: (d) want to

A5 I thought Nancy said she was going to spend the weekend with her parents.

answer: (d) was going to

A6 I was wondering if you can teach me to play the violin?

answer: (b) teach

A7 Would you take this letter to the Post Office, please?

answer: (b) take

A8 I hate doing the housework — especially cleaning the windows.

answer: (b) housework

A9 I got married two years ago.

answer: (d) two

A10 I'm sorry but I haven't done my homework today.

answer: (c) done my homework

Compound words: *aftermath, afterthought, afterbirth*

- A1 After experiencing too many late afternoon "sinking spells", The Duchess of Bedford arrived upon the idea of having tea and finger food at about 5 p.m.
answer: (c) afternoon
- A2 In the aftermath of World War I the political, cultural, and social order of the world was drastically changed in many places, even outside the areas directly involved in the war.
answer: (d) aftermath
- A3 I'm not convinced that the Christian afterlife would mean much to me if I had to lie and cheat in order to attain it.
answer: (c) afterlife
- A4 It is better to halt mass murder than to clean it up afterwards.
answer: (c) afterwards
- A5 The afterbirth is delivered during the third stage of labour.
answer: (d) afterbirth
- A6 The fruity tones of this mild balanced brew produce a delightful aftertaste.
answer: (c) aftertaste
- A7 Contrary to popular opinion, Judaism does believe in an afterlife, but it is not the primary focus of the religion.
answer: (d) afterlife
- A8 We enjoyed the rest of our lunch afterwards, but I think we were both pretty taken aback by the encounter we had when we first entered the restaurant.
answer: (a) afterwards
- A9 Childcare is currently available for Kindergarten children on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
answer: (b) afternoon
- A10 The Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme commenced activities in January 2005 in the immediate aftermath of the Tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004.
answer: (d) aftermath

Idioms with the phrasal verb drop

- A1 Many parents assume that their children will drop behind in school if they spend too much time playing video games.
answer: (d) drop behind
- A2 Children who drop out of school face a high risk of sexual exploitation, hazardous labor, and living in the street.
answer: (b) drop out
- A3 It is not necessary to attend every class in order to participate, so please drop in and join the fun!
answer: (d) drop in
- A4 Students who are required to pass a test to enter the 9th grade are more likely to drop out prior to entering 10th grade.
answer: (b) drop out
- A5 A 27-year-old Canadian woman confused the weekend with a weekday and dropped off her 6-year-old at school on a Saturday.
answer: (a) dropped off
- A6 Visitors attending the annual Open House have the option of either participating in information sessions for their entire duration or dropping in on portions of the seminars based on their schedule and interest.
answer: (d) dropping in on
- A7 Special ramps for picking up and dropping off passengers are provided at the curbs of the arrival and departure floors of each terminal.
answer: (a) dropping off
- A8 Unannounced visits are usual on campus, and guests are always welcome. Friends sometimes drop in on one another, but it is mostly relatives who visit each other, and mothers who frequently meet with their daughters.
answer: (b) drop in on
- A9 Please drop in between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday November 16 for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation.
answer: (c) drop in
- A10 Senior Constable Smith asked the suspect to drop by the police station at lunch time in order to answer some questions regarding his alleged involvement in a bank robbery.
answer: (d) drop by

Idioms with the phrasal verb pass

- A1 The World Congress of Georgian Jews yesterday announced the passing away of their head rabbi.
answer: (c) passing away
- A2 Entrepreneurs have several options when it comes to passing on a family business to their children.
answer: (d) passing on
- A3 Don't pass up your opportunity to increase sales by leveraging the power of email marketing.
answer: (a) pass up
- A4 Once you pass over Prospect Street, we will be on the right hand side of the block, directly across the street from the museum.
answer: (d) pass over
- A5 If you were to pass away suddenly, your business could be tied up in probate court for several years.
answer: (c) pass away
- A6 Lawmakers shouldn't pass up the chance to regulate tobacco.
answer: (a) pass up
- A7 I can make myself pass out. I do it by taking in a deep breath and then pushing all that air down. It takes me about 15 seconds.
answer: (b) pass out
- A8 Foreign companies will have to pass round the hat to pay for the extra costs of doing business in Indonesia.
answer: (c) pass round
- A9 Approximately 27,000 — 29,000 vehicles pass through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on a daily basis.
answer: (a) pass through
- A10 The pass out game is just a preadolescent version of autoerotic asphyxia paraphilia.
answer: (b) pass out

Airport and flight travel expressions

- A1 Check-in counters are open two hours before the scheduled flight departure time.
answer: (c) departure
- A2 It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure their passport is valid for entry and they have fulfilled all immigration requirements in the country of destination.
answer: (b) passport
- A3 Passengers are required to produce appropriate identification at the check-in counter.
answer: (d) identification
- A4 Passengers are advised to be at the boarding gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.
answer: (a) boarding
- A5 If you fail to check in on time or fail to board the aircraft by the time the aircraft departs, the fare you paid will not be refunded to you for any reason whatsoever.
answer: (c) refunded
- A6 Children below age 12 will not be accepted for carriage unless they are accompanied by a person of at least 18 years of age.
answer: (c) carriage
- A7 Passengers are strongly advised not to check in valuable and fragile items as baggage.
answer: (a) advised
- A8 Passengers are required to retrieve their baggage as soon as it is available for collection at their place of destination.
answer: (b) baggage
- A9 It is the passenger's responsibility to reconfirm all outgoing flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.
answer: (d) reconfirm
- A10 Passengers must arrive at the airport sufficiently in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to permit completion of government formalities and check-in procedures.
answer: (c) arrive

Digital cameras, photography and picture vocabulary

- A1 To save battery power, your camera will enter standby mode if no operations are performed for a preset length of time.
answer: (a) battery
- A2 Pictures stored on the memory card can be printed in the same way as photos taken with a film camera.
answer: (d) memory card
- A3 When the self-timer is on, pictures are taken ten seconds after the shutter-release button is pressed.
answer: (d) self-timer
- A4 One key to cleaning the lens of your camera is not to touch it with your fingers.
answer: (c) lens
- A5 Pictures can be printed by inserting a memory card containing images into a printer or having prints made at a digital photo lab.
answer: (c) printed
- A6 The flash on your camera may not be able to light the entire subject at distances of less than 40 centimeters.
answer: (b) flash
- A7 Pictures taken with a digital camera are stored as image files.
answer: (a) image
- A8 To reduce the amount of memory each image occupies, pictures are compressed as they are saved to the memory card.
answer: (b) compressed
- A9 Pictures are stored in folders created automatically by the camera.
answer: (c) folders
- A10 If your camera fails to function as expected, you should check the troubleshooting section of your instruction manual.
answer: (c) function

Expressions with death, marriage and divorce

- A1 Her father's death came as great shock to all those who knew him.
answer: (c) death
- A2 Did you hear? James and Beth got married last week.
answer: (c) got married
- A3 Our poor old dog is dying. We've had him for fourteen years. He just sleeps all day long.
answer: (b) dying
- A4 The young girl screamed when she saw the dead body sprawled out on her living room floor.
answer: (a) dead
- A5 We had a lovely wedding in a small country church. The ceremony was presided over by our parish priest.
answer: (c) wedding
- A6 My great grandfather's body was lost at sea in a horrific boat accident yesterday. A memorial service will be held for him at the Presbyterian church next Thursday.
answer: (d) memorial service
- A7 Helen is planning to elope with Michael.
answer: (b) elope
- A8 Sterility is not adequate grounds for divorce or annulment in New Zealand.
answer: (a) annulment
- A9 Marriage ceremonies must take place between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in a room with an open door in Manitoba.
answer: (b) between
- A10 The body of my late wife was laid to rest in a beautiful cedar casket adorned with twelve dozen white roses.
answer: (a) casket

Mobile telecommunication expressions

- A1 You can receive, display, edit and/or send text messages on any network that has a roaming agreement.
answer: (b) roaming
- A2 It is imperative for drivers to exercise proper control of their vehicle at all times whilst using the mobile phone.
answer: (c) imperative
- A3 Before removing the battery from your phone, please ensure that the device is switched off and the charger is disconnected from the handset.
answer: (a) charger
- A4 You can transfer data between two cellular phones by using the infra red connection located on the front of your phone.
answer: (c) infra red
- A5 Recently dialed phone numbers, answered calls and missed calls are stored in the call log.
answer: (d) dialed
- A6 Before Internet services can be accessed on your cellular phone, you need to subscribe to your network operator to enable the relevant configuration information.
answer: (a) subscribe
- A7 Cell broadcasts allow users to receive messages on specified topics, such as traffic, and weather information from their network operator.
answer: (a) receive
- A8 The message centre number for your network provider should be preprogrammed on your SIM card.
answer: (d) provider
- A9 When you receive an MMS message on your phone, the message icon is displayed along with a tone, illumination and/or vibration.
answer: (b) icon
- A10 Some hand phones are designed to be compatible with certain multimedia messaging services.
answer: (d) compatible

Idioms with the phrasal verb pull

- A1 I was told that his chances for pulling through the surgery were slim and if he did make it, he was given little hope for the next 24 hours.
answer: (c) pulling through
- A2 "If you don't behave," my father said, "I'm going to pull over right here, and you can wait by the side of the road till we come and get you."
answer: (a) pull over
- A3 Pulling through this period has given me the confidence and courage to pursue anything I want to despite the hard times.
answer: (c) Pulling through
- A4 Children should never be allowed to play in driveways because one never knows when someone may pull in.
answer: (d) pull in
- A5 President Bush said last Saturday that pulling out of Iraq now is not an option and rejected calls by some lawmakers to start bringing U.S. troops home.
answer: (b) pulling out
- A6 The M4 dissects the Downs and the rest of the county from east to west. The noise affects a wide area either side of the motorway and can pull down real estate prices.
answer: (d) pull down
- A7 Cyclists should always remember that motorists will frequently cross the bike lane to park and pull in and out of driveways.
answer: (d) pull in
- A8 Rescue teams rushed to the site and started pulling out bodies from beneath the wreckage of the five-storied Al Ghaza hotel.
answer: (b) pulling out
- A9 If you experience a breakdown, you should pull over to the side of the road and raise the hood of your car.
answer: (a) pull over
- A10 One of the most memorable images of the war was created when U.S. troops pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Fardus Square.
answer: (d) pulled down

Idioms with the phrasal verb get

- A1 After the small talk was over, it was time for the two heads of state to get down to discussions concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.
answer: (c) get down to
- A2 My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to get around paying taxes in my own country was to set up an offshore bank account.
answer: (d) get around
- A3 The high school teacher was so strict that he would not let his students get away with any of the stunts that they tried to pull with their previous teacher.
answer: (a) get away with
- A4 Train passengers wishing to go to the football match were advised to get off the train at the next stop.
answer: (b) get off
- A5 By the time I get through with you, you will be sorry that you ever stepped foot on the face of this earth.
answer: (a) get through with
- A6 The referee instructed both captains to stop their complaining and get on with the rugby match.
answer: (b) get on with
- A7 The days when Americans can get by in the world on English only will soon be gone.
answer: (c) get by
- A8 Please mind your step when you get on the train.
answer: (d) get on
- A9 I knew that I had to get up early the next morning so I set my alarm for 4.30 a.m.
answer: (c) get up
- A10 Employees at the reinsurance company were finding it very difficult to get along with their new manager.
answer: (a) get along

Idioms with the phrasal verb go

- A1 Pakistani viewers will no longer be able to watch their favorite Bollywood movies as the government has decided that all Indian cable channels will go off the air at the end of this month.
answer: (a) go off
- A2 Would you rather go out for a picnic or a meal at a restaurant?
answer: (b) go out
- A3 The mayor has allowed vendors to go back to their old place after many of them complained of lesser income following the implementation of the night market last week.
answer: (a) go back
- A4 Rosie overslept because her alarm clock didn't go off this morning.
answer: (a) go off
- A5 The families of the seven astronauts lost aboard the space shuttle Columbia told NASA last Monday that space exploration must go on.
answer: (d) go on
- A6 Indonesia's fuel subsidies could go over 100 trillion Rupiah (\$9.6 billion) due to high prices and fuel scarcity in parts of the world's fourth most populous country, its president said on Tuesday.
answer: (b) go over
- A7 Two out of every five companies struck by disaster go out of business.
answer: (c) go out
- A8 Go over the railroad tracks, and at the traffic light, go straight. The street becomes Broad St. as you cross over Main St. Continue to the next stoplight on Broad St. and turn right onto Markham Ave. The library is the first building on the left.
answer: (b) Go over
- A9 A chiropractor who claims he can treat anyone by going back in time to when an injury occurred has attracted the attention of State regulators.
answer: (c) going back
- A10 Earlier this morning the wind was blowing at about 25 mph and the temperature was -5 F. It was way too cold to go out jogging.
answer: (c) go out

Phrasal Verbs (A to B)

A1 Sherri tries to act like Marcie all the time.

answer: (b) act like

A2 When he tried to balance his checkbook, he found that things just didn't add up.

answer: (c) add up

A3 Ken really likes Kirstie but he's too nervous to ask her out.

answer: (a) ask her out

A4 Lenny didn't back down when his superior reprimanded him.

answer: (b) back down

A5 Norman is really aggressive and sometimes he should know when to back off.

answer: (b) back off

A6 Sandy wants to learn how to drive but she must also learn how to back up so she can get in and out of parking spots easily.

answer: (a) back up

A7 No one at the office expected him to lose his temper and blow up the way he did.

answer: (c) blow up

A8 After the tragic accident, Lauren's mother had a nervous breakdown.

answer: (b) breakdown

A9 Kathy felt a little uneasy when she found out her neighbours had a break-in.

answer: (a) break-in

A10 No one in the group could believe that Sally and Steve broke up.

answer: (b) broke up

Phrasal Verbs (B to C)

A1 Marty often brought up important issues at the meetings.

answer: (b) brought up

A2 Sue felt she should brush up on her math skills before she started school.

answer: (c) brush up

A3 He could feel the back of his neck burn up when they started talking about the tragedy.

answer: (c) burn up

A4 Candace has a bad habit of butting in in front of others.

answer: (a) butting in

A5 Ken tried to butter up his teachers in order to get a good report card.

answer: (a) butter up

A6 The guard had to call off the dogs when Henry approached the locked gate.

answer: (c) call off

A7 Everyone could see by the grimace on his face that he didn't care for the meal in front of him.

answer: (b) care for

A8 He didn't catch on to new concepts easily.

answer: (a) catch on

A9 They checked into the hotel late last night.

answer: (a) checked into

A10 Due to his illness, he worked hard to catch up with his missed schoolwork.

answer: (b) catch up

Action verbs and sports expressions

A1 People have competed against each other in bowling for thousands of years.

answer: (b) competed

A2 The French probably invented tennis in about 1150.

answer: (d) invented

A3 Martina Navratilova developed into one of the world's greatest tennis players.

answer: (c) developed

A4 Michael Schumacher has dominated Formula 1 racing over the past decade.

answer: (c) dominated

A5 Helen Moody set a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.

answer: (a) set

A6 In Germany during the Middle Ages, people enjoyed bowling at village dances.

answer: (c) enjoyed

A7 Ellen Hanson earned the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.

answer: (c) earned

A8 Mary E. Outerbridge established the first tennis court in New York City in 1874.

answer: (d) established

A9 Alethea Gibson learned to play tennis on the streets of New York City.

answer: (b) learned

A10 In 1926 Suzanne Lenglen starred in the first U.S. professional tennis tour.

answer: (c) starred

English prepositions exercises

A1 Please place the umbrella stand beside the door.

answer: (b) beside

A2 You can get extra supplies from the stationery store.

answer: (b) from

A3 Eileen and Miranda have been best friends since third grade.

answer: (d) since

A4 We can do this work without any extra help.

answer: (a) without

A5 Michael stood apart from the other new students in his class.

answer: (a) apart from

A6 We ran five laps around the gym and then practiced our jump shots.

answer: (c) around

A7 During my study time, I came upon this beautiful poem.

answer: (d) upon

A8 Will you please write about John Cabot instead of Abigail Adams?

answer: (c) instead of

A9 Everyone went outside the building because of the false alarm.

answer: (a) because of

A10 The airplane flew above the storm.

answer: (b) above

this, that, these, those

A1 Look over there. That is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen.

answer: (a) That

A2 Miriam told that same joke yesterday.

answer: (c) that

A3 Matthew, take this and put it over there.

answer: (a) this

A4 Her eyes shining, the little girl pointed to that piece of candy.

answer: (a) that

A5 Those elephants are sleeping under the shade of the elm tree over there.

answer: (b) Those

A6 These are the best days of our lives.

answer: (a) These

A7 Those students at the administration office want to transfer to our school.

answer: (a) Those

A8 The pilot calmly steered us through that big cloud.

answer: (b) that

A9 That film that dad saw last week seems like an interesting movie to watch.

answer: (b) That

A10 May I buy five of those pictures hanging over there, please?

answer: (d) those

Common subordinating conjunctions

A1 Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats because it is easy to shape.

answer: (b) because

A2 I haven't spoken with Jane since she moved.

answer: (c) since

A3 Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities when the weather is bad.

answer: (a) when

A4 Please read the book while it's still available from the library.

answer: (d) while

A5 Everybody had dessert after they finished eating the main course.

answer: (d) after

A6 The pep rally won't begin until the last class of the day has ended.

answer: (a) until

A7 Elena will groom the horse in the morning so that she can ride it in the afternoon.

answer: (c) so that

A8 You will receive extra credit if you turn in your project early.

answer: (c) if

A9 The concert will end at 10.30 p.m. unless the audience insists on several encores.

answer: (b) unless

A10 When they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.

answer: (c) When

Reflexive and intensive pronouns

- A1 One person who made herself a career based on the sea was Rachel Carson.
answer: (b) herself
- A2 Deep-sea divers wear wetsuits to protect themselves under the water.
answer: (c) themselves
- A3 If you were a diver, you would buy yourself a JIM suit or helmet.
answer: (c) yourself
- A4 Divers use external air supplies to enable themselves to breathe under water.
answer: (d) themselves
- A5 Decompression sickness manifests itself with joint pain, and it can be fatal.
answer: (c) itself
- A6 Rachel Carson's first book, Under the Sea-Wind, described struggles sea creatures find themselves facing.
answer: (c) themselves
- A7 Rachel Carson's life was marked with conservation efforts that we ourselves can learn from.
answer: (a) ourselves
- A8 Rachel Carson put on a diver's helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for herself.
answer: (c) herself
- A9 The bends occurs when divers raise themselves to the top too quickly.
answer: (b) themselves
- A10 A diver must supply himself with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.
answer: (a) himself

Simple Present, Simple Past, Simple Future

A1 The candidate impressed many voters when she ran for governor last year.

answer: (b) impressed

A2 My father still buys heating oil from a company in Chicago.

answer: (a) buys

A3 Janelle will baby-sit for the neighbours next Saturday night.

answer: (c) will baby-sit

A4 When she was younger, my grandmother worked in a mortuary.

answer: (c) worked

A5 The athlete will train with the college track team next month.

answer: (c) will train

A6 The relative humidity usually falls when the temperature goes down.

answer: (a) falls

A7 Next year we will be in the eighth grade.

answer: (b) will be

A8 Her best friend lives in that apartment building over there.

answer: (b) lives

A9 Last week we delivered 150 newspapers.

answer: (b) delivered

A10 Yesterday you said you would like to learn how to knit a sweater.

answer: (a) said

Expressions with ill: ill at ease, ill-mannered

- A1 A Christian should abandon all ill will toward the person they forgive.
answer: (a) ill will
- A2 Impolite, foul-mouthed parents invariably produce ill mannered, foul-mouthed children.
answer: (c) ill mannered
- A3 The president clearly felt a little ill at ease with some of the protesters' rhetoric, but he eventually agreed to talk to them.
answer: (c) ill at ease
- A4 To end suffering completely, one must remove desire, ill will and ignorance.
answer: (a) ill will
- A5 The decision of the Sri Lankan selectors to rest Marvan Atapattu for the third test match was ill timed and dangerous.
answer: (c) ill timed
- A6 Using their ill gotten and extraordinary financial resources and insider dealing, the oligarchs gained control over much of Russia's political apparatus.
answer: (b) ill gotten
- A7 According to the Small Business Association (SBA), "Inadequate or ill timed financing is a major reason for small-business failure."
answer: (d) ill timed
- A8 Today's youth is far more disorderly and ill mannered than in the past and it is not just a minority but the vast majority.
answer: (c) ill mannered
- A9 Some immigrants of middle-eastern descent currently living in Oregon still feel ill at ease after the September 11th terrorist attacks.
answer: (b) ill at ease
- A10 The world has suffered more from the ravages of ill advised marriages than from virginity.
answer: (a) ill advised

Idioms with the prasal verb fall

- A1 David Beckham's fallout with Sir Alex Ferguson originated from his decision to stay at home and tend his ailing son rather than attend training on that particular Friday.
answer: (d) fallout with
- A2 Don't always fall back on creating another database or a workaround program because there may actually be a better business solution for the problem.
answer: (c) fall back on
- A3 Frequent binge drinkers are eight times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss a class, fall behind in schoolwork, get hurt or injured, and damage property.
answer: (b) fall behind in
- A4 Student mentors catch children before they fall through cracks.
answer: (a) fall through
- A5 The northeastern state of Assam could fall off the Indian map soon.
answer: (d) fall off
- A6 A Brussels based think tank reported that Europe is falling behind Asia in terms of education and skills.
answer: (a) falling behind
- A7 She had no family support system to fall back on, and she couldn't afford daycare.
answer: (c) fall back on
- A8 A recent survey showed that one in three house hunters have had a property purchase fall through.
answer: (a) fall through
- A9 Some married couples fall out with each other over differences of opinion on how things could or should be done.
answer: (d) fall out with
- A10 Deciduous trees send messages to leaves telling them when to fall off.
answer: (d) fall off

Idioms with the phrasal verb put

- A1 Our daily habits often force us to put up with all kinds of degrading and destructive events, all in the name of keeping things comfortable or familiar.
answer: (b) put up with
- A2 A Russian culture festival on Tajik territory has been put off indefinitely because of a local typhoid fever outbreak.
answer: (a) put off
- A3 The Government has decided to put on hold the recent Cabinet decision to cut the food subsidy bill by 30 per cent, following protests from a section of Congress.
answer: (c) put on hold
- A4 Put out your garbage at the designated pickup point by 8 a.m. on the collection days scheduled for your area.
answer: (c) Put out
- A5 It was reported that Hyundai Motor Co. will put up a car-assembly plant in the Philippines after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea forge a free trade agreement.
answer: (a) put up
- A6 Sweaters are easy to put on, comfortable, warm and above all stylish.
answer: (c) put on
- A7 The United Nations was put in charge of sorting out differences among countries offering to build a Tsunami early warning system after a flood of proposals in the wake of the Indian Ocean tragedy.
answer: (a) put in
- A8 Homeowners put out a kitchen fire last Sunday night, only to soon notice the fire was spreading inside the walls of their home.
answer: (d) put out
- A9 French soldiers decided to put on a Punch and Judy show for their American counterparts.
answer: (a) put on
- A10 A Betawi couple hoping to marry last weekend were forced to put off their wedding ceremony until law and order had been restored in the city.
answer: (c) put off

Reported commands: reported speech

A1 "Would you like to spend the weekend with us?" They invited her to spend the weekend with them.

answer: (c) invited

A2 "Could you open the window please?" She asked him to open the window.

answer: (c) asked

A3 "Go to bed immediately!" Mary's mother ordered her to go to bed immediately.

answer: (d) ordered

A4 "Don't forget to post the letter!" He reminded me to post the letter.

answer: (a) reminded

A5 "Park the car behind the van." The instructor told him to park the car behind the van.

answer: (b) told

A6 "Please, please, turn down the radio!" Mark's sister begged him to turn the radio down.

answer: (d) begged

A7 "Don't play with the matches. They're very dangerous." The teacher warned the children not to play with the matches.

answer: (c) warned

A8 "I'll give you a lift to the airport." Michelle offered to give her husband a lift to the airport.

answer: (b) offered

A9 "I won't lend you any more money." Matthew refused to lend me any more money.

answer: (c) refused

A10 The teacher said to her student: "You need to study harder." She advised him to study harder.

answer: (b) advised

Doing business: expressions with the word business

- A1 A business plan represents written documentation of the vital issues necessary to convince investors that a particular opportunity is worthy of investment.
answer: (d) business plan
- A2 Whether you are looking for a job or running a company, giving out business cards is crucial to marketing your skills or services.
answer: (b) business cards
- A3 Business class passengers have a lavatory reserved for their exclusive use.
answer: (c) Business class
- A4 The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center business hours are 8 am 5 pm Monday through Friday.
answer: (a) business hours
- A5 Today, it is rare to see a business suit worn with a waistcoat in North America, although it is still popular among conservative-minded businessmen in the rest of the world.
answer: (c) business suit
- A6 "Well here we are rapidly approaching the business end of the season."
answer: (c) business end
- A7 The Economics & Business Education Association represents teachers and lecturers of business studies and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout the UK.
answer: (b) business studies
- A8 Our businesslike attitude is reserved entirely for the way we behave at work.
answer: (d) businesslike
- A9 We offer business class e-mail services that give you superior spam and fraud protection and a custom domain name in your e-mail, all for a reasonable price.
answer: (b) business class
- A10 Data marts can be a good way to serve the data needs of a particular set of business end users, allowing specialized functions such as data cleansing, joining, formatting and transformations to be performed automatically.
answer: (c) business end

Australiana: expressions that describe life in Australia

- A1 Australia is roughly the same size as the United States with less than a tenth of the people.
answer: (c) size
- A2 In a 2003 survey conducted by the United Nations, Australia came in fourth among the best countries in the world to live based on based on income, education and life expectancy.
answer: (d) countries
- A3 Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so the seasons are opposite of those in the Northern Hemisphere.
answer: (b) seasons
- A4 Melbourne is Australia's second largest town and was recently voted the best city in the world in which to live.
answer: (c) voted
- A5 Adelaide is located in Southern Australia and is the quintessential picture of charm with its colonial architecture.
answer: (a) located
- A6 Perth is the most westerntown of Australia and holds the distinction of having more sun filled hours than most of Australia's other capital cities.
answer: (d) distinction
- A7 Perth offers an eclectic lifestyle within the breathtaking backdrop of grassy parks, towering palm trees and endless waterways.
answer: (d) lifestyle
- A8 If you're looking for a spectacular quality of life in a diverse country then Australia is well worth serious consideration.
answer: (c) quality
- A9 Whether you thrive in the fast pace of big city life or crave the tranquility of the desert, Australia is such a diverse country that you're likely to find exactly what you are seeking.
answer: (b) thrive
- A10 In a world that is often turned upside down with turmoil, Australia still paints a picture of tranquility, a laidback lifestyle and a "can-do" attitude.
answer: (a) turmoil

Facts about pizza in the US: pizza industry expressions

A1 Americans are the greatest producers and consumers of pizza in the world.

answer: (b) producers

A2 Americans eat 350 slices of pizza per second.

answer: (a) slices

A3 There are 61,269 pizzerias in the United States.

answer: (c) pizzerias

A4 Pizza is a \$30 billion per year industry.

answer: (c) industry

A5 October is national pizza month in the United States.

answer: (c) month

A6 The world's first pizzeria opened in Naples in 1830.

answer: (c) first

A7 Pizza Hut has over 12,000 restaurants throughout the world.

answer: (c) throughout

A8 Pepperoni is the pizza topping that Americans like the most.

answer: (b) topping

A9 Pizza migrated to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century.

answer: (d) migrated

A10 The popularity of pizza really exploded when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II.

answer: (b) exploded

Who wants to be a millionaire?

