

Task 1

- In this article about a very valuable violin some paragraphs have been left out.
- Your task is to reconstruct the text by filling in the gaps (1-6).
- Write the appropriate letters (A-I) in the white boxes next to the appropriate numbers as in the example (0).
- There are **five extra letters**.



MUSICIAN STEPHEN MORRIS REUNITED WITH £250,000 TECCHLER VIOLIN

A 310-year-old violin worth £250,000 that was left on a train in south London has been returned to its owner.

- 0) _____
- 1) _____
- British Transport Police (BTP) later released a CCTV image of a man believed to have taken the violin as the train approached Bromley South and asked him to get in touch, generating calls on social media for its return.
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Calling himself "Gene", which was not his real name, the man agreed to meet Mr Morris on Friday evening at a Waitrose car park near Beckenham train station.

- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- "He was very apologetic, he said he wanted to hand it to me in person. The violin and bows were intact and in tune. It couldn't have ended in a happier way," Mr Morris said. On Saturday BTP issued a statement concerning the incident.
- 6) _____

- A) Tired after a long day recording at Abbey Road studios Mr Morris, who has played on film scores including *The Lord of the Rings* and *James Bond*, was distressed.
- B) "I feel a bit battered and bruised," he said. "I haven't had a great deal of sleep since it went missing".
- C) The violin, which was made by master-craftsman David Tecchler in 1700, was left on the London to Brighton train on 22 October when Stephen Morris, a professional musician, got out at Penge East with his wife.
- D) Shortly after 22:10, the police team watched as "Gene", in his mid to late 20s, approached Mr Morris, shook his hand and transferred a boxball containing the violin.
- E) "I knew from experience that we were not dealing with a hardened criminal," the officer said. "The man was desperate to get it back, but needed to be convinced that he would not be arrested."
- F) Over the next 24 hours further contact was made with the person who had sent the message - it's suspected that he was in fact the individual who had taken the violin.
- G) It said they would be taking no further action against the man because he had taken reasonable steps to contact the violin owner and had handed it back.
- H) The breakthrough came on Thursday when Mr Morris received a direct Twitter message, which read: "I recognise the person in the picture. I think it may be somebody I know - I'd like to be of help. I know what it's like to have valuables on a train."
- I) It is an operation co-ordinated by the musician's friend and former police officer, Mike Panfili, a team of plain-clothes officers were placed on stand-by to ease the handover next evening.

Task 2

- In this article about a tiny Canadian island some parts of sentences have been left out.
- Your task is to complete the text by filling in the gaps (1-10).
- Write the appropriate letters (A-N) in the white boxes next to the appropriate numbers as in the example (0).
- There are **three extra letters** than you need.



LAST TWO RESIDENTS STAND FIRM AS ISLAND IS ABANDONED

Little Bay Island is the kind of place where you can still get no holiday for three weeks and return to an undisturbed home. The owners of the only shop (1) _____ and, in their absence, leave a cottage with rent and washed bills on the counter. Residents buy what they need and (2) _____.

The tiny island community is Canada's northernmost province, Newfoundland and Labrador, is home to 54 permanent residents, and more in the summertime. But on 31 December, electricity and water will (3) _____ and the ferry service discontinued. Little Bay Islands has agreed to resettle on the mainland as part of the province's community relocation policy, which offers government compensation to people who (4) _____.

Two-thirds of Canada's 37.5 million inhabitants live within 100km of the country's southern border with the US, a strip of land that contains just 4% of Canada's territory. Human access in the rest of the country has long struggled to (5) _____ such as healthcare, utilities and the internet.

Newfoundland and Labrador faces an acute struggle: a rapidly ageing population spread over a vast area. Decline began in 1962 with a ban on fishing out to (6) _____, putting people out of work. The school shut down in 2018 after two consecutive years with no pupils. The decision to (7) _____, but takes time. As part of that process, the province compared the cost of service delivery to paying each household between C\$350,000 and C\$750,000 to leave. It estimated households could (8) _____.

Residents have been slowly filing out since May (9) _____, but for others this may be goodbye. By New Year's Day, Mike and Georgina Thomas will be the only permanent residents of Little Bay Islands. Watching his parents and neighbours pack up and leave was tough, said Panfili. "The sign of the fact that they have voted to leave, I know that and actually do it, to pack up their things and leave, is just heartbreaking."

- A) leave remote areas
- B) apply for a better job
- C) share your shore undisturbed
- D) resettle Little Bay Island's population
- E) manage declining stocks
- F) install solar panels
- G) keep regular hours
- H) save C\$20 million
- I) intend to return in summer
- K) ask some hard questions
- L) take their own charge
- M) be turned off
- N) access services

Task 3

- Read this article about book covers and then read the statements (16-22) following it.
- Mark a sentence **A** if it is true according to the article.
- Mark **B** if it is false.
- Mark **C** if there isn't enough information in the text.
- Write the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).



WHAT MAKES AN ICING BOOK COVER?

