

Answers

1 Blended or portmanteau words

Activity A

1 guesstimate 2 chillax 3 sitcom 4 frenemy 5 edutainment
6 greenwash 7 hangry 8 bromance 9 workaholic 10 staycation

Activity B

1 bromance = brother/bro' + romance, chillax = chill (out) + relax, docusoap = documentary + soap, edutainment = education + entertainment, greenwash = green + whitewash, guesstimate = guess + estimate, mockney = mock + cockney, sitcom = situation + comedy, staycation = stay (at home) + vacation, workaholic = work + alcoholic

Activity C

1 frenemy 2 edutainment 3 guesstimate 4 workaholic 5 greenwash
6 bromance 7 hangry 8 staycation 9 sitcom 10 chillax

2 Exclamations

Good	Bad	Depends
aha	doh	aw
oho	uh-oh	huh
wow	ow	mm
yay	ugh	ooh
yum	oops	phew

3 Onomatopoeic words

Activity A

1 plop
2 whoosh
3 thud
4 splat
5 beep
6 mwah

Activity B

1 click
2 brrr
3 squelched
4 swish/thwack
5 splashed
6 thwacking/swishing
7 ping

4 Animal sounds

1 e 2 l 3 f 4 j 5 b
6 i 7 a 8 c 9 g 10 d and h 11 k

5 Contractions in non-standard language

A 1 ain't 2 yer 3 dunno 4 'nother 5 innit
6 gotcha 7 doncha 8 ya 9 gonna 10 wanna

B 1 wanna 2 'nother 3 Dunno 4 gonna 5 doncha
6 gotta 7 Yer 8 gotcha 9 ya 10 ya

6 Prefixes

Activity A

1 j 2 i 3 f 4 e 5 d
6 a 7 c 8 b 9 h 10 g

Activity B

—some example vocabulary students could choose:
ex-husband, ex-wife, ex-girlfriend, ex-boyfriend, ex-serviceman
transformation, transplant, transatlantic
overcook, overestimate, overeat, overworked, overconfident
international, interact, interdepartmental

7 Suffixes

Activity A

1 e 2 b 3 i 4 d 5 g 6 j 7 c 8 h 9 f 10 a

Activity B

ADJECTIVE	VERB
-ous	-ize
-ly	-ify
-esque	
-able	

8 Compound adjectives for physical characteristics

Activity A

1 h 2 f 3 c 4 a 5 b 6 g 7 e 8 d

Activity B

V-necked or round-necked—an item of clothing such as a T-shirt or sweater.
dog-eared—something made of paper such as a dictionary or notebook—it means that the pages are in poor condition because they have been used a lot and maybe the corners have been turned down to mark a page.
full-bodied—this refers to strong flavour and good quality and it's often used about red wine.

9 Compound nouns with *-ing* forms

Activity A

Food and drink: eating apple, baking powder, drinking water, icing sugar
Places in a town: bowling alley, boarding school, nursing home, betting shop
Things and rooms you find in a house: draining board, airing cupboard, living room

Activity B

1 asking 2 working 3 waiting 4 booking 5 starting 6 sleeping

10 Descriptive compound adjectives with parts of the body

Activity A

1 jaw-dropping 2 eye-watering 3 spine-chilling 4 nail-biting 5 hair-raising
6 gut-wrenching 7 stomach-churning 8 back-breaking 9 side-splitting
10 ear-splitting 11 lung-busting 12 mind-boggling

Activity B

1 lung-busting 2 eye-watering 3 mind-boggling 4 jaw-dropping 5 ear-splitting
6 nail-biting 7 side-splitting 8 back-breaking 9 hair-raising 10 stomach-churning
11 gut-wrenching 12 spine-chilling

11 Reduplicative words

Activity A

1a 2b 3b 4a 5b 6a 7b 8a 9a 10b

Activity B

1 mishmash 2 airy-fairy (= unrealistic/impractical) 3 chit-chat, nitty-gritty 4 dilly-dally
5 tittle-tattle 6 wishy-washy (= unclear) 7 teeny-weeny 8 higgledy-piggledy

12 Rhyming pairs in idioms

Activity A

1 name and shame 2 wheel and deal 3 high and dry 4 wear and tear 5 doom and gloom
6 slice and dice 7 wine and dine 8 huff and puff 9 thrills and spills 10 fair and square

Activity B

1 wheeling and dealing, wining and dining 2 name and shame 3 doom and gloom
4 thrills and spills 5 slice and dice 6 huff and puff 7 fair and square 8 high and dry
9 wear and tear

13 Alliteration in idioms

Activity B

1 B 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 B

14 Similes in idioms

Activity A

1 g 2 d 3 j 4 e 5 i 6 b 7 k 8 f 9 a 10 h 11 l 12 c

Activity B

1 d 2 b 3 c 4 a

15 Colour compounds

Activity A

BLUE	GREEN	RED	YELLOW	WHITE	BLACK	GREY	PINK
peacock	olive	blood	primrose	lily	coal	slate	salmon
cobalt	lime	cherry	lemon	snow			
petrol	bottle	pillar-box					
royal	sea						