- A1 Many people have fantasized about winning a big prize in the lottery.
answer: (c) fantasized
- A2 For many people, their way of life is closely linked to their economic circumstances.
answer: (a) economic
- A3 Most people like the idea of not having to work.
answer: (d) idea
- A4 People who win the lottery are usually advised not to publicize their address and phone number.
answer: (d) publicize
- A5 There are many stories about people who couldn't learn how to be rich.
answer: (c) learn
- A6 A sailor from Sweden won three million dollars in the lottery and handed it to former shipmates and strangers in the street.
answer: (b) former
- A7 All over the world, lotteries create new millionaires every week.
answer: (d) create
- A8 A 45 year old cook from Sydney dropped dead three weeks after winning 10 million dollars in the lottery.
answer: (d) dropped dead
- A9 In 1989, a woman from Los Angeles won 7 million dollars in the lottery and immediately went on a spending spree.
answer: (c) spending
- A10 Many people dream about what they would do with their money if they won the lottery.
answer: (b) dream

Pablo Picasso: expressions describing the Picasso's life

A1 Pablo Picasso showed his genius from a very young age.

answer: (a) genius

A2 Picasso hated school and often refused to go unless he could take his pet with him.

answer: (d) refused

A3 Picasso's portraits of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong places.

answer: (b) portraits

A4 Picasso died of heart failure during an attack of influenza in 1973.

answer: (a) attack

A5 Picasso's work changed ideas about art around the world.

answer: (c) changed

A6 Picasso was born on October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain.

answer: (a) born

A7 Picasso grew up to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters.

answer: (a) grew up

A8 Picasso's genius as an artist was recognized by many people.

answer: (c) recognized

A9 When Picasso was 90 years old, he was honored by an exhibition at the Louvre in Paris.

answer: (c) exhibition

A10 Picasso created over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures.

answer: (d) created

Words in context: strong collocations

A1 Please take these separate lists and merge them into one document.

answer: (c) merge

A2 This pet store sells rare tropical fish and other exotic creatures.

answer: (d) exotic

A3 I guarantee that your hot temper will inevitably cause you trouble.

answer: (c) inevitably

A4 My teacher mumbled so softly that I could only vaguely understand him.

answer: (b) vaguely

A5 After the terrible tsunami our oderly lives became chaotic.

answer: (a) chaotic

A6 If the cookie recipe is complete, it will specify the ingredients you need.

answer: (c) specify

A7 Peter was the best swimmer, but ironically he lost the final of the swimming competition.

answer: (d) ironically

A8 Our final idea for the product was much better than our initial one.

answer: (d) initial

A9 After I fell down the steps, I felt unsteady and giddy.

answer: (b) giddy

A10 During our walk along the beach we noticed the shifting reflectons on the undulating surface of the water.

answer: (b) undulating

Expressions with heart: heartache, heartthrob, heartburn

- A1 Getting over a break-up is hard to do. Instead of wallowing in your heartache, try to take positive steps to put your failed relationship behind you.
answer: (c) heartache
- A2 Spanish singing heartthrob Enrique Iglesias has been forced to pull out of concerts in Hong Kong and in the Philippines because of a visa problem in Malaysia.
answer: (b) heartthrob
- A3 I feel really blessed, you know, because a lot of people who have a heart attack never get any advance warning.
answer: (a) heart attack
- A4 Nighttime heartburn not only disrupts your sleep, but it may lead to other health risks such as raising your risk of cancer or aggravating asthma.
answer: (d) heartburn
- A5 Allow me to express my heartfelt sorrow at the immense tragedy that has been perpetrated upon the American people by the wicked evildoers who were responsible for the September 11th terrorist attacks.
answer: (d) heartfelt
- A6 Palpitations are heartbeat sensations that feel like pounding or racing.
answer: (b) heartbeat
- A7 Just about everyone experiences the type of grief we call heartbreak at one time or another.
answer: (a) heartbreak
- A8 The UK has one of the highest rates of death from heart disease in the world.
answer: (d) heart disease
- A9 The Burgundy countryside is fast becoming the Islamic heartland of France.
answer: (c) heartland
- A10 Bollywood heartthrob Hrithik Roshan pointed a finger at a gang of camera-happy Indian fans gathered to watch him shooting a film on the south bank of the river Thames.
answer: (b) heartthrob

Idioms with the phrasal verb knock

- A1 I usually knock off work at about 4:00 o'clock and run to the station to catch the train to my next job.
answer: (b) knock off
- A2 England knocked off South Africa in the Singapore Sevens tournament at Singapore's National Stadium, beating them 33-14 in the semi-final yesterday.
answer: (c) knocked off
- A3 Do you want me to knock up some lunch?
answer: (b) knock up
- A4 A few months ago, James got a knock on his front door.
answer: (b) knock on
- A5 The defendant pleaded guilty to providing a group of Russians with knock-off goods.
answer: (a) knock-off
- A6 Professional boxers don't wear head gear because their intent is to knock out their opponent.
answer: (b) knock out
- A7 There wasn't much food in the cupboard, but I managed to knock up a meal for myself.
answer: (b) knock up
- A8 People who knock on their neighbor's doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it.
answer: (c) knock on
- A9 A scrum is a way of restarting a game of rugby union after an accidental infringement such as a knock on.
answer: (a) knock on
- A10 The Gulshan is a good honest curry house renowned for its ability to knock up a rather good curry.
answer: (c) knock up

Idioms and expressions with just: just about, just before

- A1 Just before the doors opened they all noticed a 5 note lying on the floor.
answer: (b) Just before
- A2 Well, I am just over 2 months in now with my new venture and business is still going strong.
answer: (b) just over
- A3 Can I get pregnant just after my period has finished?
answer: (b) just after
- A4 Jack Wheeler is just about the most interesting man I know.
answer: (c) just about
- A5 Old-fashioned toothbrushes are just as good as electric ones at reducing plaque.
answer: (c) just as
- A6 Just then the guy behind us leaned over and said, almost hysterically happy, "That's one terrific baby you've got there!"
answer: (c) Just then
- A7 President Bush thanked his hosts for a warm welcome just before addressing the 25th annual conference.
answer: (d) just before
- A8 Holmen's Board decided on Wednesday to invest in total just over \$500 in the Group's newsprint mill outside Norrkping.
answer: (c) just over
- A9 The bill that Congress has produced is monstrous in just about every way.
answer: (d) just about
- A10 Fog machines can be just the thing to get you into the partying mood.
answer: (d) just the thing

American Presidents William Jefferson Clinton

- A1 Bill Clinton, whose father passed away a few months before he was born, wanted to be President from a very early age.
answer: (c) passed away
- A2 Clinton defied his critics by surviving an array of personal scandals.
answer: (b) array
- A3 Clinton fashioned himself as a "New Democrat" and has frequently been referred to as the "Comeback Kid."
answer: (a) fashioned
- A4 In 1978, at the age of thirty-two, Bill Clinton became the youngest governor in the nation and in Arkansas history.
answer: (a) nation
- A5 As President-elect, Clinton vowed to focus on economic issues like a "laser beam," working especially to overcome the sluggish growth of the American economy.
answer: (b) sluggish
- A6 Clinton suffered two major setbacks during his administration.
answer: (c) setbacks
- A7 Clinton's partner in his political career and marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerged as a key player in his administration.
answer: (a) career
- A8 Future history books may well begin by noting that Bill Clinton was the second President to have been impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives.
answer: (c) impeached
- A9 Clinton had a significant influence on the direction of the Democratic Party.
answer: (c) direction
- A10 Clinton succeeded in brokering peace negotiations in Northern Ireland between warring Catholics and Protestants.
answer: (b) warring

Idioms with the word hard

- A1 Poor people in Australia who are hard up for cash may seek financial assistance from the Salvation Army.
answer: (b) hard up
- A2 Many small businesses just starting choose to accept cold hard cash as their only method of payment.
answer: (d) hard cash
- A3 My parents wouldn't permit me to listen to hard core heavy metal music when I was growing up.
answer: (a) hard core
- A4 Yesterday I taught my daughter how to cook a hard boiled egg for breakfast.
answer: (c) hard boiled
- A5 My former boss was so hard headed that he often refused to listen to the opinions of his subordinates.
answer: (a) hard headed
- A6 Applicants for the sales position are required to submit a hard copy of their CV by Thursday, May 17th 2006 at the latest.
answer: (b) hard copy
- A7 Many amateur tennis players find it much easier to play tennis on a hard court surface as opposed to playing on a surface that is made from grass.
answer: (b) hard court
- A8 The hard hearted dictator refused to grant clemency to his imprisoned political opponents.
answer: (a) hard hearted
- A9 Employees at the garment factory were forced to work twelve hour shifts as they were hard pressed for time to complete the order.
answer: (d) hard pressed
- A10 James needed to go to the hardware store to purchase a new door for his holiday house.
answer: (c) hardware

Compound words: head

- A1 My wife will only let me listen to classical music if I agree to wear my head phones.
answer: (b) head phones
- A2 My father lodged an insurance claim last week because he had an accident and broke one of the headlights on his car.
answer: (a) headlights
- A3 Jimmy wanted to go to the Halloween party in an Indian costume but was unable to find a head dress to complete his outfit.
answer: (c) head dress
- A4 The flight from Sydney to Singapore will take two hours longer than usual this morning as the plane is flying into a strong headwind.
answer: (c) headwind
- A5 I was very surprised to read the headlines in the newspaper this morning regarding the incarceration of our country's former president.
answer: (a) headlines
- A6 First time entrants in this years city marathon will be given a ten minute headstart over the rest of the field.
answer: (b) headstart
- A7 I was very disappointed to find out that the new car that I wanted to buy had insufficient headroom.
answer: (c) headroom
- A8 All flights out of Sydney's new airport were delayed last week due to extremely strong headwind that was blowing across the tarmac.
answer: (a) headwind
- A9 Mixing spirits and beer is not a very good idea. I usually wake up with a very bad headache the next morning.
answer: (c) headache
- A10 We were extremely upset when we arrived at the cemetery and discovered that my late grandfather's headstone had been destroyed by vandals.
answer: (b) headstone

Phrasal Verbs (C)

A1 The couple checked out of the hotel early this morning.

answer: (a) checked out

A2 Randy always tried to cheer everyone up on rainy days.

answer: (b) cheer everyone up

A3 Most of the kids at school thought he was scared and that he would chicken out of the race.

answer: (a) chicken out

A4 The supervisor asked everyone to chip in for the manager's birthday present.

answer: (c) chip in

A5 He clammed up when the police officers started to question him about the robbery.

answer: (b) clammed up

A6 He wants to come across as a mean boss so his employees will work hard for him.

answer: (b) come across

A7 Rick came down with a terrible cold this week.

answer: (c) came down with

A8 Lisa was counting on her friends to help her move.

answer: (c) counting on

A9 The new police chief is trying to crack down on the current drug problem in the city.

answer: (a) crack down

A10 Lawrence is trying to cut down on fatty foods.

answer: (a) cut down

Phrasal Verbs (D to F)

A1 The custody battle dragged on for many months.

answer: (b) dragged on

A2 The architect drew up some blueprints for you last week.

answer: (b) drew up

A3 I dropped in on my friend yesterday to surprise her.

answer: (c) dropped in

A4 Cathy dropped by her mother's house for a visit this past week.

answer: (c) dropped by

A5 Bruce dropped out of school when he was only fifteen years old and then took on a job.

answer: (b) dropped out

A6 After a lot of fuss, Rose ended up liking the new dish very much.

answer: (a) ended up

A7 The manager was so afraid the multi-million dollar deal would fall through.

answer: (c) fall through

A8 The children tried to figure out a way of getting to the concert on their own.

answer: (a) figure out

A9 Karen had to fill in for Dave while he was away on vacation.

answer: (c) fill in

A10 The couple filled out many forms before they could immigrate to England.

answer: (c) filled out

Phrasal Verbs (G to H)

A1 Rick's father and mother didn't get along with his grandparents and were always having disagreements.

answer: (b) get along

A2 They rented a car so it would be easier to get around the new city.

answer: (b) get around

A3 Lucy was so busy that she didn't get around to fixing the stereo.

answer: (b) get around to

A4 His salary is low so he's just getting by right now.

answer: (c) getting by

A5 He worked hard to get in to Berkeley this past year.

answer: (b) get in

A6 The criminal tried to get rid of the evidence quickly.

answer: (a) get rid of

A7 The students goofed off when the teacher left the room.

answer: (b) goofed off

A8 You'll need to hand in your assignments by Friday.

answer: (c) hand in

A9 Beth's father is too proud to ask for hand-outs.

answer: (c) hand-outs

A10 Laurie decided to hang up after the fourth ring.

answer: (a) hang up

Phrasal Verbs (H to L)

A1 Two men staged a hold-up at the bank across the street from us yesterday afternoon.

answer: (a) hold-up

A2 We still have to iron out the finer details about our upcoming trip to Scotland.

answer: (c) iron out

A3 Most of the service stations decided to jack up their gas prices after the gas war between them.

answer: (c) jack up

A4 Kevin jumped all over the great opportunity to be the floor manager.

answer: (a) jumped all over

A5 Even though he was exhausted, he kept going.

answer: (a) kept going

A6 Trent was kicked out of school for bad behavior.

answer: (c) kicked out

A7 Just look at that gorgeous girl — She's a knock out.

answer: (c) knock out

A8 When I hit my head on the cupboard, I almost knocked myself out.

answer: (a) knocked myself out

A9 The company was experiencing financial problems so they had to lay off fifty employees.

answer: (b) lay off

A10 Karen didn't want to leave anyone out she went over the wedding list one more time.

answer: (b) leave anyone out

Phrasal Verbs (L)

A1 Jeff felt as if he had been let down when he lost his job.

answer: (b) let down

A2 At long last the storm is starting to look like it's going to let up.

answer: (c) let up

A3 He started to look back on his life and then decided to take another trip.

answer: (a) look back on

A4 The rich family looks down on poor people in this area.

answer: (b) looks down on

A5 She started to look forward to the upcoming trip.

answer: (a) look forward to

A6 Norma promised she would look in on Cara's children while she was away on a business trip.

answer: (b) look in on

A7 The sheriff said he would look into the crime a bit more thoroughly.

answer: (c) look into

A8 You can't tell them apart — Elena looks just like her mother.

answer: (b) looks just like

A9 Before Sheila died from a long cancer battle, she asked her sister to look after her children.

answer: (b) look after

A10 Ray hadn't seen his friend in years but he decided to look him up anyway.

answer: (a) look him up

Phrasal Verbs (L to P)

A1 I hardly ever gamble but I was lucky at the casino yesterday.

answer: (a) lucky

A2 He is different so many children make fun of him.

answer: (c) make fun of

A3 The couple decided to kiss and make up after the day long argument.

answer: (c) make up

A4 Even though she squinted, she couldn't make out what he had written.

answer: (a) make out

A5 He decided to make up for his past mistakes by doing some good in his community.

answer: (b) make up for

A6 The deparment store has marked up its prices since the last time I was here.

answer: (b) marked up

A7 The items are marked down because the manager wants to make more room for the incoming spring line.

answer: (b) marked down

A8 Everyone laughed at the mix up between the twin brothers at the party.

answer: (b) mix up

A9 Billy was so tired that he was nodding off in class.

answer: (c) nodding off

A10 Her father passed away when she was just a kid.

answer: (b) passed away

Phrasal Verbs (P to R)

A1 Emily passed out when she suddenly saw the burglar enter her home.

answer: (a) passed out

A2 Ken picked out the best fruit at the supermarket.

answer: (c) picked out

A3 Steve was always trying to pick up girls at the nightclub.

answer: (b) pick up

A4 The kids pick on Trent because he is different.

answer: (a) pick on

A5 The whole community pitched in to make the playground safe and aesthetic.

answer: (b) pitched in

A6 After weeks of planning the escape, Sue finally started to believe they could pull it off.

answer: (a) pull it off

A7 Jeremy didn't want to put off the wedding any longer.

answer: (c) put off

A8 Kathleen felt like she had to put up with a lot from her family.

answer: (a) put up

A9 That store is really expensive. It's a rip off.

answer: (b) rip off

A10 If you round off the numbers, it will be easier to calculate the estimate.

answer: (c) round off

Phrasal Verbs (R to T)

A1 Heidi ran into an old friend while she was shopping last week.

answer: (c) ran into

A2 The corner store often runs out of bread near the end of the week.

answer: (b) runs out of

A3 The night before the play, the crew set up the stage.

answer: (a) set up

A4 The assembly line problem was a minor set back for the company last week.

answer: (c) set back

A5 The girl with the purple hair wants to stand out from the group.

answer: (a) stand out

A6 Bob's father taught him to be firm and to stand up for what he believes.

answer: (b) stand up

A7 People are getting tired of Seth because he always shows up late.

answer: (b) shows up

A8 The "T" in the acronym stands for Time.

answer: (c) stands for

A9 Kelly takes after her mother. They have many of the same interests.

answer: (a) takes after

A10 Leslie decided to take off early from the party.

answer: (b) take off

Phrasal Verbs (T)

A1 I decided to take up organic cooking.

answer: (a) take up

A2 Kristie was ticked off at Matt because of the things he said to her last week.

answer: (c) ticked off

A3 Marg wanted to throw out the old sofa but her husband couldn't part with it.

answer: (a) throw out

A4 Leila was feeling blue so she went shopping to try on some new outfits.

answer: (b) try on

A5 Samantha was late for the basketball try out.

answer: (a) try out

A6 Bryan tapped Pauline on her shoulder so she would turn around and see the parade approaching behind them.

answer: (c) turn around

A7 The teacher asked her students to turn in the assignments by Friday at noon.

answer: (b) turn in

A8 John tried to ask Cara out on a date but she turned him down.

answer: (c) turned him down

A9 Keira can't bear people who can't make up their minds and is turned off by procrastinators.

answer: (c) turned off

A10 Chris thinks dark hair is a real turn on.

answer: (a) turn on

Phrasal Verbs (T to W)

- A1 Kevin took down all of the information and then gave the note to his wife so she could put it into a computer file.
answer: (b) took down
- A2 Ethan asked his girlfriend to turn up the music so he could clearly hear the music they were listening to in the car.
answer: (b) turn up
- A3 Krista waited on her ill husband all day long.
answer: (a) waited on
- A4 Neil liked to wake up early on Saturdays.
answer: (b) wake up
- A5 Rayleen watched out for her little brother all the time.
answer: (a) watched out for
- A6 Chris was afraid the inexpensive tires would wear out quickly.
answer: (c) wear out
- A7 Lilly likes to work out early in the morning so that she's fit for work.
answer: (c) work out
- A8 Rob looks worn out because he's working two jobs at the moment.
answer: (c) worn out
- A9 We are getting close to wrapping up the meeting so are there any final questions or concerns?
answer: (c) wrapping up
- A10 Jim didn't have much time to write up the contract.
answer: (c) write up

Idioms about Animals

A1 Beth is so afraid of flying. I think she should stop being such a scaredy cat.

answer: (b) scaredy cat

A2 My parents had a cow when my teacher called them and told them about my poor grades.

answer: (a) had a cow

A3 Everyone told me I'd be swimming with sharks if I took that job on Wall Street.

answer: (b) swimming with sharks

A4 A little birdie told me it is your anniversary today. How many years is it now for you two?

answer: (b) little birdie

A5 During the monsoon season, it rains cats and dogs for nearly one whole month.

answer: (b) cats and dogs

A6 The suave salesman looked nice but when he told us about the 0% financing, the deal seemed a little fishy.

answer: (a) fishy

A7 Hollywood is so competitive that it seems like a dog eat dog world, doesn't it?

answer: (c) dog eat dog

A8 He's so nervous. I wish for once he'd stop being such a chicken.

answer: (c) chicken

A9 My little girl copies everything I say. She's like a little parrot.

answer: (a) parrot

A10 Everyone notices Rob's wife when she walks into a room. She's pretty and foxy.

answer: (b) foxy

Idioms about Food

- A1 Ethan's teachers told him he is the 'cream of the crop' of his graduating class. What does 'cream of the crop' mean? The best.
answer: (b) The best
- A2 His drama coach 'egged him on' so he'd go onto the stage and perform as well as he did during the rehearsals. What does "egged him on" mean? To encourage someone.
answer: (b) To encourage someone
- A3 Keira felt like tennis was 'her cup of tea.' What does 'her cup of tea' mean? That it's a perfect match for her.
answer: (b) That it's a perfect match for her
- A4 Ray was as 'cool as a cucumber' about his exam because he studied all week for it. What does 'cool as a cucumber' mean? To be very calm and relaxed about something.
answer: (c) To be very calm and relaxed about something
- A5 Everyone knew that the politician had his 'finger in the pie' of many businesses around the city. What does 'finger in the pie' mean? To be involved in something.
answer: (a) To be involved in something
- A6 Most of Kim's teachers wanted her to 'use her noodle' more when it came to exam time. What does 'use her noodle' mean? To think more.
answer: (b) To think more
- A7 "In a nutshell", the problem was caused by a faulty wire," said the experienced electrician. What does 'in a nutshell' mean? To be concise about something.
answer: (b) To be concise about something
- A8 The trial turned out to be 'a hot potato' that everyone at the table was thinking about. What does 'a hot potato' mean? A topic that is very controversial.
answer: (a) A topic that is very controversial
- A9 The king was so rich, arrogant and mean that when he was overthrown by his people, most of his subjects thought it was about time he 'ate some humble pie.' What does to 'eat humble pie' mean? To accept shame.
answer: (c) To accept shame
- A10 Mary was going through a rough time and her family felt like they had to 'walk on eggshells' around her. What does to 'walk on eggshells' mean? To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something.
answer: (c) To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something

Prepositions of Time and Date (1)

A1 I wouldn't want his shift — he has to wake up at 3 am everyday.

answer: (c) at

A2 Mandy can't wait for snow because she wants to go skiing in the winter.

answer: (a) in

A3 I don't know what time they'll be back this evening, if at all. It all depends on the road conditions today.

answer: (c) (none)

A4 We hope there won't be much snow this year but you never know.

answer: (b) (none)

A5 Last year, the weather was really bad. This year, the forecast is better.

answer: (b) (none)

A6 I have to go for a check-up next week. I go for a check-up once a year.

answer: (c) (none)

A7 I called in to make an appointment and I can see the doctor at 3 pm. Can you come with me?

answer: (c) at

A8 I'm meeting an old friend for lunch at noon. I haven't seen her for a long time.

answer: (c) at

A9 I don't have any plans for Thanksgiving Day because my entire family lives overseas.

answer: (a) for

A10 I'm going to my parents' house in Maine. What are you doing on Christmas Day?

answer: (a) on

Prepositions of Time and Date (2)

A1 Yesterday, I went shopping and found some great outfits for spring.

answer: (c) (none)

A2 The meeting is on Monday morning at 9:30 am sharp. Don't be late.

answer: (c) on

A3 My birthday is in April. Can you come to my birthday party?

answer: (c) in

A4 I love swimming in the summer months. I usually swim at an outdoor pool as much as I can and sometimes we go the lake.

answer: (c) in

A5 I'm going hiking on the weekend. Do you want to come?

answer: (b) on

A6 After our hiking trip, I'm going to be really sore on Monday morning.

answer: (c) on

A7 In three weeks, I'm going on a camping trip. We're going to a really scenic spot.

answer: (b) In

A8 The day after tomorrow, I'm going to Bora Bora. I can't wait!

answer: (c) (none)

A9 In 2002, I got a promotion and I'm hoping for another one this year.

answer: (c) In

A10 Someday, in the future, we're going to build the house of our dreams.

answer: (c) in

Prepositions of Time and Date (3)

- A1 Yesterday, we went to the Royal Alberta Museum they had some really interesting exhibits.
answer: (c) (none)
- A2 We're going to the Botanical Gardens and tomorrow, we're planning to see some more aspects this city has to offer.
answer: (b) (none)
- A3 In two weeks, the project should be complete. I hope our clients approve of the new format.
answer: (b) In
- A4 I finished a very important project two months ago. It was really intense because of the cutting edge technology we used.
answer: (b) (none)
- A5 My vacation starts on July 3. Wendy will fill in for me while I'm gone.
answer: (a) on
- A6 I like to eat breakfast in the morning but today I had to skip it because I had an early meeting with the Board of Directors.
answer: (b) in
- A7 I love going for walks in the spring everything is so fresh and beautiful.
answer: (c) in
- A8 I'm going to finish reading this great book today — it's really captivating.
answer: (c) (none)
- A9 In 2004, I'm getting a raise so we'll be able to afford more things like tropical vacations.
answer: (c) In
- A10 We're going for dinner at a great Italian restaurant tonight. It's not far from here.
answer: (a) (none)

Prepositions of Time and Date (4)

A1 In the seventeenth century, artwork in Europe was quite different from what you see today.

answer: (b) In

A2 On Valentine's Day, I'm taking my girlfriend to a wonderful spot it's really remote and romantic. I hope she likes it.

answer: (a) On

A3 One week ago, she was told she couldn't have any more time off.

answer: (b) (none)

A4 Next month, I'm expecting my family to visit from the Virgin Islands.

answer: (b) (none)

A5 On Saturday night, we went to a great movie and then had supper with the Johnsons.

answer: (b) On

A6 On Independence Day, we always go to the fair and watch the fireworks at 11 pm.

answer: (b) On

A7 On Wednesday night, I'm going to take the staff out for dinner.

answer: (c) On

A8 Tomorrow evening, we're going to have a surprise birthday party for Mitch.

answer: (a) (none)

A9 At midnight, the tradition is to sing a traditional song to ring in the New Year.

answer: (b) At

A10 In 2005, I finished my degree and now I'm working with a small accounting firm.

answer: (b) In

What Comes Next? (1)

A1 What I'll do now is up to me.

answer: (a) up to me

A2 I'm very tired so I think I'll turn in.

answer: (c) turn in

A3 It must be at least a year since you were here.

answer: (c) you were here

A4 I just don't follow a single word — I'm afraid it's all Greek to me.

answer: (d) Greek to me

A5 I'm desperate. All I need really is someone to give me a hand.

answer: (c) give me a hand

A6 I'm sorry that's not fair. It's no good blaming me.

answer: (a) blaming me

A7 As far as I'm concerned they can all go jump in the lake.

answer: (d) jump in the lake

A8 If you must talk, do it quietly I beg you.

answer: (b) I beg you

A9 Did you hear that noise? I'm sure there must be a burglar in the house.

answer: (c) a burglar in the house

A10 All I ask is that you give me just one last chance.

answer: (a) give me just one last chance

What Comes Next? (2)

A1 I can't make head nor tail of this — it's utter rubbish.

answer: (c) it's utter rubbish

A2 I don't know about you but I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.

answer: (d) I could eat a horse

A3 You don't have to shout I'm not that deaf.

answer: (b) I'm not that deaf

A4 I have tried, honestly but I just can't get through to her.

answer: (d) I just can't get through to her

A5 If I had the chances you have, I'd simply grab them.

answer: (a) I'd simply grab them

A6 If you can't get this right, then there's no hope for you.

answer: (c) there's no hope for you

A7 If the situation's that bad I suggest you sell up.

answer: (b) you sell up

A8 They realised that the police had them cornered and they gave themselves up.

answer: (a) they gave themselves up

A9 There's no rush for an answer so just take your time.

answer: (d) take your time

A10 We can safely say that the business is now concluded so that's it.

answer: (c) that's it

What Comes Next? (3)

A1 I wouldn't hesitate to accept that offer. If it were me I'd bite his hand off.

