

# Task 1

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Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to 1-5. There are 3 choices you don't need to use.



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- an exhibition;
  - a competition;
  - a leisure center;
  - a sale;
  - a travel destination;
  - a conference;
  - a model agency;
  - a lottery.

## Task 2

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# Lost in the Limelight

Read the text below. For questions (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

In the grand Hollywood history, few figures shine as brightly as Marilyn Monroe. Born Norma Jeane Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles, California, Monroe emerged from humble beginnings to conquer the world stage. Raised in foster homes and orphanages, her early life was full of instability and hardship. Despite this, her childhood

was marked not just by adversity but also by a remarkable resilience. She displayed a natural talent for performing from a young age, participating in multiple school plays and dreaming of a life beyond the confines of her troubled youth.

Monroe's ascent to stardom was meteoric. With her platinum blonde locks, hourglass figure, and seductive gaze, she embodied the epitome of Hollywood glamour. Her on-screen presence was magnetic, effortlessly commanding the attention of audiences around the globe. Marilyn's repertoire and talent extended far beyond her iconic looks; her performances in classics like "The Seven Year Itch" and "Some Like It Hot" showcased her comedic timing and versatility as an actress. These roles solidified her status as a Hollywood icon and earned her critical acclaim, proving that she was much more than just a pretty face in a world of glitz and glamour.


Yet, beyond that, Monroe grappled with personal demons. Struggling with insecurities, tumultuous relationships, and the pressures of fame, she had the spotlight but yearned for something deeper—a sense of belonging and acceptance that seemed perpetually out of reach. Despite her glamorous image, Monroe fought inner battles throughout her life, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. She sought solace in prescription medication and struggled with addiction, leading to erratic behavior and periods of instability. Revealing the extent of Monroe's mental health struggles and addiction issues challenged the romanticized perception of her life and career. Her vulnerabilities humanized her and made her all the more relatable to her fans.


Monroe's personal life was marked by a series of relationships, including marriages to baseball legend Joe DiMaggio and playwright Arthur Miller. Despite her efforts to find piece in the arms of others, she remained haunted by a sense of emptiness—a void that no amount of fame or fortune could fill. Adding to the intrigue of her personal life, Monroe's alleged relationship with President John F. Kennedy has been the subject of much speculation and gossip over the years, hinting at a hidden side of her life that was far more complex than her public persona.


Let's talk about the lesser-known side of Marilyn. She was not only a talented actress but also a savvy businesswoman. In the 1950s, she founded Marilyn Monroe Productions, becoming one of the few women in Hollywood to have her own production company. Monroe's production company was a groundbreaking venture that gave her unprecedented creative control over her career. She used her platform to champion projects that she believed in and to promote diversity and representation in the industry, paving the way for future generations of female filmmakers. Monroe's experiences in the male-dominated film industry were often fraught with exploitation and misogyny. She faced constant pressure to conform to rigid beauty standards and was subjected to objectification and harassment by powerful men in the industry.

Marilyn's intellectual pursuits led her to form unexpected friendships, including one with renowned physicist Albert Einstein. Legend has it that Monroe attended a party where Einstein was also a guest. Upon meeting her, Einstein reportedly asked Monroe for her autograph, stating that it would be worth more than his own someday.



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Despite her own struggles, Monroe was known for her generosity and compassion towards others. She frequently visited sick children in hospitals, supported charitable causes, and used her platform to raise awareness about important social issues. Tragically, Monroe's life was cut short at the tender age of 36, leaving behind a legacy that continues to fascinate and inspire. Marilyn Monroe remains an enigma—a symbol of beauty, vulnerability, and resilience. Marilyn's tragic death in 1962 has been the subject of intense speculation and conspiracy theories. While the official cause of death was ruled as taking her own life due to an overdose of sedative medication, some theorists believe she was murdered as part of a larger cover-up involving powerful individuals.  English\_\_on\_the\_go

As we reflect on her life and legacy, may we continue to celebrate Monroe not only as an icon but as a woman whose brilliance continues to illuminate the world long after her final curtain call.


