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listening to the teacher, or to the cassette);

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and by doing the exercises); and

(iii) for improving the student's command of vocabulary, idioms

and grammar (again by doing certain of the exercises).

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in his/her mother-tengue.

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then reading the story to firid the answers to the questions before

then reading the story to find the answers to the questions before answering them. To increase speed of reading, the student can time himself/herself with a watch or clock, and try to read as fast as possible, provided that he/she sear still understand.

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Harry Marsh was a driving examiner who had to test people who wanted to get a driving-licence. One day he came out of his office as usual and saw a car at the side of the road, with a young man in it. He got into the car beside the driver and told him to check the lights, then the brakes and then all the other usual things. The driver performed everything promptly and faultlessly, without saying a

Then Harry told the driver to start his engine and drive forward, Then he told him to turn right into a side road, stop, go backwards into another side road and then drive to the office again, On the way, the driver said to Harry politely, 'Could you please

town and only stopped to look at my map."

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

1. People who wanted a driving-licence had to have a test first. 2. If a driver could check all the things like lights and brakes,

5. Harry asked the young man to drive him to his office

6. The young man had not really come to have a driving test

### Answer these questions.

- 1 What was Harry's job?
- 2. What did he are outside his office one day?
- 3. What did he do?
- 6. What did Harry tell him to do after that? 7. What did the young man ask him after he had finished?
- 8. Why had his car been parked outside Harry's office? C Put the right sentences under the right pictures.



- A young man was driving through a town alone 3. He made him turn right
- 4. He stonned to look at his man-
- 7. Then be made him drive forward.

### bese sentences are true (T) and which are false (Fi) Write T or F in the boxes



George was a newspaper reporter who worked for a small local newspaper in a country town. Nothing much ever happened there.

'George,' he said, 'Iames Bright is making a speech at the Town

Hall tonight. I want you to go and report on it for us." 'James Bright?' said George. 'He's a terrible old fool, He never says

'Bright is our best-known local politician,' said the boss. 'We'll have to print a report on that speech." So George went to the meeting and Bright spoke for two hours without stopping. When George got back to the office at last, the boss

was waiting for him. 'Well, George,' he said. 'What did the old man say?'

The boss wasn't surprised, 'All right, George,' he said. 'You'd

1. George was a journalist

3. George did not have a high opinion of James Bright

Answer these questions.

2. What did George answer?

7 How did his boss feel about this?

C Put one word in each space. All the correct words are in the story on page 6.

It is difficult to imagine how some people manage to get elected to represent us. Many a . . . is much less cliever than he pretends: in fact. he may be a complete . . . . Of course, our national representatives tend to be better than our . . . ones, but these at least usually know our problems. However, it must often be very annoving for a ... who is working for a small newspaper to be sent (by his to on a made

by someone whom he considers not . . . listening to. But newspapers have to fill their ... with something every day, so they often ... things which are really very boring

Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?



Many years ago an English lady in Africa was invited by an

first one in that part of Africa. the nice, warm water. But when she looked up, she was frightened to

outside. She saw an old man and a donkey there. He was carrying a petrol tin of hot water in one hand, and one of cold water in the other, 'Why were you watching me in my bath?' the lady asked him

The man arewered politely. I have to see which tap you turn on, madam, or I don't know whether to pour in hot or cold water."

often see white women. Answer these questions, 1. What was the English lady invited to do?

What gave her a fright?

6. What was he doing?

7. What did the lady ask him?

Opposites: Put a word beginning with im, is, is or as, or a word ending in less, in each space.

6. The bath did not have running hot and cold water unless

1. The English lady was not a patient woman: she was an . . . one. 2. She was not fair to the old man; she was . . . to him

5. She had not given him justice: she had done him an ....

taps to pipes: it was ... to do so

bath at an . . . times

























Wilson home in his car.

said to him.

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? 1. Mr Edwards was for the Labour Party. 2. The third man was on Mr Edwards's side.

That's the fifteenth person I've made that agreement with," he

Mr Edwards and Mr Wilson were friends. They were sitting in a train when another man came in. There was going to be an election Suddenly the third man began to argue with Mr Edwards. He They argued for a long time, and then Mr Edwards said, 'Well, I can't make you change your mind, and you can't make me change mine, so let's have an agreement: I won't vote for the Labour Party and you won't vote for the Conservative Party. Then we'll be able to They all got out at the same station, and Mr Edwards drove Mr

Natride the 2 675 headwords: Conservative, Labour



4. 'What did the musician do to ... the people in the queue?

