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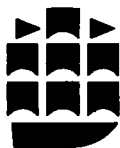
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One

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|--------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. off | 6. out | 11. up | 16. up | 21. into |
| 2. up | 7. up | 12. on | 17. down | 22. up |
| 3. off | 8. to <i>or</i> about | 13. out | 18. for | 23. out |
| 4. up | 9. at | 14. up | 19. up | 24. out |
| 5. off | 10. of | 15. off | 20. off <i>or</i> out | 25. with |

Two

- A
1. I didn't whip him or cane him.
 2. The only son that they have.
 3. The fine, on the other hand, was pretty stiff.
 4. There is no other girl in his life.
 5. —instead of answering the question.
 6. —when she was between 30 and 40 years old, not when she was younger or older.
 7. I didn't *embrace* her! I didn't do anything at all except kiss her cheek.
 8. But unfortunately I can't.
 9. There is no other way.
 10. It was not more than a few minutes ago that I saw him.
- B
1. No further away than that.
 2. This is the only reason that I've come.
 3. He told me a very little while ago.
 4. Immediately. (Wait a little while!)
 5. However hard I try, I fail to understand. . . .
 6. But without any margin or reserve.
 7. A little while ago.
 8. At the moment that you turned the corner.
 9. A fair decision.
 10. Don't do anything else, and don't put it anywhere else, please.

Three

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| 1. in hand | 9. at hand | 17. on hand |
| 2. off hand | 10. off hand | 18. in hand |
| 3. in hand | 11. on hand | 19. at hand |
| 4. out of hand | 12. in hand | 20. off hand |
| 5. in hand | 13. to hand | 21. by hand |
| 6. to hand | 14. by hand | 22. from hand |
| 7. in hand | 15. out of hand | 23. by hand |
| 8. out of hand | 16. to hand | 24. by hand |
| | | 25. in hand |

Four

1. It's to cover a floor with/to walk on.
2. It's to (help us) walk with.
3. It's to shave with.
4. It's to get water from (out of).
5. They're to walk along (on).
6. They're to wash our hands and faces in.
7. It's to dive off (from).
8. It's to get dust up with/to clean the carpets with.
9. It's to drink from (out of).
10. It's to see ourselves in.
11. It's to look words up in.
12. It's to sit (lie) on.
13. They're to look through (out of).
14. It's to read in bed by.
15. It's to wash up in.
16. It's to wash ourselves under.
17. It's to write or work at.
18. They're to bind a cut (up) with.
19. It's to shelter under/to keep the rain off.
20. They're to warm a house or room with.

Five

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| 1. we | 9. pound | 17. I |
| 2. like (<i>or so</i>) | 10. written | 18. I |
| 3. he's | 11. you | 19. hers |
| 4. going | 12. tonight | 20. waiting |
| 5. from | 13. going | 21. air |
| 6. you | 14. umbrella | 22. the |
| 7. anybody | 15. father's | 23. seventeen |
| 8. you | 16. think | 24. pepper |
| | | 25. is |

Six

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| 1. goods and chattels | 11. knives and forks |
| 2. facts and figures | 12. tooth and nail |
| 3. hell and high-water | 13. ducks and drakes |
| 4. collar and tie | 14. odds and ends |
| 5. pen and ink | 15. sick and tired |
| 6. sticks and stones | 16. rules and regulations |
| 7. blood and thunder | 17. pins and needles |
| 8. ladies and gentlemen | 18. waifs and strays |
| 9. men and women | 19. pure and simple |
| 10. women and children | 20. bits and pieces |

Seven

- 1a. They *would* arrive (i.e. had the habit of arriving) early, etc.
- b. They *had* arrived early, etc.
- 2a. I'm not very keen on going, etc. I'd rather not go, etc.
- b. The idea of going, etc., is very objectionable to me.
- 3a. He intended to murder his boss one day.
- b. He planned the actual murder.

