circle [ˈsɜːkl]  
emergency [ɪˈmɜːdʒənsi]  
fuel [ˈfjuːəl]

Why does an airplane circle the airport before an emergency landing?  
An airplane circles the airport before an emergency landing to burn up the excess fuel.

What do teachers do with students’ spelling mistakes in a dictation?  
Teachers circle students’ spelling mistakes in red ink in a dictation.

In what situations does the government declare a state of emergency?  
The government declares a state of emergency in case of natural disasters such as earthquakes or floods.

Why are local authorities granted emergency powers?  
Local authorities are granted emergency powers because emergency situations need exceptional powers.

Why mustn’t an emergency exit be barred?  
An emergency exit mustn’t be barred because we never know when an emergency will arise.

sewer [ˈsuːə]  
sewage [ˈsuːidʒ]  
dispose of [dɪˈspəʊz]  
rodent [ˈrəʊdnt]

What’s a sewer system?  
A sewer system is a system of pipes below the level of the ground by which we dispose of sewage from households and factories.

What are the hated rodents that often live in sewers?  
Rats are the hated rodents that often live in sewers.

Why do people have to treat sewage with chemicals before it’s disposed of into rivers or seas?  
People have to treat sewage with chemicals before it’s disposed of into rivers or seas for health reasons and in order to protect the environment.
Are trains allowed to dispose of sewage from toilets when they’re at the station?

No, trains aren’t allowed to dispose of sewage from toilets when they’re at the station.

How far from a port do you think must a ship be to be allowed to dispose of sewage?

I think a ship must be at least 10 miles from a port to be allowed to dispose of sewage.

What are two reasons some people may be afraid of nuclear power plants?

Two reasons for which some people may be afraid of nuclear power plants are the possibility of explosion and the problem with disposing of the nuclear waste.

contaminate [kəntəmɪneɪt] contamination [kəntəmɪˈneɪʃn]
radioactive [ˈreɪdiəʊækтив]
filter [ˈfɪltə]
fallopout [ˈfɔ:luːt]

Why do we have to filter drinking water?

We have to filter drinking water in order to remove contamination and get rid of any unwanted substances.

Do you have any filters for tap water in the house? Where are they installed?

Yes, I have some filters for tap water in the house. They are installed under the sink in the kitchen.

What are possible sources of water contamination in an urban area?

For example, household waste, various toxic chemicals or sewers are possible sources of water contamination in an urban area.

What can cause water contamination in the natural environment?

Acid rain, bacteria or viruses can cause water contamination in the natural environment.

What can be the danger of contact of an open cut with contaminated blood?

The danger of contact of an open cut with contaminated blood can be a high risk of an infection or a serious disease.

How can the contamination of fresh water affect the life of animals?

The contamination of fresh water can affect the life of animals by reducing available water sources, causing various diseases or even death from thirst.

Give me examples of species which were seriously affected due to the contamination caused by the BP spill in the Mexican Gulf.

Species which were seriously affected due to the contamination caused by the BP spill in the Mexican Gulf were numerous species of fish such as sharks and tuna, birds and dolphins.

What kind of filters can security software provide us with?

Security software can provide us with spam filters or with tools to filter out adult websites which are not appropriate for children.

What accident caused the radioactive contamination in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries in 1986 and in Japan 2011?

b) in Japan 2011?

[ˈʧɜːnəʊbl]

obtain [əbˈteɪn]
acquire [əˈkwaɪə]
field [fi:ld]

Obtain and acquire are similar in meaning. Generally we can obtain: information, something, a letter, a piece of advice, a work permit. We acquire: skills, knowledge, languages, an advanced level in typing, etc.

Give me an example of a sentence with the word ‘obtain’ / ‘acquire’.

I haven’t obtained the results of my last test yet. I acquired Spanish when I was a child and lived in Madrid with my parents.

What are synonyms of the words ‘obtain’ and ‘acquire’?

For example, ‘gain’ and ‘get’ are synonyms of ‘obtain’ and ‘acquire’.

In which scientific fields did these people acquire very advanced knowledge:

a) Marie Curie
b) Albert Einstein
c) Sigmund Freud
d) Nicolaus Copernicus
e) Jane Goodall?

[‘ʧɜːri/ˈaɪnstaɪn/ˈsɪɡmənd frɔɪd /kəʊˈpɜːnɪkəs/ˈɡʊdɔːl]

What has Silvio Berlusconi acquired his bad reputation for?

