



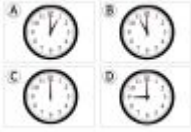












# The Big Challenge online 2026


## 3<sup>a</sup> media

1		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm thirteen years old.</li> <li>• I like video games.</li> <li>• <b>I live in Boston, in the United States.</b></li> <li>• I've got a dog and a cat.</li> </ul>
2		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm a doctor.</li> <li>• Yes, I am.</li> <li>• <b>Roger – Roger Grant.</b></li> <li>• I'm not married.</li> </ul>
3		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
4		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A plant.</b></li> <li>• A cup.</li> <li>• A teapot.</li> <li>• A pink box</li> </ul>
5		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
6		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
7		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £17.15</li> <li>• £70.15</li> <li>• £70.50</li> <li>• <b>£17.50</b></li> </ul>

8		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
9		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History.</li> <li>• <b>Maths.</b></li> <li>• English.</li> <li>• Music.</li> </ul>
10		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
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14		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• C</li> <li>• <b>D</b></li> </ul>
15		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>




16		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How kind of you.</li> <li>• <b>You're welcome.</b></li> <li>• I don't care.</li> <li>• This is for you.</li> </ul>
17		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A</b></li> <li>• B</li> <li>• C</li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
18		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• B</li> <li>• <b>C</b></li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
19		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A</li> <li>• <b>B</b></li> <li>• C</li> <li>• D</li> </ul>
20		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas won a race, beating the record set by Catherine.</li> <li>• <b>Thomas was very direct when he told Catherine she was going to lose her job.</b></li> <li>• Catherine got an electric shock, and Thomas quickly repaired the fault.</li> <li>• Thomas rescued Catherine from the ruins of her house after an earthquake.</li> </ul>





21		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>She broke some plates and can't find new ones that are exactly the same.</b></li> <li>• The sweets she's eating aren't as good as the last time she bought them.</li> <li>• She's talking about an unhappy couple who were born in the same town.</li> <li>• Her students are all good football players but they lost their last game.</li> </ul>
22	[AUDIO]	Listen to the conversation. Which sentence is true?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The boy and girl are tired after a busy week at school.</li> <li>• <b>The boy and girl will see each other at school the next day.</b></li> <li>• The boy and girl are talking on Monday morning</li> <li>• The boy and girl are talking about their favourite school subjects.</li> </ul>
23	[AUDIO]	Listen to the conversation. What can the man say now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well done!</li> <li>• <b>That's good news.</b></li> <li>• How awful!</li> <li>• Too bad!</li> </ul>






24	[AUDIO]	Listen to a man (Jack) and his daughter (Lily) in a restaurant. Which sentence is true?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jack wants Lily to order what she really wants.</b></li> <li>• Lily's mum won't be pleased about the girl choosing something unhealthy.</li> <li>• Jack says they should lie to Lily's mum about the dessert order.</li> <li>• Lily wanted a chocolate caramel sundae but her dad said it was too expensive.</li> </ul>
25		[AUDIO]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shirt's the wrong size.</li> <li>• The assistant always agrees with the customer.</li> <li>• <b>The colour doesn't suit the customer.</b></li> <li>• The shirt doesn't fit the assistant.</li> </ul>
26	[AUDIO]	Julie calls an office. Listen to her conversation with the receptionist. What can Julie say next?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please leave a message.</li> <li>• OK. I'll tell him to call you.</li> <li>• Fine, I'll come back later.</li> <li>• <b>Could you tell him I called?</b></li> </ul>
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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He thinks it's exciting to be in such a remote place.</li> <li>• He enjoys pushing himself to his limits.</li> <li>• The farther they are away from civilisation, the better he feels.</li> <li>• <b>Everything has gone well up to now.</b></li> </ul>

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claire thinks that Jeremy is inappropriately dressed for the party.</li> <li>• <b>Jeremy couldn't find a costume to wear to the party.</b></li> <li>• Claire is probably wearing a black dress with white make up.</li> <li>• It's not necessary to wear a costume but the party's hosts probably hope their guests will make the effort.</li> </ul>
29	[AUDIO]	Listen. What's the word?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• true</li> <li>• throw</li> <li>• though</li> <li>• <b>through</b></li> </ul>
30	[AUDIO]	Listen. What three words can you hear?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• world, later, chip</li> <li>• <b>word, later, ship</b></li> <li>• word, lighter, ship</li> <li>• world, letter, chip</li> </ul>
31	[AUDIO]	Listen and find the word that rhymes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• soon</li> <li>• shone</li> <li>• crown</li> <li>• <b>flown</b></li> </ul>
32	[AUDIO]	Who was the first president of the United States of America?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benjamin Franklin</li> <li>• Abraham Lincoln</li> <li>• <b>George Washington</b></li> <li>• Thomas Jefferson</li> </ul>
33	[AUDIO]	Listen and find the state that is being described.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas</li> <li>• Hawaii</li> <li>• <b>Florida</b></li> <li>• California</li> </ul>