- 4a. The only sheep that were killed were those that had not been brought under cover. (*We have a Defining Relative Clause.*)
- b. All the sheep were killed. (*We have a Non-Defining Clause here.*)
- 5a. I should like to know why.
- b. I am astonished that you did.
- 6a. Two people didn't pass the exam; i.e. the twins, whose names were Helen and Pauline.
- b. Four people didn't pass the exam; i.e. the twins and Helen and Pauline.
- 7a. We had *not* expected that he would arrive on time.
- b. We had expected that he would arrive on time.
- 8a. She listened in order to distinguish what she had heard. It was a curious piece of jazz.
- b. She was interested in the curious piece of jazz and so she listened to it for a moment.
- 9a. *Two possible meanings: either . . . this painting which our son possesses; or this painting which our son himself painted.*
- b. This portrait of our son.
- 10a. To the people who were chemists.
- b. To the chemist's shop.
- 11a. She was offered other jobs but they would not have let her live in London.
- b. She was offered *one* job, and it happened to let her live in London.
- 12a. To take Richard home.
- b. To go and have a look at Richard's home.
- 13a. Philip said John was an idiot.
- b. John said Philip was an idiot.
- 14a. But we would not stop at any hotels without private bathrooms.
- b. The first hotel happened to have a private bathroom.

- 15a. He was worried about *my* getting the money.
b. He was worried about *his* getting it.
- 16a. He arrived *before* the ceremony began.
b. He was punctual, and so the ceremony, naturally, had not yet begun.
- 17a. She was unable to push the car.
b. Her pushing the car failed to start it.
- 18a. Peter had the impudence to ask me, etc.
b. Peter challenged me to ask for a rise, etc.
- 19a. It is necessary for me to tell you, etc.
b. I have something to tell you, etc.
- 20a. She stopped walking, in order to look, etc.
b. She stopped looking, etc., and probably walked on.
- 21a. *Now*, I remember that I told them.
b. *Then*, I was careful not to forget to tell them.
- 22a. You must do your best to avoid doing it again.
b. You must not make another attempt to do it.
- 23a. At first we imagined that. We changed our minds later on.
b. We thought that the beginning would be difficult, but it would become easier later on.
- 24a. There's almost nothing that you can be pleased about.
b. You haven't done much for us, but you can be pleased about what you *have* done.
- 25a. He is sorry now that he did not meet her.
b. He was sorry then that he did not meet her.

Eight

1. So soundly does Marilyn sleep that, etc.
2. Down in buckets came the rain *or* Down came the rain in buckets.
3. Down the stairs he fell.
4. Never shall I set foot in their house again.

5. In no circumstances shall I ever set foot in their house again.
6. Up on to her lap jumped the cat.
7. Hardly ever have we seen her smile.
8. On no account must you take more than two, etc.
9. Should anybody find my wallet and return it, etc.
10. Not only did he complain about the food, he etc.
11. Seldom have I seen such a beautiful girl.
12. In vain did they go all the way there, etc.
13. Into a flower-bed fell the poor maid when, etc.
14. Nowhere in the world have I ever seen anything, etc.
15. Only like this can a good result be achieved.
16. With very good reason did you say that.
17. To such lengths did he go with his lateness, etc.
18. Over I tripped, to my great annoyance.
19. Over tripped Paul, to his great annoyance.
20. So annoying is Timothy's pomposity that one etc.

Nine

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| 1. postscript: | a note added to a completed letter; an afterthought. |
| postcard: | a card capable of bearing a message to be sent through the post. |
| postmark: | the place, time, and cancellation mark stamped on a letter. |
| post-date: | to date a document later than the time of writing. |
| 2. test case: | a suit at law the ruling in which fixes a precedent. |
| test-tube: | a glass tube used in chemical experiments. |
| 3. whip-round: | a spontaneously organised collection of money for some (usually) charitable purpose. |
| whip-lash: | the lash of a whip. |

- whipcord:** a strong woollen material woven in a ribbed pattern.
- whip-hand:** the essential control or domination. (*This is sometimes written as two words, without the hyphen.*)
4. **oilcloth:** cloth treated with oil or paint, and used for garments, table-covers, shelf coverings, etc.
- oil-can:** a metal can or container for holding oil, generally equipped with a slender funnel.
- oil-field:** a tract of country having rich deposits of mineral oil.
- oilskins:** waterproof garments used (mainly) by sailors.
5. **Sunday-best:** a suit or other clothing reserved by poorer people for wearing on Sundays or other important occasions.
- Sunday-school:** a school for religious instruction, held on Sundays.
6. **sandpaper:** paper covered on one side with sand glued fast, and used for smoothing or polishing.
- sandboy:** a boy playing on the beach. (Note: this word is used only in the idiomatic comparison 'as happy as a sandboy'.)
- sandstone:** a type of rock.
- sand fly:** a type of small biting insect.
7. **workhouse:** a house for destitute people (U.K.); a house of correction for petty offenders (U.S.A.).
- workshop:** a place where any manufacture or handiwork is carried on.
- workroom:** a room in which work is done.
- work-shy:** lazy; not eager to work.
8. **money-lender:** a person who lends money for profit; a usurer.
- money-making:** the act or process of making or acquiring money.