A great book might stay with us for a long time but, often, its cover does, too. There's a famous saying about never leaving the front of a book by the jacket on. But most readers know that we do judge books by their covers all the time. Everything about a book's cover - the title, the images, the colours - tells us something about what we're about to find inside. A reader looking for some thrilling detective story is unlikely to reach for a pastel-coloured cover with a romantic design.

Covers can be a swift way to signal genre, but the good ones do more than that. They give a hint to a book's personality. They want to make you pick it up in the first place, then keep it so you shall be turned over when it's next to you. "When you're reading a book, it stays with you for a while. Usually," says Doris Payne, creative director at Faber & Faber.

The resurgence of ebooks posed a threat to physical books a decade or so ago. But publishers fought back, making books that were more beautiful to look at and to hold than ever before. From art books, colour was brighter. Although this, people increasingly started seeing covers of books on social media, books themselves on Instagram and YouTube that more than 61 million images of books - next to cups of coffee, lying on crumpled covers, or perched on the edge of an armchair.

All this means cover design is more important than ever. "I think people are really responding to it now again," says Payne. But what makes a great cover? "For me, it's one that gives me a mission of some sort. It might be that one everyone knows the cover. Or it might be that everyone is talking about it. But what we don't ever want to do is produce covers that are bland."

Payne says creating a cover that is true to the book is just as important as creating something memorable. "You can make an incredibly beautiful cover that kids people to believe it's a certain type of book, and if the reading experience is quite different from that, they feel they're not getting what they've paid for. You've got to be finding the right readers for that book."

- 0 Book covers are playing an increasingly important role in the literary business.
- 16) The majority of readers do not have expectations about a book's content based on its cover.
- 17) More detective stories are sold yearly than romantic novels.
- 18) A book cover draws attention to a book so that readers want to read it.
- 19) Ebooks made publishers rethink their attitude to book covers.
- 20) People post pictures of books on Instagram because they want to boast about how rich their book collection is.
- 21) Designers' main goal is to create book covers that readers admire.
- 22) If the cover of a book does not reflect its content, readers are disappointed.

Task 4

- Read this article about a new law in Germany and then read the half sentences (23-28) following it.
- Your task is to match the half sentences based on the information in the text.
- Write the letters (A-K) in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).
- There are **three extra letters** that you will not need.



NEW DOG WALKING RULE IN GERMANY CAUSES CONFUSION

A new rule forcing Germans to take their dog for a walk twice a day has triggered a debate on whether the state can decide what is best for the country's 4.4 million pet owners.

Agriculture Minister Julia Klöckner announced this week she had taken expert advice and was introducing a law to ensure dogs go for a walk or run in the garden at least twice a day for a total of an hour. "This is not really dogs - they also have their own needs, which need to be taken into account," she explained, adding that pets must get sufficient exercise and not be left alone for too long.

The rule is based on new scientific findings that dogs need a "sufficient measure of activity and contact with environmental stimuli", especially in the form of spending time in green areas and out of the city. Trying to do so, either at a local dog park or dog house, also has an all-out ban.

While almost one in five German homes owning a breed, the new *Animal Welfare Regulations*, which came into force in the interpretation of them will be in force, reflects a significant proportion of the population.

"Compendy Welfare for Dog Owners' Rules" wrote one of the top-selling German newspapers in a heated opinion piece on the new decree. Its author, Udo Karpinski, the spokesman for the National German Dog Association, and most owners were laughing at the new rule because they already spent enough time walking their four-legged friend. "The rule for all dogs is probably well meant but unrealistic," he said. Dog trainer Aika Schögel seems to agree with the critics and says that even dog-walkers who appear in the media, again and over and over, are not the norm.

"For a young and fit Labrador two hours of walks are healthier than for a sickly Pekingese with heart problems," she said in an interview. Germany's most popular breeds are the German Shepherd and short-haired, long-bodied Doberman, known as "working dogs", followed by Labradors and French spitz.

Then, there is the question of enforcement. The ministry has used the regional governments with responsibility for enforcing the rule, but no dog owner, Lisa, said "I find it puzzling to be told how long I should take my dog out for. Realistic?"

- 0 Many people don't understand the reason.
- A) that it's not good for dogs to be kept in urban areas all the time.
- 23) There are some people who doubt.
- B) that the same regulation cannot possibly work well for all dogs.
- 24) The Agriculture Minister suggests.
- C) why the new dog-walking rule must be introduced.
- 25) Recent research shows.
- D) that he was personally involved in drafting the new regulation.
- 26) Ms. Karpinski's first reaction to the new law.
- E) that farm animals need less exercise in hot weather.
- 27) Ms. Karpinski and Mr. Schögel agree.
- F) that he finds it quite ridiculous.
- 28) At least one dog owner is offended by the idea.
- G) that the new law means her like a child.
- H) that dogs become too lazy if they don't exercise.
- I) that it's up to the government to make such a decision.
- K) that people don't always consider what their four-legged friends want.