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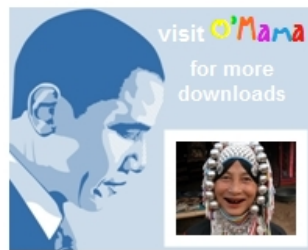
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Grammar

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Test Your Vocabulary Skills

A Boring/Fascinating Worksheet About Adjectives

Choose the best adjective out of the two given in each question below:

1. Sammi didn't have time to finish the whole exam, so some of her answers were *incomplete/deficient*.
2. My father's new car is really *rapid/fast*.
3. The weather forecast wasn't very *accurate/truthful*, because they said it would rain and it's been fine all day.
4. The noticeable dearth of goal-scoring opportunities means that these are *annoying/worrying* times indeed for Danby United.
5. My little brother is so *greedy/eager*. He's just finished his fourth banana!
6. We gave a donation to the charity, partly because the children on their poster looked so *precious/vulnerable*.
7. When we got married my husband promised that he would always be *dependable/faithful* to me.
8. I like the new cushions on your sofa, they're *lovely/lovable*.
9. I believe if you want something in life badly enough you should be *powerful/persistent* and never give up until you've reached your goal.
10. This isn't the finished version of my essay. I always write a *rough/clean* draft first.
11. Some critics haven't enjoyed Spielberg's later films, such as *The Terminal* and *AI*, finding them a little too *sentimental/extreme*.
12. James proposed to Maria at Gina's party on Saturday. He got down on one knee and everything! It certainly made for a *spectacular/memorable* evening.
13. When I told my boss that I needed two weeks off to visit my sick grandmother in Mexico, she wasn't very *sympathetic/acceptable*. Probably because she knows I don't have any relatives in Mexico.
14. Jenna doesn't like her *curly/floppy* hair, but she's too lazy to straighten it.
15. "Jas, that skirt is horrendous! No one will ever find you remotely *pleasant/attractive* if you go outside wearing that!" counselled Jas's best friend, Mandy.

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Answers:

1. *incomplete*
2. *fast*
3. *accurate*
4. *worrying*
5. *greedy*
6. *vulnerable*
7. *faithful*
8. *lovely*
9. *persistent*
10. *rough*
11. *sentimental*
12. *memorable*
13. *sympathetic*
14. *curly*
15. *attractive*

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Vocabulary

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Noisy Words 1 – Animal Noises

Write the name of the animal that makes each of these noises:

1. **baa** _____
2. **chirp** _____
3. **squeak** _____
4. **cock a doodle doo** _____
5. **hiss** _____
6. **hoot** _____
7. **miaow** _____
8. **neigh** _____
9. **oink** _____
10. **quack** _____
11. **ribbit** _____
12. **roar** _____
13. **squawk** _____
14. **woof** _____
15. **growl** _____

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Test Your Vocabulary Skills

Noisy Words 1 – Animal Noises

Write the name of the animal that makes each of these noises:

Suggested answers:

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | baa | sheep |
| 2. | chirp | bird |
| 3. | squeak | mouse |
| 4. | cock a doodle doo | cockerel |
| 5. | hiss | snake |
| 6. | hoot | owl |
| 7. | miaow | cat |
| 8. | neigh | horse |
| 9. | oink | pig |
| 10. | quack | duck |
| 11. | ribbit | frog |
| 12. | roar | lion |
| 13. | squawk | parrot |
| 14. | woof | dog |
| 15. | growl | bear |

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Reading

Test Your Reading Skills

The Battle for Derby Bus Station (article from 30.01.06)

Is there anything you would be prepared to stand up and fight for? Would you be prepared to live on top of an abandoned bus station? In freezing temperatures? In a caravan? Protestors from Derby Friends of the Earth certainly would.



Has the dream of luxury accommodation at Derby Bus Station finally become a reality?

Several of their members have been camped out on top of Derby Bus Station – which is currently closed – since October 2005 in a bid to save the windy structure from demolition and to prevent the commencement of building work on the Riverlights project. Riverlights aims to bring a brand new sparkling bus station and leisure complex to the site, which backs onto the geologically important Riverside Gardens.

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The Battle for Derby Bus Station (article from 30.01.06)



This is what the protestors are worried about – saving Derby Riverside Gardens.

The protest, which is led by veteran campaigner Dorothy Skrytek, has recently been buoyed by the mysterious addition of a small caravan which is perching precariously on top of the 30 ft high roof of the bus station. The caravan was donated by masked well wishers, who had the benefit of a crane to help them in their humanitarian mission. Derbyshire police have refused to facilitate the removal of the caravan – which undoubtedly adds a delicious touch of the absurd to the protest – because it is "not causing an obstruction".

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The protestors set out their stall.

Opinion in the fine and usually quite normal city of Derby has been decidedly split by the antics of Ms. Skrytek and her fellow protestors, with many – who are concerned about the introduction of a large entertainment complex and the noise and pollution it could cause – egging them on, while equally many are against the protest and argue that in their opinion the decrepit and unsanitary former bus station – which was designed by Charles Aslin to be useful to Derby bus passengers in the 1930s – is long overdue for knocking down.

Time will tell whether the campaigners will win out or not. Meanwhile, the saga goes on and grows ever more bizarre as weeks pass and winter gives way to spring. We await with wonder the next twist in this eccentric and undoubtedly great British story of pluck. A word of warning for the protestors though: in the story of David versus Goliath, David had only a sling and five smooth stones to defeat his foe. The introduction of the caravan to the bus station roof does, it can be argued, bring a no doubt welcome touch of luxury to the protest. But does it also, in fact, undermine the seriousness of the activists' campaign? After all, it's far easier to

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protest from the comfort of a caravan (albeit one which is rocking gently in the unkind winds that Derby is prone to) than from an exposed and forlorn rooftop.



Derby Bus Station is currently closed and awaiting redevelopment.

Your task is to write 1000 words describing a cause that YOU would be willing to stand up and fight for.

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Research

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A First Class Quiz

1. What is the name of the company that delivers mail in the UK?
a) UK Postal Service b) Royal Mail c) BT
2. When was it founded?
a) 1635 b) 1861 c) 1949
3. Who was the King or Queen of England at that time?
a) King Charles 1 b) King Henry VIII c) Queen Victoria
4. What was the name of the first ever postage stamp?
a) First Class b) Queen Victoria c) The Penny Black
5. In what year was it introduced?
a) 1830 b) 1840 c) 1850
6. What does a philatelist do?
a) Go bird-watching b) Collect books c) Collect stamps
7. How many items of mail does Royal Mail deliver every day?
a) Over 82 million b) Over 150 million c) Over 1.3 billion
8. How many addresses in the UK do Royal Mail deliver to every day?
a) 16 million b) 27 million c) 32 million
9. Which type of letter should arrive first:
a) A first class letter b) A second class letter
10. How much does it cost to send a letter First Class (*as in July 2003*)?
a) 19p b) 26p c) 28p

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Answers:

1. b)
2. a)
3. a)
4. c)
5. b)
6. c)
7. a)
8. b)
9. a)
10. c)

