The Big Challenge online 2026

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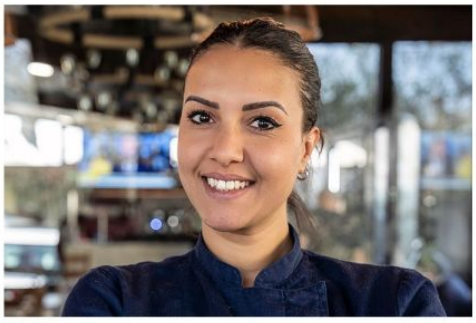
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♪ AUDIO

- Shoana
- Gioanna
- **Joanna** ✓
- Gemma

2



♪ AUDIO

- I work in the evenings.
- It’s an Italian restaurant.
- **I’m a chef.** ✓
- Yes, I love cooking.

3



♪ AUDIO

- **A hat.** ✓
- A pair of sunglasses.
- A passport.
- A suitcase.

4



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- C
- **D** ✓

5



♪ AUDIO

A ✓

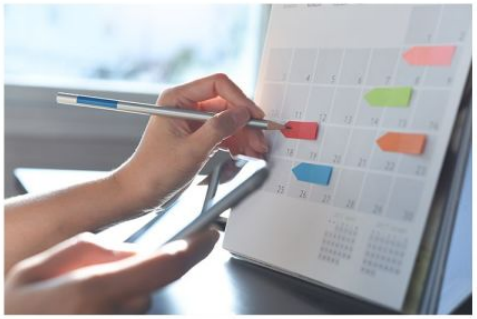
B

C

D

6

Listen to the conversation. What is the date today?



♪ AUDIO

It's the 13th of September. ✓

Monday the 12th.

It’s September.

Tuesday.

7



♪ AUDIO

1943

1961 ✓

1963

1971

8



♪ AUDIO

£5

£15 ✓

£2.50

£22

9



♪ AUDIO

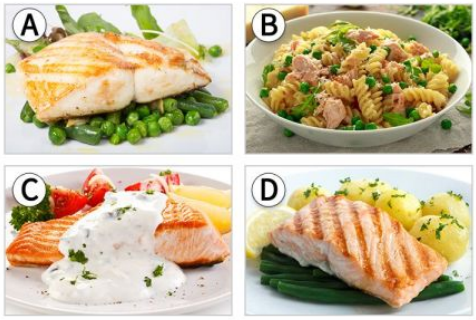
10.30 ✓

11 o’clock

10.40

10.50

10



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C

D ✓

11



♪ AUDIO

What can I get for you?

Would you like a bag?

Would you like anything else?

How many would you like? ✓

12



♪ AUDIO

The police station.

The school.

The hospital.

The fire station. ✓

13



♪ AUDIO

Excuse me. ✓

How are you?

I'm sorry.

Where am I?

14



♪ AUDIO

Help yourself. ✓

No, it’s mine.

Buy your own!

I’m so hungry.

15



♪ AUDIO

A

B ✓

C

D

16



♪ AUDIO

They’re sitting around a campfire. ✓

In a tent, in the woods.

She’s wearing a red woollen hat.

It’s daytime.

17



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C ✓

D

18



♪ AUDIO

A ✓

B

C

D

19



♪ AUDIO

A

B

C ✓

D

20



♪ AUDIO

A

B ✓

C

D

21



♪ AUDIO

They're looking at a shirt in a rather old-fashioned clothes shop.

They're looking at a shopping website where a second-hand phone is for sale.

They're in the kitchen talking about a microwave meal. ✓

They want to rent a boat for a river trip but the only one available is very old.

22

♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between two actors. How does the man feel at the end of it?

Jealous. ✓

Embarrassed.

Nervous.

Impressed.

23

♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between two parents and their son. What can you say about the situation?

The son is going on holiday without his parents for the first time.

The son has been found guilty of a crime and will be going to prison for a long time.

The son has recently been offered a place at a university and will soon leave home. ✓

The son has just found out that his parents are divorcing and will live apart.

24

♪ AUDIO

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

A firefighter.

A wildlife photographer.

A dentist. ✓

A coal miner.

25

♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between a daughter and her father. Which sentence is true?

The girl needs money to buy her friend a gift.

