The Big Challenge 2025

Level 3

Answer key / Correction

1 **This is Lily. Listen to the man's question and find Lily's answer.**

♪ AUDIO

I'm a student.

Yes, I am.

Not too bad, thanks. ✓

I'm almost 18.

2 **This is Tom. Listen to the woman's question and find Tom's answer.**

♪ AUDIO

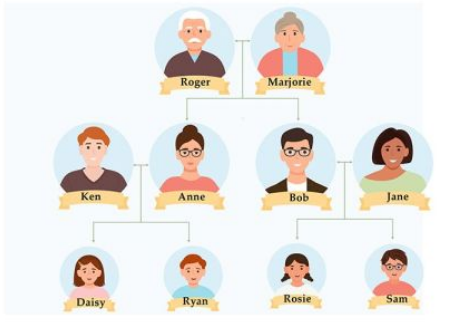
From Sheffield, in the north of England. ✓

Usually by train.

I was at school. Now I'm at home.

Yes, I do.

3 **Look, listen, and find the answer to the question.**



♪ AUDIO

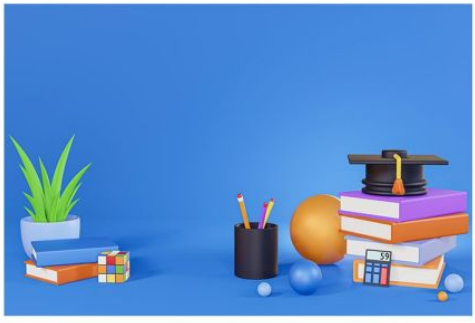
Daisy. ✓

Ryan.

Anne.

Rosie.

4 **Look, listen and find the answer.**



♪ AUDIO

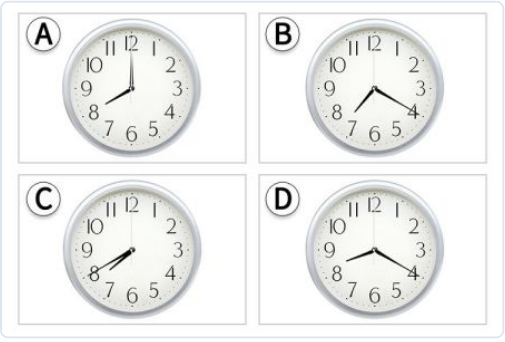
A small blue ball.

A Rubix cube.

A plant in a pot. ✓

A calculator.

5 **Listen. What time is it now? A, B, C or D?**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

6 **Sophia never agrees with her sister, Poppy. Listen to Poppy. What's Sophia going to say?**

♪ AUDIO

- **Really? I didn't.** ✓
- No, he wasn't.
- Neither did I.
- No, they didn't.

7 **Listen. How much does this handbag cost?**

♪ AUDIO

- £59.17
- **£59.70** ✓
- £55.70
- £49.70

8 **What's the weather like? Look, listen and choose the right picture.**

♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

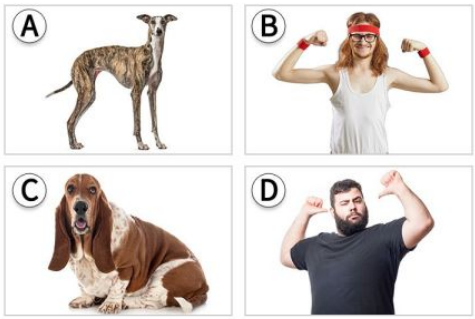
9 **This is Helena's school timetable. Listen, and find the right answer.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00	Maths	History	Geography	Maths	P.E.
9.50	English	Geography	English	French	
Break 10.40–11.00					
11.00	Science	Maths	Maths	Geography	Art
11.50		Music	History	English	
Lunch 12.40–1.40					
1.40	French	English	Games	Science	English
2.30	History	French			History

♪ AUDIO

- History.
- Maths.
- English.
- **Music.** ✓

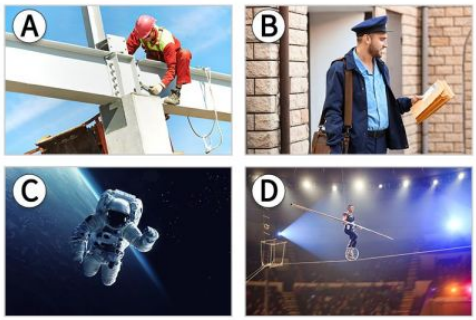
10 **Look and listen. Who or what is the woman talking about? Find the right picture.**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

