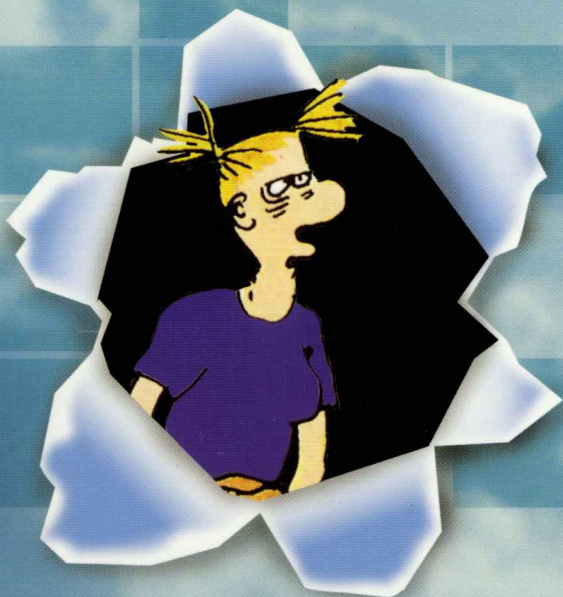


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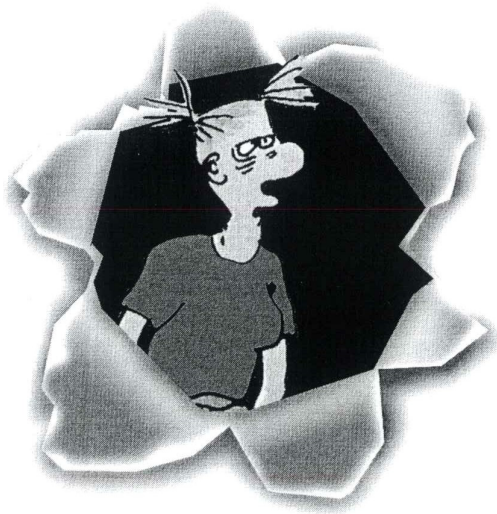
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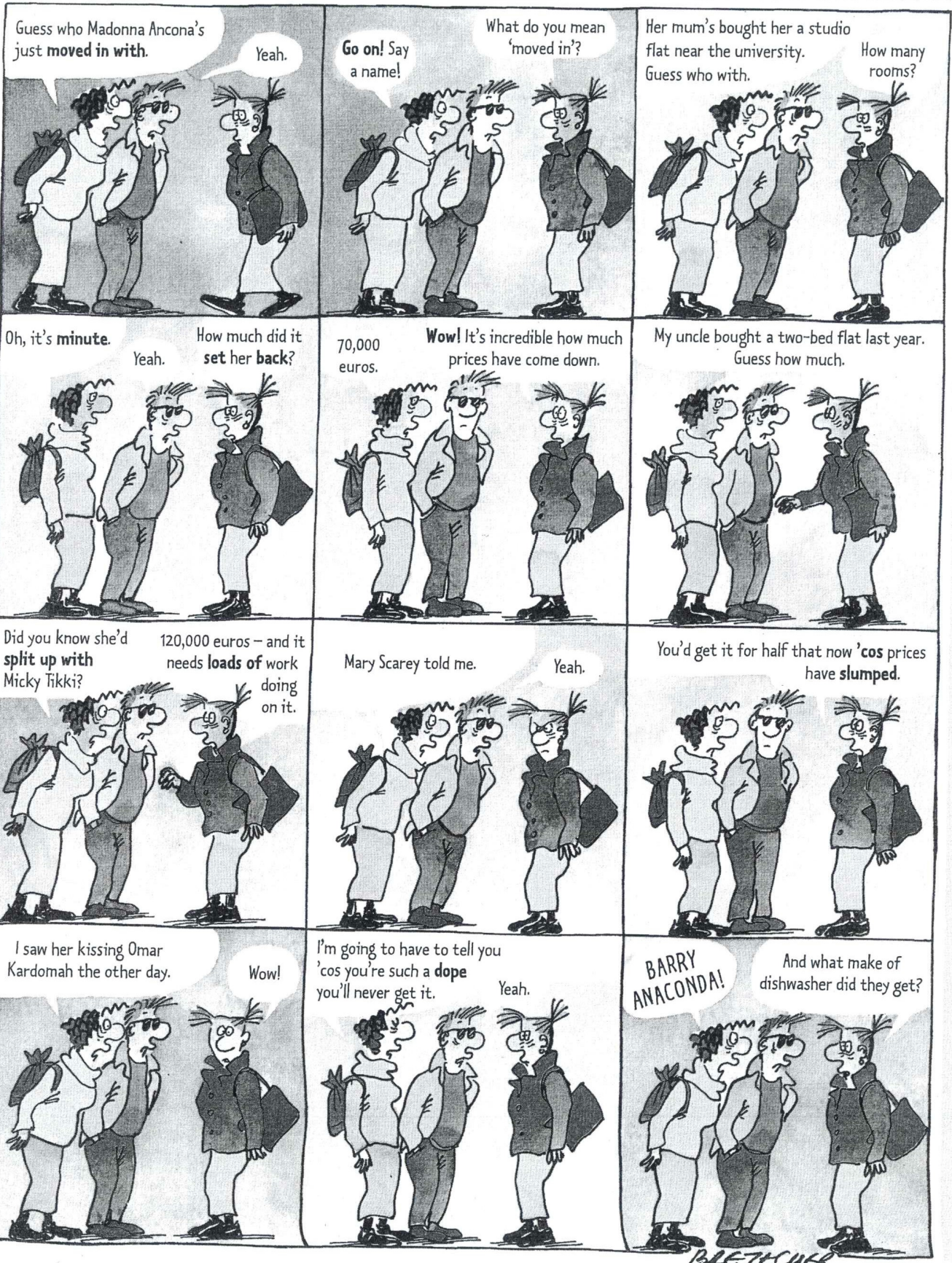


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# conversation crisis



life with Agrippine

PALETECHER



**move in with sb** start living with sb

**go on!** a phrase used to encourage sb to speak, or to say more

**minute** /mɪn'ju:t/ very small

**set back** ② cost

**wow!** ② exclamation used when you are surprised or impressed

**split up with sb** ② end a relationship, marriage, etc.

**loads of** ② lots of

**'cos** ② because

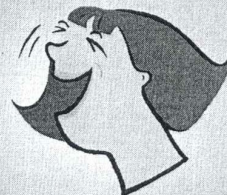
**slump** go down in price suddenly

**dope** ② idiot, fool

② This means that the word or phrase is informal.

#### glossary

## what a laugh!



Late one night, a man walking home through a cemetery became frightened when he heard a tapping noise TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP. As he walked, the tapping got louder TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP!! and he became terrified. Suddenly, he came across a man, kneeling down, tapping at a tombstone with a chisel.

'Oh, thank goodness!' said the man. 'You frightened me. I didn't know what the noise was. What are you doing?'

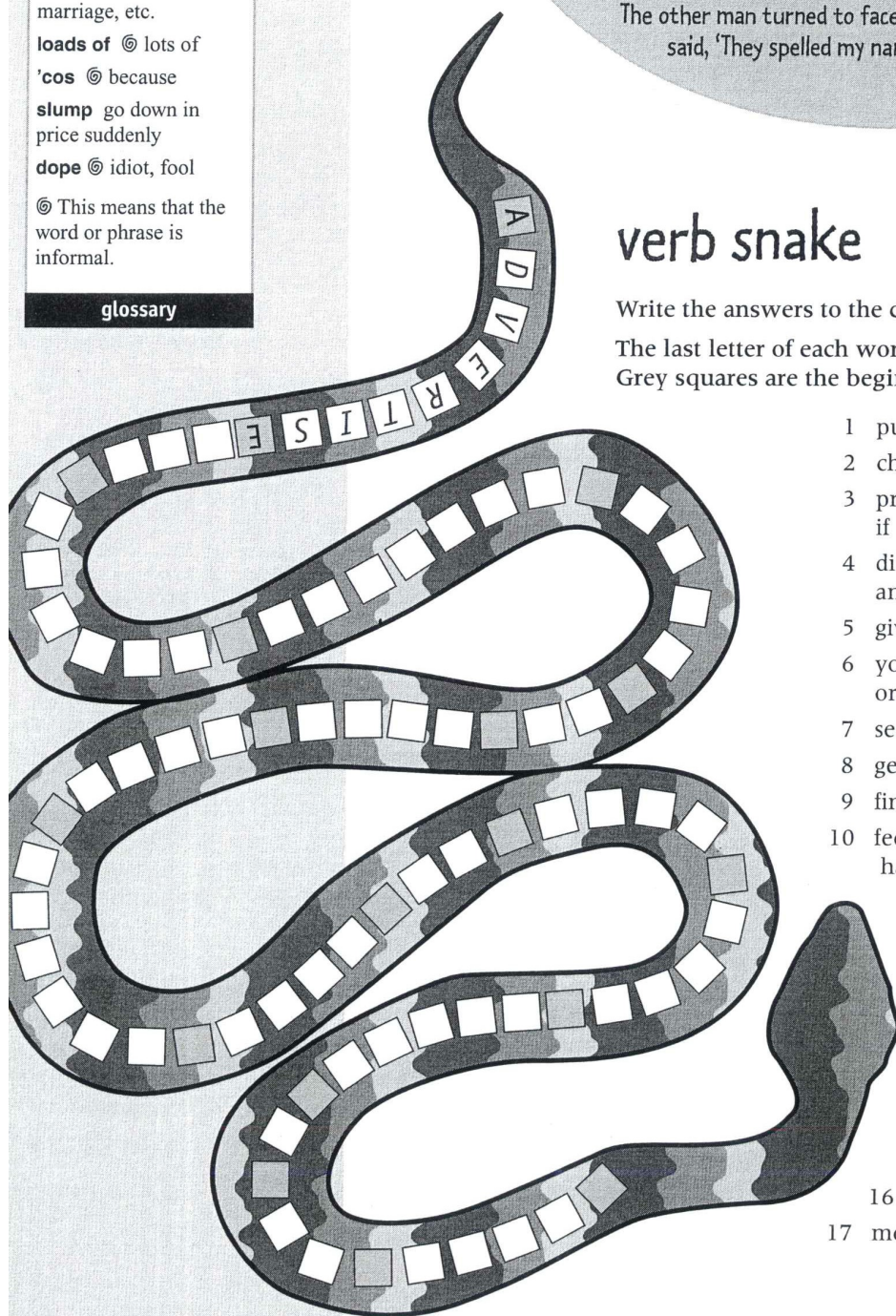
The other man turned to face him in the moonlight and said, 'They spelled my name wrong.'

## verb snake

Write the answers to the clues in the snake.

The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Grey squares are the beginning or end of a word.

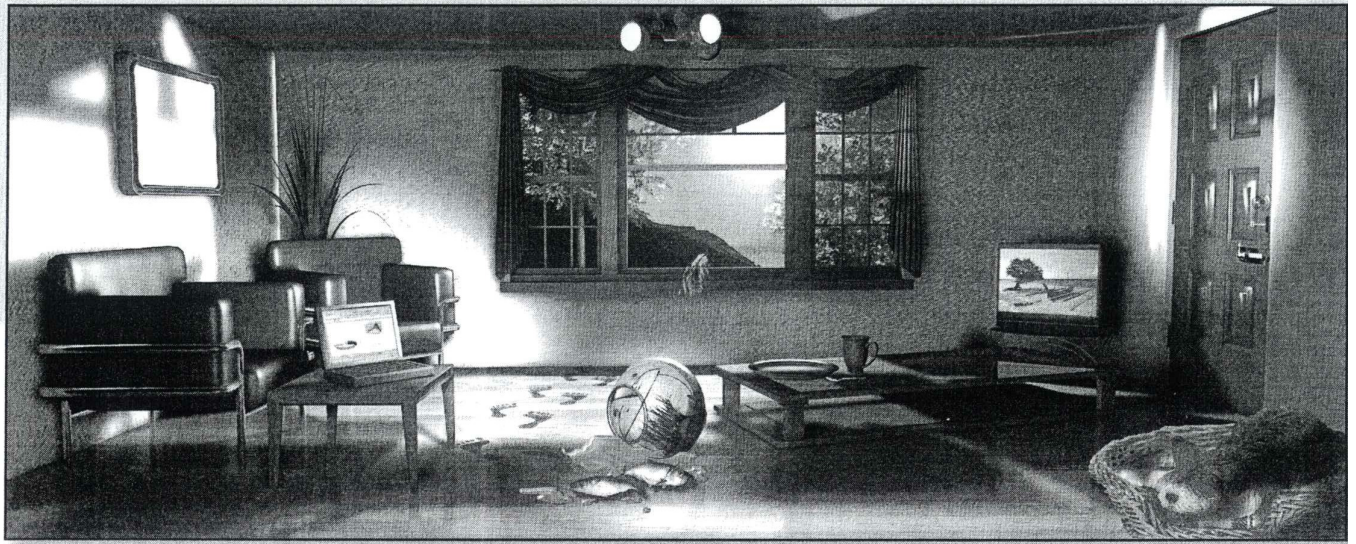
- 1 publicize a product or service
- 2 choose someone by voting for them
- 3 promise to do something bad to someone if they don't do what you want
- 4 discuss something so that you can reach an agreement, especially in business
- 5 give someone a job
- 6 you do this when you're feeling sleepy or bored
- 7 see or hear something
- 8 get bigger in size or number
- 9 find out
- 10 feel sorry that something did or didn't happen
- 11 catch your foot on something and fall over, or nearly fall over
- 12 like something more than something else
- 13 make sb remember something
- 14 interrupt someone when they are busy
- 15 ask anxiously for something that you want very much (often money)
- 16 get bigger or develop
- 17 move around in no particular direction







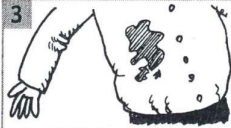



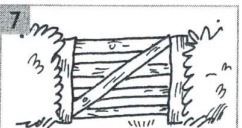


# crime scene

Study the picture for two minutes. Then answer the questions on page 7. You must not turn back to the picture.



