

Task 1

Read this article on a brilliant young surfer and then read the sentences following it. Your task is to fill in the gaps with maximum three words according to the information in the text. Write your answers on the dotted lines as in the example.

One for the future

With only three months of decent weather in Britain every year, it is hardly surprising that surfing is more popular in Australia and America.

That, however, will not prevent thousands of people converging on Devon and Cornwall for late summer holidays. Among them will be 16-year-old Reubyn Ash, a Briton tipped to become a star of the waves.

Ash has been surfing since the age of three, when his parents introduced him to the surf. By the age of four, he could outsurf his four sisters and older brother, winning the first competition he entered three years later. He came to prominence in British surfing when, at the age of 13, he won a Pro Junior under-20 title. The highlight of his career so far came in France two years ago, when he became under-14 European champion.

Having finished his school exams, he has decided that the best thing for his career is to compete regularly against the world's best surfers. In October he will travel to Australia to spend six months training there, competing on the Australian pro junior circuit. After Australia, he will continue his surfing education in Indonesia, before rejoining the European pro junior tour next year.

- 0) What one factor makes Australia and America better places for surfing than Britain?
_____ *The weather.* _____
- 1) Which areas in Britain are most suitable for Reubyn Ash to train?

- 2) Who first taught him to surf?

- 3) How old was he when he first won a competition?

- 4) Where did he win his first international title?

- 5) In which parts of the world is he going to prepare for the European pro junior tour?

Task 2

Read this passage on various aspects of cheating, and then read the sentences that follow it. Your task is to choose the answer that is nearest in meaning to what the article says. Write the letters in the boxes below. An example has been given for you.

Cheating

The Cardsharps, a painting by Caravaggio, is a masterpiece of late 16th century art. In the 17th century another famous painter, Georges de la Tour, also chose cheating at cards as the subject of two of his works. This shows how ingrained cheating is in our society. Some even say that games in general and card games in particular were only invented so that people could cheat. That's why card games are so full of words such as knave and tricks.

Cheating in school and university exams is a worldwide phenomenon. In 1995, schools in Nigeria reportedly insisted that girls remove their underwear before taking exams because so many had been smuggling in crib sheets. In 1996, an Italian teacher was suspended for passing students answers hidden in salami sandwiches. In some parts of the world, cheating is almost institutionalised. In 1999, thousands of Bangladeshi students were expelled for demanding the right to cheat in exams. In the nearby Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, however, exam cheats can be sentenced to 10 years in jail.

Cheating in sports is also widespread. An interesting example is the butterfly stroke in swimming: you could actually say that it was a result of cheating. In 1933, an American, Henry Myers, used butterfly as a means of legally evading the intention of the rules in breaststroke races. It took the authorities until 1953 before the laws were sorted out and butterfly was recognised as a distinct stroke.

Some cheats never get caught, of course, but it is worth quoting the example of one such person. In February this year, a high school principal in the US State of Colorado received a letter from a 65-year-old grandmother confessing to having cheated in an English Literature exam 47 years ago. "I know it makes no difference now," she said, "but maybe it will keep some students from cheating and help them to be honest – conscience never lets you forget."

- 0) The article says that
- A) Georges de la Tour was inspired by Caravaggio's work.
 - B) both Caravaggio and Georges de la Tour enjoyed card games.
 - C) both of them painted people cheating.
 - D) both liked to cheat at times.
- 6) The author of the article quotes the view that
- A) many games originated from a wish to cheat.
 - B) many cards were named after cheats.
 - C) cheating at cards is difficult to prove.
 - D) cheating adds to the excitement of the game.

- 7) Social attitudes to cheating in exams are
- A) similar all over the world.
 - B) less strict in Asia than in Europe.
 - C) different in different countries.
 - D) different from what they used to be.
- 8) An example from sport given in the article shows how the problem of cheating was once solved by
- A) suspending the cheaters.
 - B) sending the cheaters to prison.
 - C) using other drastic means.
 - D) changing the regulations.
- 9) A 65-year-old woman confessed she had cheated in an exam
- A) to warn the principal to be strict with students.
 - B) to warn students to be strict with themselves.
 - C) because she wanted to be able to forget the incident.
 - D) because she knew her confession would make no difference now.
- 10) Overall, the article suggests that
- A) cheating is not limited to schools or exams.
 - B) it is more widespread in schools than elsewhere.
 - C) people should try and do something about this problem.
 - D) people should learn to live with this problem.

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Task 3

Read this story of an archaeological scandal. Some words have been left out from the text. Your task is to fill in the gaps from the list below the text. Write the letters in the boxes as in the example. Remember that there are two extra letters that you do not need.