6. He was . . . his best when



- beautiful sounds 12. There was a . . . outside the
- 13. This was the name of the
- 14. When the wind was blowing in the right one could

- - 2. After playing for a few hour









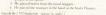


that time they were entertained by a young man who was playing At last one of the people in the queue said to him, 'You play too

'I'm not a beggar,' the young man said. 'I'm studying to be a trumpet player in a big band, and I have to practise several hours every day, so I thought it would be nice to do it in the fresh air instead

# A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

- 1. Part of the show at the Scala Theatre was a popular enter-





'What's the matter with it?' Mr Richards said. The man did not

said nothing, so Mr Richards shouted his question again as loudly as The man then took a pen and a piece of paper and wrote: 'It isn't

Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (V) 1. An old gentleman brought a hearing-aid into the shop

B Answer these questions.

C Put words which end in on in the spaces, whenever this is necessary.

### Answer these questions.

### C Put the right sentence under the right picture



- 3. Mrs Grey's neighbour had some dogs.



Mrs Grey was old and deaf, and she was in court, accusing a After hearing both sides, the judge thought that it would be best

come to some sort of arrangement to settle the matter between themselves, so he asked the lawyer who was representing Mrs Green to find out how much money she wanted from her neighbour in order: to stop the action against him,

Her lawyer explained to her what was happening, but Mrs Greycould not hear what he said, so he repeated loudly. The judge wants: to know what you will take."

'Oh, thank you very much,' Mrs Grey answered politely. 'Please

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

1. Mrs Grey's dogs had run after a neighbour's chickens. 2. The judge was afraid that Mrs Grey and her neighbour



office in the city easily every day. One day he saw an advertisement

house, which was at least a kilometre from the station

### B Answer these questions,

### C Put one word in each space. You will find all the words in the story on page 18

When Mrs Williams's children grew up and left home, she had nothing often . . . in the insurance company's monthly magazine; and in the



her a long time. At last he stopped to allow the interpreter to inslate it into Japanese, and was very surprised when the man did his in a few seconds, after which all the students laughed loudly.

'I didn't tell the story at all,' the interpreter answered with a smile.

I just said, "The hionourable lecturer has just told a funny story.

### Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

Answer these questions.

- Write this story, Choose the more suitable word each time.

My interpreter was not | young | (he was actually over 45).

but he had a young face, a very black, silk silky moustache and an orange silk tie.

He interpreted in a loud, confident voice, although he had earlier confessed to me confidently that he really felt very

skilful at translating imaginary language, and

more sensible to its sounds, than many a far more

skilful interpreter. I particularly liked his translation of

a poem about an imaginary island called Lealon

Mr Williams was a gardener and a very good one too, Last year he came to work for Mrs Ellphinstone, who was old, fat and rich.

Mrs Elphinstone and called her an elephant. She did not like that at all, so she went to a lawwer, and a few months later Mr Williams was in court, accused of calling Mrs Elphinstone an elephant. The magistrate found Mr Williams guilty, so Mr Williams said to him,

'That is quite correct,' the magistrate answered, 'And am I allowed to call an elephant a lady?' the gardener asked.

Mr Williams looked at Mrs Elphinstone and said. 'Goodbye,

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

1. Mrs Elphinstone was better at gardening than Mr

2. Mrs Elphinstone interfered in gardening affairs, because

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called her an elephant because she was old

B Answer these questions.

I. What did Mr Williams do when he got angry with Mrs.

### Put one of these words in each empty space in the sentences under these pictures.









... and green.

# englishnerd.club Christian grown believed that it was very difficult to do THERE ARE ONLY



one of them decided that they would adopt the motto: There are no problems. There are only opportunities.' 'People think too much about difficulties which prevent them from doing good deeds' they said, 'and not enough about things that help them to do them.' Once this groups was having a big conference in a hotel, when one of the members came up to the conference inquiries desk and said to the girl behind it, 'Excuse me, miss, but I have a problem.'

The girl pointed to the motto, and said to the man, 'No. sir, you haven't got a problem. You only have an opportunity. The man smiled patiently at her and answered, 'Well, you can call it whatever you like, but there's a young woman in the room I was

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes

5. The girl behind the deak refused to accept that the man had 6. The man thought the young woman in his room was an

opportunity not a problem.



