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Task 1

- Read this article about a member of the British royal family and then read the half sentences that follow the text.
- Your task is to match the half sentences based on the information in the article.
- Write the letters (A-L) in the white boxes next to the numbers (1-8) as in the example (0).
- Remember that there are two extra letters that you will not need.

SUITS YOU, SIR?

Prince Charles accused of betraying Savile Row's
bespoke for Jermyn Street's made-to-measure

For decades he followed the tradition of his royal forefathers, dressing impeccably in £4,000 suits from Savile Row.

Now, however, Prince Charles has shocked the world of fine tailoring by turning his back on his distinctive bespoke outfits. Instead, he has become the first heir to the throne in modern times to buy made-to-measure alternatives – at less than half the price.

The move has prompted accusations that the Prince of Wales has let bespoke tailors – and himself – down by looking, in his mid-fifties, far less elegantly dressed.

Royal sources say that Prince Charles, 57, has recently bought several made-to-measure suits from Turnbull & Asser, who have had an order for his shirts since 1980.

It is thought his turning away from bespoke tailoring may have been influenced by his new wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, while others suspect his frugal private secretary, Sir Micheal Peat.

Officials close to the Prince, however, put the change down to “personal taste”.

Bespoke is a term dating from the 17th century, when tailors held the full lengths of cloth on their premises. When a customer chose a length, it was said to have “been spoken for”. A tailor who makes a customer’s clothes individually is called “bespoke”. More than 20 measurements and figuration details are taken from a customer before his suit is cut. That is unlike “made-to-measure”, which simply uses a template pattern that is then adjusted, with less precision, to an individual’s measurements.

Prince Charles’s new image has its fans as well as its critics. When Andre 3000, the hip-hop singer with the band OutKast, came to London to pick up an award from GQ magazine in 2004, he said: “Prince Charles is my number one British style icon.”

The last word, however, should go to Richard Walker, the author of *Savile Row: An Illustrated History*: “The perfect suit is like the perfect wine – it does not exist, except in terms of individual taste.”

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| 0) Prince Charles no longer buys his clothes from | A) his secretary. | 0) C |
| 1) Traditionally the British heir to the throne has his outfits made by | B) matters. | 1) |
| 2) Prince Charles now wears cheaper suits that are | C) Savile Row . | 2) |
| 3) Many people criticise | D) fine tailoring. | 3) |
| 4) The Duchess of Cornwall may prefer | E) measurements. | 4) |
| 5) The idea might have come from | F) his decision. | 5) |
| 6) Bespoke is the traditional term used for | G) fans. | 6) |
| 7) Andre 3000 is among the Prince's greatest | H) made to measure. | 7) |
| 8) Richard Walker thinks it is personal taste that | I) bespoke tailors. | 8) |
| | K) suits. | |
| | L) his new image. | |

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Task 2

- Read this article about a famous Italian writer. Some words have been removed from the text.
- Your task is to fill the gaps (9-16) with the right items from the list (A-L). There are two more items than you need.
- Put the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).

FO DELIGHTS HIS AUDIENCE WITH BOYHOOD TALES

The Nobel prize-winning writer Dario Fo told an audience at the Edinburgh international book festival yesterday of the early influences (0) _____ as one of the wittiest and most distinctive literary voices.

An early highlight of the book festival, which opened at the weekend, the 79-year-old Fo entertained the sell-out crowd with tales from his boyhood, and attributed his skills as a wordsmith to (9) _____.

Fo, who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1997, (10) _____, and there are three productions of his seminal work *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* in Edinburgh this festival season.

Speaking through his biographer Joseph Farrell, Fo recalled his grandfather, (11) _____, who would travel from village to village selling vegetables from a horse-drawn cart that the young Fo was allowed to drive.

"I felt like (12) _____," said Fo. "I was only five or six and I had the whole of life in my hands. Even if I had been driving the carriage of the sun I could not have felt any better."

His grandfather's skills as a story-teller were supplemented by the stories Fo heard from other inhabitants of the villages around Lake Maggiore, in northern Italy, where he lived. "When I was a boy, unconsciously, spontaneously, I learned (13) _____."

Fo also touched on his efforts to free himself from Mussolini's army as a young man after being conscripted. For his first attempt, and as a talented artist as well as a writer, he (14) _____ for himself and some of his colleagues. "I was a born forger," he said.

Later, he escaped and spent 40 days hiding in an abandoned farmhouse, which Fo said was "(15) _____."

The book festival event was based on Fo's recently published fictionalised memoirs, *My First Seven Years (Plus a Few More)*. Fo is to make (16) _____ at the festival today with his wife, the actress Franca Rame, to discuss his involvement in, and love of, the theatre.

