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## INTRODUCTION

Nowadays few people will dispute the importance of vocabulary, especially the need for active vocabulary practice. The *Test Your Vocabulary* books filled this need when they first came out, and they continue to do so. There are six books in the series, from elementary to advanced level. In this new edition of the series each book has ten new tests. To facilitate self-study there is a full Answer Key. Students using *Test Your Vocabulary* will find learning vocabulary both stimulating and enjoyable.

*Test Your Vocabulary 5* is the sixth book in the series and is intended for advanced students, especially those studying for the Cambridge Proficiency examination or those at university. There are sixty tests and approximately 1,700 words in the book. The emphasis is on variety, with tests ranging from multiple-choice exercises to tests on synonyms, verbs, adjectives, idioms and phrasal verbs. In addition there are crosswords, newspaper misprints, homophones, sorting words into sets, and verb–noun collocations.

In writing this book, I have consulted a number of different dictionaries. The following can be warmly recommended:

*Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* – new edition (Longman)

*Collins Cobuild Essential English Dictionary* (Collins)

*Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary* (Oxford University Press)

*The Penguin Wordmaster Dictionary*, Maister and Turton (Penguin)

## TO THE STUDENT

This book will help you to learn a lot of new English words. But in order for the new words to become ‘fixed’ in your mind, you need to test yourself again and again. Here is one method you can use to help you learn the words.

- 1 Read through the instructions carefully for the test you are going to try. Then try the test, writing your answers **in pencil**.
- 2 When you have finished, check your answers and correct any mistakes you have made. Read through the test again, paying special attention to the words you didn’t know or got wrong.
- 3 Try the test again five minutes later. You can do this either by covering up the words (for example, in the picture tests) or by asking a friend to test you. Repeat this until you can remember all the words.
- 4 **Rub out your answers.**
- 5 Try the test again the following day. (You should remember most of the words.)
- 6 Finally, plan to try the test at least twice again within the following month. After this most of the words will be ‘fixed’ in your mind.

# 1

## Words of similar meaning: Adjectives

*Complete each of the groups of three words with a word that is similar in meaning. Choose from the following:*

belligerent	destitute	irate	ravenous
clamorous	discrepant	obese	slothful
copious	fervent	opulent	stingy
coy	frugal	paltry	valiant
cumbersome	impetuous	perilous	wily

- 1 angry, furious, livid ...
- 2 aggressive, militant, hostile ...
- 3 brave, courageous, intrepid ...
- 4 bulky, clumsy, unwieldy ...
- 5 cunning, artful, sly ...
- 6 dangerous, hazardous, risky ...
- 7 eager, keen, zealous ...
- 8 economical, sparing, thrifty ...
- 9 fat, portly, corpulent ...
- 10 noisy, boisterous, vociferous ...
- 11 hasty, rash, impulsive ...
- 12 hungry, starving, famished ...
- 13 incongruous, incompatible, incoherent ...
- 14 lazy, idle, indolent ...
- 15 mean, tight-fisted, miserly ...
- 16 broke, penniless, skint ...
- 17 plentiful, abundant, bountiful ...
- 18 rich, wealthy, affluent ...
- 19 shy, sheepish, bashful ...
- 20 unimportant, petty, trivial ...

# Group nouns/Collective nouns

Fill in the missing words.

1 a ..... of endurance

F \_ \_ \_

2 a ..... of lions

P \_ I \_ \_

3 a ..... of events

\_ \_ R I \_ \_

4 a ..... of luck

\_ \_ R \_ K \_

5 a ..... of dancers

\_ R O \_ \_ \_

6 an ..... of poems

A \_ T H \_ \_ \_ \_

7 a ..... of treatment

\_ \_ \_ R S \_

8 a ..... of tunes

M \_ \_ \_ \_ Y

9 a ..... of bacon

\_ \_ S H \_ R

10 a ..... of dry weather

\_ \_ \_ L L \_

11 a ..... of notes (= money)

W \_ \_

12 an ..... of nerves

\_ T T \_ \_ \_

13 a ..... of short stories

C \_ \_ L \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_

14 a ..... of arrows

Q \_ \_ V \_ \_

15 a ..... of meat

\_ \_ \_ N T

16 a ..... of grass

\_ \_ F \_

17 a ..... of red hair

S \_ \_ \_ K

18 a ..... of fresh air

\_ \_ \_ \_ T H

19 a ..... of sand

\_ \_ A \_ N

20 a ..... of land

\_ \_ \_ T

21 a ..... of dust

\_ P \_ C \_

22 a ..... of imprisonment

T \_ \_ \_

23 a ..... of ants

\_ \_ L \_ \_ Y

24 a ..... of whales

\_ C H \_ \_ \_

25 an ..... of news

\_ T \_ \_

26 a ..... of motorway

S \_ R \_ \_ \_ H

27 a ..... of trees

\_ L \_ \_ P

28 a ..... of thunder

\_ L \_ \_

29 a ..... of concrete

B \_ \_ \_ K

30 a ..... of emergency

\_ T \_ T \_

31 an ..... of clothing

\_ R T \_ \_ \_ E

32 a ..... of lightning

\_ L \_ S \_

33 a ..... of geese

\_ \_ G G \_ \_

34 a ..... of experts

\_ \_ N \_ L

35 a ..... of laughter

\_ O \_ \_

36 a ..... of locusts

P \_ \_ G \_ \_



Replace the words in bold type in the following sentences with a single word. (The first letter of the word is given.)

- 1 My brother is **able to use both hands equally well**.  
(a.....)
- 2 The passengers **went ashore** at Harwich.  
(d.....)
- 3 These computers are **completely out-of-date** now.  
(o.....)
- 4 **A great deal of** damage was caused by the earthquake.  
(E.....)
- 5 One side of a postage stamp is **covered with a sticky substance**.  
(a.....)
- 6 The two countries signed an **agreement to stop fighting**.  
(a.....)
- 7 Your actions may have **put** our plans **in danger**.  
(j..... our plans)
- 8 The meeting was **put off** until later in the week.  
(a.....)
- 9 The soldier was accused of **lack of courage** in the face of the enemy.  
(c.....)
- 10 This month's sales figures have **gone beyond** our expectations.  
(e.....)
- 11 The river **curves and winds** through the Wye Valley.  
(m.....)
- 12 My father has just got a new pair of **false teeth**.  
(d.....)
- 13 The fortress was **impossible to be taken by force**.  
(i.....)
- 14 He was found guilty of **murdering his mother**.  
(m.....)
- 15 The margin of error is **so small that it can be ignored**.  
(n.....)
- 16 At least twenty villages were **laid waste** by the floods.  
(d.....)
- 17 Some of the planes were no longer **fit to fly**.  
(a.....)
- 18 He is suffering from **loss of memory**.  
(a.....)
- 19 We tried to **find out** the cause of the accident.  
(a.....)
- 20 His appetite for power and wealth is **impossible to satisfy**.  
(i.....)

# 4

## Missing words: Adjectives

Fill in the missing adjectives in the sentences below. Choose from the following:

adamant	eligible	indigenous	requisite
avid	exorbitant	inopportune	sedentary
circumstantial	feasible	irrevocable	slushy
commensurate	heinous	petty	spontaneous
congested	implicated	plausible	squeamish
cursory	implicit	prevailing	unanimous
dishevelled	incessant	prolific	vivid
	indicative	redundant	

- Brian wasn't really interested in art, so he gave each painting no more than a ..... glance.
- "You have been found guilty of a most ..... crime," said the judge.
- The kangaroo and koala bear are ..... to Australia.
- The ..... cash is kept in that black box over there.
- I could never watch an operation; I'm far too ..... I even faint when someone has a nosebleed.
- My parents were ..... about not letting me go to the pop concert.
- The plan sounds ....., but I'd like to discuss it with the others before giving you the go-ahead.
- As a child I had ..... faith in my parents. As far as I was concerned, they could do no wrong.
- There's nothing you can do, I'm afraid. The committee's decision is .....
- He gave a very ..... excuse for being late.
- To go to university you have to have the ..... number of A-levels.
- Now that it had started to thaw, the roads were very .....
- To be a writer, you need among other things a ..... imagination.
- Even as a child she was a(n) ..... reader.
- You could tell she had only just got out of bed. She had no make-up on and her hair was .....
- Do you think any other members of the Government are ..... in the current scandals?
- The ..... noise from the workmen outside my window was beginning to drive me mad.

- People with ..... jobs ought to get as much exercise as possible in their free time.
- The board members gave ..... support to the proposal.
- The police didn't have any definite proof that he had committed the crime; all the evidence was .....
- Only single people are ..... to join this club.
- The fact that only 40 per cent turned out to vote in the election is ..... of the state of political apathy in the country at present.
- The ..... wind in this area is from the west.
- Nothing Peter says or does is ever ..... He always thinks things out very carefully beforehand.
- She was looking for a job ..... with her abilities.
- We didn't buy anything because we thought the prices were .....
- She arrived at a most ..... moment; I was just getting into the shower.
- She was a ..... writer who averaged fifteen to twenty books a year.
- I hate driving through London because the streets are so .....
- When the car factory closed down, more than 2,000 workers were made .....

# 5

## Cartoons

In the following cartoons, the captions have got mixed up, so that each cartoon has been printed with the wrong caption under it. Work out the correct caption for each cartoon.

Cartoon	Correct caption	Cartoon	Correct caption
1	—	6	—
2	—	7	—
3	—	8	—
4	—	9	—
5	—	10	—



1 I think I'd better explain the term "free kick".



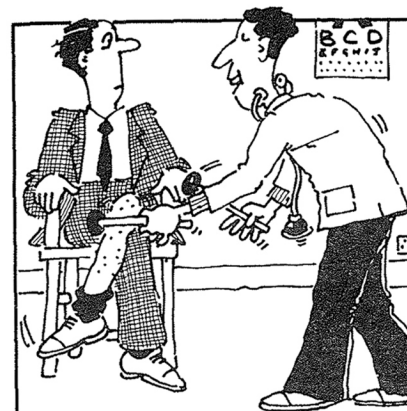
2 No thanks, I've already got four.



3 Why didn't you tell me one of your arms was shorter than the other?



4 Try not to laugh, Dorothy, it will only encourage him to be naughty.



5 I just popped in to see how the novel's coming on.



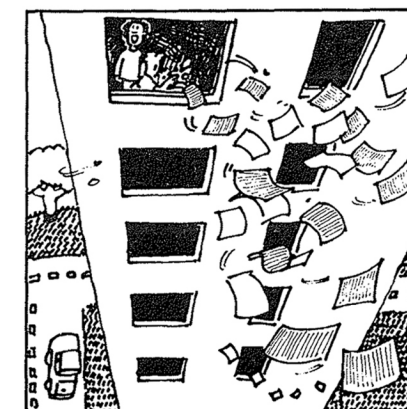
6 For goodness sake let him have it, Albert. It's only a worm!



7 I wonder if you'd mind pronouncing that again, sir.



8 Now see if you can guess what tune I'm playing this time.



9 The interviewer asked me what I was good at, so I nutted him.



10 I think I've got it, Simpkins. It says "mind the step".

# 6

## Word association

Write next to each of the words on the left a word that can be associated with it. Choose from the words on the right. Use each word once only.

- 1 apple .....
- 2 athletics .....
- 3 bicycle .....
- 4 billiards .....
- 5 book .....
- 6 candle .....
- 7 car .....
- 8 chimney .....
- 9 church .....
- 10 clock .....
- 11 comb .....
- 12 cow .....
- 13 cricket .....
- 14 ear .....
- 15 fish .....
- 16 flower .....
- 17 funeral .....
- 18 hair .....
- 19 horse .....
- 20 jacket .....
- 21 ladder .....
- 22 nut .....
- 23 piano .....
- 24 prostitute .....
- 25 river .....
- 26 roof .....
- 27 ship .....
- 28 shirt .....
- 29 telephone .....
- 30 violin .....

bonnet  
bridge  
core  
cuff  
cushion  
estuary  
flue  
funnel  
gills  
hammer  
hand  
handset  
jacket  
kernel  
lapel  
lobe  
mane  
parting  
pimp  
pulpit  
rafter  
relay  
rung  
spoke  
stem  
tooth  
udder  
umpire  
wick  
wreath

# 7

## Verbal expressions

Fill in the missing verbs below. Choose from the following (use each verb once only):

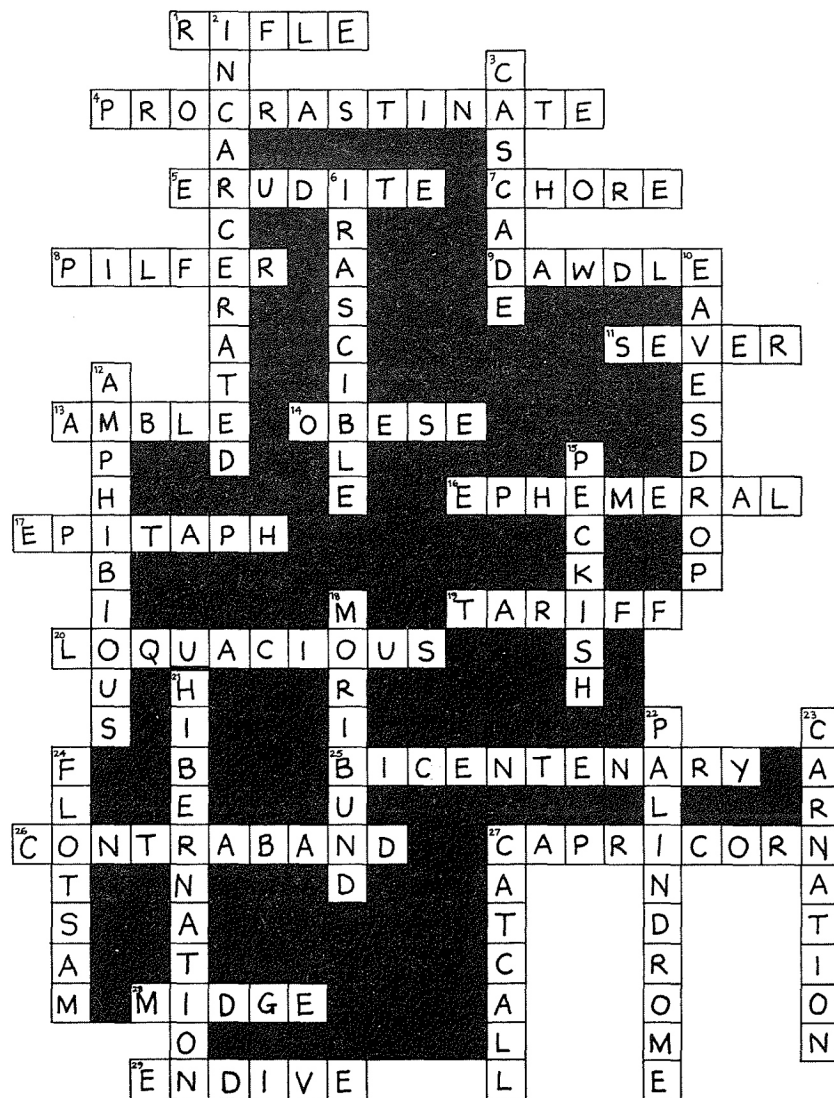
acquire	cook	fill	keep	read
alleviate	cut	follow	lead	see
bear	draw	form	lose	serve
call	drive	hang	make	take
collect	drop	hold	play	throw

- 1 To ..... a conclusion
- 2 To ..... suit
- 3 To ..... allowances
- 4 To ..... a party
- 5 To ..... a taste for something
- 6 To ..... someone a line
- 7 To ..... wallpaper
- 8 To ..... between the lines
- 9 To ..... suffering
- 10 To ..... one's thoughts
- 11 To ..... the fort
- 12 To ..... stars
- 13 To ..... a grudge against someone
- 14 To ..... the books
- 15 To ..... a vacancy
- 16 To ..... truant
- 17 To ..... precautions
- 18 To ..... someone's bluff
- 19 To ..... a hard bargain
- 20 To ..... a company
- 21 To ..... time
- 22 To ..... a tooth
- 23 To ..... house
- 24 To ..... heart
- 25 To ..... someone up the garden path



## Sort out the clues 1

Look at the completed crossword below. See if you can work out which word goes with which clue. Write 1 Across, 15 Down, etc., in front of each clue. (See example)



Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.

- 1 The accused man was proved innocent and was .....  
a liberated b excused c interned d acquitted
- 2 There was a very suspicious character ..... in the shadows.  
a lurking b peeping c peering d awaiting
- 3 For a moment it was difficult to see through the ..... of the headlights.  
a shimmer b glare c glow d glaze
- 4 Richard Burton was noted for his clear ..... of words.  
a enunciation b interpretation c announcement d accentuation
- 5 It ..... rains whenever I go out without my umbrella.  
a continually b invariably c typically d infallibly
- 6 Don't waste your time telling Janet a joke; she's totally ..... of a sense of humour.  
a deficient b missing c devoid d lacking
- 7 The old man's ..... body presented a really pitiful picture.  
a flimsy b lanky c sparse d emaciated
- 8 When he accidentally hit his thumb with a hammer, he let out ..... which could be heard half-way down the street.  
a swearing b a cursor c a squeak d an expletive
- 9 The photocopier in our office needs a complete ..... These copies are terrible.  
a maintenance b repair c overhaul d renovation
- 10 A prominent member of the Cabinet was ..... as co-respondent in the divorce case.  
a cited b included c accused d linked
- 11 She was a wonderful talker. She really had the gift of the .....  
a bard b words c gab d Gods
- 12 Because of their upbringing, most British men are too ..... to cry.  
a restrained b inhibited c stiff d controlled
- 13 Technology is advancing so rapidly nowadays that computers and other machines seem to be ..... after a very short time.  
a antiquated b irreparable c disused d obsolete
- 14 He didn't speak a word of French when he first moved to France. He had to pick up the language from .....  
a scratch b start c nought d nil
- 15 We decided to ..... the decision to a later meeting.  
a adjourn b cancel c defer d suspend
- 16 After travelling all day, he was completely .....  
a done in b done up c broken down d used up
- 17 I can't tell you very much about the subject, I'm afraid. I only have a very ..... knowledge of it myself.  
a fundamental b primary c elemental d rudimentary
- 18 Any aggressive act on their part now would be ..... to war.  
a tantamount b parallel c commensurate d comparable
- 19 The police tried in vain to persuade the journalist to ..... the source of her information.  
a release b divulge c expose d admit
- 20 When Gerald Ford became President of the U.S.A. he used his ..... to pardon his predecessor, Richard Nixon.  
a influence b prerogative c authorities d potency
- 21 The travel agency sent us a detailed ..... of our journey to India.  
a docket b agenda c itinerary d documentation
- 22 Since our train leaves at 10.30, it is ..... that everyone is at the station no later than 10.15.  
a imperative b urgent c desired d inescapable

# Newspaper misprints 1

*In each of the following extracts from a newspaper there is a misprint.  
Underline the word which is wrong and also write down which word should  
have been used instead.*

**Example:** The 40-year-old man has dark hair with a prominent fridge.  
(.....)

- 1 The will disposes of a million-dollar estate, the bunk going to relatives.  
(.....)
- 2 Why rend your garments elsewhere when our up-to-date laundry can do the work more effectively? (.....)
- 3 CLOTHES BRUSH: The genuine pigskin back opens with a zip and inside are tweezers, scissors, nail file and a bomb. (.....)
- 4 Mrs Wilson has a fine, fair skin which, she admits ruefully, comes out in a mass of freckles at the first hint of sin. (.....)
- 5 FOR SALE: Three bra electric fire. Perfect condition. £40. (.....)
- 6 She used an ordinary casting rod and a light tickle. (.....)
- 7 Simon Grove, as a woebegone tramp, has a bedpan manner that is often very funny. (.....)
- 8 He was Chairman of Berwickshire Hunt Committee from March 1968. He rode regularly to hounds until his death would not allow him to do so any more. (.....)
- 9 On Monday, Councillor Brown's daughter will be married to the eldest son of Councillor Jones. The members of the Corporation are invited to the suspicious event. (.....)
- 10 Mary and Jack Cohen thank the Almighty for their recovery. They wish to express their deepest gratitude to the many friends for great help during the time. "Good friends are priceless germs." (.....)
- 11 Lliw Valley development committee have been told that the coming Celtic Sea oil boob is sure to bring many benefits to the area. (.....)
- 12 This week's special Sunday lunch: Soup of the day, fruit juice, melon, ribs of beef, fresh local roast chicken and stuffed pork lion. (.....)
- 13 Eric Simpson, Stoke's 36-year-old defender, has been given a free transfer. He played only four first team games this season after struggling for long spells with knee and thing injury. (.....)
- 14 At a presentation held in the village church, Mrs Jones was given a tea-set and a travelling rub by the vicar. (.....)
- 15 British Airways shop stewards met today in a bid to resolve a dispute which has strangled thousands of passengers at Heathrow. (.....)
- 16 She was married in Evansville, Indiana, to Walter Jackson, and to this onion was born three children. (.....)
- 17 To make a piece of boiled bacon really delicious, add to the water a teaspoonful of vinegar, a small bit of nutmeg, and a couple of gloves.  
(.....)
- 18 Mr and Mrs David Hughes of Swansea are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter Megan to Mr Brian Williams. The couple will exchange cows on Saturday September 28th. (.....)
- 19 Before Miss Jenkins concluded the concert by singing "I'll Walk Beside You" she was prevented with a bouquet of red roses. (.....)
- 20 BUSINESS LADY requires comfortable bed-sitting room with boar.  
(.....)