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Test Your Research Skills

Amazing Inventions 3

Write these inventions in order of when they were invented, with the earliest one first:

video recorder

cornflakes

refrigerator

bicycle

Sony Walkman

Coca Cola

ink

helicopter

concrete

jet engine

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Test Your Research Skills

Amazing Inventions 3

Answer:

ink	invented in 2500 BC
concrete	invented in 133 BC
bicycle	invented in 1839
refrigerator	invented in 1862
Coca Cola	invented in 1886
cornflakes	invented in 1894
helicopter	invented in 1907
jet engine	invented in 1937
video recorder	invented in 1956
Sony Walkman	invented in 1979

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Test Your Research Skills

Amazing Inventions 4

Write these inventions in order of when they were invented, with the earliest one first:

ballpoint pen

television

toothbrush

vacuum cleaner

credit card

zip fastener

aspirin

aeroplane

radio

Monopoly

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Amazing Inventions 4

Answer:

toothbrush	invented in 1498
vacuum cleaner	invented in 1869
zip fastener	invented in 1893
aspirin	invented in 1899
radio	invented in 1901
aeroplane	invented in 1903
television	invented in 1926
Monopoly	invented in 1933
ballpoint pen	invented in 1938
credit card	invented in 1950

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Test Your Research Skills

Animals 1

Complete the gaps with the correct collective noun for each group of animals.

These nouns are sometimes called 'terms of venery':

parliament shoal sloth cete leap pride
colony nest dole murder dray herd
gaggle congregation flock

1. A _____ of geese.
2. A _____ of lions.
3. A _____ of bats.
4. A _____ of buffalo.
5. A _____ of crows.
6. A _____ of bears.
7. A _____ of fish.
8. A _____ of squirrels.
9. A _____ of owls.
10. A _____ of pigeons.
11. A _____ of leopards.
12. A _____ of hornets.
13. A _____ of doves.
14. A _____ of badgers.
15. A _____ of alligators.

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Test Your Research Skills

Animals 1

Answers:

1. A **gaggle** of geese.
2. A **pride** of lions.
3. A **colony** of bats.
4. A **herd** of buffalo.
5. A **murder** of crows.
6. A **sloth** of bears.
7. A **shoal** of fish.
8. A **dray** of squirrels.
9. A **parliament** of owls.
10. A **flock** of pigeons.
11. A **leap** of leopards.
12. A **nest** of hornets.
13. A **dole** of doves.
14. A **cete** of badgers.
15. A **congregation** of alligators.

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Test Your Research Skills

Another First Class Quiz

1. What is the name of the company that owns Royal Mail?
a) Sainsbury's b) London Mail Group c) Consignia
2. In what year of the 20th Century was the Post Office nationalised?
a) 1951 b) 1969 c) 1989
3. Royal Mail produces special picture stamps based on different themes, for example, music, art, and history.
a) True b) False
4. How many people work for Royal Mail delivering letters and parcels?
a) 47,000 b) 109,000 c) 143,000
5. How many mail vans do they have?
a) 14,000 b) 30,000 c) 65,000
6. Writing the postcode on your envelope is not very important.
a) True b) False
7. Which of these sentences is true?
a) Recorded Delivery is the best way to send valuable items
b) With Recorded Delivery you get proof that your item has been sent and delivered
8. Which of these sentences is true?
a) If you send a letter or parcel by Special Delivery the time and date of delivery are guaranteed, or your money is refunded
b) With Special Delivery compensation cannot be claimed if something goes wrong
9. Which one of these items cannot be sent by Royal Mail?
a) Keys b) Books c) Photographs
d) CDs e) Aerosols
10. In what year were the first postcards sent?
a) 1780 b) 1870 c) 1950

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Another First Class Quiz

Answers:

1. c)
2. b)
3. a)
4. c)
5. b)
6. b)
7. b)
8. a)
9. e)
10. b)

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Test Your Research Skills

Describe a Painting 1

The title of the painting is _____.

The name of the artist is _____.

It was painted in (year) _____.

Style of painting: *landscape* () *portrait* () *subject* () *self-portrait* () *other*: _____.

Write down the gallery's description of the painting:

How much is this painting worth? _____.

Do you like this painting? Yes () No ()

If yes, why? If no, why not?

What colours has the artist used?

What objects / people / transport / clothes, etc can you see in the painting?

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Test Your Research Skills

Describe a Painting 1

Describe what is going on in the painting:

How does the painting make you feel? Why?

Find out when and where the artist lived, and write down three interesting facts about them:

Describe the painting in five *words*:

Write five *true* sentences about the painting, then write five *false* sentences about it.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons 1

Match the famous Briton with the year in which they were born:

1. John Lennon	1728
2. Charles Dickens	849
3. William Caxton	1888
4. Geoffrey Chaucer	1642
5. Isambard Kingdom Brunel	1812
6. Alfred the Great	c.1421
7. Charlie Chaplin	1940
8. John Logie Baird	1857
9. Captain James Cook	1769
10. Edward Elgar	c.1340
11. Florence Nightingale	1889
12. Sir Isaac Newton	1820

(Note: 'c.' means 'about' - we don't know the exact date)

Extra time:

In which year did each person die?

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Famous Britons 1

Match the famous Briton with the year in which they were born:

Answers:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. John Lennon | 1940 - 1980 |
| 2. Charles Dickens | 1812 - 1870 |
| 3. William Caxton | c.1421 - 1491 |
| 4. Geoffrey Chaucer | c.1340 - 1400 |
| 5. Isambard Kingdom Brunel | 1769 - 1849 |
| 6. Alfred the Great | 849 - 899 |
| 7. Charlie Chaplin | 1889 - 1977 |
| 8. John Logie Baird | 1888 - 1946 |
| 9. Captain James Cook | 1728 - 1779 |
| 10. Edward Elgar | 1857 - 1934 |
| 11. Florence Nightingale | 1820 - 1910 |
| 12. Sir Isaac Newton | 1642 - 1727 |

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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons 2

Match the famous Briton with the year in which they were born:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Alexander Graham Bell | c. 1272 |
| 2. Lord Horatio Nelson | 1676 |
| 3. George Orwell | 1703 |
| 4. William Shakespeare | c. 673 |
| 5. King Henry VIII | 1758 |
| 6. Emmeline Pankhurst | 1564 |
| 7. George Stephenson | 1491 |
| 8. William Wallace | 1847 |
| 9. The Venerable Bede | 1903 |
| 10. Sir Robert Walpole | c. 1660 |
| 11. Daniel Defoe | 1858 |
| 12. John Wesley | 1781 |

(Note: 'c.' means 'about' - we don't know the exact date)

Extra time:

In which year did each person die?

