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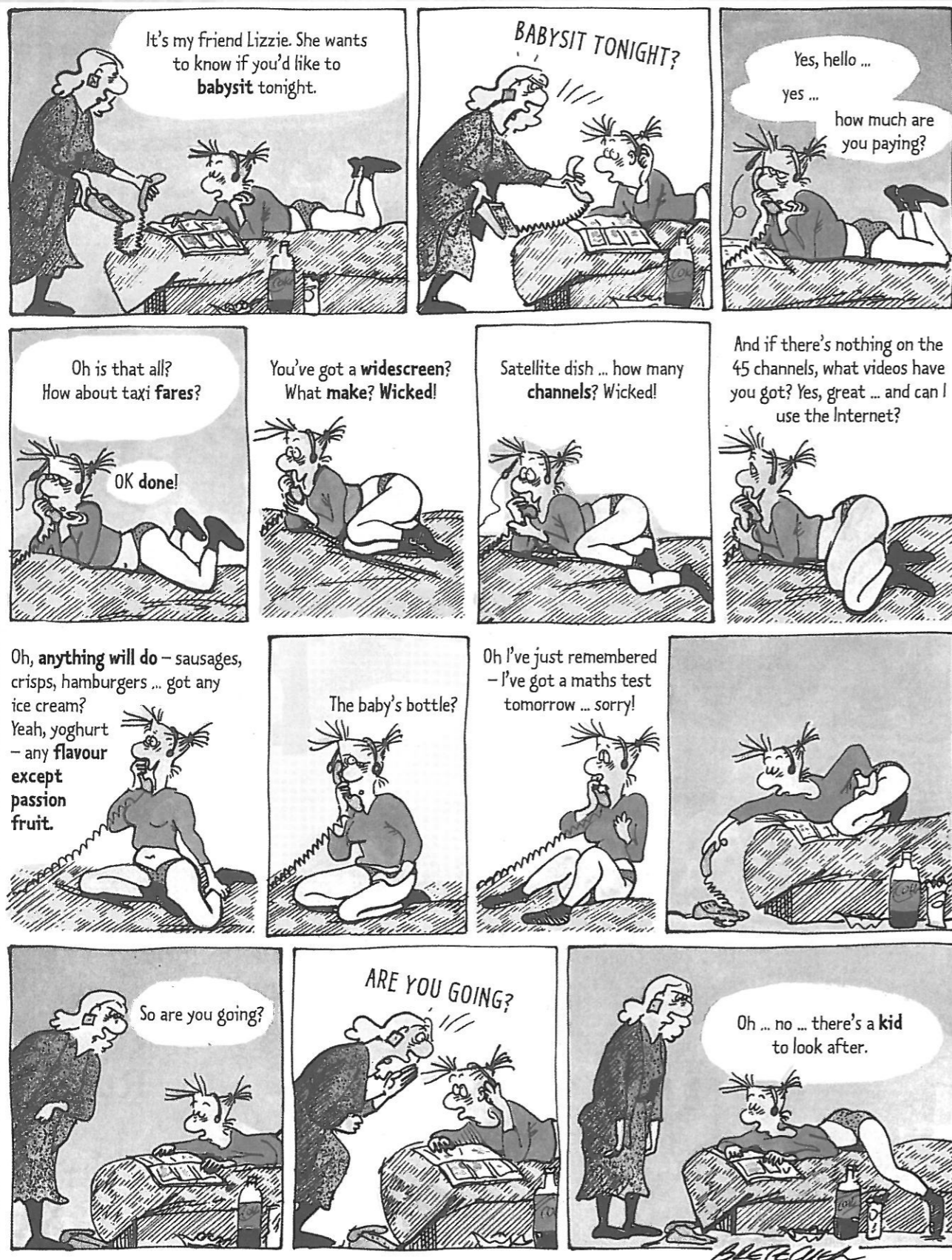
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babysit look after babies or children when their parents are out

fare cost of a train/bus/taxi/plane journey

done! © = 'I accept your offer'

widescreen large, modern TV set

make name of company which makes machines, cars, etc. e.g. Sony, Ferrari

wicked © [slang, used by young people] fantastic

channel TV station

anything will do I don't mind, anything will be OK

flavour type of taste e.g. we sell twenty flavours of ice cream

except but not

passion fruit small tropical fruit

kid © child

© This means that the word or phrase is informal.

glossary



what a laugh!



A frog visits a fortune teller to see what the future holds for him.

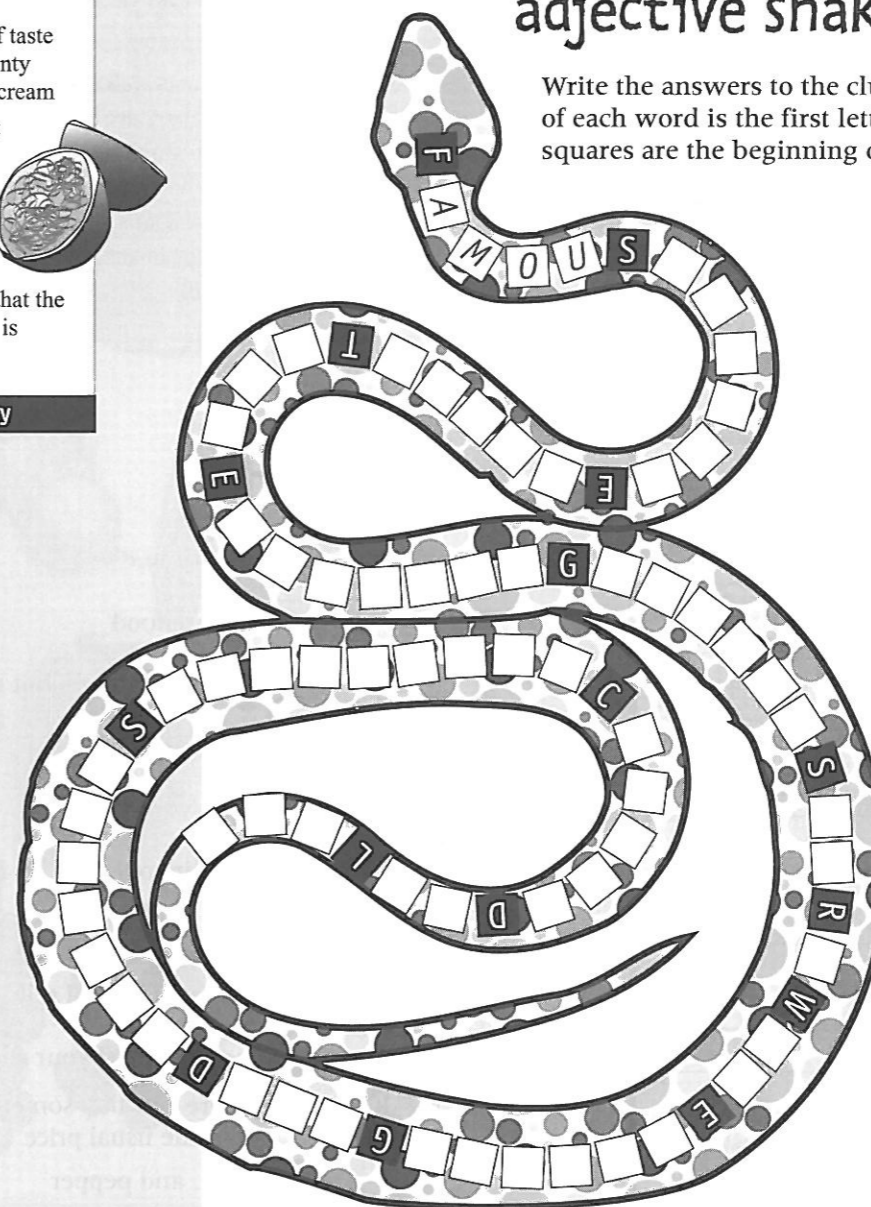
'I can see ... a beautiful girl. She will want to know everything about you.'

The frog is very excited. 'Fantastic! Where will I meet her? At a party?'

'No, in a biology class,' says the fortune teller.

adjective snake

Write the answers to the clues in the snake. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Black squares are the beginning or end of a word.



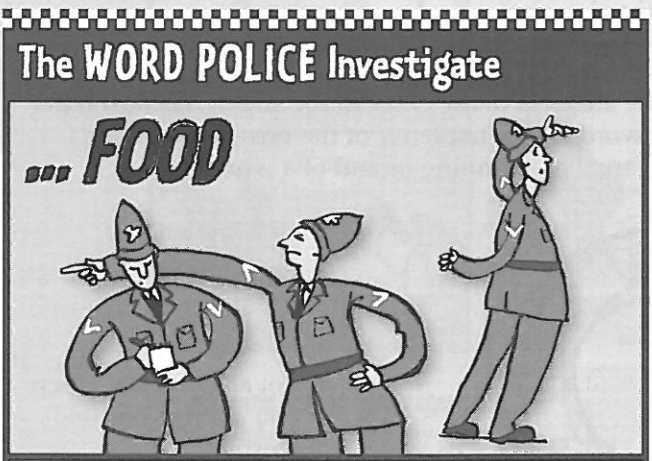
- 1 well known
- 2 not doing stupid things; practical
- 3 smartly dressed
- 4 not able to relax when you are nervous or worried
- 5 very relaxed, not easily worried (2 words)
- 6 happy to give money, etc. to help others
- 7 having a sharp, acid taste, like a lemon
- 8 not cooked
- 9 opposite of narrow
- 10 causing feeling of interest and pleasure
- 11 very impressive, especially a building or an event
- 12 not safe
- 13 showing you understand someone's problems or feelings
- 14 full of people
- 15 boring
- 16 opposite of hard-working

find the food

Find a vegetable or fruit hidden in each sentence.

Would you like to sam[ba, Nana] Mouskouri? banana

- 1 I'll have five of those, if they're cheap, please.
- 2 They were on a diet, so they only had one chip each.
- 3 Have you been home long, then?
- 4 Did you invite Monica or Angela to the party?
- 5 She was wearing some beautiful gold clip earrings.
- 6 I'll meet you at the bus depot at one o'clock.
- 7 This toy car rotates all the time.
- 8 He wants to be an airline pilot when he grows up.



Translate these verbs into your language.

English	Your language
chop	
slice	
grate	
peel	
roast	
fry	
grill	
boil	
bake	
taste	
swallow	
bite	
chew	
lick	
suck	

what a laugh!