## WORDS IN A WORD

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

1  n e s t	2  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	3  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
8  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]		4  [ ] [ ] [ ]
7  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	6  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	5  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]


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

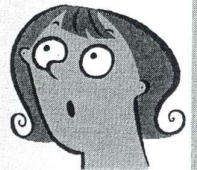
- buy shares in a company
- animal doctor
- December 31st is New Year's \_\_\_\_\_
- go brown in the sun
- an \_\_\_\_\_ agent buys or sells properties for people

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

4 CRIME • CRIME • CRIME • CRIME • CRIME • CRIME • CRIME • CRIME

## would you believe it?

 A kidnapping trial in Colorado, USA, was nearly finished when a member of the jury confessed that he didn't have the slightest idea what was going on – he was totally deaf. The judge asked him whether he had understood anything at all, and sent him home when he didn't reply.



A few minutes later, another juror admitted that she hadn't understood anything either. Although fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili, she didn't know a single word of English, and was shocked to hear that she had been listening to a kidnapping trial.

Finally, a third juror revealed that he suffered from both afflictions: he was unable to speak English and had been completely deaf since childhood.

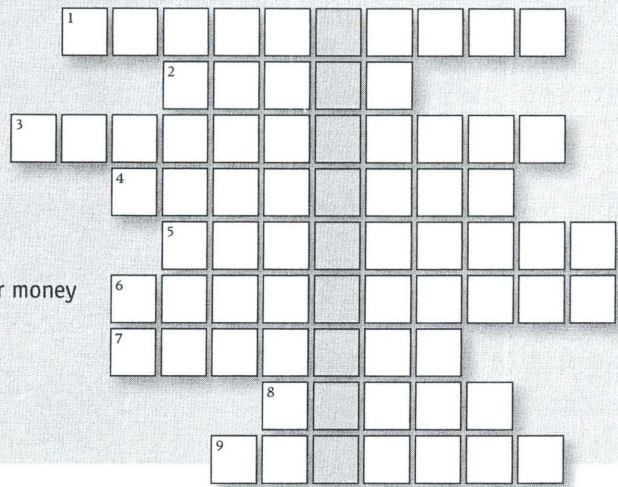
Not surprisingly, the trial was abandoned.



## hidden word

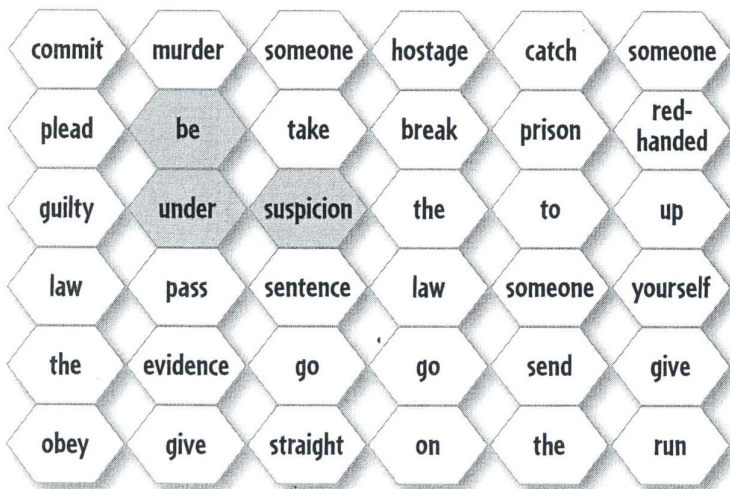
Answer the clues about crimes and criminals. The letters in grey spell out another word meaning 'people who commit crimes'.

- 1 person who steals things from people's bags in public places
- 2 stealing from a person or place (a general word)
- 3 stealing from shops
- 4 person who kills someone deliberately
- 5 person who takes and keeps someone prisoner illegally, especially for money
- 6 person who buys and sells cocaine, etc.
- 7 making illegal copies of money, paintings, etc. to make a profit
- 8 the crime of setting fire to places deliberately
- 9 the crime of attacking someone physically



## honeycomb

Find expressions in the honeycomb for the clues below. The phrases can run in any direction.



- 1 someone is believed to have done something wrong, but the police have no proof  
*be under suspicion*
- 2 a witness does this in a trial
- 3 do something illegal
- 4 admit in court that you did something illegal
- 5 the judge does this when he/she says what the punishment will be
- 6 not do anything illegal
- 7 when the police find someone in the act of doing something criminal
- 8 take an innocent person prisoner and demand money, etc. for their release
- 9 kill intentionally
- 10 try to avoid being captured by the police
- 11 the judge does this when he/she decides to lock someone away
- 12 decide not to do anything illegal again
- 13 offer yourself to be captured (e.g. by the police)

### The WORD POLICE Investigate

## ... CRIME

Translate these nouns into your language.

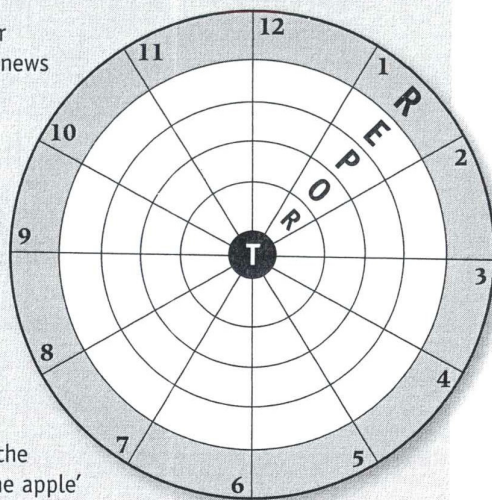
English	Your language
suspect	
offender	
accomplice	
victim	
witness	
security guard	
private investigator / private eye	
lawyer	
barrister	
informer	
defendant	
judge	
jury	
juror	
probation officer	



## clockword

The answers to the clues all end in the letter T in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1–12, the letters in the shaded circle will spell the name of a well known movie star.

- 1 a description of an event or situation, especially in the news
- 2 not fair
- 3 making no noise
- 4 top of a mountain
- 5 sell goods to another country
- 6 most recent
- 7 express feelings of great sadness
- 8 orange-coloured vegetable
- 9 feel sad because you wish something had or hadn't happened
- 10 'She ate the apple.' 'She' is the subject, 'ate' is the verb, 'the apple' is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 small leather case for money, credit cards, etc.
- 12 think that something will happen



## mystery puzzle

This is a true story. A burglar always broke into houses through a window on the ground floor. He would listen to see if anyone was at home, and then get in through a



window and steal whatever he could. It was obvious that he had worn gloves – there were no fingerprints – and he left no clues inside the flats. The sequence of burglaries continued until a perceptive police officer noticed something that the burglar hadn't thought about.

What did the police officer notice?

## driving misery

Find 10 differences in these versions of a story. In each case, is the meaning the same or different?

The accused was convicted of murder, which was really astonishing.  
 The defendant was acquitted of murder, which was really astounding.

*same*                      *different*                      *same*

I left home at about 6.00 in the evening, driving through the heavy rush hour traffic. It was pouring with rain, and I was getting worried because I'd told my girlfriend that I'd pick her up at 6.30. I got stuck in the traffic and was stationary for about quarter of an hour. Anyway, a guy standing at the corner near the library was hitchhiking. I offered him a lift, as he was going in the same direction as me. In fact, it turned out that he was going to the same address as me – to see my girlfriend. With a bunch of flowers. And a box of chocolates. Hmm ...

I set out at about 6.00 in the evening, driving through the hectic rush hour traffic. It was drizzling, and I was getting worried because I'd told my girlfriend that I'd call for her at 6.30. I got held up in the traffic and couldn't move for about quarter of an hour. Anyway, a guy standing at the corner near the bookshop was hitchhiking. I offered him a lift, as he was going my way. In fact, it turned out that he was heading for the same address as me – to see my girlfriend. With a bouquet. And a box of chocolates. Hmm ...

## ADD A LETTER

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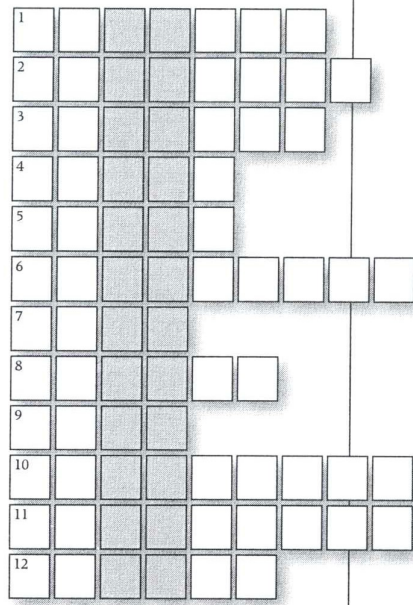
- STONE  S a small rock
- WIDOW  you look through it
- SAP  you wash with it
- TINS  two people of exactly the same age and with the same mother
- RIGHT  light and sunny
- CANE  a small narrow boat for one or two people
- BEST  another word for an animal, usually large and wild
- TICKS  magicians perform these
- BOY  physical structure of a person or animal
- CLAM  say something is true, without having any proof
- ARROW  the opposite of wide
- BRIDE  you use it to cross a river



## find the hidden message

Complete the crossword. The letters in the middle column, when you read them from left to right, spell out a message that you see or hear in airports. What's the message?

- 1 opposite of 'outdoors'
- 2 not guilty
- 3 knives, forks, spoons
- 4 a cut of meat you can eat well done, medium, rare, etc.
- 5 put something over something else to protect or hide it
- 6 make someone's face go red
- 7 small carpets or mats
- 8 a departure \_\_\_\_\_ - where you wait for your flight
- 9 talk informally about things that aren't important
- 10 a kind of soap you put in the washing machine
- 11 person in charge of an orchestra
- 12 very thin, sharp piece of steel you use in sewing



## what a laugh!

A famous scientist was on his way to give a talk when his chauffeur had an idea. 'Hey, boss, since I've heard your lecture so many times, why don't I deliver it and give you the night off?' 'Sounds great,' said the scientist.



When they got to the auditorium, the scientist put on the chauffeur's hat and settled into the back row. The chauffeur walked to the front and gave the lecture. Afterwards, he asked if there were any questions.

'Yes,' said one professor, who then asked a highly technical question.

The chauffeur was panic-stricken for a moment, but quickly recovered.

'That's an easy one,' he replied.

'In fact, it's so easy, I'm going to let my chauffeur answer it.'

## crime scene

These are the questions for the picture on page 4.

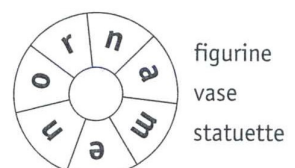
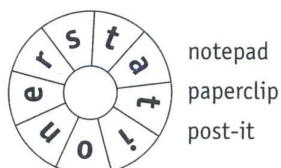
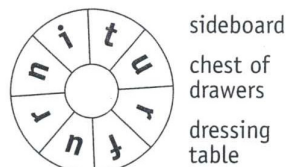
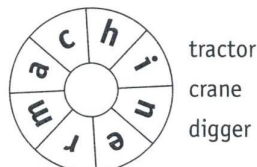
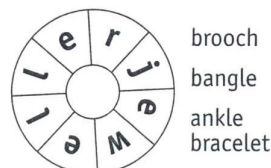
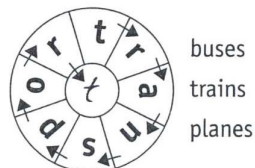
- 1 Were there any people in the room?
- 2 What was the dog doing?
- 3 Had anyone been eating?
- 4 Was the door open, closed, or locked?
- 5 What was on the floor between the table and the window?
- 6 What was broken?
- 7 What was on the table next to the armchair?
- 8 What was hanging from the window?

What do you think happened here?

## circle words

Each circle contains a nine-letter word. Write a letter in the middle of the circle to complete the word. The letter in the centre is the last letter of the word.

All the words are class words, e.g. transport (buses, trains, planes, etc.). There are examples next to each box to help you.





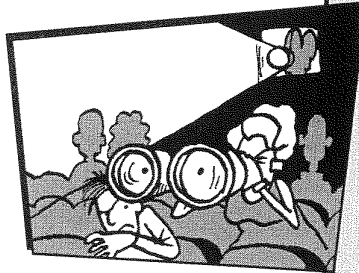
# what a laugh!



- Nurse** Doctor, there's an invisible man in the waiting room.
- Doctor** Well, tell him I can't see him.
- Patient** Doctor, doctor, I've swallowed the film from my camera.
- Doctor** We'll just have to see what develops.
- Patient** Doctor, doctor, people keep ignoring me.
- Doctor** Next!

