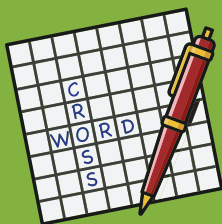




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A1 BEGINNER

A2 PRE-INTERMEDIATE

B1 LOWER INTERMEDIATE

B2 UPPER INTERMEDIATE

C1 ADVANCED

C2 PROFICIENCY

SIMBOLI FONETICI

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THE
CHARTS

► Read and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

		T	F
1)	The first music chart appeared in 1913 in the US.		
2)	It was based on sales of recorded music in New York City.		
3)	The <i>Billboard</i> magazine charts also incorporated radio airplay as data.		
4)	In the late 1950s, <i>Billboard</i> magazine was outlawed following an FBI investigation.		
5)	The first music chart in the UK appeared in 1952.		
6)	At the beginning the UK's music charts didn't meet with public opinion approval.		
7)	The first Gold Disc was awarded to Perry Como in the US in 1958.		
8)	In the UK, a Gold Disc is awarded for 100,000 sales.		
9)	A Platinum Disc in the UK is awarded for sales higher than 100,000.		
10)	Pop Music Chart Day is celebrated each year on January 4th.		
11)	The best-known charts are the USA's <i>Billboard</i> Hot 100 (albums) and <i>Billboard</i> Hot 200 (singles).		
12)	Ed Sheeran's <i>Perfect</i> spent 191 weeks on the US chart.		
13)	In the UK only three songs by the same artist are allowed in the Top 100.		



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

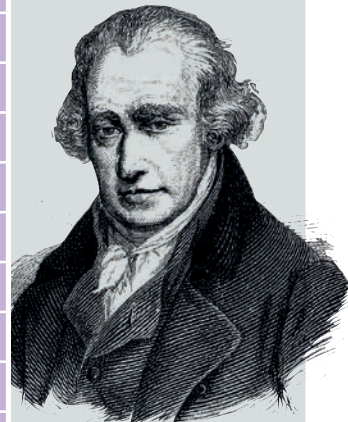
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di gran lunga, indubbiamente

JAMES WATT

► In the article, we found that the word **manufactory** was later abbreviated to **factory**. Fill in the table with the clipped word or the original word.

CLIPPED WORD	ORIGINAL WORD
phone
.....	store house
.....	vibration
temp
.....	gymnastics/gymnasium
.....	gasoline
.....	discoteque
.....	memorandum
exam
.....	microphone
.....	brother
burger
.....	delicatessen
path
.....	vegetable
lab
ad





VOCABULARY

2.2

► Find the nouns in the article that mean:

- 1) motore
- 2) industriale, imprenditore
- 3) impresa, azienda
- 4) ferrovia
- 5) rete (sistema articolato)
- 6) vapore
- 7) carpentiere navale
- 8) miniera
- 9) dipendente (lavoratore)
- 10) cavallo da tiro
- 11) sviluppo
- 12) bottega, officina
- 13) fabbrica
- 14) nazione, Paese
- 15) apprendistato
- 16) condensatore
- 17) legna



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

inspiration struck
fu colto dall'ispirazione

► Listen to the article and fill in the following sentences.

- 1) The 18th century engineer James Watt is considered the father of the steam engines.
- 2) The steam engine was a significative technology that powered the Revolution.
- 3) James Watt was born in Greenock, in west Scotland, in
- 4) Due to ill health, he was educated at home by his
- 5) He learned the trade following his’s footsteps as shipwright.
- 6) In 1755 he moved to London to work in a scientific maker’s workshop.
- 7) He then returned to , where he set up his own business.
- 8) In 1764 he was asked to a steam engine model.
- 9) Steam engines were used to pump from mines but they were very inefficient since they wasted most of the steam they produced.
- 10) In May , while walking on Glasgow Green, James Watt came up with an idea that would transform the world.
- 11) He solved the problem of energy wastage in steam engines by adding a condenser.
- 12) James Watt entered into partnership with Matthew Boulton and they were soon producing engines for use in mines and factories all over the country.



► Take this quiz and challenge your knowledge about discoveries and inventions that shaped our world into what it is today.



