

1 Match the definitions (1-8) to the idioms (A-H).

- 1 to be unaware of the time *D*
- 2 to be annoying *G*
- 3 to think about something for a short time *M*
- 4 to make someone feel surprise and admiration *O*
- 5 to be good at noticing a particular thing *I*
- 6 to make you feel very sad *F*
- 7 to be very easy *P*
- 8 to make people feel more relaxed *P*

- A a piece of cake
B break someone's heart
C be a pain
D lose track of time
E have an eye for something
F break the ice
G take someone's breath away
H cross someone's mind

2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 On the first day of class we played a game with our teacher to *lose track of time* / *break the ice*.
- 2 This view of the ocean is so beautiful it *takes my breath away* / *breaks my heart*.
- 3 That exam *was a pain* / *was a piece of cake*, I should get 100%.
- 4 I'm sorry I'm late, I was reading a great book and I *lost track of time* / *had an eye for it*.
- 5 I cried at the end of the film, it *broke the ice* / *broke my heart* when the man left.
- 6 Did it *cross your mind* / *take your breath away* that they might be busy tonight?
- 7 My younger brother can *be a pain* / *be a piece of cake* sometimes but he's funny, too.
- 8 You *cross your mind* / *have an eye for* what clothes look good together, are you interested in fashion?

3 Complete the puzzle to find the mystery word.

- 1 a situation in which you have the chance to do something
- 2 the act of travelling from one place to another, usually in a vehicle
- 3 to give an answer when you do not have all the facts
- 4 a method or way of doing something
- 5 to watch someone or something closely
- 6 to hurt a person, animal or part of your body
- 7 humorous, causing laughter
- 8 Mystery word: *possibility*



4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

damage fun *guess* harm know
opportunity possibility way

- 1 I'm not sure how tall I am, but I *guess* I'm around 1.65m.
- 2 The hurricane caused a lot of *damage* on the island and many homes were totally destroyed.
- 3 We had a lot of *fun* at the park.
- 4 It's only snow, it won't *harm* your clothes, just dry them later.
- 5 Do you *know* how much paint we need to cover the whole wall?
- 6 There must be a *way* to solve this equation.
- 7 This internship is a great *opportunity* to gain some office experience.
- 8 There's a *possibility* that dad might get a job in the US, but he doesn't know for sure yet.

5 Choose the correct options.

- A: Did you complete the application form?
B: Yes, it was a *piece of cake* / *pain*. It just required a few personal details.
A: Good. I think it would be a great *opportunity* / *possibility* for you and you'd get some valuable experience.
B: I *guess* / *know* so. I'm just not sure if I want to work in advertising.
A: Well, it's only a *short-term* / *grown-up* summer position, but it might help you decide. You *cross your mind* / *have an eye for* detail and a way with words, so you're an ideal candidate.
B: We'll see. I'll certainly *have a go at it* / *look bright* if I get offered the job. I just wish it wasn't so *badly paid* / *rewarding*. I really need to save up for college.
A: Perhaps there's a *journey* / *way* you can make more money; evening work in a café or bar, for example.
B: Maybe.