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Famous Britons 2

Match the famous Briton with the year in which they were born:

Answers:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Alexander Graham Bell | 1847 - 1922 |
| 2. Lord Horatio Nelson | 1758 - 1805 |
| 3. George Orwell | 1903 - 1950 |
| 4. William Shakespeare | 1564 - 1616 |
| 5. King Henry VIII | 1491 - 1547 |
| 6. Emmeline Pankhurst | 1858 - 1928 |
| 7. George Stephenson | 1781 - 1848 |
| 8. William Wallace | c. 1272 - 1305 |
| 9. The Venerable Bede | c. 673 - c. 735 |
| 10. Sir Robert Walpole | 1676 - 1745 |
| 11. Daniel Defoe | c. 1660 - 1731 |
| 12. John Wesley | 1703 - 1791 |

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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons 3

Match the famous Briton with their principal occupation:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. John Lennon | a) Scientist |
| 2. William Caxton | b) Inventor |
| 3. Geoffrey Chaucer | c) Campaigner |
| 4. Isambard Kingdom Brunel | d) Anglo Saxon King |
| 5. Alfred the Great | e) Composer |
| 6. Charlie Chaplin | f) Explorer |
| 7. John Logie Baird | g) Playwright |
| 8. Captain James Cook | h) Civil Engineer |
| 9. Edward Elgar | i) 20 th Century Novelist |
| 10. Florence Nightingale | j) Film star |
| 11. Sir Isaac Newton | k) Soldier |
| 12. George Orwell | l) Tudor King |
| 13. William Shakespeare | m) Pastor |
| 14. King Henry VIII | n) Nurse |
| 15. Emmeline Pankhurst | o) Poet |
| 16. George Stephenson | p) Politician |
| 17. William Wallace | q) 18 th Century Novelist |
| 18. Sir Robert Walpole | r) Locomotive Engineer |
| 19. Daniel Defoe | s) Printer |
| 20. John Wesley | t) Singer and musician |

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Famous Britons 3

Match the famous Briton with their principal occupation:

Answers:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. John Lennon | t) Singer and musician |
| 2. William Caxton | s) Printer |
| 3. Geoffrey Chaucer | o) Poet |
| 4. Isambard Kingdom Brunel | h) Civil Engineer |
| 5. Alfred the Great | d) Anglo Saxon King |
| 6. Charlie Chaplin | j) Film star |
| 7. John Logie Baird | b) Inventor |
| 8. Captain James Cook | f) Explorer |
| 9. Edward Elgar | e) Composer |
| 10. Florence Nightingale | n) Nurse |
| 11. Sir Isaac Newton | a) Scientist |
| 12. George Orwell | i) 20 th Century Novelist |
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| 15. Emmeline Pankhurst | c) Campaigner |
| 16. George Stephenson | r) Locomotive Engineer |
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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons - When Were They Born?

Write these famous Britons in the order in which they were born, starting with the earliest in history.

Use the library or the Internet to find the answers.

*You could try the online encyclopaedia at this site:
<http://www.encyclopedia.com>:*

Queen Elizabeth I

Macbeth

Daniel Defoe

William Wallace

George Stephenson

Ernest Shackleton

Alexander Fleming

John Bunyan

James Watt

Sir Francis Drake

Florence Nightingale

Samuel Pepys

Diana, Princess of Wales

Geoffrey Chaucer

Emmeline Pankhurst

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Famous Britons - When Were They Born?

Answer:

Famous Briton: *Born in:*

Macbeth c. 1005

William Wallace c.1272

Geoffrey Chaucer 1359

Queen Elizabeth I 1533

Sir Francis Drake c. 1540

John Bunyan 1628

Samuel Pepys 1633

Daniel Defoe c. 1660

James Watt 1736

George Stephenson 1781

Florence Nightingale 1820

Emmeline Pankhurst 1858

Ernest Shackleton 1874

Alexander Fleming 1881

Diana, Princess of Wales 1961

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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons - Why are they Famous Today? Part 1

Write a sentence to show why these Great Britons are still famous today.

Use the library or the Internet to find the answers.

You could try the online encyclopaedia at this site: <http://www.encyclopedia.com>:

1. John Bunyan

2. King Richard III

3. Sir Winston Churchill

4. James Watt

5. Oliver Cromwell

6. Ernest Shackleton

7. Samuel Pepys

8. Sir Walter Raleigh

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Test Your Research Skills

Famous Britons - Why are they Famous Today? Part 2

Write a sentence to show why these Great Britons are still famous today.

Use the library or the Internet to find the answers.

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1. Queen Elizabeth I

2. Alfred the Great

3. David Livingstone

4. William Caxton

5. Emmeline Pankhurst

6. Sir Christopher Wren

7. Florence Nightingale

8. Diana, Princess of Wales

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Fears and Phobias 1

What are you most afraid of? Use a library or the Internet to find out the official names of these fears and phobias. Write your answers below:

1. fear of flying _____
2. fear of books _____
3. fear of hospitals _____
4. fear of snakes _____
5. fear of fire _____
6. fear of animals _____
7. fear of mice _____
8. fear of vegetables _____
9. fear of spiders _____
10. fear of failure _____
11. fear of going to the doctor's _____
12. fear of kissing _____
13. fear of bald people _____
14. fear of change _____
15. fear of the sea _____

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Test Your Research Skills

Fears and Phobias 1

Answers:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. fear of flying | Aviatophobia |
| 2. fear of books | Bibliophobia |
| 3. fear of hospitals | Nosocomophobia |
| 4. fear of snakes | Ophidiophobia |
| 5. fear of fire | Pyrophobia |
| 6. fear of animals | Zoophobia |
| 7. fear of mice | Murophobia |
| 8. fear of vegetables | Lachanophobia |
| 9. fear of spiders | Arachnophobia |
| 10. fear of failure | Alchyiphobia |
| 11. fear of going to the doctor's | Iatrophobia |
| 12. fear of kissing | Philemophobia |
| 13. fear of bald people | Peladophobia |
| 14. fear of change | Trophophobia |
| 15. fear of the sea | Thalassophobia |

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Test Your Research Skills

Fears and Phobias 2

What are you most afraid of? Use a library or the Internet to find out the official names of these fears and phobias. Write your answers below:

1. fear of germs _____
2. fear of long words _____
3. fear of growing old _____
4. fear of bees and insects _____
5. fear of putting on weight _____
6. fear of men with beards _____
7. fear of getting wrinkles _____
8. fear of small things _____
9. fear of words _____
10. fear of parents-in-law _____
11. fear of foreigners _____
12. fear of being buried alive _____
13. fear of everything _____
14. fear of feathers _____
15. fear of fear _____

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Test Your Research Skills

Fears and Phobias 2

Answers:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. fear of germs | Verminophobia |
| 2. fear of long words | Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia |
| 3. fear of growing old | Gerascophobia |
| 4. fear of bees and insects | Melissophobia |
| 5. fear of putting on weight | Obesophobia |
| 6. fear of men with beards | Pogonophobia |
| 7. fear of getting wrinkles | Rhytiphobia |
| 8. fear of small things | Tapinophobia |
| 9. fear of words | Verbaphobia |
| 10. fear of parents-in-law | Soceraphobia |
| 11. fear of foreigners | Xenophobia |
| 12. fear of being buried alive | Taphophobia |
| 13. fear of everything | Panphobia |
| 14. fear of feathers | Pteronophobia |
| 15. fear of fear | Phobophobia |