- 1) Who invented the wireless in 1901?
☐ a Henry Ford. ☐ b Guglielmo Marconi. ☐ c Nikola Tesla.
- 2) In which decade did Laszlo Biro invent the ballpoint pen?
☐ a 1920s. ☐ b 1930s. ☐ c 1910s.
- 3) What nationality was Samuel Morse, who invented the Morse code?
☐ a French. ☐ b Polish. ☐ c American.
- 4) In which year was the first electric elevator introduced?
☐ a 1880. ☐ b 1905. ☐ c 1927.
- 5) What did Alexander Fleming famously discover?
☐ a Antimalarial. ☐ b Penicillin. ☐ c Vaccine.
- 6) In which year was the first practical sewing machine invented?
☐ a 1900. ☐ b 1851. ☐ c 1920.
- 7) Who invented dynamite in 1867?
☐ a Tim-Berners Lee. ☐ b Samuel Colt. ☐ c Alfred Nobel.
- 8) In which year was the video conferencing software Zoom launched?
☐ a 2000. ☐ b 2017. ☐ c 2013.
- 9) Which of these instruments did Hans Janssen invent?
☐ a Microscope. ☐ b Stethoscope. ☐ c Telescope.
- 10) In which decade was the barcode first introduced?
☐ a 1990s. ☐ b 1950s. ☐ c 1970s.

SUNKEN ROADS

► Read the article and match numbers (1-17) and letters (a-q).

1)	paese, villaggio	a)	road
2)	stagno, laghetto	b)	settlement
3)	anatra, papero	c)	environment
4)	paesaggio	d)	council
5)	sentiero	e)	smuggler
6)	governo	f)	landscape
7)	strada	g)	path
8)	terreno, terra	h)	landowner
9)	terreno a pascolo	i)	pasture
10)	pressione	j)	pressure
11)	contrabbandiere	k)	growth
12)	insediamento	l)	village
13)	crescita	m)	pond
14)	felce	n)	government
15)	ambiente	o)	earth
16)	proprietario terriero	p)	duck
17)	consiglio, comitato	q)	fern



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

fill in a gap

colmare un vuoto, una lacuna



READING COMPREHENSION

3.2

► Read the article and match numbers (1-9) and letters (a-i).

1)	In the English countryside	a)	for conserving and enhancing the country's natural environment.
2)	These ancient paths	b)	rare ferns and mosses as well as animals and fungi.
3)	Sunken roads can be	c)	for sunken roads in England.
4)	"Holloways" is a common name	d)	pastures with marketplaces in towns and villages.
5)	Sunken lanes are particularly common	e)	to survey ancient sunken paths in Dorset.
6)	These paths were once the main routes connecting	f)	there are miles of mysterious sunken roads.
7)	Their unique ecosystem is home to	g)	were created by the passage of people and animals over time.
8)	Natural England is an organization responsible	h)	in South West England.
9)	A new 3D mapping project is underway	i)	traced back to Roman and Saxon times or even to the Iron Age.



MATRESCENCE

► Find the nouns in the article that correspond to the following definitions.

- 1) period from conception to childbirth;
period in which an embryo or fetus develops
inside the female body
- 2) knowledge or understanding of a fact or
situation; quality of being aware, fully conscious
- 3) chemical substance produced by the body that
affects how certain organs or tissues develop or
grow
- 4) offspring of a mammal in the stage of prenatal
development that follows the embryo stage
until birth
- 5) someone who studies humans and their
cultures, behaviour, customs, beliefs, in both
the present and the past
- 6) something that binds; close connection
between people or groups
- 7) period that occurs between puberty and
adulthood in human development, usually
extending over the teen years
- 8) state of being a mother; qualities of a mother



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

raise awareness

sensibilizzare, accrescere la
consapevolezza, richiamare l'attenzione



GRAMMAR

4.2

► Transform the following affirmative sentences into interrogative sentences.

- 1) Adolescence is a difficult phase of life.
.....
- 2) The term “matrescence” was coined in the 1970s.
.....
- 3) Adolescence has been widely studied for decades.
.....
- 4) A global movement recognises matrescence as a difficult phase of life.
.....
- 5) Society often presents pregnancy as a glorious phase of life.
.....
- 6) Up of 20 per cent of women suffer from postpartum depression.
.....
- 7) We know that women’s bodies change radically during pregnancy.
.....
- 8) They found that pregnancy alters some regions of the brain.
.....
- 9) A computer algorithm could use those changes to identify which women had been pregnant.
.....
- 10) Women with the greatest brain changes scored highest on the test on their maternal bonds.
.....



THE WORD OF THE YEAR

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WORDSEARCH

5.1

► Read the article and locate the eight Oxford words of the year 2023 hidden in the grid that mean the following. The words can be written in any direction.