# 11

## Words of similar meaning: Verbs

Complete each of the groups of three words with a word that is similar in meaning. Choose from the following:

abhor	coerce	jibe	scurry
abridge	corroborate	pillage	shelve
allure	crow	postulate	snicker
bicker	dupe	procure	thwart
chide	fathom	revere	vex

- 1 abbreviate, shorten, condense .....
- 2 acquire, gain, obtain .....
- 3 admire, respect, venerate .....
- 4 annoy, bother, pester .....
- 5 argue, quarrel, squabble .....
- 6 assume, suppose, infer .....
- 7 brag, boast, swagger .....
- 8 cheat, swindle, hoodwink .....
- 9 confirm, verify, affirm .....
- 10 force, compel, oblige .....
- 11 hate, detest, loathe .....
- 12 laugh, chuckle, guffaw .....
- 13 oppose, resist, withstand .....
- 14 postpone, adjourn, put off .....
- 15 rebuke, scold, reprimand .....
- 16 rush, scamper, dash .....
- 17 sneer, scoff, jeer .....
- 18 tempt, entice, seduce .....
- 19 understand, comprehend, grasp .....
- 20 rob, steal, plunder .....

# 12

## True or False?

Choose whether you think the following sentences are correct or not by writing the words "True" or "False" in the appropriate column.

	True	False
1 A person who collects stamps is called a <b>philatelist</b> .	.....	.....
2 You usually buy strawberries in a <b>punnet</b> .	.....	.....
3 <b>Penultimate</b> means last.	.....	.....
4 A <b>trilby</b> is something you wear.	.....	.....
5 A <b>cantankerous</b> person would make very good company.	.....	.....
6 A <b>catkin</b> is a female kitten.	.....	.....
7 <b>Scotch mist</b> is a type of drink.	.....	.....
8 Another word for attic is <b>loft</b> .	.....	.....
9 A <b>ferret</b> is a type of bird.	.....	.....
10 <b>Manure</b> is good for the garden.	.....	.....
11 "You can't see me – I'm <b>invincible</b> !"	.....	.....
12 A <b>crony</b> is an old, close friend.	.....	.....
13 You would probably feel flattered if someone described you as a <b>pervert</b> .	.....	.....
14 <b>Biennial</b> means "twice a year".	.....	.....
15 A <b>budgie</b> is a popular pet in Britain.	.....	.....
16 A <b>barge</b> is a type of boat.	.....	.....
17 A female sheep is called a <b>ewe</b> .	.....	.....
18 A <b>dais</b> is something you stand on.	.....	.....
19 If you have <b>halitosis</b> you have trouble with your feet.	.....	.....
20 The <b>nadir</b> is the highest point of something.	.....	.....
21 <b>Spokes</b> are found on a bicycle.	.....	.....
22 A <b>dipstick</b> is used to locate water hidden underground.	.....	.....
23 Most people enjoy having a <b>chinwag</b> with their friends.	.....	.....
24 <b>Brisket</b> is beef cut from the chest of the animal.	.....	.....
25 You can go to a <b>turf accountant</b> if you want advice about your lawn.	.....	.....



## Words that begin with "ST-"

Read through the clues/definitions and fill in the missing words, all of which begin with "st-".

- 1 (of a style of writing or speaking) very formal and unnatural S T \_ \_ T \_ \_
- 2 the metal loop attached to a horse's saddle, which you place your foot in when you are riding S T \_ \_ R U \_
- 3 a classroom can become this if you never open any windows S T \_ \_ \_ Y
- 4 a st..... activity involves a lot of effort and energy S T \_ \_ N U \_ \_ S
- 5 not developing or growing; inactive S T \_ G \_ \_ T
- 6 the right side of a ship S T \_ \_ B \_ \_ D
- 7 a strong, unpleasant smell S T \_ \_ K
- 8 someone who is in a st..... is almost unconscious S T \_ P \_ \_
- 9 the seats in the front part of a theatre directly in front of the stage S T \_ \_ L \_
- 10 the main upright part of a plant S T \_ \_ K
- 11 a heavy vehicle used for flattening road surfaces S T \_ \_ \_ \_ L L \_ \_
- 12 the base of a tree left after the rest has been cut down S T \_ M \_
- 13 a st..... sound or voice is very loud and unpleasant S T \_ \_ D N \_
- 14 fixed or controlled by law S T \_ \_ U \_ \_ Y
- 15 quiet and secret; trying to be unseen S T \_ \_ L \_ \_ Y
- 16 if people st..... things, they store large quantities of them for future use S T \_ C K \_ \_ E
- 17 someone who is st..... is very mean S T \_ \_ G \_

- 18 to bend the head and shoulders forward and down S T \_ \_ P
- 19 (of food) thick, heavy and sticky S T \_ D \_ \_
- 20 a way of standing S T \_ \_ C \_
- 21 You use this to carry a sick or injured person S T \_ \_ T C \_ \_
- 22 a type of cheese S T \_ L \_ O \_
- 23 someone who is st..... is serious, dull and rather old-fashioned S T \_ I \_
- 24 a common European bird with greenish-black feathers S T \_ R L \_ \_ \_
- 25 a st..... person is short, slightly fat but strong and solid S T \_ \_ K \_

## Sort out the three jokes

The three jokes below are all mixed up. See if you can sort them out. Mark the first joke 1–10, the second one 11–18 and the third one 19–27. (The first part of each joke is already marked.)

you had a large win on the pools – say over three hundred and fifty thousand pounds?”

“Why,” replied the old lady, “I’d

accepted the bet and the labrador was led in to fight. After twenty-five seconds the labrador lay

accepted the Scotsman’s offer.

The Scotsman left the restaurant and returned ten minutes later with a pair of

“That’s a stupid looking dog you’ve got there. Can it fight?”  
“Sure,”

11

It was one of the strangest looking dogs they had ever seen at the pub, and the

not a dentist,” replied the Scotsman.  
“He’s an undertaker.”

situation was explained to him.

“Now, you don’t have to worry about anything,” said the doctor. “I am fully trained in such delicate matters and I feel sure I can

fight. But I still think it’s a funny looking dog.”

“Yes,” agreed the owner. “And it

charge. And he can provide a suitable set almost immediately.”

The Englishman couldn’t believe his luck and gladly

come as too much of a shock for her.  
“I think we had better

false teeth which he handed to the Englishman.

“Fantastic!” exclaimed the Englishman, trying the teeth. “They

football pools.

“Tell me,” said the doctor, “what would you do if

flew out of his mouth and dropped to the floor, where they broke at the feet of the Scotsman.

“Don’t worry, sir,”

1

Grandma was nearly ninety years of age when she won £375,000 on the football pools. Her family were extremely

safe if left to me.”

The doctor went in to see the old lady and gradually brought the conversation around to

call in the doctor to tell her the news,” suggested the eldest son.  
The doctor soon arrived and the

severe burst of coughing and sneezing – and he sneezed so violently that his false teeth

replied the owner.

“Well,” said the man, “I bet you £10 that my labrador can beat your dog.”  
The owner

dead on the floor. The loser, looking down at his dead dog, shook his head sadly and said, “Your dog can certainly

19

The Englishman was in a restaurant in Scotland when he was suddenly attacked by a

said the Scotsman. “My brother will soon get you a new pair and at far less cost than an English dentist would

worried about her heart and feared that the news of her large win would

regulars found it a great topic of conversation.

Eventually one of them sidled over to the dog’s owner and said,

looked even funnier until I shaved its mane off.”

break this news to her gently. I assure you, there is absolutely no need for you to fear for her health. Everything will be quite

fit perfectly. Your brother must be a very clever dentist.”  
“Oh, he’s

give half of it to you, of course.”  
The doctor fell down dead with shock.

# Nouns from phrasal verbs

Complete each of the following sentences.

**Example:** Although I have flown hundreds of times, I still feel very nervous – especially just before the **take-off**.

- 1 The **on**..... of the disease is marked by a high temperature and a feeling of nausea.
- 2 The start of the tennis match had to be delayed for half an hour because of a sudden **down**.....
- 3 The final **out**..... of the talks between the Union and the employers is not yet known.
- 4 I didn't feel like cooking, so I decided to get something from the Indian **take**..... instead.
- 5 There was a twenty-minute **hold**..... at the start of the concert owing to technical problems with the lighting.
- 6 The factory's daily **out**..... has increased by more than 25 per cent in the past six months.
- 7 The President denied that he had been involved in the recent **cover**.....
- 8 One of the main **draw**..... of living in Brighton and working in London is that you have to spend so much time in travelling every day.
- 9 According to a Government spokesman, further **cut**..... in the public sector are to be expected.
- 10 Her father was an ex-sergeant-major in the army. Consequently, she had a very strict **up**.....
- 11 The car was a complete **write**..... after the accident.
- 12 This is the fifth **break**..... in the area in the past month, but the police still have no idea who is doing it.
- 13 Traffic-jams in the town centre have been reduced dramatically since the new **by**..... was opened.
- 14 The play got a very bad **write**..... in the paper. I was very surprised as I thought it was really good.
- 15 This is the third **out**..... of the disease in the past year.
- 16 The police are on the **look**..... for two men suspected of robbing a department store in the centre of town recently.
- 17 No one was really surprised at the **break**..... of their marriage. They had never really seemed very happy together.
- 18 The company has experienced a large number of **set**..... in recent years.
- 19 The latest traffic news is that there is an eight-mile **tail**..... on the M4.
- 20 Our total **out**..... in the project was £3,500.
- 21 Scientists last night announced a major **break**..... in the treatment of cancer.
- 22 I have to go to the doctor for a **check**..... next week.
- 23 I read in the newspaper this morning that Pele – you know, the famous Brazilian football player – is thinking of making a **come**.....
- 24 There's a meeting this afternoon with the architects to discuss the **lay**..... of the new factory.
- 25 From the **out**..... we knew that the plan was doomed to failure.
- 26 The thieves made their **get**..... in a stolen post office van.
- 27 Wine, women and horse-racing were my cousin's **down**.....
- 28 There has been a steady **build**..... of Chinese troops along the Russian border in the past few weeks.
- 29 There was a very good **turn**..... at the recent union meeting. At least 85 per cent of the members were present.
- 30 I apologise for my **out**..... just now. I don't know what came over me. I don't usually lose my temper.
- 31 The firm had an annual **turn**..... of almost two billion pounds.
- 32 The **out**..... for the future is not very bright, I'm afraid.
- 33 The college was very popular and had an annual **in**..... of nearly a thousand students.
- 34 There was a public **out**..... when the Government announced it was going to raise income-tax by more than 10 per cent.
- 35 We were feeling tired after driving for several hours, so we pulled in to a **lay**..... for a rest.

# Missing words: Types of people 1

Fill in the missing words in the definitions below. Choose from the following:

accomplice	bursar	gossip	shop steward
agnostic	castaway	hermit	sibling
alien	compatriot	hooligan	swindler
arbitrator	conscript	midwife	toddler
artisan	copywriter	peer	tycoon
assessor	culprit	picket	underwriter
beneficiary	despot	predecessor	ward
	envoy	registrar	

- 1 A(n) ..... is someone who has been shipwrecked.
- 2 A(n) ..... is a person who enjoys talking about other people's private lives.
- 3 A(n) ..... is a nurse who has been specially trained to advise pregnant women and to assist them when giving birth.
- 4 A(n) ..... is a member of a trade union who is elected by the other members in the factory or office where he/she works to represent them.
- 5 A(n) ..... is a rich and powerful businessman or industrialist.
- 6 A(n) ..... is someone who has committed a crime or done something wrong.
- 7 A(n) ..... is a person who helps another person to commit a crime.
- 8 A(n) ..... is someone who is made to serve in one of the armed forces of a country whether he/she likes it or not.
- 9 A(n) ..... is a noisy, rough young person who causes damage or disturbance in public places.
- 10 A(n) ..... is a person responsible for keeping official records.
- 11 A(n) ..... is a brother or a sister.
- 12 A(n) ..... is a person who, during a strike, is placed outside a factory by his/her trade union to prevent other workers from going in until the strike is over.
- 13 A(n) ..... is a foreigner who has not yet become a citizen of the country in which he/she is living.
- 14 A(n) ..... is a skilled manual worker or craftsman.
- 15 A(n) ..... is a young person who is in the care of a guardian or a law-court.

- 16 A(n) ..... is someone who has withdrawn from society and lives alone.
- 17 A(n) ..... is the former occupant of an office, position, etc.
- 18 A(n) ..... is a person who makes insurance contracts.
- 19 A(n) ..... is a person who holds that it is not possible to know whether God exists or not.
- 20 A(n) ..... is a person in charge of a college or school who is responsible for the accounts.
- 21 A(n) ..... is a person who writes the words for advertisements.
- 22 A(n) ..... is a person of the same age, rank or status as oneself.
- 23 A(n) ..... is a person who deceives others, usually to get money illegally.
- 24 A(n) ..... is a person who is called in to settle a dispute between two people or groups – usually at the request of both sides.
- 25 A(n) ..... is a fellow countryman or countrywoman.
- 26 A(n) ..... is a ruler who uses his/her power unfairly or cruelly.
- 27 A(n) ..... is a person who is entitled to receive money or property from a will or insurance policy.
- 28 A(n) ..... is a small child who has just learnt to walk.
- 29 A(n) ..... is a person whose job is to calculate the value of a property or the amount of income or taxes.
- 30 A(n) ..... is a special messenger sent by one government to do business with another government.



# Add two letters

Add **two letters** to each of the following words (in any place) to form a new word. A clue is given for each word to help you.

- 1 AGE ..... keen
- 2 AID ..... fast
- 3 ALE ..... part of the body
- 4 BALE ..... fighting
- 5 BARE ..... a container for beer/liquids
- 6 BORE ..... frontier
- 7 CAN ..... expanse of water
- 8 CANE ..... used to give light a long time ago
- 9 CARE ..... not very plentiful
- 10 CASE ..... a strongly built building used for defence
- 11 CATS ..... a plant
- 12 COT ..... shoreline
- 13 FEET ..... a small furry animal
- 14 DOOR ..... a profession
- 15 EAR ..... very tired
- 16 FAIL ..... one's parents, relatives, etc.
- 17 FEE ..... an enclosure found around buildings, houses, etc.
- 18 GAP ..... hold tightly
- 19 HEAT ..... something money can't buy
- 20 LAY ..... tall and thin
- 21 LEER ..... intelligent, able to understand quickly
- 22 LICE ..... a fish
- 23 LIE ..... sheets, pillowcases, etc.
- 24 LUST ..... an insect
- 25 MALE ..... hard, often white, used for statues and buildings
- 26 NICE ..... a metal
- 27 OUT ..... a young person
- 28 PAD ..... a gardening tool
- 29 PEA ..... a form of musical entertainment
- 30 PEER ..... often added to food

- 31 POLE ..... a breed of dog
- 32 RAIL ..... a country
- 33 RAM ..... found around paintings, windows and doors
- 34 RED ..... avarice
- 35 ROD ..... arrogant
- 36 ROW ..... a weapon, often used by American Indians
- 37 SEE ..... a vegetable
- 38 TALL ..... found in the theatre
- 39 WIT ..... another part of the body
- 40 WON ..... erroneous

# Words that begin with "RE-"

Read through the clues/definitions and fill in the missing words, all of which begin with "re-".

- 1 a period of reduced trade, a slump or depression R E     S S
- 2 someone who is re..... shows a lack of care about danger or about the results of his/her actions R E     L     S
- 3 to scold someone officially and severely R E     M     D
- 4 a place that provides protection R E     G
- 5 to reward; to pay someone for work or trouble R E     N     T E
- 6 a decision to stop doing something, e.g. to stop smoking. Often made on New Year's Eve R E     L     T     N
- 7 to echo R E     E R     R
- 8 an amount of money which is paid back to you because you have paid more tax, rent or rates than you needed to R E     T
- 9 to move or slope backwards R E     E     E
- 10 to get well again after an illness R E     P     R
- 11 if you re..... someone for something, you pay them back the money that they have spent R E     M B
- 12 if you are re..... to do something, you are unwilling to do it R E     T     T
- 13 people and things that are re..... are able to recover quickly from unpleasant or damaging events R E     L     N

- 14 to speak severely to someone because they have done or said something that you don't approve of R E     K
- 15 a person who receives something R E     I     T
- 16 someone who has recently joined an organisation or the army R E     R U
- 17 to prove someone to be mistaken or a statement to be untrue R E     U
- 18 a quick, rather angry, and often amusing answer R E     R
- 19 to repeat the chief points of something that has been said R E     P     T     L
- 20 if you re..... something, you say that you will not accept it or have anything to do with it R E     D     T
- 21 if you are made re....., you are dismissed by your employer because there is not enough work R E     N D
- 22 if you re..... someone's feelings or behaviour towards you, you have the same feelings about them or behave the same way R E     I P     T
- 23 a container for keeping things in R E     P     C L
- 24 a part of a song that is repeated, especially at the end of each verse R E     A I
- 25 a period of holiday between the sessions of work of a committee or parliament R E     S

## Words of similar meaning: Nouns

Complete each of the groups of three words with a word that is similar in meaning. Choose from the following:

adage	conjecture	profusion
adversary	dearth	turmoil
animosity	disdain	valour
apparel	feat	vow
brawl	flaw	woe
carcass	malady	wrath
clamour	prevarication	

- 1 abundance, plenty, copiousness .....
- 2 achievement, deed, exploit .....
- 3 lack, shortage, scarcity .....
- 4 anger, fury, rage .....
- 5 courage, daring, bravery .....
- 6 antagonism, hostility, enmity .....
- 7 assumption, supposition, presumption .....
- 8 blemish, fault, defect .....
- 9 body, corpse, cadaver .....
- 10 chaos, disorder, confusion .....
- 11 clothes, garments, attire .....
- 12 contempt, scorn, derision .....
- 13 enemy, antagonist, foe .....
- 14 fight, affray, mêlée .....
- 15 grief, sorrow, misery .....

- 16 illness, ailment, sickness .....
- 17 proverb, saying, maxim .....
- 18 lie, falsehood, fib .....
- 19 noise, tumult, uproar .....
- 20 oath, pledge, promise .....

## Puzzle it out

Find two or three letters which will complete the first word and start the second. Fill in the spaces to make the second word. The clues will help you.

