

TEST 7

Example:

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S U R P R I S I N G L Y

Hot-air balloons

Riding in a hot-air balloon is a (0) *surprisingly* calm and peaceful experience, quite (25) any other form of flying. With no engines to provide power, a balloon depends (26) on the winds around it to move in any direction. (27) , the maximum speed is normally around 15 kilometres per hour.

This kind of balloon is based on the simple (28) principle that the (29) of hot air is less than that of cold air. It is not, however, a large (30) , as a cubic metre of hot air is only about 250 grams lighter than the same amount of cold air. This means it takes (31) four cubic metres of hot air just to lift one kilo, which explains why balloons that carry people have to be so enormous.

A gas burner is used to (32) the air inside the balloon, causing it to rise. To go up more slowly, or to make a (33) , hot air is released from the top of the balloon. The fact that the wind blows in different directions at different heights (34) the pilot to steer the balloon left or right by moving it to higher or lower positions in the sky.

SURPRISE
LIKE
ENTIRE
CONSEQUENCE

SCIENCE
WEIGH
DIFFERENT

ROUGH

HOT
DESCEND

ABLE

TEST 8

Example:

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H I S T O R I A N S

A brief history of surfing

Most (0) agree that surfing began centuries ago in the Hawaii Islands in the Pacific Ocean, where the (25) regarded it as an important part of their culture, not as a recreational (26) It was not until the early 20th century that it achieved (27) as a sport, and for many years it remained (28) to see surfers anywhere other than in three main (29) Hawaii, California and Australia.

All that began to change in the 1960s, partly as a result of (30) in the design of surfboards, but also because of the success of films and pop bands, (31) The Beach Boys, that were associated with surfing culture. Since then there has been rapid (32) in the popularity of surfing throughout the world, and for many surfers it has become a highly (33) sport that requires skill and courage to deal with the (34) conditions in some of the roughest seas on Earth.

HISTORY

INHABIT

ACTIVE

RECOGNISE

USUAL

LOCATE

IMPROVE

PARTICULAR

GROW

COMPETE

CHALLENGE

TEST 9

Example: 0 A S S I S T A N C E

112 pets

A woman living in the city centre has asked for (0) assistance to find a bigger house and garden – so that her 112 pets can live in less (25) conditions. Jennifer Symons, 26, has always loved animals and now has a (26) that includes twelve cats, seven dogs, four monkeys, two horses and a (27) of smaller creatures, including hamsters, parrots and tropical fish.

She also has a number of snakes, and although none of them, she says, is (28) , some of her neighbours in Lower Market Street remain (29) and are worried that they might escape. Generally, though, people seem to like Jennifer's pets and are always (30) towards her.

All these animals, however, have to be looked after, and Jennifer has to get up at 5.30 every morning to start (31) some of them. Cleaning and other tasks take up so much time that taking care of them has now become almost her main (32) , leaving her with only her (33) from a part-time job at a local supermarket to maintain the 112 and herself. It is hardly (34) , therefore, that she can't really afford to move into a bigger house.

ASSIST

CROWD

COLLECT

VARY

POISON

CONVINCE

FRIEND

FOOD

OCCUPY

EARN

SURPRISE

TEST 11

Example:

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NEW WATERPROOF CLOTHING

There are few experiences as unpleasant as being (0) *bitterly* cold and dripping wet on board a boat. The (25) that you may be several hours away from warm, dry clothing is enough to slow down even the (26) sailor.

BITTER
KNOW

TOUGH

However, recent (27) developments in the types of material used to make waterproof clothes have, hopefully, put an end to the (28) of the sailor. New suits, trousers and jackets have been designed which allow people to stay warm and dry at sea and can be worn (29) for days on end.

SCIENCE
SUFFER

COMFORT

The new clothing is by no means cheap, but that will not stop it from selling well, and not just in the sailing market. (30) previous types of waterproof clothing, which tended to leave the wearer hot, sweaty and sticky even after a (31) short burst of (32) activity, these new clothes are manufactured with an (33) inner layer. This is made of a special material which allows the clothes to 'breathe' – in other words, body heat can escape so that the body stays dry, but still maintains its (34) in all weathers.

LIKE

RELATIVE
ENERGY
ADDITION

WARM

TEST 10

Example: 0 O P E R A T I O N

Sudden storm

A massive clean-up (0) is now under way in the south-west of the country after a (25) storm unexpectedly struck the region. Among the worst affected were (26) areas, where many small boats were sunk or destroyed, though, (27) , there are no reports of anyone missing or seriously injured.

In many towns, however, there was (28) damage to property, with trees and fences blown over. In one street, almost every house had its roof blown off, leaving many families (29) until repairs can be carried out. The (30) conditions also affected transport links leading to the closure of motorways and the (31) of nearly all rail services.

Further inland, where the monthly average (32) is about 80mm, over 100mm fell in just a few hours. This resulted in several rivers bursting their banks and flooding huge areas of (33) land. Some villages were (34) cut off by the rapidly rising water, although communications have now been restored in most places.

OPERATE
POWER
COAST
FORTUNE

EXTENT
HOME
WIND
CANCEL

RAIN
AGRICULTURE
TEMPORARY