11 **Look and listen. Who is the woman talking about? Find the right picture.**



♪ AUDIO

- A
- **B** ✓
- C
- D

12 **Listen, and find the right answer to the question.**

♪ AUDIO

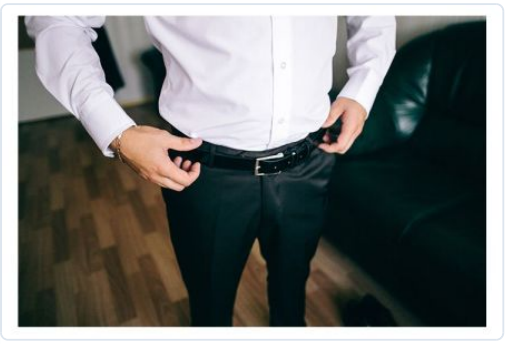
- **Take care.** ✓
- Hold on.
- Is that you?
- How are things?

13 **Look and listen. Which man is Peter? Choose the right picture.**

♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- C
- **D** ✓

14 **This is Joe. Listen to him and his wife. What can Joe say now?**



♪ AUDIO

- It's a pleasure.
- **It doesn't matter.** ✓
- I don't worry.
- It's a mess.

15 **Look, listen, and find the right photo.**

♪ AUDIO

- **A** ✓
- B
- C
- D

16 **Look, and listen to the woman. She's in one of these photos. Which one?**

♪ AUDIO

- A
- B
- **C** ✓
- D

17 **Listen, and find the right answer.**

♪ AUDIO

Place in basket.

Convert to text.

Move to trash. ✓

Full screen.

18 **This is John. Listen to a woman who's talking about him. Which adjective describes him?**

♪ AUDIO

Untidy.

Grumpy. ✓

Ugly.

Helpful.

19 **You are at the baker's. Look and listen. What can you say now?**

♪ AUDIO

Excuse me, I haven't got enough money.

You don't give me enough cash.

You've given me the wrong change. ✓

But the cupcake costs more than that.

20 **Listen to the conversation. What can you say about the situation?**

♪ AUDIO

Two police officers tried to arrest a gang of criminals, but they weren't successful.

The woman wanted spaghetti for lunch, but it wasn't on the menu at the restaurant.

There were no apples in the supermarket, so the woman couldn't buy any. ✓

Two researchers are talking about some rats that have escaped from a laboratory.

21 **Listen to Alan. What can you say about the situation?**

♪ AUDIO

Jane is teaching Alan to drive.

Jane borrows lots of money from Alan.

Jane is helping Alan at a difficult time.

Alan thinks Jane is very annoying. ✓

22 **Listen to the conversation. What can you say about the woman?**

♪ AUDIO

She's learning to play a video game. ✓

She's at her front door with a bag of shopping.

She's cooking something.

She wants to call someone on her new smartphone.

23 **Listen to the conversation in a clothes shop. What can the man say now?**

♪ AUDIO

Have you got my size?

I don't like it very much.

Can I try it on, please? ✓

I'm sure it's too big for me.

24 **Listen to the conversation and find the true sentence.**

♪ AUDIO

The woman is very grateful to the man.

The man has found something that the woman needs.

The man has picked up something that the woman threw away. ✓

When the man gives the woman something, she is delighted.

25 **Listen to the telephone conversation between Jane and her friend Sally. What can her friend say next?**

♪ AUDIO

Let’s take it away later.

We should give it back next week.

We can put it off to another time. ✓

I’d like to keep it on.

26 **Listen to the man and the woman. What's the man's problem?**

♪ AUDIO

He doesn't have enough money. ✓

His house burned down in a fire.

His computer files aren't protected.

He hasn't got time to take a holiday.

27 **Listen to the conversation between Fiona and her husband, and find the sentence that isn't true.**

♪ AUDIO

The couple thought Mr Willis was going to visit them this evening.

Mr Willis has just told Fiona that he can't repair their central heating system. ✓

Mr Willis is a plumber who doesn't always keep his promises.

The plumber will probably repair the central heating tomorrow morning.

28 **Listen to the conversation between James and Tanya. What does James think about Tanya?**

♪ AUDIO

She's not independent enough.

She wants to know too much about other people. ✓

She needs to create her own company.

She doesn't spend enough time with her family.

29 **Listen. What's the word?**

♪ AUDIO

hard

heart ✓

art

heard

30 **Listen and find the word that rhymes.**

♪ AUDIO

- foot
- good
- **rude** ✓
- proud

31 **Listen. What three words can you hear?**

♪ AUDIO

- paid, very, bone
- page, ferry, born
- **page, fairy, burn** ✓
- pays, ferry, burn

32 **Listen and find the answer to the question.**

♪ AUDIO

- Route 66.
- **Niagara Falls.** ✓
- Monument Valley.
- Mount Rushmore.