## Example

a LI    CE

King of the jungle/One time only

b SL    AGE

Attractively thin/A picture formed in the mind

1 CEN    -----

Middle part of something/A crime

2 APA    --

Lack of interest, enthusiasm/Type of herb

3 AR   ----

Particular space or surface/Used by an artist

4 CAT   ----

Provide and serve food and drinks/Rub out

5 WA   ----

What a surfer waits for/The poison that a snake injects into you when it bites

6 EARN    -----

Serious and determined/The wide part of a river where it joins the sea

7 GO   ----

A farm animal/A room at the top of a house

8 WAI   ----

Part of the body/A way of looking

9 ID   ----

Lazy, wasting time/Allowed by law

10 PR   ----

Animal hunted and eaten by another animal/Where an eagle lives

11 SE   ----

A sea creature/Permit

12 FOR   ----

To make an illegal copy of something, e.g. a banknote/Birds, similar to ducks

13 BAR    --

A container/An athletics track event

14 CAR    --

Covers a floor/Part of a flower

15 DEN   ----

Thick and difficult to see through/To take possession by force

16 SPO   ----

An item of cutlery/A vegetable

17 TA   --

Not wild/Not generous

18 PR   ----

A type of baby's cot on wheels/To make written changes in something, e.g. a law

19 LAP   ----

Part of a jacket/A sad poem or song usually about someone who has died

20 COA   ----

A vehicle/An unpleasant task

21 SPI   ----

Backbone/Used in sewing

22 OPA    --

Cannot be seen through/A line of people

23 SI   --

To write one's name/A small insect

24 BA   --

Food put on a hook to catch fish/Makes you want to scratch

Choose the correct word in each of the following sentences:

- 1 Do you think the new tax changes will (affect/effect) you very much?
- 2 His behaviour at the party was (contemptuous/contemptible).
- 3 This must be the (definite/definitive) reference work on Roman history.
- 4 The doctor told him to use the (liniment/lineament) twice daily.
- 5 If you print that, I'll sue you for (libel/slander).
- 6 This is my last will and (testimony/testament).
- 7 We may have won all our matches this season, but we mustn't allow ourselves to become (complaisant/complacent).
- 8 I've always wanted to drive big (luxurious/luxuriant) cars.
- 9 The situation in China at the moment is tense and (volatile/voluble).
- 10 It is most (regretful/regrettable) that Mr Brown has decided to resign.
- 11 The police have (conclusive/decisive) proof that he robbed the bank.
- 12 How do you expect me to get the work finished when I'm (continually/continuously) being interrupted?
- 13 She was a very (intensive/intense) person, who seemed to care deeply about everyone and everything.
- 14 My father is a great believer in (alternate/alternative) medicine – especially homeopathy.
- 15 She had dyed her hair a (distinct/distinctive) shade of blue.
- 16 He spent three years in (goal/gaol) for embezzlement.
- 17 Do you enjoy (urban/urbane) life, or would you prefer to live in the country?
- 18 He was a man of (sanguine/sanguinary) temperament.
- 19 The Government are under no (illusions/delusions) about the difficulties facing the country.
- 20 My brother is (credible/credulous) enough to believe anything you tell him.
- 21 The Government are very worried about the (elicit/illicit) sales of champagne.
- 22 What can be (implied/inferred) from the Prime Minister's remarks?
- 23 I'm afraid the project is far too expensive to be (practical/practicable).
- 24 There was an (appreciative/appreciable) drop in temperature last night.
- 25 Tasmania lies in one of the (temperate/temporal) areas of the world.
- 26 Are these mushrooms (eatable/edible) or are they poisonous?
- 27 The majority of tinned food is (deficient/defective) in vitamins.
- 28 Only 25 per cent of people voted in the local election; the rest were completely (uninterested/disinterested).
- 29 The question of legal abortion is a very (emotional/emotive) issue in America.
- 30 The difference in performance between the two computers is (negligent/negligible).
- 31 The customs officer was very (official/officious) and made us open up all our bags.
- 32 There are very (strict/severe) laws in Sweden with regard to drinking and driving.
- 33 The company made (judicial/judicious) use of a Government grant.
- 34 Her performance was (masterful/masterly).
- 35 The caffeine in tea and coffee acts as a mild (stimulus/stimulant).

# Same word – two meanings 1

Find the word which has two meanings in each of the following:

**Example:** a type of fish **SOLE** part of a shoe

- |    |                             |                      |  |
|----|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1  | found on a tree             | <input type="text"/> | animal sound                                 |
| 2  | part of a ship              | <input type="text"/> | the top of the nose                          |
| 3  | behaviour                   | <input type="text"/> | to lead an orchestra                         |
| 4  | not clear                   | <input type="text"/> | lose consciousness                           |
| 5  | unspecific                  | <input type="text"/> | military officer                             |
| 6  | having no legal force       | <input type="text"/> | a sick person                                |
| 7  | to go away                  | <input type="text"/> | permission to be absent from the army        |
| 8  | a dark tar-like substance   | <input type="text"/> | the highness or lowness of a musical note    |
| 9  | to stagger                  | <input type="text"/> | a type of dance                              |
| 10 | a slow, dragging walk       | <input type="text"/> | you do this when you play cards              |
| 11 | a type of flower            | <input type="text"/> | the total supply of goods kept by a retailer |
| 12 | to tread heavily or noisily | <input type="text"/> | someone who has no settled home              |
| 13 | a type of fish              | <input type="text"/> | a deep voice                                 |
| 14 | a garment                   | <input type="text"/> | a headland                                   |
| 15 | part of the body            | <input type="text"/> | a container                                  |
| 16 | a large bird                | <input type="text"/> | a machine for lifting things                 |
| 17 | a tool                      | <input type="text"/> | a military exercise                          |

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|----|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 18 | a tree trunk            | <input type="text"/> | a ship's diary           |
| 19 | serious                 | <input type="text"/> | found in a cemetery      |
| 20 | an animal's skin        | <input type="text"/> | to keep out of sight     |
| 21 | very small              | <input type="text"/> | a measurement of time    |
| 22 | the left side of a ship | <input type="text"/> | an alcoholic drink       |
| 23 | to say no               | <input type="text"/> | rubbish, waste material  |
| 24 | noise                   | <input type="text"/> | a broad stretch of water |
| 25 | to hit                  | <input type="text"/> | to stop work             |

## Sort out the words 1

Below are 40 words arranged alphabetically. Try to place each word under the correct heading. (There should be 5 words under each.)

arson	dandelion	lovage	sage
basil	embezzlement	magpie	skip
beaker	foxglove	mallet	spatula
bradawl	fraud	marjoram	starling
budgie	funnel	perch	tarragon
caddy	grater	perjury	treason
carnation	haddock	plaice	trout
cod	jackdaw	pliers	trowel
cowslip	keg	poppy	whisk
crate	ladle	rake	wren

## Flowers

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## Herbs

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## Fish

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## Kitchen utensils

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## Tools/Gardening equipment

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## Containers/Receptacles

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## Birds

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## Crimes

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## Phobias and manias

Match up the words with the definitions.

- 1 agoraphobia
- 2 agromania
- 3 anthomania
- 4 claustrophobia
- 5 cynophobia
- 6 dipsomania
- 7 gynophobia
- 8 hydrophobia
- 9 kleptomania
- 10 megalomania
- 11 monophobia
- 12 necrophobia
- 13 nyctophobia
- 14 pyromania
- 15 toxiphobia
- 16 xenophobia

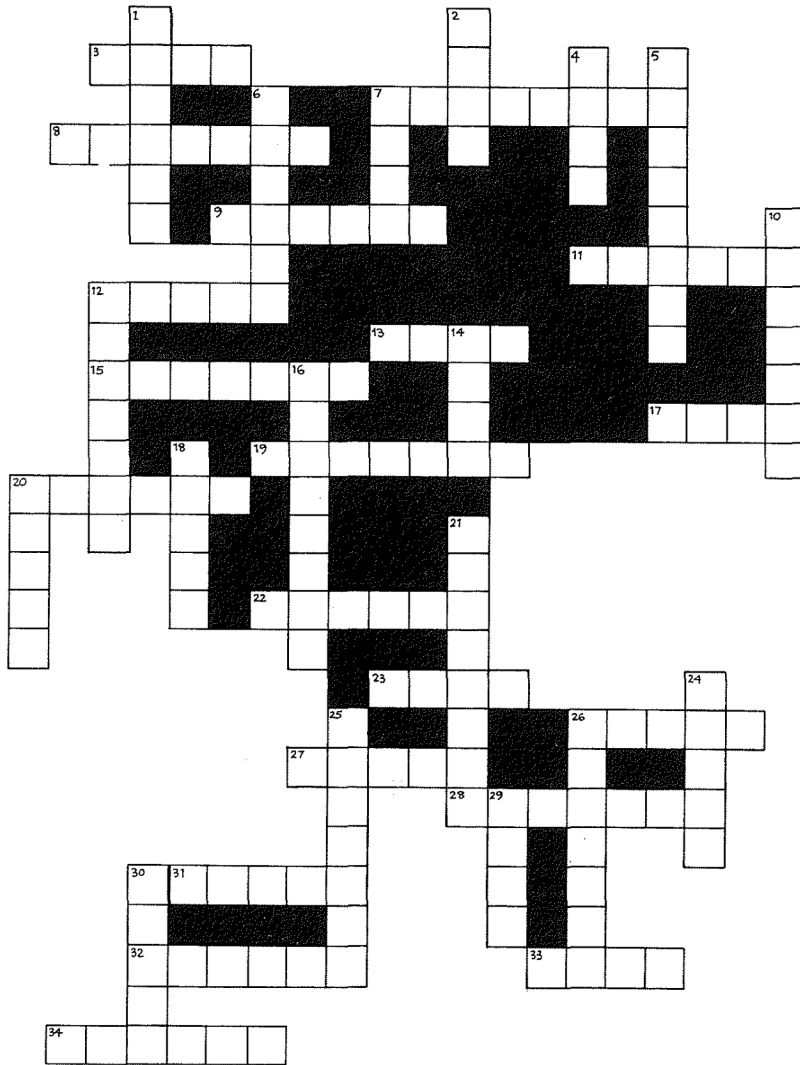
- a a fear of water  
 b a fear of being alone  
 c a crazy desire to start fires  
 d a fear and dislike of foreigners or strangers  
 e a fear of open spaces  
 f a craze for flowers  
 g a fear of corpses  
 h a fear of poisoning  
 i a craze to be alone  
 j a fear of confined spaces  
 k a fear of the dark  
 l a fear of women  
 m a fear of dogs  
 n a delusion that one is great or powerful  
 o a compulsion to steal  
 p an uncontrollable desire for alcohol

Write your answers here:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

# Proverbs crossword

Complete the following crossword. Each word is part of a well-known English proverb.



## Across

- 3 A ..... and his money are soon parted (4)  
 7 Don't make a mountain out of a ..... (8)  
 8 The proof of the ..... is in the eating (7)  
 9 First come, first ..... (6)  
 11 A ..... in time saves nine (6)  
 12 Every ..... has a silver lining (5)  
 13 Don't put all your ..... in one basket (4)  
 15 ..... makes the heart grow fonder (7)  
 17 He who pays the piper calls the ..... (4)  
 19 ..... is the best policy (7)  
 20 Necessity is the ..... of invention (6)  
 22 You can't teach an old dog new ..... (6)  
 23 Out of the frying pan and into the ..... (4)  
 26 ..... waters run deep (5)  
 27 More ..... , less speed (5)  
 28 One ..... does not make a summer (7)  
 31 Too many cooks spoil the ..... (5)  
 32 Nothing ventured, nothing ..... (6)  
 33 Look before you ..... (4)  
 34 Once ..... , twice shy (6)

## Down

- 1 Actions speak ..... than words (6)  
 2 It's no use crying over spilt ..... (4)  
 4 Where there's a ..... there's a way (4)  
 5 Let ..... dogs lie (8)  
 6 A friend in need is a friend ..... (6)  
 7 A miss is as good as a ..... (4)  
 10 Blood is ..... than water (7)  
 12 ..... begins at home (7)  
 14 Don't look a ..... horse in the mouth (4)  
 16 Beggars can't be ..... (8)  
 18 Two ..... are better than one (5)  
 20 Great ..... think alike (5)  
 21 One good turn ..... another (8)  
 24 It's an ill wind that ..... nobody any good (5)  
 25 Don't count your chickens before they are ..... (7)  
 26 Speech is silver, ..... is golden (7)  
 29 The early bird catches the ..... (4)  
 30 Out of ..... , out of mind (5)



## Words that begin with "IN-"

Read through the clues/definitions and fill in the missing words, all of which begin with "in-".

- 1 to destroy unwanted things by burning I N \_ \_ N R \_ T \_
- 2 people who are in..... do not care how their behaviour affects other people I N \_ \_ N S \_ D \_ \_ \_ E
- 3 a pain that you get when you find it difficult to digest food I N \_ \_ G \_ S T \_ \_ \_
- 4 drunk I N \_ B R \_ \_ \_ \_ D
- 5 at the beginning; at first I N \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ Y
- 6 to introduce a weak form of a disease into the body as a protection against the disease I N \_ C \_ L \_ \_ \_
- 7 not having money to pay what one owes I N \_ \_ \_ V \_ \_ T
- 8 food or drink that is in..... has very little taste I N \_ \_ P \_ \_
- 9 if someone or something is in..... they cannot be harmed or damaged I N \_ \_ L \_ \_ R \_ B \_ \_
- 10 to introduce someone important into a new place or job by holding a special ceremony I N \_ \_ G \_ R \_ \_ \_
- 11 two things that are in..... are unable to exist together because they are completely different I N \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_
- 12 to charge someone formally with an offence in law I N \_ \_ \_ \_ T
- 13 to make someone very angry I N \_ U \_ \_ \_ T \_
- 14 an official inquiry to find out what caused someone's death I N \_ \_ \_ S T
- 15 someone who is in..... is very rude and impolite I N \_ \_ L \_ N \_

- 16 the introduction of a new idea, method or invention I N \_ \_ V \_ \_ \_ \_ N
- 17 something that is in..... is absolutely essential I N \_ \_ \_ P \_ N S \_ \_ \_ E
- 18 someone who is travelling in..... is travelling in disguise or using another name so that he or she will not be recognised I N \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ O
- 19 that cannot be satisfied I N \_ \_ T \_ \_ B \_ \_
- 20 disbelief I N \_ \_ \_ D \_ L \_ \_ Y
- 21 a substance that is burned for its sweet smell, often during a religious ceremony I N \_ E \_ \_ E
- 22 a narrow strip of water which goes from a sea or lake into the land I N \_ \_ \_ T
- 23 something that encourages you to do something I N \_ \_ N \_ \_ V \_
- 24 an in..... quality or ability is one which you are born with I N \_ \_ \_ T \_
- 25 someone who is in..... has faults or bad habits that will never change I N \_ \_ R R \_ \_ \_ B \_ E

*In each of the following extracts from a newspaper there is a misprint. Underline the word which is wrong and also write down which word should have been used instead.*

**Example:** The 40-year-old man has dark hair with a prominent fridge. (**fringe**...)

- 1 Red settee puppies ready now. Good pedigree. (.....)
- 2 There are three free weekends to be won. You'll get free fights, hotel rooms and spending money. (.....)
- 3 FOR SALE: Two pairs of vanuans, nearly new. (.....)
- 4 Mr Davies walks with a limp and has a speed impediment. (.....)
- 5 George Keeping, 26, of Preston, has claimed all of Britain's 295 mountains. (.....)
- 6 The elderly couple in the top flat found the stars too much for them, so they sold it. (.....)
- 7 Councillor Black was a pretty officer in destroyers during the Second World War. (.....)
- 8 They have a full range of beers, wines and spirits and to complete the fayre, try one of their nasty bar snacks. (.....)
- 9 Watford police would like to trade two women who helped a driver after an accident. (.....)
- 10 The police arrived on the scene after a reported break-in and found a man writing in pain. (.....)
- 11 He said pickets in T-shirts and jeans had faced policemen with roses, riot shields, truncheons and dogs. (.....)
- 12 A cannabis smoker was discovered by his diluted eyes and furtive manner. (.....)
- 13 The price of the holiday includes all food, plus wind, coffee and cakes. (.....)
- 14 Mr and Mrs Webb left their only child at home while they went to the wedding of a fiend. (.....)
- 15 They say the land is in a conversation area and cannot be touched. (.....)
- 16 By using Prestel, customers will receive up-to-date information at the press of a bottom. (.....)
- 17 A television crew was in the studio to record the occasion for prosperity. (.....)
- 18 He was arrested and auctioned, but made no reply. He was then taken to West End Central police station. (.....)
- 19 Police and baliffs soon arrived, equipped with grappling irons and climbing bear. (.....)
- 20 He was stopped by the police who gave him a breast test. (.....)

*Replace the words in bold type in the following sentences with a single word. (The first letter of the word is given.)*

- 1 The shop was offering a £5 **reduction from the full price** to any customer who paid in cash. (d.....)
- 2 After all the nuclear tests, the island was **not fit to live on**. (u.....)
- 3 We were all told of the decision **in advance**. (b.....)
- 4 The President has **absolutely and completely** refused to meet the terrorist leaders. (c.....)
- 5 We couldn't eat the food because it was **impure and likely to cause disease**. (c.....)
- 6 This ink is **impossible to rub out**. (i.....)
- 7 The two roads **cross each other** here. (i.....)
- 8 After months of negotiations, the treaty has now been **formally accepted**. (r.....)
- 9 All rooms must be **left empty** before 12 noon. (v.....)
- 10 Do you think the human race will be **completely destroyed** one day? (a.....)
- 11 The thieves got away with a large quantity of **gold and silver bars**. (b.....)
- 12 Plenty of fresh air and exercise is **likely to lead** to good health. (c.....)
- 13 The officer was **freed from blame** from the charges that had been made against him. (e.....)
- 14 He has a great **natural ability** for mathematics. (a.....)
- 15 His flat was **dirty and squalid**. (s.....)
- 16 I think you should change this sentence. As it stands now, it is **capable of more than one interpretation**. (a.....)
- 17 She was given an **annual allowance** of £3,000. (a.....)
- 18 Many people believe that a Third World War is **bound to happen**. (i.....)
- 19 The racing car **broke up into small pieces** as it hit the crash barrier at 300 m.p.h. (d.....)
- 20 The three men were arrested for **being on private land without permission**. (t.....)

## Find someone

Look at the sentences below. Find someone:

who's turned over a new leaf ( )	who's doing time ( )
who's on leave ( )	who's named the day ( )
who's cheesed off ( )	who's at a loose end ( )
who's greasing someone's palm ( )	who's on the dole ( )
who's under someone's thumb ( )	who's pulling someone's leg ( )
who's got the chop ( )	who's out of sorts ( )
who's in arrears ( )	who's for the high jump ( )
who's on tenterhooks ( )	who's up in arms ( )
who's buttering someone up ( )	who's blowing his/her own trumpet ( )

**a**  
MY WIFE IS THE BOSS IN OUR FAMILY. I DAREN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT ASKING HER FIRST.

**b**  
I'VE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR SIX MONTHS.

**c**  
I REALLY MUST PROTEST! I THINK IT'S REALLY DISGRACEFUL THE WAY WE'VE BEEN TREATED!

**d**  
I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT I THINK YOU'VE GOT A WONDERFUL WAY WITH PEOPLE.

**e**  
ONLY THREE MORE MONTHS OF MY SENTENCE TO GO.

**f**  
I DON'T FEEL VERY WELL.

**g**  
I'M GOING TO BE BETTER IN FUTURE. I PROMISE.

**h**  
IT'S ALL RIGHT! I WAS ONLY JOKING!

**i**  
OH DEAR! I HAVEN'T PAID MY RENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

**j**  
I'M SO FED UP WITH EVERYTHING!

**k**  
I WISH I HAD SOMETHING TO DO!

**l**  
I'M A FANTASTIC SINGER – DEFINITELY THE BEST SINGER IN THIS CHOIR.

**m**  
I DON'T HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE BARRACKS UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING.

