The Big Challenge 2023

Answer key / Correction

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

♪ AUDIO

For ten years.

Yes, I am.

I'm thirty. ✓

Pretty good, thanks.

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

♪ AUDIO

No, I come from Scotland. ✓

Not very often.

Yes, please.

He lives in Manhattan.

3 **Look and listen. What is the woman talking about?**

♪ AUDIO

Some notebooks. ✓

Some pencils.

A pair of scissors.

A calculator.

4 **Listen to two tourists chatting on the beach. When did Carrie arrive here?**

♪ AUDIO

Last Sunday. ✓

Three days ago.

On Thursday.

Last Saturday.

5 **Listen to the information about Neil Armstrong. When was he born?**

♪ AUDIO

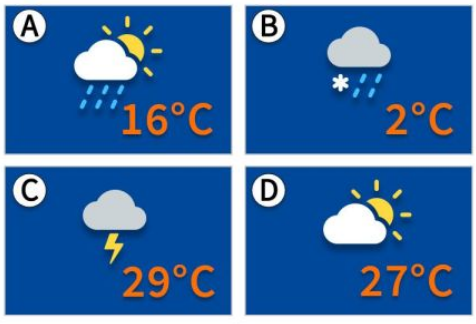
- 1922
- **1930** ✓
- 1941
- 1952

6 **Look, and listen to the woman. When she's at work, she says this to lots of people. It's part of her job. Which picture is she in?**

♪ AUDIO

- **Image A** ✓
- Image C
- Image B
- Image D

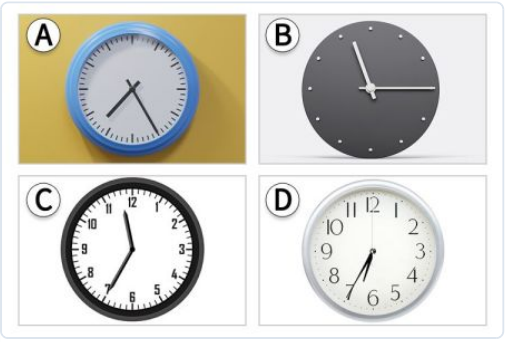
7 **Look, and listen to the weather forecast. Which picture does the forecast correspond to?**



♪ AUDIO

- Image A
- **Image C** ✓
- Image B
- Image D

8 **Look and listen to the conversation. The train is late. What time will it leave today? Choose the right clock.**



♪ AUDIO

- Image A
- **Image C** ✓
- Image B
- Image D

9 **Look, and listen to the conversation in a bakery in England. How much is the man going to pay?**

♪ AUDIO

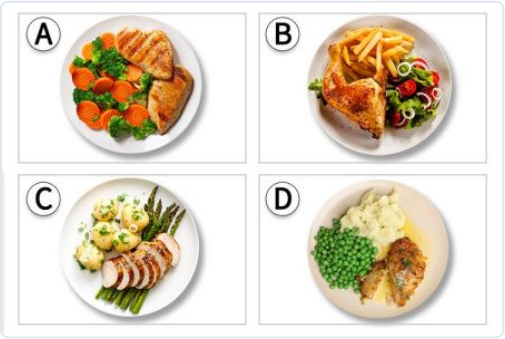
- **£10** ✓
- £8.60
- £9.50
- £8

10 **Look. You are standing outside the café where the cross is. Listen, and follow the instructions. Where do you end up?**

♪ AUDIO

- The school.
- **The supermarket.** ✓
- The hotel.
- The café.

11 **Look and listen. Which dish is the woman ordering?**



♪ AUDIO

- Image A
- Image C
- Image B
- **Image D** ✓

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

♪ AUDIO

- **Jerry Gohain** ✓
- Gerry Johian
- Gerry Joagin
- Jerry Goajin

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

♪ AUDIO

- **laughing out loud** ✓
- love of life
- lots of love
- lots of luck

14 **Look, listen, and find the right answer to the question.**

♪ AUDIO

- She's wearing a green top.
- A mobile phone.
- **They’re making a video.** ✓
- In the kitchen.

15 **Tom and Jane are in a restaurant. Listen to the waitress. What could they say to her now?**

♪ AUDIO

Could we have the bill?

Yes, I'll have the burger, please. ✓

A table for two, please.

