

Word Formation (exercises)



Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Are you a couch potato?

Centuries ago, people didn't have much 1 _____ (**freedom**) time, because everybody was working too hard. In Britain in the nineteenth century, people invented football, rugby and cricket. It was even 2 _____ (**possible**) simply to watch a sport and give the 3 _____ (**impress**) that you were actually doing something.

Later leisure activities became less demanding, and most people got a 4 _____ (**various**) of more or less 5 _____ (**energy**) interests and hobbies. But now there is a new type of 6 _____ (**people**) who thinks that lying on the sofa watching television is the 7 _____ (**exciting**) thing.

This is the twentieth century couch potato. For them, every 8 _____ (**active**) is too much trouble, and 9 _____ (**lazy**) is an art form!

The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London took place in 1666. It is 1 _____ (**fame**) for being London's largest fire in its 2,000-year history.

The fire destroyed thousands of homes, dozens of churches and many 2 _____ (**importance**) city buildings.

At that time 500,000 people lived in London. It is believed that 3 _____ (**near**) 70,000 people lost their homes.

The number of 4 _____ (**die**) was quite low. Experts are still 5 _____ (**sure**) of how many people died, but only six deaths were 6 _____ (**actual**) recorded.

The fire started at a 7 _____ (**bake**) after midnight on the 8 _____ (**two**) of September. The flames spread fast because homes were made of wood in 9 _____ days. (**that**)

The fire lasted for three days. Many people left London afterwards, but the city was rebuilt using stone and with wider streets that improved fire 10 _____ (**safe**).

The Earth Hour

Every year the world goes dark for one hour, the Earth Hour. The event is organized by the 1 _____ (**nation**) World Wildlife Fund.

At tourist destinations, in offices and 2 _____ (**privacy**) homes, lights are switched off for one hour at 3 _____ (**exact**) 8.00 pm.

The idea is to show that 4 _____ (**we**) planet is in 5 _____ (**dangerous**) and it needs care and 6 _____ (**protect**).

It's impossible to remain 7 _____ (**different**) to changes in the climate which go on and on.

The Earth Hour is not about saving an hour's electricity. It's about realizing that we live on a 8 _____ (**wonder**) planet and need to look after it – not just for an hour a year but every day.

The Earth Hour is a part of an 9 _____ (**ecology**) education whose aim is to make people understand their 10 _____ (**responsible**) to the planet.