



Extra Training

Synonyms Task 1623

In the following questions each sentence has four underlined words or phrases in *italics*. Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined words..

- I will not stand for your bad attitude any longer.
 - like
 - mean
 - tolerate
 - care
- The twentieth century saw a rapid rise in life expectancy due to improvements in public health, nutrition and medicine.
 - expectation
 - span
 - prospect
 - anticipation
- The tiny irrigation channels were everywhere and along some of them the water was running.
 - flushing out with water
 - cleaning with water
 - supplying water
 - washing out with water
- The use of lasers in surgery has become relatively commonplace in recent years.
 - relevantly
 - comparatively
 - almost
 - absolutely
- The workforce is generally accepted to have the best conditions in Europe.
 - gang
 - crew
 - personnel
 - working class
- For a decade, that scientist has studied centenarians, looking for genes that contribute to longevity.
 - people who live to be 100 or older
 - people who want to be fruitarians
 - people who are vegetarians
 - people who are extraordinary
- As children we were very close, but as we grew up, we just drifted apart.
 - not as serious as before
 - not as sympathetic as before
 - not as childlike as before
 - not as friendly as before
- The notice should be put in the most conspicuous place so that all the students can be well-informed.
 - easily seen
 - suspicious
 - beautiful
 - popular
- I prefer to talk to people face to face rather than to talk on the phone.
 - seeing them
 - facing them
 - looking at them
 - in person
- The washing machine I have just bought is very simple to use.
 - interesting
 - easy
 - difficult
 - boring

Choose the sentence, which is closest in meaning to the given one.

- You would have won the essay contest if you had typed your paper.
 - You did not win the essay contest even though you typed your paper.
 - You did not win the essay contest because you did not type your paper.
 - You won the essay contest in spite of not typing your paper.
 - Typing your paper made you win the essay contest.
- Ridding plants of mildew or blight is usually more difficult than controlling insects and pests.
 - Because insects are pests, it is more difficult to control them than to rid plants of mildew or blight.
 - Mildew or blight is easier to control than insects and pests.
 - It is easier to control insects and pests than it is to rid plants of mildew or blight.
 - Controlling insects and pests is more difficult than ridding plants of mildew or blight.
- In spite of the rain, the Fourth of July fireworks display was not cancelled.
 - The Fourth of July fireworks display was not held because it rained.
 - Rain caused the cancellation of the Fourth of July fireworks display.
 - The Fourth of July fireworks display was held because it did not rain.
 - Although it rained, the Fourth of July fireworks display was held.
- As a conductor of heat and electricity, aluminium exceeds all metals except silver, copper, and gold.
 - With the exception of aluminium, silver, copper, and gold are better than any other metal as conductor of heat and electricity.
 - Aluminium is a better conductor of heat and electricity than silver, copper, and gold.
 - Silver, copper, and gold are better conductors of heat and electricity than aluminium is.
 - Silver, copper, and gold are exceeded only by aluminium as conductors of heat and electricity.