- money-bags:** bags for containing money or (colloquially) a miser.
- money-box:** a receptacle for holding or saving money.
9. **mouthpiece:** the part of a tube, or pipe, or musical instrument that is placed inside the mouth.
- mouth-organ:** a small wind instrument for making music; a harmonica.
10. **afterthought:** a reflection after an act; a later thought.
- afterlife:** the future life, after we die.
11. **safety razor:** a razor provided with a guard for the blade, to prevent cutting the skin.
- safety match:** a match which can be ignited only on a surface that is specially prepared.
- safety pin:** a pin with a guard covering its point.
12. **outcast:** a degraded person; a person thrown aside by society.
- outlook:** a future prospect.
- outwit:** to defeat by superior wit and tactics.
- outsize:** unusually large.
13. **runaway:** a fugitive; a horse out of its rider's control.
- runway:** a specially prepared piece of ground for the taking-off and landing of aircraft.
- runabout:** a small car, used for short trips.
14. **underdog:** a person who is always at the mercy of circumstances or other people.
- underwear:** underclothes.
- underhand:** sly; unfair; clandestinely unjust.
15. **window-pane:** a sheet of glass for a window.
- window-sill:** a ledge outside a window.
16. **sunstroke:** a feverish collapse caused by exposure to intense sunlight.
- sunburn:** the darkening or peeling of the skin from exposure to the sun.
- sunbeam:** a ray of the sun.
- sundown:** sunset.

17. **overseas:** across the sea; abroad.
overdose: too great a dose.
overrule: to set aside a ruling; to decide against the will of another.
18. **red-handed:** in the very act of doing something wrong.
red-hot: heated to the colour of redness.
red-herring: a point, topic or thing introduced to divert attention from the real matter at issue, and set people on a false trail.
red-letter: memorable; auspicious.
19. **floor-show:** a type of nightclub entertainment.
floor-walker: a sort of under-manager in a large department-store, whose principal duty is to walk or stroll among the departments, answering questions and guiding customers to where they want to go.
floor-cloth: a piece of absorbent material suitable for washing floors.
20. **uplift:** a raising of the morale.
upright: vertical; (*fig.*) honest, just.
uproar: noise; clamour; a disturbance.
upstart: a person who by sudden access of wealth or success is raised from a low social rank to a high one.
21. **toothache:** a pain in the nerves of the teeth.
tooth-brush: a brush for cleaning the teeth.
toothpick: an instrument, or a piece of wood, for cleaning the teeth of food lodged between them.
22. **income:** the total of money gained in salary, wages, etc.
inborn: innate, inherent, instinctive.
indoors: inside a house or building.
23. **blood-heat:** the temperature of the human blood: i.e. about 98·4°F. or 37°C.
blood-group: a classification of the different types of blood.

- bloodhound:** a type of dog with an acute sense of smell, often used by the police.
- blood-feud:** a quarrel between two families.
24. **lighthouse:** a tower or building emitting a powerful light to aid ships at sea.
- lightweight:** weighing very little; very small.
- light-year:** a measurement of distance in astronomy; the distance that light travels in one year.
- light-fingered:** thievish; having a tendency to steal.
25. **doorkeeper:** a porter; one who minds the entrance to a building.
- doorway:** a threshold.
- doormat:** a mat for wiping the shoes, when entering a house.
- door-nail:** a large-headed nail with which doors were once studded; *today, used mainly in the expression 'dead as a door-nail': quite dead.*

Ten

1. A hole has been burnt in this carpet. (Note: it is not necessary to add 'by somebody'; this is quite obvious.)
2. A new aerodrome is being built there.
3. The Princess is said to be expecting a baby.
or
The Princess is rumoured to be expecting, etc.
4. This portrait, which has no signature, is thought by some people to have been painted by Da Vinci. (Note: 'by some people' is necessary here; it shows that it is not everybody who thinks so.)
5. Susan Kerr has been said (by the students) to be the most beautiful girl in the college this term.
6. I am disappointed that that policy has been adopted by the Council.
7. The Home Secretary is expected to resign.
8. The machines will be being overhauled all day tomorrow.
9. It is going to be done while we watch.