### 1. The girl at the inquiries desk ... not a problem. 7 The of the Christian

group was: There are no problems. There are only The . . . of the girl at the inquiries desk was Mary

12. This mother is giving her daughter a . . . .



17. The group which had the

18. 'Was the man at the hotel

2. The man thought he had a ..., but the girl at the

- 3. Frequently.
- 5. Causing difficulties.
- 6. In . . . of what the girl at the conference desk said. a problem.

13. Main: most important. white shirt, it makes a . . . on

which he was unfamiliar, so he tried to find a qualified pilot to guide After half an hour the captain began to suspect that the fisherman

did not really know what he was doing or where he was going so he said to him. 'Are you sure you are a qualified pilot?'

'Oh, yes,' answered the fisherman. 'I know every rock on this part the ship. At once the fisherman added, 'And that's one of them.'

## Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

C Write the sentence under each picture, choosing the correct word















A lot of people go to the seaside for their holidays, and the various In one seaside holiday town in the south of England, arrangements

for a week. Unfortunately it rained the first evening, and although the band performed well, there was only one person in the audience because, although the band was under cover, the audience were not.

The man was sitting in a chair, wearing a waterproof hat and coar After an hour, the conductor of the band went to this man and inquired whether he had a special request. 'Yes, I have,' said the man. 'Please finish as soon as you can, I'm

the keeper of this park, and I want to lock the gates and go home."

Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes

1. A seaside holiday town found a band to entertain visitors.

Ownide the 2 075 headeneds: conductor

Answer these questions.

8. How many people who were on holiday had come to hear the





1. It began to rain, and there was only one man in the audience.

4. The conductor of the band spoke to him. He was the park keeper.

6. Then they came to play in the evening





 He was a severe man.
 He warned young soldiers that there would be trouble they did what he told them.

they did what he told them.

4. He asked all the soldiers except one their natures.

The soldiers had to say, 'My na
 When he asked the last soldier h

at first, because he was deaf.

### B Answer these questions.

What was Captain Stone like?
 What did he say to the new soldiers at the beginning of this sto
 What did he tell the young soldiers to do then?

### What nappened then: What answer did the last soldi

What did the soldier answer?
 Why was he unhappy?

### Put one word in each space. You will find all the correct words in: the story on page 30.

Jimmy sea, only eight, but he sixuant to become a performer on the stage when he was differ. He samed to be run to the with old mand cards, ... he rised to find a teacher who would ... hun if his undoer managed to find our hour first first first primey we, with his because the changed he was too ..., and decided to leave him, but then househor the stage he was too ..., and decided to leave him, but then househor to the left. ... he was sweetlingly stresser to make a mindack how to instead who ... and if I him do no he wished, he would sever learn. After hishing about his fee a few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his fee a few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his fee a few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his car few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his car few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his car few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his car few minors, Jimms ... of the After hishing about his car few minors and the stage of the



A very strict officer was talking to some new soldiers whom he had to train. He had never seen them before, so he began: "My name is Stone, and I'm even harder than stone, so do what I tell you or there'll be trouble. Don't try any tricks with me, and then we'll get on

Then he went to each soldier one after the other and asked him his name. 'Speak loudly so that everyone can hear you clearly,' he said,

'and don't forget to call me "sir".

Each soldier told him his name, until he came to the last one. This man remained silent, and so Captain Stone shouted at him, 'When I ask you a question, answer it! I'll ask you again: what's your name.

The soldier was very unhappy, but at last he replied. 'My name's Stonebreaker, sir,' he said nervously.



An old admiral was famous in the navy for his bad temper, so to take part in a big international exercise, so he came on board in the evening, had his dinner and then went to bed. In the morning he had his breakfast early, came up to the bridge and examined the ships in his group carefully. Then he said angrily, There should be two cruisers in this group, but I can only see one. Where's the other?' No one dared to answer, and this made the admiral even angrier. His face became redder and redder

'Well?' he shouted. 'What are you fools hiding from me? Where's the second cruiser? What's happened to it? Answer me!"

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the house

'Please, sir,' he said, 'you're on ir

Answer these questions.

2. What was the result?

C 1. Which of these two flags has horizontal lines (a. or b.)? Which has





englishnerd.club.ght she had said 'cabbages' instead of 'carross'.



'Oh, a curst and a half?' he said. 'All this time I've been trying to work it out in cabbages, Miss."