6. It can be implied from the text, that Marylin Monroe...

- a) *did not have any parental figures in her life;*
- b) *had no formal education;*
- c) *had a challenging upbringing;*
- d) *grew up in a stable family environment.*

7. What is **not** true, according to the text?

- a) *Marilyn's rise to fame was very quick.*
- b) *Her success was solely attributed to her appearance.*
- c) *Monroe was able to portray a wide range of characters.*
- d) *Marilyn Monroe's fame extended beyond a local area.*

8. It is stated in the text, that ...

- a) *Fans turned on Marylin after learning about her issues.*  English\_\_on\_the\_go
- b) *Marilyn Monroe remained single for her whole life.*
- c) *Her popularity and wealth were her priorities.*
- d) *Monroe's addiction resulted in unpredictable actions.*

9. What was the significance of Marilyn Monroe Productions in the 1950s?

- a) *It was a revolutionary step.*
- b) *It was a partnership with male filmmakers.*
- c) *It was a platform to showcase her beauty standards.*
- d) *It was a way for her to avoid diversity.*

10. What was the official cause of Marilyn Monroe's death according to the text?

- a) *She was killed.*
- b) *She died of natural causes.*
- c) *She took too much medication.*
- d) *It is unclear.*



**Explore the mental health struggles faced by celebrities and public figures, using Marilyn Monroe as a case study, to understand the complexities of fame and its impact on well-being.**



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## Task 3

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# Minds and Beliefs

Read the texts below. Match choices (A – H) to (11 – 16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Read on and learn about the fascinating world of flowers.

### 11\_\_ Finding a Four-Leaf Clover:

In various cultures, discovering a four-leaf clover is considered a rare and fortunate occurrence. The traditional three-leaf shamrock is a symbol of Ireland and luck, but



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finding a clover with four leaves is believed to bring even greater luck. Each leaf is thought to represent something special: hope, faith, love, and luck. Those who come across this elusive botanical gem are often encouraged to keep it as a token of luck and prosperity. Similarly, in Ukraine, discovering a lilac flower with five petals carries a superstition. It is thought that consuming the five-petaled lilac flower brings about an infusion of luck and positive energy.

### 12\_\_ Breaking a Mirror:

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The superstition associated with breaking a mirror has deep roots. It is believed that mirrors not only reflect one's physical appearance but also capture a piece of the soul.



So shattering a mirror is thought to bring 7 years of bad luck, as it symbolically damages the soul and attracts misfortune. In ancient Roman times, mirrors were not only symbols of vanity but also tied to health. There was a belief that a person's well-being could be reflected in the mirror. Romans thought that if someone fell ill, their mirror image would appear distorted or changed, serving as an early form of a health indicator.

### 13\_\_ Catching a Bride's Bouquet:

A popular tradition at weddings involves the tossing of the bride's bouquet to a group of single women. The one who catches the bouquet is believed to be the next in line to get married.



This superstition is rooted in the idea that the bride's happiness will transfer to the catcher, leading her towards matrimony. Excitingly, this tradition has an unexpected origin. In medieval times, it was believed that obtaining a piece of the bride's attire, like her bouquet, brought good luck. Single women would sometimes go as far as trying to rip off a piece of the bride's dress. To maintain a gown intact, brides began tossing their bouquets to distract the eager crowd, turning a potentially chaotic situation into the lighthearted and charming tradition we know today.

### 14\_\_ Itchy Palms:

The superstition of itchy palms is associated with financial matters. In folklore, having an itchy right palm is believed to signal that



money is on its way to the individual, while an itchy left palm suggests money might be leaving. Many people interpret these sensations as signs of impending financial changes, leading them to eagerly anticipate money or take precautions to avoid potential losses. Interestingly, in certain African cultures, the superstition of itchy palms extends to social interactions. Beyond financial implications, an itchy right palm is thought to signify that you will soon shake hands with someone influential or important.

## 15\_\_ Knocking on Wood:

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The tradition of knocking on wood is another superstition aimed at averting bad luck or jinxing a positive situation. The origin is uncertain, but it is often



associated with pagan beliefs that spirits or gods resided in trees. Knocking on wood was thought to summon these benevolent spirits for protection. Today, people often knock on wood after making a positive statement to prevent tempting fate. The practice has become a way of seeking continued good luck and warding off potential misfortune. By the way, the tradition of knocking on wood has unexpected global variations. Sometimes instead of knocking on wood, people often simulate spitting over their left shoulder three times. This act is believed to ward off any potential evil.

