

### Discover the iPhone 16

Looking for a smartphone that redefines innovation? The iPhone 16 is the perfect blend (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cutting-edge technology and sleek design. With its stunning Super Retina XDR display, you'll experience vibrant colors and incredible detail. Whether you're capturing photos or streaming videos, this device offers unparalleled performance. Want to enhance your (2) \_\_\_\_\_? The iPhone 16 features the powerful A16 Bionic chip, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ lightning-fast speeds for all your tasks. Plus, with its (4) \_\_\_\_\_, you can stay connected longer without worrying about (5) \_\_\_\_\_. With the introduction of Apple Intelligence and new AI-driven audio and visual features, Apple has once again pushed the boundaries of what a smartphone can do. Many of the predictions about the iPhone 16 were right on target, and the launch has received an enthusiastic response from the public. Apple has certainly raised the bar and has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a new standard for the future of smartphones.

**Question 1.** A. of

B. by

C. in

D. on

**Question 2.** A. product

B. produce

C. productivity

D. productive

**Question 3.** A. ensured

B. is ensuring

C. ensuring

D. which ensure

**Question 4.** A. life battery improved

C. battery improved life

B. improved battery life

D. improved life battery

**Question 5.** A. to charge

B. charging

C. charge

D. to charging

**Question 6.** A. done

B. taken

C. had

D. set

### Stay safe: Understanding Scams and How to Prevent Them

#### What is a scam?

A scam is a deceptive scheme delivered through digital communications with the intent to steal money or personal information. These schemes take many forms, including online fraud, phishing emails, and fake lotteries. In (7) \_\_\_\_\_ words, scams are tricks that prey on your trust and can lead to significant financial loss.

#### Common types of scams

- Phishing: fraudulent emails or messages that appear to be from legitimate sources, tricking you into (8) \_\_\_\_\_ personal information.
- Lottery scams: notifications claiming you've won a (9) \_\_\_\_\_, requiring you to pay a fee to claim it.
- Other scams: these can include fake charities, advance-fee scams, and online auction fraud, each designed to exploit individuals in different ways.

#### Tips to prevent scams

- Verify sources: always check the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of requests for personal information.
- Root out suspicious communications: don't engage with unknown contacts and report any suspicious emails or calls to the authorities (11) \_\_\_\_\_ potential scams.
- Protect your information: use strong passwords and enable two-factor authentication on your accounts to add an extra (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of security.

**Question 7.** A. another

B. the other

C. others

D. other

**Question 8.** A. giving off

B. giving up

C. giving away

D. giving in

**Question 9.** A. prize

B. reward

C. trophy

D. bonus

**Question 10.** A. frankness

B. authenticity

C. honesty

D. reality

**Question 11.** A. on behalf of

B. on account of

C. in case of

D. regardless of

**Question 12.** A. quantity

B. amount

C. level

D. number

#### Question 13.

a. Jason: That's awesome! I wish I could have gone with you.  
b. Jason: Hi, Emma! Did you enjoy the concert last night?  
c. Emma: Hey, Jason! It was incredible! The band played all my favorite songs.

A. a-c-b

B. b-a-c

C. b-c-a

D. c-b-a

**Question 14.**

- a. David: That's interesting. So, what's driving this shift from rural to urban areas?
- b. Anna: Hi David! I heard you're visiting Vietnam for the first time. What do you think of the cities here?
- c. Anna: Well, the main factor is economic development. As Vietnam's economy has grown, especially after the economic reforms in the 1980s, industries and businesses have expanded in urban areas. This has created a demand for labor, attracting people from the countryside.
- d. Anna: You're absolutely right! Vietnam has been undergoing a major process of urbanization over the last few decades. More and more people are moving from rural areas to cities in search of better job opportunities and living standards.
- e. David: Hi Anna! Yes, I'm really impressed. I've been to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, and I've noticed a lot of construction going on. It seems like Vietnam is rapidly urbanizing.

