

G R A M M A R

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

Example: (00) is spoken

Strong Cyprus housing market attracts Britons

It's easy to see why Cyprus has been one of the most popular locations for Britons to have a holiday home over recent decades. English – 00 – (speak) widely across the island, the sun shines bright and warm right into November and beyond, and the two major airports have regular flights to the UK, four and a half hours away.

'People feel it's a real home away from home. They love the weather, of course, low crime, as well as the fact that English is spoken fluently everywhere, and they even drive on the left,' said Eileen Hardy, director of Paphos-based estate agency Hardy Estates.

But there – 01 – (be) spoilers to this island idyll set in the shimmering eastern Mediterranean. Firstly, there – 02 – (be) the legacy of the island's painful division between the Greek south and the Turkish north. Displaced Greek Cypriots have a claim on land – which – 03 – (uphold) in the UK courts – in the north of the island which – 04 – (resell, subsequently) to British buyers. In one case, the British buyers – 05 – (force) off the land and out of the dream holiday villa they – 06 – (think) was theirs. Whatever rights and wrongs of such situations, the property business on the whole island – 07 – (suffer) reputational damage.

Ms Hardy says, 'Every bit of land – 08 – (register) – as a legacy of the British. But when you buy a new-build property in particular, you – 09 – (wait, can) a long time – sometimes several years – to get your hands on the title deeds. The development has to be completed before the title deeds can be applied for. If the developer has mortgaged the land, then that – 10 – (pay, must) off before the deeds are available. In most cases, there's no problem but you have to do your homework.

Usually, the problem of title deeds – 11 – (avoid, can) by buying a second-hand property rather than a new build, Ms Hardy says. However, even in this instance there are some homes which – 12 – (stand) for 10 or 20 years and yet still don't have a title deed.

On top of knotty legal problems came the credit crunch, subsequent global recession and the pound's crash against the euro, which – 13 – (hit) the buying power of all those Britons. 'If you bought three or four years ago, you – 14 – (be) very lucky to make your money back selling now,' Ms Hardy said.

However, Cyprus is on the way back. Ms Hardy reports activity comfortably up on last year. Developers – 15 – (build) again in a still sparsely populated island.

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Total Points: / 15pts

V O C A B U L A R Y

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.

‘I can’t define the real problem, therefore I 00 – there’s **SUSPICION** 00...suspect.....
no real problem, but I’m not sure there’s no real problem.’

The American 01 – Richard Feynman said this about **PHYSICS** 01.....
the 02 – puzzles and paradoxes of quantum mechanics, **NOTORIETY** 02.....
the theory scientists use to describe the tiniest objects in
the Universe. But he might as well have been talking about
the equally 03 – problem of consciousness. Some **KNOT** 03.....
scientists think we already understand what consciousness is,
or that it is a mere 04 – . But many others feel we have **ILLUSORY** 04.....
not grasped where consciousness comes from at all.

The perennial puzzle of consciousness has even led some
researchers to invoke quantum physics to explain it. That
notion has always been met with 05 – , which is not **SCEPTIC** 05.....
surprising: it does not sound wise to explain one 06 – **MYSTERIOUS** 06.....
with another. But such ideas are not obviously 07 – , **ABSURDITY** 07.....
and neither are they 08 – . For one thing, the mind **ARBITRARINESS** 08.....
seemed, to the great 09 – of scientists, to force its way **COMFORT** 09.....
into early quantum theory. What’s more, quantum computers
are predicted to be 10 – of accomplishing things ordinary **CAPABILITY** 10.....
computers cannot, which reminds us of how our brains can
achieve things that are still beyond artificial intelligence.

‘Quantum consciousness’ is widely derided as 11 – woo, **MYSTICISM** 11.....
but it just will not go away. The idea that the 12 – of **COME** 12.....
a quantum experiment can change depending on whether
or not we 13 – to measure some property of the particles **CHOICE** 13.....
involved seems to undermine the basic 14 – behind **ASSUME** 14.....
all science: that there is an objective world out there,
15 – of us. If the way the world behaves depends on how **RESPECT** 15.....
– or if – we look at it, what can ‘reality’ really mean?