It was delicious, thanks.

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

♪ AUDIO

Image A

Image C

Image B

Image D ✓

17 **Look, listen and find the painting that the woman is talking about.**

♪ AUDIO

Image A

Image C

Image B

Image D ✓

18 **Look at the pictures and listen to the list of words. Which picture are the words associated with?**

♪ AUDIO

Image A ✓

Image C

Image B

Image D

19 **Listen to the woman. What can you say about her reaction to the event she describes?**

♪ AUDIO

- **She couldn't stop herself laughing.** ✓
- She stopped laughing.
- She didn't think it was funny.
- She was angry because people laughed.

20 **Look, and listen to the man. What job is he talking about? Find the right picture.**

♪ AUDIO

- **Image A** ✓
- Image C
- Image B
- Image D

21 **Kelly and Mike are watching a TV series. Listen and find the sentence that ISN'T true.**

♪ AUDIO

- Kelly used to like this series, but not any more.
- **Philip Mason's reputation has risen because of social media.** ✓
- Kelly was a fan of Philip Mason at one point.
- A lot of people believe that Philip Mason is a bully.

22 ♪ AUDIO

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

- **He's cooking something.** ✓
- He's getting ready to go out.
- He's giving his wife flowers.
- He's making coffee.

23 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What's the woman looking for?

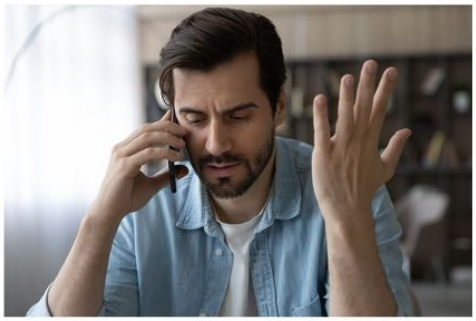
- A good book to read.
- A birthday cake.
- **A new coat.** ✓
- A new shower curtain.

24 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the phone conversation between Katy and her father, Bob. What's going to happen?

- **Bob's going to pick Katy up at Anna's house.** ✓
- Katy's going to get the next bus home.
- Katy's going to get a lift from Anna's parents.
- Bob's going to wait for Katy to come home.

25 **Listen to the conversation between Jane and Frank. What can you say about Frank?**



♪ AUDIO

- He’s putting his clothes away in his wardrobe.
- He's telling his girlfriend he doesn’t want to see her anymore.
- He's going to stop working and retire.
- **He's about to end the phone conversation.** ✓

26 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What is the man looking for?

- **A fire alarm.** ✓
- An exit door in a club.
- An exhibit in a museum.
- A recycling bin for glass.

27 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between this husband and wife. What happened to the woman on the train?

- She began screaming for help.
- She managed to escape.
- **She lost consciousness.** ✓
- She gave people water.

28

♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What could the girl say to the boy now?

- You're building castles in the air.
- **It's not rocket science.** ✓
- There's an elephant in the room.
- It's not the end of the world.

29

♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which word can you hear?

- sound
- sight
- sand
- **signed** ✓

30

♪ AUDIO

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

- children
- **cyber** ✓
- river
- guitar

31

♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which group of words can you hear?

- considerably interesting to
- **two particular models** ✓
- the customer has showed
- interest into particular

32

♪ AUDIO

- A buffalo.
- **A bald eagle.** ✓
- A lion.
- A horse.

33 **Listen and answer the question.**

♪ AUDIO

- **Hawaii.** ✓
- Florida.
- California.
- Montana.

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Who ..... all the cookies? Was it you, Maggie?

- did
- **ate** ✓
- was
- makes

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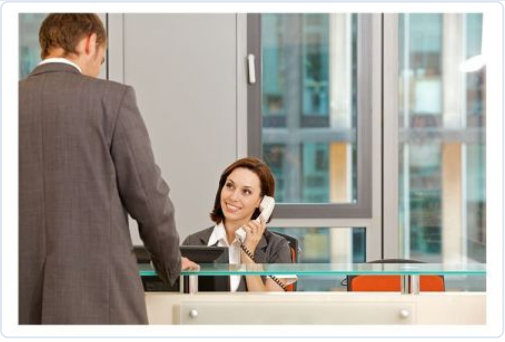

Mrs Blake ..... to a client at the moment. She'll be with you shortly.