- ❖ instruction given to an artificial intelligence program, algorithm etc.
- ❖ charm, style, ability to attract a partner
- ❖ practice of telling one's followers they should avoid certain commercial products
- ❖ weather phenomenon that occurs when a region of high pressure traps heat over an area
- ❖ adjective describing intimacy between a person and someone they do not know personally, usually a celebrity
- ❖ devoted fan of musician Taylor Swift
- ❖ romantic relationship that lacks commitment
- ❖ person that's neither good nor bad; not very interesting

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 R E D J Q T H Q K
 R O D

You
What is a 'swiftie'?

ChatGPT

A "swiftie" refers to a dedicated and enthusiastic fan of the American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift. The term is derived from Taylor Swift's last name. Swifties are known for their strong support of Taylor Swift's music, career, and personal life. They often follow her closely on social media, attend her concerts, and engage in discussions and activities related to her work.

Swifties are recognized for their loyalty and passion, and they often come together as a community to celebrate Taylor Swift's achievements, share their favorite songs, and discuss her latest projects. Being a Swiftie is not just about enjoying

VOCABULARY

5.2

► *Unscramble the letters to obtain nouns used in the article. The first letter is given to help you.*

- | | |
|------------------|---------|
| 1) NNCIEVEECON | C |
| 2) NSESEPRO | R |
| 3) RHICSMMA | C |
| 4) ENTWRIEVI | I |
| 5) ATENPIORUT | R |
| 6) VEUSYR | S |
| 7) SHLATIPREION | R |
| 8) ELERITYCB | C |
| 9) NCTIARYDIO | D |
| 10) TINONECONC | C |
| 11) NTIITYDE | I |
| 12) CINSTRITIONU | I |
| 13) TLIHOSTSR | S |
| 14) ITGAOHLMLR | A |
| 15) RKUQI | Q |



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

one-sided
unilaterale, a senso unico



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

have a reputation for
avere fama di



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

make it onto the shortlist
farcela a entrare nella rosa dei
finalisti, nella lista dei candidati

THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

SOLUTIONS PAGE 30

VOCABULARY

6.1

► Match the two words that go together selecting one word from each group to obtain expressions used in the article.



- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
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- 14)
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- 16)



ODD ONE OUT

6.2

► Find the adjective that doesn't belong to the group.

- 1) preferred ♦ ideal ♦ restrained ♦ first choice
- 2) overall ♦ overwhelming ♦ general ♦ thorough
- 3) occasional ♦ insufficient ♦ infrequent ♦ once in a while
- 4) conducive ♦ rigorous ♦ accurate ♦ scrupulous
- 5) profound ♦ extensive ♦ far-reaching ♦ cheap
- 6) strict ♦ inflexible ♦ excruciating ♦ stringent
- 7) notable ♦ overbearing ♦ remarkable ♦ striking
- 8) chronic ♦ long-term ♦ unrelenting ♦ persistent
- 9) cognitive ♦ mental ♦ intellectual ♦ doctrinal
- 10) rapid ♦ hasty ♦ swift ♦ sloppy
- 11) balanced ♦ humble ♦ varied ♦ sensible



READING COMPREHENSION

6.3

► Read the article and write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1) the / to / better / that / health / and / in / health / in / ways / Researchers / Mediterranean / particular / a / of / number / better / heart / diet / contributes / found / .
- 2) can / DNA / also / against / oxidative / damage / which / can / stress / protect / chronic / linked / to / several / like / neurological / The / cause / Mediterranean / diseases / conditions / diet / .

This Sicily's signature dish is a Mediterranean medley of slowly cooked vegetables which are combined with sugar and vinegar to create a sweet and sour vegetarian stew. While traditional caponata uses deep-fried aubergines, this is an easier and healthier recipe. The dish is high in nutritional value, packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Aubergines, olives, onions, basil are potent antioxidant ingredients that may help to lower blood cholesterol, improve heart health and protect the body from inflammation, supporting a strong immune system. Olive oil and pine nuts bring a balanced dose of omega-3 fatty acids, that have been shown to protect the body against damage and aging, and help to improve heart, skin, brain and immune system.