**n**  
OH, I WISH THEY'D LET US KNOW THE EXAM RESULTS. THIS WAITING IS MAKING ME SO NERVOUS.

**o**  
WE'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED ON JUNE 1ST.

**p**  
I'VE JUST LOST MY JOB.

**q**  
OH DEAR! I'M IN TROUBLE NOW.

**r**  
PERHAPS £50 WILL HELP YOU REMEMBER HIS NAME AND ADDRESS?

# Missing words: Verbs

Fill in the missing verbs in the sentences below. Choose from the following, making any changes where necessary:

abscond	commemorate	emit	malign
adjourn	commiserate	entail	opt
allay	comply	exacerbate	permeate
alleviate	concur	fluctuate	reiterate
avert	corroborate	fray	scrutinize
cater	culminate	incarcerate	substantiate
comb	devastate	ingratiate	undermine
	elicit	jeopardize	

- 1 Pamela couldn't decide which profession to enter, but in the end ..... for medicine.
- 2 Do you think you'll be able to ..... your claim in a court of law?
- 3 Prompt action by the Government ..... a national strike by civil servants.
- 4 This statue was built to ..... the Battle of Waterloo.
- 5 In 1906, an earthquake and fire ..... San Francisco.
- 6 Share prices on the Stock Exchange ..... dramatically in recent weeks.
- 7 Jane is one of those people who is always trying to ..... herself with those she considers can help her with her career.
- 8 After the talk, the teacher asked Matthew to ..... the main points.
- 9 The chairman decided to ..... the meeting to the following day.
- 10 National television tries to ..... for all tastes.
- 11 The sun ..... tremendous heat and energy.
- 12 Could you explain to me exactly what the job ..... ?
- 13 His foolish behaviour ..... the whole mission.
- 14 All this talk of failure is beginning to ..... my confidence.
- 15 The chief clerk ..... with everyone's wages.
- 16 The police ..... the area for the missing car.
- 17 It had been a very tiring morning, ..... at about 11.30 in the fridge breaking down.
- 18 Politicians often try to ..... the other parties in order to win votes.
- 19 The accountant ..... the figures very carefully before commenting on them.

- 20 Before the operation, the doctor tried very hard to ..... the patient's fears.
- 21 All members are requested to ..... with the club rules and regulations.
- 22 Tempers began to ..... as the police tried to keep back the demonstrators.
- 23 The Prime Minister's action only managed to ..... a situation that was already very serious.
- 24 The smell of tobacco smoke ..... the whole house.
- 25 We did everything we could to ..... the suffering of the wounded soldiers.
- 26 I ..... with my friend over the loss of his sister.
- 27 Although we normally never see eye to eye, for once our opinions ..... .
- 28 The headmaster questioned each of the pupils in turn to try to ..... the truth.
- 29 A passer-by ..... the driver's account of the accident.
- 30 During the Second World War, Japanese people living in America ..... (passive tense)

# 31

## Homophones

A homophone is a word which sounds the same as another but is different in meaning or spelling. Below are 40 pairs of homophones. Look at the clues for each pair and try to work out what the words are. (Number 1 has been done for you.)

		Word a	Word b
1	a	it's all around us	air
	b	will inherit one day	heir
2	a	used in snooker and billiards	
	b	a line of people	
3	a	to risk money to gain more money	
	b	to skip or jump about playfully	
4	a	a shade or tint of a colour	
	b	to cut with blows	
5	a	a round, flat piece of metal given as an award	
	b	to interfere	
6	a	two things or people	
	b	to cut away the outer covering of something with a sharp knife	
7	a	perfume	
	b	an American coin	
8	a	part of the body	
	b	to pull along behind with a rope	
9	a	just	
	b	the money paid for a journey	
10	a	the actors in a play	
	b	a social class	
11	a	harsh, rough	
	b	a series of education classes or medical treatment	
12	a	an implement for rowing	
	b	rock or earth from which metal can be obtained	
13	a	to put	
	b	a type of fish	
14	a	these appear when you cry	
	b	rows or levels placed one above the other	
15	a	a wild pig	
	b	a dull person	

16	a	a percussion instrument	
	b	an emblem	
17	a	gold covering	
	b	a feeling that one is to blame for something or is at fault	
18	a	a disclosure of secret information	
	b	a vegetable	
19	a	a jetty	
	b	a member of the House of Lords	
20	a	a container for ashes	
	b	to receive money in return for working	
21	a	used by an artist	
	b	to solicit support or votes	
22	a	a number of notes played simultaneously	
	b	a thin rope or string	
23	a	candid	
	b	a French coin	
24	a	land surrounded by water	
	b	a corridor between two rows of seats (in a cinema, church, etc.)	
25	a	bodily suffering caused by injury or illness	
	b	a single sheet of glass	
26	a	not mistaken	
	b	a religious ceremony	
27	a	to move one's hand from side to side in greeting, farewell, etc.	
	b	to relinquish, give up, forgo	
28	a	a vegetable	
	b	a weight for jewellery	
29	a	part of an apple	
	b	a trained army group	
30	a	a manner of walking	
	b	used to close an opening in a wall, fence, field, etc.	

Use 20 of the words on the bricks to complete the words at the bottom of the page.

- 31 a part of a typewriter or piano .....  
 b landing place used for loading and unloading ships .....
- 32 a small opening found all over the skin .....  
 b to flow steadily and rapidly .....
- 33 a to summon to appear in court .....  
 b an area of ground for a building .....
- 34 a a sporting offence .....  
 b a domestic bird used as food .....
- 35 a stolen money or valuables .....  
 b a musical instrument .....
- 36 a to flatten buildings or towns .....  
 b to bring up (children) .....
- 37 a condensation found in the morning .....  
 b about to arrive .....
- 38 a to lose consciousness .....  
 b a mock attack or movement to distract an enemy or opponent .....
- 39 a a female horse .....  
 b the head of a city or borough .....
- 40 a a rough preliminary sketch .....  
 b a current of air .....

ACT	AGE	AND	ART	BAN	CAP	CAT	CHIN	
	CON	EAR	EAT	ERA	GAG	GIN	HAM	HEAR
HER	INK	LET	LICE	NAG	ONE	PART	PIT	
	RID	TAR	TEN	TEST	THE	TOP	USE	VAN

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1 EM.....LD    | 11 TRO.....RS |
| 2 OC.....US    | 12 BR.....HE  |
| 3 CA.....AL    | 13 MA.....ER  |
| 4 H.....SE     | 14 TR.....DY  |
| 5 AD.....CE    | 15 C.....BER  |
| 6 COR.....OR   | 16 CO.....UT  |
| 7 RE.....SE    | 17 EN.....EER |
| 8 PR.....ICE   | 18 ES.....E   |
| 9 EN.....E     | 19 LEAT.....  |
| 10 DISH.....ST | 20 C.....OON  |

## Missing words: Types of people 2

Fill in the missing words in the definitions below. Choose from the following:

actuary	delinquent	oculist	squatter
adjudicator	executor	pallbearer	stalwart
bigot	expatriate	pathologist	taxidermist
boor	interloper	pawnbroker	teetotaller
charlatan	invigilator	prude	tyrant
conscientious objector	lackey	punter	vagrant
convalescent	magnate	recidivist	vandal
	misogynist	spouse	

- 1 A(n) ..... is a young person who has broken the law.
- 2 A(n) ..... is someone who supervises the people taking an examination, making sure they do not cheat.
- 3 A(n) ..... is a doctor who specialises in treating eye defects or diseases.
- 4 A(n) ..... is someone who is easily shocked by things relating to nudity or sex.
- 5 A(n) ..... is a loyal, dependable and strong supporter of an organisation or political party.
- 6 A(n) ..... is a person who deliberately damages or destroys public property or things belonging to other people, usually for no apparent reason.
- 7 A(n) ..... is a person who advises insurance companies on how much to charge for insurance.
- 8 A(n) ..... is a person who behaves in a coarse, bad-mannered way.
- 9 A(n) ..... is someone who is living in a foreign country.
- 10 A(n) ..... is a person who is very wealthy and powerful, especially in business or industry.
- 11 A(n) ..... is someone who walks beside or helps to carry a coffin at a funeral.
- 12 A(n) ..... is a person who bets money on horse races.
- 13 A(n) ..... is a person who has no home or job and who lives by going from place to place, begging or stealing.
- 14 A(n) ..... is a person who cleans, prepares and preserves the skins of animals and then stuffs and mounts them so that they look lifelike.
- 15 A(n) ..... is a person who is appointed to act as a judge in a competition.

- 16 A(n) ..... is someone who refuses to serve in the armed forces or fight in a war on moral or religious grounds.
- 17 A(n) ..... is a person who enters a place when he/she has no right to be there.
- 18 A(n) ..... is a person who hates women.
- 19 A(n) ..... is someone who never drinks alcohol.
- 20 A(n) ..... is a person who has strong and often unreasonable opinions, especially about religion, race or politics, and is intolerant of those who do not share his/her opinions or beliefs.
- 21 A(n) ..... is the person who carries out the orders in a will.
- 22 A(n) ..... is a doctor who examines a dead body to find out how the person died.
- 23 A(n) ..... is one's husband or wife.
- 24 A(n) ..... is a ruler who has absolute power and who rules cruelly and unjustly.
- 25 A(n) ..... is someone who deceives others by pretending to have special skills or knowledge, especially about medicine, that he/she does not really possess.
- 26 A(n) ..... is a person who follows another person's orders completely without ever questioning them.
- 27 A(n) ..... is a person who will lend you money in return for an article you possess, e.g. a watch. He/She has the right to sell the article if the money is not repaid within a certain time.
- 28 A(n) ..... is a person who enters and lives in unoccupied property without permission and without paying any rent.
- 29 A(n) ..... is a person who is spending time getting well after an illness.
- 30 A(n) ..... is a person who keeps going back to a life of crime even after being punished; in other words, an incurable criminal.

# Words that begin with "EX-"

Read through the clues/definitions and fill in the missing words, all of which begin with "ex-".

- 1 to kill someone as a lawful punishment      E X   C   \_   \_   E
- 2 hopeful; pregnant      E X   \_   \_   T   N   \_
- 3 a new room or building that is added to an existing building      E X   \_   \_   S   \_   N
- 4 if you ex..... someone from a difficult situation, you free him/her from it      E X   \_   R   C   \_   \_
- 5 to make worse      E X   \_   C   \_   B   T   \_
- 6 a tax that the government of a country puts on goods that are produced for sale in that country      E X   \_   \_   S   \_
- 7 to free someone from blame      E X   \_   N   R   \_   \_
- 8 a brave, bold and successful deed      E X   \_   L   \_   T
- 9 someone who is ex..... is full of energy, excitement and cheerfulness      E X   \_   B   R   \_   T
- 10 to look closely at something      E X   \_   M   \_   \_
- 11 to be very good at something      E X   \_   \_   L
- 12 to dismiss officially from a school, college, etc.      E X   \_   E   \_
- 13 when you ex..... a group of animals or people they are all killed      E X   \_   \_   R   \_   N   T   \_
- 14 to return someone who may be guilty of a crime, and who has escaped, to another country for trial      E X   \_   \_   A   D   \_   E
- 15 to annoy or make very angry      E X   \_   S   P   \_   A   \_
- 16 freed from duty, service, payment, etc.      E X   \_   \_   P   \_
- 17 if you ex..... someone to do something, you try very hard to persuade him or her to do it      E X   \_   \_   \_   T

- 18 to take away something owned by another, often for public use      E X   \_   R   \_   P   I   \_   \_
- 19 to praise someone very highly      E X   \_   \_   L
- 20 to uncover something under the earth by digging      E X   \_   \_   V   T   \_
- 21 to come to an end; to die      E X   \_   \_   R   \_
- 22 your ex..... are the outermost parts of your body, especially your hands and feet      E X   \_   R   \_   \_   T   \_   S
- 23 to leave out or shut out      E X   \_   L   \_   E
- 24 a short piece of writing or music which is taken from a larger piece      E X   \_   \_   R   T
- 25 to take a body out of the ground where it is buried      E X   \_   U   \_   \_



Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable verb (in the first part of the sentence) and a suitable preposition/particle (in the second part of the sentence).

**Example:**

I'd ..... **give** ..... up smoking, only I'm afraid of putting ..... **on** ..... weight.

- 1 When she was told that her father had ..... away she broke .....
- 2 The police were ..... in to break ..... the fight outside the dance hall.
- 3 My father was ..... up two days after war broke .....
- 4 She's ..... out! Quick somebody! Get the smelling salts! That should bring her .....
- 5 Unless the group ..... up soon we'll have to call ..... the concert.
- 6 James ..... into quite a large sum of money when his parents were killed when the plane they were in crashed as it was taking .....
- 7 I ..... across these old books while I was clearing ..... the attic.
- 8 "You will ..... me up at the meeting, won't you, Bill?"  
"Of course, Pat. You know you can count ..... me for support."
- 9 I'm a bit ..... up at the moment, Miss Brown. So perhaps you wouldn't mind dealing ..... this matter instead.
- 10 Although there was a public outcry when the news ..... out that the Prime Minister had been taking bribes, it didn't take long for all the fuss to die .....
- 11 What do you mean, you've ..... out of cigarettes? I bought you two packets yesterday. You can't possibly have got ..... them yet!
- 12 It took John a long time to ..... over Cathy. In fact, it wasn't until he heard that she'd got married that he finally gave ..... all hope of her ever going back to him.
- 13 If your son ..... on working like this, Mrs South, then he's bound to get ..... the exam in the summer.
- 14 I think I'd better ..... in now; we're setting ..... very early in the morning.
- 15 "Do you ..... like dancing?"  
"Well, I'd rather sit this one ....., if you don't mind."
- 16 Could you ..... off another fifty copies of the letter please, Mr Wilson, and make sure they're sent ..... first thing in the morning.
- 17 Things were really ..... me down last week. In fact, I was almost tempted to do ..... myself.
- 18 I don't know how I'd ..... by if I didn't have my savings to fall .....
- 19 I've got some friends ..... round this evening, so I'd better go home and tidy ..... the flat before they arrive.
- 20 My daughter really ..... on well with people. She takes ..... her father in that respect.

# 36

## Similes

Complete each of the similes below with a suitable word or words. Choose from the following:

a beetroot	an eel	a mule	putty
a bone	a flash	old boots	rain
a button	houses	an owl	a rake
the day is long	a judge	a peacock	a sheet
ditchwater	a kitten	pie	thieves
a dog	a lamb	pitch	velvet
a drowned rat	a lion	a poker	the weather
	a mouse	Punch	

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 as brave as .....      | 16 as safe as .....     |
| 2 as bright as .....     | 17 as sick as .....     |
| 3 as changeable as ..... | 18 as slippery as ..... |
| 4 as dark as .....       | 19 as smooth as .....   |
| 5 as dry as .....        | 20 as sober as .....    |
| 6 as dull as .....       | 21 as soft as .....     |
| 7 as easy as .....       | 22 as stiff as .....    |
| 8 as gentle as .....     | 23 as stubborn as ..... |
| 9 as happy as .....      | 24 as thick as .....    |
| 10 as pleased as .....   | 25 as thin as .....     |
| 11 as proud as .....     | 26 as tough as .....    |
| 12 as quick as .....     | 27 as weak as .....     |
| 13 as quiet as .....     | 28 as wet as .....      |
| 14 as red as .....       | 29 as white as .....    |
| 15 as right as .....     | 30 as wise as .....     |

# 37

## Text: one word only

Fill in the blanks in the following passage. Use **one word** only for each blank.

I'm just beginning to ..... (1) up to the fact that I'm no longer as young as I used to be. Of course, I'd ..... (2) for some time that my birthday seemed to come ..... (3) rather quickly and that I'd put on quite a bit of ..... (4) – especially around the waist. But I didn't really think these things were ..... (5) with age – I simply put them down to the increased pace of life plus ..... (6) of exercise. In fact, I was ..... (7) that I could still easily pass for thirty-four or thirty-five – it was just a question of ..... (8) in my stomach and wearing the right sort of clothes. After all, I'd been brought up a firm believer in the ..... (9) "You're as old as you feel" and as far as I was ..... (10) I didn't feel a day over thirty.

So it came as quite a shock the other day when, just as I'd got on a bus on my way home from work, a young lady ..... (11) me her seat. I mean, I could understand her giving up her seat to an old-age pensioner, but why me? Unless ... No, I ..... (12) to believe the other alternative.

"It's all right, thank you. I'm getting off soon," I replied, forcing a smile, at the same time trying hard to convince myself that her ..... (13) was some sort of protest for "Women's Lib". All the same, it took me a few days to get over the incident and I found myself continually scrutinizing my face in mirrors, trying hard to convince myself that the wrinkles around my eyes and on my forehead were not that ..... (14) – not from a distance, anyway. My wife was very sympathetic and kept on trying to ..... (15) my ego with such encouraging remarks as: "Of course you're not old, darling. You don't look a day over forty. Besides, grey hair makes you look distinguished."

That weekend, in a desperate ..... (16) to persuade myself that there was still lots of ..... (17) left in me yet, I ..... (18) my wife into going to the dance hall we used to go to just before we got married. Unfortunately, the last time we had been there was more than twenty years ago, so I didn't find out until it was too late – until we were ..... (19) inside the place – that it had been ..... (20) into a discotheque. There couldn't have been anyone, there over the age of twenty! To say that we stood out would be something of an ..... (21). As for fox-trotting to blaring rock music, well, that was quite out of the ..... (22). So we left rather quickly and spent the evening in the local pub instead.

I went to sleep that night feeling older and more depressed than ..... (23).

## Missing words: Nouns

Fill in the missing nouns in the sentences below. Choose from the following:

adage	conscription	fissure	prerequisite
anachronism	correlation	gist	prevalence
antidote	counterpart	heyday	quandary
backlog	deviation	idiosyncrasy	referendum
clemency	discrepancy	infringement	slick
coincidence	effigy	obituary	subsidy
compunction	euphemism	oversight	truancy
	figurehead	plaque	

- 1 When she returned from holiday, there was a(n) ..... of work waiting for her.
- 2 The T.U.C. is the British ..... of the Swedish L.O.
- 3 You told me you paid £2,000 for your computer, yet the bill only comes to £1,250. How do you explain the ..... ?
- 4 "To pass away" is a(n) ..... for "to die".
- 5 "Swinging London" was in its ..... in the 1960s.
- 6 My uncle reads the ..... column in *The Times* every morning just to check that he's still alive.
- 7 A(n) ..... was held to determine the wishes of the people regarding nuclear power.
- 8 "..... is a very small problem here," said the headmistress proudly. "Very few of our pupils don't enjoy coming to school."
- 9 "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is an old .....
- 10 It was such a(n) ..... when I met my neighbour in Paris. I thought he was still at home.
- 11 No one doubts nowadays that there is a strong ..... between smoking and lung cancer.
- 12 A large ..... appeared in the playground just after the earthquake.
- 13 Having a job is in many ways a(n) ..... to being able to enjoy and appreciate one's free time.
- 14 She was in a(n) ..... as to whether to take the job or not. She just couldn't make up her mind.
- 15 In many ways sailing boats are a(n) ..... in today's world of supersonic travel.
- 16 As it was his first offence, the magistrate showed ..... and let him off with a warning.

- 17 Britain has a professional army, so ..... is no longer needed.
- 18 I don't really have time to read this report now, Clare. Could you give me the ..... of it?
- 19 Because of an unfortunate ..... the complimentary tickets to the exhibition were not sent out until the day the exhibition closed.
- 20 There is a(n) ..... of eye diseases in many tropical countries.
- 21 As far as I know there is no known ..... for this poison.
- 22 She didn't have the slightest ..... about phoning her boss and pretending she had a cold so that she could take the day off.
- 23 We must follow the plan to the letter; just the slightest ..... could ruin everything.
- 24 Today's monarch has very little power; he or she is simply a(n) .....
- 25 According to this ..... on the wall, Richard Burton was born here.
- 26 The National Opera in this country gets a Government ..... of over £3,000,000 a year.
- 27 During the demonstration, some of the students burned a(n) ..... of the Prime Minister.
- 28 The goal was disallowed because of a previous .....
- 29 There was an oil ..... several miles long after the two oil tankers collided.
- 30 We all liked the new boss, but he did have one ..... – he always wore a dandelion in his buttonhole.