- A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

Answer these questions.

### C Do this puzzle.

1. Miss Jones is a teacher of

7 Absolutely certain.





When Mr. Andrews left university, he got a good job in a big oil company, but after he that been there for a few years, he decided that he would like a change. He also wanted to get a more important position, so that he could get menos, and perhaps also do more interesting work, so he put an advertisement in several newspapers, saying what experience he had had, describing he kind of sids he shot at that time and it of sids he most at that time and it of sids he most at that time and it of sids he most at that time and the sids of sids and sids of sides of s

assus experience he had had, describing the kind of job he had that time and the kind he would like to have.

One of the answers he received was from another man who was hooking for a job too. This man wrote to him, 'Dear Kir, When you get a new job, please he kind enough to give my name and address to your present employer, as I have been trying to find a position like

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F))?
Write T or F in the boxes.

Mr Andrews was unemployed after he left the university.
 Mr Andrews was are ambition.

He preferred a quier, easy job.

He was willing to take responsibility.
 The man who wrote so him was satisfied with his own job at that time.

that time.
6. The other man was looking for a better job than Mr.
Andrews was.

Which of these people (a-f) should apply for which of the jobs advertised below (1+6)2

advertised below (1-6)



### WANTED

Oressmaker to work in high-class dress shop. ling 5314 during torking hours.	3. Are you a salesmar Would you like a be ter job? If so, write a Box 43, Evening News

Engineers wanted by Me need a garage atlarge mational compose, Send details of visus experience as transing and experience so the Manager, office.

General Machine Tools Company, 15



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Mary was a university student. She did not have very much money, and her parents were not rich, but she had an uncle who had been fortunate enough to collect great wealth. He had no children and Mary was his favourite niece, so he always gave her valuable Christmas and birthday presents. When her Unicle George's birthday came round, Mary wanted to

buy him something really special, but because he was so wealthy, she did not know whiat to get him. She went into the best shop in her town and explained what her problem was to one of the helpful young shop Finally Mary said to her, 'I suppose this isn't the first time anybody has come to you with this problem. What so you have for

someone who's ailready got everything he wants or needs?" The girl sighed deeply and answered, 'Envy, Only envy ' A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

Write T or F in the boxes 1. Mary was the niece of a poor man. 2. Mary wanted to buy her uncle a really special present

because hie was so wealthy.

Outside the 2 075 heathwards: assistant, sigh (c.)

6. The girl suggested a lot of things that he wanted or needed

Answer these questions.

C Write two sentences for each picture. Put about, for, at, is, or of in the first space; and orbet, how, when, orbers, whon, orbers, or orby in the second space of each.



- 1. Mary is interested . . . . . . she can find to help her choose some 2. She hopes she can find someone who is excellent . . . . . sh-
- 3. Mary is doubtful . . .

4. She is afraid . . . . . high the price of these things will be 5. She is always happy with the things she buys, regardless

... the place . . . she has bought them. 6. She is sincere . . . the reason . . . she has bought one thing rather

7. She is eager . . . the time . . . she will be earning her own living.

englishnerd club Write T or F in the iboves



Miss Richards was a teacher at a school for boys and girls. She taught chemistry and physics from the lowest to the highest classes in the school. Sometimes the new classes learnt rapidly, but sometimes they

One year, the first class had been studying chemistry for several wreks when Miss Richards suddenly asked, 'What is water? Who

1 ows? Hands up!"

There was silence for a few seconds, and Missi Richards felt sades, Dick?' said Miss Richards encouragingly. He was not one of rightest children in the class, so she was iglad that he could

ater is a liquid which has no colour until you wash your hands , Miss. Then it turns black, the boy replied with great con1. Miss Richards was a science teacher.

2. She only taught the classes of small children

4. Miss Richards was unhappy when the children could not

answer her questions.

5. She was happiest; when one of the least elever children count

6. Dick gave the answer Miss Richards expected B Answer these questions.

### 1. What did Miss Richards ask one class of new pupils one year?

3. How did Miss Richards feel about this?

6. How did she feet?

7. Why did she feel like this?

C Write this story, putting one word in each space. All the correct words are in the story on page 40.

A well-trained teacher is not nervous, because she has the . . . which undergood what she has explained, she is able to . . . ber explanation

been called upon.



