

se the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.

Students learning English as a second language are sometimes given a word by their teacher and asked to give an (1) (**EXPLAIN**) as to what that word means; in other words, to provide a (2) (**DEFINE**). The (3) (**ASSUME**) is that if you know a word, you can define it. (4) (**LOGIC**), that might make sense, but in reality it is not always (5) (**REASON**) to assume that. There are words and phrases that even native speakers use in conversation without much (6) (**THINK**) which can lead to (7) (**CONFUSE**) when you ask a native speaker to define them. Take the (8) (**CONCEIVE**) of 'zeitgeist', for example, which has entered English from German. It's (9) (**DOUBT**) much easier to use than it is to define. With a word like 'zeitgeist', it may be more (10) (**SENSE**) to test the student's understanding in ways other than asking them to define it.

(1 mark per answer)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

I'm never going to forget to consider Darren's views when I make a decision again. **account**
That's the last time I when I make a decision.

I don't know how on earth she thinks of such brilliant plots for her novels. **come**
How on earth such brilliant plots for her novels?

I'm sure Nancy is still presuming that the party starts at nine. **impression**
I'm sure Nancy that the party starts at nine.

Sean, do you know yet what you're doing this evening? **mind**
Sean, yet what you're doing this evening?

I told Jeanne, thinking that she'd be supportive – how wrong I was! **belief**
I told Jeanne that she'd be supportive – how wrong I was!

There's no way that you're staying out all night with your friends, I'm afraid. **question**
Your staying out all night with your friends , I'm afraid.

I'm glad you now see sense and agree that your parents are right. **senses**
I'm glad and agree that your parents are right.

I think you think – wrongly – that this is all a conspiracy against you. **misapprehension**
I think that this is all a conspiracy against you.

You really have to have your about you when driving through Birmingham.
 It's a typical example of not being able to see the for the trees.
 Bill Denver? That name rings a
 Don't let success go to your whatever you do!
 We were kept completely in the about what was going on – they didn't tell us anything!
 Am I going round the or did you just ask me to marry you?
 He'll never win the court case. My solicitor says he doesn't have a to stand on.
 Dawn's a bit slow on the sometimes, so maybe she didn't realise you were suggesting she gave you a job.

(1 mark per answer)

Circle the correct word.

We're still trying to **part** / **piece** / **set** together exactly what went wrong.
 It's too much information for me to **take** / **read** / **get** in in one go.
 You'd better **create** / **think** / **work** up a very good excuse why you didn't come to the meeting.
 Let me mull this **about** / **in** / **over** for a while and then I'll get back to you.
 Toni was totally opposed at first but I think she's **come** / **made** / **taken** around to the idea now.
 I think you should face up **on** / **with** / **to** the fact that our relationship's over.
 We're still trying to **figure** / **think** / **guess** out how the burglars got in.
 I'm going to have to **learn** / **swot** / **look** up on what all the road signs mean before my driving test.

(1 mark per answer)

Choose the correct answer.

I'm in a real and I just don't know what to do.

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| A dilemma | C query |
| B paradox | D hunch |

They're staying in rented accommodation for the time

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| A going | C doing |
| B making | D being |

Is it really the first time first class?

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| A you ever fly | C you've ever flown |
| B you're ever flying | D you've ever been flying |

..... getting a pet tarantula?

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| A Does Claire really think of | C Has Claire really thought that |
| B Is Claire really thinking | D Has Claire really been |

39 Alan for hours but he just doesn't answer his mobile. I hope nothing's wrong.

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| A I call | C I've called |
| B I'm calling | D I've been calling |

40 Looking at your CV, I you used to in Australia.

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| A gather | C am gathering |
| B do gather | D have gathered |

41 I it's going to snow tonight, don't you?

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| A speculate | C reckon |
| B reflect | D ponder |

42 'Have you finished with the paper yet?'

'I've started reading it!'

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| A even | C still |
| B just | D already |