- says
- was meeting
- **is talking** ✓
- speaks

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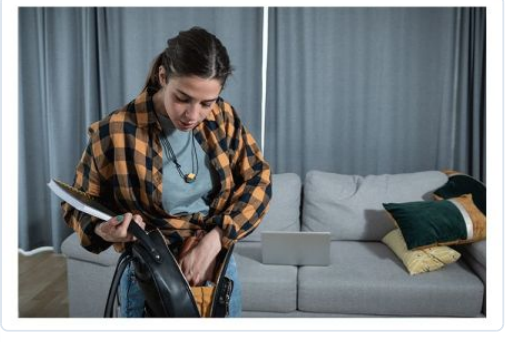

Where are my headphones? I ..... be able to listen to music on the bus without them!

- want
- going to
- can't
- **won't** ✓

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Maria is Spanish and ..... been abroad before. She has spent all her life in Spain.

has yet

has never ✓

already have

ever was

38

If we had a garden, I ..... a dog.

would get ✓

bought

will want

adopt

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I need to use the printer but it ..... out your report for the last five minutes. How many pages are left?

was printing

printed

has been printing ✓

has printed

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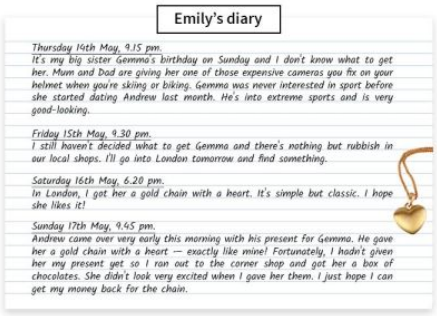

Emily's diary

Thursday 14th May, 9.15 pm.
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I still haven't decided what to get Gemma and there's nothing but rubbish in our local shops. I'll go into London tomorrow and find something.

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In London, I got her a gold chain with a heart. It's simple but classic. I hope she likes it!

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What do we know about Emily and Gemma?

Emily is older than Gemma.

Emily's boyfriend is called Andrew.

Gemma's birthday is on the seventeenth of May. ✓

Emily and Gemma are cousins.

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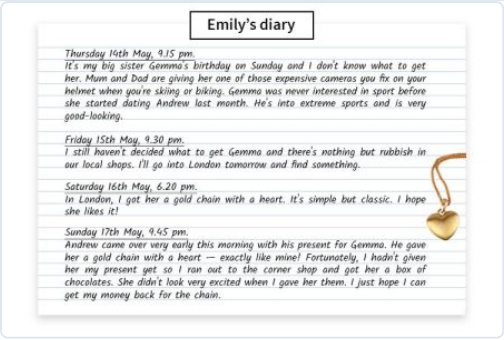
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From Emily's diary entry on Thursday, we find out that ..... .

- her parents are giving Gemma a cheap camera
- **Gemma's boyfriend is very handsome** ✓
- Gemma has always done a lot of sport
- Andrew has been seeing Gemma since last year

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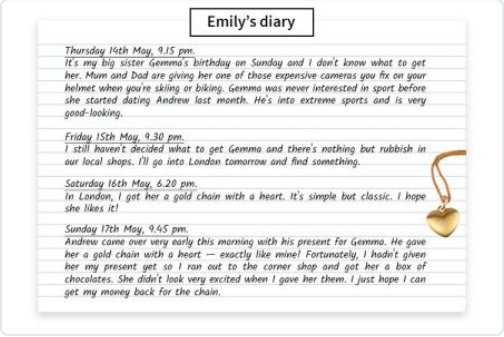
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What do we know about the first present that Emily bought for Gemma?

- It was an unusual silver chain.
- **It was a necklace with a heart.** ✓
- It was made of gold and star-shaped.
- She bought it in a local jewellery shop.

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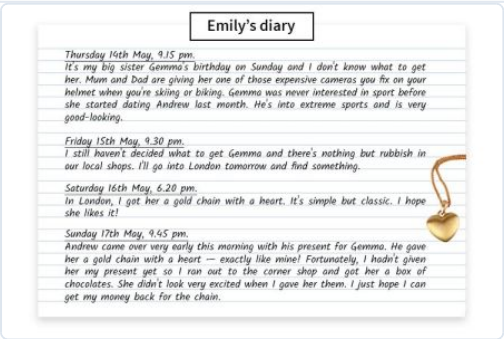
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Based on what Emily writes, find the sentence that ISN'T true.