Ingredients

- Olive oil q.b.
- 1 kg aubergines, cut into 2.5 cm cubes
- 250 g shallots, chopped
- 400 g celery sticks, sliced
- 2 tablespoons capers, soaked if salted
- 200 g pitted green olives in brine
- 50 g toasted pine nuts
- 200 g tomatoes, chopped
- salt q.b.
- 50 ml wine vinegar
- 40 g tomato paste
- 60 g sugar
- handful basil leaves

Caponata



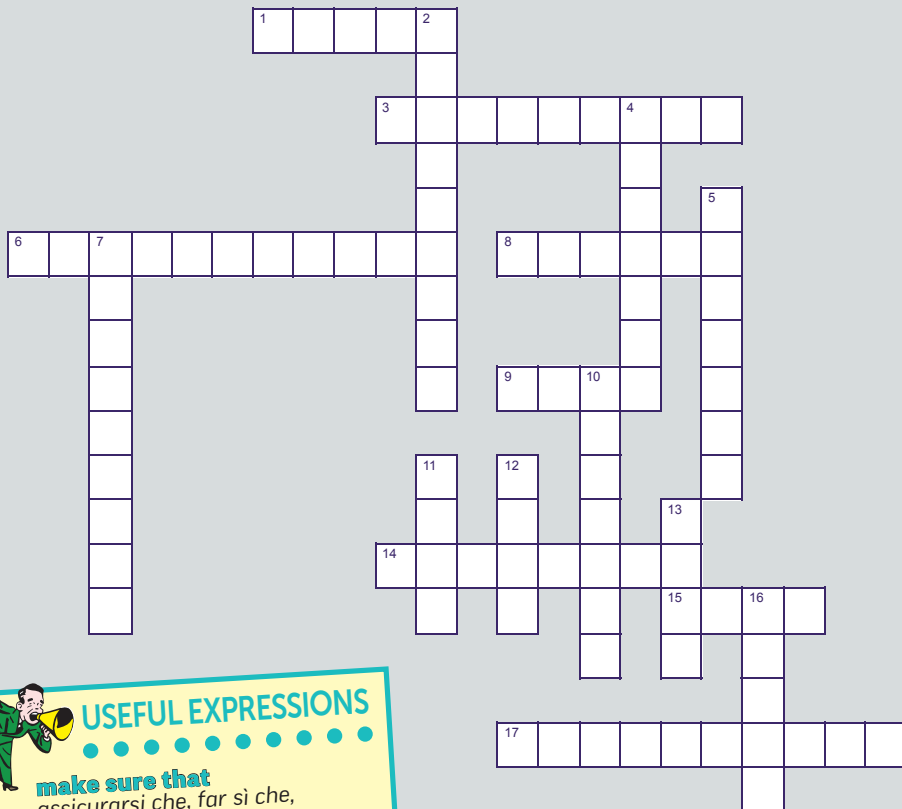
Method

- Pour the olive oil into a large saucepan, place over a medium heat and add the aubergines. Cook for about 15-20 minutes, until soft.
- Scoop the aubergines out of the pan, add the shallots to the saucepan and cook for about 5 minutes until translucent.
- Add the celery and after about 5 minutes put in capers, olives, pine nuts and tomatoes. Add salt and stir gently. Cover with a lid and cook slowly, about 20-25 minutes.
- Using a spoon, mix vinegar, tomato paste and sugar and pour the sauce in the saucepan. Raise the heat and stir thoroughly. Turn off the heat and add the cooked aubergines and the basil.
- Serve warm or at room temperature. The stew should smell sweet and sour.

► Complete the crossword by filling in a noun used in the article that means:

- ACROSS**
- 1** miscela, mescolanza
 - 3** ortaggio, verdure
 - 6** miglioramento
 - 8** fonte
 - 9** trucco, scorciatoia
 - 14** svantaggio, lato negativo
 - 15** rischio
 - 17** ricercatore

- DOWN**
- 2** dietologo
 - 4** fondamento
 - 5** beneficio
 - 7** gravidanza
 - 10** calcio (elemento chimico)
 - 11** ferro
 - 12** tonno
 - 13** erbe da cucina
 - 16** spezia



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

make sure that
assicurarsi che, far sì che,
fare in modo che

THE BEATLES
IN TIME

► Released in 1967, **Penny Lane** was mainly written by Paul McCartney and is credited to Lennon and McCartney. The lyrics refer to a street in the suburbs of Liverpool where the two used to meet to catch a bus to the city centre during their childhood and teen years. Look for it on YouTube and fill in the missing words.

