

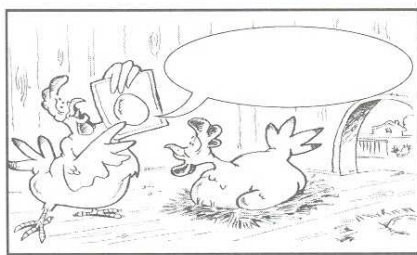
## 2 TWO-LINE JOKES 1

<b>What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?</b>	About ten metres an hour.
<b>What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?</b>	You're too young to smoke.
<b>What did the traffic light say to the car?</b>	Don't look now, I'm changing.
<b>What's worse than finding a worm in an apple?</b>	Finding half a worm.
<b>Do you know that it takes three sheep to make a sweater?</b>	Really? I didn't even know they could knit.
<b>What's the new baby's name?</b>	I don't know. We can't understand a word he says.
<b>You smell good. What have you got on?</b>	Clean socks.
<b>Can you stand on your head?</b>	No, it's too high.
<b>Am I the first girl you ever kissed?</b>	Could be. Were you in Hastings in 1982.
<b>Do people fall off the Empire State Building often?</b>	No, only once

# 13 CARTOONS 1

Look at the cartoons below and try to work out what the missing captions (the words that go with a cartoon) are. Write your answer (a-j) under each drawing.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a 10...9...8...7...6                                 | f Are you sure you're not lost?                 |
| b A room with a bath, please.                        | g Hooray! A ship at last!                       |
| c A table near the orchestra, please.                | h I just flew in from Paris.                    |
| d Ah, you must be Emily's parents.                   | i I name this child – Ouch, that hurt!          |
| e And this is a photo of me when I was really young. | j What a smell! Have you been using soap again? |



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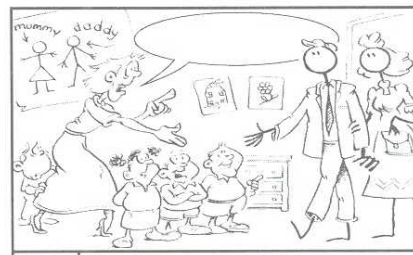
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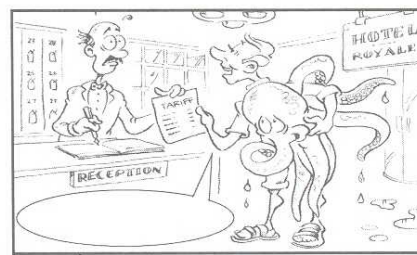
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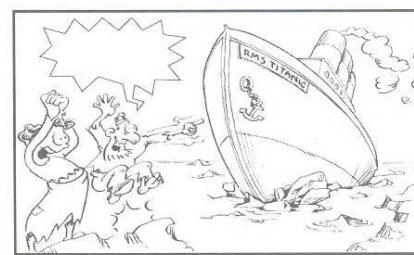
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## 18 SORT OUT THE JOKE 3

The following joke has got mixed up. Can you sort it out? Mark each part 1–11. Number 1 has been done for you.

of 'Ham sandwiches, I can't bear them any more!' he ran along the roof of the building and flung himself off, falling ten floors to his death.

The Scotsman then opened his lunch box, found salmon

prospect of Irish cheddar sandwiches yet again, he leapt off the roof to his death.

At the funeral for the three men, held a week later, the three

An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman were all working on the same building site together, and they always stopped at

sniffed loudly, 'I just don't understand Paddy's behaviour at all – he always made his own sandwiches!'

sandwiches and screamed, 'Och no, salmon again. I can't bear it any more!' and in turn flung himself off the building to his death.

Finally, the Irishman opened his lunch box and, faced with the

screamed, 'Oh, no, not ham sandwiches again. If I have ham sandwiches again, I'm seriously going to kill myself.'

The Scotsman opened his lunch box and, like the Englishman screamed, 'Och no – salmon sandwiches again. If the wife

sobbed, 'I don't understand it either. Jock would have said something if he really didn't like salmon.' Finally the Irish wife

makes me these one more time, I'm going to kill myself.'

The Irishman then opened his lunch box and exclaimed loudly, 'Holy Mother of God! If I have cheese sandwiches once more, I

widows were weeping together. The English wife said, 'I don't understand. I thought he liked ham.' The Scotsman's widow

tell you, I'm going to kill myself.'

Next day, lunchtime came round again. The Englishman opened his sandwiches only to find ham again. With a loud cry

the same time to eat their packed lunches. One day the Englishman opened up his plastic lunch container and

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## 20 SORT OUT THE JOKE 5

STUDENT A

Working together, sort out the joke. You can read the sentences to your partner, but you mustn't show them to him/her. Mark the parts 1–12. You have parts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

When they arrived at the police station, Manners waited outside on the steps while Shut-up went in.

