The Big Challenge 2026

Answer key / Correction

Level 3

1 **Listen. Kelly's uncle asks her a question. What can she answer?**



♪ AUDIO

- Yes, I'm fine thanks.
- Yes, that's my name.
- **No, I'm thirteen.** ✓
- No, I haven't.

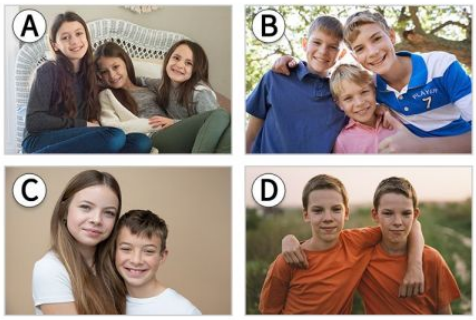
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♪ AUDIO

- I'm a doctor.
- Yes, I am.
- **Roger –Roger Grant.** ✓
- I'm not married.

3



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

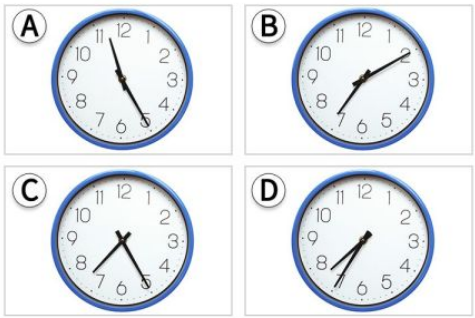
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♪ AUDIO

- **A plant.** ✓
- A cup.
- A teapot.
- A pink box

5



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

6



♪ AUDIO

- He's cool.
- Not me.
- **I don't like him either.** ✓
- Yes, me too.

7



♪ AUDIO

- £17.15
- **£70.15** ✓
- £70.50
- £17.50

8



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00	Maths	History	Geography	Maths	P.E.
9.50	English	Geography	English	French	
Break 10.40–11.00					
11.00	Science	Maths	Maths	Geography	Art
11.50		Music	History	English	
Lunch 12.40–1.40					
1.40	French	English	Games	Science	English
2.30	History	French			History

♪ AUDIO

History.

Maths. ✓

English.

Music.

10



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C ✓

D

11



♪ AUDIO

A ✓

B

C

D

12



♪ AUDIO

A

B ✓

C

D

13



♪ AUDIO

A

B ✓

C

D

14



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C

D ✓

15

Look and listen. Which man is the woman talking about? Find the right picture.



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C ✓

D

16



♪ AUDIO

How kind of you.

You're very welcome. ✓

I don't care.

I don't think so.

17



♪ AUDIO

It's Bob's birthday. He's going to thank his friends for his presents.

Bob's going to leave the room because the other people there bore him. ✓

Bob's having dinner. He doesn't want anything else to eat.

Bob's in love with someone. He's going to talk about it.

18

Look, and listen to the man speaking. Which photo is he in? Is it A, B, C or D?



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C ✓

D

19



♪ AUDIO

Get off!

Keep back! ✓

Take away!

Stay out!

20



♪ AUDIO

Thomas won a race, beating the record set by Catherine.

Thomas was very direct when he told Catherine she was going to lose her job. ✓

Catherine got an electric shock, and Thomas quickly repaired the fault.

Thomas rescued Catherine from the ruins of her house after an earthquake.

21



♪ AUDIO

- **She broke some plates and can't find new ones that are exactly the same.** ✓
- The sweets she's eating aren't as good as the last time she bought them.
- She's talking about an unhappy couple who were born in the same town.
- Her students are all good football players but they lost their last game.

22

♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation, and finish the woman's sentence.

- ... he's very busy
- **... he's not in today** ✓
- ... he'll see you in a few minutes.
- ... he's not very well

23

♪ AUDIO

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

- Well done!
- **That's good news.** ✓
- How awful!
- What a pity!

24

♪ AUDIO

Listen to Jack and his daughter in a restaurant. What can Jack say now?

- **It's up to you.** ✓
- Nothing's wrong.
- It's your turn.
- Never mind.

25

Look, and listen to the conversation in a clothes shop. What's the problem?



♪ AUDIO

- The shirt's the wrong size.
- The assistant always agrees with the customer.
- **The colour doesn't suit the customer.** ✓
- The shirt doesn't fit the customer.

26 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to Adam and Diane. Why did Richard make a phone call this morning?

- He was very angry with someone
- He wanted to congratulate someone.
- **He felt very sorry for someone.** ✓
- He knew that Diane was angry.

27 ♪ AUDIO

It's Ryan's first day as a scientist doing research at the North Pole. Listen to his conversation with a colleague. How do you interpret what Ryan says?

