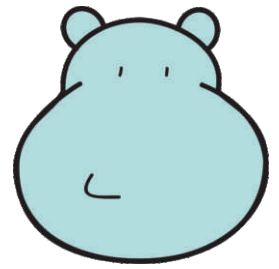




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Reading

Time allowed: 40 minutes.

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PART ONE

Read this article about pantomimes and then answer the statements on the following page by choosing True (A), False (B) or Not in Text (C). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

Pantomimes



What are Pantomimes?

Pantomimes are a type of family entertainment performed on a stage. They are a kind of musical comedy that makes children laugh but which can also be enjoyed by adults. They were developed in the UK and are usually performed during the winter season. Modern pantomimes include songs, dancing, funny jokes and colourful costumes. Often, men dress as women and women dress as men. The audience is expected to join in the fun.

The History of Pantomimes

Pantomimes began in Ancient Greece, when actors would dance and play music to entertain their audience. This kind of theatre developed in Britain in the Middle Ages, when plays were performed to celebrate festivals such as Christmas and Twelfth Night. The pantomime horse, played by two actors, one at the front and another behind, is thought to come from an ancient Welsh tradition of a horse called Grey Mary. Grey Mary was really a person dressed as a horse who visited people's houses at Christmas to bring them good luck.

Pantomime Stories

Pantomime stories come from all over the world. The story of *Aladdin* comes from *The Arabian Nights*, first published in England in the early 18th century. Another popular story is that of *Robinson Crusoe*, from the book by Daniel Defoe, written in 1719. It is about a man shipwrecked on a desert island. *Dick Whittington* is about a real person who lived in the 15th century and was Lord Mayor of London three times. The story of *Cinderella* appears in many countries from Romania to Scandinavia and is about a poor girl who marries a prince.

Pantomimes Today

In the UK, no child's Christmas is complete without a trip to the theatre to see a pantomime. These days, the characters are usually played by people who are famous for appearing on television. In *Cinderella*, for example, the 'Ugly Sisters' are often played by male comedians. Every city in the UK has a pantomime in a theatre during December and January. There are also many smaller productions in schools and villages throughout the country. You might also see pantomimes in countries such as Canada, Australia and, more recently, in the USA.

- 1 Pantomimes are just for children.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 2 Pantomimes are a mixture of music and comedy.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 3 Pantomimes began in Greece in the Middle Ages.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 4 Grey Mary was always played by a woman.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 5 *The Arabian Nights* was first published in England in the 18th century.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 6 Daniel Defoe wrote *Robinson Crusoe*.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 7 *Robinson Crusoe* is about a real person.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 8 *Cinderella* is the most popular pantomime production in the UK.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 9 The 'Ugly Sisters' are often played by men.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text
- 10 You won't see pantomimes outside the UK.
 - A True
 - B False
 - C Not in Text

PART TWO

Choose the word closest in meaning to these words underlined in the article on pantomimes. Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

11 performed

- A prepared
- B introduced
- C acted
- D provided

12 include

- A contain
- B improve
- C allow
- D create

13 began

- A ended
- B finished
- C continued
- D started

14 ancient

- A modern
- B terrible
- C very old
- D logical

15 throughout

- A although
- B all over
- C during
- D annually

PART THREE

Read the following sentences and choose the missing word for each of the gaps. Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

16 The coast, is protected by a coral reef, is very fertile.

- A who
- B whose
- C which
- D what

17 I have a friend has a wonderful recipe for chocolate cake.

- A what
- B who
- C whose
- D whom

18 I will always remember the waterfall we saw in China.

- A where
- B who
- C whom
- D that

19 Isn't he the scientist experiment failed?

- A which
- B whose
- C where
- D what

20 I need to go to a country they speak English.

- A whose
- B which
- C where
- D that

PART FOUR

Fill the gaps in the following sentences selecting the correct missing word.
Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

21 As soon as Jenna entered the kitchen she smell burning.

- A can
- B could
- C would
- D will

22 You ride your bike without your helmet. It isn't safe.

- A can
- B will
- C mustn't
- D couldn't

23 It's going to rain. If I were you, I take an umbrella.

- A will
- B would
- C could
- D must

24 If Paul doesn't pass his exams, he get into university.

- A won't
- B can
- C wouldn't
- D must

25 You mend a puncture without the correct equipment.

- A will
- B could
- C wouldn't
- D can't

PART FIVE

Read this article about Michael Morpurgo and select the missing word for each of the numbered gaps. Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

Michael Morpurgo



Michael Morpurgo has written many wonderful books for children such as *The Butterfly Lion*, *Private Peaceful* and *Wombat Goes Walkabout*. He writes stories **26** survival and children's relationship with nature. Five of his books have been made **27** films. *War Horse*, which he wrote **28** 1982, is also a successful Broadway musical and a film directed **29** Stephen Spielberg. Michael Morpurgo has won many prizes **30** his writing and he does what he can to make children's lives better; he and his wife Claire have three farms that are open to inner-city school children.

