

Test Samples

1. Choosing synonyms to verbs

Write down a synonym for each of the words on the left. Choose from the ones on the right.

Initial verb	Variants for the choice	Correct answer
1. Talk	depart	<i>speak</i>
2. Love	help	<i>adore</i>
3. Hate	adore	<i>loathe</i>
4. Fall	mend	<i>stumble</i>
5. Phone	receive	<i>ring</i>
6. Swim	allow	<i>bathe</i>
7. Leave	comprehend	<i>depart</i>
8. Let	ring	<i>allow</i>
9. Ask	loathe	<i>inquire</i>
10. Cry	require	<i>weep</i>
11. Assist	weep	<i>help</i>
12. Get	speak	<i>receive</i>
13. Need	inquire	<i>require</i>

2. Associating words

Write next to each of the words on the left a word that is connected with it in some way. Choose from the ones on the right. Use each word once only.

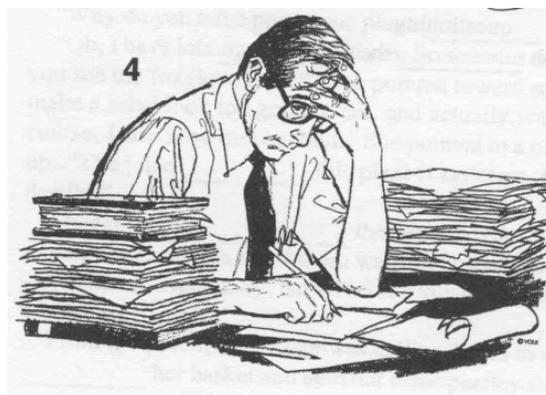
Initial verb	Variants for the choice	Correct answer
1. House	motorway	<i>family</i>
2. Businessman	wife	<i>briefcase</i>
3. Apple pie	toothache	<i>custard</i>
4. Cigarettes	chimney	<i>lighter</i>
5. Bird	cloud	<i>nest</i>
6. Letter	family	<i>envelope</i>
7. Car	custard	<i>motorway</i>
8. School	typewriter	<i>pupils</i>
9. Husband	comb	<i>wife</i>
10. Secretary	saucer	<i>typewriter</i>

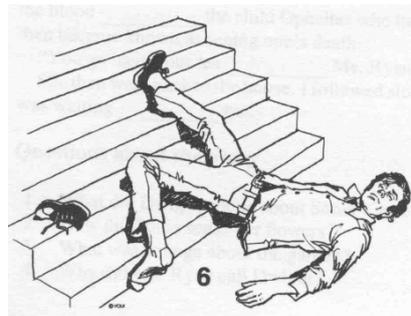
3. Choosing the User

Complete the sentences below by choosing a suitable word from the ones on the right. Use each word once only.

Incomplete sentence	Variants	Correct answer
1. A crash helmet is used by ...	a shop-assistant	a motorcyclist
2. A whistle is used by...	a teacher	a referee
3. A typewriter is used by...	a golfer	a secretary
4. A palette is used by...	a photographer	an artist
5. Pins are used by ...	a motorcyclist	a dressmaker
6. A blackboard is used by ...	a referee	a teacher
7. A chisel is used by ...	a policemen	a carpenter
8. A tripod is used by...	a doctor	a photographer
9. A microscope is used by ...	a blacksmith	a scientist
10. A stethoscope is used by ...	an artist	a doctor
11. A rifle is used by ...	a camper	a soldier
12. A till is used by ...	a dressmaker	a shop-assistant
13. An anvil is used by...	a scientist	a blacksmith
14. Handcuffs are used by...	a soldier	a policemen
15. A sleeping bag is used by ...	a secretary	a camper
16. A tee is used by	a carpenter	a golfer

4. Choosing prepositions





Complete each sentence using the corresponding picture. Use a preposition that shows cause or purpose. More than one answer may be correct.

1. The drivers were hurt.....
2. The people were victims.....
3. The man was angry.....
4. The man was tired.....
5. The thief broke into the safe.....
6. The man died.....
7. The patient died.....

5. Comparisons

Select the correct form of adjectives in the following sentences.

1. Of the four dresses, I like the red one (better / best).
2. Phil is the (happier / happiest) person that we know.
3. Pat's car is (faster / fastest) than Dan's.
4. This is (creamier / creamiest) ice cream I have ever had.
5. This poster is (colorfuler / more colorful) than the one in the hall.
6. Does Fred feel (weller / better) today than he did yesterday.
7. This vegetable soup tastes very (good / well).
8. While trying to balance the baskets on her head, the woman walked (awkwarder / more awkwardly) than her daughter.
9. Jane is the (less / least) athletic of all the women.
10. My cat is the (prettier / prettiest) of the two.