The girl wants permission to go to a laser tag centre.

The girl is hoping her dad will let her stay out late at her friend’s party.

The daughter is asking her dad to drive her to the party. ✓

26 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. What can the man say now?

- I don't keep in touch.
- I'm not aware of it
- I can't afford it.
- **I can't work it out.** ✓

27 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation between two managers in an office. Which sentence is true?

- The man thinks that it’s a coincidence that the food started going missing when Martin began working there.
- **Until recently, the woman has chosen not to believe that Martin is the thief.** ✓
- The woman is sure she knows who is responsible for the thefts but can’t prove it.
- The woman initially suspected someone else but has now changed her mind.

28 ♪ AUDIO

Listen to the conversation. The people are talking about a young boy called Christopher. What can you say about him this evening?

- **He was very well behaved.** ✓
- He proved he was very intelligent.
- He played a game of cards and won.
- He sang beautifully.

29 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which word can you hear?

- grease
- greys
- graze
- **grace** ✓

30 ♪ AUDIO

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

- magic
- engine
- **police** ✓
- refill

31 ♪ AUDIO

Listen. Which group of words can you hear?

- four teas no more
- ought to become
- **or more in order** ✓
- have to be for

32 ♪ AUDIO

Listen and answer the question.

- Toronto
- Montreal
- Vancouver
- **Ottawa** ✓

33 ♪ AUDIO

Listen and answer the question.

- Yellowstone National Park
- **The Lake District National Park** ✓
- Cairngorms National Park
- Kruger National Park

34 “What are you doing this summer?” “We're … Greece for two weeks.”



- will go to
- **going to** ✓
- travelling
- spend

35 “Sorry I didn't answer your call earlier — I … a client.” “No problem.”



- spoke
- have chatted
- **was talking to** ✓
- am with

36 “How long have you lived in your house?”
“I've lived there ... 2016.”



- it's
- **since** ✓
- for
- already

37 I didn't enjoy the party very much because I didn't know who ... .



- **anyone was** ✓
- were the other people there
- was anyone there
- any people there were

38 If I won the lottery, I ... .



- will give money to charity
- buy houses for my family
- **would travel the world** ✓
- had a massive party

39 Although she loved living in Japan, she ... using chopsticks instead of a knife and fork.



- hadn't used with
- didn't use to
- **never got used to** ✓
- wasn't used for

40 What can you say about Jill's Diner?



- **It serves high-quality burgers.** ✓
- The vanilla milkshake isn't good.
- The music is modern pop.
- The ingredients are cheap.

41 The Happy Carrot ... .



- is good value but the food isn't adventurous
- is known for its full English breakfasts
- serves meat from nearby farms
- **is the least expensive of the three restaurants** ✓

42 Who should eat at The Royal Oak?



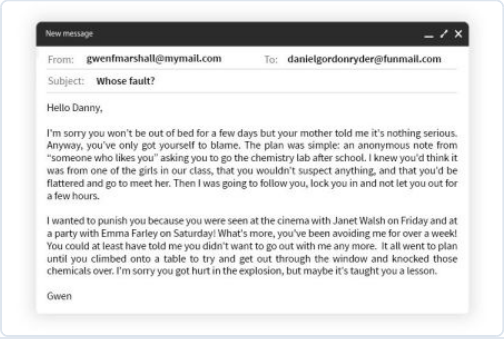
- Anyone who like delicious English meals on a small budget.
- A group of friends who want to eat spicy vegetable dishes in an attractive setting.
- **Someone willing to spend money to create a good impression.** ✓
- A family with two teenagers who like simple, tasty food.

43 Based on what we know, find the true sentence.



- More than one of restaurants is owned by a chef.
- There are red leather seats in The Happy Carrot.
- **Andy Jones takes traditional recipes and changes them to make something new.** ✓
- The ingredients used in the diner come from all over the world.