While Mrs Edwards was in sown one Saturday, the saw a crash in an avenue: two cars ran into each other. The drivers got out, and an argument arose between them, but then a policeman arrived. He asked the drivers what had happened, and then he turned to the crowd which had collected round and said, 'Did anyone see the acidents' Several poople said they had, and Mrs Edwards was one of

them.

A week later she was asked whether she was willing to be a witness in a court case concerning the accident, and she said she was, and a month later, a lawyer was questioning her in court. She began everything with, 'I think that...,' until the lawyer got angry and add, 'You're not here to say what you think; you're here to say what

you know.'
'Tm sorry,' objected Mrs Edwards, 'but Γ'm not a lawyer, so I

# A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

 Mrs Edwards saw a car crash into a tree, and two other cars run into each other.

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She refused to go to court to be a witness.
 The lawyer did not want to give Mrs Edwards time to

5. The lawyer meant that he wanted Mrs Edwards to give

Mrs Edwards was suggesting that lawyers say things without thinking.

### Answer these questions.

1. What did Mrs Edwards see one Saturday?

What did the policeman ask the crowd?
 Who answered?

Who answered?
 What did Mrs Edwards agree to do a we

What happened a month later?
 How did she answer the lawyer's questions?
 What did be say to Mrs. Edwards?

### C Put the right sentences under the right pictures.



A few weeks later she was a witness in a cour
 A policeman came and questioned the driver
 Mrs. Edwards said she would become

Mrs Edwards was walking along an av
 One car was following another.

6. The drivers got out and had an argument.

second car nit the nit



During World War Two, a lot of young women in Britain were in the army. Joan Phillips was one of them. She worked in a bije camp, and of course met a lot of men, officers and soldiers

One evening she met Captain Humphreys at a dance. He said to write to each other.' Joan agreed, and they wrote for several months. Then his letters stopped, but she received one from another officer telling her that he had been wounded and was in a certain army

Joan went there and said to the matron. Two come to visit Captain Humphreys."

'Oh, that's all right,' answered Ioan. 'I'm his sister.' 'I'm very pleased to meet you,' the matron said, 'I'm his mother!'

# Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?



4. What had happened to Gaptain Humphreys?

Choose the true sentence under each picture.

















Mrs Black was old and rich. She lived in a splendid house and owned

The service took place in Mrs Black's old church, and then her body was taken back to be buried in a special place in her garden. The hearse carrying her body moved along slowly, followed by the relatives and friends, the women and children in cars, and the men on

One of Mrs Black's cousins saw a poorly dressed man following the hearse and crying bitterly.

The cousin said to him kindly, 'Were you a relative of the dead

'Then why are you crying?' the dead woman's relative asked

Mrs Black sent notices to her relatives and friends.

Mrs Black was buried in her old church.

4. The men walked behind the hearse, but the women and children did not.

5. The poorly dressed man had been a cousin of Mrs Black's

Answer these questions

1. Who came to Mrs Black's funeral?

5. What did be answer?

6. What did the consin say they 8. Why was he cryine?

Opposites: Find words in the story on page 46 which mean about the opposite of:



It was very difficult to find jobs in the north-east of England, and when John lost his, he found it impossible to get a new one. He had soon spent all his money, so he decided to go down to the south of the country, where he had heard that things were better, and that it was railway station and got into a train which was going to London He was the only passenger in his compartment when another man

burst in carrying a gun and said to him, 'Your money, or your life!' 'I haven't got a penny,' John answered in fright. 'Then why are you trembling so much?' the man with the gum

asked angrily. 'Because I thought you were the ticket-collector, and I haven't

### even got a ticket,' answered John. A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

Write T or F in the boxes. 1. John decided to go south because he was out of work and

2. He had heard that there were more jobs to be found in



5. John was trembling because he was afraid of the man's gun. 6. John was trembling because he was afraid of the ticket-

B Answer these questions.

# 1. Why did John leave the north-east of England? (Four reasons.)

2. Why did he go south?

5. What did John answer?

6. How did he feel?

C Do this puzzle.

1. John was alone in his

8. John could not even buy 10. 365 or 366 days.

11. Usually one . . . a ticket

was the 15. The same

1. See 13 across

3. John had spent . . . his 4. John ... because he was 5. When a person is hungry









### englishnerd club 1: Why was Mr Grey rather had at shooting? (Two reasons.)



Mr Grev liked shooting very much, but he did not per much practice at shooting wild animals, and he was not very good at it. One of his troubles was that his eyes were not very good and he had to wear classes. When it rained and his glasses got wet, he could not see very

One day he was invited to go out shooting bears in the mountains. It was rather a rainy day, and by mistake Mr Grey shot at one of the other hunters and hit him in the leg.