Today, scientists think that quantum theory might be needed
to fully understand how the brain works. Might it be that, just
as quantum objects can 16 – be in two places at once, **APPARENT** 16.....
so a quantum brain can hold on to two mutually- 17 – **EXCLUDE** 17.....
ideas at the same time?

These ideas are 18 – , and it may turn out that quantum **SPECULATE** 18.....
physics has no fundamental role either for or in the workings
of the mind. But if nothing else, these possibilities show just
how 19 – quantum theory forces us to think. **STRANGE** 19.....

The most famous 20 – of the mind into quantum **INTRUDE** 20.....
mechanics comes in the ‘double-slit experiment’. Imagine
shining a beam of light at a screen that contains two closely-spaced
parallel slits. Some of the light passes through the slits,
whereupon it strikes another screen...

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article about whether religion can make us more environmentally friendly. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fits into each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences.

- A. to financially support the environment
- B. we have a duty of care towards nature
- C. it once was
- D. it contained
- E. being wrong and protecting the animals
- F. by advocating a domination ethic over nature
- G. the world will soon come to an end
- H. this does not mean
- I. we might not have heard
- J. Christianity teaches its followers
- K. to take care of animals and the environment
- L. many religions are big on kindness
- M. to keep piling on pounds

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Eight out of 10 people around the world consider themselves religious. That figure shows that, while in many countries religion is not as dominant as 01, it still has a huge influence on us.

What does that mean for the environmental movement? Does a belief in God or the supernatural make people more or less likely 02?

It is easy to make up stories to answer this question. You might say that many religions push the idea that 03, in which case surely they encourage a ‘let it burn’ ethos: what does it matter if the rainforest gets cut down, if the Rapture is next week? But just as plausibly, you might point out that 04, and some such as Jainism even forbid killing animals. This should nudge their followers towards caring for the natural world.

But these are just stories. What does the science of human behaviour tell us?

Let’s start with Christianity. Writing in the high-profile journal *Science* in 1967, historian Lynn White proposed that Christian religions undermine wildlife conservation 05. Because the Bible talks about ‘dominion’ over nature, White argued that 06 that ‘it is God’s will that man exploit nature for his proper ends’.

This was, to say the least, controversial. Other historians and theologians have argued that White was misreading the Bible, and that the text actually implies that 07. Perhaps more to the point, White offered no evidence about the attitudes or behaviours of actual Christians.

In 2013, researchers tackled that question by asking whether there was a relationship between a country’s main religion and the number of important biodiversity areas 08. They found that Christian countries, particularly Catholic ones, tended to have more areas set aside for nature than other countries.

However, 09 White was completely wrong. Other studies suggest that conservative Christians really are less environmentally friendly than other denominations.

In a study published in 1993, priest and sociologist Andrew Greeley looked at how much Americans were willing to spend on conserving the environment. He found that Christian fundamentalists were less willing, and Catholics more willing, 10. This suggests that it is not whether a person is Christian, but rather what type of Christian they are, that influences their behaviour towards nature.

It also seems that people’s attitudes towards the environment can be affected by the way Christianity interacts with other religions.

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 an astrologer's predictions of what the stars have in store for different people this week. Below, you can read summaries of this information 01–10. Match the statement with the information concerning each particular zodiac. There are two extra zodiac predictions that are not needed as they are not summarized in a statement.

You will hear the predictions only once. You will score half a point for each correct answer.

Abbreviations for the zodiacs (and the order the horoscopes will be read in): Gemini (G), Cancer (C), Leo (L), Virgo (V), Libra (Li), Scorpio (Sc), Sagittarius (S), Capricorn (Cp), Aquarius (Aq), Pisces (P), Aries (A) and Taurus (T).

1. You will join people who have similar thinking.
2. Despite the negative effects, you will enjoy meeting your family.
3. You control what happens to you in the future.
4. You will find yourself in a better position despite the fact that
people may decline your suggestions.
5. Rethinking your programme for this week is likely necessary.
6. Good ideas related to business planning should be made a reality.
7. You aren't wrong thinking you're being taken advantage of.
8. You'll become braver thanks to what happens to you.
9. You would be grateful for being given help.
10. Although you face competition, your weekend will be
extremely happy.

Total Points: / 5 pts

Participant Number: _____

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many diseases and illnesses as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

For example: *measles*

Total Points: pts

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