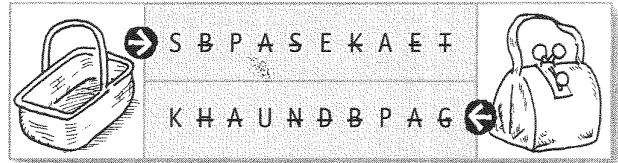
## 10 signs that you need glasses ... making a spectacle of yourself

- 1 You're standing at the bus stop and you try to stop a fire engine by mistake.
- 2 You have to assume the lotus position (yoga) when you're weighing yourself on the bathroom scales.
- 3 You steam up the screen when you're watching TV.
- 4 You get a black nose when you read the newspaper.
- 5 You frequently apologize to lamp posts.
- 6 You can't get near enough to your toenails to cut them.
- 7 You tell hatstands that you think they're looking great in that outfit.
- 8 You're the only person at the cinema with binoculars.
- 9 At the theatre, you ask for seats at the side of the stage.
- 10 You've been reading the dictionary for half an hour, wondering when the story's going to get interesting.

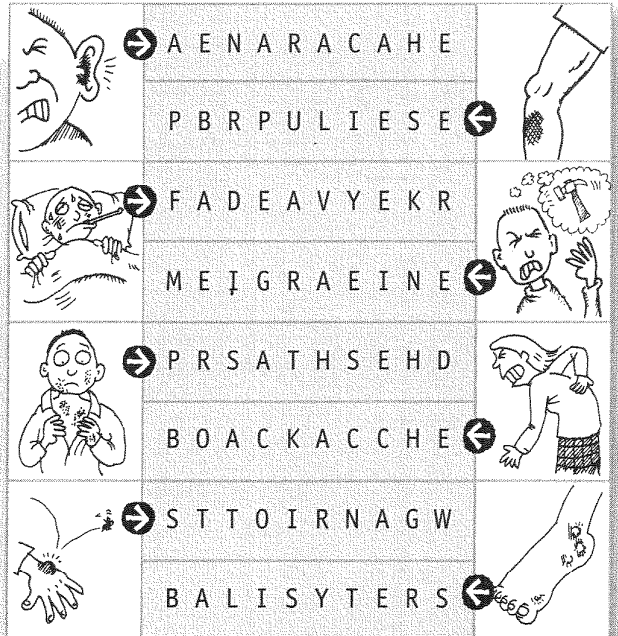


## ELIMINATE!

Cross out the letters of the illustrated words, like this:



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



## how good are you at first aid?

Try this quiz. Write true **T** or false **F**.

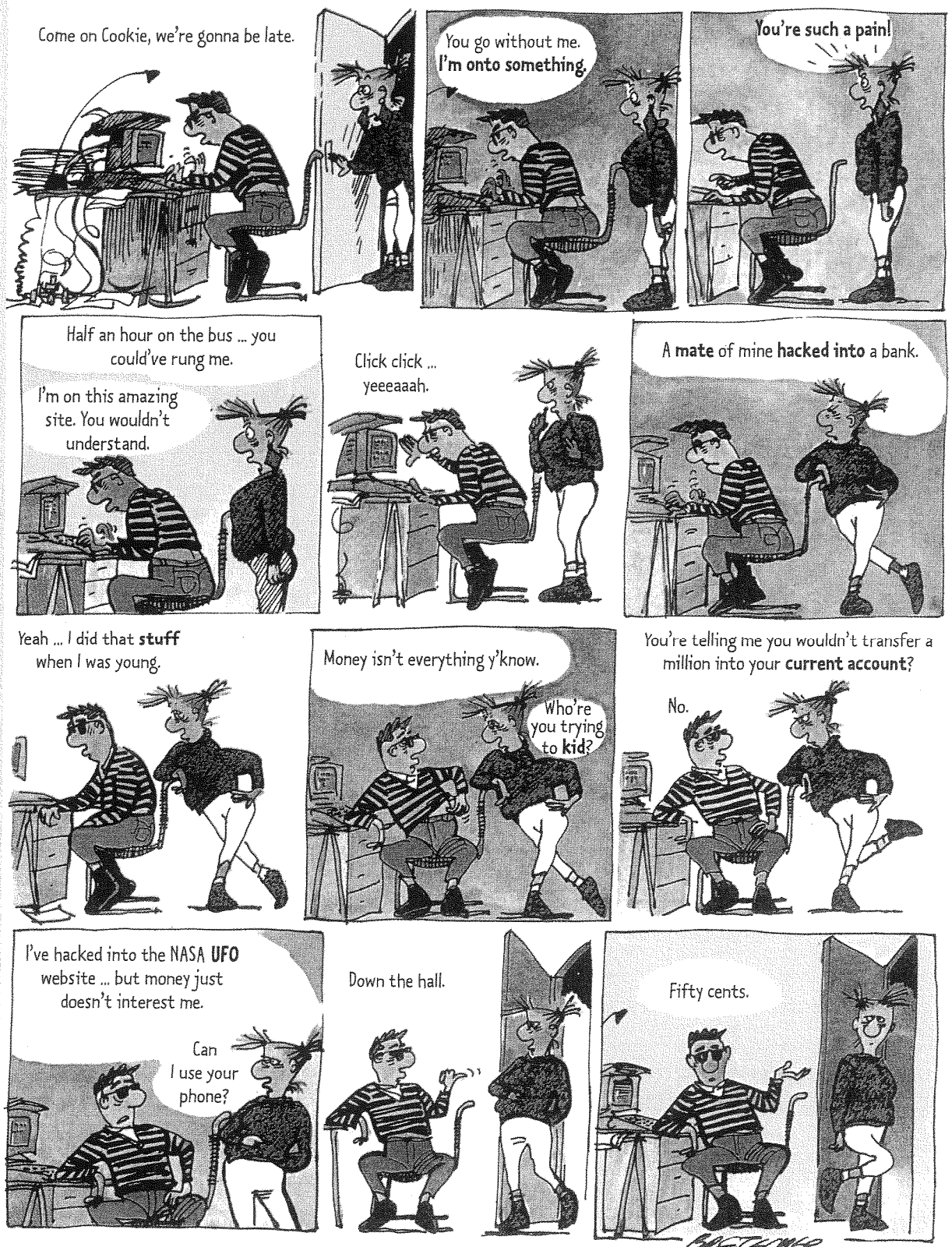
- A bruise is a sign that there is bleeding below the skin.
- If you have a bad bruise, put a hot compress on it to reduce the swelling.
- Blisters can be caused by wearing shoes which don't fit very well.
- If you have a black eye, it helps to put a raw steak on it.
- A broken ankle will usually appear swollen and bruised.
- When someone is going to faint, they may go pale, start sweating and feel cold.
- If someone faints, you should raise their legs, and loosen the clothing around their neck and chest.
- Hiccups are caused by an irritation of the diaphragm.







# computer man



life with Agrippine





**be onto something**

⊗ be on the point of discovering something important

**You're such a pain!**

⊗ you're annoying or upsetting me

**mate** ⊗ friend

**hack into** break into a website/computer system to get secret information

**stuff** ⊗ things

**kid** (v) ⊗ make people believe something which is untrue

**current account** bank account you can take money out of at any time

**UFO** unidentified flying object

**glossary**

# what a laugh!



**A** man auditioning for the circus was confident, even though he had been told that the agent who was auditioning him had seen it all before.

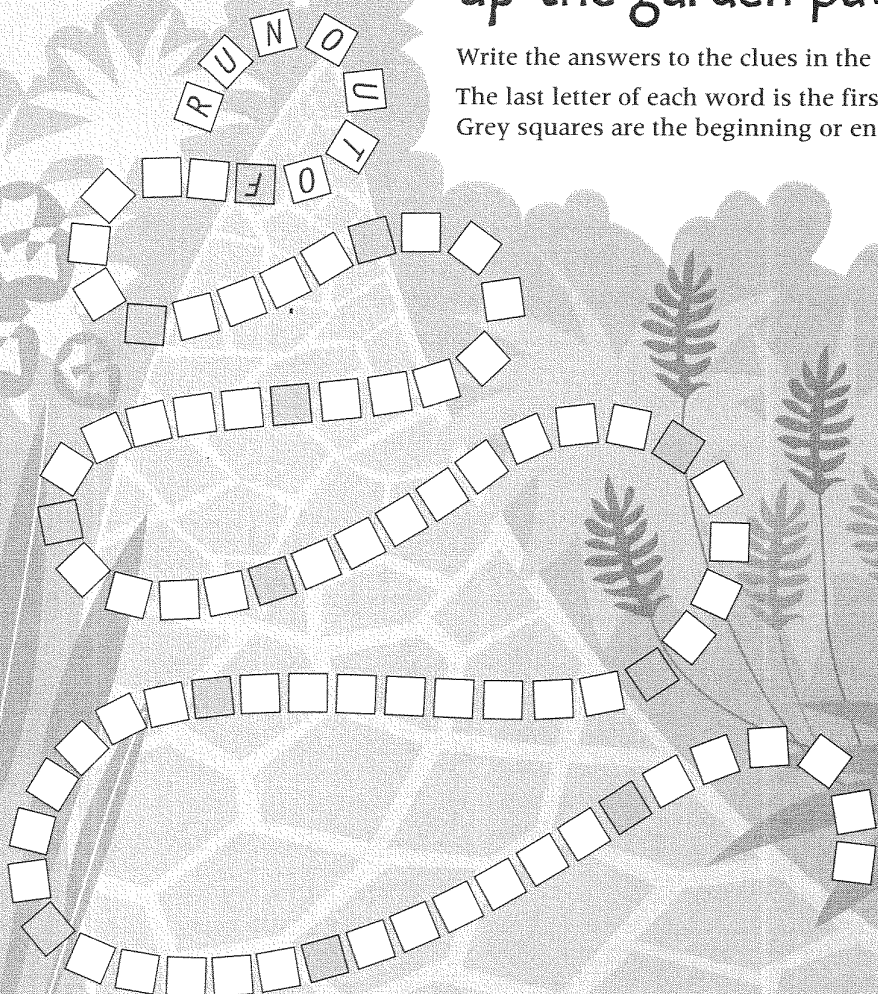
'I have the most unusual act,' said the performer. 'Just watch. I'm sure you'll be amazed.'

He proceeded to climb a tall tower, and then jumped off, flapping his arms wildly. Near the ground, the man's fall suddenly slowed and he soared upwards. He flew past the agent twice, then gently landed on the ground, smiling in triumph.

The agent sat there for a moment, then finally said, 'So is that all you can do? Bird impressions?'

## up the garden path

Write the answers to the clues in the spaces. They are all phrasal verbs. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Grey squares are the beginning or end of a word.



- 1 use up or finish your supply of sth (3,3,2)
- 2 discover (4,3)
- 3 start to do (for example, a new hobby) (4,2)
- 4 tolerate (3,2,4)
- 5 'Be quick!' (5,2)
- 6 If you drop something on the floor, you \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. (4,2)
- 7 connect somebody on the phone (3,7)
- 8 cause a delay (4,2)
- 9 suggest or propose an idea for discussion (3,7)
- 10 leave by car (5,3)
- 11 complete an application form, for example (4,3)
- 12 get control of something, e.g. a company (4,4)
- 13 meet someone unexpectedly (3,4)



## would you believe it?

- \* More than 45,000 pieces of plastic debris float on every square mile of ocean.
- \* Ten books on a shelf can be arranged in many different orders – in fact, in 3,628,800 different ways.
- \* You share your birthday with approximately 9,000,000 other people.
- \* The odds against hitting the jackpot on a slot machine are 889 to one.
- \* 382,650 babies are born every day and 144,902 people die every day, so the world population increases by 237,748 every day.
- \* In Holland there is approximately one bike for every person, with sixteen million bikes nationwide.
- \* Teenagers often have episodes of anger and negativity, slamming doors and having tantrums. Experts say that most teenage anger fits last fifteen minutes.



## that's obvious!

Try this quiz. Be careful – they're trick questions!

- 1 Can you complete this sequence of letters?  
J F M A M J J A S O N \_ \_
- 2 In the whole history of the world, have New Year's Eve and New Year's Day ever fallen in the same year?
- 3 In a leap year (a leap year happens once every four years), how many months have twenty-eight days?
- 4 What do you find right in the middle of circles?
- 5 You have 435 large silver cups and 193 small ones in your collection of sporting trophies. If you take away all except a dozen, how many are left?
- 6 If you add 1000 to a certain number, the result will be more than if you multiply that number by 1000. What is the number?

## 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.

- SALON  M a pink fish, often eaten smoked  
 GUST  invited person  
 GRIN  cereal  
 PAIN  European country  
 POND  a weight, approximately half a kilo  
 BUSH  you do this to your hair  
 SOLD  not liquid or gas  
 RISE  wash through with water  
 TIER  large animal of the cat family

## ➔ ELIMINATE!

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

easy	➔	T S H I M A P L N E	hard
		‡ K R I Y € O K U †	⊖

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

very big	➔	G I T G A N T H I C	very small
		E T S I A N H A Y R	⊖
very big	➔	M A A S I S I V S E	very small
		T M I H N U E T E L	⊖
very big	➔	C O L A O R S S A L	small
		G P E E T I S T T E	⊖
very big	➔	E N D O R M O E U S	small
		S S L E I G R H T T	⊖
very big	➔	I N H U T G H E E W	small
		O L I T R T L L E D	⊖



# words in a word

Complete the words on the left with words from the circle.