- 26** A with
B about
C at
D into

- 27** A for
B on
C in
D into

- 28** A at
B by
C in
D of

- 29** A by
B in
C onto
D with

- 30** A in
B to
C for
D at

PART SIX

Select the correct answers to fill the gaps in the following article. Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

Australian bush fires



Hundreds of people ³¹ their homes yesterday as bush fires continue to burn across New South Wales. The weather ³² very dry for the last three months so the fire has spread very quickly. Many houses ³³ when strong winds made the fire spread even more quickly. Firefighters from miles around are still ³⁴ to put out the flames, which are threatening homes throughout the region. As well as burning down people's homes, the fire threatens ³⁵ a church that ³⁶ in the 18th century. People ³⁷ to stay well away from the area. A man from Wallaby Creek, whose house ³⁸ by the fire, said, "I have never seen anything like it. My wife and I ³⁹ everything." It is hoped that the heavy rain which is forecast for the weekend ⁴⁰ to put out the fire.

- 31 A are leaving
B will leave
C must leave
D had to leave

- 34 A fought
B fight
C fights
D fighting

- 37 A are advised
B advising
C advised
D is advised

- 32 A have been
B is
C has been
D will be

- 35 A to destroy
B destroy
C destroying
D destroyed

- 38 A destroying
B was destroyed
C destroys
D destroyed

- 33 A damaged
B were damaged
C was damaged
D damaging

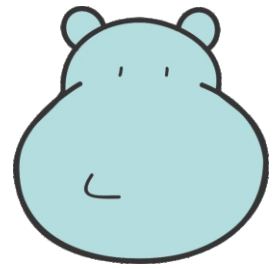
- 36 A is built
B was built
C build
D building

- 39 A are lost
B lose
C losing
D have lost

- 40 A help
B helped
C will help
D has helped



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Listening

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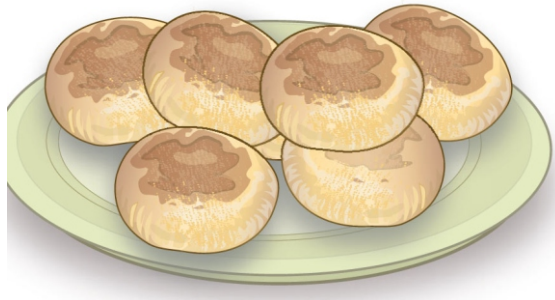
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PART ONE

Read the statements, listen to the recording and select True (A), False (B) or Unknown (C).
Mark your answers on your answer sheet.



- 41 The programme is called *The Cookery Show*.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown
- 42 Mary has worked for the British Baking Society for the last 10 years.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown
- 43 Mary made her first muffins at the age of four.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown
- 44 Mary's mother was a terrible cook.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown
- 45 There is no difference between English muffins and American muffins.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown
- 46 Mary would rather eat a muffin with cheese on top.
- A True
 - B False
 - C Unknown

- 47** There is a children's song about muffins.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Unknown
- 48** In the 10th century, muffins were sold on the streets for a penny each.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Unknown
- 49** Oscar Wilde wrote *The Importance of Being Earnest* in 1894.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Unknown
- 50** Mary is going to tell the listeners how to make their own muffins.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Unknown

PART TWO

Read each question, listen to the recording and select the correct answer (A, B, C or D).
Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

51 When was Dartmoor made a National Park?

- A 1854
- B 1945
- C 1951
- D 2009

52 How many National Parks are there in the UK?

- A 12
- B 13
- C 14
- D 30

53 How many 'tors' are there on Dartmoor?

- A 61
- B 116
- C 160
- D 621

54 Where is the lowest point on Dartmoor?

- A Low Willhays
- B Willhays Bridge
- C Dighole Bridge
- D Doghole Bridge

55 What is 47% of Dartmoor used by?

- A Ponies
- B Sheep
- C The army
- D Tourists

56 Which of the following is **NOT** true?

- A The ponies have thick coats
- B Ponies have lived on Dartmoor for a very long time
- C The ponies live in barns in the winter
- D Most of the ponies are owned by farmers

57 Castle Drogo has 115,000 visitors every

- A week
- B month
- C summer
- D year



58 Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A Dartmoor Prison has its own shop
- B There is a museum at Dartmoor Prison
- C Dartmoor Prison was built in the 18th century
- D The prison closed some years ago

59 What will you **NOT** see on Dartmoor?

- A Rare birds
- B Beaches
- C Rivers
- D Waterfalls

60 Visitors to Dartmoor are asked **NOT** to bring

- A bikes
- B dogs
- C cars
- D picnics