










The Big Challenge paper 2026

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1		<p>In this photo, we can see some friends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • running on a football pitch • playing table tennis • aiming at a basketball hoop • having fun in a bowling alley
2		<p>Find the true sentence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The man on the left is sitting down. • The woman in red has both hands in the air. • The woman in beige has just thrown a green ball. • The man on the right is wearing white trousers.
3		<p>Find the list of words associated with the sport and games.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pool, flower, score • team, cards, compete • winner, spoon, play • board game, cloud, lose
4	<p>The opposite of "dry" is "...".</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long • quick • heavy • wet
5	<p>To ... an app means to replace the old version with the new one.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undo • renew • update • delete





6	Complete the list: action, comedy, sci-fi,		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • horror • popcorn • ticket • stage
7	"Are you going to Joe's party?" "Yes, I'm really ... forward to it"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watching • feeling • jumping • looking
8	Joe wants a new guitar but he can't ... one they're too expensive.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • afford • lend • reach
9		What can you say about Jill's Diner?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It serves high-quality burgers. • The vanilla milkshake isn't good. • The music is modern pop. • The ingredients are cheap.
10		The Happy Carrot... .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

11		Who should eat at The Royal Oak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who like delicious food on a small budget. • A group of friends who want to eat spicy vegetable dishes. • A business person wishing to impress a foreign client. • A family with two teenagers who like simple, tasty food.
12		Based on what we know, find the true sentence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one of restaurants is owned by a chef. • There are leather seats in the vegetarian restaurant. • The food isn't the only thing to admire in The Royal Oak. • The ingredients used in the diner come from all over the world.
13	"What are you doing this summer?" "We're ... Greece for two weeks."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will go to • going to • travel • spend
14	"Sorry I didn't answer your call earlier I ... a client." "No problem."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spoke • have chatted • was talking to • were dealing with
15	"How long have you lived in your house?" "I've lived there... 2016."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's • since • for • already

16	I didn't enjoy the party very much because I didn't know who ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anyone was • were the other people there • was anyone there • any people there were
17	If I won the lottery, I		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will give money to charity • am buying houses for my family • would travel the world • had a massive party
18		In this photo, the man is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is putting something in the bag • stealing from the woman • lending the woman some money • taking the woman's phone
19		The woman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doesn't mind about the theft • is aware of what's going on • hasn't noticed what's happening • is concentrating on her purse
20		The man is a ... and the woman is a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pickpocket ... victim • burglar ... defendant • witness ... thief • criminal ... robber
21		Find the list of words that are associated with crime and justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • court, judge, defend • police, edit, arrest • prison, kitten, trial • liver, evidence, prosecute

22	In the USA, people often eat turkey with ... sauce at Thanksgiving.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cranberry • blueberry • mint • peanut
23	Only one of these Canadian cities is on the west coast. Which is it?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto. • Ottawa. • Montreal. • Vancouver.
24	Mark Twain, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee are all American ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • folk singers • writers • astronauts • politicians
25	In north-west England there's a World Heritage Site that's England's largest National Park. It's called ... National Park.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowstone • the Lake District • Cairngorms • Kruger
26	Paul is meeting his girlfriend's parents for the first time. He says, "Hi, I'm Paul. ..."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased to meet you. • Have a good day. • Welcome home! • Get well soon.
27	A man is at work. He says, "It looks like it'll have to come out. Just lean back and open wide." What's his job?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A firefighter. • A dentist. • A photographer. • A coal miner.
28	Tom asked Kate if he could be her boyfriend, but she said no. In other words, she ... him down.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put • turned • set • called
29	"Better safe 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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sad • in danger • sorry • hurt

30	Meryl is talking to Will. Suddenly, Meryl exclaims, "Don't you realise? Olivia was having you on!" Meryl obviously thinks that Olivia ...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • was trying to borrow some money from Will • wanted to go out with Will and was flirting • was offering Will a job • wanted Will to believe something that wasn't true
31	A man says, "Judging by their record, they'll be lucky to get a draw." What's he talking about?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rock band who won't get a big audience for their concert. • Olympic champions who will earn a lot of money. • A shop whose prices are too high. • A football team with little chance of winning its next game.
32	Find the word that rhymes with "please"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seize • grease • piece • peace
33	The first vowel sound in "shoulder" is the same as in "...".		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double • round • would • though
34	"Accommodate" = o O o o. "Diameter" =		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O o o o • o O o o • o o O o • o o o O

35		<p>What do we definitely know about Danny?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He's seriously ill. • He's going out with Gwen at the moment. • He hasn't been out with Gwen for several days. • He's been out with three different girls in the last week.
36		<p>Gwen feels that ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danny didn't deserve what happened to him • she has been treated badly by Danny • she has learned a lesson • she did something very wrong
37		<p>Find the sentence that we know is true.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwen got a girl in Danny's class to write a note to him. • Danny thought he was going to the lab to meet a girl. • The accident happened at the moment when Gwen locked Danny in the lab. • Danny thought he knew exactly who had written the note.
38		<p>Danny went to the lab ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • even though he suspected something wasn't quite right • and found that he had walked into a trap set by Gwen • because he wanted to punish the writer of the anonymous note • but didn't get in because he couldn't open the door

39	Although he loved living in Japan, he... using chopsticks.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hadn't used with • never got used to • didn't use to • wasn't used for
40	"Passport please, sir." "Oh no! I don't have it. I... left it at home!"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have had • must have • would have • had to have
41	If her students misbehaved, the teacher ... them ... behind after school.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had ... stay • made ... staying • told ... that they stay • got ... stayed
42	The ... for London tomorrow: cloudy with some rain in the afternoon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outcome • outlook • outset • outfit
43	The pilot probably ejected from the plane because no body ... from the wreckage.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recovered anyone • has been recovered • wasn't recovered at all • has recovered anything
44	Leo's mother asks Jill, his babysitter, "Did Leo behave himself or was he naughty?" Jill answers, "Don't worry. He was as good as"		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lamb • a picture • gold • bread
45	... Friday is a public holiday in Britain. It's the Friday before Easter.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good • Cross • Saintly • Black