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Find the Odd One Out 5

1. Which of the following is not a **food that comes in tins**?
a) beans b) peas c) crisps d) sardines
2. Which of the following is not a type of **shop**?
a) chemist b) dentist's c) newsagent d) bakery
3. Which of the following is not the name of a **President of the USA**?
a) George Washington b) George W Bush c) William Mckinley d) J Edgar Hoover
4. Which of the following is not a punctuation mark?
a) . b) , c) & d) ' ,
5. Which of the following is not the name of a **President of South Africa**?
a) Nelson Mandela b) Louis Botha c) Nicolaas Diederichs d) P W Botha
6. Which of the following is not a **popular TV soap** in the UK?
a) Eastenders b) Emmerdale c) Coronation Street d) Blue Peter
7. Which of the following is not a **dessert**?
a) ice cream b) bangers and mash c) jam roly poly d) trifle
8. Which of the following is not the name of a **room**?
a) bedroom b) kitchen c) hall d) shed
9. Which of the following is not a **member of the European Single Currency**?
a) Vatican City b) UK c) Germany d) French Guiana
10. Which of the following is not a **preposition**?
a) in b) to c) an d) on

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Find the Odd One Out 5

Answers:

1. c)

2. b)

3. d)

4. c)

5. b)

6. d)

7. b)

8. d)

9. b)

10. c)

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Test Your Research Skills

Smokefree UK – Quiz 1

1. When did Scotland go smokefree? _____

2. When did England go smokefree? _____

3. In which places is it illegal to smoke?

- a) All enclosed and substantially enclosed public places and workplaces.
- b) Almost all enclosed and substantially enclosed public places and workplaces.

4. Where can I still smoke? (*✓ if I can*)

pubs	lifts in a block of flats	outside
work vehicles (used by me only)	offices	factories
designated guest bedrooms in hotels	staff smoking rooms	specialist tobacco shops
work vehicles (used by two people)	nightclubs	my garden
staff smoking rooms on an oil rig	taxis	my home
smoking rooms in a prison	my private car	cafés
residential mental health units	shopping centres	

5. What is the official reason for the introduction of the new smokefree law?

- a) It is to protect employers from the risk of lawsuits brought on by staff who are exposed to second-hand smoke.
- b) It is to protect the public, including employees, from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke.

6. What is the penalty for smoking in smokefree premises or vehicles?

7. Who is responsible for making sure the new law is enforced?

- a) employers
- b) local councils
- c) the police
- d) the Government

8. The new law applies to 'enclosed' and 'substantially enclosed' public places. 'Substantially enclosed' means:

- a) The place has a ceiling or roof but has an opening in the walls which is less than half the total area of the walls (not including doors and windows).
- b) The place has a ceiling or roof but has an opening in the walls which is more than half the total area of the walls (not including doors and windows).

9. What is the phone number to call if you discover somebody breaking the new smokefree law?

10. Name a country that is already smokefree, apart from countries in the UK?

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Smokefree UK – Quiz 1

Answers:

1. Sunday March 26th 2007.
2. Sunday July 1st 2007.
3. b) Almost all enclosed and substantially enclosed public places and workplaces.
4. Outside, work vehicles (used by me only), designated guest bedrooms in hotels, specialist tobacco shops, my garden, staff smoking rooms on an oil rig, my home, smoking rooms in a prison, my private car, residential mental health units.
5. b) It is to protect the public, including employees, from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke.
6. A fixed penalty fine of £30 if paid in 15 days, or £50 if paid in 29 days; or up to £200 if the case goes to court.
7. b) local councils.
8. a) The place has a ceiling or roof but has an opening in the walls which is less than half the total area of the walls (not including doors and windows).
9. 0800 587 166 7.
10. Republic of Ireland *or* New Zealand.

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Smokefree UK – Quiz 2

1. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to second-hand smoke can cause:

- l _ _ _ cancer
- h _ _ _ _ disease
- a _ _ _ _ attacks
- sudden i _ _ _ _ death syndrome (SIDS)

2. What percentage of adults in England are smokers?

- a) 24% b) 34% c) 44% d) 54%

3. If my work involves me visiting people in their homes, can I legally ask them to stop smoking when I'm there? (Yes / No)

4. What should I do if I'm working behind a bar and somebody refuses to stop smoking?

5. True or false. The smoking ban in New York has caused serious economic problems for the restaurant trade.

6. A Dundee University study has shown that the lung function of bar staff increased by up to _____% only two months after smokefree legislation had been introduced in Scotland.

- a) 6% b) 10% c) 14% d) 22%

7. What percentage of people said they would be *less likely* to go to a pub if there was a no-smoking law in place?

- a) 4% b) 24% c) 44% d) 64%

8. New York has been a smokefree city since:

- a) 2000 b) 2002 c) 2003 d) 2006

9. Second-hand tobacco smoke contains more than _____ different chemicals, including carbon monoxide (found in car exhaust fumes), formaldehyde (used to embalm dead bodies) and arsenic (rat poison).

- a) 400 b) 1,000 c) 2,000 d) 4,000

10. True or false? After the smoking ban was introduced in the Republic of Ireland, many people were angry.

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Smokefree UK – Quiz 2

Answers:

1.
 - lung cancer
 - heart disease
 - asthma attacks
 - sudden infant death syndrome
2. a) 24%.
3. No. The new law does not apply to smoking in private homes.
4. Politely refuse to serve them and issue a warning that if they don't stop they will be asked to leave the premises. If they still refuse to comply, follow the normal procedure for dealing with illegal behaviour. In extreme cases, contact the police.
5. False. There are now an additional 10,600 people being employed by restaurants and bars in the city, and a 2004 survey of 30,000 restaurant-goers reported that 23% of them were eating out *more often* since the smoking ban.
6. b) 10%.
7. a) 4%.
8. b) 2002.
9. d) 4,000.
10. False. The number of people in the Republic of Ireland in favour of the smoking ban grew from 67% before it was introduced to 82% after it came into force. After one year in place, almost 100% of people in the Republic of Ireland now support the ban.

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Smokefree UK – Quiz 3

1. When did Wales go smokefree? _____
2. What is the penalty for an employer that fails to prevent smoking in a smokefree place?

3. What is the penalty for an employer who does not display the required no-smoking signs?

4. True or false? The law does not apply to herbal cigarettes or cigars.
5. True or false? Second-hand smoke does not contain cancer-causing chemicals.
6. All smokefree premises must display a no-smoking signs which reads:
 - a) NO SMOKING. Please refrain from smoking in these premises.
 - b) NO SMOKING. It is against the law to smoke in these premises.
7. True or false? You should always use the official no-smoking signs for your premises.
8. Statistics show that around _____% of smokers would like to give up smoking.
 - a) 30%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 70%
 - d) 90%
9. What is the phone number to call if you want to get help quitting smoking?

10. True or false? About 85% of second-hand smoke is invisible and odourless.

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Test Your Research Skills

Smokefree UK – Quiz 3

Answers:

1. Sunday 2nd April 2007.
2. A fine of up to £2,500 awarded by a court.
3. A fixed penalty fine of £150 if paid in 15 days, or £200 if paid in 29 days; or up to £1,000 if it goes to court.
4. False. The law applies to anything that is smoked.
5. False. Second-hand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, of which more than 50 are cancer-causing.
6. b) NO SMOKING. It is against the law to smoke in these premises.
7. False. You can design and print your own no-smoking signs, as long as they adhere to the official requirements.
8. c) 70%.
9. 0800 169 0 169 (NHS Smoking Helpline).
10. True.