Activity B

1 baby blue—L 2 emerald green—B 3 charcoal grey—D
4 shocking pink—B 5 midnight blue—D 6 electric blue—B

16 Expressions from history and legend

B 1 Pyrrhic victory 2 Herculean 3 Titan 4 Cinderella 5 Midas touch
6 narcissism 7 Achilles heel 8 Scylla and Charybdis 9 Robin Hood 10 Promethean

C 1 Titan 2 Promethean 3 Cinderella 4 Midas touch 5 Herculean
6 narcissism 7 Achilles heel 8 Robin Hood 9 Scylla and Charybdis 10 Pyrrhic victory

17 Expressions from literary sources

Activity A

1 d 2 a 3 f 4 h 5 c 6 g 7 b 8 e

Activity B

They all have to do with not getting old, not changing or not
understanding changes as time passes.

18 Expressions with people's names

- A** 1 Houdini 2 John Hancock 3 Joe Sixpack 4 Uncle Sam 5 Hobson's choice
6 John Doe 7 Jack the Lad 8 Aunt Sally
- B** 1 (not all origins are known) Aunt Sally = a game in which people throw balls at a model of a person's head; Hobson's choice = from Tobias Hobson, a man who hired out horses in the 17th century, and gave his customers the choice of the horse nearest the stable door or none at all; Houdini = from Harry Houdini, a famous performer in the US who escaped from ropes, chains, boxes, etc.; John Hancock (AmE) = one of the men who signed the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776; Uncle Sam = possibly based on the initials US stamped on US army rations.
- C** 1 Houdini 2 Hobson's choice 3 Joe Sixpack 4 Jack the Lad 5 John Doe
6 Uncle Sam 7 John Hancock 8 Aunt Sally

19 Place names representing activities

Activity A

- 1 We are awaiting confirmation from Number Ten but we believe the Prime Minister will offer her resignation this afternoon.
- 2 The news from the Palace is that the Prince of Wales is recovering well from the operation.
- 3 Whitehall has refused to comment on the allegations that one of the Lords has been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 4 Our sources at the Vatican tell us that the Pope was shocked but unhurt by the attack.
- 5 It is understood that the President has refused to sign the treaty but so far the White House has neither confirmed nor denied this.
- 6 This is a nervous time for Holyrood as the elections will have far-reaching consequences for the future of Scottish politics.
- 7 The Oval Office is expected to release a statement later today relating to the President's forthcoming meeting with the Russian premier.
- 8 In a few moments we will be bringing you all the latest news from Downing Street about the Chancellor's crisis meeting with the PM.

The US President: the Oval Office, the White House; the British Prime Minister: Number Ten, Downing Street.

Activity B

- 1 **Wall Street** the US financial centre and stock exchange in New York City (used to refer to the business that is done there)
- 2 **Broadway** a street in New York City where there are many theatres, sometimes used to refer to the US theatre industry in general
- 3 **the City** Britain's financial and business centre, in the oldest part of London
- 4 **Grub Street** used to refer to poor writers and journalists as a group, or to the life they live
- 5 **Madison Avenue** the US advertising industry. From the name of the street in New York where many advertising companies have their offices.
- 6 **Silicon Valley** the area in California where there are many companies connected with the computer and electronics industries, sometimes used to refer to any area where there are a lot of computer companies

20 Silent letters

Activity A

climb	scene	design	calm	column	listen	build	know	hour	answer
doubt	muscle	foreign	half	autumn	fasten	biscuit	knuckle	heir	wrap
crumb	scissors	campaign	yolk	hymn	mortgage	disguise		honour	two
debt	ascent	align	balmy	condemn	thistle	guilty			wrong

Activity B (crossword)

Across

2 wrap 3 disguise 4 knuckles 6 two 8 honour 9 build 10 answer

Down

1 foreign 5 listen 7 wrong 8 heir

21 Pronunciation changes by part of speech

A 1g 2o 3c 4h 5n 6f 7a 8r 9l 10q
11b 12t 13m 14e 15j 16i 17p 18d 19s 20k

B 1q 2h 3m 4b 5c 6g 7l 8p 9a 10k
11r 12f 13o 14e 15i 16j 17t 18d 19n 20s

22 Adjectives ending in -ed pronounced /-ɪd/

A 1 dogged 2 learned 3 aged 4 rugged 5 crooked 6 beloved 7 ragged 8 naked 9 sacred 10 wicked

B 1 aged 2 crooked 3 learned 4 rugged 5 ragged 6 wicked 7 naked 8 dogged 9 sacred 10 beloved

C one syllable: 1, 3, 6; two syllables: 2, 4, 5

23 Words that look like opposites, but aren't

Activity A

1 **a different** not the same as somebody/something opposite: similar

b indifferent having or showing no interest in somebody/something

2 **a flammable** that can burn easily opposite: non-flammable

b inflammable that can burn easily

3 **a famous** known about by many people opposite: unknown/obscure

b infamous well known for being bad or evil

Activity B

1 unbiased 2 unpleasant 3 unconscious 4 very valuable

24 Plural adjectival nouns

A 1 the homeless 2 the deaf 3 the sick 4 the injured 5 the blind 6 the wealthy 7 the poor 8 the faithful 9 the elderly 10 the squeamish

