

2 The following parts of the body are used as verbs in the sentences below. Put each one in its correct place.

<b>shin</b>	<b>head</b>	<b>mouth</b>	<b>finger</b>	<b>back</b>
<b>thumb</b>	<b>head</b>	<b>foot</b>	<b>shoulder</b>	<b>elbow</b>

- (a) I think we'd better \_\_\_\_\_ for the station. Our train leaves in half an hour.
- (b) It's your fault! Don't leave me to \_\_\_\_\_ all the blame!
- (c) There was a crowd of people there. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my way through.
- (d) They decided to \_\_\_\_\_ their way round Europe. They're experienced hitch-hikers.
- (e) If customers \_\_\_\_\_ a book a lot, it gets dirty.
- (f) I'm having my house painted. It's very expensive. I don't know how I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ the bill.
- (g) Bob couldn't hear me because of the noise so I had to \_\_\_\_\_ what I wanted to say.
- (h) He's very fit and strong. Watch him \_\_\_\_\_ up that tree like a monkey.
- (i) It has been announced that the Foreign Minister will \_\_\_\_\_ a delegation to visit China next month.
- (j) A large manufacturing firm has offered to \_\_\_\_\_ the Himalayan Expedition.

## Collocations

Certain common adjectives are sometimes emphasised, especially in colloquial language, with the addition of another adjective or noun in front of them, e.g. 'The water was icy cold.' 'The road was dead straight'. 'Icy' and 'dead' in these sentences mean 'extremely' or 'absolutely'.

1 Put each word from the following list in its correct space in the sentences.

<b>wide</b>	<b>dog</b>	<b>pitch</b>	<b>brand</b>
<b>stone</b>	<b>dirt</b>	<b>stark</b>	<b>bone</b>

- (a) I wouldn't employ him. He's \_\_\_\_\_ idle.
- (b) It's an amazing price, \_\_\_\_\_ cheap!
- (c) I was \_\_\_\_\_ tired after such a hard day's work.
- (d) He couldn't hear a thing. He was \_\_\_\_\_ deaf.
- (e) It's not second-hand. It's \_\_\_\_\_ new.
- (f) This room's freezing and the window's \_\_\_\_\_ open!
- (g) Here's a photo of him at three months, \_\_\_\_\_ naked.
- (h) It was \_\_\_\_\_ dark. I couldn't see a thing.

2 Instructions as above.

<b>fast</b>	<b>bone</b>	<b>razor</b>	<b>blind</b>
<b>wide</b>	<b>crystal</b>	<b>paper</b>	<b>flat</b>

- (a) She had a \_\_\_\_\_ sharp mind.
- (b) She went to bed at seven and she was \_\_\_\_\_ asleep by ten past.
- (c) The sea near those rocks is \_\_\_\_\_ clear.
- (d) There's been no rain for months and the land is \_\_\_\_\_ dry.
- (e) Sorry, I can't lend you anything. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ broke.
- (f) He was \_\_\_\_\_ drunk. He couldn't even walk properly.
- (g) The neighbours hear everything we say. The walls are \_\_\_\_\_ thin.
- (h) It was 2 a.m. but I was still \_\_\_\_\_ awake.

3 Certain nouns are often preceded, in the same way as the adjectives above, by adjectives (or sometimes by nouns used as adjectives) to emphasise their completeness and convey the meaning of 'extreme' or 'total'. Put each word from the following list in its correct place in the sentences below.

<b>thin</b>	<b>all-out</b>	<b>dire</b>	<b>blank</b>
<b>blind</b>	<b>bitter</b>	<b>rock</b>	<b>broad</b>

- (a) We'll never give up the struggle. We'll fight to the \_\_\_\_\_ end.
- (b) He was never seen again. He just seemed to disappear into \_\_\_\_\_ air.
- (c) Those starving people are in \_\_\_\_\_ need of food.
- (d) I had last heard of her in Australia 20 years before. When she walked in, I looked at her in \_\_\_\_\_ amazement.
- (e) Crime is very prevalent there. People are robbed in the street in \_\_\_\_\_ daylight.
- (f) The fighting is escalating rapidly. Soon it will be \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- (g) Prices have been falling rapidly. When they reach \_\_\_\_\_-bottom, I'll buy.
- (h) His followers' attitude to him was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_ devotion.

