

Quiz 1

- 1 An area with **condemned or neglected buildings** is deprived and run down.
- 2 If you **rip** your shirt you need to mend or repair it.
- 3 If a place is **hideous**, it is very bad – usually ugly or unattractive.
- 4 When a place is **flourishing**, it's doing well – business is good and there's a lot going on.
- 5 If people **undermine your authority**, they make you look bad so that people don't take you seriously.
- 6 If you're **thrilled** with something, you feel very excited and pleased.
- 7 Houses or flats are **burgled** by a burglar.
- 8 You might **halt the decline** in an area by investing money in new building, encouraging businesses to move there or invest money, improving transport, encouraging tourism.
- 9 You might need **stick to your principles** if someone tries to bully you or persuade you to do something you don't think is right.
- 10 **Social mobility** is the ability to move between social classes.
- 11 Politicians try to **cover up** scandals, e.g. cheating on their expenses.
- 12 If people **make false assumptions** they think they already know the situation, so they don't think about it carefully enough.
- 13 If someone is **bitchy** they gossip in a nasty way about others.
- 14 People might be **prone to** forgetting things, exaggerating, answering back, getting angry, daydreaming, etc.
- 15 If people are not **compatible** they don't get on very well, they might fall out or get divorced.

Quiz 2

- 1 You might feel **rough** because you are tired or ill.
- 2 If you are **mortified**, you feel very embarrassed.
- 3 If you are **in stitches**, you laugh so hard you are doubled up.
- 4 If someone is **petulant**, they are childish and cross. They might deliberately make things difficult for another person.
- 5 An animal that hunts other animals would be described as a **predator**, e.g. a wolf or a lion.
- 6 If fighting **escalates**, it increases and gets more violent.
- 7 A politician or an army might **seize control** of a country by staging a coup.
- 8 If something is **prevalent**, there is a lot of it.

- 9 You could **devise** a plan, a scheme, a set of rules, etc.
- 10 A political party or country with financial interests in the country at war might have a **vested interest** in a war continuing.
- 11 There is a **negative correlation** between income and birth rate: the richer the country, the lower the birth rate. An example of **positive correlation** would be between people graduating from university and people getting good jobs.
- 12 You could **manipulate** figures, statistics or a person to prove a point or get what you want.
- 13 Crime, drug use, or other illegal activities might be **cracked down on**, e.g. by increasing the power of the police.
- 14 Someone might **butt in** (interrupt) when you are having a conversation with someone else and you might feel annoyed.
- 15 Rodents (e.g. mice, rats, hamsters) **gnaw**.

Quiz 3

- 1 People **network** to build up business contacts.
- 2 The opposite of **upholding** a decision is *overturning* a decision.
- 3 Jobs which might be **emotionally draining** are those which involve people with health problems or other difficulties, e.g. nurse, social worker, teacher.
- 4 People **collaborate** when they can both benefit from working together, e.g. by fighting a common enemy in a game.
- 5 A person, a car, a computer could be **temperamental**, i.e. unreliable or quickly changing mood.
- 6 It's good if cancer **goes into remission**.
- 7 People **flee** an area because there is war, an earthquake or a flood, for example.
- 8 You might need a **skin graft** when you have burns.
- 9 You might **clench** your fist if you are very angry.
- 10 **Revelations** are things that people have found out, usually relating to a scandal, e.g. a famous person having an affair or doing something dishonest.
- 11 You might **elaborate on** a point you have made in an argument or presentation, by giving more details and / or examples.
- 12 'Hare Krishna' is a **chant**. There are also football / sport chants.
- 13 If a team **scrapes through**, it gets just enough points to go through to the next round. The alternatives are getting *knocked out* (i.e. not going through), or just *going through*.
- 14 You might **glare** at someone who has been rude.
- 15 You might **rule out** the possibility of something happening in the future, e.g. interest rate rises, strike action, because you do not believe it is likely.

Quiz 4

- 1 Someone might **pull out of** a race or competition because they are ill or injured.
- 2 You might be **inappropriately dressed** if you wore very scruffy clothes to a smart, formal event, e.g. jeans to an important business meeting or a smart wedding.
- 3 The opposite of **denying** an allegation is *admitting to* an allegation.
- 4 Someone might make a **prototype** when they are inventing something.
- 5 You could **confess to** a crime, an accident (when you broke something), an affair, etc.
- 6 To **libel** someone you would write something untrue about them.
- 7 Companies can **outsource** factory workers, IT or call centre workers because it is cheaper.
- 8 You might be sued **for negligence** if you fail to do something you should have done. You might have to pay damages or compensation.
- 9 When people **rampage** through the streets they make a lot of noise and may damage things.
- 10 People might **freak out** if they are scared or panicking.
- 11 A company or bank may need to be **bailed out** by the government because they are at risk of going bankrupt.
- 12 If something is **on the wane** it means it is becoming less strong, e.g. if something is becoming less popular.
- 13 You find **inmates** in prison.
- 14 Most companies have to pay **overheads** for rent, utilities, supplies, etc.
- 15 You might give someone a **head start** in a race because you have an unfair advantage over them, e.g. a child.