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1. If someone has achieved two goals with one action, we say that they have killed two birds with one stone.
2. When someone has an unorthodox or unexpected but correct solution to a problem, we say that they know a trick or two.
3. If someone is dressed very fashionably, we say that they are dressed to the nines.
4. If someone is confused, we say that they are at sixes and sevens.
5. Shoplifting is sometimes referred to as a five-finger discount.
6. If there is an equal probability that someone will be successful or fail, we say that they have a fifty-fifty chance that they'll succeed.
7. If there is a situation when all outcomes are equally bad, we refer to this as a catch-22 situation.
8. All parts of the world can be referred to as the four corners of the earth.
9. The idiom 'that makes two of us' refers to a situation in which two people agree on something, or which something is true of the speaker and another person.
10. If someone is independent, self-sufficient or manages their lives without the help of other people, we say that they stand on (their) two feet.
11. If you want to rest briefly, you can take five.
12. Collaboration will produce a better outcome than individual effort. This can be expressed using the idiom: 'Two heads are better than one.'
13. 'Two wrongs don't make a right' means that doing something wrong in response to another wrong is not justified.
14. If something is bad but not as bad as something else, we say that it is the lesser of two evils.
15. If there is a situation in which two parties are both responsible, we say that it takes two to tango.
16. If you are undecided, you are of two minds.

**Assessment: 1 point for every two correctly completed sentences**

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### LISTENING TAPESCRIPT (Please read once.)

#### **Famous people born on March 27**

**You are going to hear 5 short extracts from the lives of 5 famous people who all were born on March 27.**

Singer Mariah Carey was born March 27, 1970, in Huntington, Long Island, New York, to Alfred Roy Carey, a Venezuelan aeronautical engineer; and Patricia Carey, a voice coach and opera singer. She has two older siblings: a brother, Morgan, and a sister, Alison.

Carey's parents divorced when she was three years old. She stunned her mother by imitating her operatic singing as early as age two, and was given singing lessons starting at age four. Eventually, Carey would develop a voice that spanned five octaves.

After graduating in 1987 from Harborfields High School in Greenlawn, New York, Carey moved to Manhattan where she worked as a waitress, a coat-check girl, and studied cosmetology while writing songs and actively pursuing a music career at night.

Manuel Peter Neuer (born 27 March 1986) is a German professional footballer who plays as a goalkeeper and captain for both the German club Bayern Munich and the German National Team. Neuer has been described as a "sweeper-keeper" because of his unique playing style and speed when rushing off his line to anticipate opponents; he is also known for his quick reflexes, excellent shot-stopping abilities, strength, long throwing range, command of his area, and accurate control and distribution of the ball.

Regarded by pundits as the best goalkeeper in the world, and as one of the best and most complete goalkeepers of all-time, Neuer won the 2014 FIFA World Cup with Germany as well as the Golden Glove award for being the best goalkeeper in the tournament, and is considered by some in the sport to be the best goalkeeper in football since Lev Yashin.

In 2014, Neuer finished third in the voting, behind Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, for the FIFA Ballon d'Or award. The same year, he was ranked the third-best player in the world by *The Guardian*.

Kendra Scott (born March 27, 1974) is an American fashion and accessories designer and philanthropist who has won several awards for her business, designs, and commitment to philanthropy. She is the chairman, CEO, and lead designer of Kendra Scott, LLC. In 2017 she was named Ernst & Young's National Entrepreneur of the Year.

Kendra Scott was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She moved to Austin, Texas at age 19.

Inspired by her stepfather's battle with brain cancer, Scott opened her first business, the Hat Box, a hat store that specialized in comfortable hats designed for women going through chemotherapy treatment. Scott sold "comfortable but stylish" pieces and donated a portion of the proceeds to cancer research.

Julia Alvarez (born March 27, 1950) is a Dominican-American poet, novelist, and essayist. She rose to prominence with novels such as *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*. Her publications as a poet include *Homecoming (1984)* and *The Woman I Kept to Myself (2004)*, and as an essayist the autobiographical compilation *Something to Declare (1998)*. Many literary critics regard her to be one of the most significant Latina writers and she has achieved critical and commercial success on an international scale.

Born in New York, she spent the first ten years of her childhood in the Dominican Republic, until her father's involvement in a political rebellion forced her family to flee the country. Many of Alvarez's works are influenced by her experiences as a Dominican in the United States, and focus heavily on issues of assimilation and identity. Her cultural upbringing as both a Dominican and an American is evident in the combination of personal and political tones in her writing. She is known for works that examine cultural expectations of women both in the Dominican Republic and the United States.

The German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen was the first person to systematically produce and detect electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range today known as x-rays or Röntgen rays.

His discovery of x-rays was a great revolution in the fields of physics and medicine and electrified the general public. It also earned him the Rumford Medal of the Royal Society of London in 1896 and the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901. He is also known for his discoveries in mechanics, heat, and electricity.

Röntgen was born on March 27, 1845, at Lennep in the Lower Rhine Province of Germany. He was the only child of a merchant and cloth manufacturer. Röntgen was brought up in the Netherlands after he and his family moved to Apeldoorn in 1848. Here he received his early education at the Institute of Martinus Herman van Doorn, a boarding school, and in 1861 attended the Utrecht Technical School. Unfortunately, he was expelled unfairly from his school in 1863 after being accused of a prank another student had committed. Even though Röntgen did not seem to be especially gifted in his schoolwork, he was good at building mechanical objects, a talent that enabled him to build many of his own experimental devices in his later life.

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**S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y**

**Student**

You think that you are very talented. You would like to participate in one of the talent contests which run on Slovak television channels (e.g. *Slovensko hľadá Superstar*, *Slovensko má talent*) because you think you have a good chance of going far. Talk to your friend about it and ask for support.

You start.



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**S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y**

**Teacher**

Your best friend thinks he/she is an ideal candidate for a talent contest such as *Slovensko hľadá Superstar*, *Slovensko má talent*. However, he/she is not really very talented and you are worried that he/she would fail and be completely humiliated in the first round. Talk to your friend and try to find a way of tactfully putting him/her off the idea.

Your partner starts.

**S P E A K I N G – P I C T U R E**

The pictures below may help you invent a story with the title:

**How I helped my friend with their school problems. OR**

**How I was helped with my problems at school.**



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