answer: (b) I'd bite his hand off

A2 There are several ways of looking at this and you'll have to choose.

answer: (c) you'll have to choose

A3 Nobody's going to call me names and get away with it.

answer: (d) get away with it

A4 You can't agree with both of them make your mind up.

answer: (b) make your mind up

A5 Don't worry about not getting enough support I'm with you all the way.

answer: (a) I'm with you all the way

A6 If you could be serious for just one moment I'd appreciate it.

answer: (c) I'd appreciate it

A7 Nobody ever got in his way he'd just walk all over them.

answer: (d) he'd just walk all over them

A8 You're not telling me you didn't laugh once I bet you did.

answer: (b) I bet you did

A9 Don't worry what other people think just take no notice of them.

answer: (d) just take no notice of them

A10 We're having a barbecue next week, will you come?

answer: (a) will you come

What Comes Next? (4)

A1 It's getting very late I'll have to hurry.

answer: (c) I'll have to hurry

A2 If we leave it any longer, we'll miss the train.

answer: (b) we'll miss the train

A3 There is a deadline, I'm afraid, so you mustn't dither.

answer: (a) so you mustn't dither

A4 We should have been there 2 hours ago, so we're well behind.

answer: (d) so we're well behind

A5 If we leave this minute, I'm sure we'll make it.

answer: (a) I'm sure we'll make it

A6 They arrived in the middle of the night because their flight was delayed.

answer: (c) because their flight was delayed

A7 As the old saying goes: He who hesitates is lost.

answer: (b) He who hesitates is lost

A8 They should have arrived by now. I wonder what has kept them.

answer: (a) what has kept them

A9 I'm being as quick as I can. Just don't bug me.

answer: (d) bug me

A10 I'm giving you your last warning. If you're not ready in five minutes, you're on your own.

answer: (b) you're on your own

What Comes Next? (5)

- A1 Do you mind repeating that? I didn't quite grasp it the first time.
answer: (d) grasp it the first time
- A2 Did you follow all that? Answer: No, my mind's a complete blank.
answer: (a) No, my mind's a complete blank
- A3 Did you get that? Answer: Well, not really. Could you run that past me once more?
answer: (b) Could you run that past me once more
- A4 I don't know about you but I can't make sense of this at all. Answer: Me too, I'm just out of my depth.
answer: (c) Me too, I'm just out of my depth
- A5 You look a little confused. Do you know what I'm on about?
answer: (a) what I'm on about
- A6 I hope it's all clear now, isn't it? Answer: No, you've lost me there.
answer: (d) you've lost me there
- A7 If you want us to follow your argument I suggest you use less complicated words.
answer: (b) use less complicated words
- A8 Promise me that at least you'll try this exercise, won't you? Answer: I'll have a go.
answer: (c) I'll have a go
- A9 What do you make of this test? Answer: It's quite beyond me.
answer: (a) beyond me
- A10 If you can't actually say the words then why don't you try singing them.
answer: (b) singing them

Quickies

A1 If you live abroad, do you live in another country?

answer: (a) in another country

A2 If you are absent are you not here?

answer: (c) not here

A3 When you accept something, do you take it?

answer: (b) take it

A4 If you have your own accommodation, do you live there?

answer: (d) live there

A5 If someone gives you an account, do you pay it?

answer: (a) pay it

A6 If you have an ache, is it unpleasant?

answer: (b) unpleasant

A7 If you want to perform in the theatre, do you want to become an actor?

answer: (c) actor

A8 If you want to get to the other side of a bridge, do you cross it?

answer: (a) cross it

A9 If it's a genuine picture, is it real?

answer: (b) real

A10 If you adjust something, do you change it?

answer: (c) change it

What comes next (the bill)

A1 This is most embarrassing. I can't pay the bill for my meal. I'm afraid I've left my wallet at home.

answer: (b) I've left my wallet at home

A2 I would be most obliged if you allow me to pay later.

answer: (c) allow me to pay later

A3 The other thing I could do is leave my watch as a deposit.

answer: (d) leave my watch as a deposit

A4 I can see by the expression on your face you don't really like the idea.

answer: (c) you don't really like the idea

A5 I could phone someone to bring me the money.

answer: (b) bring me the money

A6 I see. So what you are saying is I'm holding up your trade.

answer: (a) I'm holding up your trade

A7 Well, I did say I was sorry and I think you're being very unreasonable.

answer: (d) you're being very unreasonable

A8 You say you have no choice but to call the manager.

answer: (b) call the manager

A9 That sounds a good idea. I'm sure he'll sympathise.

answer: (c) sympathise

A10 All right, all right Mr manager. Just as you say, of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen.

answer: (a) of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen

What comes next (the letter)

A1 I know I'm a very bad letter writer but I was thinking of you the other day.

answer: (c) I was thinking of you the other day

A2 And that's what has prompted me to write this letter.

answer: (b) has prompted me to write this letter

A3 Do you remember the last time we actually met?

answer: (a) we actually met

A4 I remember it as if it was yesterday.

answer: (d) was yesterday

A5 I believe we met for lunch in an expensive restaurant and you chose the priciest item on the menu.

answer: (c) chose the priciest item on the menu

A6 And you must know why this fact has stuck in my mind.

answer: (d) has stuck in my mind

A7 I only had a a very modest dish.

answer: (c) a very modest dish

A8 This was just as well in view of what happened.

answer: (a) happened

A9 You haven't forgotten, surely?

answer: (b) surely

A10 I had to pay for you. So isn't it about time you paid me back?

answer: (c) about time you paid me back

Antonyms (1)

- A1 Lou approved of the behavior his respectful sons displayed during the church service this week. What is an antonym of approve? reject
answer: (c) reject
- A2 Nancy concurred with her boss about the new direction the company was taking. What is an antonym of concur? disagree
answer: (a) disagree
- A3 Robert's amiable mother was always trying to help people and she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis. What is an antonym of amiable? disagreeable
answer: (c) disagreeable
- A4 No one understood why Kevin decided to revoke the agreement but they went along with him anyway. What is an antonym of revoke? keep
answer: (c) keep
- A5 Environmentalists around the world fight to preserve the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations to come. What is an antonym of preserve? destroy
answer: (a) destroy
- A6 Henry hoped that his sons would someday take over his retail business and maintain a high level of customer service and satisfaction that Henry valued so much. What is an antonym of maintain? eliminate
answer: (c) eliminate
- A7 Mary's jovial uncle was always funny and she loved when he came over to visit. What is an antonym of jovial? miserable
answer: (b) miserable
- A8 Maureen usually felt down and depressed on Mondays because she never got enough sleep on the weekends. What is an antonym of depressed? cheerful
answer: (b) cheerful
- A9 Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse and/or neglect their children. What is an antonym of neglect? nurture
answer: (c) nurture
- A10 Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often yearned to see his wife and children again. What is an antonym of yearn? refuse
answer: (b) refuse

Antonyms (2)

- A1 When the plane crashed near the Arctic Circle, the survivors were able to withstand the cold and harsh elements because they met native Eskimos who taught them much-needed survival skills. What is an antonym of withstand? perish
answer: (c) perish
- A2 Melanie thought the issue at hand was not morally just and consequently she would never endorse the petition circulating throughout her neighborhood. What is an antonym of endorse? oppose
answer: (b) oppose
- A3 At the managers' meeting, the group decided against the new project as a viable option and decided on another direction to ensure success for the company's fall line. What is an antonym of viable? impractical
answer: (a) impractical
- A4 After many months of grueling work and painful injuries to her shoulder and back, Susan realized that her dream of swimming the English Channel was unattainable. What is an antonym of unattainable? realistic
answer: (c) realistic
- A5 The couple tried to converse in the busy restaurant but they couldn't hear themselves speak so they went elsewhere. What is an antonym of converse? stop talking
answer: (b) stop talking
- A6 After a grueling and busy week at work, the stillness of the pond reminded Lara of the silence she'd been searching for since Monday. What is an antonym of stillness? uproar
answer: (a) uproar
- A7 The dim lights made it hard to see so Ben squinted to make out the stranger's face in the distance. What is an antonym of dim? strong
answer: (c) strong
- A8 As the coyotes howled, Gloria and Steven found it difficult to see in the gloomy forest. What is an antonym of gloomy? bright
answer: (a) bright
- A9 The merry wedding ceremony took place outdoors. It was beautiful and picturesque! What is an antonym of picturesque? ugly
answer: (a) ugly
- A10 The graphic movie is for adults only because most of the scenes are unsuitable for children. What is an antonym of graphic? implicit
answer: (c) implicit

American English Idioms

- A1 Even though Tom was afraid of heights, he was determined to face the music so he slowly pulled himself up the ladder. What is the meaning of 'face the music'? deal with a problem or fear
answer: (a) deal with a problem or fear
- A2 Ryan hit the nail on the head when he said the government spending is outrageous and unethical. What is the meaning of 'hit the nail on the head'? to say something that is accurate
answer: (a) to say something that is accurate
- A3 The O'Riley sisters don't get along and they never see eye to eye on any issue. What is the meaning of 'see eye to eye'? to see things the same way
answer: (b) to see things the same way
- A4 I know there is a lot of biology material to cover and learn but if you want to pass the exam, you have to learn it by heart. What is the meaning of 'learn it by heart'? commit to memory
answer: (b) commit to memory
- A5 Mr. Taylor is a great mentor because he's really nice and an old hand at teaching. What is the meaning of 'an old hand'? an experienced person
answer: (b) an experienced person
- A6 The deal did not seem honest and Ron did not want to stick out his neck and risk everything until he was sure about every last detail. What is the meaning of 'stick out his neck'? to make oneself vulnerable
answer: (a) to make oneself vulnerable
- A7 The reason why Aurora is dressed to the nines is because she's got a date tonight. Doesn't she look great? What is the meaning of 'dressed to the nines'? dressed up and looking great
answer: (b) dressed up and looking great
- A8 Tommy got into real trouble at school today. He used a four-letter word in the classroom. What is the meaning of 'used a four letter word'? used bad language
answer: (b) used bad language
- A9 Ronsoon realized by putting two and two together that the salesman was trying to trick him into buying the used car. What is the meaning of 'put two and two together'? to figure out what is going on
answer: (b) to figure out what is going on
- A10 He rarely cares about anyone but himself he's always looking out for number one. What is the meaning of 'looking out for number one'? to only care about oneself
answer: (a) to only care about oneself

Confusing Words test (1)

A1 How much of an effect did World War II have on Europe?

answer: (b) effect

A2 The World War was devastating for many countries.

answer: (b) for

A3 Lynn and Mike were ecstatic about the birth of their first child this year.

answer: (a) birth

A4 Besides that, they were also happy about the purchase of their new home.

answer: (c) Besides

A5 The weather on the coast is really wet and cloudy — it rains a lot.

answer: (b) a lot

A6 The principal point is that you'll have to seek counsel about the crisis you're facing.

answer: (a) principal

A7 After a year of continual turmoil, Kevin decided to move to a place with less political upheaval.

answer: (b) less

A8 The army was led by a famous General who was known for his tactical and strategic raids.

answer: (d) who

A9 There are many poor and unfortunate people in every country around the world.

answer: (c) poor

A10 Some charity groups are working to lower the number of poor people around the world.

answer: (d) number

Confusing Words test (2)

A1 Kevin's dream of creating a perfect world is only an illusion because there is no such thing as a perfect world.

answer: (b) illusion

A2 I think Kevin's heart is in the right place because we should always strive for world peace.

answer: (c) peace

A3 On most evenings just before dusk, the farmer loves to sit on his porch and look out onto the quiet pasture.

answer: (d) quiet

A4 The farmer often says that a peaceful, natural life is the only way for him.

answer: (a) way

A5 Sometimes, there is a lot of animosity between friends. This will certainly cause those personal relationships to fail.

answer: (c) personal

A6 Tim's grandparents suffered through the Great Depression.

answer: (a) through

A7 Afterwards, they had to deal with some major and minor wars as well.

answer: (b) minor

A8 Their lifestyle is really hectic and unhealthy.

answer: (a) Their

A9 First Mandy said she wanted two pieces of candy and then she asked for three.

answer: (b) two

A10 At the scene of the crime, police officers interviewed eyewitnesses and gathered evidence.

answer: (c) scene

Confusing Words test (3)

- A1 Can you imagine what our world would be like if there weren't any cars?
answer: (a) our
- A2 The fierce wind blew all night long it was intolerable!
answer: (c) blew
- A3 Mathematics is about concepts and practice and you must learn the basics if you are going to pass your exam.
answer: (b) learn
- A4 I don't care where we go. It's up to you. I ate already.
answer: (c) already
- A5 George complimented her on her speech and she politely thanked him as she walked passed the crowd of reporters.
answer: (d) complimented
- A6 Every night after supper, Lawrence lies down on the sofa with a good book. Lawrence needs a magnifying glass to read because his sight is so bad.
answer: (b) sight
- A7 Thomas really likes the nursing home his children chose for him because his personal aide is nice and competent.
answer: (c) aide
- A8 Cindy realized the air was crisp and clean and she breathed in deeply to soak in the night's natural charm.
answer: (d) air
- A9 The little girl bawled when her mother told her she couldn't have the toy she saw in the department store.
answer: (c) bawled
- A10 After retirement, the elderly couple decided it was time to sell their large home and move into something smaller.
answer: (b) sell

Confusing Words test (4)

- A1 The Internet company billed me for the items I ordered last week.
answer: (b) billed
- A2 Karrie was tired and soon became bored with the activity her teacher assigned.
answer: (c) bored
- A3 Joy tied a knot in the ribbon so the Christmas package would look beautiful when she sent it to her parents.
answer: (a) knot
- A4 The adult falcon preys on smaller birds, mammals and reptiles.
answer: (d) preys
- A5 The rain came down all night but in the morning, the sun shone and we were able to have a beautiful and dry picnic in the afternoon.
answer: (c) rain
- A6 Dorothy carefully wrapped all of the Christmas gifts and then she filled all of the stockings with small gifts and goodies.
answer: (d) wrapped
- A7 Joey asked his father to read him a bedtime story. His favorite book is Green Eggs and Ham' by Doctor Seuss.
answer: (a) read
- A8 In each question, the students were asked to choose the right word from a multiple choice list of possibilities.
answer: (a) right
- A9 The road was long and it looked like a ribbon laid out across the hills of the prairies.
answer: (a) road
- A10 The seamstress chose a strong seam to finish off the dress she was making for her granddaughter's birthday.
answer: (c) seam

Confusing Words test (5)

- A1 The cat chased his tail until he fell over because he was so dizzy.
answer: (b) tail
- A2 The warm breeze and starry sky made that particular night the perfect setting for a romantic dinner.
answer: (d) night
- A3 As the chocolate chip cookies baked in the oven, a delicious scent filled the entire house.
answer: (b) scent
- A4 As Johnny walked up to the plate, the opposing team prayed for a strike or a foul ball.
answer: (d) foul
- A5 I can see the Pacific Ocean and many marine animals, such as seagulls, crabs and clams, from my bedroom window everyday.
answer: (a) see
- A6 Tyler knew that the team was in trouble so he tried harder than usual to strike out the batter.
answer: (d) knew
- A7 The whole affair made everyone uncomfortable. Most wished the ordeal would end very soon.
answer: (d) whole
- A8 Tom is a talented and innovative carpenter. He uses many different types of wood in his work.
answer: (a) wood
- A9 The bear was eating from a berry bush when he was suddenly startled by the scent of the approaching and unsuspecting hikers.
answer: (c) bear
- A10 Tree frogs usually soak up moisture from the dew on trees and leaves in the mornings.
answer: (c) dew

Confusing Words test (6)

- A1 The skating pair performed very well in both the short and long programs.
answer: (d) pair
- A2 I want you to choose the restaurant tonight. I always decide and I'm tired of finding new and interesting places to eat.
answer: (a) choose
- A3 Joanne told her young daughter that it is impolite to stare at people.
answer: (a) stare
- A4 Rebecca is very nervous because, later this afternoon, she has to meet with the executive vice-president of the firm.
answer: (b) meet
- A5 Thomas tried to give blood this past week but the new nurse said she couldn't draw any samples. She was unable to find a suitable vein in Thomas' arm.
answer: (b) vein
- A6 Bears' diets consist of mainly fish and berries.
answer: (b) berries
- A7 Carson felt weak and nauseous. He wondered if he got food poisoning from seafood restaurant he dined in earlier in the evening.
answer: (b) weak
- A8 In the summer months, the sun usually rises at 5 am and sets at about 9 pm.
answer: (c) sun
- A9 The bus driver was issued a new route. He thought it would be a nice change because it was in a quieter area of the city.
answer: (a) route
- A10 The heavy rain fell hard against the window pane all day long. By nightfall, the streets and sewers overflowed with excess water.
answer: (a) pane

Confusing Words test (7)

- A1 At school this week, Jonathon made his mother a beautiful gift for her birthday.
answer: (a) made
- A2 Sandra loves her drama class so she decided to audition for the lead role in the school play.
answer: (d) role
- A3 Rows of canola fields in the prairies made the whole world look like a golden blanket.
answer: (c) Rows
- A4 The Johnsons live very close to the ocean and their three daughters love to go to the beach in the summer they look forward to it every year.
answer: (b) beach
- A5 The steel factory produces much-needed products but it also pollutes the air and water supply.
answer: (b) steel
- A6 Deer are part of the elk, caribou and moose family.
answer: (a) Deer
- A7 In the South Pole, male Emperor penguins stay with their female mates' eggs until their chick hatches. They endure long periods of cold and hunger during this time.
answer: (b) male
- A8 Shelley's hair is very long. It almost touches the floor.
answer: (b) hair
- A9 Johnny looked pale and felt nauseous when he saw his father eat a raw oyster for the first time.
answer: (d) pale
- A10 Raymond is a mathematician. He just won an award for his work in the field of quantum physics.
answer: (b) won

Confusing Words test (8)

- A1 Thomas doesn't like a lot of seafood. For example, he doesn't like clams, shrimp or mussels.
answer: (d) mussels
- A2 The flight attendant walked up and down the aisle to make sure all of the passengers had enough to eat and drink on the long flight to Australia.
answer: (c) aisle
- A3 Rebecca called a plumber because she has a loud and annoying leak in the bathroom that keeps her up some nights.
answer: (d) leak
- A4 The soldier received the medal of honor for his bravery during WWII.
answer: (c) medal
- A5 Connie is self-conscious about her weight so she always wears really baggy, oversized clothing.
answer: (a) weight
- A6 During the play, the actor forgot his lines. There was a long pause in the audience until he remembered the next line and then the show continued.
answer: (d) pause
- A7 There was a huge thunderstorm in the Midwest last week. Hail stones as big as baseballs fell from the sky and damaged many vehicles and homes.
answer: (c) Hail
- A8 The successful, advertising company is not really worried about profits this fiscal year because they are doing so well. The company has a lot of international clients.
answer: (b) profits
- A9 The sole on Henry's shoe is worn so he took them to the shoe repair shop.
answer: (b) sole
- A10 Kathy bought a beautiful veil to go with her gorgeous wedding dress.
answer: (a) veil

Confusing Words test (9)

- A1 Wild boars are found in many parts of the world including North and South America, Europe and Asia.
answer: (c) boars
- A2 The Sahara desert is a very hot and dry place. However, in spite of the harsh climate, certain plants and animals continue to prosper each year.
answer: (a) desert
- A3 Paul loves to hike early in the morning because everything is so crisp and fresh at that time. The morning dew and mist makes the world look dreamy.
answer: (c) mist
- A4 Sahara, a beautiful Arabian mare, has a long and sleek mane. Her owner bathes and grooms her on a regular basis.
answer: (b) mane
- A5 The church choir sings the most beautiful hymn every Sunday. I wish I could sing that well.
answer: (a) hymn
- A6 The contractor took the couple to the site of their new home. He wanted to discuss details about the size and geographic issues they will have to address before construction can begin.
answer: (b) site
- A7 Normally, Robert likes his steak medium-rare but his wife, on the other hand, likes hers well-done.
answer: (c) steak
- A8 To improve Taylor's reading skills, Taylor's teacher told his mother that he should read his English assignments aloud at home every night.
answer: (c) aloud
- A9 Richard got his finger caught in the doorjam and it was sore for two days afterwards.
answer: (d) sore
- A10 I use rosemary, marjoram and thyme in an old-fashioned, roasted chicken recipe my mother gave me.
answer: (d) thyme

Confusing Words test (10)

- A1 The window latch broke earlier in the day. By nightfall, the wind blew harder than ever and there was a noticeable draft in the apartment.
answer: (b) draft
- A2 There is a great deli around the corner. Tom orders cornbeef on rye bread for lunch everyday.
answer: (d) rye
- A3 Jeffrey decided to take some night classes. He really enjoys the first-year English course he attends every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the college.
answer: (d) course
- A4 The sun's rays are enjoyable in the summertime. However, sunbathers should wear sunscreen in order to prevent sun burns and skin damage.
answer: (c) rays
- A5 The little boy loves to horse around and play in the backyard with his dog, Skippy.
answer: (b) boy
- A6 People should always make sure they dispose of their waste products in an environmentally friendly way.
answer: (b) waste
- A7 Tracy decided to join the Peace Corps in the fall. She wants to make a difference in the world.
answer: (c) Corps
- A8 There is a terrible flu bug going around. Everyone at work is sick and the clinics are full of patients who want to get better before Christmas.
answer: (a) flu
- A9 Dogs are not considered full-grown until they are about three-years-old.
answer: (b) grown
- A10 At the office, the telephone must ring four times before the answering machine picks up the call.
answer: (c) ring

Confusing Words test (11)

- A1 The eyewitness caught a faint glimpse of the armed robber. As a result, she couldn't identify the thief in a police line-up.
answer: (c) faint
- A2 In a court of law, every person who is accused of a crime is entitled to a fair trial.
answer: (b) fair
- A3 Larry warned his friend about the pyramid scheme. Those schemes are usually based on a tier system that is often unfair to those on the bottom.
answer: (b) tier
- A4 Every Sunday, we can hear the church bell from where we live.
answer: (d) bell
- A5 The judge set the accused's bail. It was a large amount because the crime was so violent.
answer: (c) bail
- A6 In the morning, Sally loves to eat organic cereal because it's made with oats. She feels that gives her a healthy start every day.
answer: (a) cereal
- A7 The bank across the street offered us a very good interest rate on a personal loan this month.
answer: (b) loan
- A8 Norma made a beautiful and delicious chocolate, layer cake for her grandson's birthday this weekend.
answer: (b) layer
- A9 Jennifer and Cameron went out for a candlelit dinner. Then they went to the pier to take in the romantic setting of the oceanfront property.
answer: (b) pier
- A10 The house is very large but the most impressive part of it is the vaulted ceiling.
answer: (b) ceiling

Confusing Words test (12)

- A1 In order to make the training manuals stand out, the company used specialty cardstock rather than plain paper for the front and back covers.
answer: (c) plain
- A2 Casey asked her mother to buy her a mountain bike for her 14th birthday next month.
answer: (d) buy
- A3 The affluent family had an impressive wine cellar in their mansion prior to the stock market crash.
answer: (a) cellar
- A4 Laurie loves trips to the ocean because she gets to swim in the sea as well as watch the tide come in every evening.
answer: (b) tide
- A5 Lance drew up the blueprints. He decided that the house should be about 1500 square feet when construction is complete.
answer: (c) feet
- A6 The large herd of cattle was difficult to move. The rancher used Border Collie dogs to help him round them up in the fall.
answer: (a) herd
- A7 The couple couldn't afford an elaborate honeymoon. So, on their 10th wedding anniversary, they went on a cruise in the Bahamas.
answer: (b) cruise
- A8 Every year before Christmas, there are huge sales on all kinds of Christmas wrapping paper, ornaments and decorations.
answer: (b) sales
- A9 For Christians around the world, Sunday is a holy day. In the past, many people didn't work on Sundays. Nowadays, however, a lot of people work on Sundays.
answer: (a) holy
- A10 Surrounding the estate is a huge, metal fence with a large gate in the front of the mansion. Security people and trained dogs guard the front entrance on a 24-hour basis.
answer: (a) gate

Airport Terminology (1)

- A1 Most people don't like aisle seats on airplanes. They usually prefer window seats.
answer: (b) aisle
- A2 Cindy was so frustrated with the baggage claim area because her suitcases were lost.
answer: (a) baggage claim area
- A3 Flight attendants must see everyone's boarding pass before they are allowed to get onto the plane.
answer: (c) boarding pass
- A4 With most airlines, passengers are allowed to bring one piece of carry-on luggage with them.
answer: (a) carry-on
- A5 Pilots and co-pilots usually sit and control the cockpit area of an airplane.
answer: (c) cockpit
- A6 Right before take-off, the flight attendant instructed the passengers on what to do in case of an emergency as well as where all emergency exits are located.
answer: (a) flight attendant
- A7 Ben had to run for five minutes, after his plane landed, because his connecting flight's gate was so far away.
answer: (d) gate
- A8 Bette quickly looked around for the lavatory on the plane because her little girl wasn't feeling well.
answer: (a) lavatory
- A9 Sandra had to go through the airport's metal detector in the security area three times because she had so many metal hairpins in her hair.
answer: (c) metal detector
- A10 Jack put his carry-on baggage under his seat because the overhead compartment was full.
answer: (d) overhead compartment

Bank Terminology (1)

- A1 Mandy wants to buy traveler's checks because she doesn't want to carry cash when she goes to Europe.
answer: (b) traveler's checks
- A2 Christina wants to cash her check because she needs the money right away.
answer: (c) cash
- A3 Robert bounced a check this past week. Now, he must pay two NSF charges because of it.
answer: (c) bounced
- A4 NSF (non-sufficient funds) charges are high and cause a lot of problems for people who bounce checks.
answer: (a) NSF (non-sufficient funds)
- A5 Raymond wants to check his account balance because he is afraid that there isn't enough money to cover an upcoming payment.
answer: (a) check
- A6 Every two weeks, Sandy's salary is deposited directly into her bank account. It usually goes in before midnight on Fridays.
answer: (b) deposited
- A7 Laurie has a lot of foreign currency that she wants to exchange into local currency.
answer: (b) exchange
- A8 Rose went into the bank today to open a new checking account.
answer: (c) open
- A9 In the past, all customers filled out withdrawal slips in order to withdraw funds from their accounts. Nowadays, many banks are paperless and can withdraw the funds electronically.
answer: (d) filled
- A10 Whenever customers open a new checking account, the bank allows them to order personalized checks.
answer: (d) order

Bank Terminology (2)

- A1 Ben and Jen need money to redecorate their home. So, they asked a loan officer if they qualify for a line of credit instead of a second-mortgage on their house.
answer: (b) line of credit
- A2 Nowadays, bank customers have more options. For example, they can pay their bills over the telephone or they can pay them online.
answer: (a) online
- A3 Some people rent a safety deposit box in order to keep important papers and items safe.
answer: (b) safety deposit box
- A4 Almost all customers have a debit card so they don't have to go into the bank to withdraw money. They can also use their cards to purchase goods in stores.
answer: (b) debit
- A5 Laurie has two accounts. She can transfer funds from her checking account into her savings account right over the phone.
answer: (c) transfer
- A6 Every month, Kevin reviews his bank statement in order to balance his checkbook.
answer: (d) reviews
- A7 Mary has an appointment with a loan officer because she wants to buy a new car and needs \$3000 to complete the purchase.
answer: (d) officer
- A8 Karen learned how to balance her checkbook at an early age. Her father thought it was important.
answer: (a) balance
- A9 Rose and Tom want to get approved for a mortgage because they want to buy a house this year.
answer: (c) mortgage
- A10 Normally, people get pre-approved for a mortgage before they go house shopping so they know what kind of house they can afford to buy.
answer: (a) pre-approved

Common Phrases and Responses (1)

A1 That looks heavy. Can I give you a hand with that? Sure, that would be great.

answer: (b) Sure, that would be great.

