The Big Challenge paper 2025

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Answer key / Correction

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

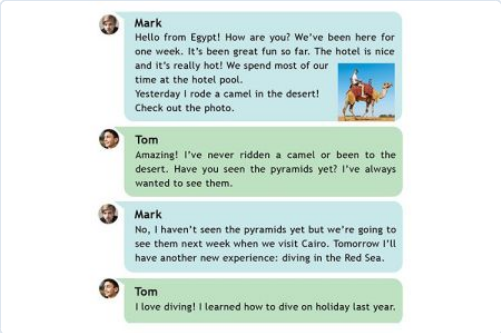
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We know that Tom ... .

- 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

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The ceremony

Groundhog Day is ... .

- originally a British tradition
- **an event in the USA and Canada** ✓
- a small brown animal
- a special day in spring

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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

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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

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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