

Task 1

Read this article about a man who rescued a gosling and then read the sentences (1- 6) 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 is not enough information in the text to decide if the sentence is true or not.**
- **Write your answers in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).**



MAN AND GOOSE MAKE UNUSUAL FRIENDSHIP

Two years ago, Mike Jivanjee spotted a tiny little gosling in a lake. The bird was alone, almost drowning, and at risk of being hit by a boat at any moment. So Mike did the right thing, wrapped up the gosling in a towel, and found her family about 100 yards away. But sadly the other geese made it clear that the tiny gosling wasn't welcome.

Mike decided he would take the gosling home and care for her until she was fully grown, at which point he would release her into the wild. But the goose, who Mike named Kylie, had other plans. Every time Mike tried to let Kylie fly away, she just kept coming back. She wouldn't leave him alone.

After constant attempts to set Kylie free, Mike realised that he had no other option but to accept his new friend. Kylie now follows him everywhere – to the shops, when he's out on his boat, around the house.

‘Kylie’s personality is a lot like a person’s,’ says Mike. ‘She has her good days and bad days. She can do things she knows she is not supposed to. Like boarding other people’s boats, harassing neighbors or stealing things from them. She loves to steal small items like keys, wallets, flip flops and throw them in the lake.’

When they’re together (which is pretty much all the time), Mike and Kylie love to go to Starbucks and watch TV. Kylie loves all shows on the Discovery Channel. She’s also a huge fan of the Ellen Show and Animal Planet. Kylie also loves to go paddle and hang out inside neighbors’ houses when they go on vacation. She does not identify as a goose so she wants to be with people all the time.

(www.metro.co.uk)

0) *Mike found the baby bird in a river.*

1) Mike tried to take the gosling back to its family.

2) Mike decided to take the bird to the zoo.

3) On one occasion Kylie had to be taken to a vet.

4) The goose sometimes takes things from Mike's neighbors.

5) Kylie cannot stand films about nature.

6) The bird spends a lot of time with Mike.

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Task 2

- In the following interview with Will Shortz, Crossword Editor for The New York Times the questions have been removed.
- Your task is to match the questions to the answers.
- Write the letters of the questions (A-K) next to the appropriate numbers (7-13).
- There are two extra questions that you do not need.
- Write the letters in the white boxes as in the example (0).



0) _____ ?

Almost any kind. Sam Loyd, the great American puzzle genius, was my childhood hero. I bought his puzzle collections from Dover Books.

7) _____ ?

Yes, they have a special course, which was new when I was there. If you're accepted, you can have a programme of your choice.

8) _____ ?

It's the participants. Crossword people tend to be smart, interesting and often funny, too. They're my kind of people.

9) _____ ?

You have to be a good speller, of course, and have a wide vocabulary. It helps to know a little about everything, from classical to modern.

10) _____ ?

Many of the crosswords I ran in the 1990s wouldn't get accepted today. Standards have risen both in themes and fill.

11) _____ ?

The worst kind involves ones like AROA, a Venezuelan copper center, IMU, a Hawaiian baking pit, and CERE and PELA, kinds of Chinese wax. I try never to use them.

12) _____ ?

Well, I think they will do fine in the electronic age. They're the best and most flexible form of puzzle ever devised.

13) _____ ?

Fewer than a hundred. And as one of these, I'm a very lucky guy.

(www.politico.com)

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A) You founded the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in 1978 and you're still directing it. What keeps you involved?

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B) If print media dies, will crosswords survive?

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C) *What puzzles did you enjoy when you were growing up?*²

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E) What were your goals when you became the editor there?

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F) What are your feelings about words that appear frequently in puzzles, but not nearly as often in conversation?

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G) We've noticed a lot of tournament champions win more than once. What qualities do they share?

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H) You got a special college degree from Indiana University, isn't that right?

I) If you had to guess how many people in the world can make their living on puzzle making and editing, what number would you say?

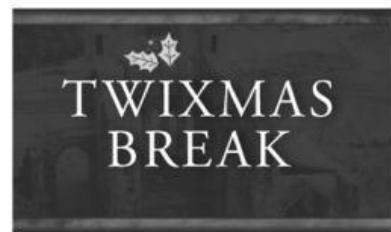
K) Do *New York Times* crosswords get harder every day of the week?