A2 Are you going to call in sick tomorrow? I think so. I don't feel well.

answer: (c) I think so. I don't feel well.

A3 Do you think we should put the meeting off until tomorrow? Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.

answer: (d) Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.

A4 Kristine's working a lot. Are you tied up this week? Yes, I'm really busy.

answer: (c) Yes, I'm really busy.

A5 This training session is difficult. I had a really hard time reading that training manual. Me too. It was very intensive.

answer: (d) Me too. It was very intensive.

A6 What's on your agenda for the holidays? I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont for Christmas.

answer: (d) I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont for Christmas.

A7 Carrie pointed out that you're having some problems adjusting to your new job. I liked my old job a lot.

answer: (c) I liked my old job a lot.

A8 Are you fed up with your job? Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.

answer: (b) Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.

A9 What are your plans for the weekend? We're going skiing in Montana.

answer: (a) We're going skiing in Montana.

A10 When did you settle on a name for the baby? Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.

answer: (b) Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.

Phrasal Verbs used with Criminal Activity

- A1 Our neighbor's home insurance went up last week because they had break-in this past month.
answer: (c) break-in
- A2 The thieves managed to get away with a lot of money. However, one-year later, they were apprehended and sentenced to 50 years in prison without the possibility of parole.
answer: (c) get away
- A3 After one-year, Ben decided to turn himself in. He couldn't live with the guilt any longer.
answer: (a) turn himself in
- A4 The bank robber managed to steal \$1000 during the intense hold up downtown. The robber was caught one week later.
answer: (b) hold up
- A5 Jamie is quite bitter lately because her last boyfriend ran off with all of her savings.
answer: (d) ran off
- A6 Gang life is very unforgiving. If the rules aren't followed, gang members will do away with people they don't like.
answer: (c) do away
- A7 After a one-hour, high-speed chase, the police finally pulled over the criminal.
answer: (b) pulled over
- A8 Terrorists often use bombs to blow up buildings and other kinds of property.
answer: (b) blow up
- A9 At first, the young couple didn't realize they were talking to dangerous criminals. Once they realized who they were, they turned them in to police.
answer: (a) turned them in
- A10 The public is outraged by the violence committed by the known criminal. They want to put him away for good.
answer: (a) put him away

Phrasal verbs and traveling

- A1 After you buy an airplane ticket, you must check in once you arrive at the airport in order to confirm the flight and get a seat on the aircraft.
answer: (b) check in
- A2 Sue is stressed out lately. I think she needs to get away for awhile. I suggested a cruise in the Bahamas.
answer: (a) get away
- A3 Sally is wondering what time her husband's plane gets in. The plane was delayed in Colorado due to a blizzard.
answer: (b) gets in
- A4 Ellie had to speed up in order to make the green light. She's usually a pretty good driver.
answer: (a) speed up
- A5 Randy was very nervous during his first flight lesson. Afterwards, he told me the best part was, at the beginning, during take off.
answer: (d) take off
- A6 The stranded crew set off for the long journey at 5 am. They needed as much natural light as they could get.
answer: (a) set off
- A7 On their way to the city, the newlyweds thought they would stop by an old hangout for a quick drink because it was on the way.
answer: (c) stop by
- A8 Helen went to Italy this spring. Before she was scheduled to leave the country, she decided to stop off in Tuscany for awhile. She hasn't returned yet because she likes it so much.
answer: (a) stop off
- A9 We drove to Canada this past summer. We had to fill up four times on the way. We got pretty good gas mileage.
answer: (c) fill up
- A10 Adriana has to hurry up because her flight is leaving in ten minutes.
answer: (d) hurry up

Common Phrases and Responses (2)

A1 Do you want to hang out tonight? Sure, let's watch movies together.

answer: (c) Sure, let's watch movies together.

A2 I have to check. Can you hold a moment? Yes, I'll hold.

answer: (a) Yes, I'll hold.

A3 Can you expand on that? Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.

answer: (b) Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.

A4 Are Cindy and Max breaking up? Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.

answer: (d) Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.

A5 When did you come across that project. Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.

answer: (b) Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.

A6 Who will give the bride away at her wedding? Her father, of course.

answer: (c) Her father, of course.

A7 Don't worry about it. You can count on me. I'd appreciate that, thanks.

answer: (b) I'd appreciate that, thanks.

A8 Did he go against his father's wishes? Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway.

answer: (a) Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway.

A9 How did you manage to come by this great job? I answered an advertisement in the paper.

answer: (d) I answered an advertisement in the paper.

A10 Did you have some friends over last night? Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by.

answer: (c) Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by.

Common Phrases and Responses (3)

A1 I picked up the basket and it came apart in my hands. If you have your receipt, you can return it.

answer: (b) If you have your receipt, you can return it.

A2 Randy's mother is amazing. She's 93 years old and still fends for herself. I know. She's very healthy.

answer: (a) I know. She's very healthy.

A3 When did Microsoft come out with a new version of that software? Last week. Isn't it great?

answer: (b) Last week. Isn't it great?

A4 If my knee starts acting up, I'll have to miss the marathon tomorrow. You should see your doctor today to make sure you're OK for the race.

answer: (d) You should see your doctor today to make sure you're OK for the race.

A5 Do you think the thunder storm will blow over soon? I hope so.

answer: (b) I hope so.

A6 What are you doing to build up your endurance for the upcoming marathon? I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day.

answer: (c) I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day.

A7 How does one o'clock sound? Sounds good. I'll meet you there.

answer: (d) Sounds good. I'll meet you there.

A8 I haven't seen you for a long time. Let's get together and catch up. I'd love to! I want to know everything.

answer: (c) I'd love to! I want to know everything.

A9 Let's sit down and hash out an agreement tomorrow. Sure, let's meet at 10 am.

answer: (a) Sure, let's meet at 10 am.

A10 I can't stand her! I don't like her either.

answer: (b) I don't like her either.

Question Tags Test (1)

A1 Laurie can come by tomorrow, can't she?

answer: (b) can't she

A2 She's from Korea, isn't she?

answer: (b) isn't she

A3 He's meeting me at 10 am, isn't he?

answer: (a) isn't he

A4 Kathy's never impolite, is she?

answer: (b) is she

A5 The children don't have to come in right now, do they?

answer: (b) do they

A6 You still want to meet with him, don't you?

answer: (c) don't you

A7 There aren't many guests here yet, are there?

answer: (c) are there

A8 We can't ask her again, can we?

answer: (c) can we

A9 The checks haven't been sent, have they?

answer: (b) have they

A10 We didn't receive many calls this month, did we?

answer: (c) did we

Confusing Words test (13)

- A1 Children often like mustard and ketchup on their hotdogs.
answer: (c) mustard
- A2 The gang didn't like Simon so, after school, they confronted him and beat him up.
answer: (b) beat
- A3 Don't worry about her. She has a mind of her own.
answer: (a) mind
- A4 The garden was made up of a lot of high hedges in perfectly planted rows. It looked like a maze from above.
answer: (c) maze
- A5 In Canada, there are many different types of wild animals including large mammals such as moose.
answer: (a) moose
- A6 There are also wild, feline creatures such as cougars and lynx.
answer: (b) lynx
- A7 Jeremy had a bad cold last week. He blew his nose all day long.
answer: (a) nose
- A8 Thomas went to church yesterday and met a really nice nun.
answer: (c) nun
- A9 Kevin was very tired and he sighed loudly when his teacher began reading the play aloud.
answer: (b) sighed
- A10 Many teachers say that you must have a lot of patience in order to teach middle school students effectively.
answer: (a) patience

Confusing Words test (14)

A1 All children love to open presents on Christmas morning.

answer: (b) presents

A2 A new animal was discovered in Laos. It looked very strange and many people didn't believe it was real at first.

answer: (c) real

A3 Sharon normally takes her film to the nearby shop to get her negatives and prints developed.

answer: (a) prints

A4 The beautiful and rare eagle soared above the mountain top. It was an outstanding sight.

answer: (c) soared

A5 After the lay-off announcement, most of the workers felt like they were in a daze. They couldn't believe they all lost their jobs.

answer: (c) daze

A6 On Saturday night, Clay and Cindy are going to watch a concert at the local auditorium. The new band received good reviews in the paper this past week.

answer: (b) band

A7 Many years ago, most working dogs were bred to perform certain tasks well.

answer: (a) bred

A8 The farmer frantically called the veterinarian when he realized his cows broke into the large grain bin. His whole herd could die because too much grain at one time is bad for cows.

answer: (b) bin

A9 While the family was camping, they heard a loud growl in the bushes. They were afraid that it might be a bear because they were camping in grizzly country.

answer: (c) grizzly

A10 You have to get your car fixed. I'm tired of driving you around!

answer: (c) have

Confusing Words test (15)

- A1 The heroine in the play had long, dark hair and beautiful eyes and she played the part very well. I think she's going to go far in her career.
answer: (a) heroine
- A2 During the tumultuous war, Isaac decided he and his family should flee their country.
answer: (b) flee
- A3 Karen bought beautiful shoes for the wedding but they didn't fit right so she got blisters on the heels of both her feet.
answer: (b) heels
- A4 Every morning, the children play together as they wait for the school bus to arrive. Sometimes, however, the weather is really bad so they huddle together in the bus shelter.
answer: (a) wait
- A5 When the weather is cold and wet, some of the children whine a lot until the school bus arrives.
answer: (c) whine
- A6 There are many kinds of frogs and toads in the world. In fact, there are more than 5,000 species.
answer: (b) toads
- A7 After the inappropriate outburst, everyone seemed tense at the meeting.
answer: (c) tense
- A8 A jogger immediately called the wildlife department on her cell phone when she saw the beached whale.
answer: (c) whale
- A9 The king was not a nice man but he did look very regal when he sat on his throne.
answer: (a) throne
- A10 The honeymooners rented the penthouse suite at the gorgeous hotel with the stunning, ocean front views.
answer: (c) suite

A Sticky Moment

- A1 Andrew was terrified on the first day in his new job and he wondered how he would stick it out.
answer: (c) out
- A2 His girlfriend advised him not to let everyone boss him around and begged him to stick up for himself.
answer: (b) up
- A3 With this in mind and for his own self-respect he was determined to stick at it.
answer: (a) at
- A4 He made a good friend that first day who advised him to stick by him and ignore what anyone said.
answer: (d) by
- A5 A sudden moment of drama occurred when a man rushed into the office and told everyone to stick their hands up.
answer: (c) up
- A6 He was rather sticking his neck out because Andrew had in fact once been a police officer.
answer: (d) out
- A7 At that precise moment Andrew thought it wasn't a very good idea to stick his oar in and interfere.
answer: (b) in
- A8 But it soon became clear to everyone that he had trained in this type of work as it stuck out a mile.
answer: (a) out
- A9 He calmly approached the gunman and told him to stick his gun away. The latter did as he was told and handed Andrew the gun.
answer: (b) away
- A10 Understandably Andrew was cheered by everyone and since that day has been stuck with a reputation for being very brave.
answer: (d) with

Confusing Words test (16)

- A1 A-frame houses are great. I love the peak at the front of the house and the vaulted ceilings on the inside.
answer: (b) peak
- A2 The teacher did not extend the essay's due date despite her students' pleas.
answer: (a) pleas
- A3 A single tear fell from her eyes when she heard about the fire.
answer: (c) tear
- A4 The left-wing government decided to take an opinion poll to find out whether or not the people agreed with the upcoming laws.
answer: (a) poll
- A5 Steven broke his big toe but doctors don't usually cast toes so he should be really careful until it heals.
answer: (b) cast
- A6 At the base of the painting, beautiful watercolors were used to depict water.
answer: (c) base
- A7 The racoon chased the little squirrel around the backyard for nearly 20 minutes.
answer: (a) chased
- A8 The bridal party met at 8 pm for the wedding rehearsal and, afterwards, for the rehearsal dinner.
answer: (b) bridal
- A9 The coral reef in Australia is beautiful. We went scuba diving and saw some of the underwater natural beauty.
answer: (b) coral
- A10 During the boring play, Isaiah began to doze off. His head fell onto his mother's shoulder.
answer: (c) doze

Confusing Words test (17)

- A1 The pedal on the little boy's bicycle needs to be replaced so he can safely ride his bike around the neighborhood.
answer: (b) pedal
- A2 Josephine told her best friend, Olivia, to seize the moment because Olivia is going to Europe this summer.
answer: (c) seize
- A3 Katherine felt like to doing something different so she decided to pierce her navel, or belly button, this week.
answer: (a) navel
- A4 Sandra loves to sit on her porch and drink coffee in the morning.
answer: (b) morning
- A5 You must mince the garlic cloves in order to use them in this recipe.
answer: (c) mince
- A6 You have to wear a coat today because it's been snowing all night long. It's so cold!
answer: (b) wear
- A7 Children, all over the world, are studying martial arts such as karate, kung-fu and tae-kwon-do.
answer: (a) martial
- A8 The shopping mall is so crowded because today is Christmas Eve.
answer: (a) mall
- A9 Don't forget to close the window. There was a terrible draft in here when I came home yesterday.
answer: (c) close
- A10 Did you read the clause in the contract? You should because it's an important section in the document.
answer: (a) clause

Confusing Words test (18)

- A1 The colonel has a lot of difficult decisions to make including whether or not he should proceed with the raid tonight.
answer: (b) colonel
- A2 We had a delicious picnic on the banks of the small creek this past weekend.
answer: (a) creek
- A3 The teacher taught the lesson on geometry yesterday so you need to get the notes from one of your peers as soon as possible.
answer: (c) taught
- A4 Scientists have uncovered many of the mysteries regarding DNA strands and genes.
answer: (b) genes
- A5 Sarah rides her Arabian horse every weekend.
answer: (b) horse
- A6 Don't forget to put the water hose away once you've finished watering the lawn.
answer: (a) hose
- A7 The inn is large and has a Victorian flavor to it. We stayed there for two days.
answer: (c) inn
- A8 Before you buy that used car, you should check with the motor vehicles department to make sure the car is free of any liens.
answer: (a) liens
- A9 I bought a small vial of scented, lavender oil yesterday.
answer: (c) vial
- A10 The painting had beautiful colors in it but the content was a little odd.
answer: (a) odd

Confusing Words test (19)

- A1 Every Christmas, the children pray for snow because they love going on sleigh rides on Christmas Eve.
answer: (b) sleigh
- A2 If you want to fight your speeding ticket, you must appear in traffic court to defend your position on the 15th of the month.
answer: (b) court
- A3 Parents are constantly reminding their children to eat all of their vegetables at supper time.
answer: (a) all
- A4 Can you please grate about a cup of cheese so we can put it on the pizza right away?
answer: (b) grate
- A5 In the past, people used lye in soap making processes. Nowadays, many people feel that it's too strong and harsh so they opt for more gentle substances.
answer: (a) lye
- A6 Flour is used as a main ingredient in many baked products.
answer: (c) Flour
- A7 If you want to make southern-fried chicken, you should use a deep fryer because you will need to use a lot of peanut oil.
answer: (b) fryer
- A8 The personnel department has interviewed many possible candidates for the job. They want to hire someone by the end of the month.
answer: (a) hire
- A9 The couple decided to go with the larger hall because they are going to have about 250 people attend their wedding reception in June.
answer: (c) hall
- A10 As the raft went down the river rapids, the guide lost an oar in the process.
answer: (c) oar

Confusing Words test (20)

- A1 The robbers were caught about an hour after the bank robbery took place.
answer: (b) caught
- A2 Every second Friday, Isaiah goes to the bank to cash his paycheck.
answer: (c) cash
- A3 Often, state governments will implement a sales tax in order to collect more funds for various reasons.
answer: (a) tax
- A4 Coffee is delicious. However, there are also many different kinds of delicious teas to choose from these days.
answer: (c) teas
- A5 I pulled the plant out of the garden because I thought it was only a weed. It turns out, it was a beneficial herb that I could have used in my cooking.
answer: (a) weed
- A6 I have to buy a spade because I want to grow a beautiful, vegetable garden this spring.
answer: (c) spade
- A7 The garden table was made of black, wrought iron. It looks great with the other outdoor furniture on the patio.
answer: (c) wrought
- A8 You will need a passport if you want to cross the border. They just changed the law this year.
answer: (a) border
- A9 After the huge feast, Tim's stomach ached because he ate so much delicious food at one time.
answer: (c) ate
- A10 I asked my husband to hold my purse while I put on my winter coat.
answer: (a) hold

Enough, a lot and too (1)

- A1 It's such a beautiful day and it's not too far so I'm going to walk to the bus stop today. Thanks for offering me a ride though.
answer: (c) too
- A2 Stuntmen are trained to do stunts that are too dangerous for people to do at home.
answer: (c) too
- A3 You seem a little cranky today. Did you get enough sleep last night?
answer: (a) enough
- A4 We love going to the beach when there aren't too many people there.
answer: (c) too
- A5 Don't worry. If you don't have enough money to close the deal on the house, I'll lend you the down payment.
answer: (a) enough
- A6 Jamie really loved the dinette set but it was too expensive so she didn't buy it.
answer: (c) too
- A7 That job is too difficult for me. Besides that, my boss is so controlling.
answer: (c) too
- A8 I don't have a lot of reports to do today so I should be home by supper time.
answer: (b) a lot
- A9 Karen was depressed so she ate a lot of chocolate this past weekend.
answer: (b) a lot
- A10 I'm exhausted because I'm really worried about finances lately. I didn't get enough sleep last night or the night before that.
answer: (a) enough

Few, a little and some (1)

A1 This meal was so good. Do you think I could have a little more beef, please?

answer: (b) little

A2 Would you like some cream in your coffee?

answer: (c) some

A3 I love Thailand. I've already been there a few times and I plan to go back this summer.

answer: (a) few

A4 I can't go right now because I still have a few orders to fill by 5 o'clock.

answer: (a) few

A5 Since I started my new job, it seems like I've got very little time to do the things I enjoy.

answer: (b) little

A6 Do you want some more potato chips? There's another bag in the cupboard if you do.

answer: (c) some

A7 I love coffee in the morning but I only take a little milk and two teaspoons of sugar in it.

answer: (b) little

A8 I need a little help with my homework. Do you have time to help me?

answer: (b) little

A9 Despite their marketing efforts, the promoters only managed to sell a few CDs for the band this past year.

answer: (a) few

A10 My boss is very particular about everything and he has very little tolerance for silly mistakes.

answer: (b) little

Today, yesterday and tomorrow (1)

A1 I love that restaurant. In fact, I'm going there tomorrow night.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A2 I saw Canadian geese flying south on my way to work yesterday morning.

answer: (b) yesterday

A3 I can fit you in tomorrow morning. Does that work for you?

answer: (c) tomorrow

A4 I don't know where Pamela is right now. I haven't seen her since yesterday.

answer: (b) yesterday

A5 My boss wants me to finish the project first thing tomorrow morning.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A6 I can't help you today but I can give you a hand tomorrow.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A7 I don't think Cora has come in yet because I haven't seen her at all today.

answer: (a) today

A8 We're celebrating our wedding anniversary today. We've been married for exactly 25 years now.

answer: (a) today

A9 When are you stopping by — today or tomorrow?

answer: (a) today

A10 It's 10 o'clock in the morning right now. Before you go home today, I need you to stop by my office. I have to speak with you immediately.

answer: (a) today

Polite Indirect Questions & Statements Test (1)

A1 I had a great time at your house this past weekend. Would you like to come to dinner this evening?

answer: (b) Would you like

A2 It seems like a lot of flights are delayed today. I wonder when flight 673 arrives.

answer: (c) I wonder

A3 I'm new to this city and I'm lost. Can you tell me where 5th street is?

answer: (b) Can you

A4 New York is such a big city. Do you happen to know where the subway station is?

answer: (a) Do you happen to know

A5 I don't know where Kevin is today. He wasn't here yesterday either.

answer: (c) I don't know

A6 I would like some change for the bus please. Thank you.

answer: (c) I would like

A7 Have you any idea where Laurie is? I've been looking for her all morning.

answer: (a) Have you

A8 We have an urgent meeting this morning. Do you know when Carrie usually arrives?

answer: (b) Do you know

A9 I don't know my way around yet. Do you think you could show me the way to the bus station?

answer: (c) Do you think you could

A10 Could you possibly repeat that please? The street noise is very loud so I didn't hear you the first time.

answer: (a) Could you possibly

Travel Arrangements Test (1)

- A1 I would like a ticket from Phoenix to New York on Friday please.
answer: (b) ticket
- A2 I need to be in Dallas on Friday. Do you have any seats left on the early flight on Friday?
answer: (c) seats
- A3 Yes, I have one seat on Friday's flight that departs at 9 am.
answer: (b) flight
- A4 Oh, my goodness! That's too early. What's the check-in time?
answer: (b) time
- A5 There's a direct flight to New York that leaves at 11:30 am. Would you like to book that seat?
answer: (a) direct
- A6 I don't want a seat in economy class. Do you have any business class seats left?
answer: (b) business
- A7 Do I need an updated passport to fly within the same country?
answer: (a) passport
- A8 No, but the flight attendant at Gate 77 will need to see your ticket and boarding pass before you can board the aircraft.
answer: (a) boarding pass
- A9 Normally, I don't check any luggage because I travel light. Is that going to be a problem?
answer: (b) check
- A10 No, that's not a problem. You're allowed one piece of carry-on luggage.
answer: (c) carry-on

Good, Well and Okay Test (1)

A1 We should strive for world peace for the good of mankind.

answer: (a) good

A2 I hope Dorothy gets away soon. I think a relaxing vacation will do her a world of good.

answer: (a) good

A3 Tom lived in Japan for 10 years. He speaks Japanese very well.

answer: (b) well

A4 You look great! That new outfit looks good on you.

answer: (a) good

A5 I know she's going through a rough time right now but I know she'll be okay in time.

answer: (c) okay

A6 You've already completed a lot of work for him. That's good enough for today.

answer: (a) good

A7 When you're training a dog, you should always use phrases such as "Good girl/boy!" to show praise for good behavior.

answer: (a) Good

A8 Hockey players must skate extremely well in order to make it to the National Hockey League.

answer: (b) well

A9 Is she going to be okay? She slipped on some ice last night and I'm worried about her.

answer: (c) okay

A10 James was upset because he didn't do very well on his chemistry exam this past week.

answer: (b) well

Irregular Verbs Test (2)

A1 I was studying when my rude neighbors interrupted me with their loud music.

answer: (b) was

A2 Samantha broke her promise so her sister doesn't trust her as much anymore.

answer: (c) broke

A3 Laura has cut her own hair for the past 15 years. It usually looks great.

answer: (a) cut

A4 I need you to drive me to work today. My car isn't running.

answer: (a) drive

A5 Carrie has a stressful job and she always has a lot of work to do on the weekends.

answer: (a) do

A6 Last year, Mrs. Simon volunteered at the local hospital. She used to bring treats for the patients on Mondays.

answer: (b) bring

A7 Rose was surprised when she stepped into the kitchen because someone had eaten all of the pies.

answer: (c) eaten

A8 Tim gave his wife a beautiful diamond ring for their 25th wedding anniversary.

answer: (b) gave

A9 I'm sorry. I'm really busy today so I have to go. I'll call you later.

answer: (a) go

A10 Raymond knows a lot about gardening and environmental issues. You should ask him about the large scale garden you want to put into your backyard.

answer: (b) knows

Irregular Verbs Test (3)

- A1 Sarah speaks Spanish really well. She lived in Mexico for 5 years.
answer: (b) speaks
- A2 Microsoft just came out with a new software program. It's on sale at that office supply store down the road.
answer: (a) came
- A3 Do you have a lot of work to do tonight? I was hoping we could go out to dinner at about 6 pm.
answer: (b) have
- A4 I just heard about the business venture. Give me some time to think about it and I'll get back to you with a decision this week.
answer: (a) heard
- A5 I held the baby until the storm passed because she wouldn't stop crying.
answer: (c) held
- A6 I know that dresser is old but I want to keep it because it belonged to my grandmother.
answer: (c) keep
- A7 Kathy learned how to change the oil in her car this past weekend.
answer: (b) learned
- A8 I made lemon chicken two weeks ago. I think I want that for supper again today.
answer: (c) made
- A9 I ran into an old friend yesterday. I haven't seen her since middle school.
answer: (c) ran
- A10 Mr. Benson said you wanted to see me. Can we meet in an hour because I'm really busy right now?
answer: (b) said

Irregular Verbs Test (4)

A1 I think you should quit your job and find a career that you enjoy.

answer: (a) think

A2 Currently, Brady swims every morning. He's in really good shape and he's very dedicated.

answer: (b) swims

A3 I cooked some fish yesterday so the whole kitchen stank like seafood for three hours.

answer: (a) stank

A4 The armed robber stole three thousand dollars from the West Valley Bank this past Monday.

answer: (c) stole

A5 David became increasingly upset because he couldn't get his point across.

answer: (b) became

A6 He began to laugh out loud when he heard the joke's punch line.

answer: (c) began

A7 Please don't bend that booklet I gave you because I want to keep it for future reference.

answer: (c) bend

A8 As soon as I bit into the sandwich I knew something was wrong. Upon further inspection, I noticed that the beef patty was undercooked.

answer: (c) bit

A9 When I cut my finger, it bled for a long time so I went to the hospital.

answer: (a) bled

A10 The wind blew and howled all night long.

answer: (b) blew

Irregular Verbs Test (5)

- A1 The two ropes were bound together so it was difficult to get them apart.
answer: (b) bound
- A2 Every year, Shirley breeds German Shepherd dogs. I always go visit her when she has a new litter of puppies.
answer: (a) breeds
- A3 My father built our home in 1990 and he designed it as well.
answer: (b) built
- A4 Thomas' workplace burned down last week. Now, he's out of a job because the owner didn't have insurance.
answer: (c) burned
- A5 My mom caught five fish on our family fishing trip last year.
answer: (a) caught
- A6 The little boy, who was scared of Santa Claus, clung to his mother's arm when he saw the man in the red suit for the first time.
answer: (b) clung
- A7 Tory slowly crept around the corner because she wanted to scare her younger brother.
answer: (a) crept
- A8 Carrie has to deal with a lot of issues at work because her boss is often dishonest and ruthless.
answer: (c) deal
- A9 My puppy dug a huge hole in the backyard last night. Today, we have to fill the hole because it doesn't look good.
answer: (c) dug
- A10 David's mother nervously watched as her young son dove into the swimming pool for the first time.
answer: (b) dove

Irregular Verbs Test (6)

A1 Timothy drew a picture for his mother at school today.

answer: (b) drew

A2 Last week, I dreamt that you lived in Europe and I came to visit you.

answer: (c) dreamt

A3 You have to drink a lot of water in this part of the country in the summer months or you could dehydrate on hot days.

answer: (a) drink

A4 The little puppy fell down when he tried to climb the stairs for the first time.

answer: (b) fell

A5 Don't forget to feed the dog. He's hungry!

answer: (a) feed

A6 I don't feel well. I think I got food-poisoning at that restaurant we went to this afternoon.

answer: (b) feel

A7 Robert and Kevin fought at school today. I don't know why. They usually get along so well.

answer: (b) fought

A8 David was beginning to get a little worried about his dwindling finances but he just found a new job yesterday. His first day is on Monday.

answer: (b) found

A9 The refugees fled the war-torn country last week. Now, there are a lot of hungry people south of the border.