Silvio Berlusconi has acquired his bad reputation for cheating on his wife and numerous love affairs.

What do you often need to obtain to be able to work in another country?

You need to obtain a work permit to be able to work in another country.

Why do people sometimes decide to change their jobs?

People sometimes decide to change their jobs in order to obtain a better salary.
Give me examples of foods which may be harmful to people with allergies even in small quantities.

For example, milk, nuts or flour may be harmful to people with allergies even in small quantities.

What do you think are the most harmful habits?

I think taking drugs, drinking and smoking are the most harmful habits.

Would you say sunbathing was harmful or harmless to sensitive skin?

I’d say sunbathing was harmful to sensitive skin.

If a dog owner claimed that his fierce dog was harmless, would you believe him?

Yes, if a dog owner claimed that his fierce dog was harmless, I’d believe him.

Is having an X-ray completely harmless?

No, having an X-ray isn’t completely harmless. It’s harmful.

A parasite is an animal which feeds and lives at the expense of another animal, such as various worms.

Large predators which belong to the cat family include the lion, the tiger, the leopard and the puma.

A parasite is often much smaller than the animal it feeds on and it doesn’t kill its host immediately.

A person can get infected with parasites by drinking contaminated water or by contact with a person who has parasites.

The danger of having one’s digestive system infected with parasites is that it can be harmful for the health and quite painful.

Are parasites in humans contagious, that is can they be passed from one person to another?

Yes, parasites in humans are contagious, that is they can be passed from one person to another.

What could you call a 30-year old man still living with his parents at their expense?

I could call a 30-year old man still living with his parents at their expense a parasite.

Who do you think would be more willing to participate in medical research - a terminally ill patient or a healthy person?

I think a terminally ill patient would be more willing to participate in medical research than a healthy person.

Give me the name of a voluntary organisation.

UNICEF is a voluntary organisation.

Why do people join voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross?

People join voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross because they want to help others.

Have you ever worked as a volunteer?

Yes, I’ve worked as a volunteer.

If a neighbouring country started a war with your country, would you volunteer to fight for your country?

Yes, if a neighbouring country started a war with my country, I would volunteer to fight for my country.

What kind of language activities do you like to participate in the most?

I like to participate in such language activities as pair work and conversations the most.
Fed up (with) [fed ap wið]

Entire [ɪnˈtaɪə]

Lecture ['lektʃə]

Lecturer ['lektʃərə]

Would you be fed up with the weather if it rained for an entire month?

Yes, I’d be fed up with the weather if it rained for an entire month.

If you had an appointment with a person and that person was late, how long would you wait before you were totally fed up and decided to leave?

If I had an appointment with a person and that person was late, I would wait no longer than 20 minutes before I were totally fed up and decided to leave.

What kind of look do students usually have on their faces when the lecture or the lecturer is boring?

Students usually have a fed up look on their faces when the lecture or the lecturer is boring.

Have you ever had to attend a boring lecture?

No, I have never had to attend a boring lecture.

Stock exchange - additional questions

What do these expressions mean:

a) to be on shaky ground
b) to be poised to
c) to recover
d) to rocket?

Has the stock exchange in your country recovered from the losses of the 2008 crisis?

Why is investing money on the stock exchange so risky?

What ways of investing money are safer?

What skills do people who work on the stock exchange need?
Exercise 4

Fill in the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word.

1. The hotel requires that all payments be made ... in ... advance.
2. It’s not advisable in running a business to take constant growth of your sales for ... .
3. The investigation was set ... motion when they found the car that had been used in the robbery.
4. Irwin was a bit tensed ... before the driving test as he had failed the previous two.
5. Passengers are forbidden from leaning ... of the windows when the train is in motion.
6. Barry went up in my ... when I found out how bravely he had behaved.
7. John has failed his test. I think it was ... to happen as he didn’t study at all.
8. Ashley sowed the seed of ... in me when he suddenly asked if I were sure.
9. Though they have been going out together for over eight years, they still haven’t tied the ... .
10. The kid is a real ... of his parents. He misbehaves, he is very moody, he is a fussy eater and in addition to it all he bullies his younger brother.

Exercise 2

Match the words in the box with a suitable definition. Each word can be used once.

