

B2 USE OF ENGLISH WARM UP:

1 Take my advice and don't eat so much meat.

IF

I'd eat you.

2 The solar panels on this house are better than those over there.

GOOD

Those solar panels over there the ones on this house.

3 It's just as well they took a map or they would be completely lost by now.

TAKEN

They would be completely lost by now a map.

4 Going by car is not nearly as pleasant as walking.

MUCH

Walking is going by car.

5 Recycling can help to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

IN

Recycling can play the amount of waste we produce.

6 We would not have survived the terrible storm without their assistance.

THEY

We would not have survived the terrible storm us.

Example: 0 A plain B blank C bare D vacant

Losing my link with the Internet

Last Friday afternoon, my computer screen suddenly went (0) **B**. My first thought was that the computer had (1) _____.

But when I checked other (2) _____, such as word processing and the music player, I realised that it was just the web page which had stopped working, so I tried to (3) _____ to the Internet again. This time the only thing on the screen was a message saying 'the Internet browser cannot (4) _____ the web page'. I wondered whether my computer had become a victim of one of those (5) _____ you can get online so I used my anti-virus software to check the (6) _____ drive, but everything seemed normal.

Finally, I decided to call the computer shop helpline. The line was (7) _____ for ages, but when at last I managed to speak to someone they suggested I should restart my PC. I did so, and within seconds was able to (8) _____ the Internet again. If only I had thought of that earlier!

1 A cracked	B tripped	C collapsed	D crashed
2 A variations	B applications	C publications	D communications
3 A key in	B log on	C plug into	D load up
4 A present	B offer	C display	D provide
5 A bugs	B diseases	C stains	D faults
6 A firm	B solid	C hard	D fixed
7 A occupied	B committed	C employed	D engaged
8 A board	B access	C join	D enter

The newspaper front page

What goes on the front page? That's the question which (0) ask themselves every EDIT night before their newspapers are printed. They may have a (1) of important stories CHOOSE to lead with, and they can end up putting off a final (2) until the very last moment. DECIDE

The answer may seem obvious: the most significant news event of the day. But with such wide (3) in the political, economic VARY and social priorities of the national papers, there is rarely (4) among their editors AGREE about what that event actually is.

A (5) also needs to be drawn DISTINGUISH between the so-called serious papers and the tabloids, which have a (6) for PREFER stories involving celebrities and scandal. The aim of the front page of a tabloid is to attract the reader's (7), often by using very ATTEND large pictures accompanied by headlines that are much greater in (8) than those in a HIGH serious paper.