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'Sitting outside on the steps,' replied Shut-up.

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Three boys called Manners, Shut-up and Trouble were playing in the woods one day, when Trouble suddenly

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'Are you looking for trouble?' he said.

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'Shut-up,' replied the boy.

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him. They ran and shouted and ran and shouted, but Trouble had managed to get himself totally lost. So

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## 20 SORT OUT THE JOKE 5

STUDENT B

Working together, sort out the joke. You can read the sentences to your partner, but you mustn't show them to him/her. Mark the parts 1–12. You have parts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12.

Shut-up and Manners decide to go and report Trouble's disappearance to the police.

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'Eh?' said the policeman, startled. 'Where's your manners?'

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'Yes,' said Shut-up. 'How did you know?'

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The policeman started to get angry.

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vanished from sight! Although they looked everywhere, Shut-up and Manners were unable to find

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'What's your name, son?' asked the policeman behind the enquiry desk.

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# 28 SORT OUT THE CAPTIONS 1

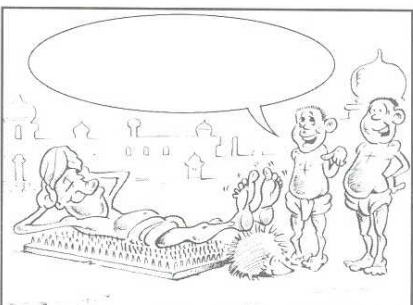
Look at the cartoons below. The wrong captions have been printed under each of them. Try to work out which caption goes with which cartoon. Write your answers in the boxes at the bottom of the page.



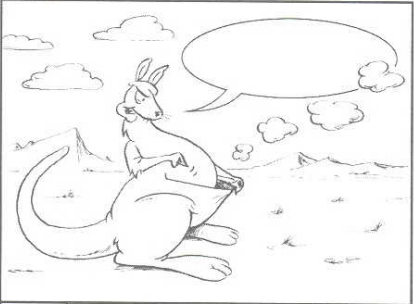
1 No idea. Must be a foreign language.



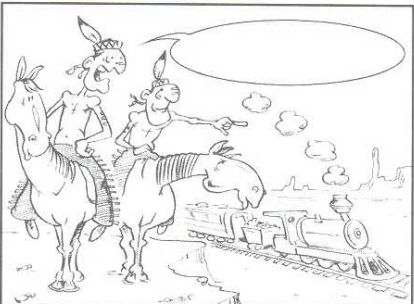
2 Good morning, Janet. Enjoy the skiing holiday?



3 There's someone here with a bunch of flowers for you, Simon.



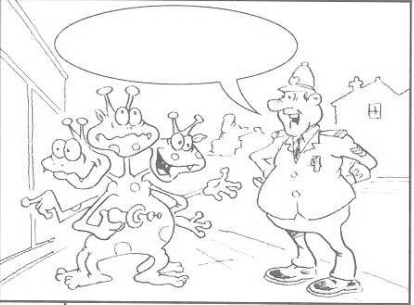
4 This job really makes me sick sometimes!



5 I've dried the dishes, Mum. What shall I do next?



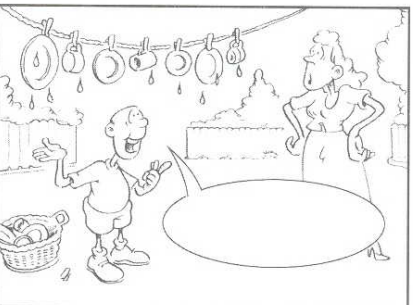
6 How many times have I told you not to smoke in bed!



7 I wish you wouldn't bring your work home with you, Alan.



8 I think your dad likes his birthday present.



9 Been fishing here long?



10 Hello, hello, hello!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## 34 MISPRINTS 2

Sometimes what you read in a newspaper is not exactly what the newspaper intended. A letter in the wrong place or left out can completely change the meaning of a sentence. Work in pairs. Look at the following extracts from newspapers and magazines. Each contains a misprint. Write down which word is wrong and then suggest which word should have been used instead. Look at the example (0).

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| <p>0 For Sale: Gent's skirt, 16-inch collar.</p> <p>1 Queen Victoria was on the thorn for 63 years.</p> <p>2 Jenny was late for school today because she missed her bust.</p> <p>3 Earlier the same afternoon, Mrs Wilkins slipped off a bus and bruised a ship.</p> <p>4 Due to repairs to the air-conditioning system, offices will be very humid for the next three days. Please bare with us.</p> <p>5 FOR RENT: Fully furnished house. Includes three toilets. £200 per wee.</p> <p>6 3-course meal. £15. Price includes wind and coffee.</p> <p>7 He received his degree in unclear physics.</p> | <p>8 A secret ballet was held to elect a new chairperson.</p> <p>9 It is said that there are more golf curses per square mile in North Carolina than anywhere in the world.</p> <p>10 FOUND: One white rabbi with brown ears.</p> <p>11 Superintendent James said that more polite dogs were to be used to help control crowds at football matches.</p> <p>12 Playboy Enterprises estimates that removing ornamental pants from its offices will save \$27,000 a year.</p> <p>13 EXTERMINATING: We are trained to kill all pets.</p> <p>14 The doctor felt her patient's purse.</p> <p>15 To clean your oven, put ammonia and water in a pan and sit in the oven.</p> |
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Write your answers here.