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<td>flow</td>
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1. change in order to make suitable - ... adapt ...
2. food, medicine sent to help people / countries in needs - ...
3. separate part on a train - ...
4. separate part of a train - ...
5. person who steals from people or places - ...
6. person who steals from people in crowded places - ...
7. rail for holding when climbing stairs - ...
8. move steadily in one direction - ...
9. move round - ...
10. can be moved to different positions - ...

Exercise 3

Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

1. The murderer told the police that he had killed the man because he believed the man was cursed / sworn.
2. This eco-organization fights against urban / rural development and the expansion of cities into new areas.
3. Tucker went to the inquiry office to ask about the track / flow and platform the train would be arriving at.
4. To assure / ensure children’s safety they are forbidden from using lifts alone.
5. As Perry wanted to test his new mountain bike immediately, he asked the shop assistant to adapt / adjust the height of the bike’s seat.
6. The attacker hit her hard and tried to grab / grasp her bag and mobile phone.
7. This software helps you estimate / estimation how much your expenses grow.
8. Candice was going down the stairs when she slipped, failed to grasp the railings / handrails, fell and broke her leg.
9. Instead of sowing / sewing grass in his garden, he decided to buy roll-out grass.
10. The inner / outer part of the earth is composed of rocks.

Exercise 5

Match the words 1-10 with their opposites a-j.

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<tr>
<th>1. reward</th>
<th>a. occupied</th>
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<td>2. grip</td>
<td>b. forbid</td>
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<td>3. permit</td>
<td>c. enter</td>
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<td>4. huge</td>
<td>d. superior</td>
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<td>5. urban</td>
<td>e. rural</td>
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<td>6. unite</td>
<td>f. punishment</td>
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<td>7. clear</td>
<td>g. guilty</td>
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<td>8. vacant</td>
<td>h. let go</td>
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<td>9. inferior</td>
<td>i. separate</td>
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<td>10. tiny</td>
<td>j. tiny</td>
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Exercise 6
Choose the best answer. Only one answer is appropriate.

1. I could ... swear ... I left the keys on the cupboard this morning.
   a) curse  b) oath  c) swear

2. The plane was circling the airport to burn up the excess ............... before
   the emergency landing.
   a) oil  b) fuel  c) gas

3. Their institute has received a research ............... of $5 million to study
   the side effects of the new drug.
   a) aid  b) reward  c) grant

4. They offered a(n) ............... for help in finding their missing poodle.
   a) aid  b) reward  c) grant

5. Dustin was trying to put out the fire with a car ............... but it was
   too small to be effective.
   a) fire extinguisher  b) lighter  c) first aid kit

6. Passengers waiting for trains on a station ............... are not advised
   to go too close to the edge.
   a) platform  b) track  c) compartment

7. The man escaped danger by a hair when he tried to cross the ............... in
   front of the coming train.
   a) platform  b) track  c) carriage

8. The seeds of this plant must not be ............... but carefully planted in rows.
   a) scattered  b) seized  c) sworn

9. Our children loved to slide down the ............... when we stayed with
   my parents in the family residence.
   a) banister  b) railing  c) chain

10. Everyone was amazed at the little boy’s ............... of knowledge.
    a) limit  b) frontier  c) extent

11. I asked her to ............... the buttons onto the shirt for me.
    a) sew  b) sow  c) saw

12. Some ............... can easily blend in a crowd and even fake having
    a heart attack in order to distract attention and steal wallets.
    a) thieves  b) burglars  c) pickpockets

Exercise 7
Use the word in capitals at the end of each line to form a suitable word
to put into the empty space in the same line.

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<td>Two passenger trains crashed today near Atlanta</td>
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<td>(2) ......................... at 7 a.m.</td>
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<td>Since the crash took place on the River Gulf bridge, some of the</td>
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<td>(3) ......................... fell into water.</td>
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<td>So far, at a rough (4) ........................., we know there were 250</td>
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<td>people killed. ‘If it had happened, in a (5) .........................</td>
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<td>populated area, we’d have had hundreds killed’, said one of the</td>
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<td>(6) ......................... .</td>
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<td>The police believe the two train engineers hadn’t adjusted the speed</td>
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<td>(7) .........................,</td>
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<td>though they knew they were heading for the bridge. ‘The accident</td>
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<td>(8) ......................... has already been set in motion’, said one of the</td>
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<td>policemen.</td>
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<td>RAIL</td>
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Exercise 1
Complete each sentence with a word from the box.
Make all necessary changes to the words.