# Same word – two meanings 2

Find the word which has two meanings in each of the following:

**Example:** a type of fish **SOLE** part of a shoe

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|--|----------------------|---|
| 1 a small sum or amount  | <input type="text"/> | a dessert   |
| 2 an angry state of mind   | <input type="text"/> | to harden metal                                       |
| 3 progress   | <input type="text"/> | money lent or paid to somebody before the proper time |
| 4 alter  | <input type="text"/> | money   |
| 5 agreement  | <input type="text"/> | to shrink   |
| 6 tendency   | <input type="text"/> | a religious dress                                     |
| 7 a metal  | <input type="text"/> | to show someone the way                               |
| 8 to shape or form something                                       | <input type="text"/> | soft woolly growth found on bread, cheese, etc.       |
| 9 an insult  | <input type="text"/> | thin, frail   |
| 10 the part of a bride's dress that trails on the floor behind her | <input type="text"/> | to instruct   |
| 11 a measurement   | <input type="text"/> | an enclosed area next to a building                   |
| 12 to come near  | <input type="text"/> | surroundings  |
| 13 a sore on one's body  | <input type="text"/> | a cooking process                                     |
| 14 to talk to someone  | <input type="text"/> | opposite, contrary                                    |
| 15 to state clearly  | <input type="text"/> | to travel, or send something quickly                  |

- |                            |                      |  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 16 to make angry           | <input type="text"/> | smoke of sweet-smelling spice  |
| 17 a journey by air or sea | <input type="text"/> | a brief section of a work of music or literature                       |
| 18 a boulder               | <input type="text"/> | a hard sweet in the shape of a long stick (popular at seaside resorts) |
| 19 to put into words       | <input type="text"/> | a country  |
| 20 a committee             | <input type="text"/> | to get on a ship, train or aircraft                                    |
| 21 attractiveness          | <input type="text"/> | a spell  |
| 22 a military rank         | <input type="text"/> | relating to the body   |
| 23 a quarrel               | <input type="text"/> | a line of houses   |
| 24 to eat food quickly     | <input type="text"/> | a type of lock   |
| 25 abandon                 | <input type="text"/> | wasteland  |

Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.

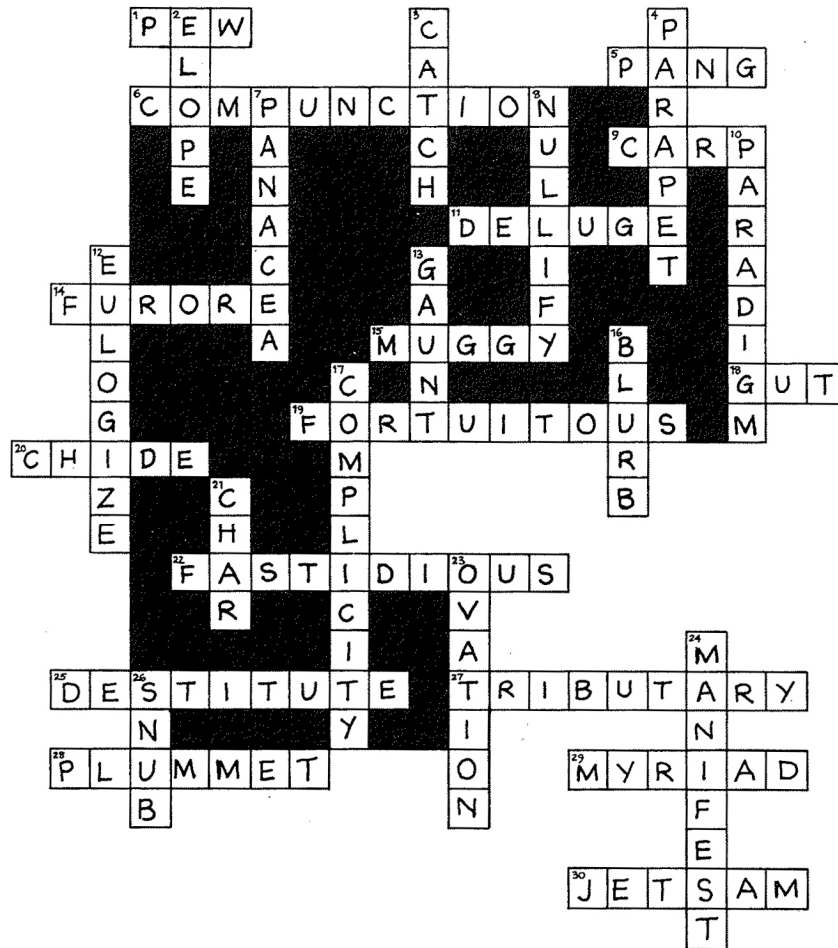
- 1 The strong smell of garlic seemed to ..... the whole flat.  
a pierce    b penetrate    c inhabit    d pervade
- 2 The chairman of the local council had a ..... interest in the building of a new supermarket near the town square. He owned the land there.  
a guaranteed    b permanent    c vested    d self
- 3 When we eat chicken in our house, my wife always insists on having the ..... nose.  
a sailor's    b cock's    c parson's    d fowl's
- 4 He apologised profusely, swearing never to do it again. But his wife refused to be ..... As far as she was concerned, he had done it once too often.  
a persuaded    b forgiven    c consoled    d mollified
- 5 After five weeks, both parties in the strike agreed that it should be settled by .....  
a arbitration    b ballot    c adjudication    d tribunal
- 6 Don't rush me; I hate having to make ..... decisions.  
a sharp    b curt    c prompt    d snap
- 7 The sea between Dover and Calais was so ..... that most of the passengers were seasick.  
a heavy    b bumpy    c choppy    d gusty
- 8 People who ..... their food often get indigestion.  
a bolt    b munch    c nibble    d stuff
- 9 I can either move to another department or look for another job. It's ..... choice really.  
a nobody's    b Hobson's    c sod's    d Murphy's
- 10 Most people agreed that the recent trial was a complete ..... of justice.  
a satire    b corruption    c travesty    d abortion
- 11 My cousin earns her living by ..... old paintings.  
a renewing    b restoring    c reimbursing    d renovating
- 12 I'm not quite sure I understand completely. Could you be a bit more .....?  
a explicit    b punctilious    c distinct    d explanatory
- 13 I can never look down from a high building; I suffer from .....  
a amnesia    b hypertension    c vertigo    d egomania
- 14 Two days before her wedding, my sister held a ..... party for her female friends.  
a bitch    b hen    c cow    d bridal
- 15 Her only income being a small allowance, she lived a very ..... life.  
a frugal    b mean    c sparing    d extravagant
- 16 There was ..... at the cinema when someone shouted "Fire!"  
a commotion    b pandemonium    c histrionics    d turbulence
- 17 When we missed the last bus home, we had no choice but to take .....  
a Shanks's pony    b Donald's donkey    c to arms    d to first footing
- 18 I do wish you'd stop making ..... remarks all the time, David. No one's amused. Don't you realise how serious the problem is?  
a insincere    b comic    c facetious    d catty
- 19 "He thought that a Third World War was eminent" is an example of .....  
a alliteration    b a spoonerism    c a malapropism    d a pun
- 20 If she had a ..... of good taste she'd know that those two colours just don't go together.  
a pinch    b hint    c granule    d modicum
- 21 The new boss is so arrogant that he is completely ..... to all criticism.  
a impermeable    b impervious    c void    d resistant
- 22 Being a Roman Catholic priest, no one doubted his .....  
a rancour    b veracity    c mendacity    d virility

Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb.

- 1 He won't be able to ..... that speed. (maintain)
- 2 Mr Watkins is ..... with some sort of virus infection.  
(confined to his bed)
- 3 Ms Wilson is ..... Mr Thompson while he's on holiday. (taking the place of/substituting for)
- 4 I don't see why you ..... foreigners. (despise)
- 5 I'm sorry to ....., but you're wanted on the phone.  
(interrupt)
- 6 We must ..... a date for the firm's Christmas party soon.  
(arrange/decide upon)
- 7 Can you ..... me ..... for the night? (give me a place to sleep)
- 8 It will cost at least £1,000 to ..... the flat. (decorate)
- 9 Her husband treats her really badly. I don't know how she .....  
..... it. (tolerates)
- 10 Let's ..... these silly rules. (abolish)
- 11 It is very expensive to ..... a large house nowadays.  
(maintain/look after)
- 12 I will never trust her again. She has ..... me ..... so many times. (failed me/disappointed me)
- 13 All our plans ..... because of my sudden illness. (came to nothing)
- 14 The number of spectators has ..... considerably in the past year. (decreased)
- 15 I wish I knew what ..... his attacks. (caused)
- 16 "I hope I haven't ..... you .....?"  
"No, not at all. I never go to bed before midnight." (prevented you from going to bed)
- 17 If it ..... soon, we'll be able to have our picnic as planned.  
(becomes fine)
- 18 It was the first time they had ..... since they got married.  
(quarrelled)
- 19 Since four of the committee were ill, they decided to ..... the meeting until the following week. (postpone)
- 20 To some extent the high standard of living in Sweden .....  
..... the boring social life. (compensates for)
- 21 You'd better not eat that food; it's ..... (gone bad)
- 22 Each of the runners was given a number, but they decided to .....  
..... number 13 in case anyone was superstitious. (omit)
- 23 When do British schools ..... ? (close for the holidays)
- 24 Dinosaurs ..... millions of years ago. (became extinct)
- 25 Since it was his first offence, he was ..... (not punished/allowed to go free)

## Sort out the clues 2

Look at the completed crossword below. See if you can work out which word goes with which clue. Write 1 Down, 5 Across, etc., in front of each clue. (See Test 8.)



- ..... accidental, caused by chance
- ..... to fall violently straight down
- ..... a short promotional description of a book, printed on the cover or in advertisements
- ..... an awkward feeling of guilt, shame or remorse
- ..... a hidden problem or difficulty
- ..... to cause something to become black by burning
- ..... to scold, rebuke
- ..... thin and hungry-looking
- ..... a very angry or excited reaction by people to something
- ..... goods thrown overboard to make a ship lighter
- ..... to deliberately insult a person by ignoring him/her
- ..... a long, heavy rainfall usually causing flooding
- ..... something that is supposed to be a cure for any problem or illness
- ..... enthusiastic applause
- ..... completely without money or food, clothing, shelter etc.
- ..... a long wooden seat for members of a church or chapel congregation
- ..... warm and damp
- ..... to cancel, make void
- ..... to burn out or clear out the inside of a building
- ..... to commend, praise
- ..... a stream which flows into a river
- ..... a type of large freshwater fish that lives in rivers and lakes
- ..... a low wall along the edge of a roof, bridge or balcony
- ..... a sudden strong feeling, for example of pain or sadness
- ..... to run away secretly in order to get married – usually without one's parents' permission
- ..... the act of taking part with another person or persons in an illegal act or plan
- ..... easily disgusted, excessively difficult to please
- ..... a model or ideal
- ..... countless, innumerable
- ..... a list of goods carried on a ship

## Idiomatic phrases

Complete the idiomatic phrases in the sentences below with a suitable word.  
Choose from the following:

bone	dead	French	pitch
casting	dirt	hush	splitting
chain	Dutch	inside	soft
close	flat	marked	sore
confirmed	foregone	open	stone

- 1 He's a ..... smoker. No sooner has he stubbed out one cigarette than he lights another.
- 2 He said he had won it on the football pools, but we all knew it was ..... money. He'd been given it to make sure he wouldn't go to the police.
- 3 Put the light on somebody! It's ..... dark in here!
- 4 I think I'll go and lie down for a while; I've got a(n) ..... headache.
- 5 The runners crossed the finishing-line at the same time. It was a ..... heat.
- 6 He knew that once he had betrayed the I.R.A. he would be a ..... man.
- 7 At the meeting, the voting was five for and five against, which meant the chairman had the ..... vote.
- 8 He was so nervous about flying that he drank a large glass of whisky to give himself some ..... courage.
- 9 The robbery went off so smoothly that the police suspected it was a(n) ..... job.
- 10 This dress was ..... cheap. It only cost £15.
- 11 My grandmother can't hear a thing. She's ..... deaf.
- 12 Football has been a(n) ..... point with him ever since he was dropped from the team.
- 13 I don't think Matthew will ever get married. He's a(n) ..... bachelor.
- 14 They were bound to lose the election. It was a(n) ..... conclusion.
- 15 It's no good coming to me for money, I'm ..... broke.
- 16 We had a(n) ..... shave the other day. A car almost hit us as we were crossing the road.
- 17 Her husband never lifts a finger in the house – he's ..... idle.

- 18 It's a(n) ..... secret that the new boss is gay.
- 19 He was so desperate to get home at the weekend to see his girlfriend that he decided to take ..... leave.
- 20 I'm not surprised he married Maria. He's always had a(n) ..... spot for Italians.



# Words that begin with "CR-"

Read through the clues/definitions and fill in the missing words, all of which begin with "cr-".

- 1 a person or firm you owe money to C R   D   T
- 2 to burn a dead body at a special funeral ceremony C R   M   E
- 3 an outdoor summer game C R   U   T
- 4 something that is cr..... is extremely important C R   A L
- 5 the study of secret writing and codes C R   P T   H Y
- 6 a small box-shaped bed for a baby C R   L
- 7 part of the skull C R   N   M
- 8 deserving praise, honour, approval, etc. C R   D   T   E
- 9 a narrow crack or gap in a rock C R   V
- 10 a sea voyage for pleasure C R   S
- 11 a standard by which you judge something C R   T   R
- 12 to copy something that someone has written and pretend that it is your own work C R
- 13 severe pain by the sudden tightening of a muscle C R   M
- 14 a very strong desire for something C R   V
- 15 a letter or certificate that proves your identity or qualifications C R   D   N   L
- 16 an underground room beneath a church or cathedral C R   T
- 17 the plates, cups and saucers that you use at mealtimes C R   C   Y

- 18 stupid, insensitive, unfeeling C R   S
- 19 if you are cr....., you are always ready to believe what people tell you, and are easily deceived C R   D   L
- 20 to lower the body close to the ground by bending the knees and back C R   C
- 21 a type of shellfish C R   F   H
- 22 a musical note C R   C   T
- 23 something worn by men C R   A
- 24 a person with very strange, odd or peculiar ideas C R   N
- 25 a very popular fashion, usually for a short time C R   E

# Missing words: Types of people 3

Fill in the missing words in the definitions below. Choose from the following:

big shot	fence	mole	soft touch
brick	gate-crasher	old maid	sponger
busybody	grass	rough diamond	swot
chatterbox	grass widow	scab	tout
dab hand	guinea pig	skinflint	underdog
dark horse	kerb crawler	slavedriver	wet blanket
diehard	lame duck	smart aleck	whizz kid
dogsboby	landlubber		

- 1 A(n) ..... is a woman whose husband is away for a period of time.
- 2 A(n) ..... is a person who is not used to the sea or ships.
- 3 A(n) ..... is someone who continues to work when his/her fellow-workers are on strike.
- 4 A(n) ..... is a person who dislikes spending or giving money.
- 5 A(n) ..... is a person who offers tickets that are in short supply for sale for a price higher than usual.
- 6 A(n) ..... is a very important or influential person.
- 7 A(n) ..... is someone who cannot stop talking.
- 8 A(n) ..... is a person who turns up at parties without being invited to them.
- 9 A(n) ..... is a person who works inside an organisation for a long time in order to provide secret information for the enemy.
- 10 A(n) ..... is a person who annoys others by claiming to know everything and trying to sound clever.
- 11 A(n) ..... is a person from whom it is easy to get what one wants, for example money, because he/she is kind or easily deceived.
- 12 A(n) ..... is a person with modern ideas who works with energy and enthusiasm and achieves great success in his or her job while still young.
- 13 A(n) ..... is a very nice, dependable person.
- 14 A(n) ..... is a person who buys and sells stolen goods.
- 15 A(n) ..... is someone in a low-ranking position who has to do all the boring jobs that no one else wants to do.
- 16 A(n) ..... is a person with a kind and generous nature, but whose outward appearance or manner is rather rough.

- 17 A(n) ..... is a person who is expected to lose in a competition with someone else, or a weaker person who is always treated badly by others.
- 18 A(n) ..... is a person who is very inquisitive about other people's affairs.
- 19 A(n) ..... is a person who has greater capabilities than he/she shows or than people are aware of.
- 20 A(n) ..... is someone who informs the police about the people concerned in a crime. This person is often a criminal himself/herself.
- 21 A(n) ..... is a person who is weak or a failure in some way and has to be helped by others.
- 22 A(n) ..... is a woman who is unlikely ever to get married.
- 23 A(n) ..... is someone who makes people work very hard.
- 24 A(n) ..... is someone who studies very hard especially when trying to get good examination results.
- 25 A(n) ..... is a person who is very good at something.
- 26 A(n) ..... is a person who is used as a subject in medical or other experiments.
- 27 A(n) ..... is a person who is always taking money and things off other people, usually by taking advantage of their generosity or weakness.
- 28 A(n) ..... is a person who discourages or prevents others from enjoying themselves by being boring and negative towards everything.
- 29 A(n) ..... is someone who refuses to change his/her ideas and opinions (usually political ones).
- 30 A(n) ..... is a man who annoys women by following them slowly in a car when they are walking along the street.

# From Part to Gain

Change the word **PART** into **GAIN** in twenty-five moves, changing one letter at a time. Some letters have been added to help you.

	P	A	R	T	
1					having a sharp taste, sour
2					the weight of an unloaded goods vehicle
3					without clothes
4	B				to make a hole in something
5					part of an apple
6					grown in fields
7					pulled violently apart or into pieces
8					the name of one of the British political parties
9					a wrongful but not criminal act that can be dealt with in a civil court of law
10					this person can usually get you tickets for any West End play or musical
11					a boxing match
12				T	to run away suddenly

13					something you wear
14					the skin of an animal with the hair still attached
15					can be used instead of coal
16	B				the regular path or route followed by a policeman on duty
17					a bad-mannered child (derogatory)
18					to boast
19					a steep, rugged mountain peak or rock
20	C				to revise intensively for an examination
21					used by babies
22					easily shocked by anything rude
23					unpleasant, not cheerful
24					a wide smile showing the teeth
	G	A	I	N	

# Foreign words and phrases

*A lot of foreign words and phrases are used in English. See if you understand the following by putting each of them into one of the sentences below.*

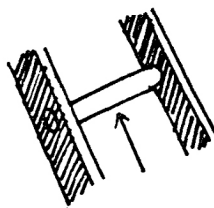
ad hoc	coup d'état	kudos	quid pro quo
ad infinitum	curriculum vitae	non compos mentis	rapport
alfresco	de facto	non sequitur	status quo
aplomb	détente	per capita	tête-à-tête
avant garde	ex officio	per se	vice versa
blasé	extra-curricular	persona non grata	vis-à-vis
bona fide	faux pas	post mortem	
carte blanche	in camera	prima facie	


- 1 The General overthrew the President and became the ..... ruler of the country.
- 2 What is the average ..... income in your country?
- 3 It says in the invitation that wives are allowed to bring their husbands and ..... So I shall certainly take Anne with me.
- 4 If you ask me, most of this ..... music is rubbish. Give me Beethoven or Mozart any day!
- 5 You made a terrible ..... when you asked how his wife was. Didn't you know that she'd recently run off with his best friend?
- 6 They decided to set up an ..... committee to deal with the urgent problem that had come up.
- 7 He was thrown out of the country two years ago and has been ..... since then.
- 8 Generally speaking, students are against preserving the ..... in a country. They usually want change and reform.
- 9 She gained a lot of ..... after her third successful novel.
- 10 He came to power in a violent and bloody .....
- 11 As President she will be a(n) ..... member of several important committees.
- 12 The car park is for ..... customers only. No one else is allowed to use it.
- 13 As there seems to be a ..... case against him, they decided to press for a trial immediately.
- 14 When Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher met for the first time, there was an instant ..... between them.

- 15 Don't mention golf when Charles is around; otherwise he'll go on ..... about it.
- 16 It is hard to believe in the present ..... that the two countries were at war with one another less than two years ago.
- 17 The Prime Minister handled the hostile questioning of the journalists with great .....
- 18 Your argument is a ..... and totally irrelevant!
- 19 I'd like to see you tomorrow, John, ..... the proposed new changes. I'd just like to hear what you think of them.
- 20 It was a very nice house ....., but it wasn't quite the sort of place we were looking for.
- 21 The case involved discussing matters which were top secret, so it was held .....
- 22 No one told me what to do. I was given ..... to organise things as I saw fit.
- 23 Applicants must send in a full ..... no later than Friday, March 24th.
- 24 We usually eat ..... in the summer.
- 25 He gave me a 10 per cent discount as a ..... for having helped him mend his car.
- 26 He was believed to have been ..... when he attempted to commit suicide.
- 27 Visiting Russia so often has made him very ..... about eating caviar.
- 28 Our school offers a wide range of ..... activities, including photography, karate and folk-dancing.
- 29 I had a very interesting ..... with the new manager last week. Now I think I understand what he plans to do.
- 30 The ..... examination showed that she had died of a heart attack.