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Task 3

- In the following text about family holiday programmes, the headings with the place names have been removed.
- Your task is to match each text (14-18) to the correct place (A-H).
- There are two extra headings that you do not need.
- Write the answers in the white boxes as in the example (0).



IT'S TWIXMAS TIME: PLACES TO VISIT IN THE UK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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For the first time ever, the beautiful gardens of this majestic building will be illuminated by torches and candles to create a magical after-dark trail. There will be seasonal themes in each section, including a fire garden and a small playground for children.

14) _____

The world's largest experience of its kind is open all year round. The family attraction stands at the historic yard where the ship was built and has nine interactive galleries, as well as other exhibitions allowing a glimpse into the glamour of the first-class cabins, as well as the story of that tragic voyage.

15) _____

This charming place becomes even more so over the festive season, when its range of old living rooms receive seasonal decoration, giving an example of holiday activities in English households through the ages.

16) _____

This place is another family favourite, especially for those who love taking a walk while admiring this great outdoor exhibition by some of the leading artists of the 20th century. In winter it can be particularly picturesque: as the artworks stand out atop a white carpet of snow.

17) _____

This natural wonder is an iconic part of the region's heritage. The programme lasts about 2 hours depending on weather conditions and how fast you can progress. The visitors' centre is open daily and, of course, the great basalt columns and coastal path are open all year around.

18) _____

Now with a see-through roof, this place is an all-weather affair, without anything to ruin the beautiful views of the building while you glide along. There's also a nearby café for after-sport relaxation which serves mulled wine and mince pies.

(independent.co.uk)

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A) Celebrating Christmas past, Geffrye Museum, London

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B) Take a walk along the Giant's Causeway, Antrim, Northern Ireland

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C) *Lighting up Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire*

D) Yorkshire sculpture park, Wakefield

16)		
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E) Visit England's tallest Christmas tree, London

F) Ice skating, Winchester Cathedral

17)		
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G) Visit the Twinings tea shop and museum, London

H) Visit history's greatest ocean liner, the Titanic, Belfast

18)		
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Task 4

- **Read this text about buttons that may trick you.**
- **Some parts of the sentences have been left out from the text.**
- **Your task is to reconstruct the story by filling in the gaps (19-27) from the list (A-L) below.**
- **Write the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).**
- **Remember that there is one extra letter that you do not need.**



PRESS ME – THE BUTTONS THAT LIE TO YOU

The underground arrives at a busy station **0)** _____. It is early evening on a Thursday. There is a crowd of commuters inside and outside the train, **19)** _____. The man who is nearest to them is very impatient. He pushes the green button **20)** _____. A second later, the doors softly open. The crowds get on and off the train, **21)** _____. Possibly the traveller didn't know this, but his finger had no effect on the mechanism.

Some would call this a 'placebo button' – it **22)** _____, but it is at least psychologically satisfying to push for the user. In fact, there are many examples of buttons which do nothing and indeed other technologies **23)** _____, but here's the really surprising thing. Many people say that we benefit from the illusion that we are in control of something – **24)** _____.

In 2013, BBC journalist Tom de Castella discovered **25)** _____. A crossing in central London had programmed intervals for red and green lights, for example. Pushing the button would only change the length of these intervals between midnight and 7am. In several other cities during busy periods, the crossings were programmed **26)** _____. The buttons did nothing, but a "wait" light would still show when they were pressed and, yes, people still pressed them believing **27)** _____!

(bbc.co.uk)

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A) which says “open”

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B) even when we’re not

C) along the Central Line in London

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D) gives no control over a system

21)		
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E) to change their signals at a specific rate

F) that zebra crossings had a great many placebo buttons

22)		
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G) waiting for the doors to open

23)		
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H) which are actually designed to mislead us

I) where you may have to wait over a minute

24)		
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K) that their actions were having an effect

L) and their journeys continue

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27)		
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This is the end of this part of the exam.

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Megjegyzések:

1. Ha a vizsgázó a II. írásbeli összetevő megoldását elkezdte, akkor ez a táblázat és az aláírási rész üresen marad!
2. Ha a vizsga az I. összetevő teljesítése közben megszakad, illetve nem folytatódik a II. összetevővel, akkor ez a táblázat és az aláírási rész kitöltendő!