

G R A M M A R

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) could be

King of the Jumps

The Grand National has often produced fairy-tale endings and there – 00 – (be, can) another emotional occasion if the world famous horse race – 01 – (win) by jockey AP McCoy.

The most successful jockey that jump racing has ever known – 02 – (ride) the hot favourite Shuttlefrontdoor and tipped to retire on a high if he wins the Aintree showpiece after scooping the jockey's championship 20 years in a row.

McCoy – 03 – (ride) more than 4,350 winners in a career that stretches back to the early 1990s. He won the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year in 2010, but while most people in Britain know his name, the 40-year-old remains an enigmatic character who prefers to let his achievements – 04 – (do) the talking.

McCoy's toughness – 05 – (connect, might), at least in part, to growing up in Northern Ireland during the Troubles. On one occasion he – 06 – (stay) at his uncle's farm when there was a loud explosion nearby.

The young Anthony Peter McCoy hated school, but started to work on Saturdays at a stable and soon became bitten by the racing bug. He would play truant to go to the races. "I – 07 – (be, must) a nightmare for my parents. It was a struggle every morning whether they were going to succeed in getting me to school or not," he later wrote.

After moving to England in 1994 and through a remorseless approach to his craft, McCoy rose to the top. He might ride four winners out of five but would spend the evening at home analysing why he – 08 – (win, not) the fifth race.

There's no doubt that in recent years McCoy – 09 – (mellow). He married Chanelle, whom he met at a race meeting in Ireland in 2006, and the couple have a son and daughter. "He has been much easier to live with in the last six or seven years," Chanelle said in an interview in 2013. "Now with the kids – 10 – (be) here, it is not totally about him anymore. He – 11 – (accept, happily) the second position in the house because for him, the kids are number one now."

He's a popular figure among his fellow jockeys, who admire him very much. It is hard – 12 – (admire, not) a man who has shown such bravery in overcoming serious injuries. McCoy – 13 – (break) almost every bone in his body at least once but he always got back in the saddle. In January 2008 he broke his back after a crashing fall at Warwick. The surgeon told him it was "very unlikely" he – 14 – (ride, can) at the prestigious Cheltenham Festival in March, but McCoy – 15 – (have) none of it. He not only recovered in time, he even rode a winner.

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Total Points: _____ / 15 pts

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.

Under the Heathrow <u>–00–</u> path is a throwback to an age	FLY	00	<u>flight</u>
which owes more to <i>Game of Thrones</i> than the jet set. Standing			
tall is a stout yew which 800 years ago this June was witness			
to one of the most <u>–01–</u> moments in British history.	SIGNIFICANCE	01	_____
The Ankerwycke Yew in Middlesex is a real <u>–02–</u> . It	OLD	02	_____
was already about 1,700 when <u>–03–</u> barons forced	REBEL	03	_____
King John to sign the Magna Carta <u>–04–</u> on the banks	NEAR	04	_____
of the Thames. The tree has withstood <u>–05–</u> , civil war,	REBEL	05	_____
plague, famine and still <u>–06–</u> guards its secrets. Under	SCRUTABLE	06	_____
its boughs in the 1530s, Henry VIII began wooing Anne			
Boleyn, setting Britain on course for a <u>–07–</u> revolution.	RELIGION	07	_____
Other <u>–08–</u> include Robin Hood’s Major Oak in	TIME	08	_____
Sherwood Forest and the 460-year-old sweet <u>–09–</u>	NUT	09	_____
planted at Cumbernauld Castle by Mary Queen of Scots.			
What counts as ancient depends on the tree. Yews can live			
for thousands of years, only coming of age at 800, while			
birch are <u>–10–</u> at 150.	ELDER	10	_____
The older they get, the better they are for <u>–11–</u> . More	WILD	11	_____
than 2,000 bugs rely on <u>–12–</u> wood – often from	ROT	12	_____
<u>–13–</u> types of old tree – and they in turn provide manna	SPECIFY	13	_____
for birds and bats. Small <u>–14–</u> that the Woodland Trust	WONDERFUL	14	_____
wants a national tree register as a first step to <u>–15–</u>	GUARD	15	_____
the most important of our <u>–16–</u> residents.	VENERATE	16	_____
Another old <u>–17–</u> is the apple tree that in 1666	TROUPE	17	_____
Inspired Sir Isaac Newton’s theory of <u>–18–</u> .	GRAVITATE	18	_____
It re-rooted <u>–19–</u> and still produces apples. They are	IT	19	_____
all <u>–20–</u> national treasures – well worth protecting.	TRUTH	20	_____