PENNY LANE

Penny Lane, there is a barber (1) photographs
 Of (2) head he's had the pleasure to know
 And all the (3) that come and go
 Stop and (4) , "Hello"
 On the (5) is a banker with a motorcar
 The little children laugh at (6) behind his back
 And the banker (7) wears a Mac in the pouring rain
 Very (8)
 Penny Lane is in my (9) and in my eyes
 Wet beneath the (10) suburban skies
 I (11) and meanwhile back
 In Penny Lane, there is a fireman (12) an hourglass
 And in his pocket is a portrait of the (13)
 He (14) to keep his fire engine clean
 It's a clean (15)
 Penny Lane is in my ears and in my (16)
 A four of (17) and finger pies
 In (18) , meanwhile back
 Behind the shelter in the (19) of a roundabout
 A pretty nurse is (20) poppies from a tray
 And though she (21) as if she's in a play
 (22) is anyway
 Penny Lane, the barber shaves (23) customer
 We see the banker sitting (24) for a trim
 And then, the fireman rushes in (25) the pouring rain
 (26) strange
 Penny Lane (27) in my ears and in my eyes
 There beneath the blue suburban (28)
 I sit (29) meanwhile back
 Penny Lane is in (30) ears and in my eyes
 (31) beneath the blue suburban skies. Penny Lane



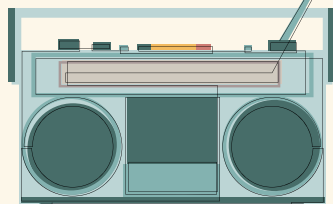


LISTENING COMPREHENSION

7.2

► Listen and answer the questions choosing from the options.

- 1) On what occasion did the late Queen Elizabeth II say: "Think what we would have missed if we had never heard The Beatles"?
 - a At her golden wedding anniversary, in 1997.
 - b At the Diamond Jubilee celebration, in 2022.
 - c At the 50th anniversary of her accession, in 2002.
- 2) In what order are the anecdotes contained in the book *One Two Three Four* presented?
 - a In a strictly chronological order.
 - b More or less in chronological order.
 - c In order of relevance.
- 3) What prominent public figures are mentioned among The Beatles' fans?
 - a Vladimir Putin and Priscilla Presley.
 - b Queen Elizabeth II and JFK.
 - c Queen Elizabeth II and Vladimir Putin.
- 4) When was the book *One Two Three Four* released?
 - a On the 60th anniversary of the band's formation.
 - b On the 50th anniversary of the band manager's death.
 - c On the 50th anniversary of the band's break-up.
- 5) Craig Brown is also the author of another successful biography. About whom?
 - a Yoko Ono.
 - b Princess Margaret.
 - c Brian Epstein.



THE HUBRIS OF
THE BILLIONAIRE
TECH BROS

SOLUTIONS PAGE 30

VOCABULARY

8.1

► Insert the vowels to complete the following nouns used in the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1) bllnr | 13) cvln |
| 2) jstfctn | 14) rgltn |
| 3) ncm | 15) hrvst |
| 4) sprmcy | 16) svrgnty |
| 5) nfltn | 17) thrty |
| 6) hshld | 18) mnsht |
| 7) dsnfmrtn | 19) ntrprnr |
| 8) cnscsnss | 20) cmpttn |
| 9) gmptn | 21) pltfm |
| 10) mnply | 22) tchnlgy |
| 11) frbr | 23) sst |
| 12) xtrnlty | 24) wnnb |





GRAMMAR

8.2

► Complete with the missing prepositions choosing from: **in, for, to, by, from, above, after, between, of, at, for, on, behind, into.**

- 1) digital businesses depend mineral slavery Africa
- 2) his admiration the emperor borders obsession
- 3) two separate occasions
- 4) they will leave artefacts the civilisation
- 5) he is convinced he will build a city Mars 2050
- 6) it can exist an entirely different level
- 7) that didn't come free
- 8) just case
- 9) they could only build so many railroads a time
- 10) we should first laugh them
- 11) response the accusation
- 12) the optimist doesn't take feedback account
- 13) competition the social networks web 2.0 increased
- 14) they are, all, experts everything
- 15) don't compare yourself everyone else
- 16) he seeks to rise far the competition
- 17) capitalists sought to extract value workers
- 18) decisions based how the market responds
- 19) at a cost of up \$10bn a person
- 20) that number had increased terms adjusted
inflation 693,000
- 21) the biggest house town, colony the moon or
virtual reality server the cloud

► **Who did what?** Each of the following information refers to a billionaire mentioned in the article. Listen and choose from: Mark Zuckerberg (MZ), Elon Musk (EM), Jeff Bezos (JB), Sam Altman (SA), Peter Thiel (PT), Bill Gates (BG).