The Dinosaur that Fooled the World

In February 1999, at a fair in Arizona, an amazing fossil from China came on to the market. It was priced at \$80,000 and only the (0) _____ were invited to see it. It had the (11) _____ of a bird and the tail of a dinosaur. It had all the (12) _____ of one of the most sought-after fossils in all palaeontology – the missing link that proved (13) _____ that dinosaurs evolved into birds.

One of the world's (14) _____ magazines became involved. In exchange for an exclusive story, it agreed to fund the analysis of the fossil. A team of top experts (15) _____ were assembled to examine the new discovery – and declared it was a (16) _____, archaeoraptor lianoningensis.

However, after a detective story that followed the path across China, the (17) _____ emerged. The fossil was a fake. It had been constructed out of (18) _____ of several different animals. One of the world's most respected popular science journals had made a terrible mistake.

The story has one final twist, though. The faker had missed the (19) _____ of his material. Two of the fragments that had been used to make the fake may in fact be from (20) _____ that are part bird, part dinosaur – the phoney fossil may in fact contain two missing links.

- A awful truth
- B characteristics
- C creatures
- D fragments
- E head and body
- F in the field
- G very top dealers
- H new species
- I big row
- K great surprise
- L real value
- M most prestigious
- N once and for all

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Task 4

Read this article on some funny mistakes in films and then read the gapped sentences. Your task is to fill the gaps with one or two words only according to the information in the article. Write the words on the dotted lines. An example has been given for you.

Cut! It's another blunder on set

It has been branded the funniest foul-up in Hollywood blockbuster history.

In the first Star Wars film, evil stormtroopers break into a control room where the heroes are holed up. But if you watch closely, one soldier coming through the doorway bangs his head so hard he almost knocks himself out.

The incident has topped a new poll of movie blunders. The mistakes on the list, compiled by DVD rental firm Silverscreen, are a mixture of glaring continuity errors and on-camera blunders.

The advent of DVD players, which allow viewers to pause films frame by frame, has boosted the spotting of celluloid howlers.

In second place behind Star Wars is Commando, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as an ex-special forces soldier apparently immune to bullets. He completely destroys one side of his yellow Porsche – yet moments later he is seen driving away in a pristine vehicle.

At No 3 is a gaffe in Ridley Scott's Gladiator which reveals a production member in blue jeans standing behind Russell Crowe who is dressed in Roman regalia.

In fourth place is Charlie's Angels. During one of the fight scenes, star Drew Barrymore tries to get Lucy Liu's attention by calling out "Lucy" even though her character's name is Alex.

Fifth is the Matrix. While Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, is being interrogated by Agent Smith his mouth is sealed. However, when the camera focuses on Smith his glasses show a reflection of Neo sitting down completely unharmed.

In sixth place comes Spider Man. Two muggers are thrown through two windows, but shortly afterwards the windows are intact.

Seventh is Terminator 3 – Rise of the Machines. While John and Catherine are in the aircraft hangar the tail number on the Cessna is N3035C. In the air the number shown is N9373F and when it lands it goes back to N3035C.

A No 8 is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. After end-of-year exams Harry, Ron and Hermione rush to Hagrid. One of Harry's lines finishes with, "Why didn't I see it before?" But Hermione is behind him mouthing the lines.

Ninth is Black Hawk Down. When a Humvee pulls up to let someone cross the street viewers can see one of the crew members driving the car wearing a white T-shirt. But all the people who got into the car were wearing fatigues.

And last at No10 is The Rocky Horror Picture Show. While a criminologist talks about an event he describes it as "a late November evening". However, later on, Brad and Janet are driving with the radio on and US President Nixon's resignation is being broadcast. Nixon resigned in August 1974.

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- 0) In the first line of the article the word _____ *foul-up* _____ is a synonym for blunder or mistake.
- 21) In a George Lucas film a soldier hurts _____ instead of the enemy.
- 22) In the first four paragraphs of the article one more synonym for blunders, foul-ups, mistakes or errors is _____.
- 23) After the crash in Commando, the hero's _____ shouldn't be seen in perfect condition.
- 24) In this historical film, viewers shouldn't be able to see the _____ of one of the staff.
- 25) In Charlie's Angels the actress's _____ shouldn't be heard.
- 26) A mistake in the interrogation scene in The Matrix means the viewers can see that the hero is _____.
- 27) The windows should have been _____ after this incident in Spider Man.
- 28) In Terminator 3 it looks as if John and Catherine had got into a different _____ while they were in midair.
- 29) In a scene in The Philosopher's Stone you can hear Harry Potter speaking, and at the same time you can also read the words on _____ lips.
- 30) In Black Hawk Down it is a staff member's _____ that gives him away.