

VOCABULARY:

Match the idioms with their meanings.

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| 1. eager beaver | a) a negative and boring person who tries to spoil other people's fun |
| 2. red herring | b) a place or way of living away from real life |
| 3. clean sweep | c) an ultimate difficulty that one can bear |
| 4. golden handshake | d) someone who works harder than they should |
| 5. ivory tower | e) people or things within an organisation that are useless or no longer needed |
| 6. lame duck | f) a sensitive and embarrassing matter |
| 7. last straw | g) an impressive victory, a total change |
| 8. wet blanket | h) a big sum of money for a retiring worker |
| 9. dead wood | i) someone who is in trouble and needs help |
| 10. hot potato | j) a subject or fact of little importance |

GRAMMAR:

Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word in bold. The second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- I've never seen such a funny film.
ever It's theseen.
- Jason started working here six months ago.
been Jasonsix months.
- It was the first time she had met someone famous.
never Shesomeone famous before.
- I didn't start serving the drinks until everyone had arrived.
before I waited until everyone had arrived.....serving the drinks.
- I've never travelled by plane before.
first It's thetravelled by plane.
- It's two months since I visited my grandparents.
have Imy grandparents for two months.
- Liz hasn't phoned me for three weeks.
time Theme was three weeks ago.
- How long is it since she got her driver's licence?
ago How long.....her driver's licence?
- I haven't booked a flight yet.
still Ia flight.
- When my father was young, he played tennis.
used When my father was young, hetennis.

CULTURE:

Choose the correct answer.

1. The national anthem of the United States of America is called:
 - a) 'God Bless America',
 - b) 'Star-Spangled Banner',
 - c) 'In God we Trust',
 - d) 'Yankee Doodle'.
2. 'Yeoman of the Guard' who attend the Queen at certain ceremonies and act as keepers at the Tower of London are also called:
 - a) National Guardsman,
 - b) The Royal Horse Guards,
 - c) The Green Jackets,
 - d) Beefeaters.
3. An organisation of about 50 independent countries most of which were formerly part of the British Empire, established in order to encourage trade and friendly relations among its members is called:
 - a) The Commercial Court,
 - b) Commonwealth,
 - c) The Council for Protection of Rural England,
 - d) The League of Nations.
4. The document written in 1776, in which thirteen British colonies in America officially stated that they were independent nation and would no longer agree to be ruled by British is called:
 - a) The Magna Carta,
 - b) The Bill of Rights,
 - c) The Declaration of Independence,
 - d) The Constitution of the United States.
5. Who is Queen Elizabeth II's the youngest child:
 - a) Prince Charles,
 - b) Prince Edward,
 - c) Princess Anne,
 - d) Prince Andrew.
6. What is the Queen's official residence in Scotland:
 - a) The Palace of Holyroodhouse,
 - b) Windsor Castle,
 - c) Balmoral Castle,
 - d) The Palace of Westminster.
7. What was Sir Christopher Wren's most ambitious work:
 - a) St Paul's Cathedral,
 - b) Canterbury Cathedral,
 - c) Blenheim Palace,
 - d) The Houses of Parliament.
8. Which song was performed by Deep Purple:
 - a) 'My Generation',
 - b) 'Smoke on the Water',
 - c) 'Paint it Black',
 - d) ('I can't Get No) Satisfaction'.

9. What are the names of the Bronte sisters, the writers whose most popular novels include 'Wuthering Heights', 'Jane Eyre' and 'The Tenant of Windfell Hall':
- a) Charlotte, Mary and Anne,
 - b) Charlotte, Emily and Anne,
 - c) Mary, Elizabeth and Anne,
 - d) Elizabeth, Emily and Anne.
10. The Roseta Stone, a large ancient stone that was found in Egypt in 1799 and made it possible to translate hieroglyphics for the first time, is nowadays on public display in London, in:
- a) Victoria and Albert Museum,
 - b) The National Gallery,
 - c) British Museum,
 - d) Science Museum.

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