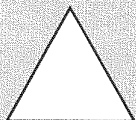
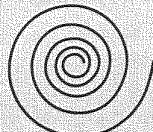
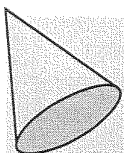
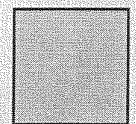
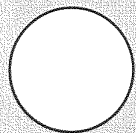
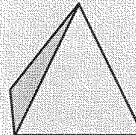
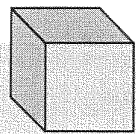
FLAT ROAD PUN THEN RINK  
ease RED pen late

- 1 R E D U C E      make smaller in size, amount, or price  
 2 S H [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]      get smaller, especially if you wash it  
 3 L E N G [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]      get longer  
 4 B [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] E N      get wider  
 5 D E C R [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]      get smaller in quantity, size, or intensity  
 6 D E E [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]      get deeper  
 7 [ ] [ ] [ ] C T U R E      small hole in a tyre, causing air to escape  
 8 I N F [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]      make something bigger by putting air in it  
 9 [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] T E N      make something less bumpy or uneven

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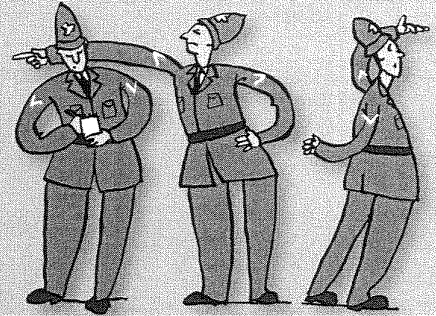
Find the words illustrated in the pictures.

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 R I C O N E B S A I  
 I T L D S E T P S C  
 N S E R E Q H I H I  
 G R E O K U U R U R  
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## The WORD POLICE Investigate

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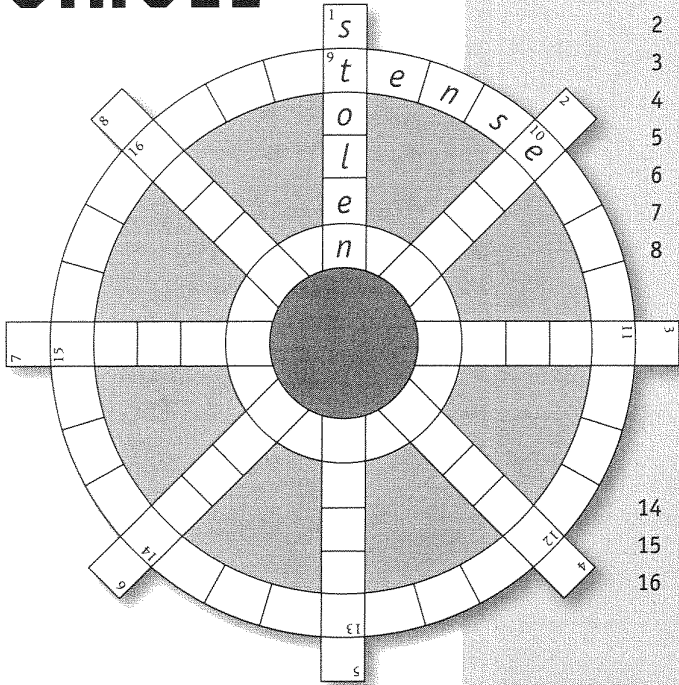


Translate these adjectives into your language.

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wavy		
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dotted		
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# TARGET CIRCLE



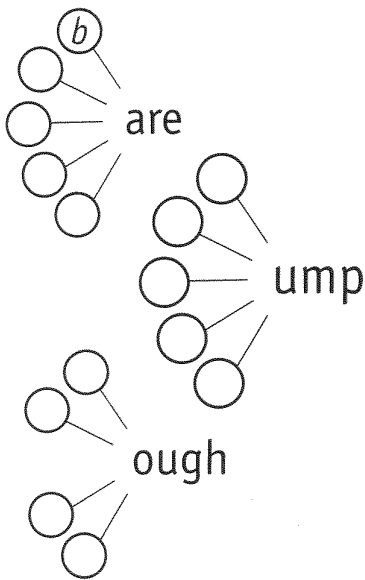
Find the answer to each clue. Words 1–8 move from the outside of the circle, towards the centre (for example, number 1 'stolen'). Words 9–16 move around the circle, in a clockwise direction (for example, number 9 'tense').

Then, complete the missing letters in the inner circle to reveal a large expanse of water.

- 1 obtained dishonestly
- 2 a large amount of money and possessions
- 3 city in Switzerland
- 4 walk slowly and in a relaxed way
- 5 make a plan or drawing of something which will be made or built
- 6 island in French Polynesia
- 7 room where radio and TV programmes are made
- 8 university qualification
- 9 e.g. present simple, past simple, past perfect
- 10 very large bird that eats small animals and birds
- 11 choose someone by voting
- 12 commerce, business
- 13 in football, \_\_\_\_\_ time means 30 additional minutes, played if the score is a draw
- 14 confess that something is true
- 15 put a little food in your mouth to see what it is like
- 16 something interesting or important that happens

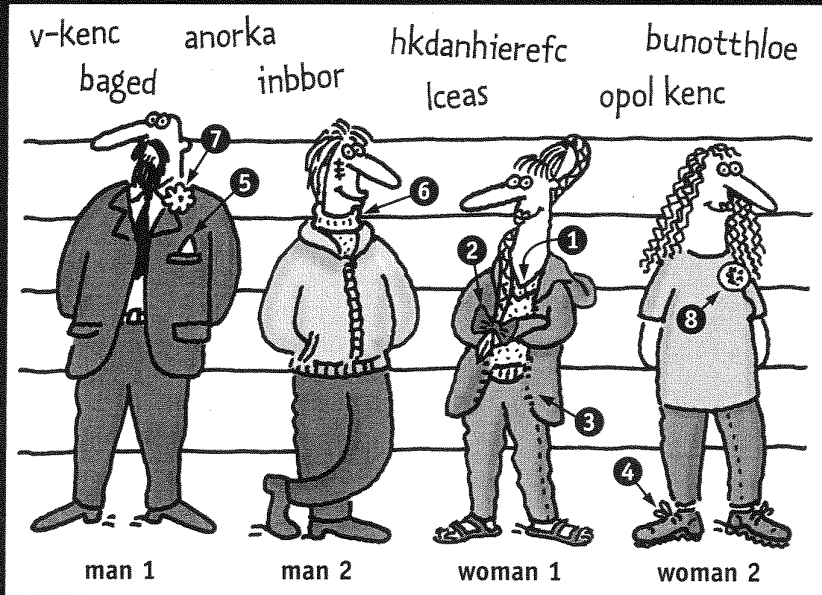
## missing letters

Make words by adding one letter in each circle.



## THE USUAL SUSPECTS ...

Unjumble the words. Then match them with things in the pictures.

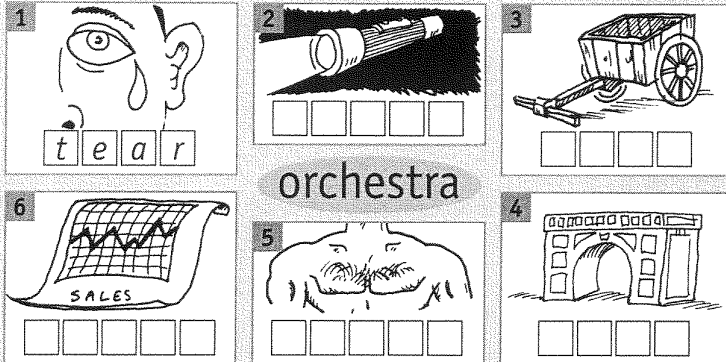


Study the picture for two minutes. Then answer the questions on page 21. You must not turn back to the picture.



## WORDS IN A WORD

Using only the letters in the word **ORCHESTRA**, label the pictures.



orchestra

Now answer the clues, again using only the letters in **ORCHESTRA**.

- 1 a way of cooking meat in an oven
- 2 break the rules in a game in order to win
- 3 have an informal conversation
- 4 look for something or someone
- 5 not seen or not happening very often
- 6 divide something between two or more people
- 7 painful
- 8 arrive at a place

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

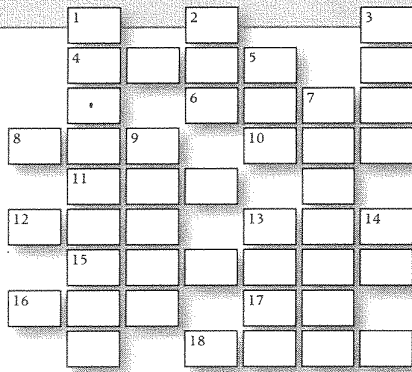
## crossword

### across

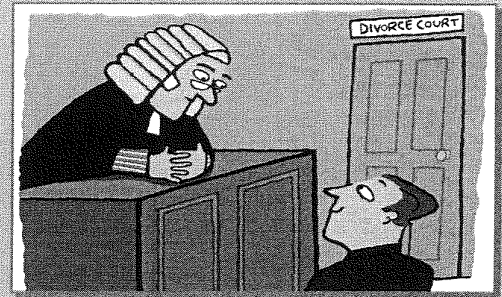
- 4 not odd
- 6 water bird
- 8 use needle and thread
- 10 part of foot
- 11 timid
- 12 playing card with a large single symbol on it
- 13 large area of salt water
- 15 commands
- 16 similar to a monkey
- 17 pronoun meaning 'you and I'
- 18 finishes

### down

- 1 equipment that helps you see the stars and planets
- 2 gave food
- 3 large area of fresh water
- 5 e.g. almond or pistachio
- 7 placed something over or in front of something
- 9 which place
- 13 past participle of clue 8 across
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ soon \_\_\_\_\_ possible



what a **laugh!**



**Judge**

I've studied your case, and have decided to give your wife 500 euros a week.

**Defendant**

That's very generous of you, Your Honour. I'll try to send her a few euros myself.

## I wish I'd said that

A cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage with a college education.

*Mark Twain*

Conversation is the enemy of good wine and food.

*Alfred Hitchcock*

Anything you have to acquire a taste for was not meant to be eaten.

*Eddie Murphy*

Fish and visitors smell in three days.

*Benjamin Franklin*

How can one conceive of a one-party system in a country (France) that has over 200 varieties of cheese?

*Charles de Gaulle*

A woman is like a tea bag – only in hot water do you realize how strong she is.

*Nancy Reagan*



# honeycomb

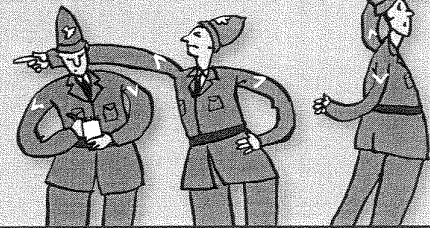
Find pairs of words to answer the clues. In each pair, the two words are next to each other in the honeycomb and can run in any direction.

- serious newspapers full of important news
- articles about the lives of famous people and what they are doing
- section of a newspaper where you can find out where to buy something or find a job
- money you pay every year to receive a magazine regularly
- magazine printed in colour as an extra part of the paper, usually at the weekend
- set of drawings, usually telling a funny story
- article or story that you cut out of a paper and keep
- place on the street where you can buy magazines and papers
- part of the paper that's designed so that you can remove and keep it



## The WORD POLICE Investigate

### ... MEDIA PEOPLE



Translate these nouns into your language.

English	Your language
foreign correspondent	
sports reporter	
freelance journalist	
paparazzi	
editor	
newspaper proprietor	
printer	
columnist	
agony aunt	
broadcaster	
newsreader	
publisher	

## JUMBLED WORDS

Unjumble the words. Then match them to parts of the newspaper.

- conulm      atricel  
 odrsswocr      ardvot  
 pactoni  
 hdealnie      crantoo  
 hroospoce

**1 Dog wins lottery!**

**2 Rover's in the money!**

**3 Happy Hound**

**4 Your Stars**

**5**

**6**

**7**

## LOSE A LETTER

Take out one letter from each word on the left to match the clue. The letters you have taken out spell a word relating to the media.

- SCALES  when you can buy things cheaply
- HEARD  not easy
- LEND  past form of lead
- SCREW  people who work on a plane or ship
- POINT  a liquid measurement (approximately half a litre)
- STARRING  looking intently
- SCRAWL  go on hands and knees
- HEARTH  part of the body
- SIMILE  show you are happy
- PRICE  something to eat



# never trust your spell-checker

Read this poem. Can you understand it? The first two lines are given as examples.

## Ode to the spell-checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
*I have a spelling-checker*  
 It came with my pea sea  
*It came with my PC*  
 It plainly marques four my revue  
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
 And weight four it two say  
 Weather eye am wrong oar write  
 It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
 It nose bee fore two long  
 And eye can put the error rite  
 Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
 I am shore your pleased two no  
 Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
 My chequer tolled me sew.

Now check with the answer key.

# trackwords

Find the answer to each clue in the grid.

Each word starts in a numbered square and moves horizontally or vertically to the next letters. The last letter of a word is the first letter of the next word.