Four tortoises decide to go for a picnic. It takes them two hours to get to the picnic spot. When they open their basket, they realize they've forgotten the cake. The older tortoises ask the youngest to go home to get it. 'Why should I go?' asks the young one. 'Because you're younger and faster.' They spend an hour trying to persuade him, and finally he agrees to go. 'But don't drink the lemonade before I come back!' he says. 'OK, it's a promise,' they reply. The young tortoise starts walking home. After an hour, the others are so thirsty that they decide to start the lemonade. Suddenly, a little head appears from behind a tree and says, 'If you drink that lemonade, I won't go!'



word ladder

- Change one letter each time.
- C O O K** prepare food
 - low temperature, but not cold
 - a stupid person
 - what you eat
 - opposite of bad
 - a precious metal
 - past participle of sell
 - the bottom of your shoe
 - where you buy something cheaper than the usual price
 - S A L T** _____ and pepper

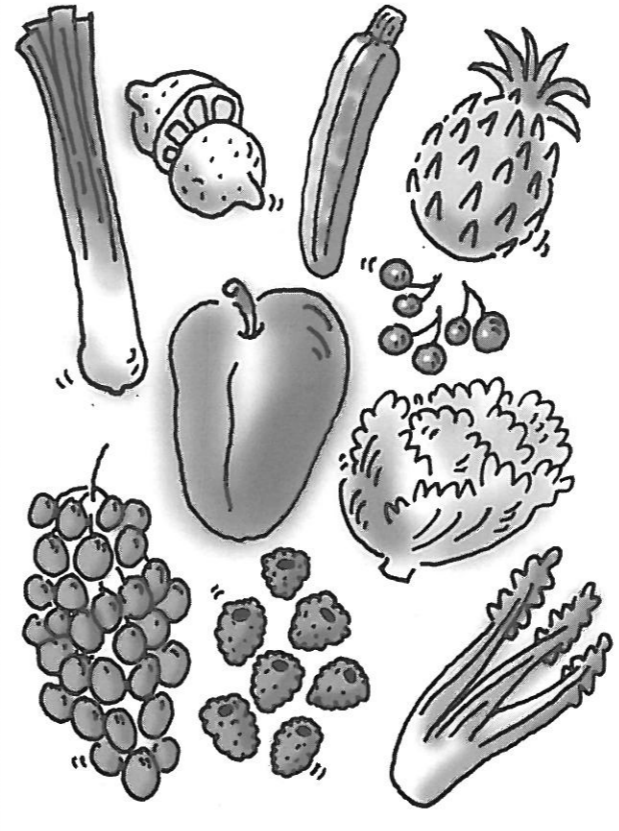
fruit and veg

Complete the crossword using the pictures. Be careful - put the words in the correct places.

P I N E A P P L E

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would you believe it?

- * Crisps, or 'potato chips' as they are called in the USA, are manufactured so that you can't swallow the whole crisp in one go. This lets you enjoy the satisfaction of the noise and feel of the crisp.
- * A famous brand of cola used a slogan which was 'Come alive with Cola.' This was translated in German as 'Come alive out of the grave with Cola' (the grave is the place where bodies are placed in a cemetery.) In some Slavic countries, it was translated as 'Cola brings your ancestors back from the grave.'



ELIMINATE!

Cross out (~~cross-out~~) the letters of the illustrated words, like this:

S B P A S E K A E T

K H A U N D B P A G

Read the other letters to find a message, for example SPEAK UP.

	Y F O R U I D C G E	
	A N S L I E N A K D	
	A T H A O P R S S E	
	F T R E O E Z E W R	
	C U A P B O T A R D	
	E R M B I X U E R T	
	C O Y O O K E U C R	
	S A A U C N E P A N	
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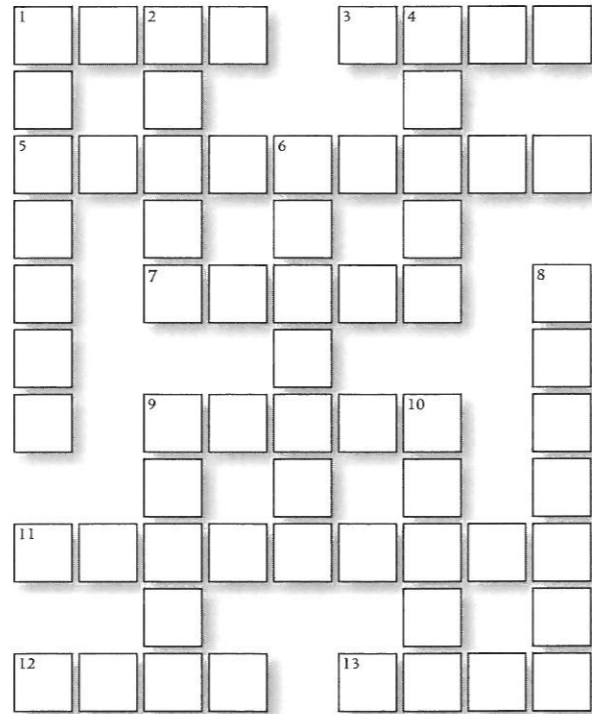
crossword

across

- 1 what time
- 3 remain
- 5 policeman/woman who investigates serious crimes
- 7 jewellery you wear on your fingers
- 9 control the direction of a car, boat, bicycle, etc.
- 11 hair on man's face between nose and mouth
- 12 travel by horse, bike, etc.
- 13 When my sister doesn't know the answer, she _____ me.

down

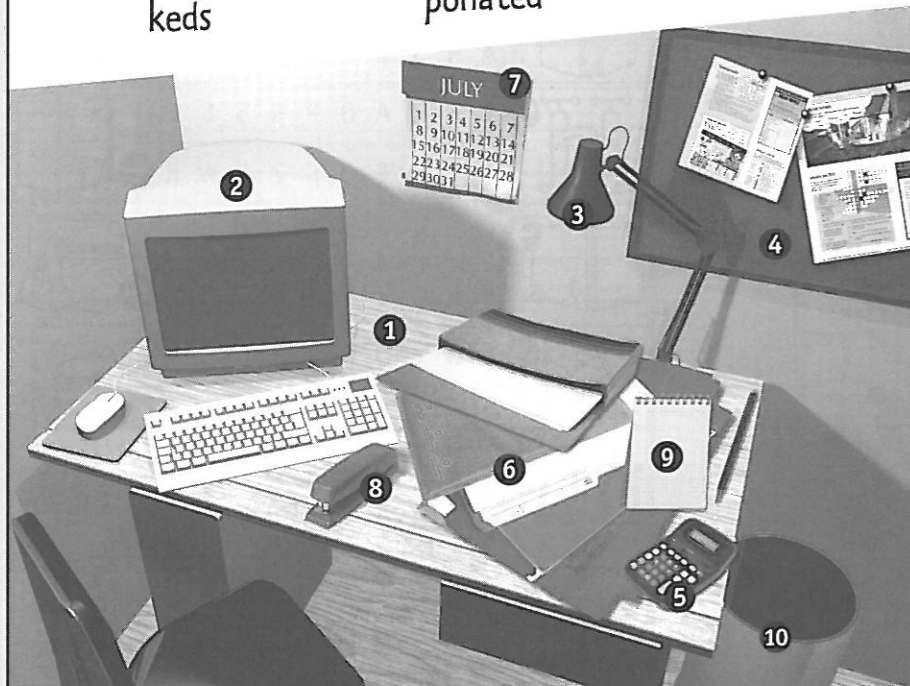
- 1 marriage ceremony
- 2 go in
- 4 dogs move these to show they're happy
- 6 join one thing to another
- 8 female cabin crew: air _____
- 9 something you hear
- 10 big stones



JUMBLED WORDS

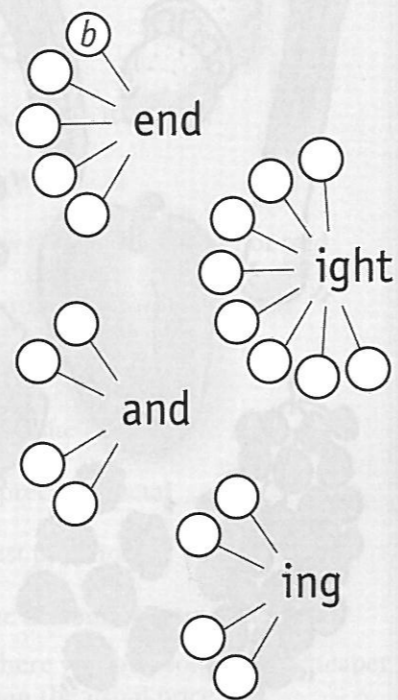
Rearrange the letters to make words. Then connect the words to things in the picture.

- trumcope
- bealt palm
- rolluaccat
- flise
- ectiondabor
- dracanel
- plestar
- astewnib
- keds
- ponated



missing letters

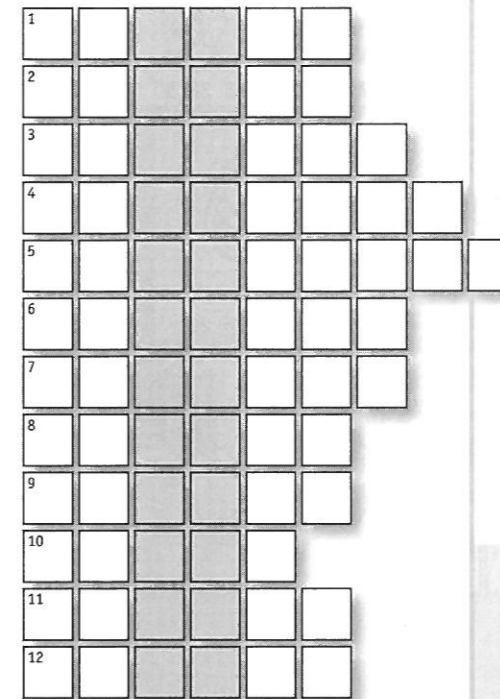
Make words by adding one letter in each circle.



find the proverb

Complete the crossword. The letters in the middle column, when you read them from left to right, spell out a proverb. What is it?

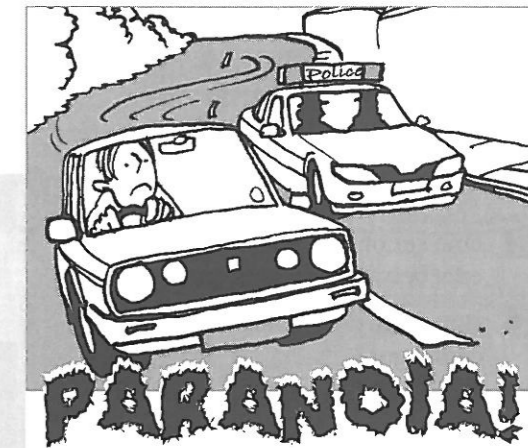
- 1 mother and _____
- 2 small red fruit with a stone in the middle
- 3 wearing clothes
- 4 large animal which lived millions of years ago
- 5 make-up e.g. lipstick, mascara
- 6 a reservation for a hotel, restaurant, etc.
- 7 kind of gum you eat
- 8 person who serves you in a café
- 9 sounds reflected off the surface of a wall
- 10 part of your body where you put what you are going to eat
- 11 a place to work
- 12 large area covered with trees



ADD A LETTER

Add a letter somewhere in each of the words on the left so that they match the clue. The first one has been done as an example. The letters in the boxes spell out a word.

- ICE M animals with tails, like small rats
- CHAT do something dishonest to win
- BAN a music group
- NOSE loud or unpleasant sound
- HILLY cold
- DEAL perfect
- SAIL small, slow creature with a shell
- BARD hair on a man's face



Ten things guaranteed to make you feel GUILTY ... when you've done nothing wrong!

- 1 Telephoning your office to say you are ill
- 2 Watching TV when you are ill at home
- 3 Going through immigration and customs at the airport
- 4 Walking out of a bank or shop which has security guards on the door
- 5 Leaving a supermarket without buying anything
- 6 Sitting in the cinema on your own
- 7 Not leaving a tip in a restaurant
- 8 Overtaking a police car
- 9 Going into a newsagent's holding a magazine you bought in another shop
- 10 Giving a shop assistant a large bank note when you're buying something very cheap

what a laugh!