Total Points: _____ / 10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article about mental health. 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. being overweight or obese
- B. take part in extreme physical activity
- C. to be struck with the devastating brain disease
- D. the risk of dementia fell
- E. being wrong and protecting the middle-aged
- F. if they are normal, overweight or obese
- G. following a healthy balanced diet
- H. as we grow old
- I. we might not have heard
- J. keeping fit boosts mental function in old age
- K. to keep their brains healthy
- L. who has at high risk of dementia
- M. to keep piling on pounds

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Middle-aged spread could prevent dementia, new research suggests. Doctors have long warned of the dangers of obesity, saying – 01 –. But now the world’s largest study into the link between body mass and memory has found that those with a paunch are 30 per cent less likely than average – 02 –. Conversely, underweight people appear to be a third more likely than average to develop the condition.

Professor Stuart Pocock, study author, of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said: “Our results suggest doctors, public health scientists and policy makers need to rethink how best to identify – 03 –. We also need to pay attention to the causes and public health consequences of the link between underweight and increased dementia risk.”

BMI, or body mass index, measures individuals’ weight and height to see – 04 –. Those with a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 are classed as normal, those between 25 and 29.9 are overweight, while those with a score of 30 or higher are obese.

Experts say – 05 – increases the risk of health problems, including diabetes, heart disease and cancer. But the researchers from the medical school and data experts at Oxon Epidemiology now say being fat could be a blessing – 06 –. They examined the medical records of nearly two million people with an average age of 55 and an average BMI of 26.5. After nine years nearly 50,000 were diagnosed with dementia.

The researchers found that as BMI rose between the ages of 40 and 80, – 07 –. Very obese people were 29 per cent less likely to get the disease than those in a normal weight range, while those with a BMI less than 20 were a third more at risk.

Researchers say the findings could open up “intriguing new avenues” in the search for a cure for dementia. They say underweight people may be more at risk because they have a poor diet, chronic illness or – 08 –.

GP and obesity expert Dr Ian Campbell said: “We would expect dementia to be much more likely in obese people, not less. But the overall risk of being obese remains significant and we should all keep a healthy weight and active lifestyle.”

Dr Doug Brown of the Alzheimer’s Society said: “While the evidence on body weight and dementia is unclear, we know people can make positive lifestyle choices – 09 – by taking regular exercise, not smoking and – 10 –.” About 850,000 people in the UK have dementia.

Total points: _____ / 10 pts

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 about the engagements of the royals. Fill in the gaps with the proper words.

You will hear the text only once. You will score half a point for each correct answer. Some answers consist of more words, but you will score half a point only if all the words in a particular sentence are used correctly.

1. The first official engagement of Prince George was held in _____ .
(2 words)
2. During this public appearance, Prince George was given a taste of the “ _____ ”.
(2 words)
3. Prince George is the _____ to the throne. (3 words)
4. The statue at the SAS base was unveiled in front of members of Britain’s _____ .
(3 words)
5. Colonel David Stirling formed the regiment in _____ . (1 word)
6. Some soldiers had been banned from the SAS camp due to their _____ about the service. (2 words)
7. The unveiled statue consists of _____ and an Army _____ .
(4 words)
8. In late July, Prince William presented _____ awards in a nuclear submarine. (3 words)
9. The warship was tested in the _____ . (2 words)
10. Becoming a submariner requires the mastering of more than _____ engineering systems. (2 words)

Total points: _____ / 5 pts

Participant Number: _____

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many action verbs for gardening as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

Example: to plant

Total Points: _____ pts

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