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https://www.englishclub.com/ref/Idioms/Quizzes/Body_5/

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Synonyms

Which of the following is a synonym for “Abundance”?

- a) Scarcity
- b) **Surplus**
- c) Deficiency
- d) Shortage

Which of the following is a synonym for “Amiable”?

- a) Hostile
- b) **Pleasant**
- c) Unfriendly
- d) Antagonistic

Which of the following is a synonym for “Inevitable”?

- a) Avoidable
- b) Surprising
- c) Unlikely
- d) **Unavoidable**

Which of the following is a synonym for “Miserly”?

- a) Generous
- b) Wasteful
- c) **Stingy**
- d) Extravagant

Which of the following is a synonym for “Abhor”?

- a) Love
- b) Adore
- c) **Detest**
- d) Like

Which of the following is a synonym for “Eccentric”?

- a) Normal
- b) Conventional
- c) **Strange**
- d) Typical

Which of the following is a synonym for “Abysmal”?

- a) Excellent
- b) **Poor**
- c) Good
- d) Mediocre

Which of the following is a synonym for “Nefarious”?

- a) Virtuous
- b) **Wicked**
- c) Honorable
- d) Upright

Which of the following is a synonym for “Astute”?

- a) Foolish
- b) Stupid
- c) **Shrewd**
- d) Unintelligent

Antonyms

Tenement

- a) Uninteresting
- b) Delight
- c) Breakeven
- d) Validate

Fluctuate

- a) Liberal
- b) Stabilize
- c) Restrained
- d) Spiteful

Precarious

- a) Uproot
- b) Assured
- c) Helper
- d) Resolution

Comic

- a) Foolish
- b) Queer
- c) Lose
- d) Tragic

Sequencing

- a) As we try to get closer to those we connect online we get distant from the loved ones who are sitting in front of us
- b) Because the 'number of followers that we have on social media is unlike the few people who would truly support one in real life.
- c) Our connections with other people's hearts while connecting to a high-speed internet connection are growing weak.
- d) It is funny how a touch screen has made us lose touch with those who actually are here and care about us.
- e) Hopefully, we realize and accept reality and treat virtually as "virtual".

Context build up

CBADE

- A) approach consisting of eight focus areas
- B) adopted a mission-based
- C) for Climate Change encouraged all
- D) states to build their own plans and
- E) the National Action Plan

What is the correct sequence of the given fragments?

C.EBCDA

D.ECDBA

- A) of the market economy network,
- B) is very much a part
- C) the medical profession in the country
- D) its gaping income disparities
- E) and its private-profit motivations

A.BCDEA

B.CBADE

C.ABCDE

D.DECAB

E. BADEC

- A) The subspecies, known as the Pyrenean ibex, then moved into the mountains of northern Iberia and southern France around 18,000 years ago.
- B) Less than a century later, the last of their descendants died – and then she was cloned, and then the clone died.
- C) Several species of ibex – wild mountain goats – lived across Europe, Asia, and Africa and coexisted with humans for a long time.
- D) For thousands of years, they thrived and grazed the rocky, scrub-dotted mountain pastures in abundance.
- E) By 1910 only 40 bucardos remained, sheltered in a national park in northern Spain.
- F) But their numbers dropped sharply in the 1800s.

CDAFEB

CADFEB

IDIOMS

Idiom	Idioms Meaning
Beat around the bush	To avoid talking about what's important
Get your act together	Get organized and do things effectively
Hit the sack	Go to sleep
Your guess is as good as mine	I do not know
Good things come to those who wait	To have patience
Back against the wall	Stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape
Up in arms	Being grumpy or angry about something
Scrape the barrel	Making the most of the worst situations or things because you can't do anything about it
Burn your boats/bridges	Doing something that makes it impossible to go back to the original state.
Break fresh/ new ground	Doing something that has never been done before
Sell like hot cakes	Quick sellout
Run around in circles	Putting efforts into something that is not a worthwhile result
On cloud nine	Being very happy
Left out in the cold	Being ignored
Blow hot and cold	Alternate inconsistently between moods and actions
Cut corners	Doing something in an easier and least expensive manner
Boil the ocean	Taking up an almost impossible or overly ambitious project
Keep an ear to the ground	Staying informed and updated about everything
Eat like a horse	Eating too excessively
A snowball effect	The aspect of momentum in every event and how they build upon each other

hard to swallow

Of all his stories, the one that most people found the hardest to swallow was the one about

- ☒ a. being taken for a ride in a U.F.O. by aliens
- ☐ b. being given fried spiders to eat in Cambodia
- ☐ c. seeing people stick pins and needles through their cheeks

Our boss said that heads will roll, so I'm

- ☐ a. worried about my head
- ☒ b. worried about my job
- ☐ c. worried about my roll

Comprehension

Human Anatomy

Human anatomy is the scientific study of the body's structures. Some of these structures are very small and can only be observed and analyzed with the assistance of a microscope.

Other larger structures can readily be seen, manipulated, measured, and weighed. The word "anatomy" comes from a Greek root that means "to cut apart." Human anatomy was first studied by observing the exterior of the body and observing the wounds of soldiers and other injuries. Later, physicians were allowed to dissect bodies of the dead to augment their knowledge. When a body is dissected, its structures are cut apart in order to observe their physical attributes and their relationships to one another. Dissection is still used in medical schools, anatomy courses, and in pathology labs.

Q. Which of the following is true about human anatomy?

- ☐ a. The word "anatomy" is derived from a French root that means "cut"
- ☒ b. The observation of soldiers' wounds were originally used to study human anatomy
- ☐ c. Human and animal bodies were dissected in labs to understand human anatomy
- ☐ d. The smaller structures of the human body need to be observed with a telescope

Fixed and Wandering Stars

Ancient Babylonian, Assyrian, and Egyptian astronomers knew the approximate length of the year. The Egyptians of 3000 years ago, for example, adopted a calendar based on a 365-day year. They kept careful track of the rising time of the bright star Sirius in the predawn sky, which has a yearly cycle that corresponded with the flooding of the Nile River. The Chinese also had a working calendar; they determined the length of the year at about the same time as the Egyptians. The Chinese also recorded comets, bright meteors, and dark spots on the Sun. Later, Chinese astronomers kept careful records of “guest stars”—those that are normally too faint to see but suddenly flare up to become visible to the unaided eye for a few weeks or months. We still use some of these records in studying stars that exploded a long time ago.

The Mayan culture in Mexico and Central America developed a sophisticated calendar based on the planet Venus, and they made astronomical observations from sites dedicated to this purpose a thousand years ago. The Polynesians learned to navigate by the stars over hundreds of kilometers of open ocean—a skill that enabled them to colonize new islands far away from where they began.

In Britain, before the widespread use of writing, ancient people used stones to keep track of the motions of the Sun and Moon. We still find some of the great stone circles they built for this purpose, dating from as far back as 2800 BCE. The best known of these is Stonehenge.

Q. What does the author say about ancient calendars in paragraph 2?

- ☒ a. They were created based on observing the stars and planets
- ☐ b. They were the reason that colonization was made possible
- ☐ c. The Mayans invented them all by observing the stars in the open ocean
- ☐ d. They were developed in order to make astronomical observations