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- A) falsified exit papers
- B) a second appearance
- C) ~~that have shaped his career~~
- D) an extraordinary hero
- E) his level of achievement
- F) an acclaimed storyteller
- G) advised would-be writers
- H) the art of telling ironic stories
- I) an absolutely terrifying experience
- K) remains the world's most performed living playwright
- L) the great story-telling traditions of his Italian upbringing

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Task 3

Read this article about a new invention to make flying safer and then read the sentences following it.

- Mark a sentence **A** if it is true according to the article.
- Mark it **B** if it is false.
- Mark it **C** if there isn't enough information in the text to say if it is true or not.

Write your answers in the white boxes next to the numbers (17-23) as in the example (0).



NEW AUTOPILOT WILL MAKE ANOTHER 9/11 IMPOSSIBLE

A hijack-proof piloting system for airliners is being developed to prevent terrorists repeating the 9/11 outrages. The mechanism is designed to make it impossible to crash the aircraft into air or land targets - and enable the plane to be flown by remote control from the ground in the event of an emergency. Scientists at aircraft giant Boeing are testing the autopilot system which uses state-of-the-art computer and satellite technology. It will be activated by the pilot flicking a simple switch or by pressure sensors in the cockpit door that will respond to any excessive force as terrorists try to break into the flight deck. After it has been turned on, no one on board will be able to deactivate the system. Currently, all autopilots are manually switched on and off by the pilots.

The system will connect ground controllers and security services with the aircraft using radio waves. After it has been activated, the aircraft will be capable of remote digital control from the ground, enabling operators to fly it like a model plane, manoeuvring it vertically and laterally.

A threatened airliner could be flown to a secure airport, where it would touch down using existing landing aids known as 'autoland function'. After it had landed, the aircraft's built-in autobrake would bring the plane safely to a halt on the runway.

Boeing insiders say the new anti-hijack kit could be fitted to airliners all over the world within the next three years. The latest move to fight airline terrorists follows The Mail on Sunday's disclosure three weeks ago that scientists in Britain and Germany are developing a passenger-monitoring device. This will use tiny cameras linked to computers to record every facial expression or suspicious movement made on board flights in order to identify potential terrorists.

A Boeing spokesman said: "We are constantly studying ways we can improve the safety, security and efficiency of the world's airline fleet. There is a need in the industry for a technique that conclusively prevents unauthorised persons gaining access to the controls and threatening the safety of passengers. Once this system is initiated, no one on board is capable of controlling the flight, making it useless for anyone to threaten violence in order to gain control."

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17) New satellites will be put into orbit as part of the project.

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18) Only the pilot will be able to turn on this new security system.

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19) Ground controllers will be able to change the course of the plane.

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20) 'Autoland' is another new part of the system.

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21) They will start installing the anti-hijack kit in Europe.

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22) The passenger monitoring device will record passengers as they board their flights.

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23) At Boeing they still have serious reservations about the new technology.

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Task 4

- Read this article on anti-smoking regulations in Britain. Some parts of sentences have been removed from the text.
- Your task is to fill the gaps from the list (A-I). Write the appropriate letters in the white boxes next to the numbers (24-29) as in the example (0).
- Remember that there are two more letters than you need.

**CHURCHES TOLD TO PUT UP 'NO SMOKING' SIGNS**

Health chiefs are spending thousands of pounds ordering churches to put up signs banning smoking. The decision has left religious leaders puzzled (0) _____.

A smoking ban in all enclosed public places comes into effect in England in July and in Wales from April but Church figures assumed that (24) _____ there would be no need for signs. A spokesman for Church House, which governs 16,000 churches in England, said: "We don't see that there is a problem of smoking in churches. It's not part of the culture to smoke in them. There are also concerns (25) _____."

One clergyman reported that the Welsh Assembly had sent him identical information packs, (26) _____, for each of the five churches where he is rector in Anglesey. The Rev Neil Fairlamb said: "I can't imagine anyone smoking in a church. It happened once at a wedding and I made a subtle remark and the man put out the cigarette. In Wales everything is bilingual (27) _____. The cost must be huge. God has a sense of humour, though, (28) _____."

A spokesman for the Welsh Assembly said: "Churches and other places of worship are also subject to the ban and we have provided the same literature to all affected enclosed public places."

The Department of Health said: "Churches will be included in the ban (29) _____. Signs will be displayed at all entrances."

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- A) gave smokers useful information
- B) because the pack was sent on February 21 – Ash Wednesday
- ~~C) because, they say, no one smokes in places of worship anyway~~
- D) included information on the ban
- E) although they would be covered by the legislation
- F) that signs could be intrusive and deface some churches
- G) as they are enclosed public spaces
- H) so the notices have to be printed twice
- I) including a full-colour, 24-page brochure

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