Use of English 2 (Paper 1 Part 1)

Lead-in

1 Read the title of the article in Exercise 2b and look at the photo. Have you heard of Groundhog Day?

Multiple-choice cloze

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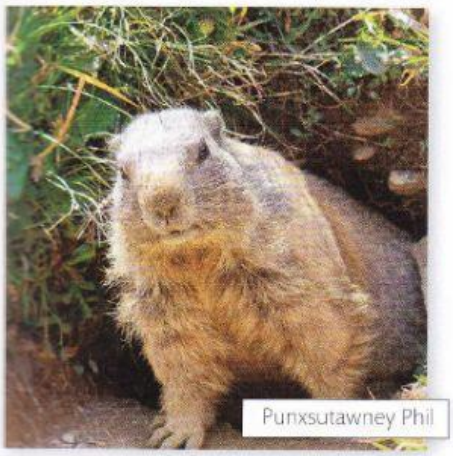
Punxsutawney Phil

2a Read the title and text quickly and answer the questions. Ignore the gaps at this stage.
1 What happens on Groundhog Day?
2 Why has it become better known in recent years?

b Do the task. Use the Help notes for support with certain items.

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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Groundhog Day

According to a popular US tradition, the groundhog, a small furry animal, (0) *B* of its winter sleep on 2 February. If the sky is clear, he sees his shadow. This means there are going to be six more weeks of (1) ___ weather and he returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and he can't see his shadow, it means there will be an (2) ___ spring and he stays above ground. Each year reporters (3) ___ in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, at dawn and a large (4) ___ of cameras are focused on the burrow of a groundhog called Punxsutawney Phil.

In 1993, the Hollywood film *Groundhog Day* (5) ___ Phil into a major celebrity and the following February, over 30,000 people (6) ___ in Punxsutawney. Unfortunately, (7) ___ the large crowds were hoping for a prediction of good weather, Phil saw his shadow and returned to his hole, so everyone knew that winter was going to (8) ___ for a few more weeks.

0	A gets out	B comes out	C gets up	D comes up
1	A own	B severe	C ill	D rude
2	A advanced	B ahead	C early	D immature
3	A gather	B group	C crowd	D combine
4	A quantity	B number	C total	D sum
5	A got	B became	C took	D turned
6	A turned up	B called off	C came on	D looked over
7	A despite	B although	C still	D otherwise
8	A exist	B rest	C last	D hold

➤ HELP

1 Only one of these adjectives can combine with *weather* to mean 'bad'.

4 Remember that *camera* is a countable noun.

Task analysis

3a Which questions in the task test:
1 phrasal verbs?
2 linking words?

b Which adjective + noun collocations in the text link to either weather or the seasons? Make a note of the words you want to remember in your vocabulary notebook.