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

- children's magazine with pictures and stories
- number of copies a newspaper or magazine sells
- a newspaper for the whole country
- number or type of people who buy a particular paper or magazine
- meeting where someone talks to journalists to answer questions or say something important
- person in charge of a paper, and who decides what is published
- newspaper report of a film, play, TV programme, etc.
- in a paper, where you find out if it's going to rain today
- newspaper with short articles and pictures but not much serious news

# crossword

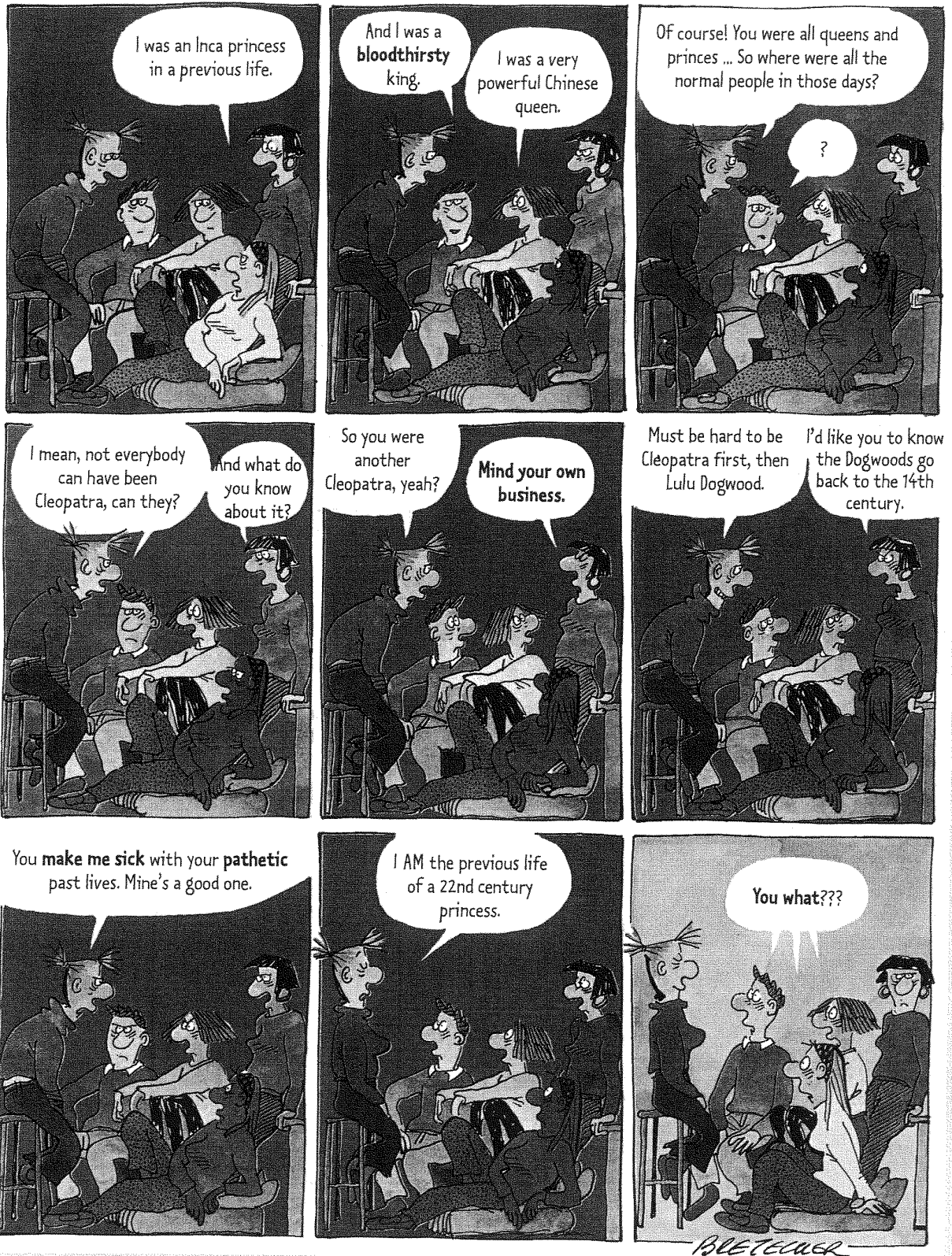
Answer the clues. The letters in the grey squares spell out a word connected with books.

- book about imaginary people and events
- book about real people or events
- imaginary story about future scientific discoveries, space travel, etc.
- general word for poems
- a book where people record their experiences or private thoughts
- a book about a real person's life, written by a different person
- a book that lists words A-Z and gives their meanings
- a small book that explains how to do or use something
- a book about a real person's life, written by the person himself / herself
- a small book or magazine where you find information and pictures, often advertising something

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# reincarnation



life with Agrippine



**reincarnation** belief that when someone dies, their soul / spirit lives again in a new body

**bloodthirsty** enjoying killing and violence

**mind your own business** © [not polite] used to tell someone that something is private and you don't want to talk about it

**make sb sick** © make sb feel angry or irritated

**pathetic** useless, terrible

**you what?** © [not polite] pardon?

**glossary**

# what a laugh!



**A** man has terrible toothache and goes to see a dentist.

'How much is it to have a tooth taken out?' he asks.

'€100,' replies the dentist.

'What? €100 for a few minutes' work?' shouts the patient.

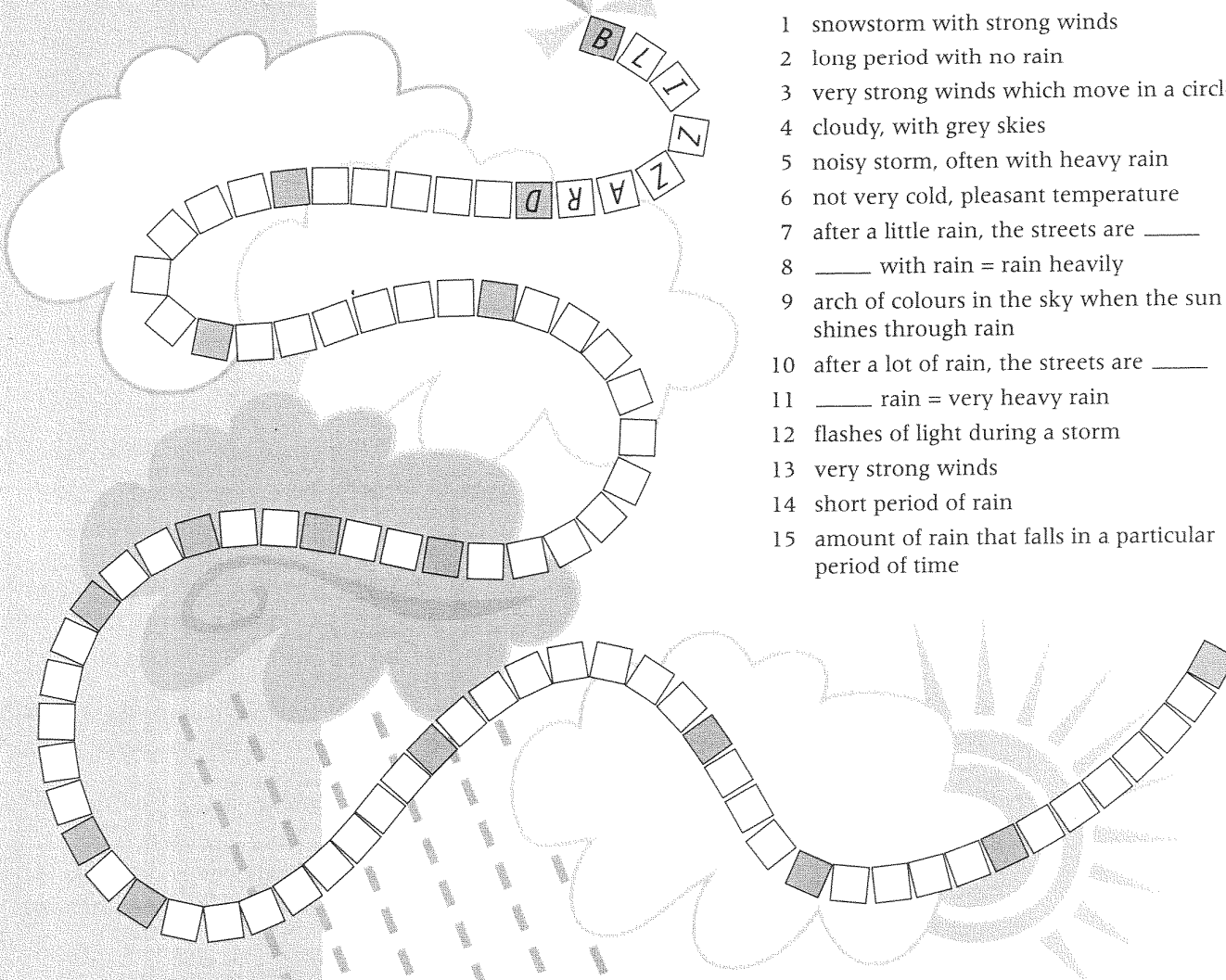
'Well, I can take it out very slowly if you prefer.'

## weather front

Write the answers to the clues in the spaces.

The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Grey squares are the beginning or end of a word.

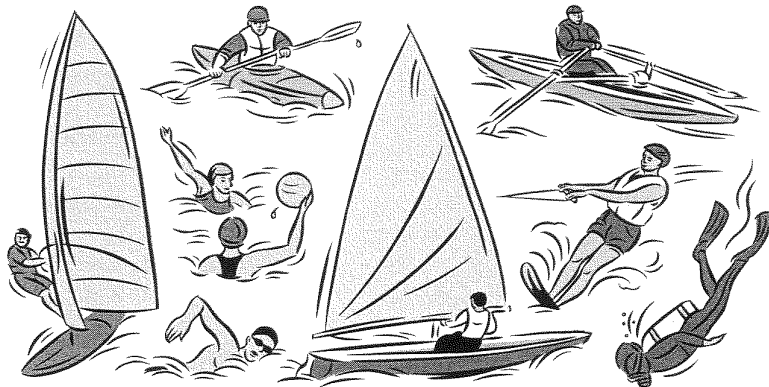
- 1 snowstorm with strong winds
- 2 long period with no rain
- 3 very strong winds which move in a circle
- 4 cloudy, with grey skies
- 5 noisy storm, often with heavy rain
- 6 not very cold, pleasant temperature
- 7 after a little rain, the streets are \_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_ with rain = rain heavily
- 9 arch of colours in the sky when the sun shines through rain
- 10 after a lot of rain, the streets are \_\_\_\_
- 11 \_\_\_\_ rain = very heavy rain
- 12 flashes of light during a storm
- 13 very strong winds
- 14 short period of rain
- 15 amount of rain that falls in a particular period of time





# find the watersports

Find the water sports illustrated. Each word starts in a numbered square and moves horizontally or vertically to the next letter.



O	R	I	N	A	I	N	G	
L	<b>7</b>	W	G		L	E	I	
O	E	T	R	<b>8</b>	F	O	N	
P	R	A	U	W	I	G	N	G
N	G	W	S	<b>1</b>	N	C	A	S
I	M	<b>6</b>	I	T	A	<b>2</b>	U	<b>3</b>
I	M	N	K	E	W	A	D	I
W	<b>5</b>	S	R	<b>4</b>	G	N	I	V

## what a laugh!



A man spent all his time at football matches and hardly ever saw his wife. One day, she decided to talk to him about it. 'We never go out, never do anything I want to do,' she complained. 'All you ever think about is football. All you ever do is go to matches or watch football on the telly. I bet you can't even remember when my birthday is.'

'I can, actually,' replied her husband, 'It's the same date that Liverpool beat Roma 2-0 in the UEFA Cup.'

## would you believe it?

The manager of a local football club asked his wife to go to the jeweller's to get a cup winner's trophy engraved. The inscription was supposed to say, 'Market Deeping Football Club - Winners of the 2002 East of England Championship'. When the cup was returned to the club, the inscription was there, as requested. Unfortunately, as the words had been written out on the woman's shopping list, it continued, 'one pint of milk and a small loaf'.

## The WORD POLICE Investigate



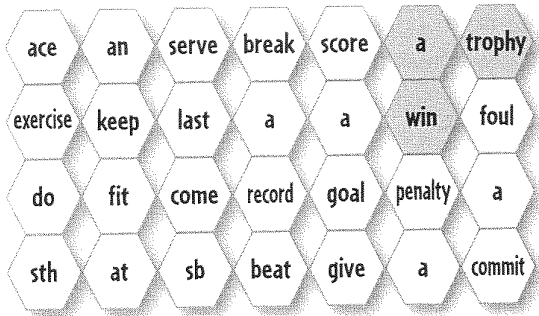
Translate these nouns into your language.

English	Your language
sports ground	
stadium	
football pitch	
motor racing circuit	
running track	
tennis court	
golf course	
gym	
ski slope / ski run	
ice rink	
changing rooms	
sports equipment	
table tennis bat	
squash racket	
set of golf clubs	



# honeycomb

Find phrases to answer the clues about sport. The phrases can run in any direction.



- 1 get a cup as a prize
- 2 in tennis, hit the first ball so that your opponent cannot return it
- 3 run faster, throw / jump further, or do sth better than has ever been done before
- 4 kick the ball into the net
- 5 defeat a person in a sport
- 6 finish a race after everyone else
- 7 take part in physical activity
- 8 stay healthy and strong because of physical activity
- 9 do an action (especially in football) which is against the rules
- 10 in football, the referee can do this if a player breaks the rules near his / her own goal

## THE USUAL SUSPECTS ...

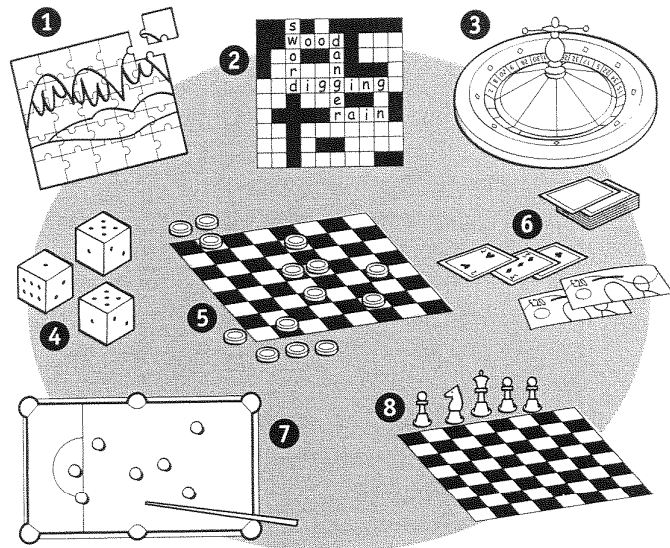
These are the questions for the pictures on page 14.