## Colour

1 Put each of the following phrases in its correct place in the sentences below.

<b>out of the blue</b>	<b>in the red</b>	<b>a black sheep</b>
<b>once in a blue moon</b>	<b>red tape</b>	<b>green with envy</b>
<b>to have green fingers</b>	<b>in black and white</b>	<b>to catch someone red-handed</b>

- (a) The offer of a job sounded very good on the phone but I shan't believe it till I have it \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) I must remind you that this is a non-smoking office. I suspect that some of you have been smoking. If I happen \_\_\_\_\_, I'm afraid it will mean dismissal.
- (c) To import firearms into Britain you'll have to fill in a lot of forms. There's a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) If you want to be a successful gardener, of course you've got \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The rest of the family were respectable, honest people but he was always in trouble. I'm afraid he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) When I saw him in a new sports car, I was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Tourists often go to the Louvre but most Parisians only go \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) The firm is \_\_\_\_\_. It owes a lot of money.
- (i) I had lost touch with Jack, and then one night he arrived at my flat right \_\_\_\_\_. What a surprise!

2 Instructions as above.

<b>red-carpet treatment</b>	<b>to see red</b>	<b>rose-coloured spectacles</b>
<b>a red herring</b>	<b>a white-collar job</b>	<b>a green belt</b>
<b>blue-eyed boy</b>	<b>a white lie</b>	

- (a) Naturally the President's wife received \_\_\_\_\_ on her visit.
- (b) He said he didn't want to have \_\_\_\_\_ and sit in an office all day.
- (c) All round the city there is \_\_\_\_\_ of open country where building is restricted.
- (d) She loves animals and tends \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees one being badly treated.

- (e) He told \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid hurting his wife's feelings.
- (f) Everyone thinks he'll be Director of the firm one day. He's the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Be realistic. You can't go through life looking at the world through \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) In class pupils sometimes introduce \_\_\_\_\_ to distract the teacher from his subject.

## Fictional Characters in Everyday Language

1 The following are names of characters in popular fiction. They are so well-known (even by those who have never read or even heard of the original work) that they are often used in ordinary conversation. Put each one in its correct place in the sentences below.

**Robin Hood**  
**Superman**

**Man Friday**  
**Peter Pan**

**James Bond**  
**Billy Bunter**

**Robinson Crusoe**  
**Scrooge**

- (a) During the war he was sent on dangerous secret missions abroad. Very exciting! He was a sort of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) I think Alan should go on a diet and get more exercise. He's beginning to look like \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) He still has very youthful enthusiasms, and he's as slim and fit as he was 20 years ago. He's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) There are times when most of us would like to escape from all the pressures of city life and live a more simple, basic kind of \_\_\_\_\_ existence.
- (e) Come on! I've never met anyone so reluctant to spend money, you \_\_\_\_\_!
- (f) He's not very practical. What he needs is someone to look after him and do everything for him. He needs a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) The firm is doing very badly and facing bankruptcy. I don't think it can survive. We don't just want a new director. We want a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) Well, yes, he was a criminal and he stole a lot of money, but he helped a lot of people with it. He was a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Instructions as above.

**Walter Mitty**  
**Big Brother**

**Jekyll and Hyde**  
**Rip Van Winkle**

**Little Lord Fauntleroy**  
**Sherlock Holmes**

**Tarzan**  
**Cinderella**

- (a) He's a strange person. Usually he's very pleasant and reasonable, but there are times when he gets very bad-tempered and almost violent. He's got a \_\_\_\_\_ personality.
- (b) How on earth did you guess his nationality, occupation and all those other things about him just from his appearance? You're a proper \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) I don't like this new government proposal to put details of everyone's private life on computers. I can see it will mean greater efficiency and all that, but, well, it's a bit like \_\_\_\_\_, isn't it?
- (d) I think the neighbours' kids should be allowed a bit of freedom to wear what they like and get dirty having fun, not made to look like \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) She's really exploited by her family. They make her do everything for them, cook, clean ... She's a sort of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) He's a body-builder and weight-lifter. Have you seen him in a swimsuit? He looks like \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) He sounds very impressive when he talks about his adventures and achievements, but it's all fantasy. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ character.
- (h) Come on, \_\_\_\_\_, wake up! It's nearly lunch-time.

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