There was a court case about this, and at it the lawyer for the other

man said, 'Why did you shoot at Mr Robinson?' Mr Grey answered. 'I thought that he was a hear.'

When did you realize that you were wrong? the lawyer asked When the bear began to shoot back at me,' Mr Grey answered

# A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

- 1. Mr Grey enjoyed shooting and was very good at it. 2. He could only shoot well when it rained
- 3. He hit another hunter instead of a hear. 4. He was tried in a court for shooting the other hunter 5. He said he had shot at the other hunter because he had
- 6. A bear began to shoot at Mr Grev.

2. What was the lawyer's next countion? 8. And what was Mr Grev's answer? C Write these sentences, choosing the correct words in each.

Mr Grey's glasses | must | be | wet when he shot at |

2. What invitation did he receive one day? 3. What happened during that hunt? 4. What was the result for Mr Grey? 5. What did the lawyer ask him?

2. It | must | be raining | very hard at the time. 3. Mr Grey | must | dry | his glasses before he shot.

The other man must have should have been having

quickly, because he did not lose much blood.

### englishnerd.club The soldier in this story shouted, 'Halt! Who goes there'



Army camps always have to be guarded, of course, to make sure that nobody goes in or out without permission, otherwise soldiers could go out when they were not supposed to, and anybody could come in

at any time and cause all sorts of trouble

There is usually a guard composed of several soldiers at each gate. and the men in the guard take turns to stand at the gate with a gun and stop everyone who wants to go in or out to see their passes. The man on guard is told to say. 'Halt! Who goes there?' if anyone comes

A soldier was guarding the gate of a camp at night when he heard a sound in the dark. 'Halt! Who goes there?' he shouted nervously

'Nobody,' a voice answered. The soldier thought for a few seconds and then said. 'Well-is

### Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

Write T or F in the boxes. 1. The guards at the gates of army camps do not let soldiers on

2. Several soldiers usually stand together at each eate as

4. The soldier in this story shouted, 'Halt! Who goes there'

6. The soldier then asked whether there was anybody else

### Answer these questions

1. How are the gates of army camps guarded?

6. How did be feel?

### Put the right sentences under the right pictures



- loe was a soldier in a camp.



Joe and Helen Mills had two small children. One of them was six and the other was four. They always resisted going to bed, and Helen was always complaining to Joe about this, but as he did not come home from work until after they had gone to bed during the week, he

Joe considered himself a good singer, but really his voice was not at all musical. However, he decided that, if he sang to the children when they went to bed, it would help them to relax, and gradually they would go to sleep.

He did this every Saturday and Sunday night until he heard his small son whisper to his younger sister, 'If you pretend that you're asleep, he stops!"

### Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

1. Joe and Helen's children liked staying up late

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6. His son pretended he was asleen so that he would not sing

### Answer these questions.

1. Were Helen's children young, or old?

2. What did she complain to her husband about?

3. Why couldn't he help for most of the time?

C Put one word in each space in this story. You will find all the

### correct words in the story on page 54.

when she began, to . . . that they liked it. . . . , however, they became more and more . . . to stand it, and they began to . . . to each other 1... that they were right. Don't you?



Mr Hodges was the owner and editor of a small newspaper. He always tried to bring his readers the latest news. One day, he received an excited telephone call from someone who claimed that he had isst come through a bir flood in a village un in

the mountains. He described the flood in great detail, and Mr Hodges wrote it all down and printed it in his paper hat evening. He was delighted to see that no other paper had got hold of the story. Unfortunately, however, angry telephone calls soon showed that he had been triked, so in the next day's paper he wrote: 'We were the

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Unfortunately, however, angry releption calls soon showed that
he had been tricked, so in the next day's paper he wrote: We were the
first and only newspaper to report yesterday that the village of
Greenbridge had been destroyed by a flood. Today, we are proud to
say that we are again the first newspaper to bring our readers the
news that vesterday's story was onlife false."

Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

Mr Hodges edited his own newspaper.
 Someone telephoned that there had been a big flood.
 People who had been in the flood were angry that Mr

 People who had been in the flood were angry that Mr Hodges had written about it.
 He printed another report in his paper, repeating that there

He printed another report in his paper, repeating that there had been a flood.
 He wrote in the report that the people who had said that

 He wrote in the report that the people there had been no flood were liars.
 There had not really been a flood at all.

Answer these questions.

Answer these questions.

What work did Mr Hodges do?
 What was his aim in his job?

What news did someone give him one d
 How did the person give him the news?

5. What did Mr Hodges do them?
6. What gave him a lot of pleasure?
7. How did he discover that he had been cheated?
8. What correction did he print in his paper the next day?

C Put one of these words in each space.

the time . . this offer, Mr Hodges had already been informed secretly, . . . means . . a telegram, about this matter; but . . the sake . . not giving away the secret, he did not say anything to the man who was trying to sell him information . . . regard . . the same subject. The man came to see Mr Hodges that tight . . . cover . . darkness.

### englishnerd clul e sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?



While Mr Green was waiting for a bus one morning, a car passed him, going very rapidly. Mr Green just had time to think, 'That fellow's certain to have an accident if . . .', before that was exactly what happened: the car hit the side of a bus violently as it was

everyone was all right. However, the bus driver asked him to be a

'Eleven metres and forty-right centimetres,' Mr Green answered

he thought the judge was a fool. Answer these questions.

6. What did Mr Green answer?

- 6. Mr Green's answer to the judge's question suggested that 1. What did Mr Green think when he saw the car pass him?
- 5. What did the judge ask at the trial
- 7. What did the indee ask then?

1. Mr Green thought that the car that passed him was going 3. Mr Green went and helped the people who had been burt 4. He agreed to appear at the trial. 5. The judge was surprised that Mr Green had been so close to

- Occours: Find words in the story on page 58 which mean about the opposite of:



Mr. Jones had to drive up from London to Edinburgh in Scotland, 'I'm going to drive at night,' he said to his wife. 'The roads will be quieter. And if I get hungry, I'll stop at one of the small restaurants at the side of the road and have something to eat.'

'The food's terrible in those places, I believe,' his wife said. 'Oh, well, I don't suppose it will kill me.' Mr Iones said. Jaushine He left at 9 o'clock in the evening, and at about midnight he fels hungry, so he stopped at a small restaurant which was open all night and sat down at a table. A waiter came to him, and Mr Jones asked

'And,' he said to the waiter, 'I like my eggs almost raw, and my ham quite cold." The waiter laughed and said, 'You must have eaten here before'

# Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

- Write T or F in the boxes. 1. The roads between London and Edinburgh were busiest at
- 2. The restaurants at the side of the road were not open at
- 3. Mr Jones did not think the food in them was good but Mrs 4. Mr. Jones felt hungry about three hours after he set off.

1. Why did Mr Jones perfer to make his journey at night?

- What did his wife say about that?
- 5. What happened at about midnight?
- 8. What did the waiter do and say when he heard this?

### C Write the sentence under each picture. Choose the correct word in each.







3. Mr Jones are some bad ham and if he had eaten it,



4. Mr Jones did not ear the bad ham. If When he had eaten



Mr Robinson won a lot of money on the football pools, but he did not know what the best thing to do with it would be, so he went to a friend who knew a lot about money matters. This friend said to him, 'Go and buy some modern paintings. Their value goes up every year."

paintings. He did not understand them at all, and thought that they were terrible-and also very expensive.

At last he saw a small picture which did not have a price on it. It was square and white, and had a black spot in the middle, and a narrow brass frame. Mr Robinson liked it better than any of the others in the shop. 'How much is this one' he said to the shopkeeper.

### 'That, sir,' answered the shopkeeper, 'is the electric light switch.' Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

1. Mr Robinson knew a lot about money matters.

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4. He found them very expensive. 5. He saw a small picture which was very cheap.

6. The shopkeeper said it was a modern painting of an electric

Answer these questions.

1. How did Mr Robinson become rich?

2. What advice did he want from his friend?

3. What was his friend's advice?

4. What did Mr Robinson think about the paintings in the

5. What was the nicture that he finally chose like?

7. What did be ask the shookeener?

8. And what did the shopkeeper answer?

C Do this puzzle.

# An extremely good picture

came from the . . . pools. 7. If you want to go past a person politely, you should

buy a modern . . . 2. If this year is 1981, it was

A 2 075-word Vocabulary

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