

Task 1

- In the following interview about a common illness, the questions have been removed.
- Your task is to match the questions to the paragraphs.
- Write the letters (A-I) in the white boxes next to the numbers (1-6) as in the example (0).
- There are two extra questions that you do not need.



COPING WITH COLDS

Despite being a minor illness, a cold can make you feel miserable. Here's some information about it.

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A cold is in fact an infection which can affect the nose, throat, or sinuses.

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The cold virus. When it gets through the nose and throat, the body answers with an immune system reaction. Dry air, lack of sleep, stress, or not eating properly can increase one's chances of getting the cold virus.

2) _____

What people first notice is usually a runny nose or sneezing. You also might feel very tired and have a sore throat, cough, headache, temperature, or muscle aches.

3) _____

Well, viruses can stay alive in the air or on surfaces for hours. So, sick people can easily spread the cold to others if they don't wash their hands after coughing or sneezing.

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Although some people may be sick for as long as two weeks, most colds clear up within a week.

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Getting plenty of rest and drinking warm liquids like tea or chicken soup can make you feel less miserable.

6) _____

People who catch colds usually don't need medical attention. But talk to your GP if your symptoms get worse after 3 days instead of getting better.

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A) What are the signs and symptoms of a cold?

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B) What's the difference between a cold and flu?

C) *What exactly is a cold?*

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D) Can a cold be passed from one person to another?

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E) When should I go to the doctor?

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F) How long do colds last?

G) Will taking vitamin C help me to prevent colds?

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H) What causes colds?

I) What can I do to feel better?

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Task 2

- Read this article about valuable charity gifts and then read the sentences (7-12) following it.
- Mark a sentence A if it is true according to the article.
- Mark it B if it is false.
- Mark it C if there is not enough information in the text to decide if the sentence is true or not.
- Write your answers in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).
- A = TRUE B = FALSE C = THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY



GOLD COINS FOUND IN A CHARITY KETTLE

The Salvation Army regularly uses donation kettles to collect money for charity purposes. Not long ago they found five gold coins in their donation kettle at a food store in Mebane, North Carolina — three South African *Krugerrand*, one American *Riverman* and one Canadian *Maple Leaf*. All came in little plastic packages to keep them safe.

“We got the *Riverman* about a week ago, and we got the other four over the last two days,” said the Salvation Army spokesman. The organisation had already received such coins before with the exception of the *Riverman*.

All the coins were dropped in the kettle by an anonymous donor.

The organisation is planning to take the five coins to a shop in High Point to determine their value. “We have a guy that we go to every year. He buys them from us,” the spokesman said.

The group will use the money they get for the coins like any other gifts they receive. “I think it’s amazing to get these coins every year because that is a really large donation,” the spokesman said.

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0) ~~The five coins found are all made of gold.~~

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7) The five coins are all of the same size.

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8) The five coins came within two days.

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9) The five coins were put in the kettle at night.

10) It was not the first time someone had given the Salvation Army gold coins.

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11) The organisation doesn't know who the coins came from.

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12) The Salvation Army is going to give the coins to a museum.

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Task 3

- Read the following story about a prize-winning house and read the half sentences that follow the text.
- Your task is to match the half sentences based on the information in the text.
- Write the letters (A-K) in the white boxes next to the numbers (13-19) as in the example (0).
Remember that there are two extra letters that you will not need.



BAMBOO HOUSE: *CUBO* WINS TOP PRIZE

Earl Forlales, the creator of a house made of bamboo, has won a £50,000 top prize to develop cities for the future. Earl Forlales, 23, a graduate in engineering, was awarded first prize by the Royal Institute of Surveyors for his house, known as *Cubo*. The Royal Institute decided to give top prize to the house because of its use of low-cost eco-friendly material, and the speed with which it could be constructed. The house could be manufactured in a week, constructed in four hours and costs £60 per square metre.

The competition was aiming to find practical solutions to housing problems that the world's cities face. There were more than 1,200 competitors; they were narrowed down to 12 finalists, who were given a mentor from the Royal Institute to help develop their ideas over several months and then finally build their houses.

The competition head judge said: "There is a need for clean and comfortable places to live for future generations. There were many exciting designs among the projects. However, Earl's idea stood out for its cheap and simple solution to the world's growing accommodation problem."

The winner, Forlales has already selected a suitable area of land to start building his *Cubo* houses in Manila, capital of the Philippines, because there are huge pressures on housing in the city. He plans to begin work next year. He said: "*Cubo* started as an idea while I was spending time at my grandparents' house – it is great that it will now become a reality."

0) *A bamboo house project was chosen*

13) It would take less than a day

14) Housing problems in cities encouraged the Royal Institute

15) More than a thousand people decided

16) The Royal Institute mentors were asked

17) It took the 12 competitors months

18) The judges considered the cost of the house in order

19) After winning the competition Earl Forlales managed

A) to choose the winner.

B) to hand in a project and enter the competition.

C) *to get the award of £50,000.*

D) to make a modern building out of an old one.

E) to build a *Cubo* house.

F) to find a site for building several *Cubo* houses.

G) to organise the competition.

H) to work out the details of their projects.

I) to live in an old part of the city.

K) to help the participants in the finals.

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