- 1) has a fortune of \$165bn
- 2) wants to upload his consciousness to the cloud
- 3) owns Twitter/X and Tesla
- 4) said: "I no longer believe that freedom and democracy are compatible."
- 5) established a Facebook independent oversight board and dubbed it the "Supreme Court"
- 6) owns LinkedIn and Skype
- 7) controls the *Washington Post*
- 8) named his second daughter August
- 9) quoted Nietzsche on the supremacy of the individual: "madness is rare in individuals, but in groups, parties, nations and ages it is the rule"
- 10) plans to build space colonies on the Moon and other parts of the Solar System
- 11) has an obsession for Augustus Caesar
- 12) has a fortune of \$231bn
- 13) co-founded PayPal with Musk
- 14) by 2050 plans to build a city of a million people on Mars at a cost of up to \$10bn a person
- 15) also owns 109,000 hectares of farmland in the United States
- 16) co-founded PayPal and wants to create a similar finance company
- 17) created a fellowship that pays \$100,000 "to young people who want to build new things instead of sitting in a classroom"
- 18) has a fortune of \$114bn
- 19) was fired as ChatGPT CEO by its board of directors, and then rehired

1) What can be measured, but has no length, width, or height?

2) What's the difference between U and I?

3) What goes up and down, but doesn't move an inch?

4) Which flower grows under your nose?

6) What do you call a magician who lost his magic?

5) What do you call peas which are crazy?

7) What is the leading cause of dry skin?

8) I have a thousand arms, a thousand legs, and five hundred heads. Who am I?

9) I am a driver but I never drive a car. What am I?

10) Who is the king of the school supplies?

POOR
THINGS

► Read the first part of the article and decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

		T	F	NG
1)	<i>Poor Things</i> is a movie directed by Yorgos Lanthimos.			
2)	Yorgos Lanthimos has been nominated for a Golden Globe Award and three Academy Awards.			
3)	<i>Poor Things</i> is based on a 1990s novel by Alasdair Gray.			
4)	The novel was illustrated by the author himself.			
5)	The movie won the Golden Lion award at the Venice International Festival in 2023.			
6)	Emma Stone plays Bella Baxter, the leading role.			
7)	This is the first time Emma Stone works with Yorgos Lanthimos.			
8)	In the film, Bella is brought back to life by Dr. Godwin Baxter following her attempted suicide.			
9)	The role of Godwin Baxter is played by Mark Ruffalo.			
10)	The movie was entirely filmed in London.			
11)	The director brought <i>Poor Things</i> to the screen soon after he read the novel.			
12)	To create his personal version of Victorian society, Lanthimos took inspiration from movies as varied as Luis Buñuel's and Fellini's.			
13)	The movie also includes fragments of images from the TV series <i>Gray's Anatomy</i> .			



LISTENING COMPREHENSION

9.2

► Listen and complete the sentences choosing from the options.

- 1) Yorgos Lanthimos says the movie is centred on
 - a political themes that Alasdair Gray was particularly interested in.
 - b the life of a Victorian woman and her insatiable curiosity about the outside world.
 - c the exploration of barren landscapes and intimate portraits.
- 2) According to Yorgos Lanthimos, the position of women in society
 - a has changed dramatically since the 1990s, when the novel was written.
 - b hasn't changed at all since the 1990s, when the novel was written.
 - c has only slightly changed since the 1990s, when the novel was written.
- 3) The film *Poor Things* has been shot
 - a entirely in natural settings, with natural light.
 - b in big studios, with a lot of crew and light.
 - c relying on extensive computer-generated imagery.
- 4) An intimacy coordinator has been hired to shoot the sex scenes,
 - a as it is now standard in the movie industry.
 - b for the first time in the movie industry.
 - c however, her presence didn't make the actors feel very comfortable.
- 5) In *Poor Things* Emma Stone is
 - a leading actress and producer.
 - b leading actress.
 - c leading actress and screenwriter.



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VOCABULARY

10.1

► For each of the following adjectives (1-14) find a **synonym** (similar meaning) and an **antonym** (opposite meaning) choosing from the adjectives in the circle.

SIMILAR MEANING

OPPOSITE MEANING

- 1) disturbing
- 2) profound
- 3) spiteful
- 4) loud
- 5) swift
- 6) immediate
- 7) constant
- 8) angry
- 9) powerful
- 10) demanding
- 11) dead
- 12) cruel
- 13) past
- 14) low

alive
calm brutal furious reassuring
instant deep shallow continuous
indulgent deafening silent benevolent rapid future
former unsettling exacting deceased mighty
malicious slow weak delayed compassionate
despicable intermittent



READING COMPREHENSION

10.2

► Read and answer the questions.

