

**Exercise 1** Match the beginnings of the jokes with their endings, and underline the correct form of the verbs in italics.



e. g.: *Teacher:* Lizzy, you should have been here at 8:30.

*Student:* .....

1. *Teacher:* Jessy, this letter from your mother looks like your handwriting.

*Student:* .....

2. *Teacher:* Where's your homework on memory?

*Student:* .....

3. *Teacher:* You weren't at school last Thursday, Tony. I heard you were out playing football all day.

*Student:* .....

4. *Teacher:* Which country do you like best?

*Student:* Kyrgyzstan.

*Teacher:* Can you spell it?

*Student:* .....

5. *Student:* Please Miss, there's something wrong with me, I can see into the future.

*Teacher:* That's incredible. When did your problem start?

*Student:* .....

a; That's not true Miss, I *didn't play* / *haven't played* football. I've got the cinema tickets to prove it.

b; Why, what *happened* / *has happened*?

c; I *have forgotten* / *forgot* to take it home, so I couldn't do it.

d; It *started* / *has started* next Wednesday.

e; That's because she *has borrowed* / *borrowed* my pen.

f; I *changed* / *have changed* my mind, Spain.

e.g.: b 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2 Put the following words in the table below. Change the word form if necessary.**

~~hike~~, golf, judo, sew, models, cycle, squash, athletics, the piano, climb, crosswords

<u>play</u> ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	<u>do</u> ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	<u>go + -ing</u> <i>e.g.: hiking</i> ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	<u>make</u> ..... ..... ..... ..... .....	no other <u>verb</u> ..... ..... ..... ..... .....
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**Exercise 3 Odd word out. Circle the correct answer.**

1. Which of these words does not refer to a person?  
 a; installation                      b; winner                      c; entrant
2. Which of these words does not refer to a type of crime?  
 a; verdict                      b; fraud                      c; mugging
3. Which of these words does not refer to computers?  
 a; modem                      b; virus                      c; rehearsal
4. Which of these words does not refer to weather?  
 a; chilly                      b; spicy                      c; damp
5. Which of these words is not a negative quality?  
 a; attribute                      b; fault                      d; defect
6. Which of these words does not refer to films?  
 a; camera                      b; pitcher                      c; plot
7. Which of these words refers to a person you would not find in a law court?  
 a; witness                      b; coach                      c; judge
8. Which of these words does not refer to a sports venue?  
 a; court                      b; course                      c; stage
9. Which of these words is a good character trait?  
 a; deceitful                      b; arrogant                      c; attentive
10. Which of these words means big?  
 a; minuscule                      b; cramped                      c; immense

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**Exercise 4 a** Read the text about Henry VIII. Put his wives in chronological order. Write the number in the circle.

*This rhyme helps British children to remember Henry VIII's wives' end of lives.*

*Divorced, beheaded, died*

*Divorced, beheaded, survived.*

Don't marry this man!

*Being married to England's King Henry VIII was a dangerous business. It could easily cost you your life!*

Henry VIII (1492-1547) is one of the most famous characters in English history. As a young man he was handsome and extremely athletic, and according to contemporary accounts, everyone thought he was really attractive. He was a brilliant horseman, and a superb shot with a bow and arrow. He was expert at an early version of the game of tennis, and was also an accomplished musician. The famous tune 'Greensleeves' is said to have been written by him, though there is no proof of this.



The one thing Henry was not the best at having sons. He married six different women to try and produce a male heir to the throne, but his only son from all these marriages died when he was just 14 years old. However, his two daughters both became queens of England, so if he had only lived long enough, he might not have been so worried. Henry's six wives were as follows in alphabetical order.

Anne Boleyn (1507-1536) ○



Henry fell in love with her when he was still married to his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Catherine had failed to give him a son, so he divorced her to marry Anne. Anne had a daughter, called Elizabeth (who later became Queen Elizabeth I) but no son. When Henry got tired of her they found a reason to accuse her of crimes against the king. She was found guilty and executed by having her head cut off.

