

## VOCABULARY

Complete the text with the words below

acute // ascertained // far-fetched // joint // prolonged // replicate //· somewhat // alleviate ·// empirical // instinctive //· precise //· provoked ·// similar //· subjects

### CAN SWEARING EASE PAIN?

A sudden injury to a (1) .....or muscle causing (2) .....pain often makes people cry out. For many, the sound is wordless, but a common response (3) ..... by pain is the utterance of swear words. To some scientists, the hypothesis that swearing can ease pain seems (4) ..... So why, then, is it our (5) .....response to getting hurt if it doesn't help?

A British psychologist carried out an (6) .....study into the relationship between the swearing and pain tolerance. Unable to (7) .....a real situation that causes pain, such as banging a toe or a knee on a table leg, he asked the (8) .....to keep their hands in a bucketful of icy water for a (9) .....period of time, and then measured the (10) .....time they were able to do so.

Those permitted to swear repeatedly were able to keep their hands in the water longer and found the pain more bearable than those given a different word to say. The results indicate that swearing does (11) .....the pain of injury, (12) ..... While it has yet to be (13) .....exactly how swearing helps to ease pain, the urge to swear is believed to be a primitive response, (14) .....to the sudden bark given by a dog if someone steps on its tail.

Complete

1. Why is Tom.....his feet with this report? .....
2. I tried to talk Sue.....of going snow boarding. .....
3. Can I take you up on your offer for dinner? .....
4. I'll take extra water and food with us. .....
5. Are you upset that you're out of the running for principal? .....
6. We only got to the airport an hour before take-off. .....
7. You've got to.....up on your French before you go to Paris. .....
8. John said he would build a shelf for my books. .....

dragging//out//by  
//on//in//cutting//b  
ush//hold

- a. That's.....it a bit fine.
- b. .....way, but that's my problem.
- c. But I've got lots of other things to do first.
- d. What's the point? She'll go in any case.
- e. .....all means.
- f. Really? Well don't.....your breath.
- g. Yes, it's better to be.....the safe side.
- h. Don't worry. You can depend on him to get it done.

Circle the correct words.

1. Tom's speech.....a warm response from the audience
  - a. secreted
  - b. gauged
  - c. elicited
  - d. seized

2. There was one scene in the movie which.....some of my strongest childhood memories.  
a. evoked      c. induced  
b. depicted      d. exposed

3. Susan seemed quite.....as the judge passed sentence on her.  
a. complacent      c. competent  
b. vulnerable      d. tentative

4. This medication can affect the.....system, causing breathing difficulties  
a. circulatory      c. respiratory  
b. skeletal      d. digestive

5. Building a space station on the moon is within the.....of possibility  
a. realm      c. spectrum  
b. course      d. outline

6. The arrest of opposition leaders has.....a political crisis.  
a. implemented      c. precipitated  
b. exasperated      d. flexed

7. Ella has suffered from recurrent.....of fever since she contracted that virus in Africa.  
a. excerpts      c. clips  
b. phases      d. bouts

8. The wildlife documentary .....great public interest in the rhino.  
a. stimulated      c. propagated  
b. elevated      d. rehabilitated

9. Capital punishment is.....by human rights' activists.  
1. condemned      c. reprimanded  
2. ratified      d. condoned

10. Screening helps to identify children suffering from.....disorders.  
a. contagious      c. conspicuous  
b. consecutive      d. congenital

**Complete**

lends itself to // make every effort to // was deprived of // plays a cardinal role in //  
was ceded to // is entitled to // contain the disease // was bombarded with // go to a great  
deal of trouble // took its toll on

1. Dan has promised to ..... pass his exams.
2. The island ..... Spain following a short war.
3. The stress of running a company ..... Mary's health.
4. The story ..... the pages of a book more than to the big screen.
5. Extensive research ..... the development of new medicines.
6. The civil liberties group protested when the prisoner ..... his rights.
7. Whoever buys faulty goods from a store ..... a replacement.
8. Shelley will ..... to make sure the event is a success.
9. At the end of her talk, the lecturer ..... questions from the students.
10. Widespread vaccination allowed the government to.....

**Circle the correct meaning of the words in bold.**

1. The museum sells **replicas** of all the sculptures on display, (simulations / copies)

2. The government will instigate an investigation into the scandal, (venture / initiate)
3. The article is surely a tacit criticism of the new government, (overt / implicit)
4. There's a pervasive smell : disinfectant in hospitals, (perpetual / ubiquitous)
5. This volcano has been dormant for years, (inactive / stationary)
6. A security fence was erected around the perimeter of the camp, (facade / outside edge)
7. I tried to assemble the shelf myself, but I failed, (install / build)
8. The store offers a vast array of goods, (variety / constellation)
9. She is an indispensable part of the research team, (integral / unimportant)
10. In the preliminary stage of the project, we worked as a team, (tangible / initial)

**Circle the correct words.**

1. In the online game *Pet Society*, the virtual pets can be inflated / dilated / endowed with various characteristics.
2. As the flood waters receded / deflected / waned, people began to return to their homes.
3. I've been asked to compile / converge / correlate all the statistics into one cohesive report.
4. Dr. Green is a very elevated / eminent / pertinent surgeon in this hospital.
5. I spend an inordinate / composite / infallible amount of time preparing dinner.
6. Not everyone in the group was pleased when Chris aspired / accumulated / assumed the role of leader.
7. We try to embrace / anticipate / instigate all the problems likely to arise.
8. CD players rendered cassette recorders obsolete / rudimentary / incompatible.
9. Don't say anything at the interview that might disrupt / undermine / diffuse your chances of being hired.
10. A child has gone missing somewhere here in this vicinity / circuit / trajectory.