11 the jobless 12 the young

B the visually impaired = blind, the hearing impaired = the deaf, people with severe mental illness = the insane

25 Verbs followed by infinitive or *-ing* forms 1

- A** 1 chatting, to meet up 2 to work, spending 3 to help, to do 4 studying, to get
5 having, to turn up 6 singing, losing 7 meeting, phoning 8 to play, serving
9 to become, to study

26 Verbs followed by infinitive or *-ing* forms 2

- A** 1 to fix, to get 2 coming, to cooperate 3 learning, starting 4 smashing, to believe
5 advising 6 to see, to be 7 walking, to give 8 to be, doing 9 to visit, to postpone
10 to eat, having

27 Uncountable nouns often used wrongly

- A** 1 so much good advice
2 making good progress
3 some new software *or* a new piece of software
4 each piece of luggage
5 correct
6 is all manner of equipment
7 the news *or* any news
8 further information
9 temporary accommodation
10 correct

28 Uncountable nouns ending in *-ics*

Activity A matching task

- 1 f 2 d 3 e 4 h 5 b 6 a 7 g 8 c

Activity A sentence completion

- 1 ballistics 2 phonics 3 athletics 4 orthopaedics

Activity B

In all three sentences the '*-ics*' noun is being used as an adjective and the determiner relates to the other noun, i.e. course, specialist, experts.

29 Easily confused plural and singular forms

- A** 1 plural = phenomena, singular = phenomenon 2 criteria, criterion
3 media, medium 4 strata, stratum 5 data, datum 6 bacteria, bacterium
B 1 data 2 phenomena 3 bacterium 4 criterion 5 strata
6 phenomenon 7 medium 8 Bacteria 9 media 10 criteria

30 Adjectives that do not come before a noun

Activity A

- 1 afraid 2 awake 3 ashamed 4 alive 5 asleep 6 alike 7 afloat 8 addicted

Activity B

- 1 asleep 2 awake 3 afraid 4 alive

31 Adjectives that only come before a noun

Activity A

High-flying, mitigating, chief and **dedicated** are all adjectives which can only come before a noun.

NB **dedicated** can be used before a noun in some sentences but the meaning is different—check in the dictionary.

- 1 a) I met a **high-flying** female lawyer at the conference.
b) ~~The female lawyer who I met at the conference was **high-flying**.~~
- 2 a) There have been **devastating** consequences following the earthquake.
b) The consequences of the earthquake have been **devastating**. ✓
- 3 a) His behaviour at school is terrible but there are **mitigating** factors.
b) ~~His behaviour at school is terrible but there are factors which are **mitigating**.~~
- 4 a) That was the **chief** reason why I contacted you.
b) ~~That reason why I contacted you was **chief**.~~
- 5 a) There is a **significant** difference in the results compared to last year.
b) The difference in the results compared to last year is **significant**. ✓
- 6 a) Only the police can use this **dedicated** radio frequency.
b) ~~Only the police can use this radio frequency which is **dedicated**.~~

Activity B

1 e 2 j 3 b 4 i 5 f 6 d 7 c 8 a 9 h 10 g

32 Verbs with two objects

Activity A

- 1 He gave me some good advice yesterday.
- 2 Could you pass me the salt, please?
- 3 I'll send you the information by email.
- 4 She left a message for her husband to tell him about the party.
- 5 My dad built me a tree house when I was a child.
- 6 I was so pleased when he offered me the job.
- 7 He paid the detective £100 to follow his wife.
- 8 That mistake cost him his job.
- 9 When she's happy she sings us her favourite songs.
- 10 He owes a lot of people money and won't be able to pay it back.

Activity B

1 to 2 to 3 to 4 for 5 to/for (meaning different)

6 to/for (meaning very similar) 7 to 8 to/ for (meaning different)

In sentences 5) and 8) 'to' is used for the direction of the action (e.g. He posted three parcels to me—I was the destination for the parcels—from him to me). 'For' implies that the speaker performs the action in place of the person mentioned. (e.g. He posted three parcels for me—I could not do the posting so he did it in my place, in order to help me—from me to the different destinations.)

33 Shops, etc. with apostrophes

- A 1 some rolls, a wholemeal loaf 2 a perm, a shave 3 a lamb chop, liver 4 some plasters,
a prescription 5 a brace, a filling 6 some cod, prawns 7 a bunch of carnations, a
wedding bouquet 8 some celery, parsley 9 a brooch, a pendant
10 a magazine, a paper 11 bifocals, a pair of reading glasses 12 a ring binder, a rubber

34 Consonant-doubling adjectives

- 1 redder 2 wettest 3 fitter 4 drabber 5 madder
6 sadder 7 flattest 8 hotter 9 fatter 10 bigger

35 Consonant-doubling verbs

- A 1 preferred 2 flagged 3 submitted 4 skidded 5 occurred 6 transferring
7 committed 8 begged 9 barred 10 acquitted 11 regretted 12 admitting