The Big Challenge paper 2025

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1		The two young women are … .	- **singing into microphones** - playing musical instruments - holding drinks - talking quietly
2		The young men are probably thinking, "…"	- They should be pop stars! - **They're terrible singers!** - I hope they don't stop! - What great voices!
3		Find the list of words associated with parties.	- decorations, maths, dancing - **celebration, guests, gifts** - balloons, cake, bank - forest, invitation, entertain
4	The opposite of "early" is … .		- noisy - **late** - tired - kind
5	Complete the list: mirror, lamp, carpet, … .		- heart - handbag - **armchair** - subway
6	"Did you win or … the football match?" "We won!"		- forget - **lose** - hide - leave

7	"Could you … my cat while I'm on holiday?" "Yes, no problem."		**look after** - be careful - take off - find out
8	Find a name for this "family" of words: cash, purse, earn.		**Money** - Time - Clothes - Art
9		What do we know about Mark?	**He's on holiday in Egypt.** - He went to Egypt last year. - He lives in Egypt. - He's back home now.
10		Mark tells Tom that … .	- the hotel isn't very nice and it's too hot **he's been in Egypt for one week** - he hasn't been in the hotel pool yet - he's not having much fun
11		We know that Tom … .	- has ridden a camel before - visited the desert last year - has never wanted to see the pyramids **learned how to dive on holiday**
12		Find the sentence that is true.	**Mark will see the Egyptian pyramids next week.** - Mark is going to Cairo tomorrow. - Mark has already been diving before. - Mark didn't go to the desert yesterday.

13	"Whose phone is ringing?" "It's … . I'll turn it off, sorry."		- my - I **mine** - me
14	"What … do last night?" "I read comic books."		- do I - have they **did you** - will you
15	John … when his alarm went off at 7 am.		- dreams - is awake - has slept **was sleeping**
16	Quick! If you … the house now, you'll catch the bus.		**leave** - are going - won't go - will leave
17	"… there … bread left?" "There's a little."		- Are … many - Have … some - Isn't … all **Is … much**
18		The people in the photo are … at the beach.	- having a picnic **picking up rubbish** - throwing away bottles - washing up dishes
19		These people are volunteers. A volunteer is someone who … .	**does a job but isn't paid** - makes very little money - doesn't have a boss - can't find a job
20		The woman is glad to be there. She is probably thinking, "…"	- What's the point? - I wish I was at home! **It's good to make a difference.** - No one will notice.

21		Find the list of words associated with the environment.	• **recycle, nature, protect** • Earth, planet, jump • spoon, plastic, ocean • pollution, peach, climate
22	The … State Building is in New York City.		• White • Liberty • **Empire** • Golden
23	Saint … is the patron saint of Ireland.		• George • Andrew • David • **Patrick**
24	Silicon Valley in California is famous for		• earthquakes • **technological progress** • the production of oranges • the movie stars who live there
25	The ... Party is one of the two main British political parties.		• Union • Democratic • Republican • **Labour**
26	It is morning. Lucy is going to school. Her mum says, "…"		• **Have a good day!** • Welcome! • Good night! • Happy birthday!
27	You are in a restaurant. You have finished eating and want to pay. What can you say to the waiter?		• "Can I see the menu, please?" • **"Could I have the bill, please?"** • "Do you have a table for two?" • "I'd like fish and chips, please."

28	Someone says, "Take one tablet twice a day for a week: one with breakfast, one with dinner." Who is speaking?		- A chef. - A computer salesperson. **A doctor.** - A teacher.
29	Joe is writing an email to someone he doesn't know. He is asking for information for a school project. How can he end the email?		"Good luck" "Lots of love" "See you later" **"Best regards"**
30	A police officer asks if he can look around Mr Brown's house. Mr Brown says, "Certainly, go ahead." Another way of saying this is "..."		- It's very straight forward. - It doesn't matter. - That's a pity. **By all means.**
31	Tom's bought an expensive camera. "It cost me a fortune," he says. He could also say, "It cost me ... ."		- a cow and a pig - a hand and a foot **an arm and a leg** - a house and a home
32	Find the word that DOES NOT rhyme with "chair".		- bear **near** - wear - pear
33	Find the pair of words that rhymes.		- put, but **knew, queue** - hurt, heard - chose, shoes
34	"Competition" = o o O o. "Architecture" = ...		**O o o o** - o O o o - o o O o - o o o O

35		Groundhog Day is … .	- originally a British tradition **an event in the USA and Canada** - a small brown animal - a special day in spring
36		The town of Punxsutawney … .	- has celebrated Groundhog Day since 1987 - is in Canada **has the most famous Groundhog Day event** - has a population of 40,000
37		According to the legend, if the groundhog … .	**doesn't go back inside, there will be an early spring** - sees a shadow, there will be six more months of winter - is too cold, he won't come outside - stays outside, there will be six more weeks until spring
38		Find the sentence that is NOT TRUE.	- Even though Phil's predictions are often wrong, people like the event. - Lots of people became aware of Groundhog Day because of a film. - The film 'Groundhog Day' takes place on 2 February. **The Groundhog Day tradition started after the 1993 film.**

39	Ever since Carrie broke up with James, she ... the boy next door.		• was seeing • **has been seeing** • is seeing • has seen
40	By midnight it was clear the Prince ... fallen in love with Cinderella.		• would have • has • **had** • has been
41	Peter's father ... him ... to Mrs Brown for his bad behaviour.		• made ... to say sorry • got ... apologise • had ... to apologise • **made ... apologise**
42	"Where are they? They ... here hours ago. I hope they're ok."		• are supposed to be • **should have been** • will have arrived • have been coming
43	The stripes on the US flag represent		• the current states • freedom • the English flag • **the first American colonies**
44	The hotel has some rooms that over... the car park.		• **look** • see • come • view
45	"A storm in a … " means a big argument over something small.		• **teacup** • sink • bottle • pool