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Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Australia 1

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Australia:

1. Australia is the world's smallest _____.
a) country b) city c) continent d) place
2. Australia is the _____ largest country in the world.
a) first b) third c) sixth d) ninth
3. The capital of Australia is called _____.
a) Sydney b) Melbourne c) Adelaide d) Canberra
4. Australia's national holiday is called 'Australia Day' and is celebrated each year on _____.
a) 26th January b) 26th February c) 26th March d) 26th April
5. Australia gained independence from the UK in _____.
a) 1801 b) 1851 c) 1901 d) 1951
6. There are six states and _____ territories in Australia.
a) two b) three c) four d) five
7. The states are called _____ and the territories are called _____.
8. The Australian flag is _____ in colour and has a flag of _____ in the upper left-hand corner.
9. In the bottom right hand corner of the flag there is a large star with _____ points, which is called the _____ Star.
10. Major cities in Australia include:
a) S _____ b) P _____ c) A _____ d) C _____

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Spotlight on Australia 1

Answers:

1. c) continent

2. c) sixth

3. d) Canberra

4. a) 26th January

5. c) 1901

6. a) two

7. The six states are: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. The two territories are: Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

8. The Australian flag is **blue** in colour and has a flag of **the UK** in the upper left-hand corner.

9. In the bottom right hand corner of the flag there is a large star with **seven** points, which is called the **Commonwealth** Star.

10. a) Sydney b) Perth c) Adelaide d) Cairns

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Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Australia 2

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Australia:

1. Australia's currency is called the _____.
2. The mountain range that runs down the east coast is called The Great _____ Range.
a) Mountain b) Separating c) Victoria d) Dividing
3. True or false – Australia is the world's largest producer of diamonds?
a) true b) false
4. The Great Barrier Reef is approximately _____ kilometres long.
a) 1010 b) 2010 c) 3010 d) 4010
5. The city of Sydney is on the _____ coast of Australia.
a) north b) south c) east d) west
6. The entire Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand is sometimes known as A ____ t ____ s ____.
7. Australia is _____ times larger than the UK.
a) 22 b) 32 c) 42 d) 52
8. True or false – the Great Barrier Reef is the largest living thing on earth?
a) true b) false
9. A _____ arrived in Australia more than 70,000 years ago.
10. Over a hundred different Aboriginal languages are spoken in Australia, including: A _____ and M _____.

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Spotlight on Australia 2

Answers:

1. Australia's currency is called the **Australian Dollar**.
2. d) Dividing
3. a) true
4. b) 2010
5. c) east
6. The entire Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand is sometimes known as **Australasia**.
7. b) 32
8. a) true
9. **Aborigines** arrived in Australia more than 70,000 years ago.
10. Over a hundred different Aboriginal languages are spoken in Australia, including: **Aranda** and **Murgin**.

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Spotlight on Australia 3

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Australia:

1. In Australian slang, 'laughing gear' means m _____ ...
2. ...while if you were 'up a gum tree' you would be in t _____...
3. ...and if you were feeling 'bushwhacked' you would be extremely t _____.
4. The Australian city with the largest population is _____.
a) Melbourne b) Canberra c) Sydney d) Perth
5. Australia's National Anthem is called _____.
6. Australia gets its name from the Latin phrase T _____ A _____
I _____, meaning '(the) unknown southern land'.
7. Australia is predominantly _____ society.
a) an urban b) a rural c) a desert d) a large
8. Adelaide was named after the queen of which British monarch?
9. The population of Australia is about _____ million people.
a) ten b) twenty c) thirty d) forty
10. True or false – there are over four million different place names in Australia?
a) true b) false

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Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Australia 3

Answers:

1. In Australian slang, 'laughing gear' means **mouth** ...
2. ...while if you were 'up a gum tree' you would be in **trouble**...
3. ...and if you were feeling 'bushwhacked' you would be extremely **tired**.
4. c) Sydney
5. Australia's National Anthem is called **Advance Australia Fair**.
6. Australia gets its name from the Latin phrase **Terra Australis Incognita**, meaning '(the) unknown southern land'.
7. a) an urban
8. King William IV
9. b) twenty
10. a) true

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Spotlight on Canada

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Canada:

1. What is the capital city of Canada?
2. True or false - Canada has the largest coastline of any country in the world?
3. How many people live in Canada?
a) 21 million b) 31 million c) 41 million
4. When did Canada become a self-governing dominion?
a) 1867 b) 1899 c) 1967
5. True or false - Canada is the second-largest country in the world?
6. On which day of the year is Canada Day celebrated?
7. Why is it celebrated?
8. How many provinces are there in Canada?
9. Name five of them.
10. How many territories are there in Canada? Name them all.
11. What are Canada's two official languages?
12. At what age can people vote in Canada?
13. Who is Canada's Chief of State?
14. True or false - the Canadian flag shows three vertical bands of red, white and blue, with a red maple leaf at the centre of the white band?
15. True or false - Canada has the world's largest bay?

Find out more about Canada at this website: <http://geography.about.com>

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Spotlight on Canada

Answers:

1. Ottawa.
2. True. It is 243,792 km long, including all of Canada's islands.
3. b) 31 million.
4. a) 1867.
5. True. Russia is the largest.
6. 1 July.
7. Canadians remember when they gained independence from the UK on 1 July 1867.
8. Ten.
9. Choose from: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
10. Three. Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon Territory.
11. English and French.
12. At eighteen years old.
13. Queen Elizabeth II.
14. False. The vertical bands are coloured red, white and red.
15. True. Hudson Bay has a shoreline measuring 12,268 km in length.

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Spotlight on Derby, UK 1

1. What area does Derby cover (in square miles)?

- a) About 20 sq. miles. b) About 30 sq. miles. c) About 40 sq. miles.

2. How many people live in Derby?

- a) About 225,000 people. b) About 320,000 people. c) About 610,000 people.

3. What would you call someone who was born in Derby?

- a) A Derbyite. b) A Derbeian. c) A Derboner.

4. Derby was once a major _____ settlement.

- a) Scottish b) Roman c) Celtic

5. True or false: Derby takes its name from the Danish Vikings, who called it 'Deoraby' because of the large numbers of deer in the area. It literally meant 'deer park'.

- a) True. b) False.

6. Before that it was known as _____ by the Saxons,

- a) Northworthy b) Northriver c) Northtower

7. and before that the Romans called it _____.

- a) Derventius b) Derbitus c) Derventio

8. Derby's Silk Mill was the world's first modern factory. It was built in _____.

- a) 1707 b) 1717 c) 1727

9. Joseph Wright lived in Derby in the 18th century. He was a famous _____.

- a) architect b) author c) artist

10. Another famous name from Derby's past is the architect Joseph _____.

- a) Pickford b) Williams c) Strand

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Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Derby, UK 1

Answers:

1. b) About 30 sq. miles.

2. a) About 225,000 people.

3. b) A Derbeian.

4. b) Roman

5. a) True.

6. a) Northworthy

7. c) Derventio

8. b) 1717

9. c) artist

10. a) Pickford

Source: includes statistics from: "2020 Vision, Derby's Community Strategy - The next 3 Years", published in June 2003 by Derby City Partnership.

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Spotlight on Derby, UK 2

Answers:

1. b) 12%

2. a) True.

3. a) True. The Arboretum Park was given to the people of Derby by mill owner Joseph Strutt. It is still a popular place for picnics and football tournaments to this day!