- 1 Which suspect is wearing sandals?
- 2 Which suspect is wearing a jacket with three pockets?
- 3 Who's wearing a polo neck?
- 4 Who's wearing a belt?
- 5 Whose jacket is zipped up?
- 6 Who has something in their buttonhole?
- 7 Who's wearing a badge?
- 8 Who's got an anorak on?
- 9 In whose pocket is a handkerchief visible?
- 10 Who has a scar on their cheek?
- 11 Whose shoes have laces?
- 12 How many people's jackets are done up?

## JUMBLED WORDS

Unjumble the words. Then match them with the games in the pictures.

gijwas pluzez      ttreolue      darugtsh      biiarlisd  
 cedi      hsecs      crsoswdro      okrep



## word ladder

Change one letter each time.

- |          |          |          |          |  |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| <b>B</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>L</b> | used in many games                                   |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | you can ring it                                      |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | past of fall   |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | past of feel   |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | you wear it round your waist                         |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | defeat someone in a game                             |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | tidy and in order                                    |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | not far  |
| □        | □        | □        | □        | drop of liquid that comes from your eye when you cry |
| <b>T</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>M</b> | group of players                                     |



# what a laugh!

**B**efore flying to London on a business trip, an American drove his Rolls-Royce to a bank in the middle of New York and asked for a 5,000-dollar loan. He offered his Rolls-Royce as a guarantee.

The bank manager accepted, had the car driven down to the underground car park for safe keeping, and gave the businessman the money.

Two weeks later, the customer returned to settle his loan and retrieve his car. 'That'll be 5000 dollars plus 15 dollars and 40 cents in interest,' said the bank manager. The man wrote a cheque and started to walk away.

'Wait,' said the manager. 'While you were away, I discovered you were a millionaire. Why would you need to borrow 5000 dollars?'


The man smiled. 'Where else in Manhattan could I park a Rolls-Royce for only 15 dollars and 40 cents?'

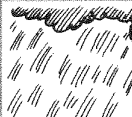





# ➔ ELIMINATE!

Find a word which is pronounced in the same way as each illustrated word, but which has a different spelling (for example, *leek* / *leak*, *flower* / *flour*). Then cross out the letters.

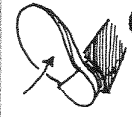
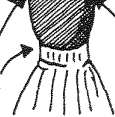
When you finish, read the other letters to find out what a homophone is.

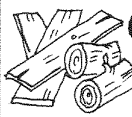
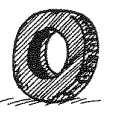
 leek ➔	↳ E S E P A E K A	flower
	K F U E O P U R	← flour

 ➔	R W E I O G R N	
	D P S A I W R I	←

 ➔	T R H I G T H T	
	H E S S A O M E	←

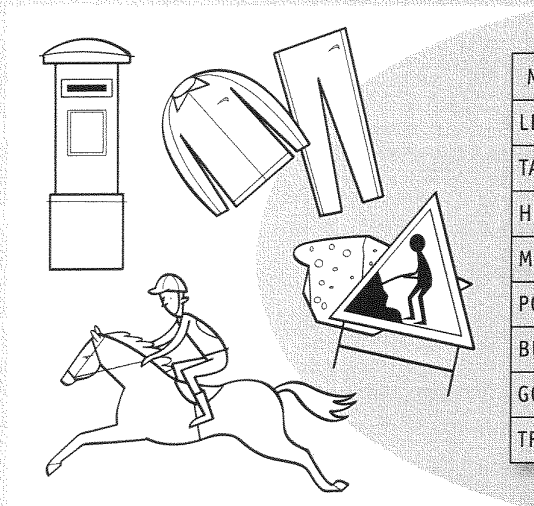
 ➔	B S R O A K U E	
	N S D A S L E P	←

 ➔	S E O L U T L D	
	I W A F S T F E	←

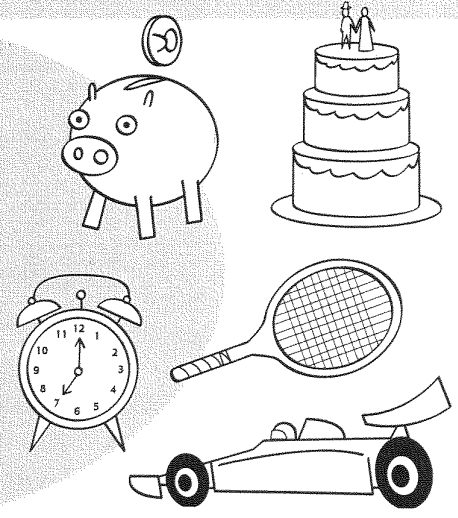
 ➔	W E O R U L E D	
	N T T I L R E Y	←

# it makes two, baby!

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

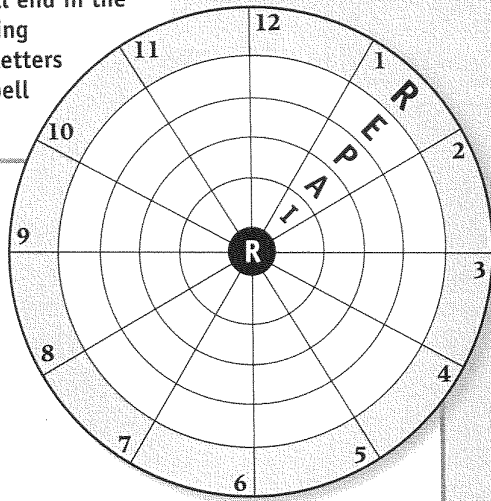


MOTOR	<i>racing</i>	CAR
LETTER		OFFICE
TABLE		RACKET
HUMAN		HORSE
MAIN		WORKS
POCKET		BOX
BURGLAR		CLOCK
GOLDEN		CAKE
TRACK		CASE



## clockword

The answers to the clues all end in the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1–12, the letters in the shaded circle will spell a compound noun.



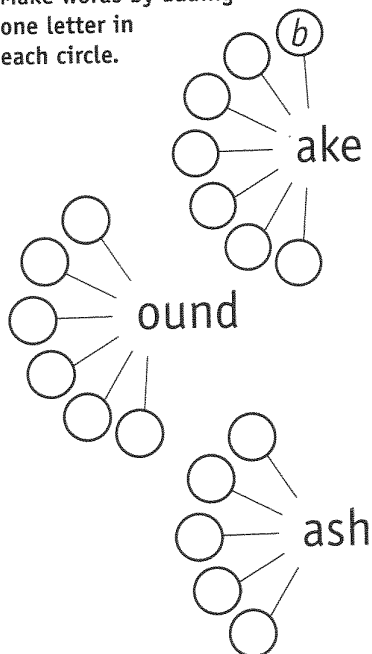
- 1 mend or fix
- 2 less difficult
- 3 person who telephones you
- 4 you use a bottle \_\_\_\_\_ to take the top off a bottle
- 5 quite, fairly
- 6 opposite of *safety*
- 7 the feeling that you need to eat
- 8 type of shellfish which you can eat, and which produces a pearl
- 9 a piece of equipment for climbing up and down
- 10 short knife used as a weapon
- 11 person who decides what goes into a newspaper
- 12 more wealthy

## how an ID card can get you into trouble ...

A young man in the USA decided to rob a supermarket. Armed with a gun, he told the shop assistant to put all the money from the till in a bag. As he was about to leave, the robber noticed a bottle of whisky, and told the shop assistant to put it in the bag too. The shop assistant refused, saying, 'I don't believe you're over 21.' (That's the legal age when you can drink in the USA.) The robber insisted he was, but the shop assistant still wouldn't give it to him. So, the robber took his ID card out of his pocket and passed it to the shop assistant. He took a look at the ID and then put the bottle in the bag. As soon as the robber had left the shop, the shop assistant phoned the police with the name and address of the robber – which he had got off the ID card. The robber was arrested the next day.

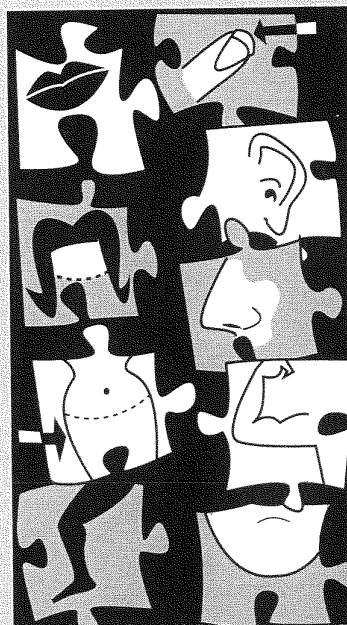
## missing letters

Make words by adding one letter in each circle.



## word jigsaw

Complete the words in the sentences using the illustrations.



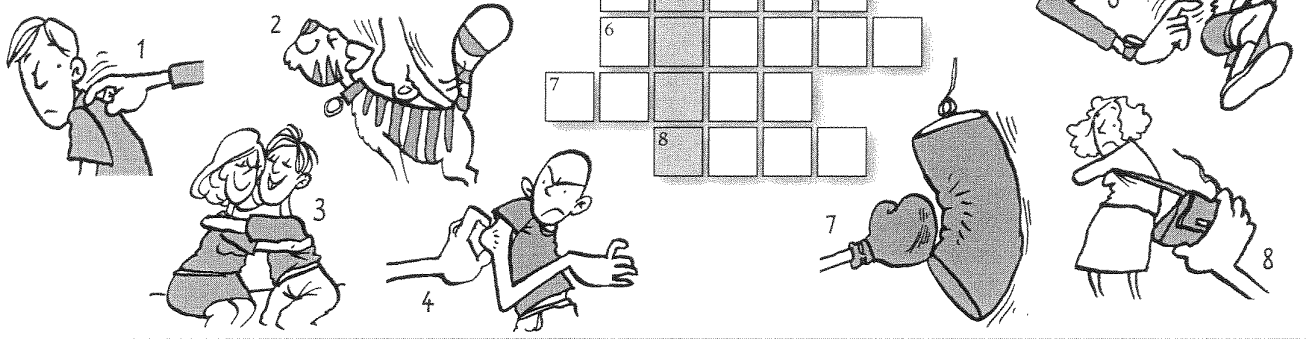
Where exactly is the N ear EST post office?

- 1 Melissa's husband is very CH \_\_\_\_\_ ING, isn't he?
- 2 It's IL \_\_\_\_\_ AL to park your car on a double yellow line.
- 3 My brother has recently been DIAG \_\_\_\_\_ D with asthma.
- 4 The skater S \_\_\_\_\_ PED and fell on the ice.
- 5 What would you do if you were S \_\_\_\_\_ WRECKED on a desert island?
- 6 We stopped and watched the soldiers MAR \_\_\_\_\_ G up and down.
- 7 I bought a sofa and two big ARMC \_\_\_\_\_ S for the living room.
- 8 I hate S \_\_\_\_\_ S – they eat the lettuces in my garden.



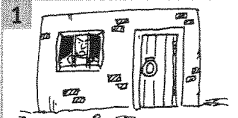
# how does it feel?


Complete the crossword. Use the pictures to help you. The letters in the shaded box form another word.

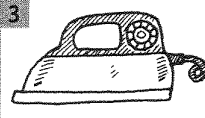


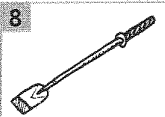
## WORDS IN A WORD


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

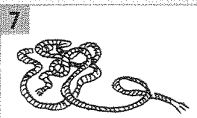
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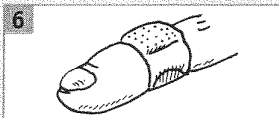
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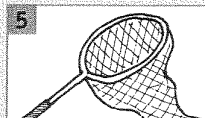
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personality


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

- 1 opposite of *dark skin* = \_\_\_\_\_ skin
- 2 something you wash with
- 3 greasy
- 4 jump a long way
- 5 crime of being disloyal to your country by helping its enemies
- 6 unpleasant or unkind
- 7 What time does the sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning?
- 8 squares of ceramic you find on walls and floors

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

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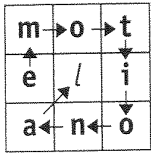
## ... FEELINGS



Translate these adjectives into your language.

English	Your language
well-mannered	
open-minded	
thick-skinned	
highly-strung	
self-controlled	
self-centred	
bad-tempered	
hospitable	
cheeky	
articulate	
charming	
moody	

# box words



Each box contains a nine-letter adjective describing character. Write a letter in the middle square to complete the word. The letter in the centre is the last letter of the word.

t	r	i
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## the purist

I give you now Professor Twist,  
A conscientious scientist.  
Trustees exclaimed, 'He never **bungles!**'  
And sent him off to distant jungles.  
Camped on a tropic riverside,  
One day he missed his loving **bride**.  
She had, the guide informed him later,  
Been eaten by an alligator.  
Professor Twist could not but smile,  
'You mean,' he said, 'a crocodile.'

by Ogden Nash



**bungle** fail, do something badly  
**bride** wife

# what a laugh!

One day, a lion woke up feeling great. He felt so full of life he could beat the world. He got up and went for a stroll in the jungle. First, he came across a parrot.

'Who's the king of the jungle?' asked the lion.

'You are, of course,' said the parrot, and flapped away.

Then he came to a river where there was a hippopotamus.

'Who's the king of the jungle?' asked the lion.

'You are, master' answered the hippo, and went back under the water.

This carried on all morning, meeting different animals, until finally the lion met an elephant.

'Who's the king of the jungle?' asked the lion.