## Choose the answer

Choose the correct answer for each of the following:

- 1 The words low, udder, heifer and Jersey all have something to do with:  
a rowing b cows c houses d weapons e fishing
  - 2 Who would take the Hippocratic oath?  
a a barrister b a soldier c a zoo keeper d a priest  
e a doctor
  - 3 Which of the following is incorrect?  
a a clod of earth b a sliver of glass c a wad of cotton  
d a clump of grass e a segment of orange
  - 4 Who would use a score?  
a a policeman b a surgeon c a hairdresser  
d a tennis umpire e a conductor
  - 5 Which phrase is the 'odd one out'?  
a to kick the bucket b to bite the dust c to touch wood  
d to pass away e to croak
  - 6 This part is called:  
a a rung  
b a plank  
c a foothold  
d a wedge  
e a crossbar
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- 7 To be "indomitable" is to be:  
a faultless b stubborn, unyielding c bossy, domineering  
d disobedient, rebellious e persevering, full of stamina
  - 8 What does a dasymeter measure?  
a altitude b wind speeds c rainfall d the potency of drugs  
e the density of gases
  - 9 A dog barks. Which animal gobbles?  
a a frog b a turkey c a hyena d a crow e an owl
  - 10 Complete this proverb. "Time and tide ..."  
a are soon parted b wait for no man  
c makes the heart grow fonder d knows no end e has no return

- 11 If you were suffering from phlebitis, you would have trouble with your:  
a joints b veins c nerves d mouth e skin
  - 12 Which of the following ways of walking would you associate with someone who had drunk too much alcohol?  
a stagger b swagger c plod d tramp e prow
  - 13 Which of these is *not* part of a house?  
a a loft b a skylight c a porch d French windows  
e a postbox
  - 14 If you were suffering from scopophobia, you would hate:  
a being stared at b being alone c cats d going in lifts  
e bright lights
  - 15 What is the following?  
a a press stud  
b a toggle  
c a clasp  
d a Welsh button  
e a hook and eye
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- 16 Complete the following: "Scuttle, coffer, carton ..."  
a milk b lathe c hoe d clutch e urn
  - 17 Which of the following is *not* a fish?  
a halibut b mackerel c gannet d haddock e skate
  - 18 Who would use a hod?  
a a shoemaker b a nurse c a bricklayer d a pilot  
e a carpenter
  - 19 Complete the following phrase. "He fell for the story hook, line and ..."  
a liver b quartered c sinker d fish tank e everywhere
  - 20 Where would you wear galoshes?  
a on your hands b under your shirt c on your head  
d over your shoes e around your waist

## Sort out the words 2

Below are 40 words arranged alphabetically. Try to place each word under the correct heading. (There should be 5 words under each.)

abhor	choker	haul	saunter
abominate	chuckle	hernia	shingles
amble	clasp	hobble	smirk
beam	despise	hoot	smock
beret	earwig	loathe	snigger
bray	execrate	louse	strut
catarrh	flip-flop	lug	tow
caw	gnat	midge	trudge
centipede	gout	muffler	whinny
chirp	guffaw	mumps	wrench

## Clothes and accessories

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## Diseases/illnesses

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## Insects

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## Animal sounds

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## Expressing dislike/hatred

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## Smiling and laughing

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## Taking, holding and pulling

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## Ways of walking

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## Matching pairs

a Toxicology is the study of poisons. What about the following? Match them up.

- 1 anthropology ...
- 2 entomology ...
- 3 ethnology ...
- 4 etymology ...
- 5 graphology ...
- 6 meteorology ...
- 7 odontology ...
- 8 ornithology ...
- 9 palaeontology ...
- 10 philology ...

- a the study of teeth
- b the study of birds
- c the study of the origin of words
- d the study of fossils
- e the study of man as an animal
- f the study of insects
- g the study of language
- h the study of weather and climate
- i the study of different races and their relationships
- j the study of handwriting

b A feminist is one who believes in equal rights for women. What about the following? Match them up.

- 1 accompanist ...
- 2 arborist ...
- 3 arsonist ...
- 4 somnambulist ...
- 5 genealogist ...
- 6 sadist ...
- 7 lepidopterist ...
- 8 lexicologist ...
- 9 masochist ...
- 10 numismatist ...

- a one who sets fire to property
- b one who studies the history and meaning of words
- c one who plays an instrument in support of a singer
- d one who traces the history of families
- e one who walks in his/her sleep
- f one who studies trees
- g one who studies butterflies and moths
- h one who gets pleasure from being cruel to others
- i one who studies and collects coins
- j one who gets gratification in suffering pain

# Missing words: Terms used in English

Write each of the following words next to the correct definition below.

abbreviation	elegy	malapropism	simile
alliteration	epigram	maxim	slogan
anagram	epitaph	metaphor	spoonerism
analogy	fable	palindrome	synonym
anecdote	glossary	parody	synopsis
antonym	homonym	pseudonym	
cliché	index	pun	

- 1 ..... A word which has the opposite meaning to another, e.g. high and low.
- 2 ..... An alphabetical list of special, technical or difficult words with their meanings placed at the back of a book.
- 3 ..... A word, phrase or sentence which is the same when read backwards or forwards, e.g. madam.
- 4 ..... The use of an expression which describes one thing by directly comparing it with another using the words 'as' or 'like', e.g. as cool as a cucumber.
- 5 ..... A shortened form of a word or phrase.
- 6 ..... A word that has both the same sound and spelling as another but is different in meaning or origin.
- 7 ..... The name used by a writer instead of his or her real name.
- 8 ..... A brief description of the contents of something such as a film or book.
- 9 ..... A clever and amusing use of a word or a phrase which has more than one meaning or of words with the same sound but different meanings.
- 10 ..... A short saying or poem that expresses an idea in a clever and amusing way.
- 11 ..... A word or phrase formed from another by changing the order of the letters.
- 12 ..... An amusing mistake made by using a word that sounds similar to the word you meant to say but means something completely different.

- 13 ..... A short piece of writing or a poem about a dead person, especially one written on their gravestone.
- 14 ..... A word which is similar in meaning to another, e.g. sad and unhappy.
- 15 ..... Repetition of the same first letter or sound in a group of words or line of verse, e.g. 'Round the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran.'
- 16 ..... A story which teaches a moral lesson and in which the characters are usually animals.
- 17 ..... A partial likeness between two things which are otherwise different, which often makes it easier to explain something.
- 18 ..... A short, easily-remembered phrase used in advertising or by politicians.
- 19 ..... A well-known phrase or saying, especially one that gives a rule for sensible behaviour, e.g. waste not, want not.
- 20 ..... An expression that is used so often that it has lost most of its meaning and effect. In other words, a stale and hackneyed expression.
- 21 ..... A piece of writing or music that intentionally copies a particular well-known style in an amusing way.
- 22 ..... An alphabetical list of names, subjects, etc. at the back of a book, with the numbers of the pages where they can be found.
- 23 ..... A short, interesting or amusing story about a person or event.
- 24 ..... A sad poem or song, especially remembering someone who has died or something in the past.
- 25 ..... A mistake made when speaking in which the first sounds of two words are exchanged with each other to produce an unintentional and amusing meaning.
- 26 ..... A way of describing something by comparing it to something that has similar qualities, but without using the words 'like' or 'as'.

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## Which word is similar?

Underline the word in brackets in the following sentences which is most similar to the word in **bold** type. (Number 1 has been done for you.)

- 1 A **deliberate** mistake is (very serious, intentional, accidental, not very serious).
- 2 A **stingy** person is (callous, unintelligent, talkative, mean).
- 3 A **light-fingered** person is (agile, slim, dishonest, easily distracted).
- 4 A **haughty** person is (arrogant, very tall, cruel, foolish).
- 5 A **malicious** rumour is (widespread, false, spiteful, sensational).
- 6 A **baffling** problem is (puzzling, fascinating, very unusual, very worrying).
- 7 A **tacit** agreement is (legally binding, unfair, unspoken, temporary).
- 8 A **choppy** sea is (calm, rough, unsafe, shallow).
- 9 A **fimsy** structure is (attractive, very modern, sturdy, weak).
- 10 A **corpulent** person is (witty, charming, popular, fat).
- 11 A **hazardous** journey is (risky, interesting, tiring, boring).
- 12 A **gregarious** person is (very inquisitive, very loyal, very sociable, hostile).
- 13 A **two-faced** person is (aggressive, hypocritical, moody, cynical).
- 14 A **frail** person is (confident, shy, weak, generous).
- 15 A **clandestine** meeting is (pre-arranged, very informal, very formal, secret).
- 16 A **determined** person is (old, resolute, unwell, reliable).
- 17 An **arduous** task is (difficult, interesting, exciting, lengthy).
- 18 An **insipid** drink is (very strong, flavourless, slightly warm, ice-cold).
- 19 A **lenient** teacher is (unpopular, inexperienced, not strict, skinny).
- 20 A **hostile** reception is (noisy, warm, unfriendly, very formal).
- 21 A **curt** message is (short, urgent, amusing, sarcastic).
- 22 A **ravenous** person is (skinny, very hungry, impulsive, quarrelsome).
- 23 A **disgruntled** person is (homeless, stateless, disabled, discontented).
- 24 An **adverse** report is (unfavourable, serious, very complicated, very detailed).
- 25 A **dishevelled** appearance is (unusual, eccentric, untidy, unhappy).
- 26 An **irate** person is (big-headed, very angry, very strong, rude).

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## Sort out the words 3

Below are forty words connected with health. Try to place each one under the correct heading. (The number in brackets after each heading tells you how many words are needed.)

acne	corn	laxative	out-patient	stretcher
amnesia	cough	maternity	pain killer	stroke
anaesthetist	medicine	ward	pimples	surgeon
antibiotics	crutches	mole	plaster cast	tonsillitis
bandage	dressing	mumps	rash	tranquillizer
blister	food poisoning	nervous	scalpel	wart
bruise	gout	breakdown	slipped disc	wheelchair
casualty	invalid	operating	splint	zimmer frame
chicken pox	jaundice	theatre	stethoscope	

Diseases/disorders  
(general) (10)

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Medical equipment  
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People/places to do with  
health/hospitals (7)

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## Skin disorders (8)

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## Medication/drugs (5)

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## More homophones

Below are twenty-five pairs of homophones. Look at the clues for each pair and try to work out what the words are. (Number 1 has been done for you.)

	Word a	Word b
1 a	permitted	<u>allowed</u>
b	loud enough to be heard	<u>aloud</u>
2 a	main branch of a tree	.....
b	to bend low (often as a sign of respect)	.....
3 a	instructed	.....
b	not slack	.....
4 a	minutes, hours, etc.	.....
b	a herb	.....
5 a	a set of steps in a fence or wall	.....
b	fashion in clothes or hair	.....
6 a	part of the body	.....
b	to use or spend carelessly; to squander	.....
7 a	conceited	.....
b	a blood vessel	.....
8 a	a long drawn-out cry of pain or distress	.....
b	a common drink, especially in France, Spain and Italy	.....
9 a	a place to sleep on a ship	.....
b	being born	.....
10 a	part of the foot	.....
b	to pull along behind with a rope	.....
11 a	to stop living	.....
b	to colour or stain something	.....
12 a	to look directly at something with wide-open eyes	.....
b	one of a series of steps leading from one floor to another	.....
13 a	just	.....
b	the money paid for a journey by bus, train, etc.	.....
14 a	a beautiful flower with a thorny stem	.....
b	lines of people or things	.....
15 a	a small jumping insect which bites	.....
b	to leave somewhere very quickly, usually to escape from danger	.....

16 a	to stop what you are doing at the moment	.....	.....
b	a cat's feet	.....	.....
17 a	underground part of a tree	.....	.....
b	a road or path from one place to another	.....	.....
18 a	to cure	.....	.....
b	a part of the foot	.....	.....
19 a	a vase	.....	.....
b	to receive money	.....	.....
20 a	white or having a colourless face	.....	.....
b	a kind of bucket	.....	.....
21 a	large, important	.....	.....
b	a fireplace	.....	.....
22 a	an item of jewellery	.....	.....
b	to squeeze and twist (usually to get the water out)	.....	.....
23 a	a large room	.....	.....
b	to pull	.....	.....
24 a	an achievement	.....	.....
b	part of the body	.....	.....
25 a	a female sheep	.....	.....
b	an evergreen tree	.....	.....

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## Origins of words

Many words used in English are derived from other languages. Look at the pairs of words below and try to guess which languages they originated from. Choose from the following and write them next to the correct pair of words. (Not all the languages in the box will be used.)

Afrikaans	French	Icelandic	Spanish
Arabic	German	Italian	Swedish
Chinese	Greek	Japanese	Tibetan
Czech	Hawaiian	Norwegian	Turkish
Dutch	Hindi/Indian	Persian	Welsh
Eskimo	languages	Portuguese	
Finnish	Hungarian	Russian	

- 1 ..... igloo, kayak
- 2 ..... coach, paprika
- 3 ..... cobra, marmalade
- 4 ..... polo, yak
- 5 ..... commando, trek
- 6 ..... cruise, yacht
- 7 ..... bungalow, shampoo
- 8 ..... cosy, ski
- 9 ..... corgi, flannel
- 10 ..... algebra, mattress
- 11 ..... avalanche, envelope
- 12 ..... caravan, sofa
- 13 ..... mammoth, vodka
- 14 ..... pistol, robot
- 15 ..... balcony, lottery
- 16 ..... coffee, yoghurt
- 17 ..... ketchup, tea
- 18 ..... chorus, theory
- 19 ..... mosquito, sherry
- 20 ..... judo, tycoon
- 21 ..... hamburger, poodle
- 22 ..... ombudsman, tungsten

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## More verbal expressions

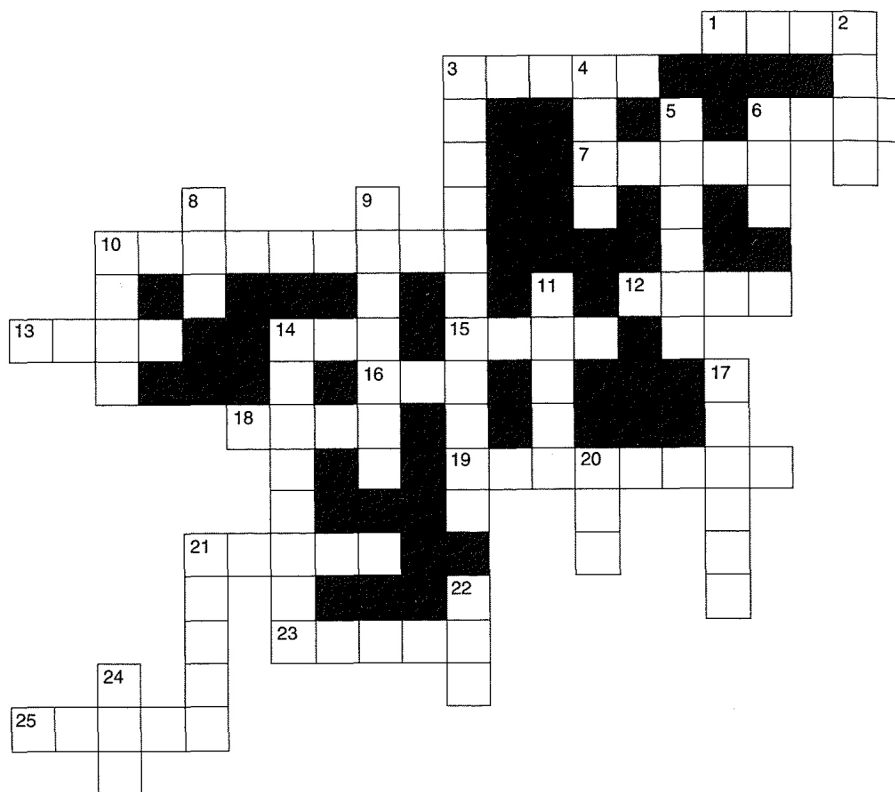
Complete the phrases on the left with the most suitable verb. Choose from the words on the right. Use each verb once only.

- 1 To ..... a machine, a car engine
- 2 To ..... your teeth
- 3 To ..... your thirst
- 4 To ..... your resignation
- 5 To ..... facts, the truth
- 6 To ..... a pursuer
- 7 To ..... a complaint, a protest
- 8 To ..... your feet, cards
- 9 To ..... difficulties
- 10 To ..... pain, hardship
- 11 To ..... your fists
- 12 To ..... your thumbs
- 13 To ..... the future, coming events
- 14 To ..... a disease
- 15 To ..... your shoulders
- 16 To ..... the bill
- 17 To ..... your neck
- 18 To ..... a wrong
- 19 To ..... temptation
- 20 To ..... a crowd, a mob
- 21 To ..... a meeting
- 22 To ..... your lips
- 23 To ..... your head
- 24 To ..... a patent, copyright
- 25 To ..... evidence

ascertain  
 avenge  
 chair  
 clench  
 contract  
 corroborate  
 crane  
 dismantle  
 disperse  
 elude  
 endure  
 foot  
 foretell  
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 infringe  
 lodge  
 nod  
 overcome  
 purse  
 quench  
 resist  
 shrug  
 shuffle  
 tender  
 twiddle

# Animal idioms crossword

Complete the crossword by filling in the missing words in the idioms on the opposite page. Each word is an animal.



## Across

- 1 As the ..... flies (i.e. in a straight line between two points).
- 3 To kill two ..... with one stone (i.e. to do two things on one occasion).
- 6 To take the ..... by the horns (i.e. to face and try to deal with a difficult problem instead of avoiding it).
- 7 To cook someone's ..... (i.e. to stop someone's plans; to stop someone from doing mischief).
- 10 To shed ..... tears (i.e. to pretend to cry).
- 12 To be like a ..... with a sore head (i.e. to be in a very bad mood).
- 13 To watch someone like a ..... (i.e. to watch someone very closely).
- 14 To let the ..... out of the bag (i.e. to give away a secret).
- 15 To have a ..... in your throat (i.e. to be unable to speak clearly because of some phlegm at the back of your throat).
- 16 As slippery as an ..... (i.e. difficult to pin down; difficult to catch).
- 18 To have the .....'s share of something (i.e. to have the largest and best part of something).
- 19 A white ..... (i.e. a useless possession which is often difficult or expensive to get and a lot of trouble to keep).
- 21 To be the black ..... of the family (i.e. to be the disreputable member of the family).
- 23 To go at a .....'s pace (i.e. to go very slowly).
- 25 To have a ..... of a time (i.e. to have a wonderful time; to enjoy yourself very much).

## Down

- 2 A ..... in sheep's clothing (i.e. an enemy pretending to be a friend).
- 3 To have ..... in your stomach (i.e. to feel nervous).
- 4 To rain cats and ..... (i.e. to rain heavily).
- 5 To make a ..... out of someone (i.e. to make someone appear silly or foolish).
- 6 To have a ..... in your bonnet (i.e. to be continually occupied or obsessed by one idea).
- 8 As cunning as a ..... (i.e. very sly and cunning).
- 9 To have ..... (i.e. to be very annoyed, surprised or frightened about something).
- 10 To wait till the ..... come home (i.e. to wait endlessly).
- 11 To flog a dead ..... (i.e. to waste your time; to go on trying to do something when it is no longer possible).
- 14 Don't count your ..... before they're hatched (i.e. don't believe or expect success, etc. is certain until it actually happens).
- 17 To do the ..... work (i.e. to do the hard, often physically tiring part of a job; to do the most unpleasant or least important part of a job).
- 20 To make a ..... of yourself (i.e. to eat or drink too much).
- 21 A ..... in the grass (i.e. a hidden enemy; someone who betrays people's friendship).
- 22 A ..... in the ointment (i.e. a minor incident that interferes with your enjoyment of something).
- 24 To smell a ..... (i.e. to become suspicious).

