

B2 USE OF ENGLISH WARM UP:

- 1 Take my advice and don't eat so much meat.

IF

I'd eat you.

- 2 The solar panels on this house are better than those over there.

GOOD

Those solar panels over there the ones on this house.

- 3 It's just as well they took a map or they would be completely lost by now.

TAKEN

They would be completely lost by now a map.

- 4 Going by car is not nearly as pleasant as walking.

MUCH

Walking is going by car.

- 5 Recycling can help to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

IN

Recycling can play the amount of waste we produce.

- 6 We would not have survived the terrible storm without their assistance.

THEY

We would not have survived the terrible storm us.

Example: 0 A plain B blank C bare D vacant

Losing my link with the Internet

Last Friday afternoon, my computer screen suddenly went (0) B. My first thought was that the computer had (1) _____.

But when I checked other (2) _____, such as word processing and the music player, I realised that it was just the web page which had stopped working, so I tried to (3) _____ to the Internet again. This time the only thing on the screen was a message saying 'the Internet browser cannot (4) _____ the web page'. I wondered whether my computer had become a victim of one of those (5) _____ you can get online so I used my anti-virus software to check the (6) _____ drive, but everything seemed normal.

Finally, I decided to call the computer shop helpline. The line was (7) _____ for ages, but when at last I managed to speak to someone they suggested I should restart my PC. I did so, and within seconds was able to (8) _____ the Internet again. If only I had thought of that earlier!

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| 1 A cracked | B tripped | C collapsed | D crashed |
| 2 A variations | B applications | C publications | D communications |
| 3 A key in | B log on | C plug into | D load up |
| 4 A present | B offer | C display | D provide |
| 5 A bugs | B diseases | C stains | D faults |
| 6 A firm | B solid | C hard | D fixed |
| 7 A occupied | B committed | C employed | D engaged |
| 8 A board | B access | C join | D enter |

The newspaper front page

What goes on the front page? That's the question which (0) _____ ask themselves every EDIT night before their newspapers are printed. They may have a (1) _____ of important stories CHOOSE to lead with, and they can end up putting off a final (2) _____ until the very last moment. DECIDE

The answer may seem obvious: the most significant news event of the day. But with such wide (3) _____ in the political, economic VARY and social priorities of the national papers, there is rarely (4) _____ among their editors AGREE about what that event actually is.

A (5) _____ also needs to be drawn DISTINGUISH between the so-called serious papers and the tabloids, which have a (6) _____ for PREFER stories involving celebrities and scandal. The aim of the front page of a tabloid is to attract the reader's (7) _____, often by using very ATTEND large pictures accompanied by headlines that are much greater in (8) _____ than those in a HIGH serious paper.