The Big Challenge 2025

Answer key / Correction

Schulstufe 8

1 **Look, and listen to the interviewer. Find the young woman's answer.**



♪ AUDIO

Yes, I do.

By train.

From near Manchester. ✓

To London.

2 **Listen to the man and find the woman's answer.**



♪ AUDIO

Yes, you're much better.

A bit, yes. ✓

I know.

Yes, it's worse.

3 **Look and listen. Which object is the woman describing?**



♪ AUDIO

The ice-cream. ✓

The beach ball.

The suitcase.

The pair of sunglasses.

4 **Listen to the phone conversation. What day is it today?**



♪ AUDIO

Sunday.

Friday. ✓

Thursday.

Saturday.

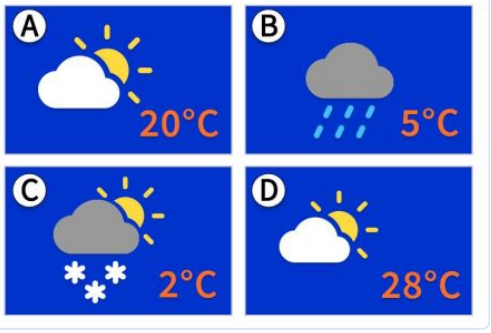
5 **Look, and listen to the woman. She's in one of the pictures. Which one?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

6 **Look, and listen to the weather forecast. Which picture does the forecast correspond to?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

7 **Listen. How old was Elizabeth when she became queen?**



♪ AUDIO

- **26** ✓
- 52
- 70
- 96

8 **Look, and listen to the conversation in a souvenir shop in London. How much does the woman have to pay?**



♪ AUDIO

- £4.50
- £2.20
- **£4.20** ✓
- £2

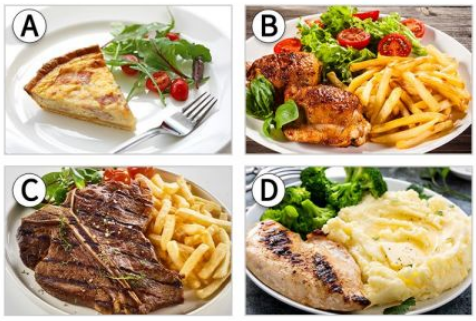
9 **Listen to the conversation. What time does the last bus leave this evening?**



♪ AUDIO

- 10.15
- **9.55** ✓
- 9.45
- 10.05

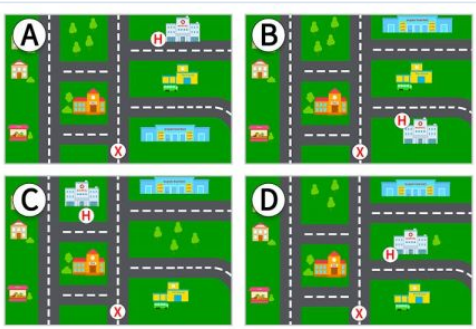
10 **Look, and listen to the conversation. What are they having for dinner?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

11 **You are at point X and you are going to the hospital (H). Listen. Which map corresponds to the instructions you hear?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

12 **Listen and find the right answer.**



♪ AUDIO

- **A dot.** ✓
- A comma.
- A slash.
- A tag.

13 **Listen. What's the man's name?**



♪ AUDIO

- Jaime Toyle
- Graime Doile
- Jarome Doyle
- **Graeme Doyle** ✓

14 **Look, listen to the conversation between Mrs Smith and Pamela. What can Pamela say next?**



♪ AUDIO

- **You're welcome.** ✓
- It's all the same to me.
- You don't mind.
- It doesn't matter.

15 **This waiter is serving a group of friends in a restaurant. Listen to their conversation. What can the waiter say next?**



♪ AUDIO

- Sure, I'll be right back.
- One bottle of water, coming up!
- **No worries, enjoy!** ✓
- It doesn't have meat in it.