A man goes to visit his psychiatrist in his office on the tenth floor. 'Doctor, I'm very worried about my wife,' the man says. 'You see, she thinks she is a grand piano.'

'I see,' says the doctor. 'Why don't you bring her to see me and I'll see what I can do?'

'You must be mad!' exclaims the man. 'How do you think I'm going to get a grand piano up all these stairs?'



body maths

Complete the puzzle and do the maths. Is your total correct?

A x B =

C + D =

E - F =

G ÷ H =

I - J =





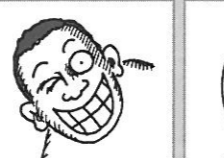





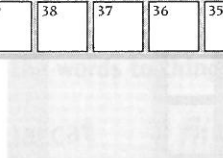
K ÷ L =

TOTAL 54

- A** How many thumbs have you got?
- B** One set of twins. How many ears between them?
- C** How many stomachs has a camel got?
- D** Half a dozen babies. How many little pink cheeks?
- E** Two dogs, running about. How many paws?
- F** Mick Jagger. How many lips?
- G** A dozen Hollywood actresses. How many beautifully shaped eyebrows?
- H** Six kids with their elbows on the dining table. How many elbows altogether?
- I** Triplets. How many toes?
- J** An Olympic relay team. How many ankles altogether?
- K** A tennis doubles match. How many shoulders on both teams put together?
- L** Four cats. How many tails?

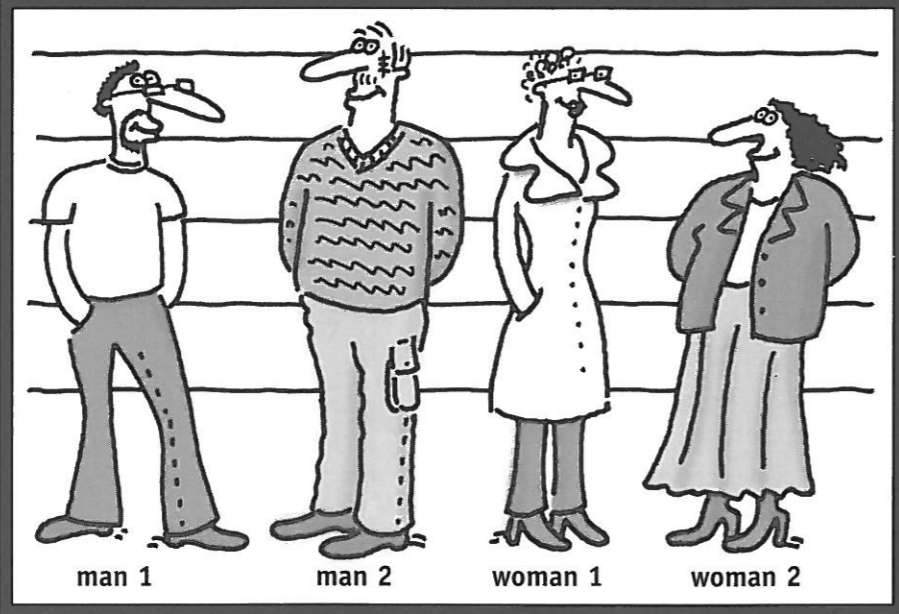
picture frame

Write the letters for each verb illustrated in the numbered boxes. The first one has been done has an example. When you have finished, boxes 1-10 spell out an expression. What is it?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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49													16
48													17
47													18
46													19
45													20
44													21
43													22
42													23
41													24
40													25
39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26

THE USUAL SUSPECTS ...

Study the picture for two minutes. Then answer the questions on page 12. You must not turn back to look at the picture.




word ladder

Change one letter each time.

- F O O T** lowest part of the leg
- □ □ □ a heavy shoe
- □ □ □ a thing you sail in
- □ □ □ the rhythm of a song
- □ □ □ noun from 'hot'
- □ □ □ make someone healthy again
- H E E L** back part of the foot

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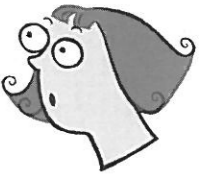
... BODIES



Translate these verbs into your language.

English	Your language
touch	
feel	
stroke	
breathe in / out	
smell	
sniff	
sneeze	
yawn	
cough	
blow	
pant	
whistle	
stare	
watch	
glance at	

would you believe it?



- * An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- * If you shouted for eight years, seven months and six days, you would produce enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- * Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- * The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- * It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- * You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.

WORDS IN A WORD

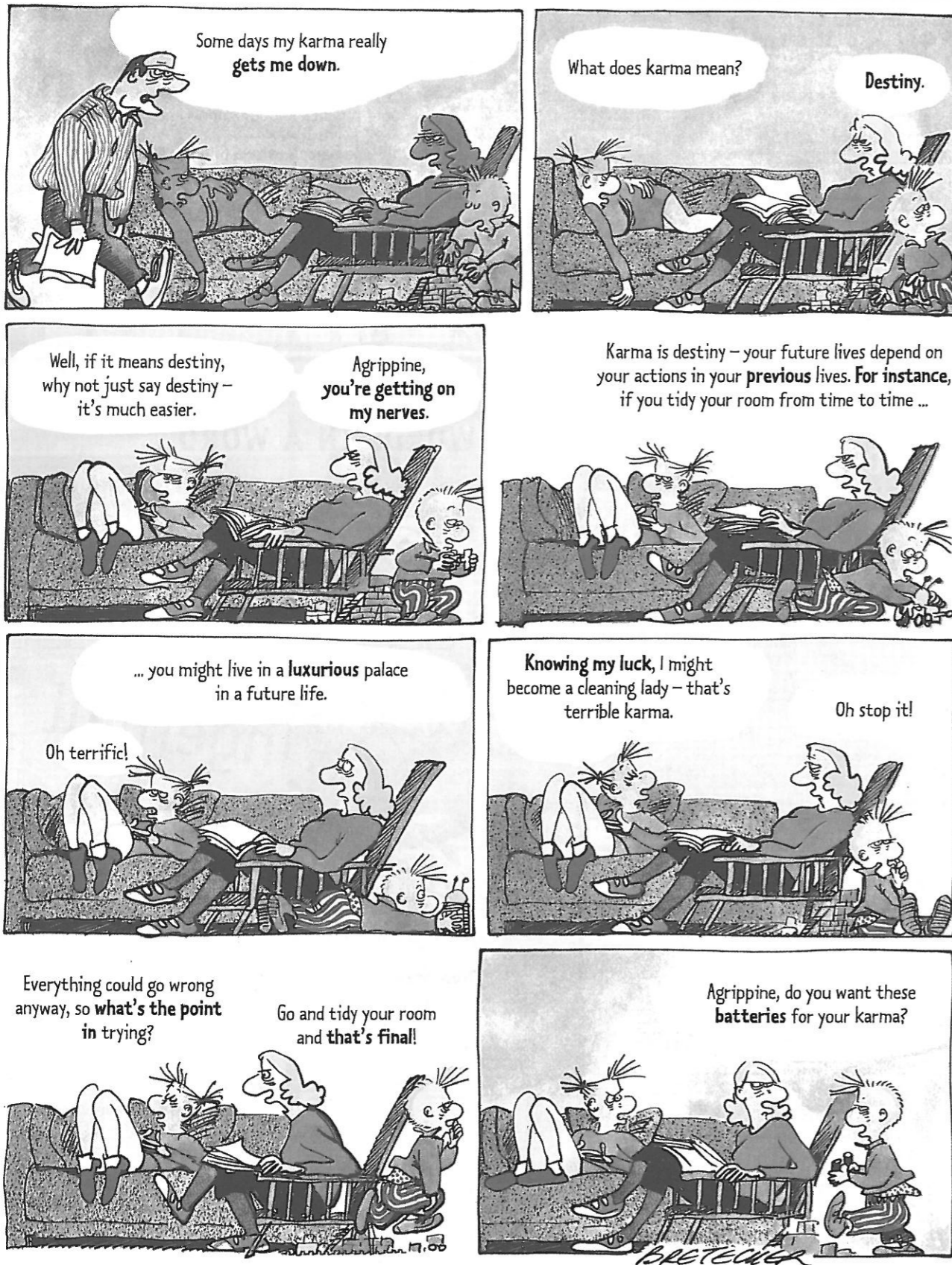
Using only the letters in the word FINGERNAIL, label the pictures.

1  ear	2 	3 	4 
10 	<h2>fingernail</h2>		5 
9 			8 
			6 

Now answer these clues, again using only the letters in FINGERNAIL.

- 1 **r a n g** past tense of ring
- 2 □ □ □ □ big
- 3 □ □ □ □ feeling you have when you're afraid
- 4 □ □ □ not near
- 5 □ □ □ □ a number

You have two minutes. Think of five more words using the letters in FINGERNAIL.



get sb down make sb depressed or sad

destiny what happens or will happen to you in life that you can't change or avoid

get on sb's nerves annoy or irritate sb

previous happening before the event you are talking about

for instance for example

luxurious very comfortable and expensive

knowing my luck Agrippine is saying she is generally a very unlucky person

what's the point in ... [+ -ing] there is no reason to do it

that's final! [exclamation] used in spoken English to say a decision will not be changed

battery you put these in a clock, personal stereo, etc. to produce electricity - the boy in picture 8 is holding two batteries

glossary

what a laugh!



Man My doctor says that for health reasons I should stop playing the drums.

Friend Why?

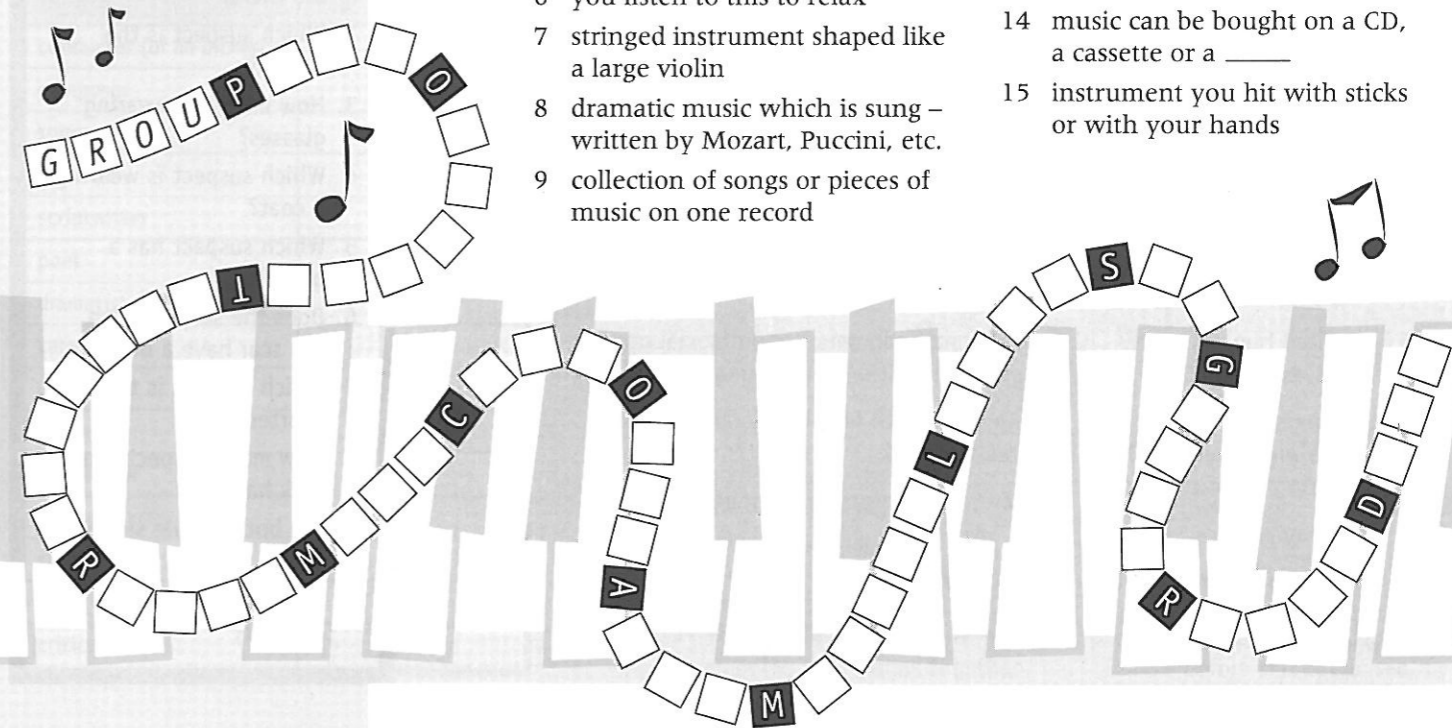
Man He lives in the flat below.