Anne of Cleves (1515-1557) ○



After Jane Seymour's death Henry was extremely unhappy. But an artist brought him back a portrait of Anne of Cleves. She seemed very good-looking, and marriage to her was good politics. But when Henry saw her he thought she was ugly and never liked her. They were married for less than a year before Henry divorced her.

### Catherine of Aragon (1485-1536) ○



Daughter of Ferdinand V of Castile (Spain). She married Arthur, eldest son of Henry VII of England, but when he died she married his brother Henry VIII. She had a daughter, called Mary, who later became queen of England before her half-sister Elizabeth. However, Catherine had no sons so Henry divorced her to marry Anne Boleyn, a woman he had fallen in love with.

### Catherine Howard (1521-1542) ○



Catherine Howard was the niece of the Duke of Norfolk, one of the most important men in the country after the king. She was married to Henry in 1540, just after his disastrous marriage to Anne of Cleves. But less than two years later Catherine was accused of loving someone else and was executed.

### Catherine Parr (1512-1548) ○



Henry's last wife was the one, people said, who could best control the old king. She was sweet and kind, and Henry, who was by now ill and fat, loved her in his own way. Catherine was still alive when Henry died. She remarried but died in childbirth a year later.

### Jane Seymour (1509-1537) ○



Henry fell in love with her while he was still married to Anne Boleyn. As soon as Ann had been executed he married Jane Seymour and in 1537, a year later, she produced a son, Edward VI, but died herself 12 days later. On the death of Henry, Edward became king at the age of nine, but died five years later.

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**Exercise 4 b** Read the text about Henry VIII carefully and fill in the sentences with one of the following words.

superb shot    accomplished    control    contemporary accounts    ~~horseman~~  
male heir    proof    died in childbirth    disastrous    nephew  
good politics

*e.g.:* A man who regularly rides a horse is called a *horseman*.

1. When a woman dies at the same time as her baby is born we say she \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Historians talk about things written at the same time as they happened as \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A piece of information that shows beyond doubt that something is true is called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A boy who will become king after the present king dies is his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If you want someone to do exactly what you tell them and only what you tell them you will try to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
6. When someone can hit a target every time (either a gun or a bow and arrow) we call them a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. When someone makes a decision that will help them or their country we can say it is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When something is a complete failure we call it \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When somebody is really good and experienced at something they are called \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Exercise 4 c Answer the following questions briefly.**

1. What was the name of Henry's wife who married to his brother? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Write the names of Henry's children in order of birth.
  - No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the name of Henry's wife who had a son? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the name of Henry's wife who lived the longest? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the name of Henry's wife who Henry thought was ugly? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Write the names of Henry's children in the order that they ruled.
  - No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Edward VI



Elisabeth I



Mary I

**Exercise 5** Look at the definition and the two words below it. Decide which word relates to the definition and circle it.

1. A thin piece of wood that is fixed into a musical instrument such as an oboe or clarinet
 

a; read                          b; reed
2. Having a rough surface that feels slightly hard
 

a; course                          b; coarse
3. A round object onto which thread, wire, fishing line, cinema film etc can be wound
 

a; reel                          b; real
4. Fish eggs eaten as a food
 

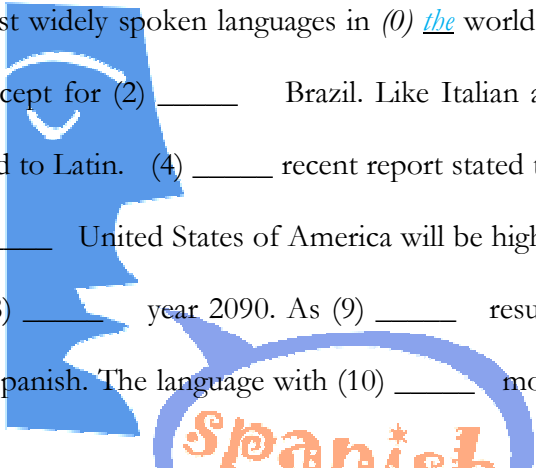
a; row                          b; roe
5. To take power or influence away from someone, especially when this is difficult
 

