The Big Challenge 2026

Answer key / Correction

Schulstufe 8

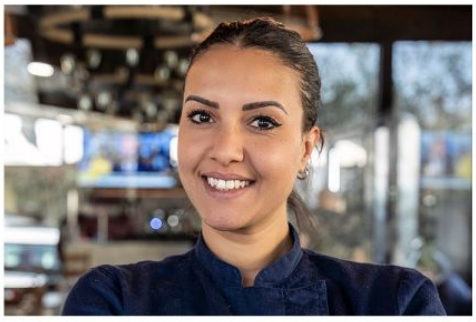
1 **Listen to the conversation at a barbecue. What's the woman's name?**



♪ AUDIO

- Shoana
- Gioanna
- **Joanna** ✓
- Joawna

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



♪ AUDIO

- Just for a week.
- No, I'm from Spain.
- **No, I come from North Africa.** ✓
- Yes, I do.

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



♪ AUDIO

- **A hat.** ✓
- A pair of sunglasses.
- A passport.
- A globe.

4 **Listen to the phone conversation. What can the man say now?**



♪ AUDIO

- How are you?
- **I'm busy.** ✓
- I'm free.
- It's the right time.

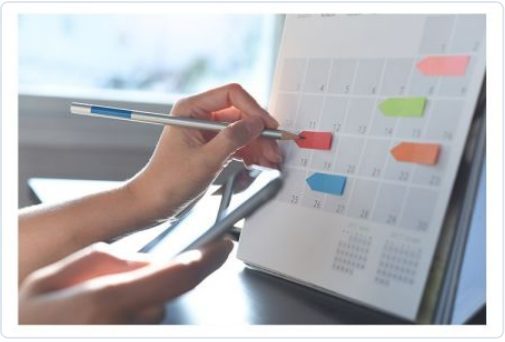
5 **Look, and listen to the woman. Which man is she describing?**



♪ AUDIO

- **A** ✓
- B
- C
- D

6 **Listen. What's the date today?**



♪ AUDIO

- **Tuesday, 1st April.** ✓
- Wednesday, 1st June.
- Thursday, 2nd March.
- Tuesday, 30th March.

7 **Listen to a man talking about this American president. When did he become president?**



♪ AUDIO

- 1943
- **1961** ✓
- 1963
- 1953

8 **Listen to the conversation. How much is the woman going to pay?**



♪ AUDIO

- £5
- **£16** ✓
- £22
- £10

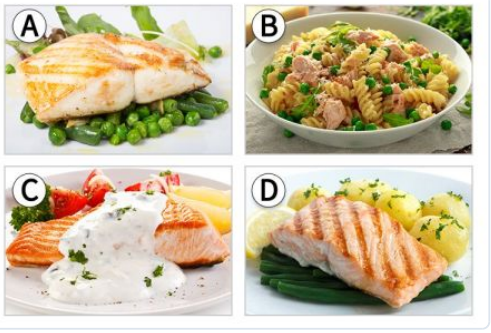
9 **Listen to the conversation in a taxi. What time is it now?**



♪ AUDIO

- **10.30** ✓
- 9.51
- 10.50
- 11.10

10 **Look, and listen to the conversation. What's the waiter going to serve the woman?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- C
- **D** ✓

11 **This is Janet. Listen, and find the right answer to the question.**



♪ AUDIO

- How much are they?
- Can I help you?
- Yes, please.
- **How many would you like?** ✓

12 **Look, listen, follow the directions, and find your destination.**



♪ AUDIO

- The police station.
- The school.
- The hospital.
- **The fire station.** ✓

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



♪ AUDIO

- **Excuse me.** ✓
- How are you?
- I'm sorry.
- Where am I?

14 **Listen and find the right answer to the question.**



♪ AUDIO

- **Help yourself.** ✓
- Push in.
- You can help.
- Go straight on.

15 **Look and listen. In which photo do you see the woman who is speaking? A, B, C or D?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

16 **Look at the picture, listen, and answer the question.**



♪ AUDIO

- **They’re sitting around a campfire.** ✓
- In a tent, in the woods.
- She’s wearing a red woollen hat.
- It’s daytime.

