

The History of the T-Shirt

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the T-Shirt quickly became an American favourite. Now, a century later, the T-Shirt (39) _____ as popular as ever.

The American T-Shirt began (40) _____ WWI when American armed forces noticed European soldiers wearing a lightweight cotton undershirt on the hot European summer days. Compared to the wool uniforms that the American soldiers wore, these undershirts were cooler and more comfortable and they quickly caught on with the Americans. Due to their simple (41) _____, these shirts became known in the USA as “T-Shirts”.

In the 60s people began to tie dye and screenprint the basic cotton T-Shirt making it an even bigger commercial (42) _____. Advances in printing and dying allowed more variety and the Tank Top, Muscle Shirt, Scoop Neck, V-Neck, and many other variations of the T-Shirt (43) _____ into fashion.

39	A	remains	B	goes	C	continues	D	leaves
40	A	at	B	on	C	during	D	for
41	A	colour	B	design	C	fashion	D	print
42	A	success	B	profit	C	income	D	progress
43	A	went	B	came	C	moved	D	entered

Bach, Beatles and ...Maths?

From the rich complexity of the Bach fugues to the catchy songs of the Beatles, music and mathematics overlap in all kinds of interesting (44) _____.

Would you believe that research has shown that certain (45) _____ of music end up being more popular and mainstream (46) _____ their “mathematical” structure?

The link between the physical practice of music and strong mathematical (47) _____ are demonstrated in various studies. They show that kids who play a musical instrument can (48) _____ more complex arithmetical operations than those who do not play an instrument.

44	A	means	B	items	C	ways	D	methods
45	A	notes	B	pieces	C	details	D	tones
46	A	except for	B	along with	C	due to	D	apart from
47	A	abilities	B	opportunities	C	properties	D	features
48	A	count	B	enumerate	C	achieve	D	perform

This Smartphone Case Doubles as an Espresso Machine

Mokase is the world’s first smartphone case that also (49) _____ users a warm shot of espresso whenever they want. It’s aimed at people who are always on the go, whose lifestyle prevents (50) _____ from stopping by a coffee shop for a dose of caffeine. *Smart K*, the Italian company that came up with the concept for *Mokase*, claims that they were looking for a way to make coffee available (51) _____. Pairing an Espresso Machine with a smartphone just (52) _____ sense. “We thought, “how to make it always available? Why not (53) _____ it to a gadget that is already a piece of our lifetime?” The smartphone is the answer,” *Smart K* stated in a press release.

49	A	serve	B	is served	C	serves	D	are serving
50	A	themselves	B	their	C	them	D	theirs
51	A	nowhere	B	anywhere	C	somewhere	D	elsewhere
52	A	had made	B	make	C	made	D	making
53	A	join	B	to join	C	joined	D	joins

The Cabbies are Smarter than Google Maps

London has the most informed cab drivers in the world – and they’ve got the diplomas to prove it. To become a certified taxi operator in London, a driver must first pass “the Knowledge,” an extraordinarily difficult exam that (54) _____ detailed recall of 25,000 streets and locations within a (55) _____ radius of London’s Charing Cross railway station. Plus, they have to be fluent in English. Most drivers take three years (56) _____ the Knowledge, and many practice (57) _____ tracing the routes on a bicycle. Drivers must know their directions backwards and forwards, which is a (58) _____ task in the maze of London’s one-way streets and blocked-off pedestrian zones.

54	A	involved	B	involves	C	involving	D	to involve
55	A	six-mile	B	six-mile’s	C	six-miles’	D	six-miles
56	A	have mastered	B	be mastering	C	to master	D	master
57	A	over	B	for	C	with	D	by
58	A	complicating	B	complicated	C	complicate	D	complication