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## Rewrite the sentences

For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given in **bold** type. (Do not alter this word in any way.)

- 1 His bank account was completely empty. **left**
- 2 The students were not listening to their teacher. **paying**
- 3 After an hour, the train had still not arrived. **sign**
- 4 Mary is responsible for organizing the staff outing this year. **charge**
- 5 The stories he tells us about what happened to him in China are quite incredible. **beyond**
- 6 It never occurred to me that you couldn't drive. **idea**
- 7 The results of the election have not been made public yet. **secret**
- 8 How likely is Janet to get the job? **chances**
- 9 This shirt is dirty. **needs**
- 10 Did she say why she hadn't turned up for the meeting? **reason**
- 11 I don't mind whether we go out tonight or not. **matter**
- 12 The plane couldn't land because of thick snow on the runway. **prevented**
- 13 The headteacher decided not to punish the boys this time. **let**
- 14 Saving is a complete waste of time nowadays. **point**
- 15 A new car is a bit too expensive for us, I'm afraid. **reach**
- 16 Many in the group had never tasted caviar before. **first**
- 17 My house is too small for me to have a grand piano. **room**
- 18 Don't you remember anything about the accident? **recollection**
- 19 This painting has doubled in value since I bought it. **twice**
- 20 Did you notice anything strange about the house? **strike**
- 21 My father speaks German well. **command**
- 22 He will not be offered the job on any account. **question**
- 23 My mother thinks smoking is wrong. **approve**
- 24 I don't like golf very much. **appeal**
- 25 Has Tom written to you lately? **heard**

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## Puns

Sort out the following puns by matching the beginnings (1–20) from column A with a suitable ending (a–t) from column B. Write your answers in the boxes at the bottom of the page.

## A

- 1 Kangaroos ...
- 2 The first illuminated golf course ...
- 3 The bakers went on strike ...
- 4 Chinese practitioners of acupuncture ...
- 5 The lumberjack union ...
- 6 A sculptor friend of mine was fifty last week and everybody ...
- 7 The first nudist convention ...
- 8 At a flea circus, a dog ...
- 9 Lift companies ...
- 10 Corduroy pillows ...
- 11 When nylon stockings were first sold, there ...
- 12 When people found out that the hit song was written in bed, they all ...
- 13 Barbed wire ...
- 14 The new optician's ...
- 15 The first flea market ...
- 16 The tattoo artist ...
- 17 Wrestling is a sport which can easily ...
- 18 Show me where Stalin is buried and I'll ...
- 19 Australian beer ...
- 20 Show me a burnt-out post office and I'll ...

## B

- a ... received little coverage.
- b ... wanted the sheet music.
- c ... get a hold on you.
- d ... have their ups and downs.
- e ... was started from scratch.
- f ... show you a case of blackmail.
- g ... make people jumpy.
- h ... was formed by a splinter group.
- i ... is made from kangaroo hops.
- j ... chipped in for a gift.
- k ... show you a communist plot.
- l ... to get more dough.
- m ... made headlines when they first came out.
- n ... work for pin money.
- o ... was opened for people who liked swinging nightclubs.
- p ... was a site for sore eyes.
- q ... came by and stole the show.
- r ... was first used for defence.
- s ... had designs on his client's chest.
- t ... was a run on them.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Fill in the missing idiomatic phrases in the sentences below. Choose from the following.

the apple of his eye	heart sank	pain in the neck
black and blue all over	jumped out of my skin	pulling her leg
broke her heart	kept his head	took her breath away
gave me the cold	lips are sealed	
shoulder	lost his head	
get it off her chest	made his blood boil	
had a lump in her	on his last legs	
throat	on the dole	

- 1 I promise you, Mandy, I won't say a word to anyone. My .....
- 2 Mike is a real nuisance. He's a .....
- 3 Amanda was his favourite granddaughter. She was .....
- 4 Pauline completely ignored me this morning. She .....
- 5 She was covered in bruises. She was .....
- 6 When he dropped that tray behind me I got such a shock. I almost .....
- 7 It really ..... to see his friend copy a poem he had written and then present it to his girlfriend as one that he had written for her.
- 8 Janet felt very relieved when she finally confessed to taking the money. It felt good to .....
- 9 Alice was really upset when her dog died. It .....
- 10 He was so tired. He was .....
- 11 The view from the top of the mountain was absolutely fantastic. It really .....
- 12 David panicked when the fire broke out. He .....
- 13 Monica felt full of dismay when she heard the news. Her .....
- 14 Saying goodbye to her son was a very emotional occasion for her and she ..... as she watched him get on the train.
- 15 Peter remained very calm. He .....
- 16 Sally didn't believe Nick, did she? He was only joking! He was only .....

## Answers

## TEST 1

- |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 irate       | 8 frugal      | 15 stingy    |
| 2 belligerent | 9 obese       | 16 destitute |
| 3 valiant     | 10 clamorous  | 17 copious   |
| 4 cumbersome  | 11 impetuous  | 18 opulent   |
| 5 wily        | 12 ravenous   | 19 coy       |
| 6 perilous    | 13 discrepant | 20 paltry    |
| 7 fervent     | 14 slothful   |              |

## TEST 2

- |             |               |            |
|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 feat      | 13 collection | 25 item    |
| 2 pride     | 14 quiver     | 26 stretch |
| 3 series    | 15 joint      | 27 clump   |
| 4 stroke    | 16 tuft       | 28 clap    |
| 5 troupe    | 17 shock      | 29 block   |
| 6 anthology | 18 breath     | 30 state   |
| 7 course    | 19 grain      | 31 article |
| 8 medley    | 20 plot       | 32 flash   |
| 9 rasher    | 21 speck      | 33 gaggle  |
| 10 spell    | 22 term       | 34 panel   |
| 11 wad      | 23 colony     | 35 roar    |
| 12 attack   | 24 school     | 36 plague  |

## TEST 3

- |                |                |                         |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 ambidextrous | 8 adjourned    | 15 negligible           |
| 2 disembarked  | 9 cowardice    | 16 devastated/destroyed |
| 3 obsolete     | 10 exceeded    | 17 airworthy            |
| 4 Extensive    | 11 meanders    | 18 amnesia              |
| 5 adhesive     | 12 dentures    | 19 ascertain            |
| 6 armistice    | 13 impregnable | 20 insatiable           |
| 7 jeopardized  | 14 matricide   |                         |

## TEST 4

- |               |                   |                 |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 cursory     | 11 requisite      | 21 eligible     |
| 2 heinous     | 12 slushy         | 22 indicative   |
| 3 indigenous  | 13 vivid          | 23 prevailing   |
| 4 petty       | 14 avid           | 24 spontaneous  |
| 5 squeamish   | 15 dishevelled    | 25 commensurate |
| 6 adamant     | 16 implicated     | 26 exorbitant   |
| 7 feasible    | 17 incessant      | 27 inopportune  |
| 8 implicit    | 18 sedentary      | 28 prolific     |
| 9 irrevocable | 19 unanimous      | 29 congested    |
| 10 plausible  | 20 circumstantial | 30 redundant    |

## TEST 5

- |       |       |
|-------|-------|
| 1 - 7 | 3 - 1 |
| 2 - 9 | 4 - 6 |

5 - 8  
6 - 4  
7 - 3

8 - 10  
9 - 5  
10 - 2

# TEST 6

1 core	11 tooth	21 rung
2 relay	12 udder	22 kernel
3 spoke	13 umpire	23 hammer
4 cushion	14 lobe	24 pimp
5 jacket	15 gills	25 estuary
6 wick	16 stem	26 rafter
7 bonnet	17 wreath	27 funnel
8 flue	18 parting	28 cuff
9 pulpit	19 mane	29 handset
10 hand	20 lapel	30 bridge

# TEST 7

1 draw	10 collect	18 call
2 follow	11 hold	19 drive
3 make	12 see	20 form
4 throw	13 bear	21 serve
5 acquire	14 cook	22 cut
6 drop	15 fill	23 keep
7 hang	16 play	24 lose
8 read	17 take	25 lead
9 alleviate		

# TEST 8

1 Across	to search and steal
13 Across	to walk at an easy, gentle pace
8 Across	to steal in small amounts
12 Down	living both on land and in water
5 Across	learned, scholarly
25 Across	a two-hundredth anniversary
17 Across	an inscription on a tomb
27 Across	one of the signs of the Zodiac
27 Down	a loud whistle or cry expressing disapproval or displeasure at the theatre, a sports match, etc.
3 Down	to fall like a waterfall
16 Across	short-lived, lasting only a day or so
20 Across	talkative, wordy
14 Across	extremely overweight
7 Across	a task that is unpleasant or boring
24 Down	wreckage found floating on the surface of the sea
29 Across	a kind of chicory, used as salad
9 Across	to idle, loiter, waste time
4 Across	to defer, delay in doing some necessary act
2 Down	imprisoned, confined
15 Down	slightly hungry
21 Down	a natural sleep of some animals throughout the winter
22 Down	a word or sentence that reads the same backwards and forwards
10 Down	to listen secretly to a private conversation
11 Across	to separate by cutting

6 Down	prone to anger, irritable
18 Down	at the point of death, dying
19 Across	a list of prices and charges
28 Across	a type of small flying insect (like a mosquito) that bites people
23 Down	a sweet-smelling garden flower
26 Across	smuggled goods

# TEST 9

1 d acquitted	12 b inhibited
2 a lurking	13 d obsolete
3 b glare	14 a scratch
4 a enunciation	15 c defer
5 b invariably	16 a done in
6 c devoid	17 d rudimentary
7 d emaciated	18 a tantamount
8 d an expletive	19 b divulge
9 c overhaul	20 b prerogative
10 a cited	21 c itinerary
11 c gab	22 a imperative

# TEST 10

Misprint	Correct word
1 bunk	bulk
2 rend	send
3 bomb	comb
4 sin	sun
5 bra	bar
6 tickle	tackle
7 bedpan	deadpan
8 death	health
9 suspicious	auspicious
10 germs	gems
11 boob	boom
12 lion	loin
13 thing	thigh
14 rub	rug
15 strangled	stranded
16 onion	union
17 gloves	cloves
18 cows	vows
19 prevented	presented
20 boar	board

# TEST 11

1 abridge	8 dupe	15 chide
2 procure	9 corroborate	16 scurry
3 revere	10 coerce	17 jibe
4 vex	11 abhor	18 allure
5 bicker	12 snicker	19 fathom
6 postulate	13 thwart	20 pillage
7 crow	14 shelve	

## TEST 12

- 1 True
- 2 True
- 3 False (It means "last but one")
- 4 True (It's a type of hat)
- 5 False (A cantankerous person is very bad-tempered)
- 6 False (It's a type of furry flower which grows on certain trees, e.g. birch, willow)
- 7 False (It's very fine rain)
- 8 True
- 9 False (It's a small, fierce animal of the weasel family)
- 10 True (It's animal waste)
- 11 False (It should be "I'm invisible!". "Invincible" means "too strong to be defeated".)
- 12 True
- 13 False (A pervert is someone whose sexual behaviour is not considered natural)
- 14 False (It means "every two years")
- 15 True (Its full name is "budgerigar". It's a small brightly coloured bird. Some budgerigars can be taught to speak)
- 16 True (It's a flat-bottomed boat, used for carrying heavy loads – especially on canals)
- 17 True
- 18 True (It's a raised platform)
- 19 False (If you have halitosis you have bad breath)
- 20 False (It's the lowest point of something)
- 21 True (They are the metal bars in a bicycle wheel)
- 22 False (It is used to check the amount of oil in a car's engine)
- 23 True (A chinwag is another word for a chat)
- 24 True
- 25 False (A turf accountant is another name for a bookmaker – i.e. someone you go to to place bets on a horse race or a dog race)

## TEST 13

- |             |                |              |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 stilted   | 10 stalk       | 18 stoop     |
| 2 stirrup   | 11 steamroller | 19 stodgy    |
| 3 stuffy    | 12 stump       | 20 stance    |
| 4 strenuous | 13 strident    | 21 stretcher |
| 5 stagnant  | 14 statutory   | 22 stilton   |
| 6 starboard | 15 stealthy    | 23 staid     |
| 7 stink     | 16 stockpile   | 24 starling  |
| 8 stupor    | 17 stingy      | 25 stocky    |
| 9 stalls    |                |              |

## TEST 14

### Joke 1

(1) Grandma was nearly ninety years of age when she won £375,000 on the football pools. Her family were extremely (2) worried about her heart and feared that the news of her large win would (3) come as too much of a shock for her.

"I think we had better (4) call in the doctor to tell her the news," suggested the eldest son.

The doctor soon arrived and the (5) situation was explained to him.

"Now, you don't have to worry about anything," said the doctor. "I am fully trained in such delicate matters and I feel sure I can (6) break this news to her gently. I assure you, there is absolutely no need for you to fear for her health. Everything will be quite (7) safe if left to me."

The doctor went in to see the old lady and gradually brought the conversation around to (8) football pools.

"Tell me," said the doctor, "what would you do if (9) you had a large win on the pools – say over three hundred and fifty thousand pounds?"

"Why," replied the old lady, "I'd (10) give half of it to you, of course."

The doctor fell down dead with shock.

### Joke 2

(11) It was one of the strangest looking dogs they had ever seen at the pub, and the (12) regulars found it a great topic of conversation.

Eventually one of them sidled over to the dog's owner and said, (13) "That's a stupid looking dog you've got there. Can it fight?"

"Sure," (14) replied the owner.

"Well," said the man, "I bet you £10 that my labrador can beat your dog."

The owner (15) accepted the bet and the labrador was led in to fight. After twenty-five seconds the labrador lay (16) dead on the floor. The loser, looking down at his dead dog, shook his head sadly and said, "Your dog can certainly (17) fight. But I still think it's a funny looking dog."

"Yes," agreed the owner. "And it (18) looked even funnier until I shaved its mane off."

### Joke 3

(19) The Englishman was in a restaurant in Scotland when he was suddenly attacked by a (20) severe burst of coughing and sneezing – and he sneezed so violently that his false teeth (21) flew out of his mouth and dropped to the floor, where they broke at the feet of the Scotsman.

"Don't worry, sir," (22) said the Scotsman. "My brother will soon get you a new pair and at far less cost than an English dentist would (23) charge. And he can provide a suitable set almost immediately."

The Englishman couldn't believe his luck and gladly (24) accepted the Scotsman's offer.

The Scotsman left the restaurant and returned ten minutes later with a pair of (25) false teeth which he handed to the Englishman.

"Fantastic!" exclaimed the Englishman, trying the teeth. "They (26) fit perfectly. Your brother must be a very clever dentist."

"Oh, he's (27) not a dentist," replied the Scotsman. "He's an undertaker."

## TEST 15

- |               |                 |             |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 onset       | 13 by-pass      | 25 outset   |
| 2 downpour    | 14 write-up     | 26 getaway  |
| 3 outcome     | 15 outbreak     | 27 downfall |
| 4 takeaway    | 16 lookout      | 28 build-up |
| 5 hold-up     | 17 breakup      | 29 turnout  |
| 6 output      | 18 setbacks     | 30 outburst |
| 7 cover-up    | 19 tailback     | 31 turnover |
| 8 drawbacks   | 20 outlay       | 32 outlook  |
| 9 cutbacks    | 21 breakthrough | 33 intake   |
| 10 upbringing | 22 checkup      | 34 outcry   |
| 11 write-off  | 23 comeback     | 35 lay-by   |
| 12 break-in   | 24 layout       |             |

## TEST 16

- |            |                |              |
|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 castaway | 4 shop steward | 7 accomplice |
| 2 gossip   | 5 tycoon       | 8 conscript  |
| 3 midwife  | 6 culprit      | 9 hooligan   |

10 registrar	17 predecessor	24 arbitrator
11 sibling	18 underwriter	25 compatriot
12 picket	19 agnostic	26 despot
13 alien	20 bursar	27 beneficiary
14 artisan	21 copywriter	28 toddler
15 ward	22 peer	29 assessor
16 hermit	23 swindler	30 envoy

#### TEST 17

1 EAGER	15 WEARY	28 SPADE
2 RAPID	16 FAMILY	29 OPERA
3 ANKLE	17 FENCE	30 PEPPER
4 BATTLE	18 GRASP	31 POODLE
5 BARREL	19 HEALTH	32 BRAZIL
6 BORDER	20 LANKY	33 FRAME
7 OCEAN	21 CLEVER	34 GREED
8 CANDLE	22 PLAICE	35 PROUD
9 SCARCE	23 LINEN	36 ARROW
10 CASTLE	24 LOCUST	37 SWEDE
11 CACTUS	25 MARBLE	38 STALLS
12 COAST	26 NICKEL	39 WAIST
13 FERRET	27 YOUTH	40 WRONG
14 DOCTOR		

#### TEST 18

1 recession	10 recuperate	18 retort
2 reckless	11 reimburse	19 recapitulate
3 reprimand	12 reluctant	20 repudiate
4 refuge	13 resilient	21 redundant
5 remunerate	14 rebuke	22 reciprocate
6 resolution	15 recipient	23 receptacle
7 reverberate	16 recruit	24 refrain
8 rebate	17 refute	25 recess
9 recede		

#### TEST 19

1 profusion	8 flaw	15 woe
2 feat	9 carcass	16 malady
3 dearth	10 turmoil	17 adage
4 wrath	11 apparel	18 prevarication
5 valour	12 disdain	19 clamour
6 animosity	13 adversary	20 vow
7 conjecture	14 brawl	

#### TEST 20

1 CEN[T]R[E]ASON	4 CAT[E]R[ASE]
2 APA[T]H[Y]ME	5 WA[V]E[NOM]
3 AR[E]A[SEL]	6 EARN[E]S[T]UARY

7 GO[A]T[TIC]	16 SPO[O]N[ION]
8 WAI[S]T[ARE]	17 TA[M]E[AN]
9 ID[L]E[GAL]	18 PR[A]M[END]
10 PR[E]Y[RIE]	19 LAP[E]L[EGY]
11 SE[A]L[LOW]	20 COA[C]H[ORE]
12 FOR[G]E[ESE]	21 SPI[N]E[EDLE]
13 BAR[R]E[L]AY	22 OPA[Q]U[E]UE
14 CAR[P]E[T]AL	23 SI[G]N[AT]
15 DEN[S]E[IZE]	24 BA[I]T[CH]

#### TEST 21

1 affect	13 intense	25 temperate
2 contemptible	14 alternative	26 edible
3 definitive	15 distinctive	27 deficient
4 liniment	16 gaol	28 uninterested
5 libel	17 urban	29 emotive
6 testament	18 sanguine	30 negligible
7 complacent	19 illusions	31 officious
8 luxurious	20 credulous	32 strict
9 volatile	21 illicit	33 judicious
10 regrettable	22 inferred	34 masterly
11 conclusive	23 practicable	35 stimulant
12 continually	24 appreciable	

#### TEST 22

1 bark	10 shuffle	18 log
2 bridge	11 stock	19 grave
3 conduct	12 tramp	20 hide
4 faint	13 bass	21 minute
5 general	14 cape	22 port
6 invalid	15 chest	23 refuse
7 leave	16 crane	24 sound
8 pitch	17 drill	25 strike
9 reel		

#### TEST 23

<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Herbs</b>	<b>Fish</b>
carnation	basil	cod
cowslip	lovage	haddock
dandelion	marjoram	perch
foxglove	sage	plaice
poppy	tarragon	trout



**Kitchen utensils**

funnel  
grater  
ladle  
spatula  
whisk

**Birds**

budgie  
jackdaw  
maggie  
starling  
wren

**TEST 24**

1 - e  
2 - i  
3 - f  
4 - j  
5 - m  
6 - p  
7 - l  
8 - a

**TEST 25****Across**

3 FOOL  
7 MOLEHILL  
8 PUDDING  
9 SERVED  
11 STITCH  
12 CLOUD  
13 EGGS

**Down**

1 LOUDER  
2 MILK  
4 WILL  
5 SLEEPING  
6 INDEED  
7 MILE

**TEST 26**

1 incinerate  
2 inconsiderate  
3 indigestion  
4 inebriated  
5 initially  
6 inoculate  
7 insolvent  
8 insipid  
9 invulnerable