A. d-a-b-c-a

B. b-a-c-e-d

C. b-e-d-a-c

D. e-a-b-d-c

**Question 15.**

Dear John,

- a. I've also been reading a lot about sustainable fashion lately. I've started buying clothes from eco-friendly brands and donating old clothes instead of throwing them away. It's a great way to reduce waste and support companies that care about the environment.
- b. I hope you're doing well! I wanted to share something exciting with you—I've recently started focusing on green living, and I thought you might be interested.
- c. It's amazing how small actions like using reusable bags and growing my own vegetables can have a positive impact. I thought you might like to try some of these habits too. Maybe we could even do a little gardening project together when I visit next time!
- d. I've made a few simple changes, like reducing plastic use, recycling more, and even starting to compost. I also switched to energy-efficient appliances, and I've noticed a decrease in my electricity bill. I've been using public transport to reduce my carbon footprint and avoid pollution too!
- e. Let me know what you think. I'd love to hear any eco-friendly tips you've been using!

Take care,

LK

A. a-c-b-d-e

B. b-d-c-a-e

C. c-d-a-b-e

D. e-a-d-c-b

**Question 16.**

- a. Nonetheless, the fusion of cultures has made the world a more dynamic and open place, where people can celebrate both their unique heritage and the beauty of diversity.
- b. Thanks to advancements in technology and communication, people from different countries and backgrounds can now share ideas, traditions, and experiences more easily than ever before.
- c. This cultural exchange has led to the blending of various elements such as food, fashion, music, and language, creating a rich, diverse global society.
- d. In today's interconnected world, global culture has become an important aspect of modern life.
- e. While this global culture encourages understanding and unity, it also presents challenges, such as the loss of local traditions and the risk of cultural homogenization.

A. a-b-d-c-e

B. b-c-e-d-a

C. e-c-d-b-a

D. d-b-c-e-a

**Question 17.**

- a. Firstly, the internet has democratized access to knowledge.
- b. Moreover, the internet has enabled personalized learning, where students can progress at their own pace. Online platforms provide courses in various subjects, allowing students to choose learning materials that suit their level and interests.
- c. Despite its benefits, however, the internet also poses challenges to the education system. One significant issue is the digital divide—the gap between individuals who have access to the internet and those who do not.
- d. In recent years, the Internet has profoundly influenced the educational landscape worldwide.
- e. Before the Internet era, students and educators primarily relied on textbooks and libraries for information. However, with the rise of the digital age, nearly any topic can be researched online.

f. Furthermore, the overwhelming amount of information available online can lead to issues with information overload. Students might struggle to distinguish credible sources from unreliable ones, resulting in potential misinformation.

g. In conclusion, the internet has revolutionized education by making knowledge more accessible, fostering personalized and collaborative learning, and reshaping the roles of educators. Yet, challenges like the digital divide and the need for digital literacy remain significant hurdles.

A. d-a-e-b-c-f-g      B. d-a-e-f-c-b-g      C. d-c-f-a-e-b-g      D. d-b-f-a-c-e-g

Stewart is a smart robot that helps students find the right career. It was created to give career advice to students who are about to graduate. Stewart (18) \_\_\_\_\_. This modern robot uses advanced technology and a large amount of job information to guide students toward careers that match their skills and interests.

Stewart was developed by engineers and career experts from America (19) \_\_\_\_\_. With a sleek design and friendly personality, Stewart can analyze students' strengths, school records, and personal preferences to give advice that matches student's dream and skills. (20) \_\_\_\_\_.

One of Stewart's special features is his ability to have flexible conversations and understand students' concerns. With natural language processing, Stewart (21) \_\_\_\_\_. Also, Stewart gives updated information about job trends, salaries, and internship opportunities.

Many schools and universities now use Stewart in their career counseling programs. (22) \_\_\_\_\_, making Stewart a valuable tool for students planning their careers.

**Question 18.**

- A. first appeared in U.S. schools in 2023 and received great reviews.
- B. was created to help students choose the right career after graduation.
- C. that has been helping students make career decisions since 2023.
- D. have started working in early 2023 to assist students with career planning.