6. Commonly misused words

1. A beautiful (**angle / angel**) adorned their Christmas tree.
2. I have (**your / you're**) notes here, but I cannot find mine.
3. The rescuers were a welcome (**cite / sight / site**) for those trapped on the snow-covered mountain.
4. (**Who's / Whose**) supposed to supply the refreshments for tonight's meeting?
5. It is a (**costume / custom**) in the U.S. to eat turkey on Thanksgiving.
6. (**Weather / Whether**) we drive or fly depends on the length of our vacation.
7. Pasquale is of French (**decent / descent**), but his cousin is English.
8. Dr. Hipple will not be coming (**to / two / too**) the meeting because he has (to / two / too) many papers to grade.
9. Although my mother never eats (**desert / dessert**), I prefer something sweet.
10. I guess (**their / there / they're**) not interested because we have not heard anything from them.
11. Doris and Marge teach at kindergarten; the (**latter / later**) works at Putnam.
12. Issak Asimov's science books are more easily understood (**than / then**) most scientists'.
13. The fender on Sean's bike came (**loose / lose**) and had to be tightened.
14. Nobody had any (**stationary / stationery**), so we had to use notebook papers to write the letter.
15. The hikers had (**passed / past**) many hours waiting to be rescued.
16. After any war, the world desires a lasting (**peace / piece**).
17. Albert Einstein expressed his (**principal / principle**) of relativity.

18. Marcia was (**quit / quiet / quite**) tired after the long walk to class.
19. You must remember to (**cite / site / sight**) your references when you write a paper.

7. Put the verbs in the correct form

Nobody Had Believed it Was Possible

In 1912, the Titanic (**hit**) an iceberg on its first trip across the Atlantic, and it (**sink**) four hours later. At that time, the Titanic (**be**) the largest ship ever (travel) at sea. It was carrying 2207 people, but it had taken on enough lifeboats for only 1178 people. When the passengers (**try**) to leave the ship, only 651 of them were able to get into lifeboats.

The Carpathia (**be**) 58 miles away when the Titanic (**call**) on its radio for help. It arrived two hours after the great ship (**go**) down, and it (**save**) 705 people. Some of the survivors (**be**) in the icy water for hours when they were saved. Most of the passengers hadn't lived that long; 1502 people (**lose**) their lives.

Through the whole tragedy, the Californian (**be**) only 10 miles away. Its officers were close enough to see the Titanic, but they (**not/understand**) the situation. They never received the Titanic's call for help, and they didn't come to the rescue until too late.

Why (**be**) there such a great loss of life? Why (**be**) there so few survivors? Why the Californian (**not/come**) to help? First of all, nobody (**prepare**) for such a tragedy. Nobody (**believed**) that the Titanic could sink. The steamship company (**think**) that its ship would be completely safe in all situations. They (**follow**) an old rule for the number of lifeboats, so they (**supply**) lifeboats for only half the people. The passengers hadn't yet received their lifeboat numbers, nor had they practiced lifeboat drill before the accident. Many of them (**not/dress**) even warmly, for the ship had hit the iceberg late at night, and they (**not/believe**) they (**be**) in danger.

The ship already (**receive**) six ice warnings on its radio when it struck the iceberg. Nevertheless, it (**not/change**) its direction or its speed. it (**be**) impossible to change direction quickly enough when the iceberg came in sight. When the Titanic (**hit**) the iceberg, the radio officer on the Californian just (**go**) to bed. He (**try**) to warn the officers on the Titanic about the ice before he'd gone to bed, but the officers hadn't listened.

After this accident, ocean travel changed. Now there (**be**) always enough lifeboats for everybody. Ships (**not/go**) so far north in winter, and they watch carefully for ice. Radio officers (**work**) 24 hours a day. A tragedy like the sinking of the Titanic should never happen again.

8. Change the words given in the capital letters and fill the blanks

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| 1. I have a very good working.....with my boss. | RELATION |
| 2. They finally reached.....on the price of the house. | AGREE |
| 3. He asked what my.....salary was. | MONTH |
| 4. I wish you wouldn't ask me.....questions. | END |
| 5. The only.....she'd committed was for parking. | OFFEND |
| 6. I asked the.....if she could help me find the book. | LIBRARY |
| 7. They went upstairs so.....that they woke the baby. | NOISE |
| 8. I don't understand the.....between the two words. | DISTINGUISH |
| 9. The postal service is rather.....round here so I'm afraid
my letter may take ages to reach you. | RELY |
| 10. The.....men began loading our furniture into the van. | REMOVE |
| 11. I have found all the staff extremely.....and I'd be grateful
if you would thank them for me. | HELP |