A young boy was practising the violin in his bedroom, and the terrible noise was making the dog howl loudly. The boy's father was trying to watch a film downstairs. After listening to this horrible symphony of the violin and the dog for ten minutes, he shouted to his son, 'Richard! Can't you play a song the dog doesn't know?'

music puzzle

Write the answers to the clues in the spaces below. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Black squares are the beginning or end of a word.

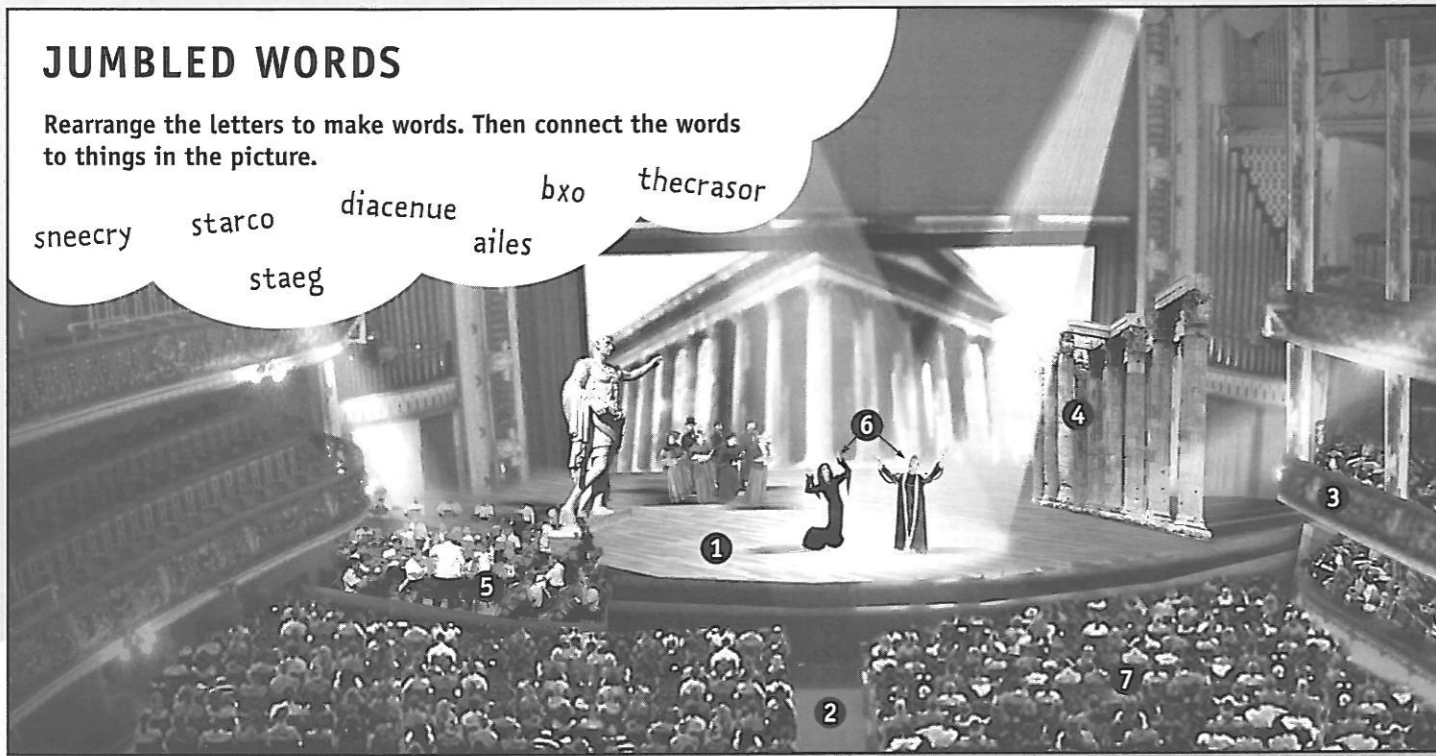
- 1 a musical band
- 2 a keyboard instrument
- 3 a person who plays the organ
- 4 a person who plays the trumpet
- 5 the regular beat of music
- 6 you listen to this to relax
- 7 stringed instrument shaped like a large violin
- 8 dramatic music which is sung - written by Mozart, Puccini, etc.
- 9 collection of songs or pieces of music on one record
- 10 a play or film with songs and dancing e.g. Cats, Chicago
- 11 the words of a song
- 12 produce music with your voice
- 13 stringed instrument common in pop groups
- 14 music can be bought on a CD, a cassette or a _____
- 15 instrument you hit with sticks or with your hands



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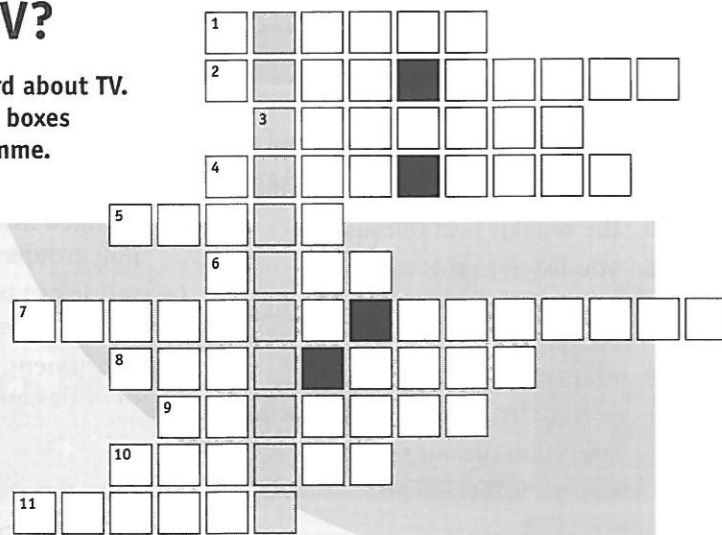
Rearrange the letters to make words. Then connect the words to things in the picture.

sneecry starco diacenuc bxo thecrasor
 staeg ailes



what's on TV?

Complete the crossword about TV. The letters in the grey boxes spell a kind of programme. What is it?



- 1 very short film selling a product or service
- 2 TV drama which is on several times a week about the lives of a group of characters
- 3 animated film, drawn by artists, e.g. Walt Disney
- 4 a programme where people win prizes by answering questions
- 5 a TV play
- 6 a daily programme about what's happening in the world at the moment

- 7 occasional programme about social or political situations happening at the moment
- 8 interviews with famous people about their lives and work
- 9 the _____ forecast: is it going to rain?
- 10 a _____ programme can be about football, tennis, etc.
- 11 a _____ is a funny programme or film

THE USUAL SUSPECTS ...

These are the questions for the pictures on page 8.

- 1 How many women are there?
- 2 Which suspect is the tallest?
- 3 How many are wearing glasses?
- 4 Which suspect is wearing a coat?
- 5 Which suspect has a beard?
- 6 Does the suspect with the scar have a beard?
- 7 Which suspect is the shortest?
- 8 How many suspects have dark hair?
- 9 Are both female suspects slim?
- 10 Who is wearing a sweater?

Famous thoughts

Francis Ford Coppola, internationally famous director of *The Godfather*, amongst other movies, used to get angry with criticism from the press. Now he's started to accept it. He says:

'I once watched a famous bullfighter, but the crowd just criticized and booed him. When I said I thought they were rude, a man sitting next to me said, 'They're paying a day's wages to see this, and the bullfighter is getting \$30,000 an hour. He should be brilliant.' That is how I see the press. They are saying 'If you have the world's attention, you have to live up to it each time you make a film.'

Source: Vanity Fair

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Translate these nouns into your language.

English	Your language
conductor (of an orchestra)	
composer	
songwriter	
novelist	
scriptwriter	
poet	
dramatist	
cameraman	
director	
producer	
film editor	
make-up artist	
sculptor	
artist	
critic	

teevee

In the house of Mr and Mrs Spouse he and she would watch teevee and never a word between them spoken until the day the set was broken.

Then 'How do you do?' said he to she, 'I don't believe that we've met yet. Spouse is my name. What's yours?' he asked.

'Why, mine's the same!' said she to he, 'Do you suppose that we could be - ?'

But the set came suddenly right about, and so they never did find out.

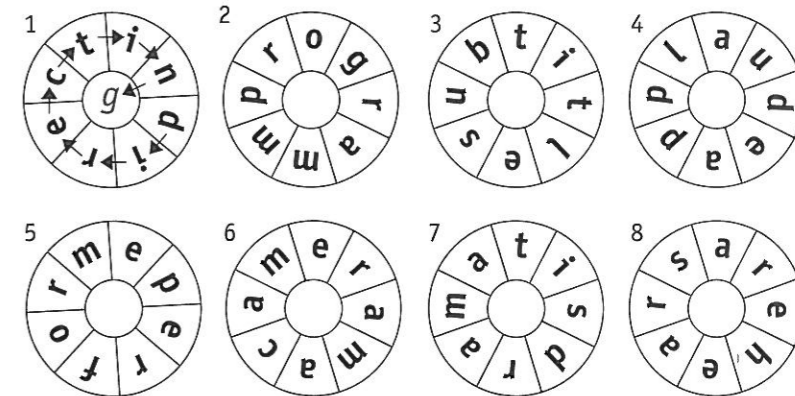
by Eve Merriam

spouse husband or wife



circlewords

Each circle contains a nine-letter word. Using the clues below, write a letter in the middle of each circle to complete the word. The letter in the centre is the last letter of the word. All the words are connected to films and plays.



- 1 the director's job
- 2 something to watch on TV
- 3 words on the screen translating the dialogue in a film
- 4 showed you liked something by clapping your hands together
- 5 person who acts, sings, etc. in front of people
- 6 technician who does the filming
- 7 person who writes plays
- 8 time spent practising a play or show before the public see it



Department Store Robbery

Find 14 differences in these versions of a witness's statement. In each case, do the different words have the same meaning, or a different meaning?