Wrong word	Correct word	Wrong word	Correct word
0 skirt	shirt	8	
1		9	
2		10	
3		11	
4		12	
5		13	
6		14	
7		15	



## 38 STRANGE BUT TRUE!

Fill in the missing words in the sentences below. Choose from the following. Not all the words will be used.

verbs		nouns	adjectives	
eat	repair	bullet	leaflets	biggest
feel	requires	corpse	nose	black and white
invented	studied	grapes	photo	blue
needs	take place	handbag	result	last
pierced	wear	housewife	suicide	unusual
remember		Ireland	winner	wooden
		knife		

- The identity of a headless \_\_\_\_\_ found in a woodland near Brighton will not be positively known until dental records have been checked.
- So Carol, you're a \_\_\_\_\_ and a mother. Have you got any children?
- My mum said I used to fight my way out of my cot. But I can't \_\_\_\_\_. That was before my time.
- EARS \_\_\_\_\_ WHILE YOU WAIT
- Alligator for sale. Would exchange for a \_\_\_\_\_ leg.
- After viewing the headless, legless and armless corpse, Detective Inspector Brown said that he no longer thought this was a case of \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is going for the pink, and for those of you with \_\_\_\_\_ TV sets, the yellow is behind the blue.
- Don't tell all those coming in the final \_\_\_\_\_ of that fantastic match, but let's have another look at Italy's winning goal.
- I've \_\_\_\_\_ the lyrics note by note.
- Sign outside a carpenter's shop:*  
Handyman – can \_\_\_\_\_ anything.  
Bell doesn't work. Please shout.
- If you cannot read, take one of these \_\_\_\_\_.
- Advert in an African newspaper:*  
Old-established manufacturer of suspension bridges \_\_\_\_\_ door-to-door salesman.
- You couldn't get me on Mars if it were the \_\_\_\_\_ place on Earth.
- Remember, postcards only please. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be the first one opened.
- Bachelor (40) non-driver, would accompany same on car tour of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'I wish he wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ his old sports jacket – it makes him look a freak,' said Mrs O'Sullivan, wife of Brighton ex-officer showman who wears a 3-inch ivory ring in his \_\_\_\_\_, 5-inch daggers in his ears and is dyed \_\_\_\_\_ all over.
- There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the Monastery, but if it rains in the afternoon the procession will \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
- A small ad in a Nairobi newspaper:* Young farm worker wishes to marry beautiful girl with tractor. Please send \_\_\_\_\_ of tractor.
- Obituary notice:* FLINDERS, Frederick John. Accidentally killed last Saturday when a \_\_\_\_\_ ricocheted while he was trying to shoot a rabbit in his vegetable garden. Surviving are his wife, three children and one rabbit.
- Japanese whisky advert:* World's finest whisky made from Scotland's best \_\_\_\_\_.
- To avoid burning your hands with hot water \_\_\_\_\_ the water first before putting your hands in.

## 40 SILLY SIGNS 2

Fill in the missing words in the signs and notices below. Choose from the following. Not all the words will be used.

### verbs

bought singing  
cancelled sleeps  
pay sold  
prosecuted spoken  
said walking  
should

### nouns

absence feet  
complaints manager  
death problem

### other words

exciting out of order  
most rather  
neatly upside-down  
on account of while  
instant

1 Sign in an Indian bookshop

SPOKEN ENGLISH  
\_\_\_\_\_ HERE

2 Sign on the grass in a park

YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ ARE  
KILLING ME!

3 Sign on the window of a  
health food shop

CLOSED \_\_\_\_\_  
SICKNESS

4 Sign in an estate agent's  
window

HONEYMOON luxury flat.  
\_\_\_\_\_ three.

5 Sign outside a  
photographer's

CHILDREN'S HEADS  
\_\_\_\_\_ EXECUTED

6 Sign at a railway station

BEWARE! TO TOUCH  
THESE WIRES IS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DEATH.  
ANYONE FOUND  
DOING SO WILL BE  
\_\_\_\_\_

7 Sign on a Hotel lift

PLEASE DO NOT USE  
LIFT WHEN IT IS  
\_\_\_\_\_

8 Sign on staff notice board  
of department store

IF YOU THINK YOU'VE  
GOT A \_\_\_\_\_, YOU  
\_\_\_\_\_ SEE THE  
MANAGER.