- He thinks it's exciting to be in such a remote place.
- He enjoys pushing himself to his limits.
- The farther they are away from civilisation, the better he feels.
- **Everything has gone well up to now.** ✓

28 ♪ AUDIO

It’s Halloween. Friends Claire and Jeremy are meeting up at Claire’s house before going to a Halloween party together. Listen to their conversation, then choose the sentence that is NOT true.

- Claire thinks that Jeremy is inappropriately dressed for the party.
- **Jeremy couldn’t find anything suitable to wear to the party.** ✓
- Claire is probably wearing a black dress with white make up.
- It’s not necessary to wear a costume but the party’s hosts probably hope their guests will make the effort.

29 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. What's the word?

- true
- throw
- though
- **through** ✓

30 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. What three words can you hear?

- world, later, chip
- **word, later, ship** ✓
- word, lighter, ship
- world, letter, chip

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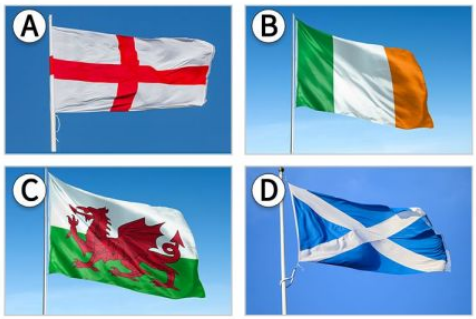
♪ AUDIO

Listen and find the word that rhymes.

- soon
- shone
- crown
- **flown** ✓

32

Listen and choose the right picture.



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- C
- **D** ✓

33



♪ AUDIO

- The Lincoln Memorial
- The White House
- **The Capitol Building** ✓
- The Washington Monument

34

It's already 10.15, sir. Normally, we ... breakfast until 10 am.



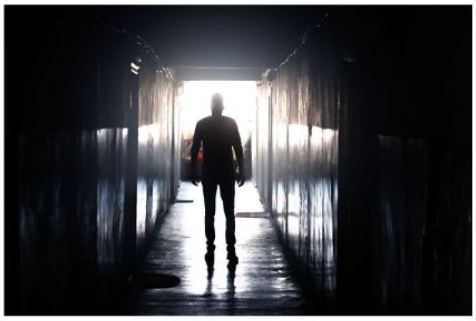
- aren't serving
- **only serve** ✓
- are serving
- are going to serve

35 Lily doesn't pay enough attention in class, so she ... much progress this term.



- doesn't make
- hasn't got
- **isn't making** ✓
- makes not

36 Follow him when he ... the building, and don't lose sight of him!



- will leave
- is leaving
- **leaves** ✓
- left

37 Kevin often hit the ball so hard that it ... into the neighbour's garden.



- **sometimes went** ✓
- is going
- nearly goes
- falls almost

38 My sister has got her own flat now. I ... her ... several weeks.



- don't visit ... for
- am not visiting ... since
- didn't see ... since
- **haven't seen ... for** ✓

39 He pretended to have lots of friends because he didn't want … he was lonely.



- **people to think** ✓
- for everyone thought
- that people thought
- that his parents think

40 Find the best title for this film.

An extract from a film script

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NICK: (*laughing*) I suppose so, but they're part of the family really. And they come with us when we go to the castle in the summer.
EMILY: Did you say "castle"?
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- Invasion From Jupiter
- The Last Gladiator
- Wild West Adventures
- **Money Isn't Everything** ✓

41 We know that the Corvans … .

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- own a flat in the house where Nick lives
- are Nick's relatives
- **work for Nick's parents** ✓
- never leave London

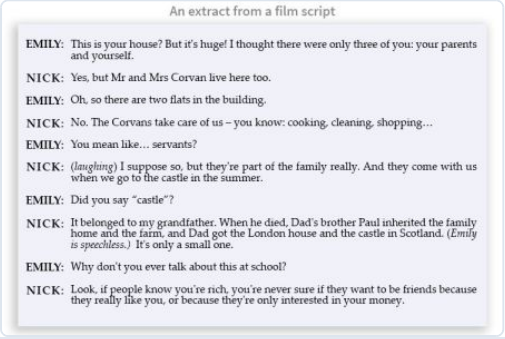
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- it's important that no one at all knows his family's rich
- no one will want to be his friend if they find out he's rich
- **it can be difficult for rich people to find real friends** ✓
- it's OK to tell Emily that he's rich because she' s rich too

43 Find the sentence that isn't true.



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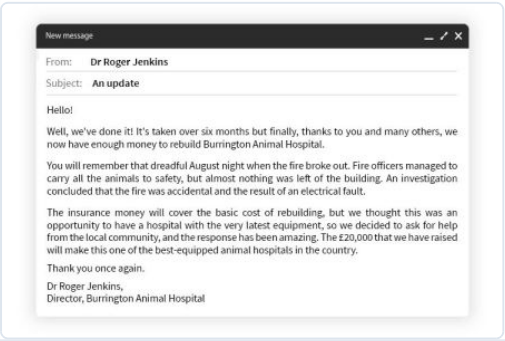
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- Nick doesn't stay in England during the summer.
- Emily can hardly believe what Nick tells her.
- Members of two different families live in this house.
- **Paul owns two houses and lives on a farm with his father.** ✓