**Tools/Gardening equipment**

bradawl  
mallet  
pliers  
rake  
trowel

**Crimes**

arson  
embezzlement  
fraud  
perjury  
treason

9 - o  
10 - n  
11 - b  
12 - g  
13 - k  
14 - c  
15 - h  
16 - d

15 ABSENCE  
17 TUNE  
19 HONESTY  
20 MOTHER  
22 TRICKS  
23 FIRE  
26 STILL

10 THICKER  
12 CHARITY  
14 GIFT  
16 CHOOSERS  
18 HEADS  
20 MINDS

10 inaugurate  
11 incompatible  
12 indict  
13 infuriate  
14 inquest  
15 insolent  
16 innovation  
17 indispensable

**Containers/Receptacles**

beaker  
caddy  
crate  
keg  
skip

27 HASTE  
28 SWALLOW  
31 BROTH  
32 GAINED  
33 LEAP  
34 BITTEN

21 DESERVES  
24 BLOWS  
25 HATCHED  
26 SILENCE  
29 WORM  
30 SIGHT

18 incognito  
19 insatiable  
20 incredulity  
21 incense  
22 inlet  
23 incentive  
24 innate  
25 incorrigible

**TEST 27****Misprint**

1 settee  
2 fights  
3 vandals  
4 speed  
5 claimed  
6 stars  
7 pretty  
8 nasty  
9 trade  
10 writing  
11 roses  
12 diluted  
13 wind  
14 fiend  
15 conversation  
16 bottom  
17 prosperity  
18 auctioned  
19 bear  
20 breast

**Correct word**

setter  
flights  
sandals  
speech  
climbed  
stairs  
petty  
tasty  
trace  
writhing  
hoses  
dilated  
wine  
friend  
conservation  
button  
posterity  
cautioned  
gear  
breath

**TEST 28**

1 discount  
2 uninhabitable  
3 beforehand  
4 categorically  
5 contaminated  
6 indelible  
7 intersect  
8 ratified  
9 vacated  
10 annihilated

11 bullion  
12 conducive  
13 exonerated  
14 aptitude  
15 sordid  
16 ambiguous  
17 annuity  
18 inevitable  
19 disintegrated  
20 trespassing

**TEST 29**

who's turned over a new leaf (g)  
who's on leave (m)  
who's cheesed off (j)  
who's greasing someone's palm (r)  
who's under someone's thumb (a)  
who's got the chop (p)  
who's in arrears (i)  
who's on tenterhooks (n)  
who's buttering someone up (d)  
who's doing time (e)  
who's named the day (o)  
who's at a loose end (k)  
who's on the dole (b)  
who's pulling someone's leg (h)  
who's out of sorts (f)  
who's for the high jump (q)  
who's up in arms (c)  
who's blowing his/her own trumpet (l)

**TEST 30**

1 opted	16 are combing/combed/have combed
2 substantiate	17 culminating
3 averted	18 malign
4 commemorate	19 scrutinized
5 devastated	20 allay
6 have fluctuated	21 comply
7 ingratiate	22 fray
8 reiterate	23 exacerbate
9 adjourn	24 permeated
10 cater	25 alleviate
11 emits	26 commiserated
12 entails	27 concurred
13 jeopardized	28 elicit
14 undermine	29 corroborated
15 absconded/has absconded	30 were incarcerated

**TEST 31**

Word a	Word b	Word a	Word b
1 air	heir	21 canvas	canvass
2 cue	queue	22 chord	cord
3 gamble	gambol	23 frank	franc
4 hue	hew	24 isle	aisle
5 medal	meddle	25 pain	pane
6 pair	pare	26 right	rite
7 scent	cent	27 wave	waive
8 toe	tow	28 carrot	carat
9 fair	fare	29 core	corps
10 cast	caste	30 gait	gate
11 coarse	course	31 key	quay
12 oar	ore	32 pore	pour
13 place	plaice	33 cite	site
14 tears	tiers	34 foul	fowl
15 boar	bore	35 loot	lute
16 cymbal	symbol	36 raze	raise
17 guilt	guilt	37 dew	due
18 leak	leek	38 faint	feint
19 pier	peer	39 mare	mayor
20 urn	earn	40 draft	draught

**TEST 32**

1 EMERALD	8 PRACTICE	15 CHAMBER
2 OCTOPUS	9 ENGAGE	16 COCONUT
3 CAPITAL	10 DISHONEST	17 ENGINEER
4 HEARSE	11 TROUSERS	18 ESCAPE
5 ADVANCE	12 BREATHE	19 LEATHER
6 CORRIDOR	13 MANAGER	20 CARTOON
7 REHEARSE	14 TRAGEDY	

**TEST 33**

1 delinquent	4 prude	7 actuary
2 invigilator	5 stalwart	8 boor
3 oculist	6 vandal	9 expatriate

10 magnate	17 interloper	24 tyrant
11 pallbearer	18 misogynist	25 charlatan
12 punter	19 teetotaller	26 lackey
13 vagrant	20 bigot	27 pawnbroker
14 taxidermist	21 executor	28 squatter
15 adjudicator	22 pathologist	29 convalescent
16 conscientious objector	23 spouse	30 recidivist

**TEST 34**

1 execute	10 examine	18 expropriate
2 expectant	11 excel	19 extol
3 extension	12 expel	20 excavate
4 extricate	13 exterminate	21 expire
5 exacerbate	14 extradite	22 extremities
6 excise	15 exasperate	23 exclude
7 exonerate	16 exempt	24 excerpt
8 exploit	17 exhort	25 exhume
9 exuberant		

**TEST 35**

1 passed ... down	8 back ... on	15 feel ... out
2 called ... up	9 tied ... with	16 run ... off/out
3 called ... out	10 got/leaked ... down	17 getting ... away with
4 passed ... round/to	11 run ... through	18 get ... back on
5 turns ... off	12 get ... up	19 coming ... up
6 came ... off	13 carries/goes ... through	20 gets ... after
7 came ... out	14 turn ... out/off	

**TEST 36**

1 a lion	11 a peacock	21 putty
2 a button	12 a flash	22 a poker
3 the weather	13 a mouse	23 a mule
4 pitch	14 a beetroot	24 thieves
5 a bone	15 rain	25 a rake
6 ditchwater	16 houses	26 old boots
7 pie	17 a dog	27 a kitten
8 a lamb	18 an eel	28 a drowned rat
9 the day is long	19 velvet	29 a sheet
10 Punch	20 a judge	30 an owl

**TEST 37***Suggested answers:*

1 face	8 holding
2 noticed	9 saying/adage
3 around	10 concerned
4 weight	11 offered/gave
5 connected/linked	12 refused
6 lack	13 offer/gesture
7 convinced/certain/sure	14 noticeable/bad

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 15 boost                         | 20 turned         |
| 16 attempt/effort                | 21 understatement |
| 17 life                          | 22 question       |
| 18 talked                        | 23 ever/before    |
| 19 actually/literally/physically |                   |

#### TEST 38

- |                |                 |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 backlog      | 11 correlation  | 21 antidote     |
| 2 counterpart  | 12 fissure      | 22 compunction  |
| 3 discrepancy  | 13 prerequisite | 23 deviation    |
| 4 euphemism    | 14 quandary     | 24 figurehead   |
| 5 heyday       | 15 anachronism  | 25 plaque       |
| 6 obituary     | 16 clemency     | 26 subsidy      |
| 7 referendum   | 17 conscription | 27 effigy       |
| 8 Truancy      | 18 gist         | 28 infringement |
| 9 adage        | 19 oversight    | 29 slick        |
| 10 coincidence | 20 prevalence   | 30 idiosyncrasy |

#### TEST 39

- |            |             |             |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 trifle   | 10 train    | 18 rock     |
| 2 temper   | 11 yard     | 19 state    |
| 3 advance  | 12 approach | 20 board    |
| 4 change   | 13 boil     | 21 charm    |
| 5 contract | 14 converse | 22 corporal |
| 6 habit    | 15 express  | 23 row      |
| 7 lead     | 16 incense  | 24 bolt     |
| 8 mould    | 17 passage  | 25 desert   |
| 9 slight   |             |             |

#### TEST 40

- |                 |                |                    |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 d pervade     | 9 b Hobson's   | 16 b pandemonium   |
| 2 c vested      | 10 c travesty  | 17 a Shanks's pony |
| 3 c parson's    | 11 b restoring | 18 c facetious     |
| 4 d mollified   | 12 a explicit  | 19 a a malapropism |
| 5 a arbitration | 13 c vertigo   | 20 d modicum       |
| 6 d snap        | 14 b hen       | 21 b impervious    |
| 7 c choppy      | 15 a frugal    | 22 b veracity      |
| 8 a bolt        |                |                    |

#### TEST 41

- |                   |                         |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 keep up         | 10 do away with         | 18 fallen out   |
| 2 laid up         | 11 keep up              | 19 put off      |
| 3 standing in for | 12 let (me) down        | 20 makes up for |
| 4 look down on    | 13 fell through         | 21 gone off     |
| 5 butt in         | 14 fallen off/gone down | 22 leave out    |
| 6 fix up          | 15 brought on           | 23 break up     |
| 7 put (me) up     | 16 kept (you) up        | 24 died out     |
| 8 do up           | 17 clears up            | 25 let off      |
| 9 puts up with    |                         |                 |

#### TEST 42

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 19 Across | accidental, caused by chance                      |
| 28 Across | to fall violently straight down                   |
| 16 Down   | a short, promotional description of a book ...    |
| 6 Across  | an awkward feeling of guilt, shame or remorse     |
| 3 Down    | a hidden problem or difficulty                    |
| 21 Down   | to cause something to become black by burning     |
| 20 Across | to scold, rebuke                                  |
| 13 Down   | thin and hungry-looking                           |
| 14 Across | a very angry or excited reaction ...              |
| 30 Across | goods thrown overboard to make a ship lighter     |
| 26 Down   | to deliberately insult a person ...               |
| 11 Across | a long, heavy rainfall usually causing flooding   |
| 7 Down    | something that is supposed to be a cure ...       |
| 23 Down   | enthusiastic applause                             |
| 25 Across | completely without money or food ...              |
| 1 Across  | a long wooden seat ...                            |
| 15 Across | warm and damp                                     |
| 8 Down    | to cancel, make void                              |
| 18 Across | to burn out or clear out the inside of a building |
| 12 Down   | to commend, praise                                |
| 27 Across | a stream which flows into a river                 |
| 9 Across  | a type of large freshwater fish ...               |
| 4 Down    | a low wall along the edge of a roof ...           |
| 5 Across  | a sudden strong feeling, for example, of pain ... |
| 2 Down    | to run away secretly in order to get married ...  |
| 17 Down   | the act of taking part with another person ...    |
| 22 Across | easily disgusted, excessively difficult to please |
| 10 Down   | a model or ideal                                  |
| 29 Across | countless, innumerable                            |
| 24 Down   | a list of goods carried on a ship                 |

#### TEST 43

- |             |              |           |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 chain     | 8 Dutch      | 15 flat   |
| 2 hush      | 9 inside     | 16 close  |
| 3 pitch     | 10 dirt      | 17 bone   |
| 4 splitting | 11 stone     | 18 open   |
| 5 dead      | 12 sore      | 19 French |
| 6 marked    | 13 confirmed | 20 soft   |
| 7 casting   | 14 foregone  |           |

#### TEST 44

- |                |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 creditor     | 10 cruise      | 18 crass             |
| 2 cremate      | 11 criterion   | 19 credulous         |
| 3 croquet      | 12 crib        | 20 crouch            |
| 4 crucial      | 13 cramp       | 21 crayfish/crawfish |
| 5 cryptography | 14 craving     | 22 crotchet          |
| 6 cradle       | 15 credentials | 23 cravat            |
| 7 cranium      | 16 crypt       | 24 crank             |
| 8 creditable   | 17 crockery    | 25 craze             |
| 9 crevice      |                |                      |

# TEST 45

1 grass widow	11 soft touch	21 lame duck
2 landlubber	12 whizz kid	22 old maid
3 scab	13 brick	23 slavedriver
4 skinflint	14 fence	24 swot
5 tout	15 dogsbody	25 dab hand
6 big shot	16 rough diamond	26 guinea pig
7 chatterbox	17 underdog	27 sponger
8 gate-crasher	18 busybody	28 wet blanket
9 mole	19 dark horse	29 diehard
10 smart aleck	20 grass	30 kerb crawler

# TEST 46

PART	9 TORT	18 BRAG
1 TART	10 TOUT	19 CRAG
2 TARE	11 BOUT	20 CRAM
3 BARE	12 BOLT	21 PRAM
4 BORE	13 BELT	22 PRIM
5 CORE	14 PELT	23 GRIM
6 CORN	15 PEAT	24 GRIN
7 TORN	16 BEAT	GAIN
8 TORY	17 BRAT	

# TEST 47

1 de facto	11 ex officio	21 in camera
2 per capita	12 bona fide	22 carte blanche
3 vice versa	13 prima facie	23 curriculum vitae
4 avant garde	14 rapport	24 al fresco
5 faux pas	15 ad infinitum	25 quid pro quo
6 ad hoc	16 détente	26 non compos mentis
7 persona non grata	17 aplomb	27 blasé
8 status quo	18 non sequitur	28 extra-curricular
9 kudos	19 vis-à-vis	29 tête-à-tête
10 coup d'état	20 per se	30 post mortem

# TEST 48

- 1 b cows
- 2 e a doctor  
(It's the oath made by doctors to try to save life and to follow the standards set for the medical profession)
- 3 d a clump of grass  
(a clump of trees, a tuft/blade of grass)
- 4 e a conductor  
(It's a copy of music with all the parts for the different instruments on separate lines)
- 5 c to touch wood  
(All the others mean to die)
- 6 a a rung
- 7 b stubborn, unyielding
- 8 e the density of gases
- 9 b a turkey
- 10 b wait for no man
- 11 b veins

- 12 a stagger
- 13 e a postbox  
(It's a letter-box in a house)
- 14 a being stared at
- 15 a a press stud
- 16 e urn  
(They're all containers)
- 17 c gannet  
(It's a bird)
- 18 c a bricklayer  
(He uses it to carry bricks)
- 19 c sinker
- 20 d over your shoes

# TEST 49

Clothes and accessories	Diseases/illnesses	Insects
beret	catarrh	centipede
choker	gout	earwig
flip-flop	hernia	gnat
muffler	mumps	louse
smock	shingles	midge
Animal sounds	Expressing dislike/hatred	Smiling and laughing
bray	abhor	beam
caw	abominate	chuckle
chirp	despise	guffaw
hoot	execrate	smirk
whinny	loathe	snigger
Taking, holding and pulling		
clasp		
haul		
lug		
tow		
wrench		
Ways of walking		
amble		
hobble		
saunter		
strut		
trudge		

# TEXT 50

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

# TEST 51

1 antonym	10 epigram	19 maxim
2 glossary	11 anagram	20 cliché
3 palindrome	12 malapropism	21 parody
4 simile	13 epitaph	22 index
5 abbreviation	14 synonym	23 anecdote
6 homonym	15 alliteration	24 elegy
7 pseudonym	16 fable	25 spoonerism
8 synopsis	17 analogy	26 metaphor
9 pun	18 slogan	

# TEST 52

1 intentional	10 fat	19 not strict
2 mean	11 risky	20 unfriendly
3 dishonest	12 very sociable	21 short
4 arrogant	13 hypocritical	22 very hungry
5 spiteful	14 weak	23 discontented
6 puzzling	15 secret	24 unfavourable
7 unspoken	16 resolute	25 untidy
8 rough	17 difficult	26 very angry
9 weak	18 flavourless	

# TEST 53

Diseases/disorders (general)	Medical equipment	People/places to do with health/hospitals
amnesia	bandage	anaesthetist
chicken pox	crutches	casualty
food poisoning	dressing	invalid
gout	plaster cast	maternity ward
jaundice	scalpel	operating theatre
mumps	splint	out-patient
nervous breakdown	stethoscope	surgeon
slipped disc	stretcher	
stroke	wheelchair	
tonsillitis	zimmer frame	
Skin disorders	Medication/drugs	
acne	antibiotics	
blister	cough medicine	
bruise	laxative	
corn	pain killer	
mole	tranquillizer	
pimples		
rash		
wart		

# TEST 54

Word a	Word b	Word a	Word b
1 allowed	aloud	6 waist	waste
2 bough	bow	7 vain	vein
3 taught	taut	8 whine	wine
4 time	thyme	9 berth	birth
5 stile	style	10 toe	tow

Word a	Word b	Word a	Word b
11 die	dye	19 urn	earn
12 stare	stair	20 pale	pail
13 fair	fare	21 great	grate
14 rose	rows	22 ring	wring
15 flea	flee	23 hall	haul
16 pause	paws	24 feat	feet
17 root	route	25 ewe	yew
18 heal	heel		

# TEST 55

1 Eskimo	9 Welsh	17 Chinese
2 Hungarian	10 Arabic	18 Greek
3 Portuguese	11 French	19 Spanish
4 Tibetan	12 Persian	20 Japanese
5 Afrikaans	13 Russian	21 German
6 Dutch	14 Czech	22 Swedish
7 Hindi/Indian languages	15 Italian	
8 Norwegian	16 Turkish	

# TEST 56

1 dismantle	10 endure	19 resist
2 gnash	11 clench	20 disperse
3 quench	12 twiddle	21 chair
4 tender	13 foretell	22 purse
5 ascertain	14 contract	23 nod
6 elude	15 shrug	24 infringe
7 lodge	16 foot	25 corroborate
8 shuffle	17 crane	
9 overcome	18 avenge	

# TEST 57

Across	Down
1 crow 3 birds 6 bull 7 goose 10 crocodile	2 wolf 3 butterflies 4 dogs 5 monkey 6 bee
12 bear 13 hawk 14 cat 15 frog 16 eel	8 fox 9 kittens 10 cows 11 horse
18 lion 19 elephant 21 sheep 23 snail	14 chickens 17 donkey 20 pig 21 snake
25 whale	22 fly 24 rat

# TEST 58

## Suggested answers:

- He didn't have anything/any money left in his bank account./There was nothing/no money left in his bank account.
- The students were not paying (any) attention to their teacher.
- After an hour, there was still no sign of the train.
- Mary is in charge of organizing the staff outing this year.
- The stories he tells us about what happened to him in China are beyond belief.
- I had no idea that you couldn't drive.
- The results of the election are still a secret.
- What are Janet's chances of getting the job?
- This shirt needs washing/cleaning.
- Did she give/have a reason for not turning up to the meeting?/Did she give/have a reason as to why she didn't turn up for the meeting?

- 11 It doesn't matter to me whether we go out tonight or not.
- 12 The plane was prevented from landing because of thick snow on the runway./Thick snow on the runway prevented the plane from landing.
- 13 The headteacher decided to let the boys off this time.
- 14 There's no point in saving nowadays.
- 15 A new car is out of our reach, I'm afraid.
- 16 It was the first time for many in the group to taste caviar./It was the first time that many in the group had tasted caviar.
- 17 There is not enough room in my house for a grand piano./There is not enough room in my house for me to have a grand piano.
- 18 Have you no recollection of the accident?/Don't you have any recollection of the accident?
- 19 This painting is worth twice as much as when I bought it./This painting is twice as valuable as when I bought it.
- 20 Did anything about the house strike you as strange?
- 21 My father has a good command of German/the German language.
- 22 There is no question of him being offered the job./It is (quite) out of the question for him to be offered the job.
- 23 My mother doesn't approve of smoking.
- 24 Golf doesn't appeal to me very much./Golf doesn't have much appeal to me.
- 25 Have you heard from Tom lately?

#### TEST 59

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

#### TEST 60

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 lips are sealed         | 6 jumped out of my skin | 12 lost his head     |
| 2 pain in the neck        | 7 made his blood boil   | 13 heart sank        |
| 3 the apple of his eye    | 8 get it off her chest  | 14 had a lump in her |
| 4 gave me the cold        | 9 broke her heart       | throat               |
| shoulder                  | 10 on his last legs     | 15 kept his head     |
| 5 black and blue all over | 11 took her breath away | 16 pulling her leg   |