

48.1 Which expressions from the opposite page might these pictures help you to remember?



- 1 have your cake and eat it 2 3 4 5

48.2 Using the word in brackets and an expression from A opposite, rewrite the sentence without changing the meaning.

- 1 The hotel we were staying in was absolutely superb. (world)
The hotel we were staying in was out of this world.
- 2 Giovanni is a long way above the other kids when it comes to doing hard sums. (shoulders)
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- 3 Maria is very good with young children - they always love her. (way)
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- 4 You're a long way ahead of me in understanding all this new technology; I'm impressed. (streets)
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- 5 Hassan is great at chess. (brilliantly)
- 6 Agata is a very fluent and confident speaker. (gab)

48.3 Which of the expressions in 48.1 is most suitable for completing each sentence if you want to:

- 1 say someone's behaviour is extremely annoying? What Jack said really takes the biscuit!
- 2 say that someone is quick to understand? Tanya is usually
- 3 say someone has a very high opinion of themselves? Rajiv thinks
- 4 praise someone's gardening skills? Marek
- 5 comment on someone who wants to buy a new car but keep all their savings too? Unfortunately, you

48.4 Answer these questions.

- 1 If someone is critically injured, is their injury minor or serious? It's serious.
- 2 If your teacher asks you to write a review criticising a film you've recently seen, does she want you only to write about its negative aspects?
- 3 If a father is critical of his son's behaviour, does he approve or disapprove of it?
- 4 If someone says that it is 'critically important' that you complete a piece of work by a specific deadline, how flexible is that deadline?
- 5 If several people are said to be in a critical condition after an accident, are doctors worried or not particularly worried about them?

48.5 Write the opposite meaning to these sentences using expressions from the opposite page.

- 1 He's a third-rate athlete. He's a first-rate / top-notch athlete.
- 2 I don't understand why Sophie has such a low opinion of herself.
- 3 When it comes to sport, Andrey is one of the best in his school.
- 4 Greta was not responsible for the error in the accounting figures.
- 5 He is no good at talking to people at all.
- 6 Mick doesn't get on with the secretaries; just look at how they react when he wants something done.
- 7 He often says how wonderful his school is.
- 8 She always praises everything I say.