- 1) Where is the novel *Beloved* set?
.....
- 2) In what year does the novel open?
.....
- 3) What's the name of the main character?
.....
- 4) What's her 18-year-old daughter's name?
.....
- 5) Who did Sethe deliberately kill?
.....
- 6) What is Sethe's address in Cincinnati?
.....
- 7) Who has been haunting the house for years?
.....
- 8) How many parts is the novel divided into?
.....
- 9) What is the opening sentence of the novel?
.....
- 10) What word was carved into the tombstone of Sethe's dead child?
.....
- 11) When *Beloved* gets very demanding, who does Denver turn to for help?
.....
- 12) Who played the role of Sethe in the 1998 movie titled *Beloved*?
.....



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

done and over with
storia chiusa, finita una volta
per tutte

JOKES

I'M NOT LAZY.
I'M JUST ON MY ENERGY-
SAVING MODE.



MATH. THE ONLY PLACE
WHERE PEOPLE BUY
57 WATERMELONS AND
NO ONE WONDERS WHY.



THE POLICE OFFICER
ASKED ME WHERE I WAS
BETWEEN 5 AND 6.
HE SEEMED IRRITATED
WHEN I ANSWERED
"KINDERGARTEN".



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THE CHARTS

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1.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1) T, 2) F, 3) T, 4) F, 5) F, 6) F, 7) T, 8) T, 9) T, 10) T, 11) F, 12) F, 13) T

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2.1 VOCABULARY

CLIPPED WORD	ORIGINAL WORD
phone	telephone
store	store house
vibe	vibration
temp	temperature
gym	gymnastics/gymnasium
gas	gasoline
disco	discoteque
memo	memorandum
exam	examination
mic	microphone
bro	brother
burger	hamburger
deli	delicatessen
path	pathway
veggie	vegetable
lab	laboratory
ad	advertisement

2.2 VOCABULARY

- 1) engine, 2) industrialist, 3) enterprise, 4) railway, 5) network, 6) steam, 7) shipwright, 8) mine, 9) employee, 10) workhouse, 11) development, 12) workshop, 13) factory, 14) country, 15) apprenticeship, 16) condenser, 17) wood

2.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

- 1) Scottish 7) Scotland
2) Industrial 8) repair
3) 1736 9) water
4) mother 10) 1765
5) father 11) separate
6) instrument 12) industrialist

2.4 TRIVIA TIME!

- 1) a, 2) b, 3) c, 4) a, 5) b, 6) b, 7) c, 8) c, 9) a, 10) c

SUNKEN ROADS

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3.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) l, 2) m, 3) p, 4) f, 5) g, 6) n, 7) a, 8) o, 9) i, 10) j, 11) e, 12) b, 13) k, 14) q, 15) c, 16) h, 17) d

3.2 READING COMPREHENSION

- 1) f, 2) g, 3) i, 4) c, 5) h, 6) d, 7) b, 8) a, 9) e

MATRESCENCE

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4.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) pregnancy, 2) awareness, 3) hormone, 4) fetus, 5) anthropologist, 6) bond, 7) adolescence, 8) motherhood

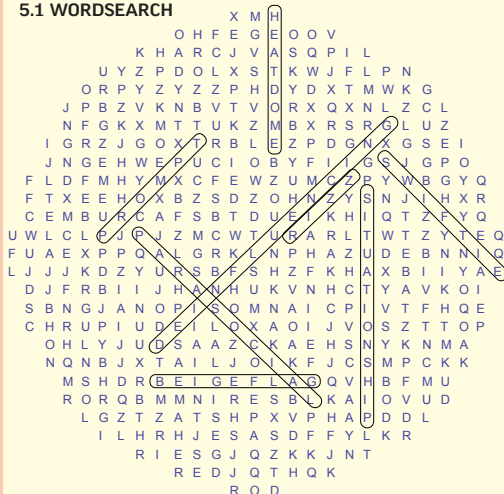
4.2 GRAMMAR

- Is adolescence a difficult phase of life?
- Was the term "matrescence" coined in the 1970s?
- Has adolescence been widely studied for decades?
- Does a global movement recognise matrescence as a difficult phase of life?
- Does society often present pregnancy as a glorious phase of life?
- Do up of 20 per cent of women suffer from postpartum depression?
- Do we know that women's bodies change radically during pregnancy?
- Did they find that pregnancy alters some regions of the brain?
- Could a computer algorithm use those changes to identify which women had been pregnant?
- Did women with the greatest brain changes score highest on the test on their maternal bonds?