answer: (c) fled

A10 Bailey flung the Frisbee into the air. Rob caught it and threw it back to her.

answer: (c) flung

Irregular Verbs Test (7)

A1 Every year, Canadian geese fly south for the winter so they must have a lot of endurance.

answer: (a) fly

A2 I know I have to get my oil changed but I forgot to do it today.

answer: (b) forgot

A3 I forgot her birthday but she readily forgave me because I told her about my busy schedule.

answer: (b) forgave

A4 All of the beautiful plants froze due to the snowstorm last night.

answer: (b) froze

A5 I like to buy whole bean coffee so I can grind the beans when I get home. It's seems to taste better that way.

answer: (b) grind

A6 I hung a beautiful, framed photograph on my living room wall this past weekend. I just love it!

answer: (b) hung

A7 Taylor loves to play hide and seek with her friends from school.

answer: (c) hide

A8 At the little league baseball game on Sunday, John hit a home run and everyone cheered.

answer: (a) hit

A9 Every night, Sarah kneels down beside her bed to pray.

answer: (c) kneels

A10 Sandra doesn't feel well so I told her to lie down for a little while.

answer: (a) lie

Irregular Verbs Test (8)

A1 Curt laid down his pencil because he was so frustrated with the difficulty of the intensive exam.

answer: (a) laid

A2 The tree frog leaped right onto my shoulder. Tree frogs are pretty docile creatures.

answer: (b) leaped

A3 The teacher led her students down the hallway and into the gymnasium.

answer: (b) led

A4 I lent my good friend \$50 this past weekend. I know he will pay me back as soon as he can.

answer: (b) lent

A5 Every time the family goes shopping, Trish lets her son push the cart in the grocery store.

answer: (c) lets

A6 It was so dark when the lights went out so my husband lit a nearby candle.

answer: (b) lit

A7 We met in France but now we live in Florida.

answer: (b) met

A8 Karen misspelled one word in the spelling bee last week but her teacher still wants to nominate her for the state competition next month.

answer: (b) misspelled

A9 I mistook Gina for her sister at the wedding. They look like twins sometimes.

answer: (b) mistook

A10 My husband mowed the lawn today. I'm so happy because it looks clean and manicured now.

answer: (b) mowed

Irregular Verbs Test (9)

- A1 I lost my purse in San Francisco last year. I had to cancel all of my credit cards. It was such a hassle!
answer: (b) lost
- A2 Tim had a lot of hurdles to overcome throughout his childhood because he used to get a lot of seizures. He has epilepsy.
answer: (a) overcome
- A3 I like most of the re-decorating Sally did in her house. But, I think she overdid it because it looks cluttered.
answer: (b) overdid
- A4 A few government officials plan to overthrow the current leader and system.
answer: (a) overthrow
- A5 People can now pay for their gasoline right at the pump with their credit or debit cards in California. It's a very convenient system.
answer: (a) pay
- A6 Sue pled her case at the hearing. Now, she must wait for a decision.
answer: (b) pled
- A7 The defense lawyer must prove that the defendant didn't commit the violent crime.
answer: (a) prove
- A8 I have to go downtown today anyway. Why don't you ride with me?
answer: (a) ride
- A9 The phone rang in the middle of the night so Ron jumped out of bed to answer it.
answer: (b) rang
- A10 I left my house at 5 am yesterday because I wanted to watch the sun rise.
answer: (a) rise

Irregular Verbs Test (10)

- A1 I saw a great movie on Friday night. I think it's still playing at the movie theater. You should go see it soon.
answer: (b) saw
- A2 James seeks adventure in his life so he's never satisfied with regular activities.
answer: (a) seeks
- A3 My husband and I sold our dining room set and with the money, we bought another one that suits our style more.
answer: (b) sold
- A4 I sent my mother a birthday package. I hope it arrives on time.
answer: (b) sent
- A5 I like to sew. Last month, I made those beautiful drapes in the bedroom.
answer: (a) sew
- A6 The wind was fierce last night. It shook the entire house and blew down some trees outside.
answer: (b) shook
- A7 Ken shaves his face every other day.
answer: (b) shaves
- A8 The farmer must shear his flock twice a year.
answer: (a) shear
- A9 My dog usually sheds her winter coat in the spring. During that time, I have to brush her twice or three times a day.
answer: (b) sheds
- A10 In Mediterranean countries, the sun shines all day long in the summer and it rains in the winter.
answer: (b) shines

Irregular Verbs Test (11)

A1 Thomas regularly shoots targets at the nearby firing range.

answer: (b) shoots

A2 Frank showed me his garden. He spends a lot of time outdoors.

answer: (b) showed

A3 The little puppy looked like he was shrinking when his owner scolded him for chewing the red slippers.

answer: (c) shrinking

A4 Currently, Sam sings in the church choir. He's really good.

answer: (b) sings

A5 On his first day of school, Ben sat in the middle row.

answer: (b) sat

A6 I slept for 12 hours yesterday. I was exhausted!

answer: (c) slept

A7 The hero in the children's story slew the horrible dragon.

answer: (b) slew

A8 The farmer decided to sow five acres of barley this year.

answer: (c) sow

A9 We went tobogganing at Christmas time. My children slid down the hills, over and over again, in wonderment. I like it when they're happy.

answer: (c) slid

A10 The soldier slung the heavy backpack over his shoulder.

answer: (b) slung

Irregular Verbs Test (12)

- A1 The large vessel sank in the Atlantic Ocean more than 200 years ago.
answer: (c) sank
- A2 Henry sped around the whole course in the golf cart we rented last week.
answer: (b) sped
- A3 We spent too much money when we went to Hawaii last year. This year, we're going to the Napa Valley.
answer: (c) spent
- A4 Christie spilled her milk all over the kitchen table. She's very clumsy sometimes.
answer: (c) spilled
- A5 Samuel is very stressed out. His head is spinning because he has to make so many serious decisions within a short amount of time.
answer: (c) spinning
- A6 Yesterday, Carrie spat out her peas when she tried them for the first time. She's a very picky eater.
answer: (b) spat
- A7 The little frog sprung from the pond at once. He scared us all at first.
answer: (b) sprung
- A8 Mrs. Montgomery told Shawn to stand in the corner. She didn't approve of his behavior in class that day.
answer: (a) stand
- A9 I know it's hard but you have to stick with it. You'll graduate soon.
answer: (a) stick
- A10 I got stung by a bee last summer. It hurt a lot.
answer: (b) stung

Irregular Verbs Test (13)

A1 Jason strode into the room with ease. He feels very comfortable in front of large groups.

answer: (b) strode

A2 Randy struck out at the baseball game last night. He's still angry about it!

answer: (b) struck

A3 Most people strive for success but they must remember to do what they enjoy as well.

answer: (a) strive

A4 Johnny swore that he'd never steal again.

answer: (b) swore

A5 Yesterday, I swept my entire house. I also did the dishes and washed the floors.

answer: (b) swept

A6 After I accidentally slammed my finger in the car door, it swelled up and turned blue.

answer: (b) swelled

A7 He swung the baseball bat as hard as he could but he still missed the fast ball.

answer: (b) swung

A8 This year, Mrs. Switzer will teach high school mathematics. She's really nice and smart.

answer: (b) teach

A9 I usually tear up my old bills and other financial information before I put them into the garbage can. I'm going to buy a paper shredder in the near future.

answer: (a) tear

A10 Bailey told me a secret. I won't tell anyone about it because it's quite serious.

answer: (b) told

Irregular Verbs Test (14)

A1 Cactus and succulents thrive in dry, hot climates.

answer: (a) thrive

A2 Every time I get the mail, I throw away junk mail. It's such a waste of paper.

answer: (a) throw

A3 The teachers at your school must uphold the rules set out by the state.

answer: (a) uphold

A4 I woke up late today. I was so tired.

answer: (b) woke

A5 My grandmother wove the wool for a beautiful blanket that she knitted by hand. I still have it today.

answer: (b) wove

A6 At the wedding, the mother of the bride wept because she was so happy for her daughter.

answer: (c) wept

A7 Our hometown football team just won the final game of the season!

answer: (b) won

A8 David withheld information during the criminal investigation. So, the police charged him as well.

answer: (b) withheld

A9 Some animals have to withstand harsh weather conditions in northern Canada.

answer: (a) withstand

A10 You have to wring the water out of those wet clothes before you hang them up to dry.

answer: (a) wring

Irregular Verbs Test (15)

A1 Matt slowly trod across the diving board and peered into the water below.

answer: (a) trod

A2 Kathy wound the garden hose around the existing wheel and then put it into the shed.

answer: (b) wound

A3 Many trees in California bear fruit in the summer and autumn months. There is also a lot of year-round gardening that takes place.

answer: (a) bear

A4 Jack's mother forbids him to go to the store alone. She will allow him to go when he's ten years old.

answer: (a) forbids

A5 Due to her terrible actions last month, Karen's friends have forsaken her. They won't even take her calls anymore.

answer: (c) forsaken

A6 The football game on Sunday is very important so the boys are nervous because they don't want to lose.

answer: (a) lose

A7 Susan is competitive and she means to win the swimming competition next week.

answer: (b) means

A8 In the long-distance race yesterday, the second runner overtook the leader at the last minute and won the competition.

answer: (b) overtook

A9 In the dark ages, areas in Europe were smitten by horrible and tragic diseases.

answer: (c) smitten

A10 Vienna can't string her thoughts together in front of large groups because she gets really nervous.

answer: (a) string

Eating Idioms

- A1 I could eat a horse — means: I am very hungry.
answer: (c) am very hungry
- A2 You'll have to eat your words, I'm afraid — means: You'll have to apologise for what you said.
answer: (d) apologise for what you said
- A3 You can't have your cake and eat it — means: You can't have everything you want.
answer: (b) have everything you want
- A4 Well, I'll eat my hat! — means: I don't believe it.
answer: (c) believe it
- A5 You'll have to eat humble pie — means: You'll have to admit your're wrong.
answer: (a) admit your're wrong
- A6 What's eating you? — means: What's making you irritable?
answer: (d) irritable
- A7 He's eating his heart out for his ex-girlfriend — means: He wishes he could be back with his ex-girlfriend.
answer: (a) he could be back with his ex-girlfriend
- A8 She had them all eating out of her hand — means: She was able to charm them all.
answer: (b) charm them all
- A9 It's a dog eat dog environment — means: It's an environment where everyone is very competitive with one another.
answer: (d) everyone is very competitive with one another
- A10 We're going to eat out tonight — means: We're going to eat in a restaurant tonight.
answer: (c) a restaurant tonight

Literary Terms (1)

A1 When a writer says one thing but actually means or signifies the opposite, it's called irony.

answer: (a) irony

A2 A funny piece of writing that usually makes fun of foolish or evil behavior is called a satire.

answer: (b) satire

A3 When a writer makes something out to be more than it is, it's called an exaggeration.

answer: (a) exaggeration

A4 Jonathon was like an eager puppy — always willing to have fun and make people smile. This phrase is an example of a simile.

answer: (b) simile

A5 "Her heart erupted with mounds of scorching anguish when she recalled the incident" is an example of a metaphor.

answer: (b) metaphor

A6 The sequence of events or actions that take place in a story is called the plot.

answer: (a) plot

A7 The look or appearance, with regard to time and place, of a story is called the setting.

answer: (a) setting

A8 An idea or saying that has been overused is called a cliche.

answer: (a) cliché

A9 The narrator tells the story to the readers.

answer: (a) narrator

A10 In a story, a person, place or thing that stands for or represents an idea or concept is a symbol.

answer: (a) symbol

Literary Terms (2)

A1 A(n) autobiography is a story where a person writes about themselves and their own life story.

answer: (b) autobiography

A2 When someone writes another person's life story, the written work is called a(n) biography.

answer: (a) biography

A3 When an editor or journalist writes a personal opinion about an event or idea, the column is called a(n) editorial.

answer: (b) editorial

A4 A piece of writing that is supposed to be read aloud for others to hear is called a speech.

answer: (b) speech

A5 The genre of a piece of literature is described as the kind or type of literature it is.

answer: (a) genre

A6 A news story usually covers the facts of an event that have taken place in society.

answer: (a) news

A7 A non-fictional movie or book is based on real events or ideas that have taken place in history.

answer: (a) non-fictional

A8 The main idea of any piece of writing is called the theme.

answer: (a) theme

A9 The writer or author of a play is called a playwright.

answer: (b) playwright

A10 A writer's manner or way of writing is called his/her style.

answer: (b) style

Literary Terms (3)

- A1 A play or movie that is supposed to make us laugh and does not have a tragic ending is called a comedy.
answer: (a) comedy
- A2 The writer or author of a poem is called a poet.
answer: (c) poet
- A3 A technique that involves clues that a writer gives his/her readers about what will happen later on in a novel or in a short story is known as foreshadowing.
answer: (b) foreshadowing
- A4 A technique used in literature that evokes or stimulates the senses such as hearing, seeing and smelling is known as imagery.
answer: (a) imagery
- A5 When a writer uses words to give animals human characteristics and qualities, the technique is called personification.
answer: (b) personification
- A6 A person who writes novels is called a novelist.
answer: (a) novelist
- A7 The dialogue in a play, novel or short story consists of the conversations that the characters have with one another.
answer: (a) dialogue
- A8 Writing that is created for entertainment purposes and that is imaginative is called fiction.
answer: (c) fiction
- A9 A person who gathers facts, interviews people and writes articles about the news for the public is called a journalist.
answer: (c) journalist
- A10 The moral of a story is an important message that the readers are supposed to receive and understand.
answer: (b) moral

Literary Terms (4)

A1 Science fiction is a type of fictional literature that deals with places and events that don't and can't exist in the world as we know it.

answer: (a) Science fiction

A2 Realistic drama is writing that tries to deal with and describe real life situations.

answer: (b) Realistic drama

A3 A diary is a personal record or journal about the writer's intimate feelings and opinions.

answer: (b) diary

A4 A folktale is a story that is passed down from one generation to the next.

answer: (c) folktale

A5 An author who writes funny stories is called a humorist.

answer: (b) humorist

A6 A pen name is a false or fictional name that writer uses instead of his/her real name.

answer: (a) pen name

A7 A turning point story is about an experience or event that changes a character's life in a significant way.

answer: (a) turning point

A8 The protagonist is the main character in a story, play etc.

answer: (b) protagonist

A9 The antagonist is a character who struggles with or works against the main character in a story, play etc.

answer: (a) antagonist

A10 In a detective story, the main character solves some sort of crime that was committed.

answer: (a) detective

When do you say this?

- A1 I say: "Are you all right?" when I am concerned about someone.
answer: (a) concerned about someone
- A2 I say "I am fed up" when I have had enough.
answer: (c) have had enough
- A3 I say "I could eat a horse" when I am hungry.
answer: (b) hungry
- A4 I say "I haven't a clue" when I understand nothing.
answer: (b) understand nothing
- A5 I say "I've got to go now" when I am late.
answer: (c) late
- A6 I say "My feet are killing me" when I have walked a lot.
answer: (a) walked a lot
- A7 I say "You can count on me" when I support someone.
answer: (b) support someone
- A8 I say "They lost" when I tell someone the result.
answer: (c) result
- A9 I say "Your lips must be sealed" when I want someone to keep a secret.
answer: (b) want someone to keep a secret
- A10 I say "I haven't a minute to spare" when I am very busy.
answer: (c) am very busy

Reaching agreement

- A1 Some people always like to agree with everyone because they can always see the other person's point of view.
answer: (c) point
- A2 For them it's very difficult to decide and make their minds up at times like general elections.
answer: (d) minds
- A3 They listen to one speaker and then to another and they never know who to vote for when the election time comes around.
answer: (a) vote
- A4 The difficulty is that they always agree with the person they've last listened to and for them that is a real difficulty.
answer: (c) difficulty
- A5 You see, they watch one political party on TV and believe they are reasonable and talk sensibly but then they watch another party and they seem reasonable, too.
answer: (b) sensibly
- A6 We have a word for these people and call them floating voters because their views are always in the air.
answer: (d) floating
- A7 Of course once you are inside the building where you have to put your cross against the name of the candidate you choose, there is no time to dither or hesitate.
answer: (a) dither
- A8 Sometimes the politicians we elect, all have to agree and make very serious decisions as it could be a matter of life or death.
answer: (b) life
- A9 Fortunately for most of us such a situation doesn't happen often and so the problem doesn't arise.
answer: (c) arise
- A10 Probably the easiest solution if you can't agree on one thing or another is to throw a coin in the air and see which side it lands on.
answer: (a) throw

The holiday of a lifetime

- A1 Sue had been saving up her money for a long time because she wanted to go on a round the world cruise.
answer: (c) up
- A2 This had been a dream of hers since she was a child.
answer: (a) hers
- A3 And now at it was a reality and her dream was about to be fulfilled.
answer: (b) fulfilled
- A4 She had paid a deposit, a sum of money that would guarantee her cabin on the cruise.
answer: (d) deposit
- A5 She had also decided that she would buy herself some new luggage, a set of cases that cost a lot of money.
answer: (b) set
- A6 But she didn't really care how much she paid because she simply wasn't bothered about the expense.
answer: (c) bothered
- A7 After all as far as she was concerned the cruise was going to be a journey of a lifetime.
answer: (a) lifetime
- A8 The night before the start of her holiday she spent the night in a luxurious hotel very near the airport.
answer: (b) spent
- A9 She didn't sleep very well, not because of the noise of the planes, since the airport seemed very quiet, but because she was so excited at the thought of the cruise.
answer: (d) excited
- A10 It was only when she had finished her breakfast that she realised why the airport had seemed so quiet- everyone had stopped work and gone on strike!
answer: (d) strike

If memory serves me right

A1 Mary: Why are you looking so worried?

answer: (d) looking

A2 Pete: I'm not really worried. It's just that for ages I've been trying to remember the name of that actor in the first ever colour film.

answer: (b) ages

A3 Mary: Do you know what the film was called?

answer: (c) called

A4 Pete: No, that's just it. It's completely gone out of my head.

answer: (a) head

A5 Mary: At least tell me what the actor looked like.

answer: (d) like

A6 Pete: Well, he was tall and spoke with a very English accent.

answer: (c) accent

A7 Mary: When was the film actually made?

answer: (b) made

A8 Pete: It must have been some time in 1947, I'm sure of that.

answer: (c) must

A9 Mary: Why are you so keen to find out who it was?

answer: (a) out

A10 Pete: To tell you the truth, I've forgotten that, too!

answer: (d) truth

My computer and me

A1 I just don't get on with computers at all.

answer: (b) at

A2 They always go wrong with me and break down.

answer: (c) wrong

A3 As a result of this I find I have to call up experts to come and help me.

answer: (d) up

A4 When they come to my house, these experts, they show me what I should do.

answer: (a) should

A5 As I watch them, everything becomes very clear and I understand everything.

answer: (b) clear

A6 The trouble is that as soon as they leave, I tend to forget everything they have told me.

answer: (c) forget

A7 The best piece of advice someone told me to do when the computer doesn't work was to turn the computer off, have a cup of coffee and then turn it on again.

answer: (d) advice

A8 The first time I tried this, everything was fine for five minutes and then it stopped working again.

answer: (a) tried

A9 I have now bought a new computer which is perfect because it's very small and so doesn't take up much room.

answer: (c) room

A10 It looks very smart and modern but I do have one major problem and that's because I don't know how to switch it on.

answer: (b) major

Work and job expressions

- A1 The one day that most people hate is Monday because that's when they have to go back to their place of work.
answer: (c) place
- A2 The one day that many people love is Friday because that is when they can think about their time off at the weekend.
answer: (b) off
- A3 Usually Saturday and Sunday just fly by more quickly than the other 5 days of the week.
answer: (b) fly
- A4 But then what would happen to us if we didn't do any work?
answer: (a) happen
- A5 In the first place we'd have no money to buy food and we'd probably starve.
answer: (c) starve
- A6 Mind you it could be a way of losing weight and becoming slimmer.
answer: (b) losing
- A7 But in the end we would probably find that doing nothing all day could be very uninteresting and boring.
answer: (a) boring
- A8 So let's not complain too much about it because we simply have to accept it as a necessary fact of life.
answer: (d) necessary
- A9 Just remember and never forget that some people aren't able to work even when they want to.
answer: (b) forget
- A10 One way is to pretend, even if it's not true, and tell yourself that the new name for Monday is Friday!
answer: (d) pretend

Newspaper Headlines

- A1 Some people only read the head lines in a newspaper.
answer: (d) head
- A2 You should always check the sell by date of things you buy in the supermarket.
answer: (c) by
- A3 When the building was completed, all the workers were paid off.
answer: (a) off
- A4 The boss was good enough to overlook my mistake.
answer: (d) overlook
- A5 It is always embarrassing when you misunderstand the customs of other countries.
answer: (a) embarrassing
- A6 Newspapers are delivered to people's doors every day.
answer: (c) delivered
- A7 In her speech she expressed her gratitude for all the help she had been given.
answer: (b) gratitude
- A8 In short nothing much happened at the meeting.
answer: (c) short
- A9 At the end of the speech the whole assembly gave the speakers a standing ovation.
answer: (a) ovation
- A10 Politicians pretend to ignore opinion polls.
answer: (d) polls

Learning tips and instructions

- A1 Start reading the story from page 4 and then go on until you reach the end of the chapter.
answer: (b) reach
- A2 Answer the questions at the back of the book and make sure that you check your answers carefully.
answer: (c) sure
- A3 The whole purpose of all these exercises is to test your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.
answer: (a) test
- A4 A useful way to increase your vocabulary is to read as much as possible.
answer: (b) increase
- A5 You should read not only newspapers but also novels so that you can see examples of idiomatic language.
answer: (a) idiomatic
- A6 Another important activity is to practise your spoken language.
answer: (b) practise
- A7 If you can afford the cost of travel, there is of course no substitute for visiting the country itself.
answer: (a) afford
- A8 Try to persuade a native speaker to talk to you so that you can record the conversation.
answer: (b) persuade
- A9 Play the tape back as many times as you like and repeat everything that the native speaker has said.
answer: (d) repeat
- A10 If you manage to do all these things, it won't be long before you find yourself speaking the language fluently.
answer: (b) fluently

Phrasal Verbs

A1 If you want to join that club, you have to fill out a form and send it to your secretary.

answer: (b) fill out

A2 Don't worry we'll have to wait a little longer because I'm sure he'll turn up soon.

answer: (a) turn up

A3 Last week I came across that book you wanted in a small shop.

answer: (c) came across

A4 What you have to do is to think up a new idea that will enable us to make a lot of money.

answer: (d) think up

A5 I need to find some kind of chemical that will keep down the weeds in the garden.

answer: (c) keep down

A6 When spring comes, people often feel inclined to do up their houses.

answer: (c) do up

A7 The time has now come when it will be necessary to see about making a plan.

answer: (a) see about

A8 It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has set in.

answer: (b) set in

A9 You need not worry that you'll be left on your own because I'll always stand by you.

answer: (c) stand by

A10 You can tell by the way she talks and behaves that she takes after her mother.

answer: (d) takes after

Time Expressions (1)

- A1 There's no need to worry, we shall get to the station long before the train leaves as we have bags of time.
answer: (d) bags
- A2 The concert doesn't start at least an hour and so we have time to kill.
answer: (a) kill
- A3 The station isn't far away and the train leaves in about ten minutes so there is no need to worry — we have time to spare.
answer: (c) spare
- A4 The problem is he has no work to do and with time on his hands he is likely to get into trouble.
answer: (a) hands
- A5 I told him time and again not to do it but he takes no notice.
answer: (c) again
- A6 I always like to get to an appointment in good time.
answer: (a) good
- A7 It's about time she learnt to look after herself.
answer: (c) about
- A8 We're not living here for good but just for the time being.
answer: (d) being
- A9 Time flies, it's difficult to believe that we've been here all day.
answer: (b) flies
- A10 Time will tell whether we have made the right decision.
answer: (c) tell

Time Expressions (2)

- A1 The business has lost a lot of orders recently and is going through a thin time.
answer: (c) thin
- A2 The railways system is very efficient as the trains always arrive on time.
answer: (d) on
- A3 My opinion is that they don't know what to do and are merely playing for time.
answer: (b) for
- A4 You can tell just looking at their out of date equipment that the company is well behind the times.
answer: (a) behind
- A5 His invention showed that he understood what was going to happen in the future and proved he was ahead of his time.
answer: (c) ahead
- A6 You can tell she has hit the big time because of the huge car she drives.
answer: (d) big
- A7 If you really want to send that letter off today, it's high time you went to the post office.
answer: (a) high
- A8 The orchestra are meant to keep time with the conductor.
answer: (b) keep
- A9 If you want to grow as a business and attract new customers you must move with the times.
answer: (a) move
- A10 The parcel eventually arrived six weeks later, and not before time!
answer: (b) before

Interviews and Jobs

- A1 Before you start applying for any job, you must be absolutely sure you have the right paper qualifications.
answer: (d) qualifications
- A2 In advance of drawing up the job specification and advertisement, you have to sit down and work out the profile you have in mind for the ideal employee.
answer: (b) profile
- A3 As soon as the candidates arrive, it will be your job to show them round the work place and give them a general history of the company for which they want to work.
answer: (c) candidates
- A4 At the moment the company is doing an extensive advertising campaign with a view to recruiting new staff.
answer: (a) recruiting
- A5 After you've read the details of the job, made some notes and written a draft letter, check the details, write the final letter and then submit your application.
answer: (b) submit
- A6 I think you were asking too much of that new member of staff when you expected her to come up with a cost-cutting scheme.
answer: (d) come up
- A7 I think that you've chosen a very good area of work to seek employment in because I've heard that jobs are abundant there.
answer: (b) abundant
- A8 Interviewing applicants for an important job can be a very time consuming process but it's worth it in the end.
answer: (c) consuming
- A9 When you are interviewing someone, it is obviously necessary to ask questions relevant to their job experience but discussing someone's other accomplishments is also useful.
answer: (b) accomplishments
- A10 We can offer you a salary that will be commensurate with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands.
answer: (d) commensurate

At the Doctors

- A1 As soon as the doctor looked at her, he was able to diagnose the cause of her frequent headaches.
answer: (b) diagnose
- A2 Treatment of this particular disorder was beyond the doctor's capability and he referred the patient to a specialist.
answer: (c) referred
- A3 He left the surgery feeling a lot better than when he arrived because the doctor had reassured him that his condition was not serious.
answer: (b) serious
- A4 The doctor took out of her bag an unusual instrument but promised her young patient that it would not hurt her.
answer: (d) instrument
- A5 I must confess I feel much better today, as I have found that the medication prescribed has been most effective.
answer: (c) effective
- A6 Under the policy of the new health regulations if you decide to cancel your appointment and don't notify the surgery, you will be fined.
answer: (b) appointment
- A7 Before she was allowed to leave the hospital, a physiotherapist had to assess the extent of her mobility.
answer: (c) assess
- A8 The treatment has proved very successful but to check progress he has to arrange to visit the doctor's annually.
answer: (d) annually
- A9 It is much easier to prevent an illness than it is to cure it.
answer: (b) prevent
- A10 Before they could start any kind of treatment, they had to write to the previous hospital in order to obtain her records.
answer: (c) records

Mistaken Identity

- A1 Interviewer: Perhaps you could start by telling us why you've applied for this job.
answer: (b) applied for this job
- A2 Candidate: I think the main reason is because I like working in the open air.
answer: (d) the open air
- A3 Interviewer: You mean you like the idea of an office with air conditioning.
answer: (c) air conditioning
- A4 Candidate: I'm sorry I don't understand what you're on about.
answer: (b) on about
- A5 Interviewer: I should have thought this was pretty obvious.
answer: (c) pretty obvious
- A6 Candidate: Not to me, it isn't.
answer: (a) it isn't
- A7 Interviewer: I think there must be a mistake, I take it you're Mr Johnson.
answer: (b) take it you're Mr Johnson
- A8 Candidate: I'm Mr Jensen. I'm afraid it's a case of mistaken identity.
answer: (d) mistaken identity
- A9 Interviewer: So you're not after the job of guardian, I presume.
answer: (a) I presume
- A10 Candidate: No, sorry as I said I like working outside, I want to be a gardener, if you don't mind.
answer: (c) if you don't mind

Letter Writing (1)

A1 Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to describe the problems I've been having with one of your products.

answer: (c) problems

A2 I am referring to your lawnmower described in the catalogue as 'Supercut'.

answer: (a) described

A3 To begin with I would like to take issue over the name itself.

answer: (b) issue

A4 'Super' to my mind suggests excellence, which it does not possess.

answer: (d) excellence

A5 'Cut' I should have thought was an essential requirement of any lawnmower.

answer: (b) requirement

A6 Unfortunately this does not apply to 'Supercut'.

answer: (c) apply

A7 The first time I tried to use it, your lawnmower simply rolled over the grass but did not cut it.

answer: (b) rolled

A8 Admittedly the grass was flat but it was still as long as when I had started.

answer: (d) Admittedly

A9 What I would like you to do is to pay me back my money and take 'Supercut' away.

answer: (a) back

A10 Finally I want someone to come and cut my grass at your expense.