44 The purpose of this email is to announce … .



New message

From: Dr Roger Jenkins

Subject: An update

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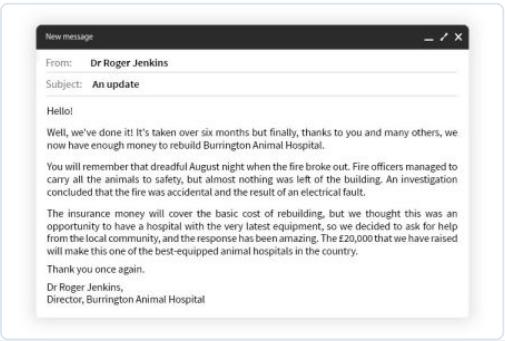
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Thank you once again.

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- **some good news** ✓
- that someone needs money
- some bad news
- that there has been a fire

45 Dr Jenkins is sending this email to … .



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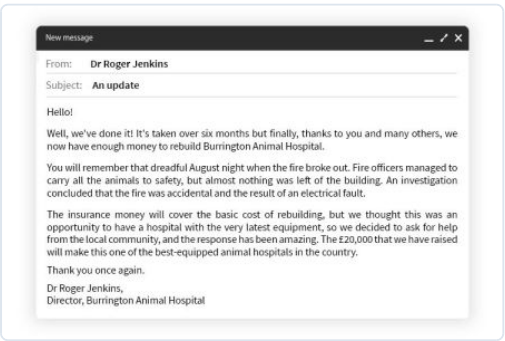
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- the person who gave the hospital £20,000
- **the people who gave money to the hospital** ✓
- the fire officers who saved the animals' lives
- an insurance company

46 The email tells us that … .



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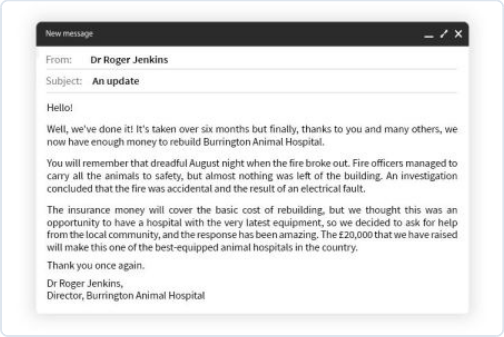
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- **the hospital was almost completely destroyed** ✓
- the fire broke out during a storm
- very few animals died in the fire
- the hospital was slightly damaged

47 Find the true sentence.


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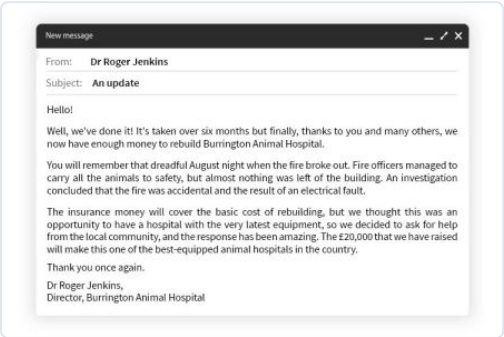
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- Someone set fire to the hospital last August.
- The new hospital has just re-opened.
- **Dr Jenkins is surprised that so many people gave money.** ✓
- This email is dated the 25th of September.

48 According to the email, Dr Jenkins asked the local community for money because ... .


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- he knows that people spend a lot on their pets
- **he wants the hospital to be better equipped than before** ✓
- he can't afford to buy any equipment for the hospital
- the building was insured, but the equipment wasn't

49 The Union Jack is the name of ... .



- the British national anthem
- the American constitution
- **the flag of the United Kingdom** ✓
- a park in New York City

50 Canada is ... the United States of America.



- the largest state of
- one of the states of
- smaller than
- **larger than** ✓

51 Aboriginal people, Maori, and … Americans are all First Nations.



- **Native** ✓
- Founding
- African
- Latin

52 The fox usually walks across their garden every evening, but it … three days now.



- didn't do that during
- hasn't walked since last
- **hasn't been seen for** ✓
- hasn't been for a walk since

53 “Tap,” “mat” and “towel” are all associated with … .



- dances
- beaches
- yoga classes
- **bathrooms** ✓

54 April 1st – called April …’ Day – is when people play tricks on each other.



- **Fools** ✓
- Comics
- Fishes
- Jokes

55 Find the pair of words that contains the same vowel sound. For example: sister/decide.



- drawing, extreme
- **eighteen, update** ✓
- Arctic, lighter
- parcel, untrue