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<th>do</th>
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<th>give</th>
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1. Shall we go to the cinema or the theatre? I can’t … make … up my mind.
2. My father insists that we all …………………… the Sunday dinner precisely at 4 o’clock.
3. The policeman …………………… the suspect confess to the crime after several hours of questioning.
4. Larry …………………… a load off my mind when he reminded me I had left my wallet in his house the day before.
5. I had missed the last bus and was wondering how to get home when I noticed Cliff’s car pulling in. He opened the door and offered to …………………… me a lift.
6. The boy was afraid of returning on his own because the man who was hanging about on the street corner …………………… him the shivers.
7. My elder brother hates it when I …………………… a face at him.
8. Mitch promised he would …………………… everything he could in order not to be dismissed.
9. I believe Morton is an Internet addict. He just can’t …………………… without his computer.
10. Michael knew he couldn’t afford to leave his job then so he decided …………………… the best of it.
11. My mother always wishes me to …………………… my best before an important exam.
12. This iPod at $60 …………………… a real bargain.
13. If I were in your shoes, I would …………………… a bus rather than go by car.
14. ‘What size do you ……………………?’ – asked the shop assistant.
15. Police cars and ambulances …………………… priority on the road.

Across
1. very large
3. things for particular purpose
7. combine
8. repairs on the road
10. kind of cake
11. twelve
13. part of a train carriage
15. calculate; judge the value

Down
2. seize
3. situation demanding immediate action
4. of a town
5. nervous
6. bind
7. United Kingdom in short
9. of tenths
10. allow
12. formal promise
14. number of things; one on top of the other
5. My mother is now in a much better ………………… than she was when she was taken to hospital.

6. Tanner asked me if I remembered Susan Kowalski. I said that the name rang a ………………… but I couldn’t quite remember where I had met her.

7. It’s been 10 years since I left school but the name of my history teacher still makes me see ………………….

8. Most young people are completely unaware of all the ………………… and downs of those who lived their lives during the World War.

9. The situation on the road was a complete mess as most drivers were trying to jump the ………………….

10. They are planning to tie the ………………… in summer. She dreams of inviting all her family and friends to the wedding.

Exercise 2

Decide whether the expressions from the box are used with ‘do’ or ‘make’ and put them in the right column below.

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<td>sport</td>
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<td>peace</td>
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<td>a profit</td>
<td>one’s hair</td>
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Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with the most suitable word from the box.

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<th>ups</th>
<th>pros</th>
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<td>buckets</td>
<td>shape</td>
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1. Last year during the financial crisis many banks in the USA went … broke … .

2. There are many …………………, and cons of using animals in medical experiments.

3. Please don’t talk about diets and losing weight to John. It’s a ………………… point with him.

4. Willard sweats ………………… whenever he has to talk to the headmaster.

Exercise 4

Complete each sentence with a suitable verb from box A and a noun from box B.

A

be         leak like        play         lick         take          lose          drum

offends     play         take          lick         shake

B

the eye        fingers  advantage  wounds  head  the rules           nuts

a sieve

1. The government has passed a law which states that parents may be fined if their children … play … … truant … .

2. The Slovak national football team will need quite a long time to …………………. after the terrible defeat in the championship.

3. He must really …………………. ………………….. if he means to climb the rock with no protection.

4. Though it was forbidden to use dictionaries during an exam, the teacher allowed us to …………………. ………………….. a little.

5. I hate to …………………. ………………….. and swear in my children’s presence. I always feel very guilty afterwards.

6. In brief, I think that the Korean Ssangyong …………………. ………………….. It’s the ugliest car I’ve ever seen.

7. Kathleen was a very stressed person. She used to swing her feet and …………………. ………………….. all the time.
8. Some companies were able to .......... .......... .......... of the crisis and strengthened their position in the market.
9. Whenever he disagrees with his opponent, you will see him .......... .......... .
10. After the accident in which Raymond smashed his head against the front window, his memory seemed to .......... .......... .

Exercise 5

Match adjectives (1-10) with a suitable noun (a-j).

