

# The Big Challenge paper 2025

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1		In the photo, the man and woman are ... .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>going to get on a plane</b></li><li>• buying plane tickets</li><li>• at the beach</li><li>• driving to their hotel</li></ul>
2		The man ... his phone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has got a problem with</li><li>• <b>is taking a selfie with</b></li><li>• is trying to find</li><li>• is making a call on</li></ul>
3		What can you see in the photo?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a bottle, a necklace, the sky</li><li>• sunglasses, shorts, a picnic</li><li>• the sea, bags, teeth</li><li>• <b>passengers, a hat, an airplane</b></li></ul>
4	The opposite of "loud" is ... .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• short</li><li>• easy</li><li>• <b>quiet</b></li><li>• sweet</li></ul>
5	Could you ... me to the group, please?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>add</b></li><li>• chat</li><li>• search</li><li>• download</li></ul>
6	Choose a name for this "family" of words: menu, waiter, table		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A kitchen</li><li>• Computers</li><li>• <b>A restaurant</b></li><li>• A hospital</li></ul>

7	<p>"How do we get out of this car park?" "Look, the sign there says '...'. "</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go away</li> <li>• <b>Exit</b></li> <li>• Turn off</li> <li>• Danger</li> </ul>
8	<p>Take the first left, then ... the road at the traffic lights.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>cross</b></li> <li>• close</li> <li>• climb</li> <li>• catch</li> </ul>
9		<p>Agatha Christie was ....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an English criminal</li> <li>• a Belgian detective</li> <li>• <b>a successful writer</b></li> <li>• a British queen</li> </ul>
10		<p>We know that Hercule Poirot ....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• was the greatest English detective</li> <li>• <b>had a big moustache</b></li> <li>• was Christie's only popular character</li> <li>• was married to Miss Marple</li> </ul>
11		<p>What do we know about Agatha Christie's books?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About four million of her books have been sold.</li> <li>• Agatha Christie wrote sixty-six romance novels.</li> <li>• <b>"The Mysterious Affair at Styles" was her first novel.</b></li> <li>• She wrote "The Murder on the Orient Express" in 1920.</li> </ul>

12		<p>Find the true sentence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agatha Christie died when she was quite young.</li> <li>• She was travelling on a train in Europe when she died.</li> <li>• Many people were surprised by her death.</li> <li>• <b>Agatha Christie was born and died in the same country.</b></li> </ul>
13	<p>... Jane like chocolate? "Yes, she does."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Does</b></li> <li>• Do</li> <li>• Did</li> <li>• Don't</li> </ul>
14	<p>"Who is the woman with the brown hair?" "That's ... sister."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• he is</li> <li>• John has</li> <li>• <b>John's</b></li> <li>• he's</li> </ul>
15	<p>We ... to the skatepark yesterday. It was so much fun!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will go</li> <li>• <b>went</b></li> <li>• did you go</li> <li>• going</li> </ul>
16	<p>My sister is ... than my brother.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• best</li> <li>• short</li> <li>• the funny</li> <li>• <b>older</b></li> </ul>
17	<p>"I'd like to buy this postcard. ... does it cost?" "It costs 50p."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many</li> <li>• Are there many</li> <li>• <b>How much</b></li> <li>• Have you</li> </ul>
18		<p>This is a photo of American football ... at a school in Hawaii.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers</li> <li>• <b>players</b></li> <li>• please</li> <li>• place</li> </ul>