4. a) 66%.

5. c) countryside

6. c) ring of ten bells

7. b) 49%.

8. a) 46%.

9. b) 10.1%.

10. a) 74.4%.

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Spotlight on Derby, UK 3

Answers:

1. c) 82.9%.

2. c) Oakwood.

3. b) Alvaston.

4. a) A52.

5. b) A6.

6. c) A38.

7. b) Pride Park.

8. c) London

9. b) Uttoxeter

10. b) 1977

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Spotlight on Mexico

Using the Internet or a research library, find the answers to these questions all about Mexico:

1. What is the capital city of Mexico?
2. What is the official language?
3. What is Mexico's main religion?
4. What currency is used in Mexico?
5. The population of Mexico is approximately:
a) 55, 000, 000 b) 90, 500, 000 c) 120, 000, 000
6. Which country borders Mexico to the north?
7. Which two countries border Mexico to the south?
8. Which of these countries is nearer to Mexico: Nicaragua or Costa Rica?
9. Acapulco is a city on the coast of:
a) the Pacific Ocean b) the Gulf of Mexico
10. True or false - Mexico has the largest Christian population in the world?
11. True or false - Mexico has the third largest meteorite crater in the world?
12. What is the name of the highest mountain in Mexico?
13. Approximately how much sugar does Mexico produce per year?
a) 5, 000, 000 tonnes b) 10, 000, 000 tonnes c) 15, 000, 000 tonnes
14. Mexico has one of the lowest divorce rates in the world. Is it lower than:
a) USA? b) Italy? c) Colombia?
15. True or false - the Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range lies to the west of the country?
16. True or false - the Rio Bravo del Norte runs from the northeast to the southwest of the country?
17. The Rio Bravo del Norte is also known as...
18. True or false - Mexico has extensive mineral reserves, including petroleum, gold, silver and natural gas?
19. True or false - Cancun is a popular tourist destination on the Caribbean Coast of Mexico?
20. Which US city is nearer to Mexico - San Francisco or Washington DC?

Source: The Top Ten of Everything 2003, Russell Ash, Dorling Kindersley

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Test Your Research Skills

Spotlight on Mexico

Answers:

1. Mexico City
2. Spanish
3. Roman Catholicism
4. Mexican Peso
5. b) 90, 500, 000
6. USA
7. Guatemala and Belize
8. Nicaragua
9. a) the Pacific Ocean
10. False: Mexico comes third in the world, after USA and Brazil
11. True: it's called Chicxulub and has a diameter of 107 miles
12. Citlaltepetl at a height of 5,611 metres
13. a) 5, 000, 000 tonnes
14. a) Yes b) Yes c) No
Mexico's divorce rate is 0.43 per 1,000, compared to USA's at 4.34 and Italy's at 0.47. Colombia has the lowest divorce rate in the world at 0.11
15. False: it lies to the east of the country
16. False: it runs from the northwest to the southeast of the country
17. The Rio Grande
18. True
19. True
20. San Francisco

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Test Your Research Skills

The Classic Hits of S Club 7 and S Club

Solve the cryptic clues below to find fifteen top hits by S Club 7 and S Club:

1. Keep in motion _____
2. There aren't many of us _____
3. Not lucky once awake _____
4. Not me _____
5. Have you got orange, or green? _____
6. Cheerio _____
7. Present perfect practice _____
8. Can you return everything, please? _____
9. An astronaut stretches _____
10. To me you cannot be bettered _____
11. Far from deceased _____
12. A pleasant weather forecast _____
13. Make a building collapse _____
14. Like the countryside _____
15. You'd better hurry up _____

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Test Your Research Skills

The Classic Hits of S Club 7 and S Club

Answers:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Keep in motion | Don't Stop Movin' |
| 2. There aren't many of us | Two In A Million |
| 3. Not lucky once awake | Never Had A Dream Come True |
| 4. Not me | You |
| 5. Have you got orange, or green? | Show Me Your Colours |
| 6. Cheerio | Say Goodbye |
| 7. Present perfect practice | Have You Ever |
| 8. Can you return everything, please? | Bring It All Back |
| 9. An astronaut stretches | Reach |
| 10. To me you cannot be bettered | You're My Number One |
| 11. Far from deceased | Alive |
| 12. Pleasant weather forecast | Sunshine |
| 13. Make a building collapse | Bring The House Down |
| 14. Like the countryside | Natural |
| 15. You'd better hurry up | Love Ain't Gonna Wait For You |

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Test Your Research Skills

The Classic Songs of Paul Simon

Complete the song titles below to find fifteen classic songs by Paul Simon:

1. The Sound of _____
2. Mrs. _____
3. G _ _ _ _ _
4. _____ The One
5. Slip _____ Away
6. Born _____
7. _____ Tune
8. You Can _____
9. Hearts And _____
10. Darling _____
11. The B _ _ _ _
12. _____ 's Song
13. Still _____
14. _____ On The _____ Of Her Shoes
15. Something So _____

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Test Your Research Skills

The Classic Songs of Paul Simon

Answers:

1. The Sound of Silence
2. Mrs. Robinson
3. Graceland
4. You're The One
5. Slip Slidin' Away
6. Born At The Right Time
7. American Tune
8. You Can Call Me Al
9. Hearts And Bones
10. Darling Lorraine
11. The Boxer
12. Kathy's Song
13. Still Crazy After All These Years
14. Diamonds On The Soles Of Her Shoes
15. Something So Right

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Test Your Research Skills

The Peerless Tunes of Busted

Solve the cryptic clues below to find fifteen top tracks by Busted:

1. Emergency exits are located... _____
2. It's certainly not for the lessons _____
3. Unlucky and not very old _____
4. Approximately 996 years from now _____
5. You could have been more positive _____
6. Which person are you talking about? _____
7. Not a song about Christina _____
8. Also a film directed by Tom Hanks _____
9. Either early or late – depends on how you look at it _____
10. M N O P Q R S T V W X Y Z _____
11. There isn't room for two of us! _____
12. Afraid of the dark? _____
13. Not particularly cool, with older friends _____
14. Evening time _____
15. Uninvited and unexpected _____

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Test Your Research Skills

The Peerless Tunes of Busted

Answers:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Emergency exits are located... | Air Hostess |
| 2. It's certainly not for the lessons | What I Go To School For |
| 3. Unlucky and not very old | Loser Kid |
| 4. Approximately 996 years from now | Year 3000 |
| 5. You could have been more positive | You Said No |
| 6. Which person are you talking about? | Who's David |
| 7. Not a song about Christina | Britney |
| 8. Also a film directed by Tom Hanks | That Thing You Do |
| 9. Either early or late – depends on how you look at it | 3am |
| 10. M N O P Q R S T V W X Y Z | Without You |
| 11. There isn't room for two of us! | She Wants To Be Me |
| 12. Afraid of the dark? | Sleeping With The Light On |
| 13. Not particularly cool, with older friends | Nerdy |
| 14. Evening time | When Day Turns Into Night |
| 15. Uninvited and unexpected | Crashed The Wedding |

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Test Your Lateral Thinking!

Word Puzzles 1

Can you work out the clues to reveal some well known words and phrases?

