

Listen. Choose the correct option.
(Audio Track 2.06)

1. The plane was _____.
a. old b. small
2. There weren't many _____ in Africa then.
a. airports b. planes
3. Nigel thinks the journey was very _____ for the pilots.
a. interesting b. dangerous
4. The pilots had maps for Europe and _____.
a. all of Africa b. Egypt and South Africa
5. Nigel _____ the two men wanted to be the first to do the journey.
a. believes b. is sure

Read the passage. Then look at each statement and decide whether it is a fact or an opinion.

Hello. I'm Tracey Sullivan and I'm a teacher at a big school here in the UK. I live in London, but I'm from Melbourne in Australia. I'm 29 and I'm married to Pierre. He's 33 and he's from France. He's not here at the moment because he's in New York for work. He's a photographer. We have two children, a boy and a girl, and Pierre has a son from his first marriage. My first language is English, but I speak French, too. My parents live in a small village in the countryside, so a city like London feels very big to me. I don't mind living in a city, but I prefer the quiet of the countryside. When my husband is here, we enjoy visiting the museums and the art galleries on the weekend. We also go to restaurants sometimes. There are many good French restaurants here in London, but there aren't many Australian ones!

6. My first language is English, but I speak French, too.
a. fact b. opinion
7. ... a city like London feels very big to me.
a. fact b. opinion
8. I don't mind living in a city, but I prefer the quiet of the countryside.
a. fact b. opinion
9. We also go to restaurants sometimes.
a. fact b. opinion
10. There are many good French restaurants here in London.
a. fact b. opinion

Read the comments about the books of Agatha Christie. Are the comments for or against her writing?
Choose the correct option.

Agatha Christie is one of the most famous crime story writers of all time. She was born in Devon, in the UK, in 1890. Her parents didn't send her to school, but they taught her to read and write. They also taught her math and music. When she was a child she loved to read. Later, she worked in a hospital during World War I. After the war, she got married and moved to London with her husband. It was then that she started writing, but she found it difficult to get her book published. Finally, in 1920, her first book was published. Many people bought it and it was a big success. She went on to write over sixty books before her death in 1976. She also wrote many short stories, including some for television and radio. Her books and stories have been translated into more than one hundred languages. She is one of the most successful writers of all time because people all over the world read her books.

11. Her books are so interesting to read.
a. For b. Against
12. You have to wait such a long time to find out who did the crime.
a. For b. Against
13. The stories are very slow moving.
a. For b. Against
14. I have to finish a book in one day because I can't put it down.
a. For b. Against
15. Her stories can be very boring.
a. For b. Against

Read. Choose True if the statement is correct, False if the statement is incorrect, or Not Given if there is no information in the conversation.

Sales clerk: Hello, can I help you?
Man: Yes, we need two couches for our new house.
Woman: One for two people and one for three people.
Man: Oh, and we need a chair, too.
Sales clerk: What color?
Woman: Well, in our living room the carpet and curtains are white. Actually, the walls are white, too. We like white, but I'd like a colorful couch.
Sales clerk: What about a red one?
Man: Oh, no! I don't like red. Are there any brown ones?
Sales clerk: Yes, there are. Over here.
Woman: I don't really like brown. Look at those yellow ones over here. Aren't they nice?
Man: Yes, they're very nice. How much are they?
Sales clerk: The big one is eight hundred dollars and the small one is six hundred.
Man: They're very expensive!
Woman: I know, but they're so pretty. How about if we don't buy the chair?
Man: I'm not sure.
Sales clerk: If you buy both sofas, there is a discount of a hundred and fifty dollars.
Woman: And they'll look so good with the pictures on the walls and the plants
...
Man: Are you sure these are the couches you want?
Woman: Yes, I'm sure.
Man: All right, then. We'll have the couches, but not the chair.

16. The woman doesn't like the color red.
a. True b. False c. Not Given
17. The carpet and curtains in the bedrooms are white.
a. True b. False c. Not Given
18. The woman agrees that the couches cost a lot of money.

a. True b. False c. Not Given

19. The man asks the sales clerk for a discount.

a. True b. False c. Not Given

20. The man and woman will buy two couches.

a. True b. False c. Not Given

Choose the correct option.

21. The table is _____ the couch and the television.

a. on b. between c. under

22. _____ go to the theater. It's expensive!

a. I often don't b. I don't often c. Often don't I

23. _____ late on the weekend.

a. usually gets up David b. David gets up usually c. David usually gets up

24. _____ a lot?

a. Does Oliver travel b. Does Oliver travels c. Do Oliver travel

25. I'd like _____ bread, please.

a. a b. an c. some

Writing

What is the function of the statements? Choose the correct answers.

27. See you again next year.

a. thank the person b. talk about future contact c. end the message

28. Hi!

a. talk about future contact b. end the message c. greet the person

29. Thank you very much for inviting me for a meal.

a. talk about future contact b. greet the person c. thank the person

30. Best regards

a. thank the person b. greet the person c. end the messag