**Complete the sentences below with the following words.**

the · few · any · much · many · a · either · plenty · few and far between · at length

1. There are.....of good reasons to keep fit.
2. Only a very fortunate.....will be offered admission to this university.
3. A great.....people are drawn to the resort because of its excellent ski runs.
4. I couldn't lend her my tools because I no longer have.....
5. Seats on two flights are available.....of which would suit me.
6. The students are collecting clothes to give to.....poor.
7. You could prepare the chicken in.....the same way as you prepared the beef yesterday.
8. What.....disaster that concert was!
9. John discussed the problem.....with his son.
10. Good sports facilities are.....in this region.

**Circle the correct answer**

1. It is preferable that unhealthy snacks not advertise / not be advertised on TV.
2. I recommend that she didn't leave / not leave the hospital for a week
3. Harry was advised he have / to have a full medical check-up before taking up jogging.
4. The order that the prisoner release / be released immediately was carried out

5. Did you notice how anxious Dan was that the meeting not take / not be taken place?
6. It has been suggested that the club membership fee is raised / be raised
7. The recommendation was that residents pay / paid for the apartment building to be rented.
8. Is it really important that the plants watered / be watered on a daily basis?
9. The manager demanded that no employees make / be made personal phone call at work
10. My mother insists that my baby daughter is not named / not be named after her.

**Circle the correct answers.**

1. The chief of police says.....being made to track down the art thief.
  - a. all the efforts are c. much effort is
  - b. every effort is d. many efforts are
2. Experts agree .....that carbon emissions are cut.
  - a. it's necessary c. the necessary is
  - b. there's necessity d. it's needed
3. "Will you ever get around to fixing that leak?" "Sure, ....."  
 a. on the day c. one of these days  
 b. these days d. on one day
4. The coach's request.....half an hour before the game seems logical.  
 a. for the players arriving c. that the players arrive  
 b. the players will arrive d. what the players arrive
5. Sarah would rather spend.....in Rome rather than visit Florence too.  
 a. w hole of the week c. all of week  
 b. the whole of week d. the entire week
6. Why did the principal insist that the exam.....?  
 a. postponed c. had postponed  
 b. be postponed d. should have postponed
7. "Which dictionary should I use?" ".....dictionary will do."  
 a. Either c. One  
 b. Each d. Any
8. "Do you want to see a movie tonight?" "Perhaps.....time."  
 a. the other c. one another  
 b. other d. some other
9. Email is.....communication that **1** use frequently.  
 a. mode of c. a mode of  
 b. one mode of the d. the mode of the
10. "I'm in favor of the new anti-smoking law." "I imagine.....people are."  
 a. most c. most of  
 b. the most d. the most of

**Circle the correct answer**

1. The researcher was interested to see how the chimpanzees interacted with / between / among each other
2. We arrived at the stadium in / on / at time for the kick-off.
3. Computers make it easier for military aircraft to zero around / down / in on their targets.

4. **By / On / With** arrival at the station, I checked the departure times
5. I doubt the apartment has central heating; **at / on / to** any rate, it seemed extremely cold in there.
6. You'd think Ann would show some gratitude to me **with / for / about** all my help
7. What exactly is her objection **to / about / with** vaccinating her daughter?
8. Lost in the jungle, the explorer managed to stave **out / off / from** his hunger by eating fruit
9. We were surprised at the extent **to / in / of** which the house had been damaged by flood
10. The details of the intricate pattern didn't show **off / out / up** well on the photograph

**Complete the sentences below with the following words.**

**ever since · beyond · during · within · as yet · at the moment**

1. The new regulations will have been fully implemented.....the next few weeks
2. .....their arrival in this country, the immigrants have been searching for work.
3. Although the police have gathered a great deal of evidence, no arrests have been made .....
4. I will be at the company for another six months; .....that, I cannot say for sure.
5. Can I call you back because I'm tied up.....

**Circle the correct answers.**

1. There has been a major.....in his work recently.
  - a. improved
  - b. improving
  - c. improve
  - d. improvement
2. The children's .....ice cream was hardly surprising.
  - a. preferred with
  - b. preferring of
  - c. preference for
  - d. all prefer to
3. Perhaps the best time to exercise would be.....the day.
  - a. early in
  - b. early
  - c. until early
  - d. early during
4. "Could you give me a ride to the store?" "Sorry, but I'm not heading .....town."
  - a. at
  - b. near
  - c. past
  - d. towards
5. If things don't improve, we'll all be.....losing our jobs.
  - a. danger of
  - b. with danger to
  - c. at danger
  - d. in danger of
6. Matthew is in good shape.....the others on his team.
  - a. opposing from
  - b. in opposition to
  - c. opposed by
  - d. as opposed to
7. Do I need a prescription for this medication?" "No. You can buy it.....the counter."
  - a. across
  - b. over
  - c. by
  - d. before
8. Sue devotes so much time..... her business, it's no wonder it's thriving.
  - a. in
  - b. for
  - c. to
  - d. at

9. "Did you enjoy the course?" "Not much....., but then it became more interesting."

- a. in a while
- b. so far
- c. at the beginning
- d. beforehand

10. "Will you make a toast before your speech?" "No. I'm saving that..... "

- a. for last
- b. the last
- c. to last
- d. as the last