answer

1 Verb + answer (meaning reply)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

demand	*give*	*need*
be	*receive*	*wait for*

1. Did you ..... an answer to your letter?
2. We sent a letter of complaint ages ago. Three months later we're still ..... an answer.
3. The managing director ..... an answer. He was furious and wanted to know why things had gone so badly wrong.
4. The Prime Minister promised to ..... a written answer to the MP's detailed question.
5. We ..... an answer immediately. If you can't give us one, we can't get on with the job.
6. I rang the bell several times, but there ..... no answer.



"I'm sorry, you've got the wrong answer – again!"

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

correct	*detailed*
final	*honest*
immediate	*short*

1. I don't expect an ..... answer. Think it over and let me know by the end of the week.
2. Just give me a straight and ..... answer, and stop trying to evade the question, will you?
3. Is that your ..... answer? If it is, I won't trouble you much longer.
4. The ..... answer to your question is NO!
5. They really were very helpful, taking lots of time to give us clear and ..... answers to all our questions.
6. Very often some of these questions have more than one ..... answer.

3 Verb + answer (meaning solution)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

arrive at	*come up with*	*guess*
have	*know*	*provide*

1. If I ..... the answer, I'd tell you!
2. Yes, we are aware of the problem, but unfortunately we do not ..... the answer.
3. You'll never ..... the answer in a million years! Do you want a clue?
4. We're in trouble if someone doesn't ..... the right answer soon.
5. The new accounting system will ..... the answers you need in a matter of minutes.
6. We ..... the correct answer by a process of elimination. We rejected the choices one by one until we only had one left.

4 More adjective collocations

Use the correct form of these verbs:

wrong	*simple*	*long-term*
definite	*obvious*	*only*

1. There is no ..... answer to the problems facing the economy. It's a very complex situation.
2. Food aid may provide temporary relief to the people of Eritrea, but it is not a ..... answer to the problems facing the country.
3. I think you've put the ..... answer for number 3. It should be 5.25, not 5.52.
4. We are unable to treat this condition with drugs. An operation may be the ..... answer.
5. I don't see what the problem is. If we can't hire a bus, the ..... answer is to cancel the trip.
6. It's too early to give a ..... answer. We won't be in a position to do so for a couple of days.

Notes

1. Note the following more formal phrase:
   In answer to your enquiry, we regret to say that we have no vacancies at present.
2. If someone thinks they know everything we often say that *they think they know all the answers.*
3. If a child *answers their parent back,* they are being rude.

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