Yours faithfully, Herb Grass.

answer: (b) expense

Letter Writing (2)

A1 Dear Charles I thought it was about time I wrote to you and told you what I've been up to.

answer: (b) about

A2 My main news is that Mary has at long last consented to marry me.

answer: (d) consented

A3 She puts it another way and says she will be able to make an honest man of me.

answer: (a) honest

A4 And now I come to a very important favour I want to ask of you.

answer: (b) favour

A5 Putting it simply I should be delighted if you would agree to be my best man at our wedding.

answer: (d) simply

A6 I can assure you that the duties are not in any way complicated.

answer: (b) assure

A7 In fact you could not possibly say that the job of best man is at all arduous.

answer: (a) arduous

A8 This brings me to another point: why aren't you and Sara tying the knot?

answer: (c) knot

A9 After all why should you two continue to be free and I have to give up my liberty?

answer: (b) liberty

A10 Let me have your response as soon as possible.

Your old friend, Mick.

answer: (b) response

Letter Writing (3)

A1 Dear Sir, having read your advertisement, I should like to submit this letter as my application for the post of marketing manager.

answer: (b) submit

A2 As you will see from my attached C.V., I am currently working as a waiter.

answer: (c) attached

A3 You may think that this is a peculiar job for someone who is applying for a marketing post.

answer: (a) peculiar

A4 Perhaps I should explain the underlying reason for working in a restaurant as a waiter in preparation for a marketing job.

answer: (d) underlying

A5 As I see it, a restaurant is a market and it is the job of a waiter to tempt the clients into choosing products from the menu.

answer: (c) tempt

A6 I am sure I could very easily fulfil all the requirements of the job.

answer: (b) fulfil

A7 For example some of my clients cannot decide whether to have fresh fruit or tiramisu.

answer: (c) fresh

A8 On such an occasion like that I market well and always make them select the one we have most of.

answer: (c) select

A9 I am sure I could transfer my skills as a waiter to the tasks that are needed for your advertised post.

answer: (a) transfer

A10 Finally I look forward to hearing from you and as you will understand I don't want to 'wait' very long.

Yours faithfully,

I.A.M. Hopeful.

answer: (b) hearing

Letter Writing (4)

- A1 Dear all, just to let you know that we reached our destination after a dramatic start.
answer: (d) destination
- A2 I could say that we are having a wonderful time but that would be far from the truth.
answer: (b) far
- A3 Everything started to go wrong the moment we arrived at the airport because of the industrial action taken by the baggage handlers.
answer: (d) action
- A4 These baggage handlers had decided they didn't want to load our cases on to the plane.
answer: (b) load
- A5 The result of this was that we were held up for six hours in the departure lounge waiting for the end of the dispute.
answer: (a) up
- A6 By the time the plane took off as you can imagine, we were all tired, hungry and miserable.
answer: (c) imagine
- A7 When we eventually arrived at the hotel, we had to sort out our luggage at reception.
answer: (a) sort out
- A8 The big problem was that our luggage wasn't there — it had simply disappeared.
answer: (d) disappeared
- A9 Our first day was spent in the local shops purchasing all the things that we believed we had brought with us.
answer: (c) purchasing
- A10 On the last day of our holiday the manager of the hotel greeted us beaming from ear to ear to inform us that our luggage had arrived at reception!
See you soon
Meggy and Tom.
answer: (b) beaming

Flying across the Channel

- A1 Do you have any idea what BASE jumping means?
answer: (b) means
- A2 Apparently it is an acronym where the letters in the word are the first letters of a group of words.
answer: (d) acronym
- A3 In other words the letters stand for building, antennae, span and earth, all of which you can jump from.
answer: (c) stand for
- A4 Felix Baumgartner recently basejumped out of a plane 9,000 metres above Dover, a port on the south coast of England.
answer: (b) above
- A5 He intended to fly across the channel with a parachute and land on the coast of France near Calais.
answer: (a) fly
- A6 He started very early in the morning so that he was able to avoid commercial flights.
answer: (b) avoid
- A7 During the flight his supporters claim that he will have reached 200 kmh.
answer: (c) claim
- A8 The fact remains that he survived and managed with the help of oxygen supplies to complete the crossing in ten minutes.
answer: (d) survived
- A9 He created a new record and joins Louis Bleriot, the first to fly across the channel in 37 minutes and Matthew Webb, the first to swim across in 22 hours.
answer: (a) record
- A10 These are amazing achievements but if like me you want comfort, warmth and food on the journey, take the ferry crossing lasting 90 minutes.
answer: (b) lasting

Teaching your Wife to Drive

- A1 Teaching someone to drive is one of the scariest experiences you can have.
answer: (c) scariest
- A2 You sit in the passenger seat and instruct your learner to do what you would normally do.
answer: (d) instruct
- A3 The problem is that if your learner doesn't understand, you can both end up in the ditch.
answer: (b) ditch
- A4 The situation is more complicated if the learner is a member of your family.
answer: (c) complicated
- A5 If this relative is also your wife, then things become even more disastrous because it could end in divorce.
answer: (a) divorce
- A6 The secret of being a good driving teacher is never on any occasion to lose your temper or your head.
answer: (d) head
- A7 If you do lose one of them or both, your learner will lose confidence and also lose control of the car.
answer: (a) control
- A8 In my case none of this happened — all I did was shout and scream, which made me feel better.
answer: (b) case
- A9 I am proud to say that I taught my wife and my two sons and they all passed first time.
answer: (c) passed
- A10 The only mystery to me is as they were successful on the first attempt, how come some years before it had taken me four tries!
answer: (b) mystery

One is always going to lose...

- A1 Building Societies currently find themselves in a precarious situation because they try to please the savers and also the borrowers and yet one group is always going to lose.
answer: (b) precarious
- A2 Whenever there is a meeting between the finance minister and the governor of the bank, people start asking questions and rumours abound.
answer: (c) abound
- A3 Invariably if interest rates go up, the building societies pay more to their savers and borrowers complain at the increase they have to pay and maintain the societies are mishandling their affairs.
answer: (d) mishandling
- A4 Chief executives then start making pleasant speeches and smile a lot because they want to assuage the concerns of their borrowers.
answer: (a) assuage
- A5 Months go by and most people forget their problems and get used to the idea of paying more and then talks resume and the whole process starts all over again.
answer: (b) resume
- A6 The government then has to show that it is involved in the whole business of saving and lending and tries to convince everyone that it is supportive of both savers and lenders.
answer: (c) supportive
- A7 The government next announces that measures are due to come into force that will change the whole process.
answer: (c) force
- A8 They say this but then the difficulty is trying to find out when the measures are coming into effect and when they will be ratified.
answer: (b) ratified
- A9 This is all very disappointing for the would-be house buyer who doesn't really know what's going to happen next and how much the interest rate will be.
answer: (d) would-be
- A10 Our poor potential buyer reads the papers, watches the television news and gets excited at the prospect of another meeting of the financiers but in the end nothing of note comes of it all.
answer: (a) note

A Public Figure

- A1 Imagine an embattled public figure attacked by press and public, who is facing an inquiry into allegations of having obtained money by deception.
answer: (c) embattled
- A2 Any arguments he put up in his defence were regarded as a smokescreen by people who were determined to see him convicted.
answer: (b) smokescreen
- A3 People tended not to believe a word he said and maintained that his protestations of innocence were wearing a bit thin.
answer: (d) thin
- A4 There was very strong support for the police who were determined to curb this kind of crime.
answer: (c) curb
- A5 The press had been prompted by an unknown source to make as much publicity about him as they could.
answer: (a) prompted
- A6 His agent spent a lot of time briefing the press on his background in the hope that they would present a balanced view.
answer: (b) briefing
- A7 Views as to his guilt or innocence even before the trial started ranged from utter conviction that he was guilty to wild support for his innocence.
answer: (c) ranged
- A8 Gradually however as the days went by even his greatest supporters were beginning to desert him.
answer: (b) desert
- A9 Then two days before the trial was due to start, new evidence came to light proving he was totally innocent.
answer: (a) light
- A10 By then of course it was too late because the damage had already been done to his career, which overshadowed everything else he did for the rest of his life.
answer: (d) overshadowed

State Secrets

- A1 We often hear that such and such a piece of information cannot be released into the public domain in the interest of national security.
answer: (c) domain
- A2 Journalists however love to get hold of a story somehow but they run the risk of facing a backlash if they break the official secrets act.
answer: (b) backlash
- A3 When there is a high profile inquiry taking place, the rush to get more details is intense.
answer: (a) high profile
- A4 The more the authorities try to conceal what is happening, the more it fuels speculation about what might be happening.
answer: (d) speculation
- A5 Sometimes a journalist will get hold of sensitive information knowing that he will get savaged by government agencies if he dares reveal it.
answer: (c) savaged
- A6 The person in charge of the enquiry will occasionally signal what can be disclosed in newspapers.
answer: (a) signal
- A7 Once this disclosure is highlighted it's the job of the journalist to follow it through to a satisfactory conclusion.
answer: (b) highlighted
- A8 Mind you it has to be a convincing article because the reading public can soon see through the transparency of a weak argument.
answer: (c) transparency
- A9 The question must always be in the mind of the writer whether what is being written is likely to pose a threat to the safety of the community at large.
answer: (d) pose
- A10 The last possible thing that anyone wants to happen to their country is to turn it into a haven for troublemakers.
answer: (c) haven

The News

- A1 Here is the news read by Alan Townend. Today the Government is unveiling plans for a new scheme to help society.
answer: (b) unveiling
- A2 The idea behind the scheme is to try and curb stealing in the country.
answer: (a) curb
- A3 The scheme will be introduced into the school curriculum at the beginning of next academic year.
answer: (d) introduced
- A4 Children will be taught to respect other people's property and belongings.
answer: (a) belongings
- A5 If child A steals child B's exercise book, child A will have to stand up in front of the school and confess to being a thief.
answer: (b) confess
- A6 The Government spokesperson said the Prime Minister was sick and tired of papers disappearing from his office.
answer: (d) spokesperson
- A7 Last week the Prime Minister had to give an important address to an international assembly when he found his speech had disappeared.
answer: (b) assembly
- A8 This was of course very embarrassing for the P.M. and instead of the speech he told funny stories.
answer: (c) instead
- A9 The worst part of the incident was that the audience did not see the funny side of his stories.
answer: (b) side
- A10 I regret I cannot continue with the news because someone has misappropriated the next page.
answer: (a) misappropriated

Talking through his hat

- A1 I do take my hat off to the new director for having pulled the company back from bankruptcy.
answer: (d) off
- A2 Whatever you do take no notice of him because he's not thinking straight — he's talking through his hat.
answer: (b) through
- A3 It was one of those society weddings you know when the men wear top hats and tails.
answer: (c) top
- A4 I hope you can keep a secret because I'd like you to keep this information under your hat.
answer: (a) under
- A5 At last she's made her mind up and decided to throw her hat in the ring and become a candidate.
answer: (b) ring
- A6 I don't think she stands a chance in the election and if she does win, I'll eat my hat.
answer: (c) eat
- A7 You simply can't trust that politician because he changes his mind every five minutes at the drop of a hat.
answer: (d) drop
- A8 If you want to keep up with the latest fashion, you shouldn't wear that — it's old hat now.
answer: (b) old
- A9 In view of the special efforts our coach driver has made today, I think it would be nice to hand round the hat for him.
answer: (d) hand
- A10 In his present job there are so many different responsibilities involved that he has to wear several hats.
answer: (c) wear

Consider this

- A1 The most difficult part for the salesperson is to convince potential customers of the usefulness of the product.
answer: (b) convince
- A2 If you want to get the best out of your sales force, they must believe in the product and be inspired enough to promote it vigorously.
answer: (a) inspired
- A3 A satisfied customer will always return to the same firm and buy again.
answer: (d) satisfied
- A4 That style of dress was once considered to be a fad but now it is coming back into fashion.
answer: (b) fad
- A5 One of the first things to do when you want to market a new product is to ascertain its potential demand.
answer: (c) market
- A6 The main business interest at the moment is to watch the supermarkets competing for the same clientele.
answer: (b) competing
- A7 Our sales meetings were reduced to once a fortnight because the weekly meetings were not considered to be productive enough.
answer: (a) productive
- A8 Her ability to consume facts and figures quickly was the main reason for her rapid rise in the business.
answer: (c) consume
- A9 The success of our website is due to the fact that customers can compare different prices for the same article.
answer: (d) compare
- A10 If you want to keep current with the latest developments in your field, you have to read the relevant magazines.
answer: (b) current

Scandal

- A1 Mathew Smith was a highly respected member of parliament with no stain on his character.
answer: (c) stain
- A2 At least that's what he thought until the press started trying to dig up something about his past.
answer: (b) dig
- A3 Apparently when he was still at school, he didn't have a ticket for his train journey one day and he was fined.
answer: (d) fined
- A4 This piece of information was discovered by one keen local reporter and was blown up out of all proportion by the national press.
answer: (a) blown
- A5 Headlines appeared maintaining that Mathew was a dishonest lying thief.
answer: (d) lying
- A6 Other papers asked the question: How can we trust our politicians if they cheat on society?
answer: (c) cheat
- A7 There was even talk that incidents like this one could topple the Government.
answer: (b) topple
- A8 The Prime Minister called Mathew in to talk to him and said he couldn't tolerate any whiff of scandal in his Party.
answer: (a) whiff
- A9 At last Mathew decided to speak up for himself and tell the truth.
answer: (c) up
- A10 The reporter had got it completely wrong because he found his ticket and he wasn't 'fined', he was simply 'fine'.
answer: (d) completely

You have to go

A1 My job has gone because my boss has fired me.

answer: (b) fired

A2 I shan't be working tomorrow because I've just been given the sack.

answer: (d) sack

A3 I was dismissed this morning and had to empty my desk this afternoon.

answer: (c) dismissed

A4 I was handed my cards yesterday and so today I'm looking for a new job.

answer: (b) cards

A5 The company decided to get rid of me last week and so I had to leave.

answer: (a) rid

A6 I have been made redundant because my work here is no longer needed.

answer: (c) redundant

A7 The firm has decided to downsize which means they don't want me.

answer: (d) downsize

A8 They told me to go because I was said to be surplus to requirements.

answer: (b) surplus

A9 It was quite clear they didn't want me because I was told not to bother to come back to work tomorrow.

answer: (c) bother

A10 No, I didn't ask the boss for more money today because he gave me one month's notice.

answer: (d) notice

Speed

- A1 There was absolutely no hesitation on her part and quick as a flash she paid the bill.
answer: (c) flash
- A2 As a child he had no problems learning foreign languages mainly because he was very quick on the uptake.
answer: (d) uptake
- A3 He just couldn't play fast and loose with his employees any longer simply because they never knew where he was.
answer: (b) loose
- A4 He pulled a fast one at the entrance because he handed over 4 tickets although there were 5 of them entering the exhibition.
answer: (a) pulled
- A5 Since he left the army, he misses the excitement and danger and still wants to live life in the fast lane.
answer: (d) lane
- A6 You'll have to be quick off the mark if you want to buy one of those houses because they're selling very fast.
answer: (c) mark
- A7 He's one of the get rich quick fraternity who believe in making money as quickly as possible.
answer: (a) get
- A8 He sees financial gain everywhere and never misses an opportunity to make a fast buck.
answer: (b) buck
- A9 Now that the company has made its first million, there's no stopping it and it's full steam ahead.
answer: (d) steam
- A10 I appreciate your hard work but sometimes you're so fast that you miss the details and I think it's a case of more haste less speed.
answer: (c) haste

Up in the Clouds

A1 Have you noticed how much more the price of petrol is today? It's really sky high now.

answer: (b) high

A2 I was asked how many tests I would write and I said the sky's the limit — in other words as many as possible.

answer: (c) limit

A3 Her boss thought she was wonderful and always praised her to the skies.

answer: (d) praised

A4 I simply don't believe the scheme will ever succeed, it's just pie in the sky.

answer: (b) pie

A5 Question: What do they call those huge buildings in New York? Answer: They're called skyscrapers.

answer: (c) scrapers

A6 You can see the sun if you look at the roof through the skylight.

answer: (b) light

A7 It's a very pale version of the colour and that's why it's called skyblue.

answer: (a) blue

A8 The rocket was fired and quickly took off skywards.

answer: (c) wards

A9 He just wouldn't take anything seriously and could always be found playing about and generally skylarking.

answer: (a) larking

A10 I think you're either mad or very brave to jump out of a plane and wait some time before opening your parachute in a skydive.

answer: (d) dive

Papers

- A1 You can hear everything that's going on next door because the walls are paper thin.
answer: (c) thin
- A2 We're going to the college tonight to hear Professor Kent deliver a paper on language learning on the net.
answer: (b) deliver
- A3 I can't see the point of trying to settle the dispute between those two institutions because you'll just be papering over the cracks.
answer: (d) cracks
- A4 After the first revolution the dictator no longer had much control and became just a paper tiger.
answer: (b) tiger
- A5 The cross country run where the runners follow a track of pieces of paper is called a paper chase.
answer: (a) chase
- A6 Some countries have some very interesting designs on their paper money.
answer: (c) money
- A7 Not that it has happened yet but the age of the computer was meant to introduce the idea of the paper less office.
answer: (d) less
- A8 The main work has just been completed and all we have to do now is finish the paper work.
answer: (c) work
- A9 She was given a very decorative paper weight to stop all her papers blowing away once the window was opened.
answer: (a) weight
- A10 Her first novel was a huge success and it was only a few weeks after publication that the paper back came out.
answer: (c) back

Bones

- A1 I hung the washing out only two hours ago but it is already bone dry thanks to the hot sunshine.
answer: (b) dry
- A2 They came straight out with their complaint making no bones about it whatsoever.
answer: (d) making
- A3 It was a miracle that he was still alive as he hadn't eaten for weeks and when they found him he was just skin and bone.
answer: (a) skin
- A4 It was quite simple really — he never did any work at all and was sacked for being bone idle.
answer: (c) idle
- A5 It's impossible to say exactly why I think that's the case. All I can say is that I feel it in my bones.
answer: (b) feel
- A6 We're expecting a visit from a French couple soon so I'll have to bone up on my French.
answer: (d) up
- A7 Ah, yes I've got a bone to pick with you. You told me you would pay me back last week and I still haven't got the money yet.
answer: (a) pick
- A8 Although the TV programme was funny, my aunt was a bit shocked because some of the jokes were a bit near the bone.
answer: (c) near
- A9 I won't go into the full details of the proposition, I'll just give you the bare bones.
answer: (b) bare
- A10 Her children were very ungrateful for all she'd done for them as she had really worked her fingers to the bone for them.
answer: (d) fingers

Lucky You

A1 He told us the usual things about how everything had gone wrong — it was a typical hard luck story.

answer: (b) hard

A2 With a little bit of luck I think she'll pass her driving test first time.

answer: (d) bit

A3 If I were you I would certainly accept the offer. If you ask for any more you're just pushing your luck.

answer: (a) pushing

A4 I thought the best thing was to wish them both good luck and hope that everything worked out well.

answer: (c) good

A5 You really couldn't blame anyone for the accident because it was just a case of bad luck.

answer: (d) bad

A6 Last week they struck it very lucky because they managed to win the lottery.

answer: (b) struck

A7 She always seems to come out of any crisis unharmed and I'm convinced she was born under a lucky star.

answer: (d) star

A8 He just couldn't make up his mind which to choose and so in the end he decided to take pot luck.

answer: (a) pot

A9 Everyone decided to help him by offering money as they'd heard he was down on his luck.

answer: (b) down

A10 After all his failures in the business world he decided to try his luck in the casino.

answer: (d) try

Stages

- A1 All the world's a stage said Shakespeare, meaning life is like a play in the theatre.
answer: (b) world's
- A2 This project has only just been started and is in its early stages at the moment.
answer: (d) early
- A3 You don't have to pay for it all at once as you can buy it in easy stages.
answer: (b) easy
- A4 We've now reached the stage where it's time to make our minds up.
answer: (c) reached
- A5 I've seen her act in many films but never live on stage.
answer: (d) on
- A6 It's quite normal when you make your first speech in public to suffer from stage fright.
answer: (c) fright
- A7 As he didn't want anyone else to hear what he was saying he spoke to her in a stage whisper.
answer: (a) whisper
- A8 He's always been fascinated by the theatre and has spent many years doing odd jobs as a stage hand.
answer: (b) hand
- A9 From childhood she has been stage struck and was delighted when she got her first major part in the play at the national theatre.
answer: (d) struck
- A10 The whole event seemed very unnatural and had clearly been stage managed appeal to the voters before the election.
answer: (b) managed

Venues

- A1 The first plan was to hold the event in the open air but that posed many problems.
answer: (c) plan
- A2 This proposal was soon discarded because we might find difficulty with the local regulations.
answer: (a) regulations
- A3 After a lot of discussion we decided to hire a professional to assist us.
answer: (d) assist
- A4 The first thing she recommended was for us to coordinate all the people who were involved.
answer: (c) coordinate
- A5 The next thing we needed to work out was the exact dimensions of the area that we needed in order to present the event.
answer: (d) dimensions
- A6 In view of the large number of people the proximity of a parking area was considered very important.
answer: (a) proximity
- A7 After a great deal of discussion a site was eventually found, which seemed to be what was wanted.
answer: (b) site
- A8 At this stage it was clear that they had to know the exact number of people who were going to attend.
answer: (d) exact
- A9 Invitations were sent out and in general the response was quite good.
answer: (b) general
- A10 Unfortunately the event was never staged because no one had considered the reaction of the local people to the noise of a loud pop concert.
answer: (c) staged

Trains

- A1 It was necessary to telephone directory enquiries before we could get the number to ring up the railway station.
answer: (b) directory
- A2 We thought it was a good idea to take some sandwiches with us so that we'd have something to eat for the duration of the journey.
answer: (d) duration
- A3 As one of our party was over 60 she was entitled to a reduction in the price of the ticket.
answer: (d) entitled
- A4 I suppose as we live in a very rural area, we are lucky that a train service actually operates here.
answer: (a) operates
- A5 Mind you the cost of travel is very high and fares went up again last month.
answer: (c) fares
- A6 All you can say is that the high price is somewhat offset by being able to get to a large city quickly.
answer: (d) offset
- A7 The other advantage of this particular service is that by and large the trains are punctual.
answer: (b) punctual
- A8 On the day we travelled most people had decided to stay at home as the train was relatively empty.
answer: (d) relatively
- A9 We ate our sandwiches and for the remainder of the journey we enjoyed looking at the scenery.
answer: (a) remainder
- A10 Before we knew what had happened we had left our remote village behind and were in the middle of the big city.
answer: (c) remote

Bite, Bit, Bitten

A1 She certainly won't invest in that company again having lost a fortune — it's a case of once bitten twice shy.

answer: (c) shy

A2 He may seem very angry but don't worry his bark is worse than his bite.

answer: (a) bark

A3 They were so angry with me they practically bit my head off.

answer: (d) head

A4 I think he'll succeed but it's a lot of work and sometimes he feels he's bitten off more than he can chew.

answer: (b) chew

A5 In view of the way things have improved I now feel confident enough to have another bite at the cherry.

answer: (d) cherry

A6 I'm very sorry to tell you that your scheme has failed and it has well and truly bitten the dust.

answer: (b) dust

A7 It must have come as a great shock to get the sack but I'm afraid you'll just have to accept it and bite the bullet.

answer: (c) bullet

A8 I can't believe that he's turning against his own parents — it's like biting the hand that fed you.

answer: (d) fed

A9 My advice to you is to resist saying anything at the moment and simply bite your lip.

answer: (c) lip

A10 I know she would really like to say exactly what she feels but I believe she should bite her tongue.

answer: (d) tongue

Issues

A1 I agree in general with what you have said but I'm not happy about one point and I must take issue with you over that.

answer: (b) take

A2 The trouble with her is that she always exaggerates and makes an issue out of everything.

answer: (d) makes

A3 As far as I'm concerned his explanation was useless as it merely confused the issue.

answer: (a) confused

A4 I wish we could stick to the subject and just consider the topic at issue.

answer: (c) at

A5 The value of one of the early copies of that book can be considerable if it happens to be a first issue.

answer: (d) first

A6 It was a family that had had a long history but it came to a halt when George went because he died without issue.

answer: (a) without

A7 The police are very keen to talk to one particular man and have issued a description of him.

answer: (b) description

A8 We panicked when we got near the house because we could see smoke issuing out of the top bedroom window.

answer: (c) out of

A9 All the reporters of the war were issued with bulletproof jackets to give them better protection.

answer: (d) with

A10 Turn on the television and look at the current news programme and you will find everyone discussing the big issue of the day.

answer: (a) big

What a Cracker

- A1 He always believed in giving his children the same opportunities in life so that each one would have a fair crack of the whip.
answer: (d) whip
- A2 This is going to be a difficult task but we'll get there in the end although it is a hard nut to crack.
answer: (b) hard
- A3 It's a long way we have to travel tomorrow so we must get up very early in the morning at the crack of dawn.
answer: (a) dawn
- A4 In celebration at passing his examinations he invited everyone round to crack a bottle and have a drink with him.
answer: (c) bottle
- A5 In view of the falling standards the company decided to appoint a very strict office manager who would be able to crack the whip a bit.
answer: (d) strict
- A6 For goodness' sake hurry up because if we don't get cracking soon we'll miss the bus.
answer: (b) get
- A7 I really think you should make an effort and apply for that job and at least have a crack at it.
answer: (a) have
- A8 Well, I must admit that I was a bit disappointed with the exhibition after all the praise it's received — it isn't all it's cracked up to be.
answer: (b) up
- A9 They haven't really put matters right at all because they've simply papered over the cracks.
answer: (d) over
- A10 They spent a huge amount of time and money to deal with that small problem and it's like taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut.
answer: (c) nut