16 **Look at the picture, listen and find the sentence that describes it (A, B, C or D).**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

17 **Listen to Jack. What is he going to do?**



♪ AUDIO

- He's going to remove a poster from his bedroom wall.
- He's going to take off his jacket because he's too hot.
- He's going to turn off the television.
- **He's going to change the date of a meeting.** ✓

18 **Listen to a man's thoughts and find which picture he's in.**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

19 **Emma’s friends Jane and Mark have come to stay with her for the weekend. Listen to their conversation. What can Emma say next?**



♪ AUDIO

- Help yourself.
- **Make yourself at home.** ✓
- Take care!
- Beware of the dog!

20 **Look, and listen to the man. He's in one of the pictures. Which one?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

21 **Listen to John. He's talking to his friend Katya. What can you say about the situation?**



♪ AUDIO

- John wants to be alone at the moment.
- John wants Katya to agree to go out with him.
- **Katya is playing a video game and John wants to try it.** ✓
- John doesn't want to be Katya's boyfriend any more.

22 **Rachel is on the phone with her friend Rob. What did Rob do this morning?**



♪ AUDIO

- **He took his driving test.** ✓
- He got the results of a maths test.
- He ran in a race.
- He had a complete medical examination.

23 **Listen to the conversation. Who is the woman?**



♪ AUDIO

- **A supermarket cashier.** ✓
- A customer in an electrical shop.
- A passport controller.
- A guest about to eat a yoghurt at a friend's house.

24 **Listen to the salesman and a customer. What's the salesman selling?**



♪ AUDIO

A flat-screen television.

A sofa that converts into a bed.

A folding dining table. ✓

An inflatable swimming pool.

25 **Listen to the conversation between Robert and a switchboard operator. What is the operator going to say now?**



♪ AUDIO

I can put you up now.

You've got a connection.

He'll hang up on you.

I'll put you through. ✓

26 **Listen to the conversation. What are they talking about?**



♪ AUDIO

A virus.

A carnival.

A tornado. ✓

A protest march.

27 **You pass two children in the street and hear part of their conversation. Listen. What are they talking about?**



♪ AUDIO

- **The boy steals apples from a neighbour's apple tree. The girl thinks the neighbour will find out.** ✓
- A farmer is probably going to put up a sign to stop people walking across his fields.
- The boy's dog is missing. The girl thinks he'll come home eventually.
- A famous actor is hiding from the press. But he'll have to tell people where he is very soon.

28 **Listen to the conversation. What can the woman say now?**



♪ AUDIO

- **You were taken for a ride.** ✓
- You should have trusted him.
- You didn't put your cards on the table.
- You had a lucky escape.

29 **Listen. Which word can you hear?**



♪ AUDIO

- earring
- hiring
- herring
- **hearing** ✓

30 **Listen and find the word with the same two vowel sounds as the word you hear.**



♪ AUDIO

- **market** ✓
- plastic
- basin
- picnic

31 **Listen. Which group of words can you hear?**



♪ AUDIO

- No one of the
- **guessed who the** ✓
- the students' guest
- the lecture was referring

32 **Listen and find the political party that corresponds to the definition.**



♪ AUDIO

- The Union Party.
- The Democratic Party.
- **The Labour Party.** ✓
- The Republican Party.

33 **Listen and answer the question.**



♪ AUDIO

- The states that make up the USA.
- **The first American colonies.** ✓
- The generals who won independence.
- The Pilgrim Fathers.

34 Anyone can do it. You ... be particularly athletic, but it helps!



- can't
- **don't have to** ✓
- mustn't
- could even

35 "... you ... the invitations?" "Yes, I did them yesterday."



- Did ... write already
- Did ... just sent
- **Have ... already written** ✓
- Have ... ever seen

36 I want to make my boyfriend's birthday a special day, but I have no idea what ... to do.



- **he'd like** ✓
- will he like
- does he enjoy
- is he going to want

37 Some priceless paintings ... in the fire at the museum on Sunday.



- have been burned
- have burned
- **were destroyed** ✓
- were destroying

38 There … so much pollution if … so many cars on the roads.



- can't be … there won't be
- don't have … we don't put
- **wouldn't be … there weren't** ✓
- wouldn't be … we don't have

39 Ever since Carrie broke up with James, she … the boy next door.



- was seeing
- is seeing
- **has been seeing** ✓
- has seen

40 What do we know about Emma?

New message

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I still remember when we were at school together. Ryan remembers you too, of course. It's a pity you didn't marry him. I almost had a movie star as a sister-in-law! But I hope you're happy with your millionaire husband, even if he's so much older than you are.