10. An extremely good new road has been built between Belgrade and the Greek frontier.
11. He was believed by most people to have been telling the truth.
12. All out-going flights are reported (by the radio) to have been cancelled because of the fog.
13. He has been offered the Presidency.
or
The Presidency has been offered to him.
14. The Cabinet is reported (by the radio) to have resigned.
15. Our Professor is said (by the newspaper) to be being considered for that top job.
16. This machine is known (by everybody) to be by far the best.
17. It has had to be done all over again.
18. The air had been let out of the tyres and the car couldn't be moved. A bicycle had to be borrowed from a cottage nearby and a car had to be fetched from the village.
19. Poor Mary Moppet was said (by last night's paper) to have had her throat cut.
20. Politics are assumed only too easily to solve all human problems. So false an assumption ought never to be made.

Eleven

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| 1. giving <i>or</i> to give | 14. have grown (<i>or</i> have to grow)/believing |
| 2. taking/see | 15. to be getting <i>or</i> to be got |
| 3. have been looking | 16. is/being worn |
| 4. spoke/do | 17. have been spoken |
| 5. to play | 18. have forgotten/invited/is |
| 6. to have been making/saw | 19. making |
| 7. is going to be played | 20. to ask/to resign |
| 8. to have forgotten | 21. cutting |
| 9. have to pay | 22. to dance |
| 10. is planning to go | 23. coming |
| 11. have been going to do | 24. have explained/had known/had/understood |
| 12. thought/was going to snow | 25. have liked to be (being) |
| 13. afford/have/painted | |

Twelve

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| 1. <i>c.</i> | 2. <i>a.</i> | 3. <i>b.</i> | 4. <i>d.</i> | 5. <i>c.</i> |
| 6. <i>c.</i> | 7. <i>b.</i> | 8. <i>a.</i> | 9. <i>d.</i> | 10. <i>a.</i> |

Thirteen

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| 1. judicial: | concerning judgment or courts of justice. |
| judicious: | wise. |
| 2. prudent: | wise, discreet, cautious. |
| prudish: | exaggeratedly modest about sexual matters. |
| 3. economic: | concerning the science of economics. |
| economical: | thrifty; trying not to spend too much. |
| 4. historic: | important; momentous; memorable. |
| historical: | related to history. |
| 5. childish: | behaving like a child. |
| childlike: | simple; innocent. |
| 6. epigram: | a wittily clever saying. |
| epitaph: | an inscription on a grave. |
| 7. continual: | happening from time to time; repeated. |
| continuous: | unceasing. |
| 8. contemptible: | deserving contempt. |
| contemptuous: | feeling or showing contempt. |
| 9. goal: | ambition; aim; the scoring place at football. |
| gaol: | prison. |
| 10. emigrate: | leave one's own country. |
| immigrate: | enter another country. |
| 11. illegible: | impossible to read. |
| eligible: | suitable. |

12. **effect:** a result (*noun*).
affect: to influence (*verb*).
13. **effective:** having the result that is wanted.
efficient: highly capable; competent.
14. **licence:** an official permit (*noun*).
license: officially to give a permit (*verb*)
15. **ingenuous:** innocent; frank; open; natural.
ingenious: cleverly contrived.
16. **imperial:** concerning an empire.
imperious: arrogant; haughty.
17. **incredulous:** unable to believe something.
incredible: unbelievable.
18. **human:** of mankind.
humane: kind; gentle.
19. **imminent:** likely to happen or come soon.
eminent: distinguished; famous; notable.
20. **esteem:** to respect greatly (*verb*);
high regard or opinion (*noun*).
estimate: to calculate the cost, size, value (*verb*);
a calculation of the cost, etc. (*noun*).
21. **genus:** a species; a kind.
genius: great brilliance of mind or intellect.
22. **story:** a tale.
storey: a floor of a building.
23. **sensible:** having or showing good sense.
sensitive: quick to receive impressions.
24. **popular:** liked by many people.
populous: teeming with people; crowded.
25. **punctual:** on time.
punctilious: over-careful, even in unimportant matters.