

challenge

1 Verb + challenge

Use the correct form of these verbs:

accept	face	issue
meet	pose	provide

1. Persuading staff to accept new patterns of work is a challenge by many companies that want to develop.
2. Have you heard the news? Lewis has just Tyson's challenge to fight for the world title.
3. The trouble with my current job is that it doesn't me with enough of a challenge.
4. We need to modernise this business in order to the challenges of the next decade.
5. In the near future Frankfurt could a real challenge to London as the financial centre of Europe.
6. The Conservative candidate a challenge to the rest of the candidates to take part in a public debate. I think they were wise to say no.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

biggest	direct
legal	enormous
physical	real
new	unsuccessful

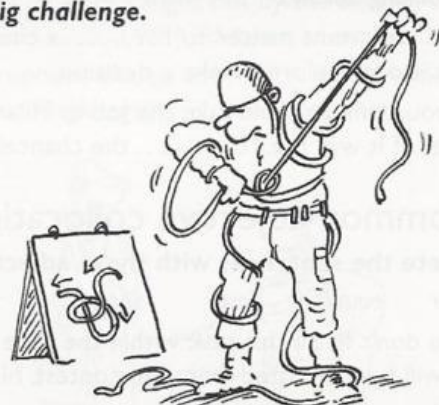
1. The Scottish football league is a two-horse race. Celtic is the only team that can offer a challenge to Rangers, the current champions.
2. Climbing is both a and a mental challenge.
3. I gave up my job as a doctor after twenty years and became a teacher. I felt I wanted a challenge.
4. One of the challenges we face today is how to feed the world's growing population.
5. After his challenge for the leadership of the party, the Minister announced his retirement from politics.
6. The firemen's strike was seen as a challenge to the authority of the government.
7. After discussions with a lawyer, we have decided to mount a challenge to the decision to close down the school.
8. Raising the money to build this new hospital has been an challenge.

3 Big challenges

Match the halves of these sentences:

1. The British athlete, Mark Wilson, put up a strong challenge
 2. The strike by transport workers represents a serious challenge
 3. Leyton Hewitt is expected to make a major challenge
 4. Designing a computer to beat the world chess champion
 5. The court will face a tough challenge
 6. Real Madrid face a stiff challenge
- a. in the next round of the competition.
 - b. conducting a fair trial in such an emotional case.
 - c. posed a formidable challenge.
 - d. in the early part of the race but gradually fell away.
 - e. to the government's pay policy.
 - f. for the men's title at Wimbledon this year.

Go back and underline all the expressions which mean **big challenge**.



"A physical and mental challenge!"

Notes

1. In 1-2 'taken up' is also possible. In 1-4 'rise to' is also possible. In 1-5 'represent' is also possible.
2. Note these ways of saying you like a challenge:
The new manager says he relishes the challenge of rebuilding the club and winning titles again.
I like the challenge of learning new languages.
He always chooses the most difficult hills to climb because he loves a challenge.
3. If you 'throw down' a challenge you invite somebody to take part in a game, a fight, or a competition.
They threw down the challenge that he couldn't eat fifty doughnuts in five minutes.