Anyway, I'm writing to say I'm coming to the USA in July. I'll be in California for a week, staying with my cousin Michael, who works for a tech company out there. So can I come and visit you? I'd love to see you again after all this time. What do you think?

Lots of love,
Louise

- **She doesn't live in England.** ✓
- She used to work with Louise.
- She isn't married.
- She has never had a job.

41 Louise wrote, “perhaps I should say Amelia” because … .

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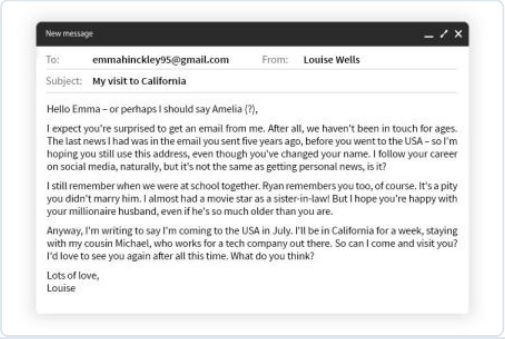
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- she doesn't know who she's writing to
- **Emma changed her name to Amelia** ✓
- Emma used to be called Amelia
- Emma and Amelia have the same email address

42 Find the sentence that isn't true.



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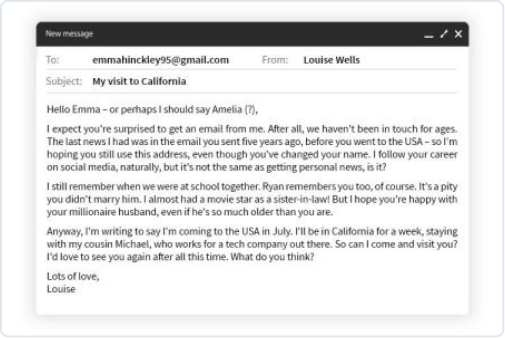
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- Emma is a movie actor who lives in the USA.
- **Emma married a very wealthy young man.** ✓
- Louise and Emma were good friends when they were young.
- Louise has a cousin who works in California.

43 Based on what Louise writes, find the sentence that is definitely true.



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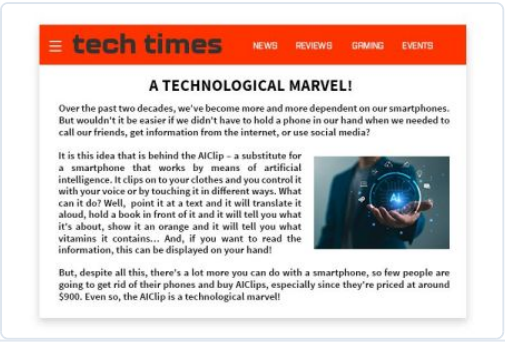
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- Louise has no idea what Emma has been doing for the past five years.
- **Louise isn't writing to congratulate Emma on her marriage to a millionaire.** ✓
- Emma didn't marry Louise's brother because she didn't want to live in England.
- Louise has been expecting an email from Emma for several years.

44 The AIClip is ... .



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A TECHNOLOGICAL MARVEL!

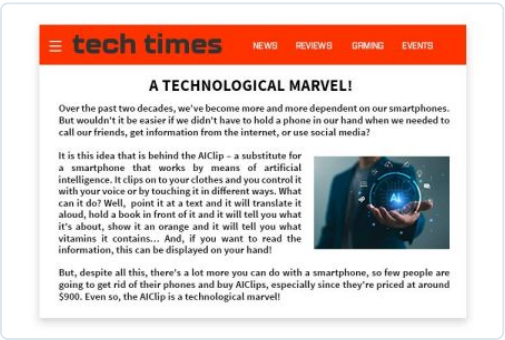
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But, despite all this, there's a lot more you can do with a smartphone, so few people are going to get rid of their phones and buy AIClips, especially since they're priced at around $900. Even so, the AIClip is a technological marvel!