17 **Look, and listen to the man. Which situation is he describing?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

18 **Look, and listen to the man. Which photo is he talking about?**



♪ AUDIO

- **A** ✓
- B
- C
- D

19 **Look at the photo, and listen to four sentences about it. Which sentence is true?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

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



♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

21 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What's the situation?

- They're looking at a shirt in a rather old-fashioned clothes shop.
- They're looking at a shopping website where a second-hand phone is for sale.
- **They're in the kitchen talking about a microwave meal.** ✓
- They want to rent a boat for a river trip but the only one available is very old.

22 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What happened at the beach?

- **Carl arrived unexpectedly.** ✓
- Carl left suddenly.
- Carl suddenly felt very ill.
- Carl started crying.

23 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What can you say about the situation?

- They're climbing a mountain
- They're playing cards.
- **Someone has offered the man a new job.** ✓
- Someone has given the man a large dog.

24 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What's the man's job?

- A firefighter.
- A wildlife photographer.
- **A dentist.** ✓
- A coal miner.

25 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What are they talking about?

- A rock band who won't get a big audience for their concert.
- A shop whose prices are too high.
- Olympic champions who will earn a lot of money.
- **A football team with little chance of winning its next game.** ✓

26 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What can the man say now?

- I don't keep in touch.
- I'm not aware of it
- I can't afford it.
- **I can't work it out.** ✓

27 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between two managers in an office. Which sentence is true?

- The man thinks that it’s a coincidence that the food started going missing when Martin began working there.
- **Until recently, the woman has chosen not to believe that Martin is the thief.** ✓
- The woman is sure she knows who is responsible for the thefts but can’t prove it.
- The woman initially suspected someone else but has now changed her mind.

28 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. The people are talking about a young boy called Christopher. What can you say about him this evening?

- **He was very well behaved.** ✓
- He proved he was very intelligent.
- He played a game of cards and won.
- He sang beautifully.

29 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which word can you hear?

- grease
- greys
- graze
- **grace** ✓

30 ♪ AUDIO

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

- magic
- engine
- **police** ✓
- refill

31 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which group of words can you hear?

- four teas no more
- ought to become
- **or more in order** ✓
- have to be for

32 ♪ AUDIO

Listen and find the right answer.

- Toronto.
- Montreal.
- **Vancouver.** ✓
- Ottawa.

33 ♪ AUDIO

Listen and answer the question.

- Yellowstone National Park.
- **The Lake District National Park.** ✓
- Cairngorms National Park.
- Kruger National Park.

34 When the bus came, it was full so we all ... to wait for the next one.



- **had** ✓
- must
- were able
- obliged

35 That's funny. I don't remember ... my bike here. Someone's moved it!



- I left
- to leave
- **leaving** ✓
- to have left

36 Taylor Swift released a new single recently but I … heard it … .



- haven't … already
- never … already
- didn't … until now
- **haven't … yet** ✓

37 I didn't enjoy the party very much because I didn't know who … .



- **anyone was** ✓
- was anyone there
- were the other people there
- any people there were

38 If petrol … cost so much, I … see you much more often.



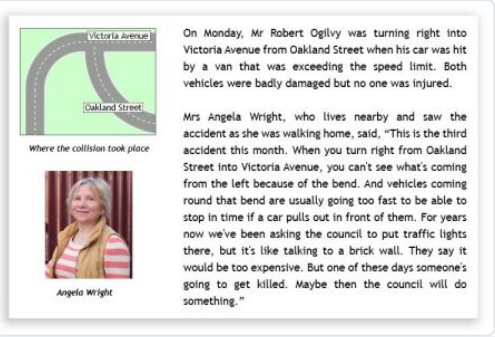
- won't … will
- **didn't … would come and** ✓
- doesn't … would
- wouldn't … will be able to