19		The boy in white is ... the ball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• running</li> <li>• racing</li> <li>• <b>holding</b></li> <li>• throwing</li> </ul>
20		The boys in the other team are thinking, "..."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have to help him!</li> <li>• Yes! He's got the ball!</li> <li>• <b>We need to stop him!</b></li> <li>• I hope he scores!</li> </ul>
21		Find the list of words associated with sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>team, rules, kick</b></li> <li>• catch, truck, goal</li> <li>• hit, win, lamp</li> <li>• purse, points, net</li> </ul>
22	Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne are cities in ....		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the United States</li> <li>• England</li> <li>• Canada</li> <li>• <b>Australia</b></li> </ul>
23	The ... are the native people of New Zealand.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maori</b></li> <li>• Kiwi</li> <li>• All Blacks</li> <li>• Fiji</li> </ul>
24	California is on the ... coast of the United States of America.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• north</li> <li>• south</li> <li>• east</li> <li>• <b>west</b></li> </ul>
25	The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from ....		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the United Kingdom</li> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• <b>France</b></li> <li>• Ireland</li> </ul>
26	It is 9 o'clock in the morning. You see your neighbour and say, "..."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good morning.</b></li> <li>• Goodbye.</li> <li>• See you tomorrow!</li> <li>• Good luck!</li> </ul>

27	<p>Someone says, "If you enjoyed this, be sure to like it and subscribe for more!" Who is speaking?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A teacher during a lesson.</li> <li>• A friend who gives you a gift.</li> <li>• <b>Someone in a YouTube video.</b></li> <li>• A salesperson in a shop.</li> </ul>
28	<p>In London, you ask for directions but the person speaks too quickly. What can you say?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "<b>Could you speak more slowly?</b>"</li> <li>• "I'm afraid I can't hear you."</li> <li>• "I don't believe you!"</li> <li>• "Please speak faster."</li> </ul>
29	<p>Emily tells Rosie that she can't go to her house on Saturday as planned. Rosie isn't upset. She says, "... You can come another time."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you mind?</li> <li>• That's awful!</li> <li>• Careful!</li> <li>• <b>Never mind!</b></li> </ul>
30	<p>Jake's T-shirt has got a big hole in it. His mum says, "I can't repair it. I'm afraid we have to ..." .</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pick it up</li> <li>• <b>throw it away</b></li> <li>• give it up</li> <li>• get better</li> </ul>
31	<p>Sally says to Harry, "Have you got everything? It's time to check out." She means that they .... .</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a list of things to do</li> <li>• have to pay the bill in a cafe</li> <li>• <b>need to leave their hotel</b></li> <li>• are going to the doctor's</li> </ul>
32	<p>Find the word that rhymes with "cheese".</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this</li> <li>• dress</li> <li>• <b>please</b></li> <li>• teach</li> </ul>



38		<p>Find the sentence that ISN'T true.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Alcatraz prisoner ever swam to freedom.</li> <li>• You'll hear stories about the prisoners and see how they lived.</li> <li>• You don't need to pay extra for the boat.</li> <li>• <b>The prisoners don't like having their photos taken.</b></li> </ul>
39	<p>The teacher spoke to the students and ... study more for the exam.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• said all they have to</li> <li>• asked for it</li> <li>• <b>told them all to</b></li> <li>• wanted for them</li> </ul>
40	<p>If it ... soon, we won't have any tomatoes this year.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• isn't raining</li> <li>• <b>doesn't rain</b></li> <li>• won't rain</li> <li>• isn't going to rain</li> </ul>
41	<p>This is the ... chocolate cake I've ...</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>most delicious ... ever eaten</b></li> <li>• best ... never had</li> <li>• worse ... tasted</li> <li>• biggest ... ever saw</li> </ul>
42	<p>Whose statue stands at the top of the column in Trafalgar Square?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Shakespeare.</li> <li>• <b>Admiral Lord Nelson.</b></li> <li>• William the Conqueror.</li> <li>• Queen Victoria.</li> </ul>
43	<p>There's no Wi-Fi at the moment. ... since this morning.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There isn't any</li> <li>• <b>It's been down</b></li> <li>• It broke down</li> <li>• It wasn't on</li> </ul>

44	Complete the family of words: full stop, bracket, comma, ... .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tray</li><li>• <b>dash</b></li><li>• band</li><li>• strip</li></ul>
45	Which pair of words doesn't sound the same?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• scene, seen</li><li>• stare, stair</li><li>• mind, mined</li><li>• <b>wish, witch</b></li></ul>