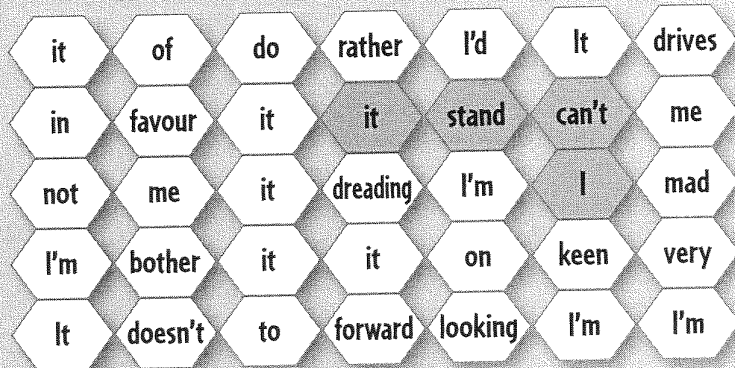
The elephant picked the lion up with its trunk, threw the lion in the air, and dropped him on the ground.

'OK, OK,' said the lion. 'Don't get angry just because you don't know the answer!'



## honeycomb

Find expressions for the clues below in the honeycomb. The phrases can run in any direction.



- 1 I hate it. *I can't stand it.*
- 2 I'm feeling extremely anxious about something that is going to happen.
- 3 I like it very much.
- 4 I feel happy about something that is going to happen.
- 5 I would prefer to do it.
- 6 I don't agree with it.
- 7 I find it very annoying.
- 8 I don't mind it.



# hidden words


Find the job hidden in each sentence.

You have to correct each error carefully. *teacher*

- 1 You hit my car! The dent is there for all to see!
- 2 Is that the horse's tail or its mane?
- 3 The area is full of beautiful lakes and rivers.
- 4 The murderer left the empty pistol at the scene of the crime.
- 5 Do you know how far Merlene Otty can run?
- 6 If you wait, Eric Clapton will give you a lift.
- 7 If you don't search efficiently, you'll never find the jewels.
- 8 The child who picked up the metal bar managed to carry it home.

## would you believe it?

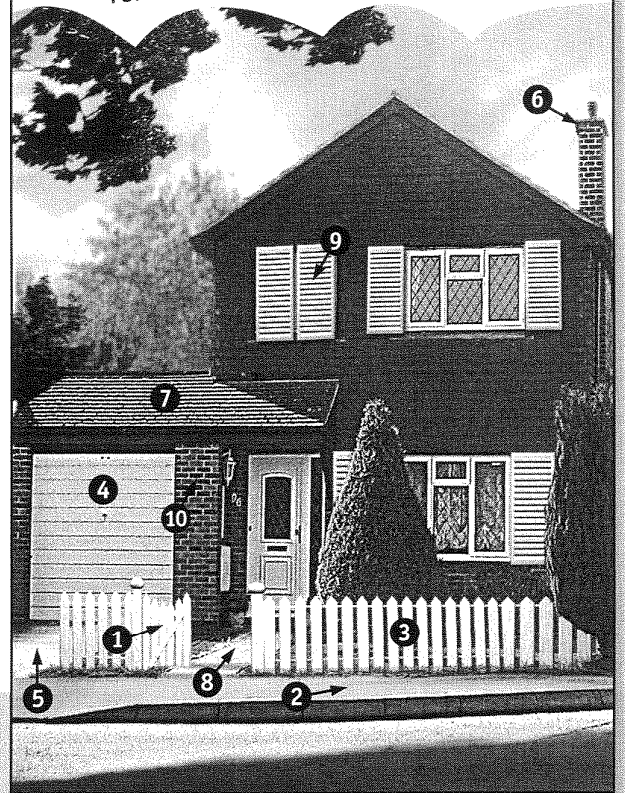
**\*** A man was operated on at a hospital in the south of Italy. In his stomach he had a pen, several pieces of metal and glass, a razor blade, a paper clip, a coin, a bus ticket, some matches (unused), a key, a nail, a pair of scissors, a penknife, and a pair of dice. He made a full recovery.



# JUMBLED WORDS

Unjumble the words. Then match them with the things in the picture.

- pemevnta      thpa      minchye  
 fcnee      graaeg      hutsrets      ckribs  
 foro      ridevyaw      teag



# get out of the water!

Answer the clues. The letters in the shaded column are all the same.

- 1 small amount of rainwater that has collected in one place on the ground
- 2 large amount of ice that moves slowly down a valley
- 3 the land along the edge of the sea
- 4 a small river
- 5 rise and fall of the sea caused by the pull of the moon and sun
- 6 large inland area of water
- 7 raised lines of water moving across the sea
- 8 large area of salt water covering most of the earth's surface
- 9 the *Titanic* was hit by one of these
- 10 where a river falls from a high place, e.g. Niagara

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# what a laugh!

A man on a bicycle approached the border between two countries, carrying a heavy bag.

'What's in the bag?' asked the border guard.

'Stones,' said the man.

The guard checked and let the man through.

A few days later, the man on the bicycle arrived once more, again carrying a large bag.

'What's in the bag this time?' asked the border guard.

'Just stones,' said the man.

The guard had a look, and let the man through again.

This went on for several months, until one day the man with the bag stopped coming.

A few days later, the guard ran into him in the supermarket.

'Hey!' he said, 'You've been driving me mad for the last few months. I know you've been taking contraband across.

I promise not to tell anyone. What was it?'

'Bicycles,' said the man.



## clockword

The answers to the clues all end in the letter E in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1-12, the letters in the shaded circle will spell the name of a well known movie star.

1 thick forest in tropical region

2 the only one of its type

3 room in a home or hotel where you can relax

4 hurt or harm someone

5 tell someone what you think they should do

6 instructions for making a dish

7 disagree with someone's ideas or plans and try to stop them

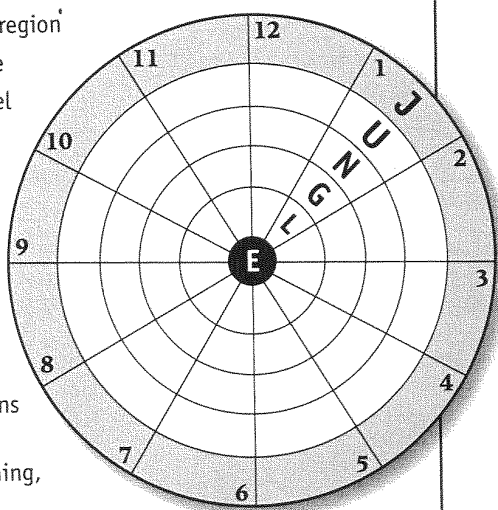
8 piece of women's clothing, like a shirt

9 can be eaten

10 study what you have learnt to prepare for an exam

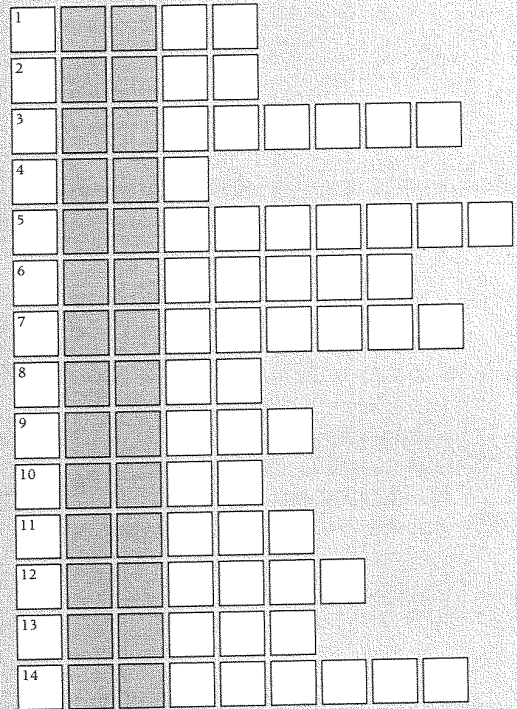
11 walk on your toes so that you don't make any noise

12 time when workers refuse to work, as a protest



## find the hidden message

Complete the crossword. The letters in the shaded columns, when you read them from left to right, spell out an important notice for all students. What is it?



- 1 to one side, out of the way, e.g. They stood \_\_\_\_\_ to let me pass.
- 2 lose blood from a wound
- 3 persuade someone to do something (by telling them it's a good thing to do)
- 4 back part of your foot
- 5 make something seem bigger or more important than it actually is
- 6 leave one country and go to live permanently in another
- 7 if something is agreed by everyone, the decision is \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 a bee does this to you if it is angry
- 9 always telling the truth
- 10 person who extracts gold, coal or diamonds, for example, from the ground
- 11 season when most plants start to grow
- 12 running slowly for exercise
- 13 always wanting more money, food, etc.
- 14 someone who serves you when you're buying something: a shop \_\_\_\_\_

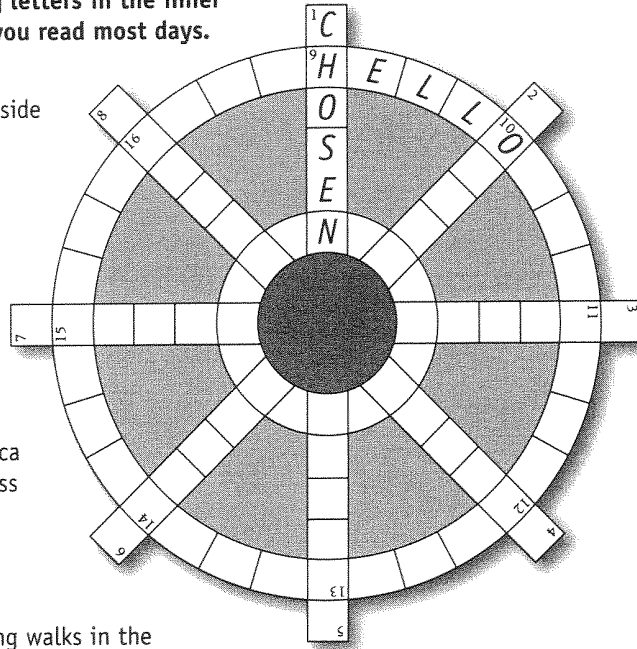


# TARGET CIRCLE

Find the answer to each clue. Words 1–8 move from the outside of the circle, towards the centre (for example, number 1 'chosen'). Words 9–16 move around the circle, in a clockwise direction (for example, number 9 'hello').

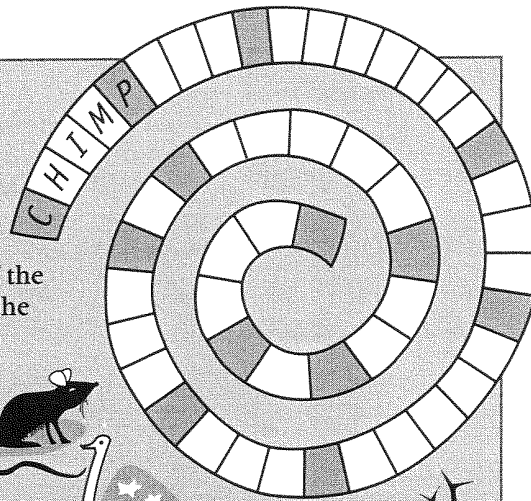
Then, complete the missing letters in the inner circle to reveal something you read most days.

- 1 selected or picked
- 2 having an empty space inside
- 3 ride a horse fast
- 4 Meryl \_\_\_\_\_, Hollywood actress
- 5 e.g. rose, lily, chrysanthemum
- 6 chauffeur
- 7 a hot-tasting red pepper
- 8 a \_\_\_\_\_ agent arranges your trips
- 9 common greeting
- 10 e.g. Madam Butterfly, Tosca
- 11 approximately, more or less
- 12 you dry yourself with it
- 13 organ in the body which cleans the blood
- 14 arrive at
- 15 someone who goes for long walks in the countryside
- 16 large farm (for cows, sheep, horses, etc.), especially in America or Australia



## animal spiral

Write the names of the illustrated animals in the spaces. The last letter of each word is the first letter of the next word. Grey squares are the beginning or end of a word.



## ON THE MOVE

Find nine more 'movement' verbs. The words can go in any direction.

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

## 10 good things about junk mail

- 1 It's fun to see so many different ways of spelling your surname.
- 2 It makes all your other post seem more interesting.
- 3 There is something satisfying about throwing away a letter unopened.
- 4 In a strange way, it makes you feel wanted.
- 5 It makes sure that postmen and postwomen never run out of work.
- 6 You need never buy firelighters.
- 7 It gives your children something they can tear into little pieces.
- 8 Who else is going to offer you the chance to win millions or a radio alarm clock and then give you nothing?
- 9 It doesn't matter if it gets lost in the post.
- 10 It gives your dog something to chew on.

**junk mail** unwanted letters, often trying to sell you things, e.g. car insurance

# answer key

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## verb snake

advertise, elect, threaten, negotiate, employ, yawn, notice, expand, discover, regret, trip, prefer, remind, disturb, beg, grow, wander

pages 4 – 5

## crime scene

1 no 2 It was asleep. 3 Yes, there were the remains of a meal on the table. 4 The door was locked. 5 wet footprints 6 a fish bowl 7 a laptop 8 a piece of material

The owner of the flat had a meal and fell asleep in front of the television. Someone saw the laptop through the open window and climbed in to steal it, but didn't notice the dog. The thief tiptoed across to take the laptop, the dog barked and made the thief jump, and he knocked the fish bowl on the floor. The man woke up and chased the thief through the window, tearing his trousers on the way out. The dog went back to sleep. Nothing was stolen.