9 Sign in a Polish restaurant

AS FOR THE LUNCH  
SERVED YOU AT THE  
HOTEL MONOPOL, YOU  
WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ ITS  
PRAISES TO YOUR  
GRANDCHILDREN ON  
YOUR DEATHBED

10 Sign in a Beauty parlour

Ears pierced \_\_\_\_\_ you  
wait. \_\_\_\_\_ for TWO  
and get another ONE  
pierced FREE.

11 Sign in a Mexico City  
hotel

BROKEN ENGLISH  
\_\_\_\_\_ PERFECTLY

10 Sign in a London hotel

CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTE THAT ANY \_\_\_\_\_  
ABOUT RUDENESS IN THE STAFF WILL BE DEALT  
WITH \_\_\_\_\_ SEVERELY



## 44 SHORTEN A TEXT 1

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Working in pairs, try to find five words which can be crossed out without the joke losing its meaning.

An Englishman, an Irishman and a tall Scotsman were hiding from armed bandits up palm trees. The bandit chief called up one tree, 'Who's there?' And the Englishman went 'Cheep! Cheep!' loudly, like a bird. So the bandit chief called up the next tree, 'Who's there?' And the Scotsman went 'Eeek! Eeek!' just like a monkey. So the bandit chief called up the next tree, 'Who's there?' And the Irishman went, 'Moo-oo!'

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## 45 SHORTEN A TEXT 2

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Working in pairs, try to find five words which can be crossed out without the joke losing its meaning.

On the street stood a middle-aged man, a dog and a black horse. The dog was playing an accordion while the horse sang beautifully, and the man was collecting money from passers-by. One old lady stopped and remarked on what an amazing sight the three made.

'And how very talented you are. You should be performing in a circus.'

'Oh no, madam,' said the man seriously, 'my conscience wouldn't let me do that.'

I'll let you into a secret, though. The horse can't really sing. The dog's a ventriloquist, actually!'

## 48 CHOOSE THE ANSWER 2

Read the joke below and decide which word (a, b, c or d) best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

### The vacuum cleaner salesman

The little old lady was (0) \_\_\_\_\_ dusting her cottage deep in the countryside when (1) \_\_\_\_\_ was a knock at the door.

'Good morning, madam,' said a well-dressed young man when she opened the door. 'What a lovely house you've got,' he said, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ his way into the house. 'I've got something to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ you that I'm sure you'll be really interested (4) \_\_\_\_\_.'

'But ...' started the old woman, before being (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by the young man who had now pulled a large bag of soot, dust and other small (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of rubbish from his pocket and was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ them all over her carpet.

'Don't worry,' said the young man. 'What I have in my car outside will soon (8) \_\_\_\_\_ all this rubbish, dust and soot, and I'll even clean your other rooms too. In fact my new machine is so (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that it will even suck out ground-in dust and dirt (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this.' As he spoke, he used his (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to press the soot and dust into the carpet.

'But ...' tried the old lady again, but without (12) \_\_\_\_\_ success as the young man had quickly gone out of the front door.

A few minutes (13) \_\_\_\_\_ he reappeared with a very modern-looking vacuum cleaner.

'Now, where can I (14) \_\_\_\_\_ this in?' he asked.

'Probably the next village, about ten miles away,' replied the old lady. 'The electricity (15) \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't (16) \_\_\_\_\_ here yet.'

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|----|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|------------|---|--------------|
| 0  | a | hardly      | b | <u>busy</u> | c | active     | d | trying       |
| 1  | a | it          | b | came        | c | there      | d | suddenly     |
| 2  | a | pushing     | b | getting     | c | putting    | d | placing      |
| 3  | a | demonstrate | b | show        | c | try out    | d | present      |
| 4  | a | of          | b | with        | c | for        | d | in           |
| 5  | a | persuaded   | b | interrupted | c | butted     | d | influenced   |
| 6  | a | ingredients | b | topics      | c | containers | d | items        |
| 7  | a | sprinkling  | b | spraying    | c | gathering  | d | distributing |
| 8  | a | take off    | b | put away    | c | remove     | d | destroy      |
| 9  | a | expensive   | b | effective   | c | strong     | d | organized    |
| 10 | a | as          | b | such        | c | like       | d | similar      |
| 11 | a | heel        | b | shoulder    | c | ankle      | d | thigh        |
| 12 | a | some        | b | much        | c | none       | d | little       |
| 13 | a | later       | b | ago         | c | after      | d | following    |
| 14 | a | connect     | b | join        | c | insert     | d | plug         |
| 15 | a | companies   | b | wires       | c | power      | d | supply       |
| 16 | a | arrived     | b | appeared    | c | reached    | d | started      |