Lunch is served

- A1 I strongly recommend that restaurant as I was very impressed with how quickly they brought the food.
answer: (c) impressed
- A2 Of course if speed is the most important thing, you can always pick up your lunch from the take away cafe.
answer: (d) pick
- A3 The other night we went to a French restaurant and it fell to Charles to translate everything on the menu for us.
answer: (b) fell
- A4 What you like in the way of lunch very much depends on your individual taste.
answer: (d) individual
- A5 It is customary for the office junior to make a list of what each colleague wants from the sandwich bar.
answer: (a) list
- A6 Nowadays you can even order your lunch online and your food will be delivered to your office.
answer: (c) delivered
- A7 Personally I find that although the taste of your lunch is important, it should also look elegant on the plate.
answer: (d) elegant
- A8 There is nothing worse when you take important clients out for lunch to find that the choice of dishes is very narrow.
answer: (c) narrow
- A9 Mind you if there is a very long menu for lunch, it can be a problem for the waiter to deal with a multiple order.
answer: (d) multiple
- A10 The worst part naturally of any meal whatever the time of day is having to settle the bill.
answer: (a) settle

Dry as you like

- A1 I'm afraid I don't like this sherry because I find it too sweet and I prefer something nice and dry.
answer: (b) sweet
- A2 We're not quite sure how it will work so today we're having a dry run to find out if there are any problems.
answer: (d) run
- A3 She studies some very obscure things to do with ancient Greek documents — to most people a really dry as dust subject.
answer: (c) dust
- A4 It was one of those scenes that made you want to cry your eyes out and I do believe there wasn't a dry eye in the theatre.
answer: (a) eye
- A5 There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were all right with our tent and were as dry as a bone.
answer: (b) bone
- A6 We all set out together early in the morning in different cars but ours broke down and nobody bothered to look for us so we were left high and dry.
answer: (d) high
- A7 As a result of the very long heat wave last summer many of the rivers have now completely dried up.
answer: (b) up
- A8 As it's still very warm outside I recommend you leave your swimming things in the garden to let them dry out.
answer: (c) out
- A9 She's very subtle in the comments she makes and she has a wonderfully dry sense of humour.
answer: (d) sense
- A10 If you want to keep your customers coming in on a regular basis you mustn't let your stocks run dry.
answer: (d) run

Back Again

- A1 I'm suspicious really because at the back of my mind I don't trust them.
answer: (b) mind
- A2 He said he'd read my funny story and had laughed twice, which was a sort of back handed compliment.
answer: (d) handed
- A3 She was a very famous film star some 40 years ago but now she's regarded as unimportant — a sort of back number.
answer: (c) number
- A4 He's having trouble with his mother-in-law because she likes to control everything rather like a backseat driver.
answer: (b) driver
- A5 Where we live is a sort of backwater because nobody here knows what's going on in the world.
answer: (d) water
- A6 She's the sort of person who can't bear being secretive and will never talk about you behind your back.
answer: (c) behind
- A7 There's still some way to go with this latest project but I think we've broken the back of it.
answer: (b) broken
- A8 I've lived here all my life and know every single road and street like the back of my hand.
answer: (d) hand
- A9 Poor woman since she got knocked down by a car, she's been flat on her back.
answer: (a) flat
- A10 He's one of those irritating people who manages within a few minutes of meeting someone to put their back up.
answer: (b) put

Bearing Information

- A1 Try and be a little more cheerful because if you don't bear up soon, you'll make everyone else miserable.
answer: (c) up
- A2 We were in a small rowing boat and were terrified that the steamer hadn't seen us as it was bearing down on us.
answer: (a) down
- A3 I fully understand your comments and bearing those in mind, I have made the appropriate decision.
answer: (b) mind
- A4 As we have all worked very hard this year, I'm hoping that our efforts will bear fruit.
answer: (d) fruit
- A5 We all have our crosses to bear so I should be grateful if you would stop complaining all the time.
answer: (c) crosses
- A6 There is really nothing much you can do to stop it and I'm afraid you'll just have to grin and bear it.
answer: (b) grin
- A7 I hope you can be patient for a little longer and bear with me while I try and solve the problem.
answer: (d) with
- A8 She has been proved right in everything she did as the report quite clearly bears out.
answer: (a) out
- A9 The judge dismissed the new evidence completely because it had no bearing on the trial.
answer: (b) on
- A10 Quite honestly the two cases are so completely different that they really don't bear comparison.
answer: (d) comparison

What the Devil

- A1 It's very hard trying to get the tenses right in English. In fact it's the very devil to know whether it's simple or continuous.
answer: (b) very
- A2 In a way it's probably just as well the deputy has become the new chief. It's a case of better the devil you know.
answer: (d) better
- A3 Many people have been made redundant in the takeover and those who joined last were the first to go. The principle of devil take the hindmost applied.
answer: (c) hindmost
- A4 We don't really get on with the new boss but he has some good ideas so we must give the devil his due.
answer: (d) due
- A5 The work has to be done as we have no choice. As they say, needs must when the devil drives.
answer: (a) drives
- A6 She likes to take the opposite point of view and play the devil's advocate.
answer: (b) advocate
- A7 Speak of the devil. We were just talking about you before you came in the room.
answer: (d) Speak
- A8 When your parents find out what you've done, you'll be in serious trouble and there'll be the devil to pay.
answer: (b) pay
- A9 You should really look through that agreement carefully before you sign because the devil is in the detail.
answer: (a) detail
- A10 It took me ages to set up my computer because I spent the devil of a time trying to understand the notes.
answer: (b) time

Two For You

- A1 A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush as they say when you have at least one definite thing in contrast to two uncertain things.
answer: (c) bush
- A2 It wouldn't take much for me to cancel that trip in fact for two pins I think I will.
answer: (d) pins
- A3 Quite honestly I really can't decide which one to choose — I'm what you might say in two minds.
answer: (a) minds
- A4 I promise I'll be very quick indeed and I'll be back in two shakes of a lamb's tail.
answer: (b) shakes
- A5 I'll see to that in two ticks and it'll be all over in a minute.
answer: (c) ticks
- A6 You honestly can't tell one twin from another as they are like as two peas in a pod.
answer: (d) peas
- A7 I worked out the answer in the end by putting two and two together.
answer: (c) together
- A8 I'm sorry I can't accept any other explanation. My mind is made up and there are no two ways about it.
answer: (d) ways
- A9 I honestly wouldn't trust either of them. They both think the same way and they're two of a kind.
answer: (b) kind
- A10 I can see you're angry and want to do the same to them but remember that two wrongs don't make a right.
answer: (a) right

At the End of the Day (1)

A1 There are late risers and early risers, those who need a lot of sleep and those who need only a little,

answer: (d) little

A2 some who take ages to wake up and some who jump straight out of bed first thing,

answer: (b) ages

A3 but whatever the required amount, all of us need sleep at some time during the day or night.

answer: (c) amount

A4 And so it's not surprising the many ways we have of describing it.

answer: (a) describing

A5 To start with there is a special language for children.

answer: (b) language

A6 The sandman is coming is what we say to sleepy children

answer: (d) sleepy

A7 following the old story about that strange man who is supposed to drop sand in their eyes near bed time.

answer: (c) is supposed

A8 Alternatively we talk of the need for a child to start on his journey to slumber land or the land of nod

answer: (d) Alternatively

A9 and parents of a musical turn of mind can speed their children on their way to this land of sleep with a lullaby.

answer: (b) turn

A10 Of course as you grow older, you indulge in the luxury of short sleeps during the day.

answer: (c) indulge

At the End of the Day (2)

A1 You can take a cat nap beside the fire or doze off on a train journey

answer: (d) journey

A2 which all describe the kind of sleep that can be interrupted at a moment's notice.

answer: (c) interrupted

A3 A more basic expression of this sort is to have a little shuteye.

answer: (b) sort

A4 Should you wish for a little peace and quiet at the office,

answer: (d) quiet

A5 put a notice outside your door stating: Do not disturb — having 40 winks.

answer: (a) notice

A6 Forty apparently is the maximum allowed for this kind of sleep.

answer: (c) maximum

A7 The strange thing is that few people announce boldly:

answer: (b) thing

A8 Well, I think I'll go to sleep now.

answer: (a) go

A9 More likely than not as a guest we'll say:

answer: (b) likely

A10 Well, I think if you don't mind, I'll turn in now.

answer: (c) mind

At the End of the Day (3)

- A1 Without offending the hospitality of your host, you could also say:
answer: (d) hospitality
- A2 I think it's time for me to hit the sack, which need be no criticism of the softness of the mattress.
answer: (c) criticism
- A3 And incidentally very important people are not described as simply going to bed but rather retiring for the night.
answer: (a) incidentally
- A4 Somehow it sounds just a bit more dignified.
answer: (b) dignified
- A5 Of course should your guests be unwilling to go home to their own beds
answer: (d) unwilling
- A6 and you have a strong desire to be rid of them and go to sleep
answer: (c) rid
- A7 you could be subtle and wind up the sitting room clock
answer: (a) wind
- A8 look at your watch anxiously or even yawn.
answer: (d) anxiously
- A9 But if you have no inhibitions at all, the best thing is to drop off or nod off in the middle of the conversation.
answer: (b) inhibitions
- A10 And if all else fails go upstairs and come down again in your pyjamas.
answer: (c) fails

At the End of the Day (4)

A1 There are several expressions that describe the state of being asleep

answer: (b) expressions

A2 and most seem to refer to deep sleep like being sound asleep or fast asleep

answer: (d) refer

A3 There are also some comparisons describing deep sleep: to sleep like a top, like a baby, like a log

answer: (b) comparisons

A4 When the sleeper totally refuses to be disturbed, we say they are sleeping like the dead.

answer: (c) disturbed

A5 More colloquial expressions speak of someone being out like a light, spark out or for a very heavy sleeper dead to the world

answer: (d) heavy

A6 Well, I don't know about you but all this is having a very soporific effect on me

answer: (a) effect

A7 but just assuming you are wide awake and in the land of the living

answer: (b) wide

A8 let me leave you with a final expression. Next time you're off upstairs to bed

answer: (d) final

A9 give the rest of the house a surprise by showing off your classical education and say:

answer: (c) off

A10 Well I think I'll be off now and take my rest in the arms of Morpheus. Happy dreams!

answer: (b) take

GMAT Verbal Quiz

- A1 This story is based on an incident that actually happened.
answer: (c) based
- A2 I'm afraid I shan't be able to come on Tuesday because of a prior engagement.
answer: (b) able
- A3 You can easily tell that this document dates from the 12th century because of a distinctive script.
answer: (d) dates
- A4 I'm sorry to tell you but she is simply hypothesizing that this will be the result but she has no actual proof.
answer: (c) hypothesizing
- A5 I do apologise for talking to you a minute ago only I mistook you for one of my colleagues, who looks exactly like you.
answer: (a) mistook
- A6 It's a waste of time asking them for their opinion as they're bound to object because they've been prejudiced against the idea from the start.
answer: (d) prejudiced
- A7 I asked you to bring back a different one but you've brought a similar one back that's exactly the same as the first one.
answer: (c) same
- A8 The main quality that is required of someone holding that kind of job is to have the ability to get on with people.
answer: (b) ability
- A9 They couldn't hold their meeting in the open air because of the heavy rain.
answer: (a) because
- A10 I always let her handle that kind of situation because she's very good at dealing with difficult clients.
answer: (d) dealing

GMAT Vocabulary

- A1 Some people who have been made redundant make no further effort to get employment in complete contrast to those who decide to retrain.
answer: (d) contrast
- A2 The new company decided not to copy their predecessors but model their structure after the latest trends in business.
answer: (a) model
- A3 Under the new regulations no one is allowed to smoke inside the building but you are permitted to smoke outside.
answer: (b) permitted
- A4 She is seen as a possible future first minister.
answer: (d) seen
- A5 Although the bank had turned down his application twice, they suddenly had a change of heart and decided to accede to his request for a loan.
answer: (a) accede
- A6 It's not yet been fully certified yet but the recently discovered bones are believed to be those of the missing link.
answer: (d) believed
- A7 The debate over the rights and wrongs of this issue has been a never- ending discussion inside parliament.
answer: (b) debate
- A8 The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in danger of falling into the sea.
answer: (c) danger
- A9 I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more than twice what I had to pay.
answer: (d) than
- A10 They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were persuaded to go back to work.
answer: (b) persuaded

GMAT Words

- A1 As a troubleshooter he was often sent to sort out problems in different area offices.
answer: (d) sent
- A2 I don't believe it myself but according to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits.
answer: (c) according
- A3 He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's between a rock and a hard place.
answer: (b) between
- A4 Eventually they made their minds up and decided to appoint the outsider to the job.
answer: (b) decided
- A5 In order to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work.
answer: (a) order
- A6 With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move away from the city to the countryside.
answer: (d) away
- A7 The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and account for the sudden drop in profits.
answer: (c) account
- A8 The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's calling for the government to help.
answer: (b) calling
- A9 The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to defend the buildings against possible terrorist attacks.
answer: (a) defend
- A10 It wasn't really a serious crime but it was pointed out to him that by parking there he was in violation of a local byelaw.
answer: (d) violation

Learn English Vocabulary

- A1 As a new employee she's very anxious to do the right thing and hopes that her new project meets with the approval of her boss.
answer: (b) meets
- A2 It's just not within his character and I would never say that he was predisposed to that kind of behaviour.
answer: (d) predisposed
- A3 You couldn't find a more loyal bunch of people who have a sense of reliability so strong that they will never let you down.
answer: (c) sense
- A4 You can take it or leave it as there is absolutely no pressure to accept my proposal.
answer: (b) pressure
- A5 The department has spent so much money on administration that there is little left for employing sales personnel.
answer: (d) spent
- A6 Although he claimed it was an accident, he was accused of murder.
answer: (a) accused
- A7 They say that pregnant women develop a craving for certain foods and must eat them all the time.
answer: (b) craving
- A8 You must choose the right description for each word and I would define this one as an adjective.
answer: (d) define
- A9 I wouldn't believe everything she says because it's my belief that she is inclined to exaggerate.
answer: (c) inclined
- A10 We will get as near as we can to your requirements but we may not be able to meet all your needs.
answer: (a) meet

English Vocabulary Exercises

- A1 Thanks to the crash barrier in the middle of the motorway cars are prevented from hitting those on the other side in the event of an accident.
answer: (d) prevented
- A2 It doesn't matter what position you hold in society everyone is subject to the same laws.
answer: (b) subject
- A3 As I was a stranger in that country I was not acquainted with some of their customs and didn't understand why people were laughing at me.
answer: (c) acquainted
- A4 You can have that car in any colour you want in fact you have a choice of 24 different ones.
answer: (a) choice
- A5 The theatre was delighted to display in the entrance some of the excellent newspaper reviews the play had received.
answer: (d) delighted
- A6 As the hospital had been careless with its hygiene procedures, the patient found she had been infected with a harmful virus.
answer: (c) infected
- A7 As a native of the district she had absolutely no difficulty in understanding the local dialect.
answer: (c) native
- A8 There is a new company regulation to remove the danger of passive smoking, which prohibits all employees from smoking at their place of work.
answer: (a) prohibits
- A9 He finds breathing very difficult in restricted spaces as he suffers from asthma.
answer: (c) suffers
- A10 I am very pleased to be working with you because I think the same way and agree with your policies.
answer: (d) agree

Increasing Vocabulary

- A1 You can have whichever one you want as I'll let you choose from these examples here.
answer: (c) choose
- A2 I think you can clearly see now what I mean as that incident demonstrates that I am obviously right.
answer: (b) demonstrates
- A3 For the first time in his life instead of going straight home, he called in at a pub on the way back.
answer: (a) instead
- A4 You can tell that this piece of furniture is native to America because of the strong colonial style.
answer: (d) native
- A5 Allowing for his age and he is after all only 12, I think his achievement is remarkable.
answer: (c) Allowing
- A6 If you choose to take that step in your career, you have only yourself to blame if it all goes wrong.
answer: (d) choose
- A7 I've always thought of her as the kind of person you can trust, you know the sort you can depend on.
answer: (a) depend
- A8 It was a totally new experience for us visiting that factory abroad as we were introduced to all sorts of new techniques.
answer: (d) introduced
- A9 No one had a clue what had actually happened neither the police nor the public.
answer: (c) nor
- A10 All cyclists must now wear some kind of helmet in order to protect their heads against injury in the event of an accident.
answer: (b) protect

Improving Verbal Skills

A1 You can tell that this car has been very well made and is certainly superior to the other makes in this garage.

answer: (d) superior

A2 It's quite obvious that whatever you like to call his remarks they are impolite and amount to slander.

answer: (b) amount

A3 He claims to have sailed single-handed round the world but personally I don't believe him.

answer: (c) claims

A4 In this biography she is depicted as a kind sweet old lady but in reality she was a bad tempered old witch.

answer: (a) depicted

A5 He had to be isolated from all the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease.

answer: (d) isolated

A6 It's not that I don't trust you but I must have some evidence of your identity.

answer: (b) but

A7 The General made absolutely sure his troops were ready for battle and provided with the latest equipment.

answer: (c) provided

A8 People used to think the cinema would be supplanted by television but it never happened because people still go to the pictures.

answer: (d) supplanted

A9 She appeared to be very confident on stage but inside she was feeling very nervous.

answer: (a) appeared

A10 There's little point in those two firms competing for the same market as they would be much better collaborating with one another.

answer: (d) collaborating

Verbal Skills Test

- A1 We sometimes find it difficult to imagine where we come from and believe that we are in fact descended from apes.
answer: (d) descended
- A2 Although he hadn't actually done anything, he looked as if he might and he was arrested for being outside the house with intent to burgle it.
answer: (c) intent
- A3 Not only did he pay for them to go on holiday but he also provided them with spending money.
answer: (b) also
- A4 I don't mind sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in a hostel as anything is preferable to sleeping in a tent.
answer: (a) preferable
- A5 I know you trust him but I have my doubts about him and must admit to being suspicious of him.
answer: (c) suspicious
- A6 You needn't worry about that regulation as it has nothing to do with you and doesn't apply to your situation.
answer: (b) apply
- A7 The Government published a report clearing the minister of any guilt and concluded that he had acted correctly.
answer: (a) concluded
- A8 They are in fact twins but are not at all alike physically but are not different from one another in attitude.
answer: (d) different
- A9 Like all good philosophers in search of truth she is always looking for new perspectives.
answer: (c) search
- A10 Let's look at it this way — it's not so much a problem as a challenge to our efforts.
answer: (a) as

Verbal Test

- A1 In some 19th century novels you see the very poor conditions people lived in that can only be described as abject misery.
answer: (d) abject
- A2 Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can depict scenes from every day life.
answer: (b) depict
- A3 This is a sort of shortened version of what happened and has been abbreviated to fit into the newspaper.
answer: (c) abbreviated
- A4 It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the furtive looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.
answer: (a) furtive
- A5 It was a remarkable performance because the actor seemed to convey the whole range of human emotions , what you might call the complete gamut from beginning to end.
answer: (d) gamut
- A6 The telephone connection was very poor and we only heard a garbled account of what the reporter was describing.
answer: (d) garbled
- A7 The teacher found it quite futile to try and teach the children because they refused to listen to a word she was saying.
answer: (b) futile
- A8 The university decided to give their benefactor an honorary degree because she had always been most generous in her financial help.
answer: (c) benefactor
- A9 I've no wish to disregard or belittle your achievements but I think you could have done much more.
answer: (a) belittle
- A10 His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and facetious in the extreme.
answer: (d) facetious

Verbal Advantage

- A1 She suddenly stopped speaking to him on the phone and the conversation came to an abrupt end.
answer: (d) abrupt
- A2 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are abridged to make them shorter.
answer: (a) abridged
- A3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly flagging.
answer: (c) flagging
- A4 Fortunately she took no notice of the reviews of her acting and was quite impervious to some of the more sarcastic comments.
answer: (d) impervious
- A5 The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask incisive questions.
answer: (a) incisive
- A6 Although her boss knew that she was not telling the truth, her explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally plausible that he believed her.
answer: (d) plausible
- A7 As soon as he had invested the money, he became uneasy and was beginning to sense qualms about his investment.
answer: (b) qualms
- A8 Many of the safety instructions on things you buy often seem unnecessary and often quite superfluous to the average person.
answer: (c) superfluous
- A9 He found himself at the edge of the cliff in a precarious position because one wrong step and he would fall into the sea.
answer: (d) precarious
- A10 Everything about the village was what you'd call quaint because all the houses were well looked after and reminded you of a time long since gone.
answer: (a) quaint

Verbal Learning

- A1 Everyone lost their money when the so-called treasurer absconded with all the society's savings.
answer: (d) absconded
- A2 The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the accomplices who had helped him.
answer: (c) accomplices
- A3 I have no wish to condone these criminal activities but I do have some sympathy with the perpetrators.
answer: (a) condone
- A4 The judge has to adopt a detached view of the crime by being utterly impartial.
answer: (b) detached
- A5 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained totally calm and assumed an air of equanimity.
answer: (c) equanimity
- A6 The police stopped the car because it had followed an erratic course down the road and asked the driver why he was going from side to side.
answer: (d) erratic
- A7 It was possible to look up the topic on the internet but she decided instead to ask her erudite father who knew the answer to most things.
answer: (b) erudite
- A8 The party leader advised all her members to eschew any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.
answer: (c) eschew
- A9 He has a very refined vocabulary and prefers to use a euphemism rather than a more common and vulgar word.
answer: (a) euphemism
- A10 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an exhaustive search of my car but I can't find that book.
answer: (d) exhaustive

High School Vocabulary

- A1 The result of the election didn't give either candidate a clear majority but in the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and accede to the wishes of the electorate.
answer: (c) accede
- A2 The sound of the waterfall goes on all day and night and in the end the incessant noise gets on your nerves.
answer: (d) incessant
- A3 I apologized for what seemed like a deliberate act of rudeness but I explained that it had been purely accidental and an inadvertent action on my part.
answer: (b) inadvertent
- A4 Although it's a complicated subject the professor managed to make it all totally clear and lucid by her delivery.
answer: (a) lucid
- A5 When you take a party of tourists round a famous city there are always those who loiter and keep everybody else waiting.
answer: (c) loiter
- A6 Before she knew what had happened a man suddenly fell on her lunging across and stealing her handbag.
answer: (d) lunging
- A7 There was absolutely no call for him to criticise her so cruelly and in almost a malicious manner.
answer: (b) malicious
- A8 There was absolutely no question about it he was the proverbial idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.
answer: (c) proverbial
- A9 You'll soon get used to his funny ways as it's one of the quirks of his personality.
answer: (d) quirks
- A10 He didn't really give speeches because he used to scream and shout and you could hear him raining a hundred meters down the road.
answer: (b) raining

Advanced Vocabulary

- A1 He always follows that old adage: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
answer: (c) adage
- A2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and accrue interest.
answer: (d) accrue
- A3 People often ask her how she manages to stay slim and she always tells them she is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being abstemious.
answer: (b) abstemious
- A4 You must react now and not just be complacent as if there is nothing wrong.
answer: (a) complacent
- A5 I find these mathematical puzzles too abstruse and prefer the more straightforward type.
answer: (d) abstruse
- A6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite adamant about her decision and wouldn't consider any alternative.
answer: (c) adamant
- A7 It was quite obvious that he was drunk because he couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not coherent.
answer: (b) coherent
- A8 The strings on the puppet were all intertwined and it took us ages to disentangle them.
answer: (a) disentangle
- A9 There are really too many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or factions.
answer: (d) factions
- A10 He liked to play the eccentric and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.
answer: (b) eccentric

Sand Idioms

- A1 The sands of time are running out and you'll have to hurry up.
answer: (d) time
- A2 It's no good burying your head in the sand, you'll have to face the truth in the end.
answer: (b) burying
- A3 If you build your enterprise on sand, it's certain to fail eventually.
answer: (c) build
- A4 They have decided to draw a line in the sand and start all over again.
answer: (b) draw
- A5 The sands are shifting and everything is changing in this century.
answer: (a) shifting
- A6 It runs into millions and millions — almost as many as the grains of sand you can see on this beach.
answer: (c) grains
- A7 Children often go down to the seaside and use their buckets and spades to make sand castles.
answer: (b) castles
- A8 In order to get children to go to sleep, parents sometimes say that the sand man will soon come and put sand in their eyes.
answer: (d) man
- A9 For very small children at their nursery school there is often a sand pit where they can play.
answer: (a) pit
- A10 When there is a danger of flooding, people often pile up sand bags outside their houses to stop the water coming in.
answer: (d) bags

The Parliamentary Candidate (1)

- A1 There was absolutely no doubt that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked politics all the time.
answer: (d) doubt
- A2 All the members of his family were pleased therefore when Henry was adopted as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency in which they were living.
answer: (c) adopted
- A3 One year later the date of the general election was announced by the Prime Minister.
answer: (a) announced
- A4 throughout the election campaign Henry's wife and his two teenage daughters worked night and day for him
answer: (b) throughout
- A5 and he finally won a seat in the House of Commons by a very large majority.
answer: (d) won
- A6 Every day of the campaign was a challenge
answer: (c) challenge
- A7 but there was one day in particular that Henry would never forget.
answer: (b) forget
- A8 That was the day he thought he was going to be blown up by a bomb.
answer: (d) up
- A9 On a Friday morning at the beginning of the campaign, the phone rang in the Orpingtons' house at 6.30 in the morning.
answer: (c) rang
- A10 Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He wondered who could possibly be ringing at that early hour in the morning.
answer: (a) wondered

The Parliamentary Candidate (2)

- A1 Henry: Hello.
Man's voice: Is that Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate?
Henry: Yes, speaking.
answer: (c) speaking
- A2 Man's voice: Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb...
Henry: A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been cut off. Operator! Operator! Operator!
answer: (a) cut
- A3 It was no good. The line had gone dead. As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.
answer: (c) dead
- A4 They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry informed the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.
answer: (d) informed
- A5 At half past eight Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters.
Andrew: If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the bottom of the matter.
answer: (c) bottom
- A6 Henry: Certainly not! I'm not going to let myself be scared by some stupid crank.
answer: (c) myself
- A7 Andrew: What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?
Henry: No, I was half asleep.
His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be threatening me.
answer: (b) threatening
- A8 Andrew: That makes the whole business even more sinister. Look here, Henry, one day won't make all that much difference. I'll tell people that you've lost your voice or something.
answer: (a) lost
- A9 Henry: No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my opponents if I were out of the campaign even for one day.
answer: (c) opponents
- A10 Andrew: If you say so. But I'd like to make it clear that I'm dead against it.
answer: (b) clear

The Parliamentary Candidate (3)

- A1 Henry Orpington's first engagement that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at ten o'clock.
answer: (b) engagement
- A2 As most of the men were out at work, his audience consisted mainly of women and young children.
answer: (d) out
- A3 Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen mingled inconspicuously with the crowd.
answer: (c) mingled
- A4 There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the rising price of fruit and vegetables.
answer: (a) rising
- A5 After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby for him to kiss, but the sight of Henry's beard must have frightened it because it began to scream its head off.
answer: (c) sight
- A6 At eleven o'clock he paid a brief visit to a public house on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead.
answer: (b) paid
- A7 At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his wife and daughters. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for the leaflets he was sending out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly disapproved of his involvement in politics.
answer: (d) disapproved
- A8 Vera: Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably all get blown up by a bomb.
Henry: Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke.
answer: (c) all
- A9 There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest meeting of the whole campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.
answer: (b) whole
- A10 Henry: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so...
Voice from the crowd: ... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!
Henry: No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a voice in the House of Commons.
answer: (d) voice

The Parliamentary Candidate (4)