- Emily bought a box of chocolates on Sunday morning.
- Gemma seemed a little disappointed by Emily's gift.
- Emily is going to return the chain to the shop where she bought it.
- **Gemma now has two chains that are exactly the same.** ✓

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An article in a local newspaper

≡ Linston News NEWS WHAT'S ON WEATHER

A local hero! By Rachel Cathcart, September 12th

People are calling 15-year-old Brian Watson a superhero, but even he admits that he doesn't look anything like one. "I've always been shorter and thinner than other boys of my age," said Brian, who goes to school here in Linston. "I often used to get bullied at school, and girls never looked twice at me. But all that has changed now!"

The event that changed his life happened when he was on holiday in Cornwall with his parents in August. They were on a guided tour of some underground caves with about 20 other people. While they were inside, the roof of the entrance suddenly collapsed and everyone was trapped. They couldn't call for help because no one could get a signal on their phone. However, there was a tiny gap in the rocks that were blocking the entrance. It was too small for anyone to get through – except Brian! He managed to crawl through it, run to the nearest farm and get help.

Brian Watson at the cave

Brian, not a typical hero!

This article is from a newspaper that covers news about ..... .

- **Linston** ✓
- Cornwall
- caves
- superheroes

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An article in a local newspaper

We know that Brian ..... .

- needs to lose some weight
- thinks that he looks like a superhero
- **is short and thin** ✓
- is tall for his age

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An article in a local newspaper

In August, ...

- **some people were trapped underground** ✓
- a tour guide collapsed in a cave
- Brian and his parents went to live in Cornwall
- Brian spent his holidays in Linston

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An article in a local newspaper

The problem for the people in the cave was that ..... .

- they couldn't open the door at the entrance
- the entrance was blocked because the walls had collapsed
- no one had a mobile phone except Brian
- **no one except Brian could get through the gap in the rocks** ✓

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An article in a local newspaper

According to the article which sentence is NOT true?

- Brian gets more attention from girls now.
- **When Brian got out of the cave, he called for help on his phone.** ✓
- Even though he's small and thin, Brian doesn't get bullied any longer
- The roof to the cave entrance was made of rocks.

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..... players wear caps and short-sleeved shirts during games. They also need bats – and a ball, of course!

- Basketball
- Soccer
- **Baseball** ✓
- American football

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Which American holiday celebrates an event that took place in 1776?

- **Independence Day.** ✓
- Thanksgiving.
- Halloween.
- Martin Luther King Day.

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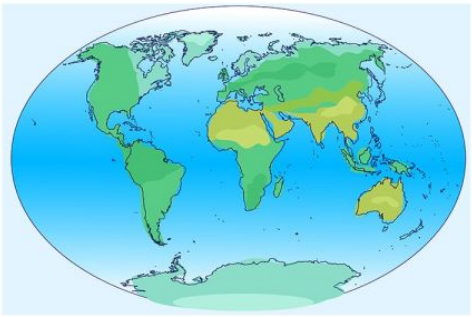

..... is an English-speaking country that is about 40 times larger than the UK but has only about half as many inhabitants.

- **Canada** ✓
- Guyana
- Australia
- Liberia

52

Complete the missing word in this sentence: "He had a very strict up..... ; for example, he was never allowed to go to bed late."

- **bringing** ✓
- coming
- lifting
- holding

53

By the time Richard got to the party, the other guests ..... .

- made a lot of noise
- have been dancing for ages
- **had already arrived** ✓
- didn't arrive yet

54

Paul is on the phone. He's saying, "That's the last straw." What else could he say?

- I've finally got what I want after waiting for a long time.
- **I've had enough. This new problem is too much.** ✓
- I haven't got any money left.
- My new computer is absolutely fantastic

55

“Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country,” were perhaps the most famous words ever spoken by ….. .

- Winston Churchill
- Martin Luther King
- Queen Elizabeth I
- **John F. Kennedy** ✓