a; rest                          b; wrest

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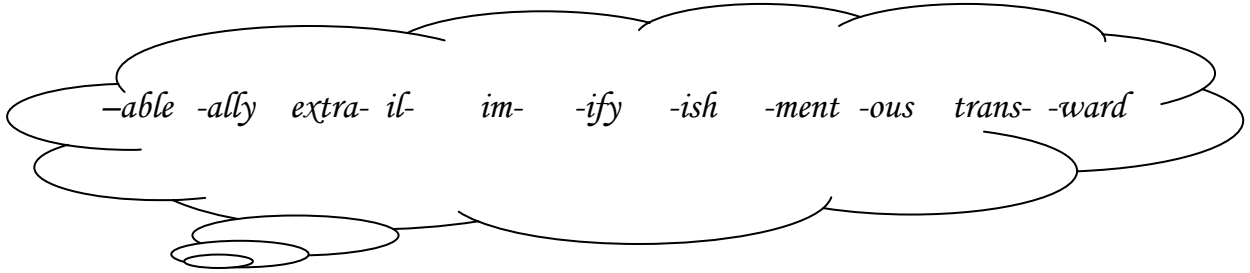
**Exercise 6** Read the text and fill in the gaps with the articles ('a', 'an', 'the' or '-' (no article) ).

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in (0) *the* world. It is spoken all over (1) \_\_\_\_\_ South America except for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil. Like Italian and Portuguese, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish language is related to Latin. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ recent report stated that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ number of Spanish speakers in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ United States of America will be higher than (7) \_\_\_\_\_ number of English speakers by (8) \_\_\_\_\_ year 2090. As (9) \_\_\_\_\_ result of this, nearly all North American schools teach Spanish. The language with (10) \_\_\_\_\_ most speakers in the world is Mandarin Chinese.



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**Exercise 7** Change the words in brackets to complete the sentences by using either a prefix or a suffix below.



1. I consider you should \_\_\_\_\_ these instructions – they're too complicated. (simple)
2. When is the next \_\_\_\_\_ flight from Paris to Atlanta? (Atlantic)
3. Simpler language would make this article more \_\_\_\_\_. (read)
4. Travel \_\_\_\_\_ for about six miles until you reach a junction. (north)
5. When I mixed all the paints together I got a \_\_\_\_\_ colour. (brown)
6. Passing your intermediate language exam first time was quite an \_\_\_\_\_. (achieve)
7. Don't eat those mushrooms – they're \_\_\_\_\_. (poison)
8. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to sell cigarettes to children under 18. (legal)
9. What do people in your country \_\_\_\_\_ eat at Christmas? (tradition)
10. Have you got this T-shirt in an \_\_\_\_\_? This one is not big enough. (large)

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**Exercise 8** Read the passage below. If a line is incorrect because a word is spelt incorrectly, or because the wrong word form has been used, write that word next to the line. If the line is correct, put a tick at the end of the line.

Everybody agrees that it is very important to eat a balance diet. Every (1) .....  
time we eat a meal, it should contain the right amount of vitamins and (2) .....  
minerals, and should provide us with sufficient protien and other (3) .....  
compounds that are necessary to keep our body working properly. We (4) .....  
should try to avoid eating too many foods that are high in carbohydrates (5) .....  
(bread and pasta, for example), and we should be specially careful (6) .....  
to avoid eating too much food which is high in fat and cholestoral (meat (7) .....  
and diary products are a good example). On the other hand, we need to (8) .....  
make sure that our bodies are receiving the calorific they need to (9) .....  
function properly: this is about 2500 a day for the average man, slightly (10) .....  
fewer for women. Athletes and people with very active lifestyles require (11) .....  
more, and often take food supplements to provide them with the extra (12) .....  
energetic they need. (13) .....





**Exercise 9 Match the following text messages with their ordinary English meaning.**

The biggest growth in mobile phone use in the last years has been text messaging. Users prefer writing messages rather than speaking. They use a special language full of abbreviations because they want to write more and quickly.



1. CUL8R
2. RUOK
3. WKND
4. 2DAY
5. LOL
6. THX
7. B48

- a; weekend
- b; thanks
- c; Are you OK?
- d; before eight
- e; lots of love
- f; today
- g; see you later

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_