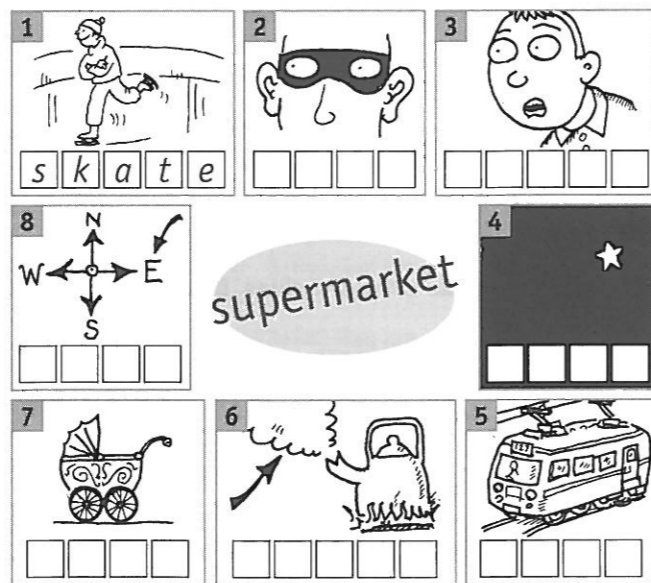
- The lady tried on (a few) sweaters, but only bought one of them.
 The woman tried on (several) cardigans, but only bought one of them.
 same same different

I was in Delaine's department store at 10.00 a.m. last Tuesday. Two guys who were quite shabbily dressed came in, and went up to the counter nearest the door, where there was a shop assistant selling perfume. One man was holding a carrier bag, and the other had his hands in his anorak pockets - they looked rather suspicious. They spoke to the shop assistant, who looked scared. After a couple of minutes, she left the counter and led the way to an office. All three of them went in.

I was in Delaine's department store at 10.00 last Tuesday morning. Two men who were quite smartly dressed came in, and went up to the counter near the door, where there was a shop assistant selling cosmetics. One man was carrying a rucksack, and the other had his hands in his jacket pockets - they looked quite suspicious. They spoke to the person behind the counter, who looked frightened. About two minutes after that, she left the counter and followed them to an office. All three of them disappeared inside.

WORDS IN A WORD

Using only the letters in the word SUPERMARKET, label the pictures.



Now answer the clues, again using only the letters in SUPERMARKET.

- the police do this when they catch criminals
- have to
- where you sit on a plane, bus, in a cinema, etc.
- a small animal with a long tail, like a large mouse
- a ___ tyre: one you keep for an emergency

You have two minutes. Think of five more words, using only the letters in SUPERMARKET.

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... SHOPPING



Translate these nouns into your language.

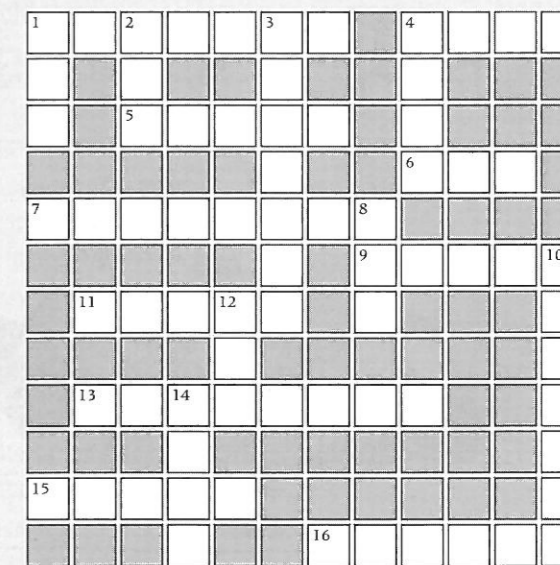
English	Your language
greengrocer's	
grocer's	
butcher's	
chemist's	
deli / delicatessen	
fishmonger's	
florist's	
off-licence	
DIY (do-it-yourself) store	
newsagent's	
department store	
antique shop	
stationer's	
market stall	
shopping centre	

WORDSEARCH

Find 15 more words to do with money. The words can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

A F R G U R T E A Z O
 C I C E U P R I C E N
 U H H B C X V C T E
 R C A S H E O S O S X
 R J R N Y F I I U P P
 E R G N G E U P N E E
 N A E B O E T U T N N
 C R E D I T C A R D S
 Y B R L E L E K P M E
 C H E Q U E L T N A S
 O I N P A Y M E N T I

shopping crossword



across

- Shop assistant: Hello, do you need ___ ___? (3,4)
- Shop assistant: Good morning, ___ ___ help you? (3,1)
- These trousers are nice. Where can I ___ them ___? (3,2)
- ___ would you like to pay? By cheque or credit card? (3)
- The ___ room is over there. (8)
- We haven't got any black ones in stock, but I can ___ some for you. (5)
- Oh, that's OK, I'm ___ served, thank you. (5)
- It's a present, so could you ___ it for me, please? (8)
- I'm afraid it's too small. I'll ___ it, thanks. (5)
- Customer: Do you ___ Visa? Shop assistant: Yes, of course. (6)

down

- Does it come in ___ other colours? (3)
- I'm sorry, your order hasn't arrived ___. (3)
- Would you like any help? No, thanks, I'm just ___. (7)
- I'll pay in ___, thanks. I've left my cheque book at home. (4)
- Have you ___ this jacket in size 12, please? (3)
- Customer: Can I change this shirt I bought last week?
Shop assistant: Yes, of course, if you've still got the ___. (7)
- Customer: Could you deliver this for me?
Shop assistant: I'm afraid ___. We don't have a delivery service. (3)
- Customer: How much are these? Shop assistant: 15 euros.
Customer: OK, here's 20. Shop assistant: Fine. Here's ___ in change. (4)

would you believe it?

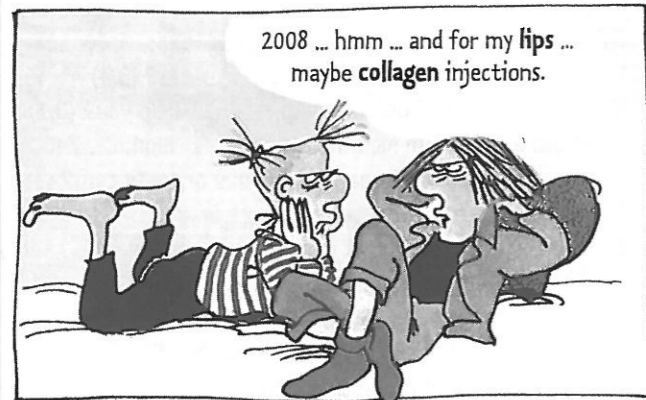
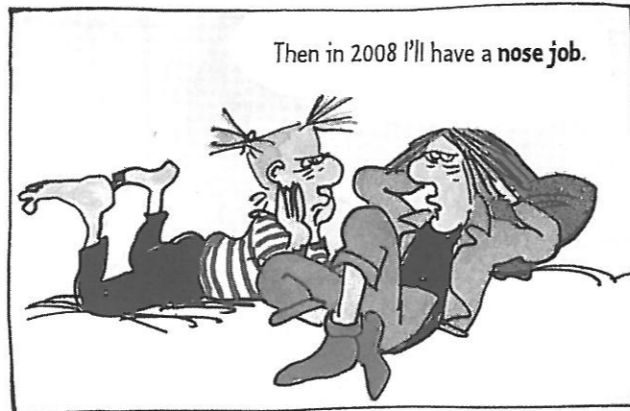


Businessman of the year

A businessman in Alicante, Spain, who is terminally ill, is offering to take messages to people on 'the other side' (who have already died) at €40 each, as long as the messages are short enough to memorize.



future projects



- gonna** @ spoken English form of *going to*
- nose job** @ operation on the nose to change its shape
- lips** they form the outside of your mouth
- collagen** material which is injected to make your lips bigger
- devote time to** give time to, concentrate on
- kids** @ children
- liposuction** a way of taking fat out of your body through a tube
- tummy** @ stomach
- facelift** operation on your face where the skin is pulled tight to make you look younger
- dunno** @ spoken English for *don't know*

glossary

what a laugh!

A city mouse invited a country mouse to stay for a weekend. The city mouse spent the weekend giving his friend lots of advice about living in town.

On the last evening they were sitting in the dining room, and suddenly the most enormous cat the country mouse had ever seen came in.

'Don't panic,' said the city mouse, 'leave this to me.'

He went up to the cat and started barking at it: 'Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!'

The cat turned and ran out of the room.

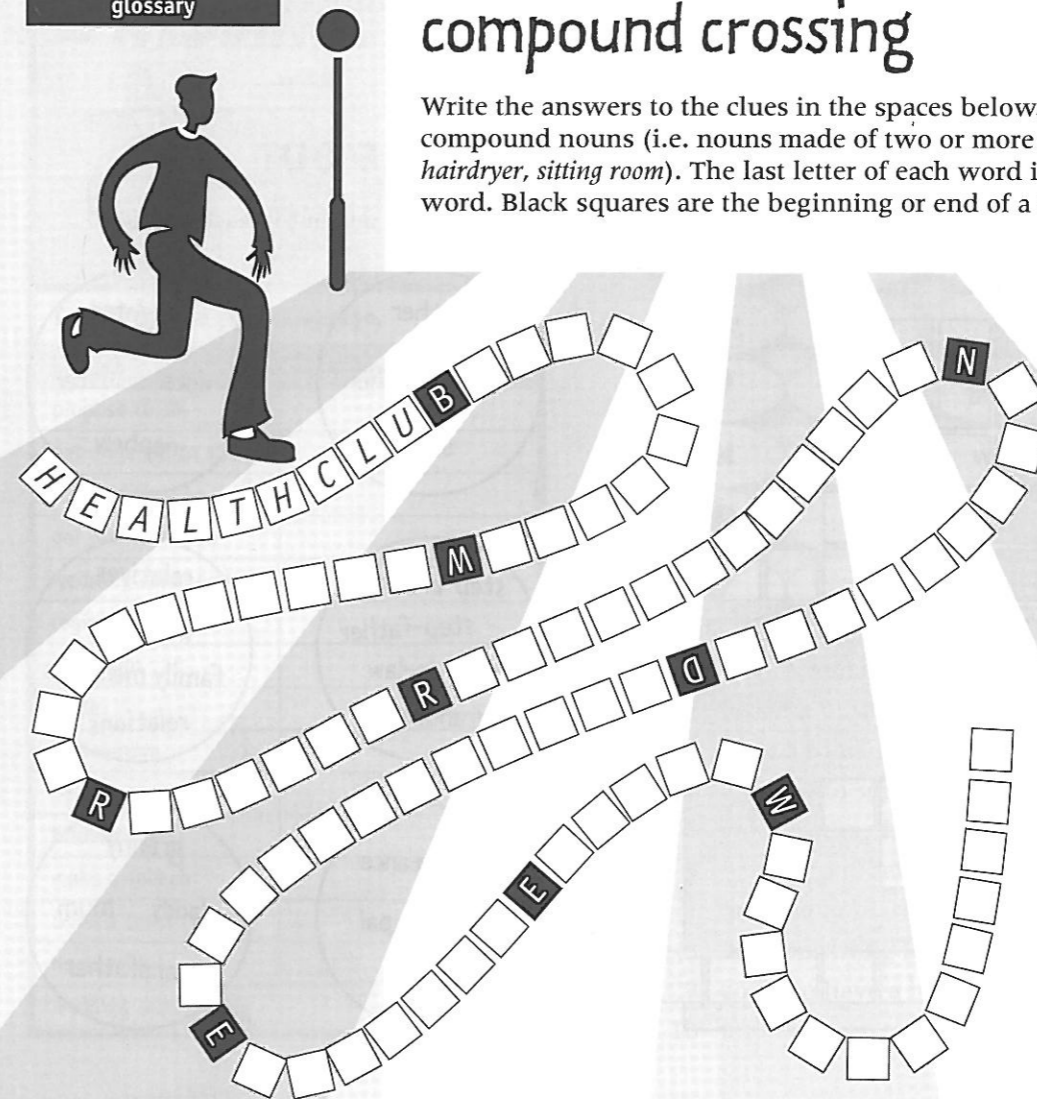
'Wow! That's incredible!' said the country mouse.