33 **Listen and find the answer to the question.**

♪ AUDIO

- **The American colonies declared independence from Britain.** ✓
- Slavery ended in the United States.
- A civil war started between the North and the South.
- A gold rush began in California.

34 When the Smith family are on holiday, the kids ... their days at the pool.

- **often spend** ✓
- likes to share
- aren't having a lot of
- are spending

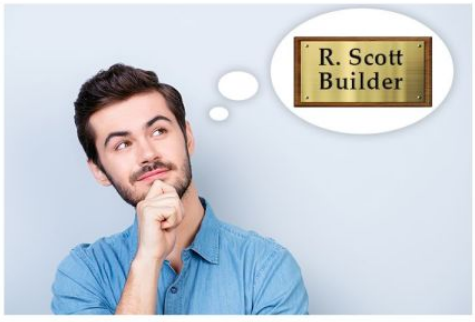
35 ... to ... this Sunday?

- Why do you want ... leaving
- **What are you going ... do** ✓
- Who do they ... see
- Where can we ... go

36 Tomatoes need rain so, if it ... soon, we won't have many tomatoes this year.

- isn't raining
- won't rain
- **doesn't rain** ✓
- isn't going to rain

37 Rob Scott ... the same construction company since he left school, but now he's thinking of starting his own business.



- worked with
- is working in
- works at
- **has worked for** ✓

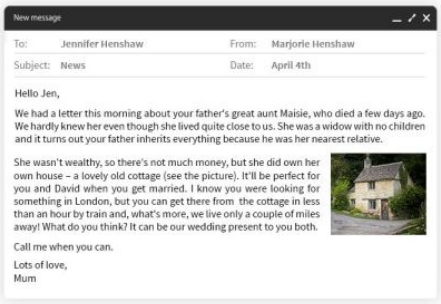
38 My mother cut her hand in the accident and … her arm at the same time. But it was nothing serious.

- **hurt** ✓
- hurts
- has injured
- was injured

39 The teacher spoke to the students and … study more for the exam.

- said all they have to
- asked for
- **told them all to** ✓
- wanted for them

40 Find the sentence that is definitely true.



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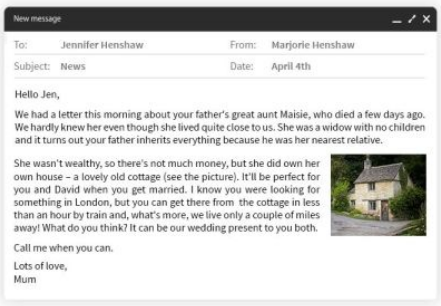
She wasn't wealthy, so there's not much money, but she did own her own house – a lovely old cottage (see the picture). It'll be perfect for you and David when you get married. I know you were looking for something in London, but you can get there from the cottage in less than an hour by train and, what's more, we live only a couple of miles away! What do you think? It can be our wedding present to you both.

Call me when you can.

Lots of love,
Mum

- Maisie died last year.
- **Jennifer's father had a great aunt.** ✓
- Marjorie had an aunt called Maisie.
- Marjorie's husband is dead.

41 What do we know about Maisie?



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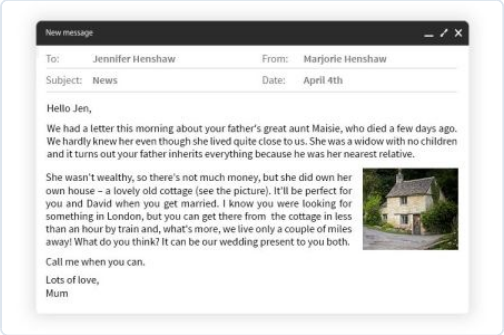
- She lived a long way from Marjorie.
- She had a lot of money.
- She never married.
- **Her great nephew inherits her house.** ✓

42 What do we definitely know about Jennifer and David?



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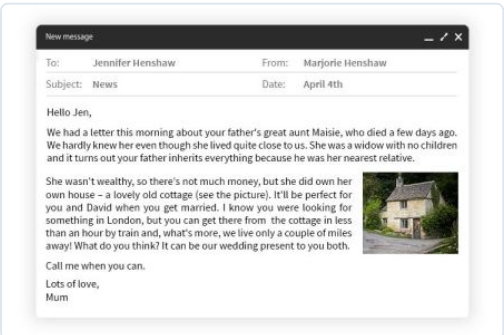
- They would like to live away from the centre of London.
- Up to now, they haven't thought about buying a house.
- They've only been married for a short time.
- **Marjorie firmly believes that they're going to get married.** ✓