39 Although she loved living in Japan, she … using chopsticks instead of a knife and fork.



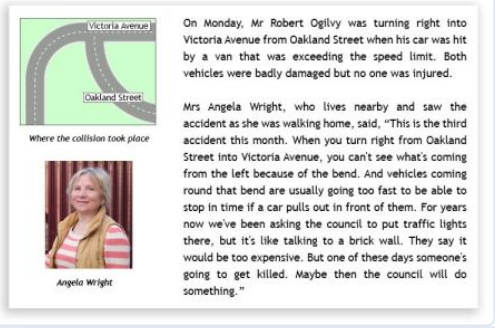
- hadn't used with
- didn't use to
- **never got used to** ✓
- wasn't used for

40 What do we know about the accident on Monday?



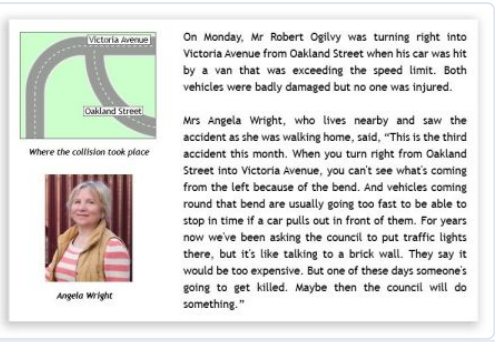
- A man was knocked down in the street.
- Mr Ogilvy was badly hurt.
- A van hit a car that was going too fast.
- **A van was going too fast and hit a car.** ✓

41 Angela Wright ... .



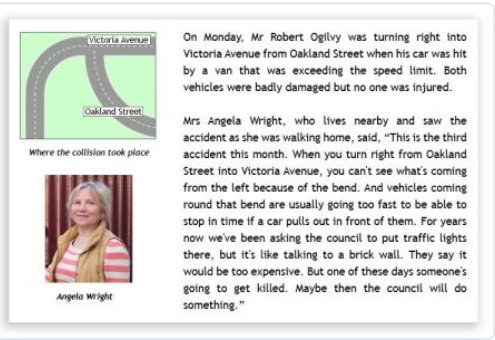
- was in the car behind Mr Ogilvy
- **knows that accidents often happen there** ✓
- saw the accident from her house nearby
- says that people never drive fast along Oakland Street

42 Turning right into Victoria Avenue can be a problem because ... .



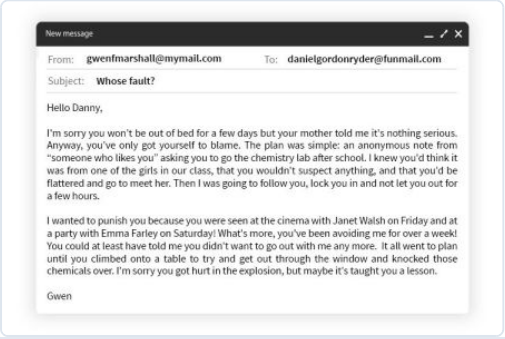
- there is extremely heavy traffic on Victoria Avenue
- when there's a chance, it's difficult to turn into the traffic fast enough
- **of the bend on the left, which means you can't see if it's clear to turn** ✓
- the traffic coming from the right is going too fast

43 Based on the information in the article, find the true sentence.



- Accidents at this junction have already resulted in several deaths.
- **It will probably take a fatal accident to make the council do anything about the problem.** ✓
- The council would like to build a wall here but hasn't been able to yet.
- Angela Wright is grateful to the council for listening to local residents.

44 Gwen is sorry that Danny … .


New message

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgordonryder@funmail.com

Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

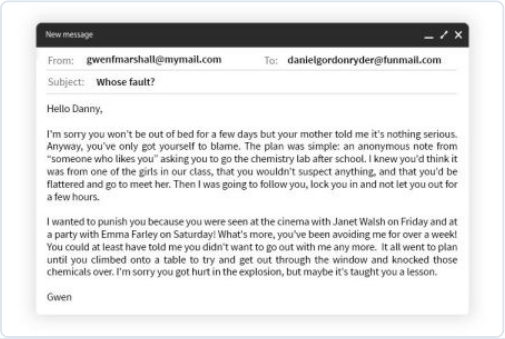
I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours.