- a new and expensive smartphone
- something that protects your smartphone
- **something you can use instead of a smartphone** ✓
- something that gives your smartphone more power

45 This article tells us that it can be difficult for people to ... .



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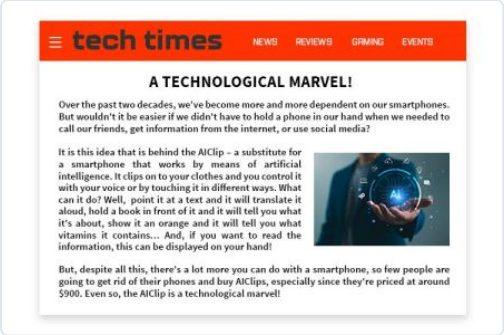
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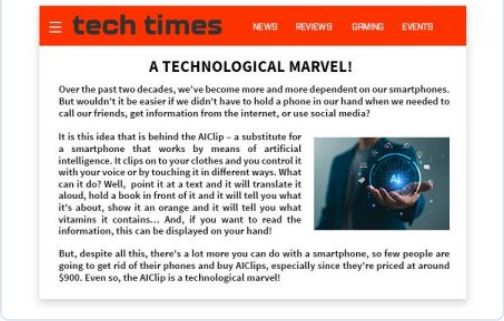
- buy a phone
- depend on their phones
- **live without their phones** ✓
- use social media

46 The writer thinks that the problem with smartphones is that ... .



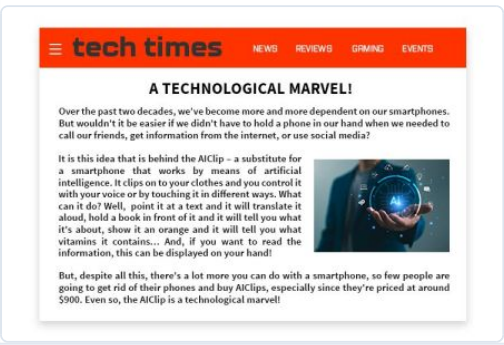
- you can't do enough with them
- **you have to hold them in your hand** ✓
- they don't use artificial intelligence
- they are far too expensive

47 According to the article, which sentence about the AIClip ISN'T true?



- You can speak to it, and it can speak to you.
- **It can do just as much as any smartphone.** ✓
- Its camera can identify and analyse objects.
- It doesn't display information on a screen.

48 It is clear that the writer of this article ... .



- works for the company that makes the AIClip
- **thinks the AIClip is a wonderful invention, even if it's expensive** ✓
- is sure that a lot of people will replace their phones by AIClips
- has been using the AIClip to translate documents

49 Silicon Valley in California is famous for ... .



- earthquakes
- the production of oranges
- **technological progress** ✓
- the number of movie stars who live there

50 At Christmas time, people say “Happy Christmas!” or “ … Christmas!” to each other.



- Jolly
- Gloomy
- **Merry** ✓
- Lively

51 Which political leader was assassinated in a theatre in Washington D.C.?



- Martin Luther King.
- John F. Kennedy.
- **Abraham Lincoln.** ✓
- George Washington.

52 Peter's father … him … to Mrs Brown for his bad behaviour.



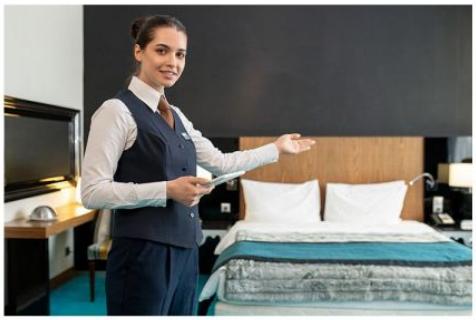
- made … to say sorry
- had … to apologise
- got … apologise
- **made … apologise** ✓

53 “Where are they? They … here hours ago. Do you think they've had an accident?”



- are supposed to be
- will have arrived
- **should have been** ✓
- have been coming

54 “The more expensive rooms like this one have a sea view,” said the hotel manager, “but the cheaper ones … the car park.”



- **overlook** ✓
- overcome
- oversee
- overview

55 Jane's nervous. It's her first day at her new school tomorrow. Her father says, “You'll soon … ,” meaning “You'll get used to it very quickly.”



- make ends meet
- **find your feet** ✓
- sit up straight
- plant your tree