

WORD FORMATION

Exam advice

- Read through the text carefully to get an idea of what it is about.
- Decide what kind of word is missing. Is it an adjective, verb, noun or adverb?
- Make sure that your choice makes sense in the sentence. Some words may need to have a negative prefix.

Example: The waitress took ages, to bring us the menu and I found her very rude and _____ (HELP)

Answer: **UNHELPFUL**

- Check that you have spelt the word correctly.
- You must write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

A DISTINGUISHED MAP-MAKER

In 1538, the _____ (PUBLISH) of a world map showed North and South America as separate continents for the first time. The man who _____ (PRODUCT) this important map was called Gerardus Mercator. Mercator spent his _____ (YOUNG) in Flanders, where he became known as an _____ (EXTREME) talented map-maker. Besides teaching

mathematics to the students at the University of Louvain, he also earned extra money making _____ (SCIENCE) instruments.

In 1544, he was briefly imprisoned for his religious beliefs and, fearing for his family's _____ (SAFE), he went to live in the Rhineland, where he remained for the rest of his life. Mercator's youngest son Rumold became his father's _____ (REPRESENT) after his death in 1594, supervising the _____ (APPEAR) of the first complete edition of the Mercator world atlas the following year.

Although Mercator constantly updated his maps with new information, some were wrong because the earth is round. As maps are flat, it is virtually _____ (POSSIBLE) to show the right scale, area and direction on one map.

SPORTS DAY NIGHTMARE FOR PARENTS

The first time I ever had a _____ (BREAK) bone in my life was at the age of 41, playing the parents' charity match at school, this may seem _____ (FOOL), but frankly, that event was more like a fight to the death than an _____ (ENJOY) event to raise money. And now, with half-term holidays behind us, we are about to enter the _____ (DANGER) season of _____ (COMPETE) sporting events for parents, as they are released from the sidelines and allowed to take part themselves.

Sports fields up and down the country will soon be full of _____ (WOUND) middle-aged parents, complaining and checking their private health insurance policies after taking part in summer sports days. In fact, a recent survey suggests that around 50 percent of physiotherapists treat clients who have been injured on school sports fields. "During early summer we are all used

to treating parents with _____ (**STRAIN**)
muscles", agrees physiotherapist Simon Fairthorne, who
specialises in sports therapy. Simon adds that they often
don't seek _____ (**MEDICINE**) treatment
for weeks or even months. For some reason, hurting
yourself at a school event is seen as something
_____ (**EMBARRASS**).

