

Task 1

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You are going to read a text about the childhood of a woman who was very poor. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-9) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Full hearts and empty bellies: This was Britain before PlayStations and health and safety

I loved books, but I was rapidly losing interest in school. As long as the pupils somehow got through the (0) ... standards of learning required by the school inspectors, the headmaster wasn't much concerned with our education.

(Q1) ... the age of nine, I was spending lessons drawing, doodling and composing rhymes in my exercise book. My teacher was (Q2) ... only in the very small percentage of clean, tidy children - not a runny-nosed, dirty, raggedy child (Q3) ... me.

Then, one afternoon, the headmaster (Q4) ... one of his rare visits to our class to look over our work - and picked up my book. 'I'll be in trouble now', I thought.

But instead of (Q5) ... me, he told me to read out (Q6) ... of my work to the class. Then he marched me into the top class, taught by a Miss Hale.

I was told to step up on to her blackboard platform and read out my poems again. The pupils laughed a lot when I finished. (Q7) ... took very little encouragement to inflate my ego, but later my sister Bess said: 'It was your underwear. That leg with the elastic out was all hanging down.'

Therefore, I was put into Miss Hale's class. She took us out of the classroom, over the hills and far away, by reading to us from Uncle Tom's Cabin, Black Beauty, Lorna Doone and Treasure Island. We followed spellbound.

Learning new words was like (Q8) ... a key to free the imprisoned thought I'd been unable to express.

Miss Hale never commented (Q9) ... the unsuitability of my clothes. Every day, my imagination roamed far away from our little village in the Forest of Dean. Every day, my life became a little richer. But would the future live up to my dreams?

- 0 A weak ~~B~~ low C clear D many
- Q1 A By B With C To D As
- Q2 A looking B helping C teaching D interested
- Q3 A it's B like C who's D whose
- Q4 A gave B did C made D took
- Q5 A punishing B to punish C to punishing D punished
- Q6 A that B this C one D some
- Q7 A It B We C I D They
- Q8 A have B having C to have D had
- Q9 A to B from C on D by

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9
<i>B</i>									

Task 2

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You are going to read a text about meetings. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (Q10-18). Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Are Meetings Quicker If Everyone Stands?

Ask someone with a job in an office what they dislike about work and the chances are that meetings will appear somewhere on the list. If a meeting is (0) ... **(chair)** badly it can get hijacked by two people discussing specific points in detail while everyone else is left waiting for the (Q10) ... **(relevant)** conversations to finish.

A firm chairperson can keep everyone on topic, but there is an (Q11) ... **(alternate)**, one that Queen Victoria adopted when meeting her Privy Council. Simply (Q12) ... **(move)** the chairs. Instead of sitting at a long mahogany table, proceeding through the agenda at a leisurely pace, you stand at a specially designed, bar-height table.

Standing meetings have been shown to take 34 per cent less time than the equivalent sit-down meeting. It's not hard to see why the discomfort of standing would discourage inconsequential digressions, but the purpose of meetings is often to make important group (Q13) ... **(decide)**. Robin Cook held standing meetings when he ran the Foreign Office. But would you want the future of the country to be decided at breakneck pace because everyone's got tired legs?

To (Q14) ... **(cover)** whether or not standing meetings do tempt people to take unwise shortcuts, researchers at the University of Missouri, Columbia, set up a series of (Q15) ... **(experiment)** meetings. Groups were given a test called the Moon Survival Task, which required them to rate the (Q16) ... **(useful)** of a list of items were they ever to find themselves stranded on the moon. The group decisions were assessed by comparing them with an (Q17) ... **(office)** listing provided by NASA astronauts.

The result came as something of a surprise to the researchers. Professor Allen Bluedorn was convinced that standing meetings couldn't possibly lead to (Q18) ... **(effect)** decision-making but, despite taking only two thirds of the time, the standing groups made equally good decisions.

Write your answers here:

0	<u> <i>chaired</i> </u>
Q10	_____
Q11	_____
Q12	_____
Q13	_____
Q14	_____
Q15	_____
Q16	_____
Q17	_____
Q18	_____

Task 3

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You are going to read a text about two brides wearing the same dress. In most lines of the text there is an unnecessary word. Write the unnecessary word in the space provided after each line. Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.

Two brides, same dress, same registry office, same day



Two brides turned up wearing the same dress at the same registry office for weddings just an half hour apart. Emma Johal and Lisa Goodhew and who had never met before, bought their bridal gowns months before from the same shop. Then they booked at their civil registry ceremony, an hour apart, at the Bick Hotel near of Bromley. Mrs Johal, 26, who was wed first, was having her most photographs taken in the grounds that when she saw Lisa signing the marriage register. She said: "I couldn't believe in it. I started to say 'That's my dress! That's my dress!' over and over."	✓	0
	<u>half</u>	00
	_____	Q19
	_____	Q20
	_____	Q21
	_____	Q22
	_____	Q23
	_____	Q24
	_____	Q25
Mrs Goodhew added: "I couldn't believe it when people were saying to me the other one bride had the same dress. You wouldn't ever have dream of that happening. I was in total shock.	_____	Q26
	_____	Q27
I have always dreamed of wearing a white dress. At first I didn't like it - how could this happen? But in the end it was all most fine."	_____	Q28
	_____	Q29
The women had each been bought their dress, a white full-length strapless gown, from the same shop three months apart. Lisa got hers one in November last year and Emma made her purchase in February this year. They also both wore head veils together with their dresses on. Emma, 31, an operations manager for a solicitor's firm, said: "There were some hundreds of beautiful dresses in that shop, and out of all of them we chose the same one. "But it all worked out fine. Some people might have found it upsetting but although we found it hilarious."	_____	Q30
	_____	Q31
	_____	Q32
	_____	Q33
	_____	Q34
	_____	Q35
	_____	Q36
	_____	Q37

Task 4

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You are going to read a text about a missing man. In most lines of the text there is an unnecessary word. Write the unnecessary word in the space provided after each line. Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.

Porto da Barra, Salvador, Brazil



<p>Sydney has Bondi, LA has Venice, Rio has Copacabana - town beaches that are been both world famous and a microcosm of their city itself. I lived in Salvador, Brazil's an oldest city, for</p>	<p>✓ _____</p>	<p>0 00</p>
<p>several years ago and Porto da Barra was where I</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q38</p>
<p>would come for an early in morning swim or a cold beer</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q39</p>
<p>in the late afternoon.</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q40</p>
<p>The location is being stunning, at the entrance of the magnificent</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q41</p>
<p>“Bahia de Todos os Santos”, with a small, so white colonial fort</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q42</p>
<p>at one end and a whitewashed church sitting on a hill at the other.</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q43</p>
<p>There's always something but going on here: small fishing boats</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q44</p>
<p>unloading their catch, young lads diving into the sea off the old</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q45</p>
<p>stone harbour walls, older than boys looking at girls, beach</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q46</p>
<p>volleyball, football and tennis. As far the beach is in a bay, the</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q47</p>
<p>water is calm and also incredibly clean and clear, so it's perfect</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q48</p>
<p>for swimming. And in a country with all over 7,000km of east-</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q49</p>
<p>facing coastline, Porto is one of the few view facing west, so you</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q50</p>
<p>can watch on some fabulous sunsets.</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>Q50</p>