Use of English

Time: 60 minutes

Task 1

For items 1-10 read the text about taking care of things and solve the puzzle by putting the missing words into the crossword below, using the definitions given in the brackets. USE THE CORRECT GRAMMAR FORM IN THE CROSSWORD. The first two words (0 and 00) are done for you as an example.

It is always worth **0** … (***to examine closely and minutely***) numerous labels, which **00** … (***to hang loosely and usually so as to be able to swing freely***) on different items of clothing. All those little **1** … ***(a cardboard marker on an article of clothing showing the price at which it is offered for sale)*** give directions for cleaning, washing and pressing **2** … (***an article of clothing***). Most **3** … (***made of the soft thick undercoat of various hairy mammals, especially sheep***) sweaters can be hand-washed in **4** … (***moderately warm***) or cold water. They should be **5** … (***to exert pressure***) gently without twisting. Some fabrics, such as corduroy or **6** … (***cloth with a soft, furry surface***), should be left to drip dry without **7** … (***to twist especially so as to make dry or to extract moisture or liquid***). Some clothes that are **8** … (***having a line or mark made by or as if by folding a soft substance***) after wearing may lose these imperfections if they are carefully hung up overnight. **9 …** ***(leather whose surface has been made slightly rough so that it is soft but not shiny)*** pocketbooks and shoes should be **10** … (***to clean with an object with short pieces of stiff hair or plastic attached to a base or handle***) before and after each wearing. Calfskin shoes should be polished to keep the leather soft.

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Task 2

For items 11- 15, fill in the gaps in the sentences, using capitonyms. One meaning of the word is a proper name, the first letter of which is given to you, the second meaning of the required word is given in brackets. The first example (0) is done for you.

0. M… realized that her memories of childhood were triggered by eating a sweet … (***a small rich shell-shaped cake***) cake.

0. Madeleine

11. **C**… loved to sing her favourite … ***(a popular song or ballad of religious joy)*** at Christmas.

12. **A**… entered the room, which was illuminated by the … (***a variable colour averaging a dark orange yellow***) light of the setting sun.

13. **H**…. had short brown hair and kind **…** ***(brown)*** eyes.

14. **J**… bought a … ***(tough compact typically green gemstones that take a high polish)*** silver pendant to match her green eyes.

15. **T** … gave its name to a … ***(a large bird grown for its meat on farms)*** by mistake.

Task 3

For items 16 - 20, complete the sentences with one word, making puns. A pun is a joke that plays on the multiple meanings of a word, or on two words that sound the same. The first example (0) is done for you.

0. You were right, so I ….

0. left

16. Do you know why it's easy for a hunter to find a leopard? Because a leopard is always… .

17. Always trust a glue salesman. They tend to … to their word.

18. I'm not scared of insects, but they really … me.

19. The best way to communicate with fish is to drop them a … .

20. I'm pretty sure these stairs are up to something. But I'm going to take … to prevent it.

Task 4

For items 21 - 30, complete each description with the name of the castle/ palace and the year, choosing the correct number and letter from the boxes. There are 2 extra options in the boxes, which you do not have to use.

The first example (0) is done for you.

1.Blarney Castle 2.Blenheim Palace 3.Buckingham Palace 4.Dover Castle 5.Edinburgh Castle 6.Kenilworth Castle 7.Monticello 8.Mount Vernon 9.The Tower of London 10.The White House 11.Warwick Castle 12.Windsor Castle

A. 1066 B. 1312 C. 1563 D. 1650 E. 1690 F. 1761 G. 1778 H. 1800 I. 1826 J. 1939 K. 1940 L. 2016

0. _____

This Irish castle was built by Dermot McCarthy, King of Munster, in 1446 over the remains of an older stone castle dating to 1210. The Protestant Jefferyes family acquired this castle after William III's war against the deposed Catholic monarch, King James II, in _____. They added a Georgian Gothic house beside the keep, followed by a new castle nearby in 1874. The castle's most famous feature is the Stone, reputed to endow anyone who kisses it with eloquence.