I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- got out of the lab
- went out with other girls
- got locked in the lab
- **was injured** ✓

45 What do we definitely know about Danny?


New message

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgordonryder@funmail.com

Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

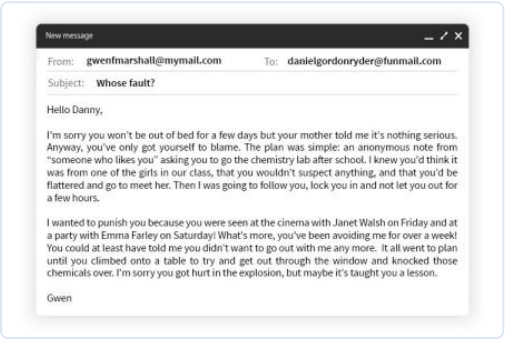
I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours.

I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- He is seriously ill.
- **He hasn't been out with Gwen for several days.** ✓
- He's going out with Gwen at the moment.
- He's been out with three different girls in the last week.

46 Gwen feels that … .


New message

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgordonryder@funmail.com

Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

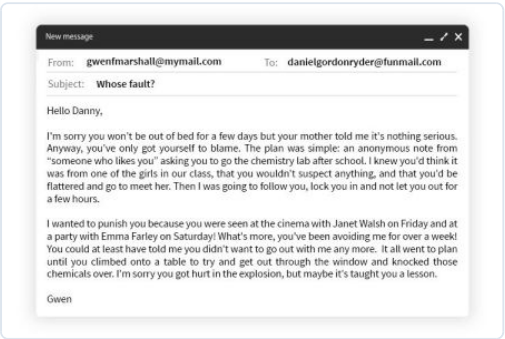
I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours.

I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- Danny didn't deserve what happened to him
- she has learned a lesson
- **she has been treated badly by Danny** ✓
- she did something very wrong

47 Find the sentence that we know is true.


New message

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgordonryder@funmail.com

Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

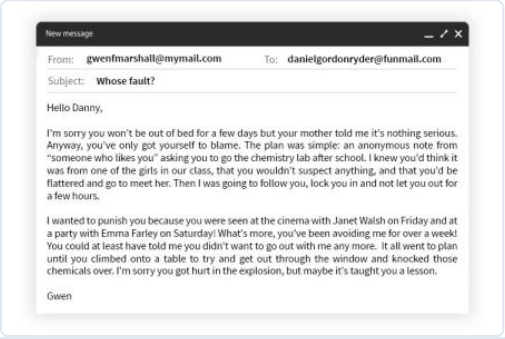
I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours.

I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- Gwen got a girl in Danny's class to write a note to him.
- The accident happened at the moment when Gwen locked Danny in the lab.
- **Danny thought he was going to the lab to meet a girl.** ✓
- Danny thought he knew exactly who had written the note.

48 Danny went to the lab ... .


New message

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgordonryder@funmail.com

Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours.

I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- even though he suspected something wasn't quite right
- because he wanted to punish the writer of the anonymous note
- **and found that he had walked into a trap set by Gwen** ✓
- but didn't get in because he couldn't open the door

49 In the USA, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner does not normally include ... .



- mashed potatoes
- roast turkey
- **fried chicken** ✓
- pumpkin pie

50 Mark Twain, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee are all American ... .



- folk singers
- **writers** ✓
- astronauts
- politicians

51 Easter Sunday is a public holiday in the UK, and so is ... Friday – the Friday before Easter Sunday.



- **Good** ✓
- Saintly
- Cross
- Final

52 The first vowel sound in “better” is the same as the vowel sound in “…”



- cheat
- **threat** ✓
- great
- straight

53 “The … for London tomorrow: cloudy with some rain in the afternoon, ” said the TV weatherman.



- outcome
- outset
- **outlook** ✓
- outfit

54 The pilot must have ejected because no body … from the wreckage of the plane.



- recovered anyone
- wasn't recovered at all
- **has been recovered** ✓
- has recovered anything

55 “Better … than … ,” is a common expression. Roger's mother uses it when she tells him he must wear a helmet when he's on his bike.



- sane … pain
- **safe … sorry** ✓
- care … dare
- fear … disappear