

Grammar 3

Narrative tenses

Choose the correct option to complete the story.

Circle the correct answer.

Amber (1) settled down / was just settling down when she (2) heard / was hearing a knock on the door. She (3) got / was getting out of bed and (4) had put on / put on her dressing gown. Then she (5) walked / was walking down the stairs and (6) opened / had opened the door. There was nobody there! The night was dark. The moon (7) hadn't shone / wasn't shining and the only light in the street (8) was / had been broken for more than a week. Amber heard a noise. She realised it was the sound of cats who (9) fought / were fighting outside in the garden, but apart from that it was silent. Amber (10) stepped / was stepping out and (11) moved / was moving a few steps forward. She (12) took / had taken another look around, but still couldn't see anything. She (13) was leaving / had left her mobile on the table next to the bed so she couldn't even use the light from that. Suddenly the door (14) slammed / was slamming behind her. Amber (15) jumped / was jumping and ...

Grammar 2B

The definite article

Choose the definite article or no article to complete the sentences. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 - / *The* Simpson Desert in Australia has some of the largest sand dunes in the world.
- 2 I don't like - / *the* winter. It's always so cold.
- 3 One of the most useful inventions of the 19th century was - / *the* electric light bulb.
- 4 In the USA - / *the* fourth of July is a national holiday.
- 5 Most health experts say that - / *the* breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
- 6 What's the capital city of - / *the* Canada?
- 7 When Rebecca was young she could play - / *the* violin.
- 8 Dopamine and Norepinephrine are the two chemicals in our body that cause - / *the* love.

Vocabulary 1B

Certainty and truth

Write a word in each gap to complete what the people say.
The first letter is given for you.

- 1 Galileo was d_____ one of the greatest minds of his time.
- 2 Some people are still not c_____ by the Big Bang theory.
- 3 Darwin's ideas about evolution were w_____ q_____ some of the most controversial of his time.
- 4 I'm just not s_____ how he could arrive at his conclusions from seeing animals on his voyage on the *Beagle*.
- 5 There are still probably some people in the Catholic Church who h_____ r_____ about the ideas of Darwin.
- 6 I think the story about Newton and the apple is rather d_____.

Vocabulary 1A

Certainty and truth

Complete the text about Charles Darwin with the words in the box.

flew in the face heresy infamous muttering
recanted

Galileo wasn't the only scientist to have problems with the church. In his day, the ideas of Charles Darwin were seen as (1) _____. Darwin's ideas about evolution (2) _____ of many of the teachings and beliefs of the church and there was much (3) _____ in the scientific community as well. There were certainly a number of (4) _____ meetings at the Geological Society in London, and at a number of colleges at Oxford University. It is also believed that on his deathbed Darwin (5) _____ his views, but there certainly isn't any evidence to support this claim.

Vocabulary 1C

Certainty and truth

Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 You really don't have to take
- 2 There's no denying
- 3 The truth of the
- 4 Whatever people might say, the fact
- 5 In actual
- 6 There's no

- a doubt about it, the ideas on evolution and the Big Bang theory were always going to be controversial.
- b fact, some scientists have even disproved their own theories later on in life.
- c matter is that many people are unwilling to change their opinion whatever the evidence.
- d my word for it if you don't want to.
- e remains that scientists often get things wrong.
- f that the story of Galileo is absolutely amazing.