'Yes, it always helps if you can speak a second language.'



compound crossing

Write the answers to the clues in the spaces below. All the words are compound nouns (i.e. nouns made of two or more words, like *pedestrian crossing*, *hairdryer*, *sitting room*). The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Black squares are the beginning or end of a word.



- 1 a private gym where people go to do physical exercises and get fit (6,4)
- 2 your sister's husband (7,2,3)
- 3 you send someone a letter written on this (7,5)
- 4 time in the morning and evening when there is a lot of traffic (4,4)
- 5 place where you catch a train (7,7)
- 6 place in an office where people put information or messages (6,5)
- 7 you need this permit to drive a car (7,7)
- 8 period of time added to the end of a football match if there is no winner (5,4)
- 9 line of hair above the eye (7)
- 10 you put your dirty clothes in one of these (7,7)



meeting and greeting

Complete the crossword. The letters in the grey boxes spell another word. What is it?

- a way of greeting friends and family
- How are you? ____, thanks.
- Sorry to ____ you - have you got the time?
- say hello or welcome someone
- Hello! Come in and make ____ at home.
- People sometimes shake ____ when they meet.
- ____ me, is this seat taken?
- Chris, do you and David know ____ other?
- Mary, ____ is Sam - he's my oldest friend.
- Hello! Long ____ no see!
- In Japan and Korea, people do this when they meet.
- Juan, let me ____ you to Mary.

word ladder

Change one letter each time.

- L I K E** opposite of 'dislike'
- □ □ □ a row of people or things
- □ □ □ connect one thing to another
- □ □ □ where you wash things in the kitchen
- □ □ □ make music with your voice
- □ □ □ past tense of sing
- □ □ □ you find it on the beach
- □ □ □ put sth in the post
- □ □ □ repair or fix
- M I N D** object to

ODD ONE OUT

Circle the odd one out in each group.

- mother
 - kid father
 - son
- daughter
 - niece sister
 - nephew
- step-brother
 - step-father
 - father-in-law
 - grandfather
- relatives
 - parents
 - family members
 - relations
- acquaintance
 - friend pal
 - mate
- granny
 - daddy mum
 - grandfather

10 stages teenagers go through

- Being bored with everything
- Giving up breakfast
- Staying in bed until midday
- Looking at their reflection in every shop window they pass
- Keeping a diary



- Pretending not to be with the family when they're on holiday
- Going vegetarian
- Communicating in words of one syllable
- Showing an extraordinary talent for secrecy
- Wearing black

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Translate into your language.

English	Your language
propose to sb	
get engaged to sb	
fiancé / fiancée	
get married to sb	
wedding ceremony	
registry office	
reception	
bride	
bridegroom	
best man	
bridesmaid	
make a speech	
drink a toast (to sb)	
honeymoon	
wedding anniversary	

how do you get on?

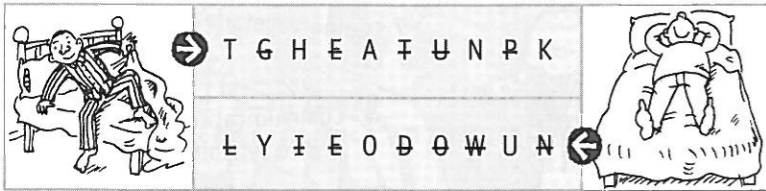
Find the answers to the clues by moving horizontally or vertically, backwards or forwards. The answers are all phrases. The first word of each phrase is in bold.

go	out	with	on	well	get
fall	be	sb	get	with	married
in	pregnant	have	♥	sb	get
love	with	a	sb	know	to
♥	sb	good	time	with	sb
get	engaged	with	sb	♥	sb
♥	to	row	a	have	with
♥	sb	go	on	a	date

- have a romantic relationship with somebody
- become husband and wife
- have a romantic meeting with somebody
- argue with somebody
- enjoy yourself with somebody
- have a good relationship with somebody
- promise to marry somebody
- develop strong feelings of affection towards somebody
- going to have a baby
- find out more about somebody

ELIMINATE!

Cross out (cross-out) the letters of the illustrated words, like this:



Read the other letters to find a message, for example THANK YOU.



puzzle it out

You're driving a number 38 bus. At Trafalgar Square, Harry 'the Hat' Robdibank gets on with ten other passengers. At the British Museum, Melanie Beauty gets off with two others. At the corner of Charing Cross Road, four get on. At Saint Paul's Cathedral, a policeman gets on with a German shepherd dog. At The Mall, everyone gets off. What's the driver's name?

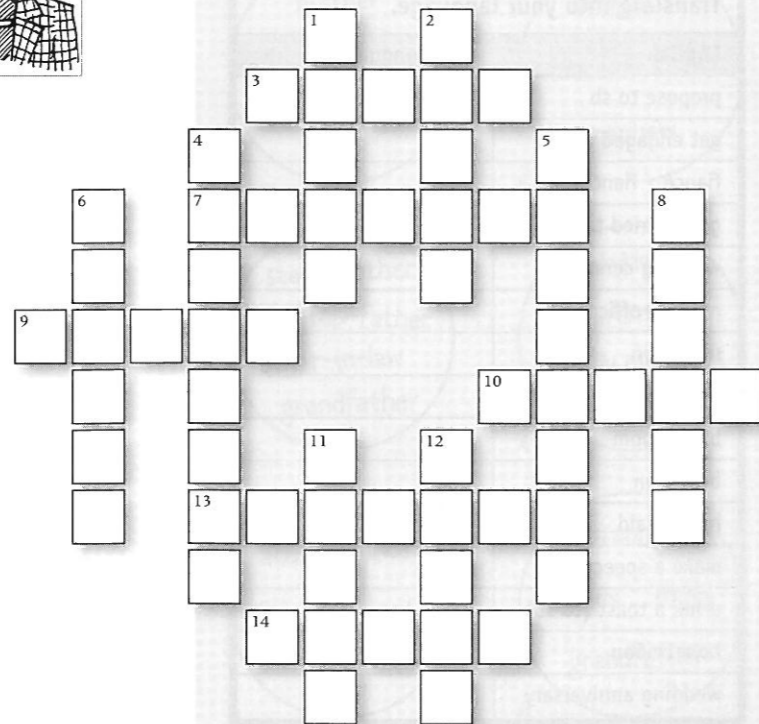
crossword

across

- 3 took something without permission and kept it
- 7 person in authority, e.g. a police ____, a customs __
- 9 frequently
- 10 picture you have in your mind of someone or something
- 13 to train again
- 14 someone whose job it is to be photographed for advertisements, etc.

down

- 1 all the workers in an organisation, e.g. a school or an office
- 2 a point or position
- 4 exercises you do outside class to help your progress
- 5 an angry disagreement
- 6 If someone attacks you, you __ yourself.
- 8 possibility that someone might be hurt or killed
- 11 a seat without a back, often with three legs
- 12 person who makes or sells bread and cakes



what a laugh!

Teacher If you had two dollars, and you asked your father for another dollar, how many dollars would you have?

Boy Two dollars.

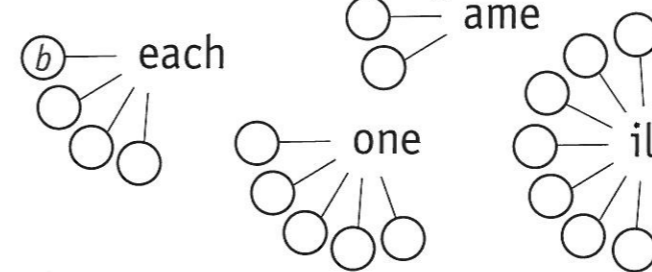
Teacher You don't know your maths.

Boy You don't know my father.

A girl comes home from her first day at school. "What did you learn today?" asks her father. "Not enough. They told me to go back in the morning."

missing letters

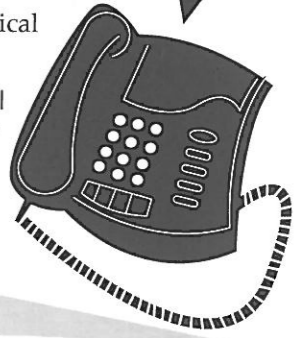
Make words by adding one letter in each circle.



Sorry, I'm busy right now ...

Can you complete this typical answerphone message?

Sorry, I can't take your call right now. If you leave your name and number, I'll get back to you.



Now read these funny – and real – answerphone messages.

Hi. I'm not in at the moment, but my answerphone is, so you can have a chat with that instead.

Hello. This is Bill. If you're the credit card company, I already posted the money. If you're my parents, can I have some money? If you're my bank manager, why didn't you lend me more money? If you're a friend, can you pay me back the money I lent you? If you're female, I have lots of money. Wait for the beep.

Hi. If you are a thief, then we might be at home, cleaning our knives and guns right now, and can't answer your call. For anyone else, we are probably out, and it is safe to leave a message.

JUMBLED WORDS

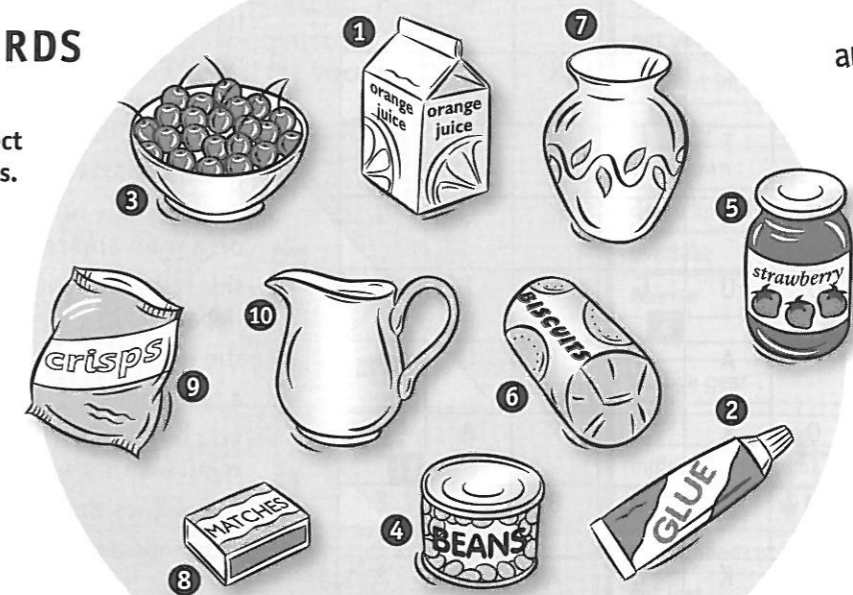
Rearrange the letters to make words. Then connect the words to the pictures.

tranco

beut

wblo

rja



anc

kaptec

seav

obx

gba

guj

what a laugh!