43 For Marjorie, one of the reasons the cottage is perfect for Jennifer and David is that ... .



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- they can get from the cottage to their offices in London in just over an hour
- Jennifer and David will be allowed to buy it for a very low price
- **it's close to where Jennifer's parents live** ✓
- it's in a perfect location and is exactly the right size for a young couple

44 This extract is from a ... .

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- **San Francisco travel guide** ✓
- newspaper about an escape
- prisoner's diary
- book about a deserted island

45 This is about how you can ... a prison on Alcatraz Island.

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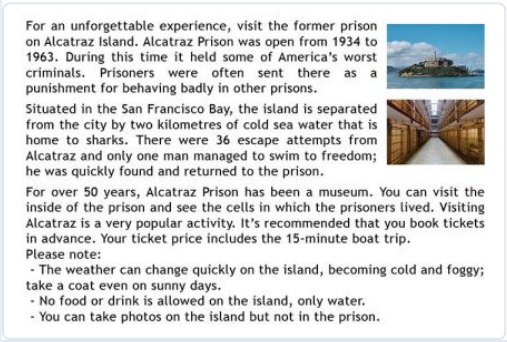
- spend the night in
- **take a tour of** ✓
- play an escape game in
- visit people held in

46 From the text, we know that ... .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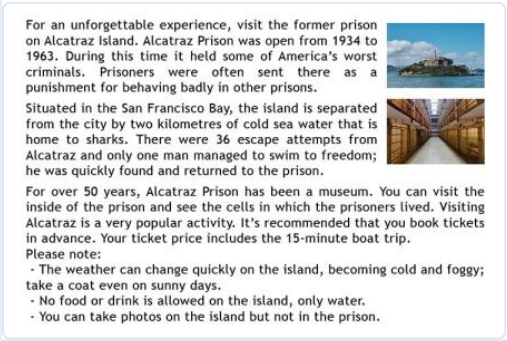
- prisoners were sent to Alcatraz as a reward for good behaviour
- the prison was open for 50 years
- **Alcatraz Island is only a short distance from the city of San Francisco** ✓
- it was impossible to swim from the island to the mainland

47 If you want to visit Alcatraz, you should ... .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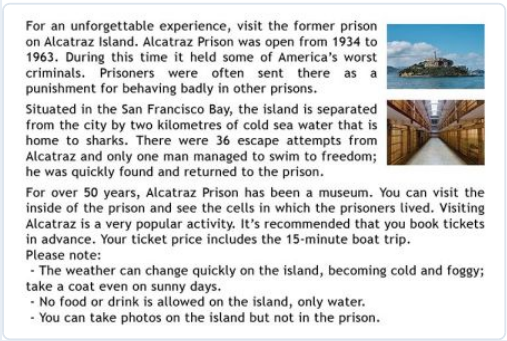
- remember to take your coat except in the summer
- **reserve your tickets ahead of time** ✓
- bring cash or a credit card to pay for the boat trip
- take a picnic with you because you can't buy food or drink there

48 Find the sentence that ISN'T true.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- **In 30 years, 36 prisoners managed to escape from Alcatraz.** ✓
- Sharks aren't the only reason that swimming to freedom was hard.
- The boat trip takes half an hour there and back.
- Taking photos inside the prison isn't permitted.

49 Find the true sentence.

- Thanksgiving is a festival celebrated in Britain.
- **Crisps and petrol are the British words for chips and gasoline in the USA.** ✓
- The Republic of Ireland is not a member of the European Union.
- Rugby was invented in Australia.

50 Complete the list: Dublin, Ottawa, Wellington, ...

- Montreal
- **London** ✓
- New York
- Liverpool

51 Whose statue stands at the top of the column in Trafalgar Square in London?

- Winston Churchill.
- William the Conqueror.
- **Admiral Lord Nelson.** ✓
- Queen Victoria.

52 There's no gas at the moment. ... since last Thursday when someone said they smelt gas in their flat.

- There isn't any
- They turned off it
- **It's been turned off** ✓
- It wasn't turned on

53 Which pair of words doesn't sound the same?

- **heir, hair** ✓
- reign, rain
- aloud, allowed
- prays, praise

54 Complete the family of words: full stop, bracket, comma, ...

- tray
- band
- **dash** ✓
- strip

55 This is the ... chocolate cake I've ... !

- **most delicious ... ever eaten** ✓
- worse ... tasted
- best ... never had
- biggest ... ever saw