- A1 The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, suddenly half a dozen tractors roared onto the field.
answer: (c) suddenly
- A2 'Do you like tomatoes?' shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry hesitated for a moment and then replied: 'Yes, I like them very much.'
answer: (d) hesitated
- A3 'Well, we can't sell them at a profit,' said the tractor driver, 'because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to waste, you can have them!'
answer: (c) waste
- A4 It was then that Henry noticed that the tractors were loaded with boxes of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him full in the face.
answer: (a) noticed
- A5 He realized that he had to say something quickly to win the crowd over to his side. 'Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now let's get on with the meeting.'
answer: (b) win
- A6 The crowd started to cheer and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. He went back to his sister's house to collect his family.
answer: (d) cheer
- A7 Vera: I've got some supper ready. I'm sure you must be starving.
answer: (c) starving
- A8 Henry: You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have searched the house thoroughly and found nothing at all.
Vera: Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made.
Henry: All right, Vera. Just so long as there are no tomatoes in it!
answer: (a) searched
- A9 After supper, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.
Man's voice: Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line or something.
Henry: Well, what about the bomb?
Harris: The bomb? What on earth do you mean?
Henry: That's what I'd like to know. You said, I want to warn you about a bomb.
answer: (d) earth
- A10 Harris: Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I overheard some farmers planning to break up your meeting.
Henry: I don't see what all this has got to do with a bomb.
Harris: Well, if we hadn't been cut off I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes!
answer: (b) overheard

Tense Agreement

- A1 No sooner had I shut the door, when the telephone rang.
answer: (d) had
- A2 By the time I had reached the bottom of the mountain, I felt extremely tired.
answer: (c) felt
- A3 When he was only thirty years old, he had already experienced what most people only experience when they are much older.
answer: (b) had
- A4 The witness convinced everyone that he hadn't had anything to do with the crime.
answer: (c) convinced
- A5 We asked him why he hadn't telephoned earlier.
answer: (a) hadn't
- A6 Actually I had mentioned it to her before we set out.
answer: (d) mentioned
- A7 I must admit I hadn't thought how the story would finish before I read the book.
answer: (b) hadn't
- A8 I'd had scarcely any time to think about it before they asked me for my opinion.
answer: (c) asked
- A9 He realized he had left it in the car before he reported it lost.
answer: (d) had
- A10 It was a great shock to everyone because he hadn't said a word for 10 years.
answer: (c) was

Future Tenses

- A1 What will you be doing this time tomorrow?
answer: (d) will you
- A2 I'll go if you like because I have to do some shopping.
answer: (c) I'll
- A3 I shall simply wait until she comes back.
answer: (c) shall
- A4 He was quite definite about it and assured me he would come.
answer: (d) would
- A5 If they do arrive late, they will have to get their own meal.
answer: (a) do
- A6 I really hope I shall see you again.
answer: (b) shall
- A7 What will happen to the family if he loses all his money?
answer: (c) will
- A8 Will you be buying the house or haven't you decided yet?
answer: (d) Will you
- A9 I'm sure they will get married and live happily ever afterwards.
answer: (c) will
- A10 What do you want to do when you leave school?
answer: (d) want

Past Tenses

A1 I told them I was just going out for a short walk.

answer: (c) was

A2 He asked me what I had done with the paint brush.

answer: (b) had done

A3 She told me to drive carefully on the icy roads.

answer: (c) to drive

A4 I wonder what had happened while I was away.

answer: (d) had

A5 She wonders why I never travel abroad by plane.

answer: (a) travel

A6 Quite honestly all I was doing was simply making polite conversation.

answer: (b) making

A7 He was wondering what had prompted him to take no notice at all.

answer: (c) had

A8 I was asking myself what in all honesty she would do next.

answer: (b) would

A9 He actually denied doing anything of the sort.

answer: (d) doing

A10 He came into the room and demanded to know what was happening.

answer: (a) to know

Passive Tense Forms

A1 The castle was built in the 15th century.

answer: (a) was

A2 Is he being arrested as we speak?

answer: (c) being

A3 All these houses have been neglected for decades.

answer: (d) have been

A4 There's no question that they will be delighted when they see her tomorrow.

answer: (b) will be

A5 That building has been left unoccupied since 1950.

answer: (c) has been

A6 The children are taken to school by bus every day.

answer: (a) are

A7 I can assure you that this box had never been opened before I opened this morning.

answer: (d) had

A8 That ceremony is being enacted on Tuesday next.

answer: (c) is being

A9 How many times have you had your house broken into?

answer: (b) had

A10 I'm sorry you can't come in at the moment because we are having the house decorated right now.

answer: (d) are having

Gerund or Infinitive

A1 Stop me if I've told you this before.

answer: (d) Stop

A2 All I can say at the moment is: Long live the company!

answer: (a) live

A3 Sometimes I wish I knew what the future holds.

answer: (c) knew

A4 And at other times I'm glad I don't know what the future holds.

answer: (d) don't

A5 Let's go there tomorrow if it's fine.

answer: (c) go

A6 Try pushing the door really hard if you want to open it.

answer: (a) pushing

A7 Try to learn these irregular verbs by next week.

answer: (b) to learn

A8 I really appreciate your helping me at this difficult time.

answer: (d) helping

A9 I'll finish now and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

answer: (a) seeing

A10 Please come back soon and finish the work you started two weeks ago.

answer: (c) finish

Perfect Tenses

A1 Many people have tried but no-one has succeeded so far.

answer: (d) have

A2 That programme is so boring that it's like watching paint dry.

answer: (c) dry

A3 By the end of this year I realize I shall have been writing tests for three years now.

answer: (b) shall have been

A4 Do you mind opening the door as I find it very hot in here?

answer: (d) opening

A5 I honestly think that the time has come when we should celebrate our success.

answer: (a) has

A6 How anyone managed to live in those conditions in the 18th century is difficult to imagine.

answer: (c) managed

A7 Have you ever heard of this writer before?

answer: (b) Have you

A8 That stupid dog is always barking all day long.

answer: (d) is always barking

A9 They were eating dinner when the lights went out.

answer: (c) went

A10 No-one will believe your story when you tell them.

answer: (a) will

English Grammar Tenses

A1 Does any one object if I turn the heating down?

answer: (b) Does

A2 I have come to the conclusion that nowadays nobody cares about anything.

answer: (d) have

A3 No matter what happens next I will help you.

answer: (c) will

A4 They had been running for 3 hours when the storm suddenly broke.

answer: (a) had been running

A5 I assumed you had been paying for the repairs until the end of last year.

answer: (d) had been

A6 Do you ever get tired of answering the same questions every day?

answer: (c) Do you ever

A7 She has been working on that manuscript for 2 years now.

answer: (b) has been

A8 I went there once a long time ago and haven't been back since.

answer: (a) went

A9 She keeps trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.

answer: (d) keeps

A10 I want complete silence now while I try this experiment.

answer: (b) want

Idioms with the phrasal verb carry

- A1 An eagle, if pressed for food, might carry off a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.
answer: (a) carry off
- A2 Finland and the Finnish upper secondary education system constitute a good example of the fact that it is possible to carry through very extensive readjustments with a view to making a system more flexible and adapted to individualized learning.
answer: (b) carry through
- A3 India and Iran will continue to deepen ties and carry on with bilateral projects, including the tri-nation pipeline and a multi-billion dollar gas deal.
answer: (c) carry on with
- A4 The liver regulates most chemical levels in the blood and excretes a product called bile, which helps carry away waste products from the liver.
answer: (a) carry away
- A5 China's cultural industry was given a boost last week after the government announced its plan to carry out cultural reform in more than 20 provincial areas.
answer: (d) carry out
- A6 Items such as pointed scissors and ice skates are examples of articles that are not permitted in your carry on baggage when boarding an aircraft.
answer: (b) carry on
- A7 An employee with 400 accrued sick leave hours at the end of the fiscal year will carry over into the new fiscal year 360 hours of sick leave and 8 hours of additional annual leave.
answer: (a) carry over
- A8 When irrigation has no carry off system, the evaporating water deposits a gradual build-up of salinization, which is eventually damaging to plant life.
answer: (c) carry off
- A9 The Scottish Parliament has appointed Mr. Maley to carry out an assessment of the current cost estimate and likely completion date of a new information technology project.
answer: (d) carry out
- A10 Animals and humans use the evaporation of water to carry away heat that is absorbed from the sun or generated by metabolic activity and exercise.
answer: (a) carry away

Culinary delights

- A1 Middle Eastern restaurants often have a way of whisking you away to a far off land of belly dancers, exotic spices and intoxicating drink.
answer: (c) intoxicating
- A2 Thai cuisine is one of the most romantic of the Asian cuisines as it still retains an element of mystery and exoticism.
answer: (b) retains
- A3 Modern Asian restaurants in Jakarta have an extended history.
answer: (a) extended
- A4 Indonesia has an eclectic range of Japanese restaurants as Japan has long been the biggest investor in the country
answer: (c) eclectic
- A5 International restaurants in Singapore are particularly adept at simultaneously perfecting both eastern and western dishes on their menus
answer: (d) particularly
- A6 Hong Kong has to be one of the few places on the planet where you can enjoy exquisite cuisine and service at relatively reasonable prices.
answer: (a) exquisite
- A7 European cuisine always evokes a sense of nostalgia and romance, like running into an old flame.
answer: (c) evokes
- A8 America is undeniably at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.
answer: (b) undeniably
- A9 Many people drink wine, but many wine consumers know little about wine appreciation or wine and food pairing because they are intimidated or put off by the pretensions often associated with wine.
answer: (b) appreciation
- A10 One of the most beautiful things about Jakarta is its culinary wealth from both within the archipelago and around the world.
answer: (d) culinary

Interactive worksheets (1)

- A1 The historical church has an eminent quality to it because of the beautiful artwork and the serenity that the stained-glass windows and natural lighting provide.
answer: (a) eminent
- A2 Before the ball, the imposter dissembled himself so the guests wouldn't recognize him.
answer: (b) dissembled
- A3 The widow spent more than two days writing a loving and appropriate epitaph to put on her beloved husband's headstone.
answer: (c) epitaph
- A4 The dark, eerie and foreboding sky seemed to speak to general McKenney about the upcoming violence they were about to face.
answer: (b) foreboding
- A5 Bryan's friends dared him to jump off of the cliff into the awaiting lake below. But the intuitive boy foresaw the danger because the lake looked shallower than usual.
answer: (b) foresaw
- A6 During the war, many families tried to hoard as much food and supplies as they could.
answer: (c) hoard
- A7 The warm and discreet charm of the home is what attracted Carrie to it in the first place. She likes the simple pleasures in life.
answer: (a) discreet
- A8 During the middle ages, men often fought each other in a duel in order to settle serious disagreements.
answer: (a) duel
- A9 After the stock market crash, the once-affluent family was forced to downgrade their home and lifestyle.
answer: (c) downgrade
- A10 All animals are born with innate or immanent qualities. As they grow, they pick up new skills from their environment.
answer: (b) immanent

Interactive worksheets (2)

- A1 The hunting dogs sensed the imminent danger way before the hunters were able to see the approaching predators.
answer: (b) imminent
- A2 Tom was arrested on Friday. Six months later, he received a sentence of ten years in prison for dealing illicit drugs.
answer: (d) illicit
- A3 The district attorney desperately tried to elicit a confession from the accused in the cross-examination. He really wanted to win the case because he believed the accused was guilty.
answer: (c) elicit
- A4 Many people want to emigrate from their native countries to other nations. However, nowadays, it's much more difficult than it was in the past.
answer: (c) emigrate
- A5 "Dear Abby" is a column that advises people who write in with problems. Some think the column is useful but others strongly disagree.
answer: (b) advises
- A6 There was an apple core lying on the floor. Tammy thought it was rude that someone left it lying on the kitchen floor like that.
answer: (d) core
- A7 Three months before the wedding, Laura brought her bridesmaid dress into a dress shop so that the seamstress had enough time to alter it.
answer: (a) alter
- A8 After the odd outburst, the group of long time friends agreed that Carmela's behavior on the weekend trip was bizarre.
answer: (b) bizarre
- A9 A look of disgust came over Nancy's face when the verdict was announced. She now wants to meet with lobbyists who work to change laws for the betterment of society.
answer: (d) disgust
- A10 The epic saga lasted three hours. A lot of people in the theater enjoyed the film but most agreed that it was too long.
answer: (c) epic

American Government Questions Test (1)

- A1 Ingrained within the first amendment, freedom of the press declares and maintains that people can put ideas down in writing and can communicate freely in the United States.
answer: (b) press
- A2 When a new law is recommended or proposed, a bill is created. A decision about whether to pass it or not is made afterwards.
answer: (a) bill
- A3 After a bill is introduced and passed by Congress, it is given to the president who makes the final decision.
answer: (b) president
- A4 The U.S. Congress is comprised of two divisions: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Congress has the responsibility and authority to analyze and pass bills as well as make laws.
answer: (a) Senate
- A5 In the end, however, a United States president maintains the authority to either accept or veto a bill.
answer: (d) veto
- A6 If something happens that renders a US president incapable of fulfilling his duties, the vice-president fills in.
answer: (c) vice-president
- A7 The president has a number of responsibilities and one is to appoint ambassadors to foreign countries.
answer: (b) appoint
- A8 Anyone who wants to run for the presidential office position must be a natural-born citizen of the United States and a permanent resident of America for a minimum of 14 years.
answer: (b) resident
- A9 Within the US government, the division that manages trade and business affairs, both in America and abroad, is the Department of Commerce.
answer: (a) Commerce
- A10 Within the US government, the sector that manages the protection and sustainability of natural resources is the department of the interior.
answer: (d) interior

US Government Questions Test (2)

- A1 The term amendment is a change or modification applied to a practice or law that already exists.
answer: (b) amendment
- A2 When a population votes on a certain subject, the larger number of people who agree, and must equal more than one-half of the voting population, is called the majority.
answer: (c) majority
- A3 Prohibition was a law that outlawed the production, sale, use and/or transport of alcohol for consumption purposes in the United States. By 1933, the law was abolished.
answer: (c) Prohibition
- A4 A written, legal record or document requesting assistance, change or modifications within a government system already in place is called a petition.
answer: (b) petition
- A5 Stemming from John Locke's ideas, innate rights, such as life, property and liberty, are known as natural rights in the U.S.
answer: (c) natural
- A6 Early governments in the US established a constitution. This is a written outline that verifies the rights of the people within a unified, democratic government.
answer: (b) constitution
- A7 A treaty is an agreement or understanding between two regions, states or countries that defines trade and other matters identified by both parties.
answer: (c) treaty
- A8 In the US, the division of government that deals with law, courts and justice is the judicial system or branch.
answer: (b) judicial
- A9 Sometimes bills are vetoed. However, at other times, a bill or amendment is approved or ratified.
answer: (a) ratified
- A10 A person who is not a member of a police or fire-fighting department or enlisted in the military is known as a civilian.
answer: (a) civilian

US Government Questions Test (3)

- A1 Congress has a number of lawmaking responsibilities and is known as the legislative branch of the US government.
answer: (b) legislative
- A2 A United States president has the authority to appoint judges to the Supreme Court and ambassadors to foreign countries.
answer: (b) Supreme
- A3 Every four years, certain people run for office. A person who runs for the presidential office position in a national campaign is called a presidential candidate.
answer: (a) candidate
- A4 Among other responsibilities, Congress has the authority to collect taxes and pass laws regarding the income tax structure.
answer: (b) taxes
- A5 When a public official is accused and then charged with wrongful or unlawful conduct, the process is known as an impeachment.
answer: (c) impeachment
- A6 A person who is born in a certain country is entitled to specific rights, benefits and duties and considered a citizen of that particular country.
answer: (b) citizen
- A7 When a person is charged with a criminal act, the judicial system can either convict or acquit the person of the charges.
answer: (a) acquit
- A8 Within the US government, the sector that operates all facets concerning veterans' services is the veterans affairs department.
answer: (c) veterans affairs
- A9 Within the US government, the sector that supervises and directs minimum wage and employee standards that exist in the current system is the labor department.
answer: (b) labor
- A10 A division of the governmental system that presides over health and human services within the boundaries of America is the department of health and human services.
answer: (c) health and human services

US Government Questions Test (4)

- A1 The government division that manages oil, natural gas and various other resources for the purpose of utilization and conservation is the department of energy.
answer: (a) energy
- A2 The government division that deals with students, learning, development and teachers is the department of education.
answer: (c) education
- A3 If someone doesn't pay his/her taxes or knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to tax agencies or administrators, the crime is called tax evasion.
answer: (a) tax evasion
- A4 When people have the liberty to manage and run businesses with little government control or interference, this type of governing is called a free enterprise system.
answer: (b) free enterprise
- A5 The government sector that manages the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, airports and railroads in the United States is the department of transportation.
answer: (b) transportation
- A6 The government sector that supervises all facets of farming and cultivation is the department of agriculture.
answer: (c) agriculture
- A7 By dividing the government into three departments or branches, the power of the nation is split up so each branch is separate and distinct. This is known as separation of power.
answer: (a) separation of power
- A8 When federal and state governments have some control over the same issues, at their distinct levels, the system encompassing this type of government is called shared powers.
answer: (b) shared
- A9 The government division that manages all facets of the armed forces is the department of defense.
answer: (b) defense
- A10 Certain areas of society are mandated only by the states so the federal government can't control them. This type of power is called reserved power.
answer: (b) reserved

US Judicial System Question Test (1)

- A1 A person who is accused of a crime, in a court of law, is known as the defendant.
answer: (b) defendant
- A2 Three important sectors or branches of government in the United States are the legislative, executive and judicial branches.
answer: (c) judicial
- A3 Within the American judicial system, there are three levels of courts.
answer: (b) system
- A4 The three levels of court in the US are as follows: district courts, the courts of appeals and the Supreme Court.
answer: (c) Supreme
- A5 Within the system, district courts are the only federal courts that sometimes employ a judge and a jury.
answer: (b) district
- A6 The Supreme Court is the highest level of justice in the US. Supreme Court decisions have sometimes called for modifications in the Constitution.
answer: (b) Constitution
- A7 A case must be heard in a district court first. After a decision is made in that court, the case can move into the court of appeals.
answer: (b) court of appeals
- A8 A lawyer that works for either the state or federal government and sometimes cross-examines a defendant is known as the district attorney.
answer: (a) district
- A9 In the highest court level in the country, Supreme Court justices decide whether or not an issue is unconstitutional. They are appointed by the President.
answer: (b) President
- A10 A lawyer who is hired by a defendant to represent his/her case is called a defense attorney.
answer: (a) defense

US Government Questions Test (5)

- A1 Tax that is calculated and dependant on the amount a person earns in a democracy is called income tax.
answer: (b) income
- A2 Federal or state tax that is added to goods and/or services is called sales tax.
answer: (a) sales
- A3 Zoning is the term used when a county, town or city defines and decides where homes and businesses are to be situated.
answer: (b) Zoning
- A4 A county is a region or district that is divided from other areas in order to establish and operate local governments in that particular area.
answer: (b) county
- A5 In each county, the head of the law enforcement agency or body is called the sheriff.
answer: (c) sheriff
- A6 A person who is elected, to represent and govern a city or town, by the people is called the mayor.
answer: (c) mayor
- A7 When communities or groups hold functions in order to raise money for a cause, the activity is called a fund-raiser.
answer: (b) fund-raiser
- A8 A platform is a stance or statement containing a political party's thoughts, beliefs and plans put forth prior to an election.
answer: (c) platform
- A9 Usually, conservative political parties are more resistant to change.
answer: (b) conservative
- A10 Political parties that are usually more open to societal change are referred to as liberal parties.
answer: (a) liberal

US Government Questions Test (6)

- A1 Usually, a political party that holds the lesser amount of seats, or power, within an existing government is called the opposition party.
answer: (c) opposition
- A2 The Republican Party in the US is usually more conservative when compared to the Democratic Party.
answer: (b) conservative
- A3 A person who is selected to run in an election is called a nominee.
answer: (c) nominee
- A4 Democrats in the US are usually more liberal when compared to the Republican Party.
answer: (a) liberal
- A5 In order to vote, American citizens must first be registered in their voting district.
answer: (b) registered
- A6 An American citizen who is living outside of the US during an election year can fill out an absentee ballot in order to vote from the existing location.
answer: (b) absentee
- A7 If an issue is disagreed upon and put forth in a direct vote approach by the government, the undertaking is called a referendum.
answer: (b) referendum
- A8 An emigrant is a person who leaves his/her country to live in another country.
answer: (c) emigrant
- A9 People who are being victimized or persecuted and, therefore, leave their country in order to seek refuge in a safer place are known as refugees.
answer: (b) refugees
- A10 Citizens of other countries who reside in the US are called aliens.
answer: (c) aliens

US Government Questions Test (7)

- A1 If a person, who is not a citizen of the US, is ordered to leave the country, the order is known as deportation.
answer: (c) deportation
- A2 Naturalization is the process people go through when they are offered citizenship in a country but they were born in another country.
answer: (b) Naturalization
- A3 If an alien is offered American citizenship, he/she must take an oath of allegiance in order to proceed with the next course of action.
answer: (c) allegiance
- A4 Patriotism is the love and loyalty citizens possess for their country.
answer: (c) Patriotism
- A5 Groups who want changes within the existing societal system can lobby law making, government officials and members.
answer: (a) lobby
- A6 A study or survey regarding citizens' thoughts and opinions about a certain subject is called an opinion poll.
answer: (c) opinion
- A7 A group of people who have similar interests in mind and work together for change or action is called an interest group.
answer: (c) interest
- A8 The rules, laws and regulations that guide and govern a particular country are called public policy.
answer: (c) policy
- A9 Individual freedoms declared in the US Constitution, such as freedom of the press, speech and religion, are known as civil liberties.
answer: (a) liberties
- A10 Every American citizen, over the age of 18, has the right to vote in elections via prior amendments in the US Constitution.
answer: (a) vote

Economics Questions test (1)

- A1 People often like to have a lot of material goods but water, food and shelter are basic needs people and other animals require to stay alive.
answer: (b) needs
- A2 When someone really likes a product but that item is not necessary to stay alive, the product is called a want or a luxury.
answer: (a) want
- A3 The earth supplies us with many beautiful things as well as many natural, raw materials. These usable materials are called natural resources.
answer: (b) natural resources
- A4 There are many companies that manufacture products and consumers buy them. The products that people buy are called goods.
answer: (c) goods
- A5 Companies will often use raw materials in order to turn them into usable products that consumers need and want. This process is called manufacturing.
answer: (b) manufacturing
- A6 Some companies, don't specialize in manufacturing, but rather they do work, for a fee, for other people. This work is known as a service.
answer: (c) service
- A7 Every country experiences scarcity at some point or another. This is when a country's wants are larger than the available resources.
answer: (b) scarcity
- A8 Whether it's a natural resource or not, every possible use of a resource is called an opportunity.
answer: (a) opportunity
- A9 Any item or material that people use to manufacture products or use in order to provide services is called a resource.
answer: (b) resource
- A10 There are many companies around the world. The people who own each individual business are called entrepreneurs.
answer: (a) entrepreneurs

Economics Questions test (2)

- A1 A manager is the person who directs, supervises and operates a business or a section of a business. This person is in a management position but is not always the owner of the company.
answer: (b) manager
- A2 When people or departments become highly-skilled in one area of production because they only create or produce one item or one part of an item, specialization occurs.
answer: (c) specialization
- A3 An assembly line is a system where products or parts of products move from one worker to another. This is an efficient system that is used in order to manufacture products in a highly productive manner.
answer: (c) An assembly line
- A4 When companies split up or divide workers' tasks so that each worker performs one job or task, the process is known as division of labor.
answer: (a) division of labor
- A5 Many companies around the world use technology, or make use of scientific advancements, to manufacture new and improved products every day.
answer: (c) technology
- A6 Databases store huge amounts of information within computer systems that were not in existence 40 years ago.
answer: (b) Databases
- A7 In some nations, people and families are below the poverty level and are in need so they are given welfare in order to survive.
answer: (b) welfare
- A8 In a market economy, individuals and businesses own and make most of the decisions about resources. In this type of economy, the people own and control most of the production processes.
answer: (b) market
- A9 In a mixed economy, individuals and governments own and control production together. They both decide how resources will be used, what will be produced and who will buy and use the products.
answer: (b) mixed
- A10 Whether businesses manufacture goods or offer services, all of the money taken in by a business is called revenue.
answer: (c) revenue

Health and Nutrition Questions Test (1)

A1 When people say they want a six pack, they want to work out their abdominal muscles in order to tone their stomachs.

answer: (a) abdominal

A2 In addition to muscle building exercises, most trainers will recommend some form of aerobic activity for a cardiovascular workout.

answer: (c) aerobic activity

A3 Nowadays, there are many forms of alternative medicine such as acupuncture and homeopathic remedies.

answer: (c) alternative

A4 A manufactured substance that is used to sweeten drinks and food is called a(n) artificial sweetener.

answer: (b) artificial sweetener

A5 Ascorbic acid is found in orange juice and is another word for Vitamin C.

answer: (b) Ascorbic acid

A6 Caffeine is a substance that is found in many drinks and foods such as coffee and chocolate bars. This substance can keep you awake for long periods of time.

answer: (c) Caffeine

A7 In North America, many people eat cereal in the morning for breakfast. This item is put into a bowl and milk is added.

answer: (b) cereal

A8 Carbohydrate is found in foods such as potatoes and pasta dishes.

answer: (c) Carbohydrate

A9 When some people go on a diet, they count their calories every day.

answer: (c) calories

A10 Many people are trying to keep their cholesterol levels down in order to avoid heart problems in the future.

answer: (a) cholesterol

Water Idioms

A1 Although he had had a bad experience with his business, he treated it as water off a duck's back — means: of no importance.

answer: (c) of no importance

A2 He was told that the new plan he'd developed just wouldn't hold water — means: wouldn't work.

answer: (b) wouldn't work

A3 Every time we came up with a new proposal, he would throw cold water on it — means: discourage it.

answer: (a) discourage it

A4 After all the money that she's borrowed and also spent, she now finds herself in deep water — means: in trouble.

answer: (d) in trouble

A5 He's decided to make a fresh start and regards all his old problems as water under the bridge — means: not worth worrying about.

answer: (b) not worth worrying about

A6 Once he's earned a bit of money he immediately spends it like water — means: spends it freely.

answer: (c) spends it freely

A7 Whenever she goes to that club she always feels like a fish out of water — means: uncomfortable.

answer: (a) uncomfortable

A8 It's many years since we last met and a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then — means: a lot has happened.

answer: (d) a lot has happened

A9 The jewels in that showcase are clearly of the first water — means: of high quality.

answer: (b) of high quality

A10 Their job as advisers was to pour oil on troubled waters — means: calm things down.

answer: (c) calm things down

Air Idioms

A1 Don't worry about her, she always gives herself airs and graces — means: She always thinks she's very important.

answer: (c) She always thinks she's very important

A2 I honestly think the time has come to clear the air — means: to make things simpler.

answer: (d) to make things simpler

A3 There's a lot of discussion in the air about it — means: that's not definite.

answer: (a) that's not definite

A4 I don't know about you but I feel like taking the air at the moment — means: going for a walk.

answer: (b) going for a walk

A5 Our holiday plans are up in the air at the moment — means: indefinite.

answer: (a) indefinite

A6 When I told him the news, he went up in the air — means: he became angry.

answer: (d) he became angry

A7 You know what they're like. They just talked a lot of hot air — means: empty promises.

answer: (b) empty promises

A8 As soon as they heard the news, they were walking on air — means: were very happy.

answer: (c) were very happy

A9 The radio play is on the air later tonight — means: being broadcast.

answer: (a) being broadcast

A10 The concert is being played in the open air on Sunday — means: outside.

answer: (d) outside