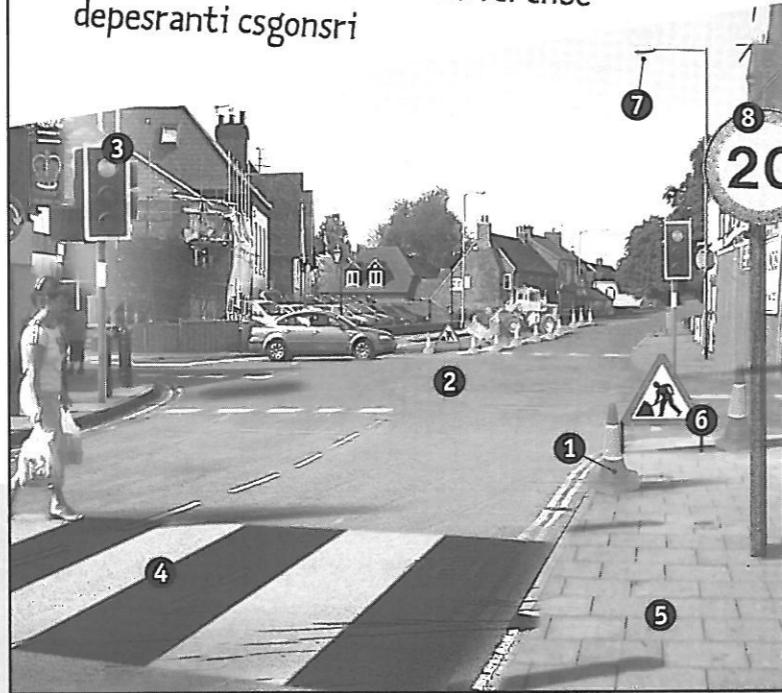


Son Mum, what happens to a car when it's very old and no good to anyone?
 Mother Someone sells it to Daddy, dear.

JUMBLED WORDS

Rearrange the letters to make words. Then connect the words to things in the picture.

doraskrow fritcaf thigls sradcrooss
 esrett plam mapevnet ador nigs
 depesranti csgonsri rtaffci cnoe



trainlines

Find the answer to each clue in the grid. Each word starts in a numbered square and moves horizontally or vertically to the next letter. The last letter of a word is the first letter of the next word.

L	E	N	N	E	X	P	E	A
B	7	A	G	I	8	R	R	S
E	T	R	U	T	5	E	9	S
M	I	N	R	I	V	K	C	N
E	T	T	D	U	G	E	I	T
K	6	C	I	R	A	N	10	T
I	N	O	O	K	I	R	A	S
T	G	R	M	O	O	B	S	11
I	A	W	A	K	E	A	T	A

- you can sit here in the station if your train hasn't arrived yet
- reserve a ticket
- official who is in charge of a train but doesn't drive it
- person who controls the speed of the train
- you buy one of these when you're going on a train and coming back
- this tells you when the trains arrive and depart
- the vehicle that pulls the train
- a fast train
- you buy this if you are going to travel regularly on the same route
- metal lines the train travels on
- where passengers sit on a train

would you believe it?



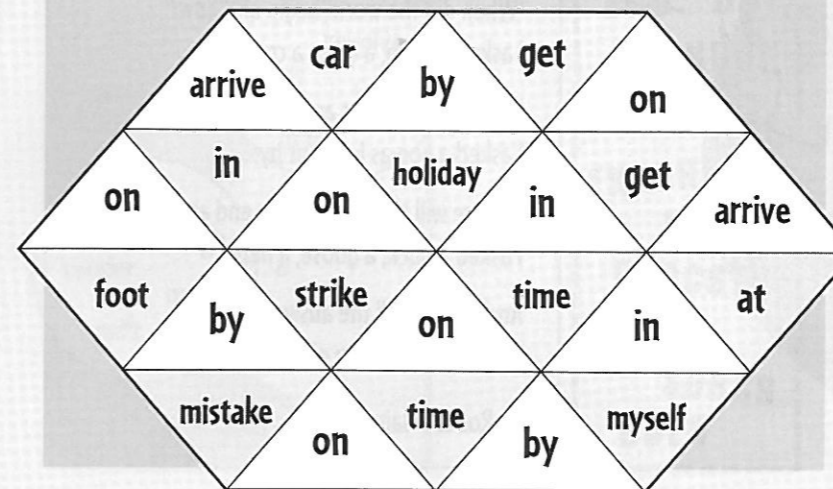
* How a car phone can get you into trouble ...

A woman's car was stolen, so she called the police to report the crime. She told them that there was a phone in the car. The policeman called the phone and told the man who answered that he had seen an advertisement for the car in the local paper and was interested in buying it. He met the thief an hour later, and arrested him.

honeycomb

In each of the sentences, two words are wrong. Replace them with words from the grid. You do not need to use all the words in the grid.

- Did you drive here? Yes, we came on foot, but there was nowhere to park.
- Have you heard? The train drivers are going by bus tomorrow. They want a pay rise.
- Did you take your secretary on the trip? No, I went on time.
- It's only five minutes' walk from here. Let's go by train.
- We were lucky – we just got there by mistake before they closed the flight.
- We're going away in time next week, so could you look after my cat for me?
- Oh, good, you're here. Yes, luckily the train was by myself.
- I wasn't concentrating and I got on the wrong bus on strike.



ADD A LETTER

Add a letter somewhere in each of the words on the left so that they match the clue. The first one has been done as an example. The letters in the boxes spell out a word.

- SAND be on your feet
 BUSH you do your hair with it
 STEM hot gas from boiling water
 EAR feeling of being afraid
 LET not right
 STARS you go up and down them
 RASH accident when a car hits something

The WORD POLICE Investigate



Translate these verbs into your language.

English	Your language
start the car	
put your seatbelt on	
pull out into the road	
speed up	
slow down	
do 80 kph	
overtake	
reverse	
brake	
change gear	
steer	
indicate left / right	
break down	
take a shortcut	
get lost	

it makes two, baby!

Find one word which can go in the middle to make two compound words. Use the pictures to help you.

SHOE	shop	WINDOW
DINING		LAMP
CHEQUE		SHELF
WRITING		BAG
PHONE		PLATE
PARKING		OFFICE
ANSWER		BOX
BED		SERVICE
HORROR		STAR

Please leave a message after the tone.....

Y949 KBO

WORDSEARCH

Find 15 more past participles – not present simple or past simple. The words can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

A F B E C O M E S
 C E L A W O M A H A
 H L O E L O O K E N
 O L W S W L R E A D
 S U N G H D E N R W
 E T E G R O W N D O
 N O O F I E T W I N
 S L G O J V A E U B
 V D M A D E E R L D
 A W R I T T E N W L

the meaning of life



the answers

'When did the world begin and how?'
 I asked a lamb, a goat, a cow:
 'What's it all about and why?'
 I asked a hog as he went by:
 'Where will the whole thing end and when?'
 I asked a duck, a goose, a hen:
 And I copied all the answers too,
 A quack, a honk, an oink, a moo.

by Robert Clairmont

ODD ONE OUT

Circle the noun in each group.

Then cross out the adjective which can't be used with the noun.

1. mineral, ~~fruity~~, fizzy, water, still

2. white, coffee, strong, black, soft

3. red, pink, wine, sweet, dry

4. steak, rare, medium, hard, well done

5. white, brown, sliced, strong, bread

6. fatty, tough, tender, meat, soft

what a laugh!

1. Dad, why do we have humps on our backs?
 Well son, our humps contain fat and keep us going all day in the desert.

2. And why do we have long eyelashes?
 To protect our eyes from sandstorms in the desert.

3. And why do we have big padded feet?
 Because the sand in the desert is very soft, and they help us walk without sinking.

4. So what are we doing in London Zoo?

what a laugh!



A private doctor went on holiday leaving his son – a recently qualified doctor – to look after his patients.

'How did you get on?' he asked his son when he returned.

'You know Mr Jones and Mrs Smith?' the son said, enthusiastically.

'Well, you've been treating them for years, but I cured them both in only a week!'

'Oh, really?' said the father. 'And who do you think was paying for your education all those years?'

MOVE THAT BODY!

Complete the sentences using unjumbled words from the box.

~~BRU~~ DON
 USHRB
 WOBL TIBE
 EKASH
 KLICC
 CARGSTH
 HAKES
 SORCS
 BDEN

- RUB _____ your eyes when you're tired
- _____ your knees to get lower down
- _____ your nails when you're nervous
- _____ your head to say 'yes'
- _____ your head to say 'no'
- _____ your hair when it's untidy
- _____ your head when you're confused
- _____ your nose when you have a cold
- _____ your fingers to the rhythm of the music
- _____ hands when you meet someone
- _____ your legs when you're sitting on the floor

what a laugh!

Two lorry drivers come to a low bridge. The notice says four metres, but when they get out and measure the lorry, they realize it's four metres and twenty-five centimetres high. The first man looks at the other and says, 'I can't see any policemen. Let's go for it.'



ACT YOUR AGE!

Find ten more words describing people's ages. The words are horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

A T M T G R O W N U P E N
 F G I R E P A A A F A R V
 V A D O L E S C E N T S O
 Y E D T S N N I N F A N T
 A F L G D S A A E E S S E
 D B E O K I V C G L H C S
 U P A S O O L D E O H H
 L O G B E N R Y J R R I E
 T M E I Y E E E T T G L L
 T Y D T S R E T I R E D P

picture frame

Write the letters for each word illustrated in the numbered boxes. The first one has been done for you as an example. When you have finished, look at the letters in boxes 1-8. Why are these letters important?

stationery puzzle

Make words from the jumbled letters, and match them to the pictures.

rlures
 bastireet
 bsiro
 deopant
 satpelr
 scroiss
 pbreakcaps
 seallopet
 rbesbur

Now read the text below. How much money did each customer spend? Who spent the most?

Basil took back a paperback novel someone had given him as a present, and the assistant let him exchange it for a thriller. He also got another book, a pair of scissors, and a packet of batteries.

Oswald returned a stapler that didn't work, and got some office stationery: a dozen rolls of sellotape, two packets of bios, and a couple of notepads.

Lucy was starting college in September, so she got a packet of bios, a stapler, two pairs of scissors, and half a dozen notepads.