## 16\_\_ Wishing Upon a Shooting Star:

Wishing upon a shooting star is a delightful superstition rooted in the belief that seeing a shooting star provides an opportunity to make a



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wish. The tradition spans various cultures, and people often associate these celestial events with magical moments. Making a wish during a shooting star is a simple yet hopeful act, symbolizing the pursuit of dreams and the optimism that the universe might conspire to fulfill those desires. Excitingly, shooting stars, or meteors, are often no larger than a grain of sand but can produce a brilliant and captivating streak of light as they burn up in Earth's atmosphere. The dazzling display we witness is a result of the intense heat generated during this rapid entry, creating a momentary spectacle that has inspired wishes and awe throughout human history.

### Which superstition:

- A *has a longstanding historical background?*
- B *is believed to aid in making your dreams come true?*
- C *is supposed to bring good fortune your way?*
- D *is believed to influence one's marital status?*
- E *encourages you to eat a four-leaf clover?*
- F *attracts a whole decade of bad luck?*
- G *helps you to prolong your good fortune?*
- H *warns you against a possible financial setback?*



● **Have you ever had a personal experience where a superstition seemed to come true or affect your decisions?**


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# Task 4

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# The Internet Never Forgets

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22).


There are two choices you do not need to use.  English\_on\_the\_go

In today's interconnected world, our online presence plays a significant role in shaping our lives, both personally and professionally. One term you may have heard tossed around is "digital footprint." But what exactly does it mean, (17) \_\_\_\_\_? Simply put, your digital footprint is the trail of data you leave behind while using the internet. It encompasses everything from social media posts and comments to online purchases, search history, and even the websites you visit.



Your digital footprint matters for several reasons. First, unlike footprints in the sand, (18) \_\_\_\_\_. Once information is posted online, it can often remain there indefinitely, (19) \_\_\_\_\_. This means that even something seemingly inconsequential, like a tweet or a comment, can have long-lasting implications. In today's digital age, it's common for employers, college admissions officers, and even potential romantic partners to research individuals online. Your digital footprint can shape their perception of you before you've even had a chance to make a face-to-face impression. Furthermore, your digital footprint contains a lot of personal information, (20) \_\_\_\_\_, including identity theft, cyberbullying, and scams.

To effectively manage your digital footprint, consider these tips: think before you post, review privacy settings regularly, leave no personal information behind, (21) \_\_\_\_\_, promote positivity, and stay informed about evolving trends and best practices in digital privacy and security. Remember, in the vast landscape of the internet, every click leaves a mark—make sure (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A *accessible to anyone with the tools and know-how;*
- B *it doesn't just wash away with the tide;*
- C *which can lead to both positive and negative consequences;*
- D *use your birthday as your password;*
- E *conduct periodic Google searches of your name;*
- F *and why should you care about it at all;*
- G *yours is one you can be proud of;*
- H *which can make you vulnerable to various threats.*



**Explore your digital footprint. Begin by searching your name on search engines to identify the information available about you. Then, review your social media profiles, focusing on tagged photos and comments. Reflect on your online presence and consider ways to manage it responsibly.**

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# Task 6

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# Thrills or Tears?

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

This Friday, there's a dilemma - two fantastic films (28) \_\_\_\_\_ simultaneously. One is a thrilling mystery, and (29) \_\_\_\_\_ is a heartwarming drama.  English\_on\_the\_go

If you haven't decided which one to watch, you (30) \_\_\_\_\_ consider checking out reviews. My friend Alex, who loves cinema, recommended the mystery because he (31) \_\_\_\_\_ great reviews about it a few days before. I asked him if he wanted to see it together, but he said he \_\_\_\_\_ (32) watch it at home alone. Don't you think it's a weird decision? I really hoped we would hang out.



28	A are being screened	B are screening	C will screen	D will be screening
29	A another	B other	C the others	D the other
30	A ought	B mustn't	C should	D need
31	A was reading	B had read	C is reading	D has read
32	A would rather	B would better	C had rather	D had better

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**Write an invitation to your friend, inviting them to join you for a movie night. In the invitation, ask them to choose between a drama and a mystery. Include details about the cozy setting, snacks you'll have, and express your excitement for a fantastic movie night.**

YOUR TURN