34	The teacher says, "Whose bag is this on the floor?" Jane says, "It's ... ."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• my</li> <li>• me</li> <li>• of mine</li> <li>• <b>mine</b></li> </ul>
35	I didn't ... to school yesterday because I was ill.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>go</b></li> <li>• was</li> <li>• went</li> <li>• want</li> </ul>
36	"When did you meet your wife?" "It was five years ... ."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• from</li> <li>• at the moment</li> <li>• during</li> <li>• <b>ago</b></li> </ul>
37	Lily normally walks to work but it's raining so she ... the bus today.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• catches</li> <li>• <b>is taking</b></li> <li>• doesn't get</li> <li>• going</li> </ul>
38	Sorry, I missed your call. I ... to my boss when you phoned.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• am chatting</li> <li>• <b>was talking</b></li> <li>• didn't hear</li> <li>• speak</li> </ul>
39	He pretended to have lots of friends because he didn't want ... he was lonely.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>people to think</b></li> <li>• for everyone thought</li> <li>• that people thought</li> <li>• that his parents think</li> </ul>
40	Find the true sentence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walt Disney was born in 1966.</li> <li>• Walt Disney loved playing sport.</li> <li>• Walt Disney wanted to be an actor.</li> <li>• <b>Walt Disney lived in Chicago and California.</b></li> </ul>

41	Find the true sentence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Walt's most well-known character is a small animal.</b></li> <li>• The first film Walt Disney made was 'Cinderella'.</li> <li>• 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' was not a big success.</li> <li>• Walt drew Mickey Mouse and used his son's voice in the cartoons.</li> </ul>
42	Find the true sentence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first Disneyland opened after Walt Disney died in 1966.</li> <li>• Walt Disney wanted to make a park where children can have fun without their parents.</li> <li>• 3.6 million people visited Disneyland on its first day.</li> <li>• <b>In 1955, Walt Disney started a new business.</b></li> </ul>
43	Find the sentence that isn't true.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walt Disney died when he was sixty-five.</li> <li>• <b>There are Disney theme parks in six different places in the USA.</b></li> <li>• After Walt's death, the Walt Disney Company didn't stop making films.</li> <li>• Mickey Mouse has been a popular cartoon character in the USA for nearly a hundred years.</li> </ul>

44	What is this text? Find the right description.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A travel itinerary.</b></li> <li>• A tourist's diary.</li> <li>• An article in a Kenyan newspaper.</li> <li>• A story set in Kenya.</li> </ul>
45	This tourist ... .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will spend four days travelling</li> <li>• will spend a week in the reserve</li> <li>• is free to plan his/her activities</li> <li>• <b>has three days of safari scheduled</b></li> </ul>
46	The first day will be spent ... .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya</b></li> <li>• in a hotel close to the airport</li> <li>• driving to the Masai Mara park</li> <li>• in small village called Nairobi</li> </ul>
47	Find the true sentence.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This tourist is sleeping in a tent within the nature reserve.</li> <li>• The Masai Mara contains many animals but it isn't well known.</li> <li>• <b>The accommodation is comfortable but it is not inside the park.</b></li> <li>• It takes six hours to fly to the Masai Mara Nature Reserve from Nairobi.</li> </ul>

<p>48</p>	<p>Find the sentence the is not true.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an option to add a hot-air balloon trip on the final evening.</li> <li>• <b>The trip to visit the Maasai village costs \$150 extra.</b></li> <li>• On the sixth day, there is an arranged visit to a Maasai village.</li> <li>• There isn't time to visit Nairobi again on the final day of the trip.</li> </ul>
<p>49</p>	<p>The Union Jack is the name of ... .</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the British national anthem</li> <li>• the American constitution</li> <li>• <b>the flag of the United Kingdom</b></li> <li>• a park in New York City</li> </ul>
<p>50</p>	<p>Canada is ... the United States of America.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the largest state of</li> <li>• one of the states of</li> <li>• smaller than</li> <li>• <b>larger than</b></li> </ul>
<p>51</p>	<p>Aboriginal people, Maori, and ... Americans are all First Nations.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Native</b></li> <li>• Founding</li> <li>• African</li> <li>• Latin</li> </ul>
<p>52</p>	<p>The fox usually walks across their garden every evening, but it ... three days now.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• didn't do that during</li> <li>• hasn't walked since last</li> <li>• <b>hasn't been seen for</b></li> <li>• hasn't been for a walk since</li> </ul>
<p>53</p>	<p>"Tap," "mat" and "towel" are all associated with ... .</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dances</li> <li>• beaches</li> <li>• yoga classes</li> <li>• <b>bathrooms</b></li> </ul>

54	April 1st – called April ...' Day – is when people play tricks on each other.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fools</b></li><li>• Comics</li><li>• Fishes</li><li>• Jokes</li></ul>
55	Find the pair of words that contains the same vowel sound. For example: sister/decide.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• drawing, extreme</li><li>• <b>eighteen, update</b></li><li>• Arctic, lighter</li><li>• parcel, untrue</li></ul>