0. 1E

21. _____

The biggest castle in the world, it was begun in the 11th century to guard the western approach to London. Easy access from the capital and proximity to a royal hunting forest made it an ideal location for a royal residence. Since the time of Henry I, it has been used by succeeding monarchs and it is the longest-occupied castle in Europe. It is an official residence of Queen Elizabeth II, whose standard flies from the Round Tower when Her Majesty is in residence. In **_____,** the Queen celebrated her 90th birthday in the castle with a huge concert.

22. _____

The first American president, George Washington, selected the site for this building. After eight years of construction, President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, moved into the unfinished house in _____. At various times in history, it has been known as the "President's Palace" and the "Executive Mansion." President Theodore Roosevelt officially gave it its current name in 1901.

23. _____

William the Conqueror, whose reign started in _____, began the castle keep but today it is surrounded by numerous fortifications and other buildings belonging to its notorious history as a place of imprisonment, torture and execution including that of Lady Jane Grey. The castle was also used as the royal mint, and is today famous for its yeoman warders, the Beefeaters, and its ravens.

24. _____

Thomas Jefferson, who had a keen interest in architecture and gardening, designed this home and its elaborate gardens himself. Over the course of his life, he remodeled and expanded the house called *little mountain* in Italian and filled it with art, fine furnishings and interesting gadgets and architectural details. Jefferson died here on July 4, _____, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which he wrote.

25. _____

Sitting astride the basalt remains of an extinct volcano, this castle has one of the most picturesque settings. It stands high on a rock above the capital city. Research undertaken in 2014 identified 26 sieges in its long history, giving it a claim to having been the most besieged place in Great Britain and one of the most attacked in the world. One of the longest sieges in _____ lasted for 3 months, after which the castle surrendered to Oliver Cromwell.

26. _____

The place is the only non-royal non-episcopal country house in England to hold the title of palace. This estate was built as a gift to John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, from Queen Anne and a grateful nation in thanks for his victory on 13th August 1704. Nowadays it is best known as the birth place of Sir Winston Churchill, the most famous British politician.

Winston Churchill reached the peak of his popularity in _____, when he became the prime minister of Great Britain and led the country through World War II.

27. _____

The estate is an iconic American landmark, an enduring reminder of the life and legacy of George Washington. Washington personally supervised each renovation, advising on design, construction and decoration. Conscious that the world was watching, Washington selected architectural features that expressed his growing status as a Virginian gentleman planter and ultimately as the leader of a new democratic nation. The construction of the mansion was finished in _____, three years after the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

28. _____

The palace started its history from George III, who acquired the site in _____ to serve as a family home for him and Queen Charlotte. The balcony of this palace is one of the most famous in the world. The first recorded Royal balcony appearance took place in 1851, when Queen Victoria stepped onto it during celebrations for the opening of the Great Exhibition. Since then, Royal Balcony appearances have marked many occasions, such as the Queen's annual official birthday celebrations, royal weddings, as well as special events of national significance.

29. _____

Towering over the busy port, the site of the castle was vitally important from Roman times to the Second World War. A Roman lighthouse still stands here. It is the largest castle in England and has been described as "the key to England" due to its defensive significance throughout history. In _____**,** when the Second World War began, its underground tunnels from the Napoleonic Wars were converted into a command centre and underground hospital.

30. _____

First built in the 1120s and a royal castle for most of its history, it was expanded by King John, John of Gaunt (fourth son of Edward III) and Henry V. In _____ Elizabeth I granted it to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, who converted the place into a lavish palace. Elizabeth visited it several times. It is believed that Shakespeare saw one of her visits and described it in his play. The castle achieved international fame with the publication in 1821 of Sir Walter Scott's tragic novel revolving around Queen Elizabeth, Robert Dudley and his wife, Amy.

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