1. TJIUSMTE _____
2. ECNALG _____
3. RAEG _____
4. 12.00 GOOD _____
5. DEATH LIFE _____
6. GSGE _____
7. /R/E/A/D/I/N/G/ _____
8. YUETIDE _____
9. UJUSTME _____
10. VIVISIONON _____

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Test Your Lateral Thinking!

Word Puzzles 1

Answers:

1. TJIUSMTE Just in time
2. ECNALG Backward glance
3. RAEG Reverse gear
4. 12.00 GOOD Good afternoon
5. DEATH LIFE Life after death
6. GSGE Scrambled eggs
7. /R/E/A/D/I/N/G/ Reading between the lines
8. YUETIDE Noel (no L)
9. UJUSTME Just between you and me
10. VIVISIONON Double vision

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Test Your Lateral Thinking!

Word Puzzles 2

Can you work out the clues to reveal some well known words and phrases?

1. GENFLEIS _____
2. THOEUCOTLD _____
3. PCIGAEOTNS _____
4. EVG _____
5. SIDESIDE _____
6. HOME _____
7. LLOR _____
8. change _____
9. SITTING
FENCE _____
10. POT 00000000 _____

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Test Your Lateral Thinking!

Word Puzzles 2

Answers:

1. GENFLEIS Mixed feelings
2. THOEUCOTLD Out in the cold
3. PCIGAEOTNS Cat among the pigeons
4. EVG Mixed veg (vegetables)
5. SIDESIDE Side by side
6. HOME Home alone
7. LLOR Backward roll
8. change Small change
9. SITTING Sitting on the fence
FENCE
10. POT 00000000 Potatoes (pot eight 'oh's)

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Test Your Creative Writing Skills

Write a Story 1



Use the picture above to give you an idea for a story. The story must also include the following things:

A **person** called Alison Brown

A **place** called Trafalgar Road

A **dog** with an amazing talent

An underwater **hiding place**

Story Title: _____

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Test Your Creative Writing Skills

Write a Story 2



Use the picture above to give you an idea for a story. The story must also include the following things:

Something stolen from a man called Peter Edwards

A **traffic warden** who wants to give up her job

A small collection of poisonous **potted plants**

The South Pacific island of **Tonga**

Story Title: _____

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Test Your Creative Writing Skills

Write a Story 3



Use the picture above to give you an idea for a story. The story must also include the following things:

A broken down **pizza delivery vehicle**

A **bus stop** in the middle of nowhere

A **mysterious stranger**

A **man** who claims to have had nothing to eat for five days

Story Title: _____

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Test Your Creative Writing Skills

Write a Story 4



Use the picture above to give you an idea for a story. The story must also include the following things:

A difficult **journey**

A passionate **vegetarian** called Emma

A **piece of string** that seems unimportant at first, but then becomes vital

Someone who knows too much about musical theatre

Story Title: _____

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 1

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. The capital city of Luxembourg is _____.
2. The six English counties that start with the letter 'S' are:

3. Tea bags were invented in 1908 by _____.
4. A male horse is known as a _____.
5. The United Nations was founded in _____.
6. The acronym UNICEF stands for

7. The Greek god _____ represented the sun.
8. The patron saint of lovers is _____.
9. _____ won the Pulitzer Prize in the US for her novel 'The Shipping News' in 1994.
10. Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize in _____.
11. Sorbitol is used in many foods as a _____.
12. The capital of the Australian state of Queensland is _____.
13. The first Australian Prime Minister was _____.
14. In England, the Battle of _____ Field took place in 1485.
15. 'Lento' is a musical term meaning to play _____.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 1

Answers:

1. The capital city of Luxembourg is **Luxembourg**.
2. The six English counties that start with the letter 'S' are: **Shropshire, Somerset, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk and Surrey**.
3. Tea bags were invented in 1908 by **Thomas Sullivan**.
4. A male horse is known as a **stallion**.
5. The United Nations was founded in **1945**.
6. The acronym UNICEF stands for **UN International Children's Emergency Fund**.
7. The Greek god **Apollo** represented the sun.
8. The patron saint of lovers is **St. Valentine**.
9. **E Annie Proulx** won the Pulitzer Prize in the US for her novel 'The Shipping News' in 1994.
10. Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize in **1990**.
11. Sorbitol is used in many foods as a **sweetener**.
12. The capital of the Australian state of Queensland is **Brisbane**.
13. The first Australian Prime Minister was **Edmund Barton**.
14. The Battle of **Bosworth** Field took place in 1485.
15. 'Lento' is a musical term meaning to play **slowly**.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 2

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. The Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston, US, in _____.
2. John Schlesinger won the 1969 Best Director Academy Award for the movie _____.
3. Couples celebrate their pearl wedding anniversary after _____ years of marriage.
4. The largest country in the world by population is _____.
5. The Wars of the Roses were between the Houses of York and _____.
6. The collective noun for a group of apes is a _____.
7. The study of birds' eggs is called _____.
8. The highest waterfall in the world is the _____ Falls in Venezuela.
9. The Roman god Neptune represented _____.
10. The largest country in the world by area is _____.
11. The Wimbledon Tennis Championship was first held in _____.
12. The busiest port in the world is _____.
13. The busiest international airport in the world is _____.
14. The longest river in the world is _____.
15. The Roman god _____ represented wisdom.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 2

Answers:

1. The Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston, US, in **1775**.
2. John Schlesinger won the 1969 Best Director Academy Award for the movie '**Midnight Cowboy**'.
3. Couples celebrate their pearl wedding anniversary after **30** years of marriage.
4. The largest country in the world by population is **China**.
5. The Wars of the Roses were between the Houses of York and **Lancaster**.
6. The collective noun for a group of apes is a **shrewdness**.
7. The study of birds' eggs is called **oology**.
8. The highest waterfall in the world is the **Angel Falls** in Venezuela.
9. The Roman god Neptune represented **the sea**.
10. The largest country in the world by area is **the Russian Federation**.
11. The Wimbledon Tennis Championship was first held in **1877**.
12. The busiest port in the world is **Rotterdam**.
13. The busiest international airport in the world is **London Heathrow**.
14. The longest river in the world is **the Nile**.
15. The Roman god **Minerva** represented wisdom.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 3

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. The capital city of Romania is _____.
2. The Victorian Prime Minister Viscount Palmerston belonged to the _____ Party.
3. The Greek god Hebe represented _____.
4. The chemical symbol for Hydrogen is _____.
5. The aeroplane was invented by Orville and Wilbur _____.
6. The largest ocean in the world is the _____.
7. Milos Forman won the 1984 Best Director Academy Award for the movie _____.
8. The study of the earth is called _____.
9. 'Piano' is a musical term meaning to play _____.
10. The Tour de France cycling championship was founded in _____.
11. The American Football Super Bowl was first held in 1967; the Green Bay Packers defeated the _____.
12. The American English spelling of the word 'whisky' is _____.
13. The study of bacteria is called _____.
14. The patron saint of doctors is St. _____.
15. The 5 Nations Rugby Championship became the 6 Nations in 2000 when Italy joined _____.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 3

Answers:

1. The capital city of Romania is **Bucharest**.
2. The Victorian Prime Minister Viscount Palmerston belonged to the **Liberal** Party.
3. The Greek god Hebe represented **youth**.
4. The chemical symbol for Hydrogen is '**H**'.
5. The aeroplane was invented by Orville and Wilbur **Wright**.
6. The largest ocean in the world is the **Pacific**.
7. Milos Forman won the 1984 Best Director Academy Award for the movie '**Amadeus**'.
8. The study of the earth is called **geology**.
9. 'Piano' is a musical term meaning to play **softly**.
10. The Tour de France cycling championship was founded in **1903**.
11. The American Football Super Bowl was first held in 1967; the Green Bay Packers defeated the **Kansas City Chiefs**.
12. The American English spelling of the word 'whisky' is '**whiskey**'.
13. The study of bacteria is called **bacteriology**.
14. The patron saint of doctors is St. **Luke**.
15. The 5 Nations Rugby Championship became the 6 Nations in 2000 when Italy joined **England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and France**.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 4

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. In the 2002 FIFA World Cup Final Brazil defeated _____ 2-0.
2. The capital of the Australian state of Victoria is _____.
3. The chemical symbol for silver is _____.
4. Couples celebrate their emerald wedding anniversary after _____ years of marriage.
5. The collective noun for a group of pigs is a _____.
6. A male fox is known as a _____.
7. The acronym KBE after your name stands for
_____.
8. A numismatist collects _____.
9. An arctophile collects _____.
10. _____ won the English Premier League in 1972 and 1975.
11. The typewriter was invented in 1808 by _____.
12. A bibliophile is passionate about _____.
13. Henry VIII beheaded two of his six wives – Anne Boleyn and
_____.
14. An ailurophile loves _____.
15. Charles Dickens' first novel was _____.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 4

Answers:

1. In the 2002 FIFA World Cup Final Brazil defeated **Germany** 2-0.
2. The capital of the Australian state of Victoria is **Melbourne**.
3. The chemical symbol for silver is '**Ag**'.
4. Couples celebrate their emerald wedding anniversary after **55** years of marriage.
5. The collective noun for a group of pigs is a **litter**.
6. A male fox is known as a **dog**.
7. The acronym KBE after your name stands for **Knight Commander, British Empire**.
8. A numismatist collects **coins**.
9. An arctophile collects **teddy bears**.
10. **Derby County** won the English Premier League in 1972 and 1975.
11. The typewriter was invented in 1808 by **Pellegrino Turri**.
12. A bibliophile is passionate about **books**.
13. Henry VIII beheaded two of his six wives – Anne Boleyn and **Catherine Howard**.
14. An ailurophile loves **cats**.
15. Charles Dickens' first novel was '**The Pickwick Papers**'.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 5

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. A female pig is known as a _____.
2. Plutocracy is government by _____.
3. The acronym RADA stands for _____.
4. In the traditional English Christmas Carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' there were _____ ladies dancing and _____ geese a-laying.
5. The seven wonders of the ancient world included: the Statue of _____ at Olympia and the _____ of Egypt.
6. Oligarchy is government by _____.
7. Manchester United won the English Premiership _____ times in the 1990s.
8. On a QWERTY keyboard the letter 'M' is on the _____ row.
9. The 20th century American President Herbert C. Hoover belonged to the _____ Party.
10. The FIFA World Cup is held every _____ years.
11. A female goat is known as a _____.
12. The play 'The Two Noble Kinsmen' by William Shakespeare and John Fletcher is based on _____ by Geoffrey Chaucer.
13. Tartrazine is used in many foods as a _____.
14. Democracy is government by _____.
15. Andrew Motion has been Britain's _____ since 1999.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 5

Answers:

1. A female pig is known as a **sow**.
2. Plutocracy is government by **the wealthy**.
3. The acronym RADA stands for '**Royal Academy of Dramatic Art**'.
4. In the traditional English Christmas Carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' there were **nine** ladies dancing and **six** geese a-laying.
5. The seven wonders of the ancient world included: the Statue of **Zeus** at Olympia and the **Pyramids** of Egypt.
6. Oligarchy is government by **a small exclusive class of people**.
7. Manchester United won the English Premiership **five** times in the 1990s.
8. On a QWERTY keyboard the letter 'M' is on the **bottom** row.
9. The 20th century American President Herbert C. Hoover belonged to the **Republican** Party.
10. The FIFA World Cup is held every **four** years.
11. A female goat is known as a **nanny**.
12. The play 'The Two Noble Kinsmen' by William Shakespeare and John Fletcher is based on '**The Knight's Tale**' by Geoffrey Chaucer.
13. Tartrazine is used in many foods as a colorant.
14. Democracy is government by **the people**.
15. Andrew Motion has been Britain's **Poet Laureate** since 1999.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 6

Use a research library or the internet to find the answers to this quick quiz:

1. Kazuo Ishiguro won the Booker Prize in the UK for his novel _____ in 1989.
2. Samuel Ryder founded the Ryder Cup golf tournament in 19____.
3. Couples celebrate their ruby wedding anniversary after _____ years of marriage.
4. The acronym TESSA stands for _____.
5. The acronym KG after your name stands for _____.
6. The squire Sancho Panza is a principal character in the novel _____ by _____.
7. Henry VIII divorced two of his six wives – Catherine of Aragon and _____.
8. The acronym EPOS stands for _____.
9. The seven wonders of the ancient world included: the _____ of Babylon and the _____ of Rhodes.
10. The Three Musketeers in Alexandre Dumas' novel are:
_____.
11. Kay, Gareth, Bors, Geraint and Tristan were all _____.
12. In the traditional English Christmas Carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' there were _____ drummers drumming.
13. The American English spelling of the word 'plough' is _____.
14. The novelist Charlotte Bronte married _____, a curate, in 1854.
15. The real name of Victorian English novelist George Eliot, author of 'The Mill on the Floss' and 'Adam Bede' was _____.

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Test Your Research Skills

You Either Know It Or You Don't! 6

Answers:

1. Kazuo Ishiguro won the Booker Prize in the UK for his novel '**The Remains of the Day**' in 1989.
2. Samuel Ryder founded the Ryder Cup golf tournament in 1927.
3. Couples celebrate their ruby wedding anniversary after **40** years of marriage.
4. The acronym TESSA stands for '**tax exempt special savings account**'.
5. The acronym KG after your name stands for '**Knight of the Garter**'.
6. The squire Sancho Panza is a principal character in the novel '**Don Quixote**' by **Miguel Cervantes**.
7. Henry VIII divorced two of his six wives – Catherine of Aragon and **Anne of Cleves**.
8. The acronym EPOS stands for '**electronic point of sale**'.
9. The seven wonders of the ancient world included: the **Hanging Gardens** of Babylon and the **Colossus** of Rhodes.
10. The Three Musketeers in Alexandre Dumas' novel are: **Aramis, Athos and Porthos**.
11. Kay, Gareth, Bors, Geraint and Tristan were all **Knights of the Round Table**.
12. In the traditional English Christmas Carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' there were **twelve** drummers drumming.
13. The American English spelling of the word 'plough' is '**plow**'.
14. The novelist Charlotte Bronte married **Arthur Bell Nicholls**, a curate, in 1854.
15. The real name of Victorian English novelist George Eliot, author of 'The Mill on the Floss' and 'Adam Bede' was **Mary Ann Evans**.

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