## words in a word

1 nest, 2 stage, 3 stain, 4 van, 5 vest, 6 sting, 7 gate, 8 sign

1 invest, 2 vet, 3 Eve, 4 tan, 5 estate

Some other possible answers: invite, gain, get, given, gave, test, tense, teens, tin, tint, vent, vintage, neat, net, negate, state, sing, even, east, eat, eating, event, seating, sitting, setting

## hidden word

1 pickpocket, 2 theft, 3 shoplifting, 4 murderer, 5 kidnapper, 6 drug dealer, 7 forgery, 8 arson, 9 assault

The answer is OFFENDERS.

## honeycomb

1 be under suspicion, 2 give evidence, 3 break the law, 4 plead guilty, 5 pass sentence, 6 obey the law, 7 catch someone red-handed, 8 take someone hostage, 9 commit murder, 10 go on the run, 11 send someone to prison, 12 go straight, 13 give yourself up

pages 6 – 7

## clockword

1 report, 2 unjust, 3 silent, 4 summit, 5 export, 6 latest, 7 lament, 8 carrot, 9 regret, 10 object, 11 wallet, 12 expect  
The movie star's name is Russell Crowe.

## driving misery

1 left home / set out – same, 2 heavy traffic / hectic traffic – same, 3 pouring with rain / drizzling – different ('pouring with rain' is heavy rain, drizzle is light rain), 4 pick her up / call for her – same, 5 got stuck / got held up – same, 6 was stationary / couldn't move – same, 7 library / bookshop – different (you borrow books from a library and buy them from a bookshop), 8 going in the same direction as me / going my way – same, 9 going to / heading for – same, 10 a bunch of flowers / a bouquet – same

## mystery puzzle

When the burglar was trying to see if anyone was in, he put his ear to the window to listen for any noise. A policeman managed to convict the criminal by matching the 'ear-prints' on the windows to those of the criminal.

## add a letter

window, soap, twins, bright, canoe, beast, tricks, body, claim, narrow, bridge  
The word in the box is SNOWBOARDING.

## find the hidden message

1 indoors, 2 innocent, 3 cutlery, 4 steak, 5 cover, 6 embarrass, 7 rugs, 8 lounge, 9 chat, 10 detergent, 11 conductor, 12 needle

The message is 'Don't leave bags unattended.'

## circlewords

jewellery, entertainment, machinery, furniture, clothing, stationery, equipment, ornament

pages 8 – 9

## eliminate!

earache, bruise, fever, migraine, rash, backache, sting, blisters

The saying is 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away.'

## how good are you at first aid?

T, F (a cold compress), T, F (It's ineffective, and a waste of money!), T, T, T, T

**7-8 correct:** congratulations, you're a star!

**5-6 correct:** well done

**3-4 correct:** not bad

**0-2 correct:** oh dear, hope you get better soon!

## remedies

needle, tablets, bandage, stethoscope, scales, prescription, injection, plasters, chemist

## I see, I hear, I say

1 contact lenses, 2 short-sighted, 3 deafness, 4 spectacles, 5 sight, 6 test, 7 telescope, 8 eyelash, 9 hearing aid, 10 dumb, 11 bifocals, 12 sighted

pages 10 – 11

## up the garden path

run out of, find out, take up, put up with, hurry up, pick up, put through, hold up, put forward, drive off, fill out, take over, run into

pages 12 – 13

## that's obvious!

1 D (December) 2 Yes, January 1st and December 31st fall in the same year every year. 3 all of them 4 the letter C 5 a dozen (twelve) 6 one



### add a letter

guest, grain, Spain, pound, brush, solid, rinse, tiger

The hidden word is MEASURING.

### eliminate!

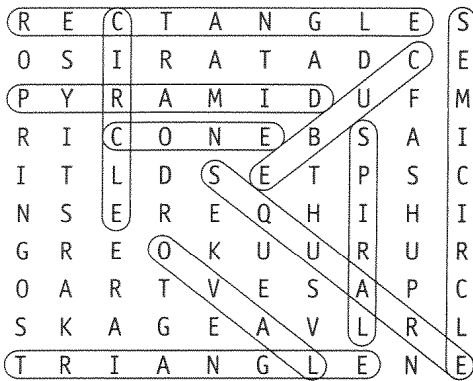
gigantic, tiny, massive, minute, colossal, petite, enormous, slight, huge, little

The message is 'The Sahara is the largest desert in the world.'

### words in a word

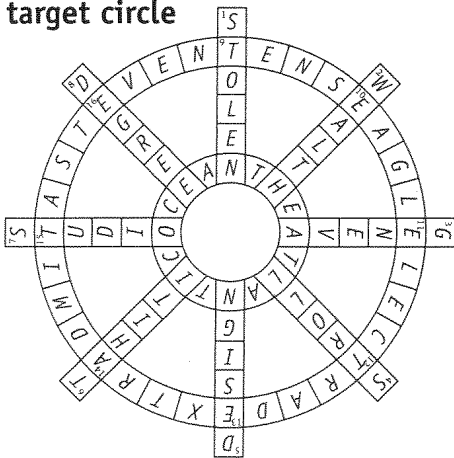
1 shrink, 2 lengthen, 3 broaden, 4 decrease, 5 deepen, 6 puncture, 7 inflate, 8 flatten

### wordsearch



### pages 14 – 15

### target circle



The large expanse of water is the Atlantic Ocean.

### missing letters

Some possible answers:

bare, care, dare, fare, hare, mare, rare bump, dump, hump, jump, lump, pump bough, cough, dough, rough, tough

### the usual suspects

1 v-neck, 2 ribbon, 3 anorak, 4 laces, 5 handkerchief, 6 polo neck, 7 buttonhole, 8 badge

1 woman one, 2 man one, 3 man two, 4 man one, 5 man two, 6 man one, 7 woman two, 8 woman one, 9 man one, 10 man two, 11 woman two, 12 one

### words in a word

1 tear, 2 torch, 3 cart, 4 arch, 5 chest, 6 chart

1 roast, 2 cheat, 3 chat, 4 search, 5 rare, 6 share, 7 sore, 8 reach

Some other possible words: ash, art, ache, care, core, cost, coat, coast, cash, cast, east, each, ear, eat, heart, hat, heat, hear, horse, host, rest, rash, rear, rate, store, star, stare, sort, sat, scare, score, short, shot, shoe, those, teach, trash

### crossword

**across** 4 even, 6 duck, 8 sew, 10 toe, 11 shy, 12 ace, 13 sea, 15 orders, 16 ape, 17 we, 18 ends

**down** 1 telescope, 2 fed, 3 lake, 5 nut, 7 covered, 9 where, 13 sewn, 14 as

### pages 16 – 17

### honeycomb

1 quality press, 2 gossip column, 3 classified ads, 4 subscription fee, 5 colour supplement, 6 comic strip, 7 press cutting, 8 news stand, 9 pull-out section

### jumbled words

1 headline, 2 column / article, 3 caption, 4 article / column, 5 cartoon, 6 crossword, 7 advert, 8 horoscope

### lose a letter

hard, led, crew, pint, staring, crawl, heart, smile, rice  
The word in the box is CENSORSHIP.

### never trust your spell-checker

I have a spelling-checker  
It came with my PC  
It plainly marks for my review  
Mistakes I cannot see

I strike a key and type a word  
And wait for it to say  
Whether I am wrong or right  
It shows me straight away

As soon as a mistake is made  
It knows before too long  
And I can put the error right  
It's rarely ever wrong

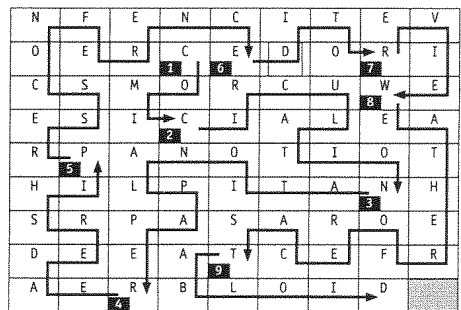
I have run this poem through it  
I am sure you're pleased to know  
It's letter perfect all the way  
My checker told me so

### crossword

1 novel, 2 non-fiction, 3 science fiction, 4 poetry, 5 diary, 6 biography, 7 dictionary, 8 manual, 9 autobiography, 10 brochure

The word in the grey squares is LITERATURE.

### trackwords



### pages 18 – 19

### weather front

blizzard, drought, tornado, overcast, thunderstorm, mild, damp, pour, rainbow, wet, torrential, lightning, gales, shower, rainfall

### pages 20 – 21

### find the watersports

1 windsurfing, 2 canoeing, 3 scuba diving, 4 water skiing, 5 swimming, 6 water polo, 7 rowing, 8 sailing

## honeycomb

1 win a trophy, 2 serve an ace,  
3 break a record, 4 score a goal, 5 beat  
somebody at something, 6 come last,  
7 do exercise, 8 keep fit, 9 commit a  
foul, 10 give a penalty

## jumbled words

1 jigsaw puzzle, 2 crossword, 3 roulette,  
4 dice, 5 draughts, 6 poker, 7 billiards,  
8 chess

## word ladder

bell, fell, felt, belt, beat, neat, near, tear

## pages 22 – 23

## eliminate!

reign, pair, right, so, brake, sale, soul,  
waste, would, tire

Homophones are words with the same  
sound, spelt differently.

## it makes two, baby!

letter box / box office; table tennis /  
tennis racket; human race / racehorse;  
main road / roadworks; pocket money /  
money box; burglar alarm / alarm clock;  
golden wedding / wedding cake;  
tracksuit / suitcase

## clockword

1 repair, 2 easier, 3 caller, 4 opener, ,  
5 rather, 6 danger, 7 hunger, 8 oyster,  
9 ladder, 10 dagger, 11 editor, 12 richer

The missing compound noun is  
RECORD HOLDER.

## missing letters

Some possible answers:

bake, cake, fake, hake, lake, make, rake,  
sake, take, wake

bound, found, hound, mound, pound,  
round, sound, wound

bash, cash, dash, gash, hash, lash,  
mash, rash, sash, wash

## word jigsaw

1 charming, 2 illegal, 3 diagnosed,  
4 slipped, 5 shipwrecked, 6 marching,  
7 armchairs, 8 snails

## pages 24 – 25

## how does it feel?

1 tap, 2 stroke, 3 hug, 4 pinch, 5 shove,  
6 tickle, 7 punch, 8 grab

The missing word is TOUCHING.

## words in a word

1 prison, 2 nest, 3 iron, 4 planet, 5 net,  
6 plaster, 7 rope, 8 oar

1 pale, 2 soap, 3 oily, 4 leap, 5 treason,  
6 nasty, 7 rise, 8 tiles

Some other possible words: air, arts,  
alone, also, any, arise, east, early, earn,  
easy, least, last, lens, lent, lone, line,  
lips, loan, lane, listen, laser, late, lay,  
lean, lost, nail, near, neat, note, nose,  
open, only, opera, oyster, person,  
personal, pear, pity, pile, polite, plan,  
plane, plant, play, plate, point, port,  
rose, real, rest, royal, roast, rota, raise,  
rainy, reason, soap, stay, steal, stolen,  
style, stare, tone, ton, tear, tape, train,  
trap, tiny, tin, tale, yeast, yes

## boxwords

eccentric, sensitive, ambitious, assertive,  
obstinate, confident, extrovert,  
courteous, big-headed

## honeycomb

1 I can't stand it. 2 I'm dreading it.  
3 I'm very keen on it. 4 I'm looking  
forward to it. 5 I'd rather do it.  
6 I'm not in favour of it. 7 It drives me  
mad. 8 It doesn't bother me.

## pages 26 – 27

## hidden words

1 dentist, 2 tailor, 3 driver, 4 typist,  
5 farmer, 6 waiter, 7 chef, 8 barman

## jumbled words

1 gate, 2 pavement, 3 fence, 4 garage,  
5 driveway, 6 chimney, 7 roof, 8 path,  
9 shutters, 10 bricks

## get out of the water!

1 puddle, 2 glacier, 3 shore, 4 stream,  
5 tide, 6 lake, 7 waves, 8 ocean,  
9 iceberg, 10 waterfall

## clockword

1 jungle, 2 unique, 3 lounge, 4 injure,  
5 advise, 6 recipe, 7 oppose, 8 blouse,  
9 edible, 10 revise, 11 tiptoe, 12 strike  
The movie star's name is Julia Roberts.

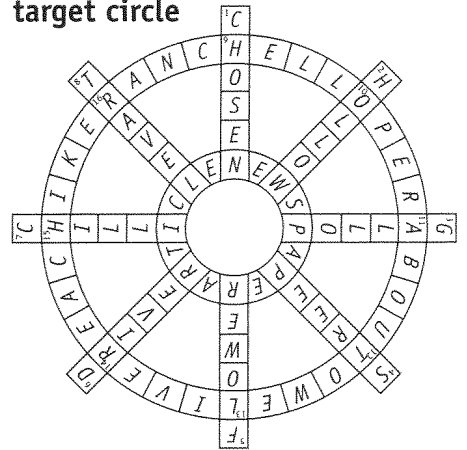
## find the hidden message

1 aside, 2 bleed, 3 encourage, 4 heel,  
5 exaggerate, 6 emigrate, 7 unanimous,  
8 sting, 9 honest, 10 miner, 11 spring,  
12 jogging, 13 greedy, 14 assistant

The hidden message is 'Silence –  
examination in progress.'

## pages 28

## target circle



The thing you read most days is a  
newspaper article.

## animal spiral

chimp (chimpanzee), panda, alligator,  
rhino, ostrich, horse, eagle, eel, leopard,  
deer, rat, tiger

## on the move