**Question 19.**

- A. who combined their knowledge of education and AI to create a unique career counseling tool.
- B. of whom teamwork helped students have a new way to plan their careers.
- C. developed Stewart by combining education and technology.
- D. research and collaboration created a special career advisor robot.

**Question 20.**

- A. Stewart's main goal is to help students make good career decisions and reduce their worries.
- B. National students' main goal is to help themselves make good career decisions.
- C. The decisions of making decent career choices resulted in the creation of Stewart.
- D. Wishing to make the future life of students better, Stewart was brought to life.

**Question 21.**

- A. understands students and gives detailed answers without using AI.
- B. avoids students' feedback to adjust advice.
- C. has conversations that make students believe that she is not a real human being.
- D. uses language technology to create a natural human-like conversation.

**Question 22.**

- A. Students' appreciation for Stewart is so clear because his accuracy on advice and also his empathy.
- B. Students appreciate Stewart's mix of empathy and accurate advice
- C. The interaction and sympathy between Stewart and students are obvious
- D. The empathy and accurate advice in conversations between students and Stewart are undeniable

If you're new to running, or new to marathons, you might be worried about or even **fearful** of the distance. And these feelings are completely understandable, given the fact that more than 42 kilometres is a very long way. However, more and more people are taking on this challenge every year, and for very good reasons.

Obviously, running such a long distance requires a lot of training, and the more you train, the more your endurance will be **enhanced**. And of course, as you become more physically active, your heart and muscles will be stronger, your blood circulation will improve, and you will most likely get in shape in no time. Additionally, there are also mental and social benefits such as feeling less stressed and more energized as well as having the chance to meet and establish meaningful relationships with other people.

If you think about it, running a marathon is also a chance for personal development. Everyone has at least one fear or insecurity, and for many people, completing a marathon race can seem like an extremely daunting or even impossible task. Of course, it's true that **this** is a big challenge that requires commitment and perseverance. **That being said, every time you step outside out of your comfort zone and accomplish something new, you will grow stronger and become more confident.**

Sometimes, you can actually help many others when you run a marathon. Many runners now combine their marathon goal with the goal of helping others by participating in races that raise money for charity. Besides, running in such marathon races will most likely give you all the motivation you need to get through the exhausting 42-kilometer run. After all, it's quite difficult to quit when you know that you are giving help to people in need.

**Question 1:** According to the passage, all of the following are benefits of running a marathon EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. You will be able to improve your blood circulation and quickly get in shape.
- B. Your endurance will start to improve as you train harder and harder.
- C. Your muscles will be strengthened since you are more active.
- D. You will feel less stressed when meeting other people.

**Question 2:** The word "fearful" in paragraph 1 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. scary
- B. afraid
- C. anxious
- D. frightening

**Question 3:** The word "enhanced" in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. preserved
- B. augmented
- C. weakened
- D. disseminated

**Question 4:** The word "this" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. personal development
- B. insecurity
- C. completing a marathon
- D. challenge

**Question 5:** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Every time you leave your comfort zone and achieve something new, you will become stronger and more confident.
- B. Each time you move outside your comfort zone and accomplish something odd, you will grow more resilient and confident.
- C. Whenever you step outside your comfort zone and succeed in something different, you will feel a sense of superiority.
- D. Every time you venture beyond your comfort zone and do something unique, you will grow stronger and become less confident.

**Question 6:** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. If you want to run a marathon, you need to commit and persevere.
- B. When you complete a marathon, you will no longer have any fear.
- C. Most runners will not run marathons that do not raise money at all.
- D. You cannot complete a marathon if you do not want to help others.