44 Gwen is sorry that Danny … .


New message

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Hello Danny,

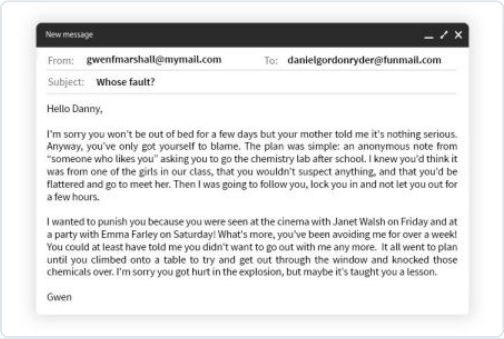
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I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- got out of the lab
- went out with other girls
- got locked in the lab
- **was injured** ✓

45 What do we definitely know about Danny?


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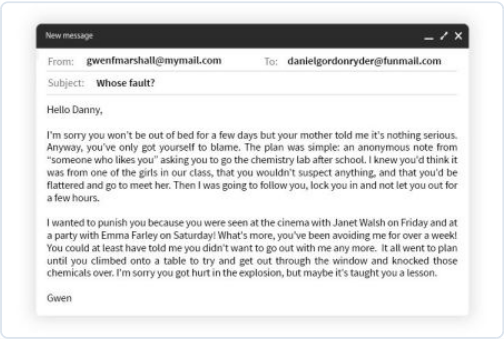
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Gwen

- He is seriously ill.
- **He hasn't been out with Gwen for several days.** ✓
- He's going out with Gwen at the moment.
- He's been out with three different girls in the last week.

46 Gwen feels that … .


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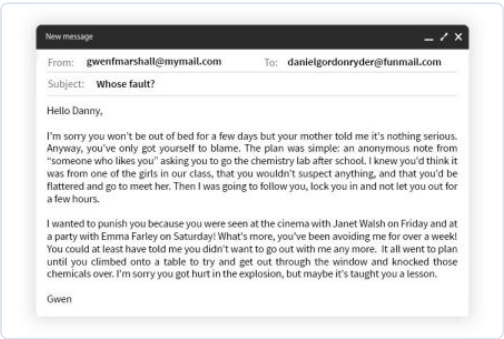
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Gwen

- Danny didn't deserve what happened to him
- she has learned a lesson
- **she has been treated badly by Danny** ✓
- she did something very wrong

47 Find the sentence that we know is true.


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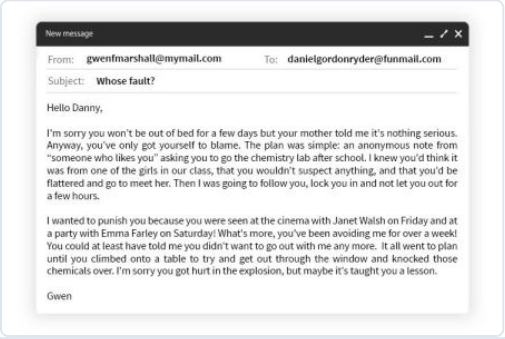
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Gwen

- Gwen got a girl in Danny's class to write a note to him.
- The accident happened at the moment when Gwen locked Danny in the lab.
- **Danny thought he was going to the lab to meet a girl.** ✓
- Danny thought he knew exactly who had written the note.

48 Danny went to the lab ... .


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Gwen

- even though he suspected something wasn't quite right
- because he wanted to punish the writer of the anonymous note
- **and found that he had walked into a trap set by Gwen** ✓
- but didn't get in because he couldn't open the door

49 In the USA, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner does not normally include ... .



- mashed potatoes
- roast turkey
- **fried chicken** ✓
- pumpkin pie

50 Mark Twain, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee are all American ... .



- folk singers
- **writers** ✓
- astronauts
- politicians

51 Easter Sunday is a public holiday in the UK, and so is ... Friday – the Friday before Easter Sunday.



- **Good** ✓
- Saintly
- Cross
- Final

52 The first vowel sound in “better” is the same as the vowel sound in “…”.



- cheat
- **threat** ✓
- great
- straight

53 “The … for London tomorrow: cloudy with some rain in the afternoon, ” said the TV weatherman.



- outcome
- outset
- **outlook** ✓
- outfit

54 The pilot must have ejected because no body … from the wreckage of the plane.



- recovered anyone
- wasn't recovered at all
- **has been recovered** ✓
- has recovered anything

55 “Better ... than ... ,” is a common expression. Roger's mother uses it when she tells him he must wear a helmet when he's on his bike.



- sane ... pain
- **safe ... sorry** ✓
- care ... dare
- fear ... disappear