












The Big Challenge paper 2026

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1		In the photo, the girls are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inside someone's house • eating outside • unhappy to be outdoors • in the street at night
2		Find the right title for this photo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Street Party • A Road Accident • Arguing with the Neighbours • Meeting New Colleagues
3		What can you see in the photo?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pizza, a brush, trees • snacks, houses, a field • cups, T-shirts, a flag • drinks, chips, a hill
4	There's a ... in the town centre where you can borrow books.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • library • hospital • garage • pool
5	Someone who tells the truth is		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evil • polite • friendly • honest
6	Choose a name for this "family" of words: post, like, follow.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Tourism • Sports Teams • Recipes
7	I'm not very ... Shakespeare. I prefer modern writers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pick up • keen on • take off • get up



8	<p>In a computer document, you can move words from one place to another. This is called "cut and ...".</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • glue • stick • paste • place
9		Walt Disney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • was born in 1966 • lived in Chicago and California • loved playing sport • wanted to be an actor
10		We know that ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walt's most well-known character is a small animal • the first film Walt Disney made was Cinderella • "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was not a big success • Walt drew Mickey Mouse and used his son's voice in the cartoons
11		Find the true sentence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first Disneyland opened after Walt Disney died. • Walt Disney wanted to make a park for children only. • 3.6 million people visited Disneyland on its first day. • In 1955, Walt Disney started a new business.

12		Find the sentence that is not true.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walt Disney was sixty-five when he died. • You can visit a Disney theme park in six different places. • When Walt died, the Walt Disney Company stopped making films. • Mickey Mouse is still a popular cartoon character.
13	The teacher says, "Whose bag is this on the floor?" Tim says, "It's ..."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • my • me • of mine • mine
14	I didn't ... to school yesterday because I was ill.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go • was • went • want
15	"When did you meet your wife?" "It was ten years"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from • at the moment • during • ago
16	Lily normally walks to school but it's raining so she ... the bus today.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • catches • is taking • doesn't get • going
17	Sorry, I missed your call. I ... to my boss when you phoned.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • am chatting • was talking • didn't hear • speak
18		The woman takes orders and serves food in this restaurant. She is a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customer • chef • writer • waitress

19		The man can't pay for his meal. What is he saying?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Excuse me, I forgot to send you a card." • "I'm so sorry! I don't have any cash on me." • "You need to pay for the food, sir." • "There's no food left, I'm sorry."
20		The woman looks ... and the man looks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annoyed / embarrassed • jealous / proud • angry / pleased • irritated/ careful
21		Find the group of words that are all connected with money.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bank, purse, pay • sick, coins, lend • notes, storm, dollars • camel, wallet, earn
22	Dublin, St Patrick's Day and leprechauns are all associated with		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Ireland • Wales • Scotland
23	... was the first president of the USA.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Franklin • Abraham Lincoln • George Washington • Thomas Jefferson
24	Canada and the United States of America both celebrate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada Day • the 4th of July • Bonfire Night • their own Thanksgiving Day
25	Aboriginal people, Maori, and ... Americans are all First Nations.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native • African • Founding • Latin

26	It's Monday. You are saying goodbye to your friend. You will see him on Tuesday at school. What can you say?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "It's on Tuesday." • "See you tomorrow!" • "Have a great weekend!" • "You're late!"
27	Anna and her mum are an ice-cream shop. Anna's mum says, "What would you like?" Anna doesn't have any preference. What can she say?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I don't mind." • "Never mind." • "I don't remember." • "You don't care."
28	Bob and his friends are listening to music. Suddenly Bob says, "I can't stand this song!" What does he mean?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He always dances when it plays. • He really doesn't like the song. • It's the first time he'd heard it. • He's a huge fan of the song.
29	Julie calls a client at his office. The receptionist says, "He's not in at the moment." What can Julie say?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Please leave a message." • "OK. I'll tell him to call you." • "Fine, I'll come back later." • "Could you tell him I called?"
30	On an invitation to a Halloween party is written: "You don't have to dress up but we would love it if you did!" What does this mean?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host would like people to wear costumes but it's not necessary. • Everyone must come dressed in a costume. • The host prefers guests to be dressed casually but won't exclude them. • Badly dressed people won't be allowed to come to the party.

31	<p>It's Ryan's first day in space as an astronaut. His colleague asks him, "How's it going?" "So far, so good," answers Ryan. He means that</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's exciting to travel such a long distance • the farther they go, the better it feels • he enjoys pushing himself to his limits • everything has gone well up to now
32	<p>"Through" rhymes with "...".</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rough • grow • though • true
33	<p>"Join" contains the same vowel sound as "...".</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choir • going • royal • power
34	<p>"Definition" = o o O o. "Developing" =</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O o o o • o O o o • o o O o • o o o O
35		<p>Read the itinerary. This tourist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will spend four days travelling • will spend a week in the reserve • is free to plan his/her activities • has three days of safari scheduled
36		<p>The first day will be spent ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya • in a hotel close to the airport • driving to the Masai Mara park • in small village called Nairobi

37		Find the true sentence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tourist is sleeping in a tent within the nature reserve. • The Masai Mara contains many animals but it isn't well known. • The accommodation is comfortable but it is not inside the park. • It takes six hours to fly to the Masai Mara Nature Reserve from Nairobi.
38		Find the sentence the is not true.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an option to add a hot-air balloon trip on the final evening. • The trip to visit the Maasai village costs \$150 extra. • On the sixth day, there is an arranged visit to a Maasai village. • There isn't time to visit Nairobi again on the final day of the trip.
39	"Why are you nervous? ... sung in public ... ?"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haven't you ever ... before • Didn't you ... yet • Have you ... never yet • You didn't ... before, did you
40	You can't imagine ... when they announced that I was the winner.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which I was feeling • the feeling that I have experienced • the emotion I felt • how I've felt
41	He pretended to have lots of friends because he didn't want ... he was lonely.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people to think • that people thought • for everyone thought • that his parents think

42	The fox usually walks across their garden every evening, but it ... three days now.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • didn't do that during • hasn't been seen for • hasn't walked since last • hasn't been for a walk since
43	"Tap," "mat" and "towel" are all associated with		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dances • yoga classes • beaches • bathrooms
44	April 1st-called April ...' Day is when people play tricks on each other.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fools • Fishes • Comics • Jokes
45	Find the pair of words that contains the same vowel sound. For example: sister/decide.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing, extreme • Arctic, lighter • eighty, update • parcel, untrue