

G R A M M A R

A. Complete the article by filling the gaps with proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article.

Example: (00) crippled

Cheryl's US Dream Gives Her Nightmares

Struggling with her elocution lessons and healthy eating regime, **00 (cripple)** by panic attacks and facing huge pressure from US TV bosses, it's little wonder that Cheryl **01 (lie)** low in recent months. The singer's confidence **02 (leave)** at rock-bottom after a series of setbacks in the build-up to Simon Cowell announcing his final judging panel for the *US X Factor*.

Now the Geordie star **03 (confide)** to friends, "The pressure is unbearable. I didn't realize what I **04 (get)** myself in to. I'm worried this could be worst decision of my life."

Cheryl, 27, **05 (face)** massive pressure from TV bosses who are taking a huge gamble if they **06 (choose)** the star, who is an unknown face in the US, to front their new big-budget launch.

In recent days, Cheryl **07 (suffer, also)** a setback in her efforts to adjust her distinctive accent for an American audience. Simon, 50, was convinced that elocution lessons **08 (help)** her tone down her Newcastle twang, but TV executives in the States are still unimpressed. To make matter worse, under-pressure Cheryl **09 (ask)** to get started on a self-imposed healthy eating regime, designed to get her in killer shape for the show.

US X Factor is in hot competition with *American Idol*, which has Jennifer Lopez – just **10 (vote)** the world's most beautiful woman – as its star female judge. A source revealed that Cheryl **11 (want)** to lose a few pounds, but she couldn't get on top of the new diet and fitness plan. "It **12 (start)** to unnerve Simon and *X Factor* executives in the States." Added to their frustration is Cheryl's lack of profile in the States – six months after Simon urged her **13 (go)** on an offensive with the American media. But Cheryl **14 (spot, barely)** out either in the UK or US in months. Cheryl needs to do something drastic quickly – or she **15 (blow)** the biggest opportunity of her life before it even begins.

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08	Total Points:/15pts

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Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

The Yega is a group of – **00** - 900 people living **NEAR** 00.....nearly.....

on the north coast of Papua. Up to 1910 when the first school was begun, some clans moved – **01** - and **EAST** 01

settled in other – **02** – villages, such as Kanunje. **COAST** 02.....

The main reason for the – **03** - of clans from Basabuga **DISPERSE** 03

was probably population pressure; but the – **04** – **FORCE** 04

cessation of inter-parish warfare - **05** – contributed. **DOUBT** 05

People were encouraged to move by the increasing– **06** – **EFFECT** 06.....

of government control and by the – **07** – at Gona Mission **ESTABLISH** 07

of a school and hospital staffed by Europeans.

The war of 1939-45 affected the Yega in several important ways. Their territory became one of the major – **08** – **BATTLE** 08.....

of the Pacific War. Every person migrated from the area.

- **09** – men went away to serve in the army or labour **BODY** 09

corps, while the women and children shifted to another

Anglican mission about thirty miles to the north.

When they returned at the end of the war, they found everything destroyed. They were paid some – **10** - . **COMPENSATE** 10

Total Points:/10pts

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Read the article on English pubs. Decide which of the sentences (A-M) below best fits into each of the numbered gaps (1-10) in the article. There are three extra sentences.

- A that make a pub a pub
- B but they never seem to make this connection.
- C in what manner and with what effects
- D the pub is the most popular
- E how the author now feels
- F which even among the English involves communication
- G visiting the pub at least once a week
- H governing the use of alcohol
- I there are howls of protest in the local papers
- J many aspects are embedded in the act of drinking
- K what they used to be
- L concentrated largely in city centres
- M frequented by three-quarters of the adult population

Of all the social facilitators that help the inhibited English to engage and bond with each other, 01 There are around fifty-thousand or so pubs in England, 02 many of whom are 'regulars', treating their local pub almost as a second home. This national love-affair with the pub shows no sign of waning; overall, about a third of the adult population are 'regulars', 03– but among the younger age-groups, this proportion rises to 64 per cent.

Nowadays there is a bewildering variety of different types: student pubs, youth pubs, theme pubs, family pubs, gastro-pubs, caber pubs, sports pubs – as well as a number of other kinds of drinking-places such as café-bars and wine bars. Much fuss has been made about these novelties, much huffing and puffing dire warnings and doom and gloom. Pubs aren't

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R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N (continued)

04 It's all trendy bars now; you can't find a proper traditional pub. The country's going to the dogs. The end of the world is nigh, or at least a lot nigher

The usual nostalgic moaning. The usual premature obituaries. There was a book published about twenty years ago entitled *The Death of the English Pub*: the readers of the book wonder 05 every time he passes a Rose Crown or a Red Lion and sees people still happily drinking and playing darts. But a lot of this precipitate mourning is just typical English Eeyorishness, and the rest is the result of a syndrome similar to 'ethnographic dazzle': the doom-mongers are so dazzled by superficial differences between the new types of pub and the traditional sort that they cannot see the underlying, enduring similarities – the customs and codes of behaviour 06 Even if the Eeyores were right, the new pubs they object to are still only a small minority, 07, and there are still tens of thousands of more traditional 'local' pubs.

It is true that a number of village pubs are struggling, and some in very small villages have had to close, which is sad, as a village is not really a proper village without a pub. Whenever this happens, 08, and a morose group of villagers is photographed with a handmade 'Save Our Pub' placard. What would save their pubs would be lots of them spending lots of money drinking and eating in it, 09 The same problem is seen with the *Death of the Village Shop*: everyone wants to save their village shop; they just don't particularly want to shop there. The usual English hypocrisies.

But the English pub, as an institution, as a micro-society, is still alive and well. And still governed by a stable, enduring set of unspoken rules. The pub is an institution devoted to sociability, 10, so it is not surprising that most of its rules are concerned with language and body language.

Total Points:/10pts

L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear Coronation Street actress Samia Smith talking about how she lost her baby weight and how she loves being a mum. Listen carefully and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Samia considers motherhood embarrassing.
2. Samia's daughter is looked after by two nannies.
3. Samia is planning to have another child in two years.
4. Freya used to be cautious.
5. Being busy with Freya helped her become slim again.
6. Samia admires people who do exercises sweating in the gym.
7. Samia has been in business for more than a decade.
8. Samia's character in the soap opera stopped being a challenge for her.
9. Samia thinks that people living together should not work in the same field.
10. Samia loves her new involvement because the stories are funny.

VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many trees as you can. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

Total Points:pts

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