1. a color/a cable/a satellite/a local  a) friend  1 - b
2. a close/a good/a loyal/a pen  b) TV  2 -
3. second/national/body/formal  c) principle  3 -
4. an infectious/a mild/a rare/a skin  d) milk  4 -
5. a governmental/a powerful/a state/a social  e) clothes  5 -
6. an urgent/a personal/a business/a open  f) house  6 -
7. low-fat/fresh/sour/powdered  g) institution  7 -
8. a general/a basic/a strict/a firm  h) language  8 -
9. neat/summer/washed/old  i) letter  9 -
10. a thatched/a terraced/a detached/a summer  j) disease  10 -

Exercise 6

Complete each sentences with keep, go, or get. Make any other necessary changes to the verbs. Each verb must be used four times.

1. Although they graduated from university some 10 years ago, they still .......... .......... .
2. The government intends to .......... .......... ahead with their plan to raise the VAT tax although most business owners protest.
3. We have finally decided to .......... .......... rid of our old, worn-out couch.
4. They had been .......... .......... out together for five years before she agreed to marry him.
5. Justin Bieber's fans .......... .......... crazy as soon as they saw him arriving at the airport in his limousine.

Exercise 7

Match adjectives (1-12) with a suitable noun (a-l).

1. a deep/a slight/a serious/a bullet  a) brother  1 - f
2. a strong/an irresistible/a tourist/a public  b) evidence  2 -
3. hand/excess/personal/unclaimed  c) punishment  3 -
4. a public/a broadcasting/a national/a private  d) negotiations  4 -
5. a minor/a serious/a severe/an internal  e) attraction  5 -
6. a business/a leisure/a medical/a research  f) wound  6 -
7. cruel/harsh/severe/capital  g) corporation  7 -
8. fragile/wine/drinking/safety  h) injury  8 -
9. direct/reliable/strong/hard  i) illness  9 -
10. peace/successful/direct/delicate  j) luggage  10 -
11. major/incurable/terminal/slight  k) centre  11 -
12. an elder/a twin/a little/a younger  l) glass  12 -
Exercise 8

Buildings. Fill in the gaps under the pictures.

1. It’s a b_____ of f_____.
2. It’s an old c______.
3. It’s a Chinese p______.
4. It’s a country c______.
5. It’s a d______ house.
6. It’s a s_____ - d_____ house.
7. It’s a r_______.
8. It’s a g______.
9. The roof of this t______ house is covered with s______.
10. These are p______.
11. It’s a s_______.
12. These are t______ houses.

Phonetic chart

Vowels

ɪ: slippery [ˈslɪpəri], equipment [ˈkwɪpmənt], pillow [ˈpɪləʊ]
æ: accompany [əˈkʌmpəni], predict [priˈdɪkt], muddy [ˈmʌdi]
œ: shallow [ˈʃæləʊ], backbone [ˈbækbəʊn], gamble [ˈɡæmbl]
ʌ: gum [ɡʌm], oven [ˈʌvn], income [ˈɪnkʌm]
ɒ: marvel [ˈmɑ:vl], carpet [ˈkɑ:pɪt], grant [ɡrɑ:nt]
ɑ: shallow [ˈʃæləʊ], backbone [ˈbækbəʊn], gamble [ˈɡæmbl]
æ: gum [ɡʌm], oven [ˈʌvn], income [ˈɪnkʌm]
ə: tender [ˈtendə], lemon [ˈlemən], inner [ˈɪnə]

Consonants

θ: earthquake [ˈθɜːkwərk], thief [θi:f], thatched [ˈθætʃt]
ð: breathe [bri:ð], bother [ˈbɒðə], feather [ˈfeðə]
ŋ: accordingly [əˈkɔ:dɪŋli], ankle [ˈæŋkl], sting [stɪŋ]
w: squeeze [skwi:z], weapon [ˈwepən], weigh [weɪ]
v: shiver [ˈʃɪvə], vaccinate [ˈvækəneɪt], severe [ˈsɪvər]
ʃ: luxury [ˈlʌkʃəri], tension [ˈtenʃn], harsh [hɑ:ʃ]
ʒ: measure [ˈmeʒə], revision [riˈvɪʒn], massage [ˈmæsɑ:ʒ]
ʧ: chew [tʃu:], chest [tʃeʃ], detach [dɪˈtætʃ]
ʤ: gentle [ˈdʒentl], shrinkage [ˈʃrɪŋkædʒ], savage [ˈsævɪdʒ]