**Question 7:** In which paragraph does the writer mention the physical benefits of running?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

**Question 8:** In which paragraph does the writer discuss personal growth opportunities that come from running a marathon?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

On a stormy night in 1707, four ships struck rocks off the south coast of England and sank. [I] One thousand, four hundred sailors were drowned. [II] The ships had crashed because they had no way of knowing how far they had travelled in a particular direction; they could not calculate their longitude, which required accurate time measurement. [III] In such difficult circumstances, they believed that the best response to the disaster was a competition: the Longitude Prize. [IV]

The Longitude Prize was no ordinary competition. To win it, someone had to find a way of calculating how far a ship had travelled east or west from its point of departure. Geniuses such as Sir Isaac Newton had failed to find a solution, so to **ensure the interest** of Britain's greatest scientific minds, the government offered a prize of £20,000 — the equivalent of £2.6 million in today's money. But to everyone's surprise, it wasn't a famous academic who solved the problem, but an unknown carpenter.

When John Harrison wasn't working with wood, he was making clocks. An accurate clock would allow sailors to calculate their position, but at the time it was thought impossible to create a mechanical clock that could work on a ship. The movement of the sea and the changes in temperature destroyed the delicate parts. However, after three frustrated attempts, Harrison's fourth sea clock, H4, finally **triumphed**. Its mechanics were so good that the H4 worked better than most clocks on land.

The Longitude Prize and Harrison's success generated a lot of interest in the 18th century, but it was soon forgotten. **However, in 2013, the British government created a new Longitude Prize, offering £10 million to the person who could solve a great challenge to humanity.** An enthralled public then took part in a TV programme where viewers chose one challenge from a list of six for scientists to focus on. The question now is, will someone be able to solve **it** just as well as Harrison solved the challenge presented to him?

**Question 1:** Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

**It was the most serious in a series of accidents at sea, and a stunned British government decided to act**

A. [I]      B. [II]      C. [III]      D. [IV]

**Question 2:** The phrase "**ensure the interest**" in paragraph 2 could be best replaced by \_\_\_\_.

A. guarantee the motivation      B. secure the attention  
C. maintain the involvement      D. stimulate the curiosity

**Question 3:** The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_.

A. one challenge      B. the question      C. a list      D. a TV programme

**Question 4:** According to paragraph 3, which of the following is NOT a problem that arose from using mechanical clocks on ships?

A. Temperature fluctuations damaged the clocks.  
B. The clocks were too large to carry.  
C. The movement of the ship disrupted the clocks.  
D. The clocks couldn't withstand sea conditions.

**Question 5:** Which of the following best summarises paragraph 3?

A. John Harrison's successful sea clock was a result of his perseverance and craftsmanship.  
B. Harrison's clock was an immediate success, solving all the challenges of maritime navigation.  
C. Harrison's clock was eventually successful after multiple attempts, despite initial skepticism.  
D. John Harrison's first three attempts were failures, but he later perfected the design.

**Question 6:** The word **triumphed** in paragraph 3 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. failed      B. prevailed      C. succeed      D. achieved

**Question 7:** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?

A. The original Longitude Prize was primarily won by scientists from abroad.  
B. Sir Isaac Newton solved the problem of calculating longitude with his invention.  
C. John Harrison's clock played a crucial role in winning the Longitude Prize.  
D. The Longitude Prize was awarded to multiple inventors for their inventions.

**Question 8:** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

A. The British government once again created a new competition in 2013 with a larger cash prize.  
B. The new Longitude Prize was launched in 2013 to address a pressing global challenge.  
C. A different competition was introduced to solve the same old problems in 2013.  
D. The new competition built upon the achievements of Harrison's victory in the original Longitude Prize in 2013.

**Question 9:** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. The Longitude Prize remains the most famous scientific competition in history.  
B. Technological advancements over the centuries have rendered the Longitude Prize irrelevant.  
C. The success of the original Longitude Prize has influenced modern scientific challenges.  
D. The public's response to the new Longitude Prize in 2013 was underwhelming.

**Question 10:** Which of the following best summarises the passage?

A. The Longitude Prize inspired the development of accurate sea clocks, influencing modern scientific challenges.  
B. John Harrison's invention solved a centuries-old maritime problem, paving the way for future scientific prizes.  
C. From disaster to discovery, the Longitude Prize changed the course of maritime navigation and inspired modern competitions.  
D. The Longitude Prize was an important but short-lived event that contributed little to the advancement of science.