

Use of English 2 (Paper 1 Part 1)

Lead-in

Multiple-choice cloze

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Punxsutawney Phil

> HELP

- 1 Only one of these adjectives can combine with *weather* to mean 'bad'.
- 4 Remember that *camera* is a countable noun.

- 1 Read the title of the article in Exercise 2b and look at the photo. Have you heard of Groundhog Day?
- 2a Read the title and text quickly and answer the questions. Ignore the gaps at this stage.
 - 1 What happens on Groundhog Day?
 - 2 Why has it become better known in recent years?
- b Do the task. Use the Help notes for support with certain items.

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).



Groundhog Day

According to a popular US tradition, the groundhog, a small furry animal, (0) B of its winter sleep on 2 February. If the sky is clear, he sees his shadow. This means there are going to be six more weeks of (1) ___ weather and he returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and he can't see his shadow, it means there will be an (2) ___ spring and he stays above ground. Each year reporters (3) ___ in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, at dawn and a large (4) ___ of cameras are focused on the burrow of a groundhog called Punxsutawney Phil.

In 1993, the Hollywood film *Groundhog Day* (5) ___ Phil into a major celebrity and the following February, over 30,000 people (6) ___ in Punxsutawney. Unfortunately, (7) ___ the large crowds were hoping for a prediction of good weather, Phil saw his shadow and returned to his hole, so everyone knew that winter was going to (8) ___ for a few more weeks.

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| 0 A gets out | B comes out | C gets up | D comes up |
| 1 A own | B severe | C ill | D rude |
| 2 A advanced | B ahead | C early | D immature |
| 3 A gather | B group | C crowd | D combine |
| 4 A quantity | B number | C total | D sum |
| 5 A got | B became | C took | D turned |
| 6 A turned up | B called off | C came on | D looked over |
| 7 A despite | B although | C still | D otherwise |
| 8 A exist | B rest | C last | D hold |

Task analysis

- 3a Which questions in the task test:
 - 1 phrasal verbs?
 - 2 linking words?
- b Which adjective + noun collocations in the text link to either weather or the seasons? Make a note of the words you want to remember in your vocabulary notebook.