





















The Big Challenge 2026

Schulstufe 8






1		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoana• Gioanna• Joanna• Joawna
2		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just for a week.• No, I'm from Spain.• No, I come from North Africa.• Yes, I do.
3		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A hat.• A pair of sunglasses.• A passport.• A globe.
4		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are you?• I'm busy.• I'm free.• It's the right time.
5		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A• B• C• D
6		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday, 1st April.• Wednesday, 1st June.• Thursday, 2nd March.• Tuesday, 30th March.
7		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1943• 1961• 1963• 1953





8		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5 • £16 • £22 • £10
9		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.30 • 9.51 • 10.50 • 11.10
10		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
11		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much are they? • Can I help you? • Yes, please. • How many would you like?
12		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The police station. • The school. • The hospital. • The fire station.
13		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excuse me. • How are you? • I'm sorry. • Where am I?
14		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help yourself. • Push in. • You can help. • Go straight on.
15		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D





16		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They're sitting around a campfire. • In a tent, in the woods. • She's wearing a red woollen hat. • It's daytime.
17		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
18		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
19		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
20		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A • B • C • D
21	[AUDIO]	Listen to the conversation. What's the situation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A firefighter. • A wildlife photographer. • A dentist. • A coal miner.
25	[AUDIO]	Listen to the conversation. What are they talking about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grease • greys • graze • grace
30	[AUDIO]	Listen and find the word with the same two vowel sounds as the word you hear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • magic • engine • police • refill
31	[AUDIO]	Listen. Which group of words can you hear?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • four teas no more • ought to become • or more in order • have to be for

32	[AUDIO]	Listen and find the right answer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto. • Montreal. • Vancouver. • Ottawa.
33	[AUDIO]	Listen and answer the question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had • must • were able • obliged
35	That's funny. I don't remember ... my bike here. Someone's moved it!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I left • to leave • leaving • to have left
36	Taylor Swift released a new single recently but I ... heard it		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • won't ... will • didn't ... would come and • doesn't ... would • wouldn't ... will be able to

<p>39</p>	<p>Although she loved living in Japan, she ... using chopsticks instead of a knife and fork.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hadn't used with • didn't use to • never got used to • wasn't used for
<p>40</p>	<p>What do we know about the accident on Monday?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>41</p>	<p>Angela Wright ...</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>42</p>	<p>Turning right into Victoria Avenue can be a problem because ...</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>43</p>	<p>Based on the information in the article, find the true sentence.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>44</p>	<p>Gwen is sorry that Danny</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • got out of the lab • went out with other girls • got locked in the lab • was injured
<p>45</p>	<p>What do we definitely know about Danny?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>46</p>	<p>Gwen feels that</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mashed potatoes • roast turkey • fried chicken • pumpkin pie
50	Mark Twain, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee are all American ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • folk singers • writers • astronauts • politicians
51	Easter Sunday is a public holiday in the UK, and so is ... Friday – the Friday before Easter Sunday.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good • Sainly • Cross • Final

52	The first vowel sound in “better” is the same as the vowel sound in “...”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cheat • threat • great • straight
53	“The ... for London tomorrow: cloudy with some rain in the afternoon, ” said the TV weatherman.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outcome • outset • outlook • outfit
54	The pilot must have ejected because no body ... from the wreckage of the plane.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sane ... pain • safe ... sorry • care ... dare • fear ... disappear