1	S	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	r	10		11		12		13		14		
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answer key

pages 2 - 3

adjective snake

famous, sensible, elegant, tense, easy-going, generous, sour, raw, wide, exciting, grand, dangerous, sympathetic, crowded, dull, lazy

pages 4 - 5

find the food

1 apple, 2 peach, 3 melon, 4 orange, 5 pear, 6 potato, 7 carrot, 8 bean

word ladder

cool, fool, food, good, gold, sold, sole, sale

fruit and veg

lettuce, grapes, pepper, cherries, raspberries, lemon, celery, courgette, leek

eliminate!

fridge, sink, taps, freezer, cupboard, mixer, cooker, saucepan, stools, kettle, toasters, wastebin

The message is 'You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.' (= You can show someone what to do, but you can't force them to do it.)

pages 6 - 7

crossword

across 1 when, 3 stay, 5 detective, 7 rings, 9 steer, 11 moustache, 12 ride, 13 asks

down 1 wedding, 2 enter, 4 tails, 6 connect, 8 hostess, 9 sound, 10 rocks

jumbled words

1 desk, 2 computer, 3 table lamp, 4 noticeboard, 5 calculator, 6 files, 7 calendar, 8 stapler, 9 notepad, 10 waste bin

missing letters

lend, mend, send, tend
 eight, fight, light, might, night, right, sight, tight,
 band, hand, land, sand
 king, ring, sing, wing

find the proverb

1 father, 2 cherry, 3 dressed, 4 dinosaur, 5 cosmetics, 6 booking, 7 chewing, 8 waiter, 9 echoes, 10 mouth, 11 office, 12 forest

The message is 'There's no smoke without fire.' (= If there are rumours or signs that something is true, then it must be at least partly true.)

add a letter

cheat, band, noise, chilly, ideal, snail, beard

The word in the box is MEDICINE.

pages 8 - 9

body maths

A = 2, B = 4, C = 2, D = 12, E = 8, F = 2, G = 24, H = 12, I = 30, J = 8, K = 8, L = 4

Total = 54

picture frame

1 W, 2 H, 3 A, 4 T, 5 A, 6 N, 7 O, 8 I, 9 S, 10 E, 11 L, 12 G, 13 C, 14 S, 15 U, 16 W, 17 S, 18 M, 19 H, 20 Z, 21 K, 22 E, 23 P, 24 U, 25 S, 26 R, 27 I, 28 C, 29 H, 30 S, 31 C, 32 Y, 33 A, 34 L, 35 R, 36 N, 37 H, 38 N, 39 E, 40 W, 41 M, 42 O, 43 G, 44 Y, 45 E, 46 R, 47 E, 48 U, 49 I, 50 E

The expression is 'What a noise!'

the usual suspects

1 two, 2 man two, 3 two, 4 woman one, 5 man one, 6 no, 7 woman two, 8 two, 9 no, 10 man two

word ladder

boot, boat, beat, heat, heal

words in a word

1 ear, 2 alien, 3 nail, 4 file, 5 fire, 6 grin, 7 fringe, 8 fan, 9 rain, 10 ring
 1 rang, 2 large, 3 fear, 4 far, 5 nine
 Some other possible words: flan, fig, fir, nil, near, gin, gain, grain, real, rail, range, line, lean, liar, lie, air, anger, inn, inner

pages 10 - 11

music puzzle

group, piano, organist, trumpeter, rhythm, music, cello, opera, album, musical, lyrics, sing, guitar, record, drum

pages 12 - 13

jumbled words

1 stage, 2 aisle, 3 box, 4 scenery, 5 orchestra, 6 actors, 7 audience

what's on TV?

1 advert, 2 soap opera, 3 cartoon, 4 quiz show, 5 drama, 6 news, 7 current affairs, 8 chat show, 9 weather, 10 sports, 11 comedy
 The answer is DOCUMENTARY.

circlewords

programme, subtitles, applauded, performer, cameraman, dramatist, rehearsal

pages 14 - 15

hidden words

1 soap, 2 bath, 3 shower, 4 sponge, 5 towel, 6 curtain, 7 tap, 8 plug

crossword

across 1 missed, 3 freezing, 8 Peace, 9 Asian, 10 brave, 11 silly, 13 pressure, 14 middle

down 2 size, 4 recover, 5 nastier, 6 heard, 7 calls, 12 used

round the world quiz

1 a, 2 b, 3 c, 4 c, 5 a, 6 b, 7 c, 8 a

find the hidden message

1 adore, 2 entrance, 3 swam, 4 alkaline, 5 monkey, 6 athlete, 7 beginner, 8 translate, 9 assist

The message is 'Don't walk on the grass.'

paperchase

credit card, licence, visa, application, diploma, birth, boarding card, permit

pages 16 - 17

department store robbery

1 a.m. / morning - same, 2 guys / men - same, 3 shabbily dressed / smartly dressed - different, 4 near the door / nearest the door - different, 5 perfume / cosmetics - different, 6 holding / carrying - same (in this case), 7 carrier bag / rucksack - different, 8 anorak / jacket - different, 9 rather / quite - same, 10 the shop assistant / the person behind the counter - same (in this case), 11 scared / frightened - same, 12 a couple of minutes / about two minutes - same, 13 led the way / followed them - different, 14 went in / disappeared inside - same

words in a word

1 skate, 2 mask, 3 stare, 4 star, 5 tram, 6 steam, 7 pram, 8 east

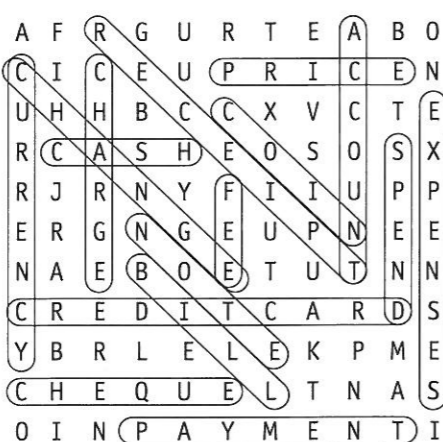
1 arrest, 2 must, 3 seat, 4 rat, 5 spare
Some other possible words: are, art, ask, ate, ear, eat, make, maker, map, mark, marker, market, master, mat, meat, meet, park, past, pear, pure, rum, steer, super, tramp, trap, tree, trek

shopping crossword

across 1 any help, 4 can I, 5 try ... on, 6 How, 7 changing, 9 order, 11 being, 13 giftwrap, 15 leave, 16 accept

down 1 any, 2 yet, 3 looking, 4 cash, 8 got, 10 receipt, 12 not, 14 five

wordsearch



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compound crossing

health club, brother-in-law, writing paper, rush hour, railway station, noticeboard, driving licence, extra time, eyebrow, washing machine

pages 20 - 21

meeting and greeting

1 kiss, 2 Fine, 3 bother, 4 greet, 5 yourself, 6 hands, 7 Excuse, 8 each, 9 this, 10 time, 11 bow, 12 introduce

The answer is INTRODUCTION.

word ladder

line, link, sink, sing, sang, sand, send, mend

odd one out

1 kid (the others are all family members; 'kid' just means 'child'), 2 nephew (the others are all female), 3 grandfather (the others are only related by marriage), 4 parents (the others are any family members; 'parents' means mother and father only), 5 acquaintance (the others are all friends; an acquaintance is just someone you know), 6 grandfather (the others are all informal)

how do you get on?

1 go out with sb 2 get married 3 go on a date with sb 4 have a row with sb 5 have a good time with sb 6 get on well with sb 7 get engaged to sb 8 fall in love with sb 9 be pregnant 10 get to know sb

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eliminate!

fall down, take off, look up, throw away, plug in, turn up, break down, hang up

The message is 'A good dictionary helps you with phrasal verbs.'

puzzle it out

You are the driver.

crossword

across 3 stole, 7 officer, 9 often, 10 image, 13 retrain, 14 model

down 1 staff, 2 place, 4 homework, 5 argument, 6 defend, 8 danger, 11 stool, 12 baker

missing letters

peach, reach, teach
bone, done, gone, tone, zone
came, fame, game, name, same, tame
bill, fill, hill, kill, pill, till, will

sorry, I'm busy right now

The complete message is 'Sorry, I can't take your call right now. If you leave your name and number, I'll get back to you.'

jumbled words

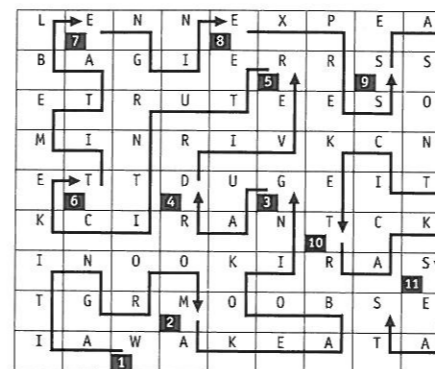
1 carton, 2 tube, 3 bowl, 4 can, 5 jar, 6 packet, 7 vase, 8 box, 9 bag, 10 jug

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jumbled words

1 traffic cone, 2 crossroads, 3 traffic lights, 4 pedestrian crossing, 5 pavement, 6 roadworks, 7 street lamp, 8 road sign

trainlines



honeycomb

1 by car, 2 on strike, 3 by myself, 4 on foot, 5 in time, 6 on holiday, 7 on time, 8 by mistake

add a letter

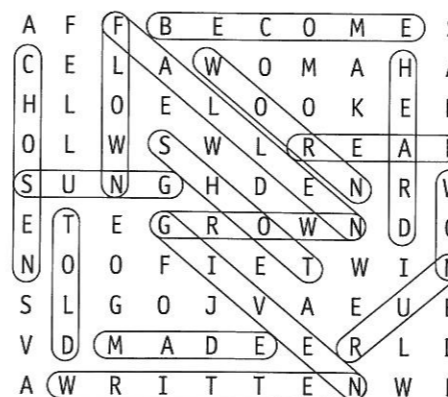
brush, steam, fear, left, stairs, crash
The word in the box is TRAFFIC.

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it makes two, baby!

dining table / table lamp; cheque book / bookshelf; writing paper / paper bag; phone number / number plate; parking ticket / ticket office; answerphone / phone box; bedroom / room service; horror film / film star (or horror movie / movie star)

wordsearch



odd one out

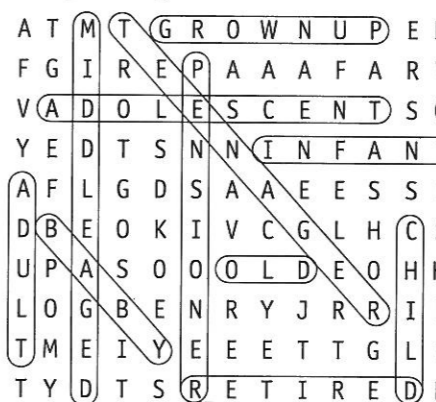
1 coffee soft 4 bread strong
2 wine pink 5 eggs revolved
3 steak hard 6 meat soft

move that body!

bend your knees; bite your nails; nod your head; shake your head; brush your hair; scratch your head; blow your nose; click your fingers; shake hands; cross your legs

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act your age!



stationery puzzle

1 paperbacks, 2 notepad, 3 biros, 4 batteries, 5 rubbers, 6 scissors, 7 stapler, 8 rulers, 9 sellotape

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picture frame

1 S, 2 S, 3 S, 4 S, 5 S, 6 S, 7 S, 8 S, 9 P, 10 R, 11, C, 12 O, 13 G, 14 L, 15 C, 16 A, 17 S, 18 T, 19 S, 20 J, 21 I, 22 L, 23 O, 24 E, 25 I, 26 C, 27 A, 28 S, 29 N, 30 A, 31 R, 32 L, 33 A, 34 G, 35 T, 36 S, 37 S, 38 H, 39 H, 40 T, 41 T, 42 S, 43 H, 44 N, 45 E, 46 O, 47 E, 48 T, 49 S, 50 E

The letters in 1-8 are all S. Notice that all the words illustrated are plural nouns which always end in S. For example, you can't say 'a short'.

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