

1. Fill the gaps by choosing the correct word.

Of the fifty states in the United States, the largest is Alaska and the (1) _____ is Rhode Island. California has the biggest population (37 million); Wyoming has the smallest (550,000). The total US population is about 310 million. (2) _____ in the United States consume more (3) _____ per head than in any other country. Barack Obama is, of course, the first black president of the United States. He is in one of the two (4) _____ political parties in the US, the Democratic Party. The (5) _____ he beat to become the party's candidate in 2008, Hillary Clinton, is now the US Secretary of State (or foreign minister, as (6) _____ would be called in many countries).

Many of the most (7) _____ singers and groups in the history of pop music have been American. The biggest-selling (8) _____ solo artist, for example, is Elvis Presley (or Michael Jackson, according to some statistics) and the biggest-selling female solo artist is Madonna.

There are around 1.5 million people in the US (9) _____ (army, navy and air force), and more than 350,000 of them are (10) _____ the US. In fact, there are US military personnel in about 150 countries (although in most of these countries there are fewer than 1,000 of them).

The most popular spectator sports in the US are baseball, basketball and American football. (11) _____ Americans watch football (or soccer, as the Americans call it) but a lot of them play it, and quite a high percentage of players are female. In fact, the US women's soccer team is (12) _____ one in the world ranking and won the gold medal in both the last two Olympic Games.

military	person	she	chewing gum
main	fewer	male	outside
important	people	smallest	number

2. Match the two halves of the jokes.

1. What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?	A I don't know. We can't understand a word he says.
2 What did the traffic light say to the car?.	B Neither – I use a pen.
3. What's the new baby's name?	C You're too young to smoke.
4. Do people fall off the Empire State Building often?	D Don't look now, I'm changing.
5. I broke my arm in three places.	E When the farmer isn't looking.
6. Do you write with your left hand or your right hand?	F No, only once.
7. What did the big telephone say to the small telephone?	G Well, you ought to stay out of those places then!
8. When is the best time to pick strawberries?	H You're too young to be engaged.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.

3. Read the text and circle the right answer.

For many years people believed that the cleverest animals after man were chimpanzees.

Now, however, there is proof that dolphins may be even cleverer than these big apes.

Although a dolphin lives in the sea it is not a fish. It is a mammal. It is in many ways, therefore, like a human being.

Dolphins have a simple language. They are able to talk to one another. It may be possible for man to learn how to talk to dolphins. But this will not be easy because dolphins can not hear the kind of sounds man can make. If man wants to talk to dolphins, therefore, he will have to make a third language which both he and the dolphins can understand.

Dolphins are also very friendly towards man. They often follow ships. There are many stories of dolphins guiding ships through difficult and dangerous waters.

Question 1: Which animals do people think may be the cleverest?

- A. Chimpanzees
- B. Dolphins
- C. Big apes
- D. Mammals

Question 2: What other beings are dolphins like in many ways?

- E. Fish
- F. Animals
- G. Reptiles
- H. Men

Question 3: What have scientists discovered about dolphins?

- I. They understand simple language.
- J. They can speak to one another.
- K. Men can now talk to them.
- L. They can teach men their languages.

Question 4: Why is a third language necessary if man wants to talk to dolphins?

- M. Most men do not speak English.
- N. The dolphins language is hard to learn.
- O. Dolphins cannot hear men speaking.
- P. Men want to talk to dolphins in secret.

Question 5: In what way are dolphins friendly to man?

- Q. They like interesting things about man.
- R. They often follow ships.
- S. They often jump on to ships.
- T. They seem to like stories.

Look at the cartoons below. The wrong captions have been printed under each of them. Try to work out which caption goes with which cartoon. Write your answers in the boxes at the bottom of the page.



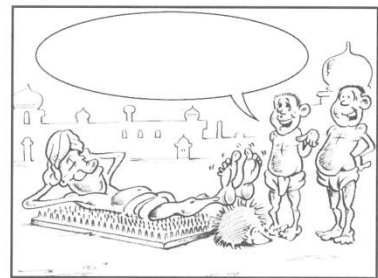
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No idea. Must be a foreign language.



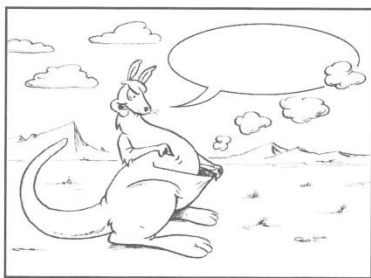
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Good morning, Janet.
Enjoy the skiing holiday?



3

There's someone here with a bunch of flowers for you, Simon.



4

This job really makes me sick sometimes!



5

I've dried the dishes, Mum.
What shall I do next?



6

How many times have I told
you not to smoke in bed!



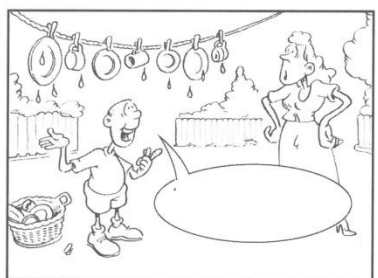
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I wish you wouldn't bring your work home with you, Alan.



8

I think your dad likes his birthday present.



9

Been fishing here long?



10

Hello, hello, hello!

[illegible]

5 Listen to the conversation. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 If they go to the theatre, it'll be expensive.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 2 If they go to the cinema, the boy's ex-girlfriend might be there.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 3 If they go to the Indian restaurant, it'll be closed.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 4 If they go to the Chinese restaurant, it'll be cheap.
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 5 If they stay in, they'll cook pizzas.
A True ☐ B False ☐

6 Listen to five people asking for advice. Choose the most likely advice for each speaker.

- Speaker 1 ☐
Speaker 2 ☐
Speaker 3 ☐
Speaker 4 ☐
Speaker 5 ☐

- A You should call the police.
B You should see a doctor.
C You should talk to your new housemate.
D You should talk to your boyfriend.
E You should phone the shop.

WRITING

Write about a journey you really enjoyed. Answer these questions (100–150 words):

- Where did you go?
- How did you travel?
- Who did you talk to during the journey?
- What did you see during the journey?
- Why did you enjoy the journey?