THE WORD OF THE YEAR

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5.1 WORDSEARCH



5.2 VOCABULARY

1) CONVENIENCE, 2) RESPONSE, 3) CHARISMA, 4) INTERVIEW, 5) REPUTATION, 6) SURVEY, 7) RELATIONSHIP, 8) CELEBRITY, 9) DICTIONARY, 10) CONNECTION, 11) IDENTITY, 12) INSTRUCTION, 13) SHORTLIST, 14) ALGORITHM, 15) QUIRK

THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

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6.1 VOCABULARY

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) overall benefits | 9) cholesterol level |
| 2) saturated fat | 10) type 2 diabetes |
| 3) calcium supplement | 11) animal protein |
| 4) body mass index | 12) red meat |
| 5) cardiovascular disease | 13) alcohol consumption |
| 6) unprocessed food | 14) weight loss |
| 7) blood pressure | 15) pregnancy complication |
| 8) bell pepper | 16) pre-term birth |

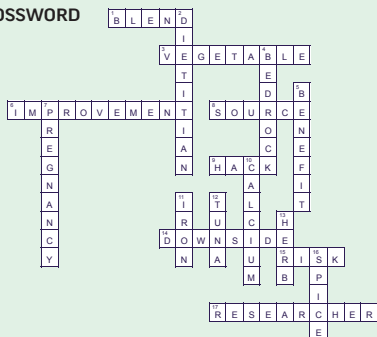
6.2 ODD ONE OUT

- 1) restrained, 2) overwhelming, 3) insufficient, 4) conducive, 5) cheap, 6) excruciating, 7) overbearing, 8) unrelenting, 9) doctinal, 10) sloppy, 11) humble

6.3 READING COMPREHENSION

- 1) Researchers found that the Mediterranean diet contributes to better health, and in particular better heart health, in a number of ways.
- 2) The Mediterranean diet can also protect against oxidative stress, which can cause DNA damage, linked to several chronic conditions like neurological diseases.

6.5 CROSSWORD



THE BEATLES

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7.1 SONG

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (1) showing | (12) with | (23) another |
| (2) every | (13) Queen | (24) waiting |
| (3) people | (14) likes | (25) from |
| (4) say | (15) machine | (26) Very |
| (5) corner | (16) eyes | (27) is |
| (6) him | (17) fish | (28) skies |
| (7) never | (18) summer | (29) and |
| (8) strange | (19) middle | (30) my |
| (9) ears | (20) selling | (31) There |
| (10) blue | (21) feels | |
| (11) sit | (22) She | |

7.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) a, 2) b, 3) c, 4) c, 5) b

THE HUBRIS OF THE TECH BROS

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8.1 VOCABULARY

1) billionaire, 2) justification, 3) income, 4) supremacy, 5) inflation, 6) household, 7) disinformation, 8) consciousness, 9) gumption, 10) monopoly, 11) forebear, 12) externality, 13) civilian, 14) regulation, 15) harvest, 16) sovereignty, 17) authority, 18) moonshot, 19) entrepreneur, 20) competition, 21) platform, 22) technology, 23) asset, 24) wannabe

8.2 GRAMMAR

1) on, in, 2) for, on, 3) on, 4) behind, of, 5) on, by, 6) on, 7) for, 8) in, 9) at, 10) at, 11) in, to, 12) into, 13) between, of, 14) after, in, 15) to, 16) above, 17) from, 18) on, 19) to, 20) in, for, to, 21) in, on, in

8.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) JB, 2) SA, 3) EM, 4) PT, 5) MZ, 6) BG, 7) JB, 8) MZ, 9) PT, 10) JB, 11) MZ, 12) EM, 13) PT, 14) EM, 15) BG, 16) EM, 17) PT, 18) BG, 19) SA

8.4 RIDDLES

1) The Temperature. 2) Eleven letters. 3) Stairs. 4) Tulips (Two Lips). 5) Peanuts. 6) Ian. 7) Towels. 8) I am a liar. 9) A screw-driver. 10) The ruler.

POOR THINGS

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9.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

1) T, 2) NG, 3) T, 4) T, 5) T, 6) T, 7) F, 8) T, 9) F, 10) F, 11) F, 12) NG, 13) F

9.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) b, 2) c, 3) b, 4) a, 5) a

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10.1 VOCABULARY

1) disturbing: unsettling - reassuring, 2) profound: deep - shallow, 3) spiteful: malicious - benevolent, 4) loud: deafening - silent, 5) swift: rapid - slow, 6) immediate: instant - delayed, 7) constant: continuous - intermittent, 8) angry: furious - calm, 9) powerful: mighty - weak, 10) demanding: exacting - indulgent, 11) dead: deceased - alive, 12) cruel: brutal - compassionate, 13) past: former - future, 14) low: despicable - righteous

10.2 READING COMPREHENSION

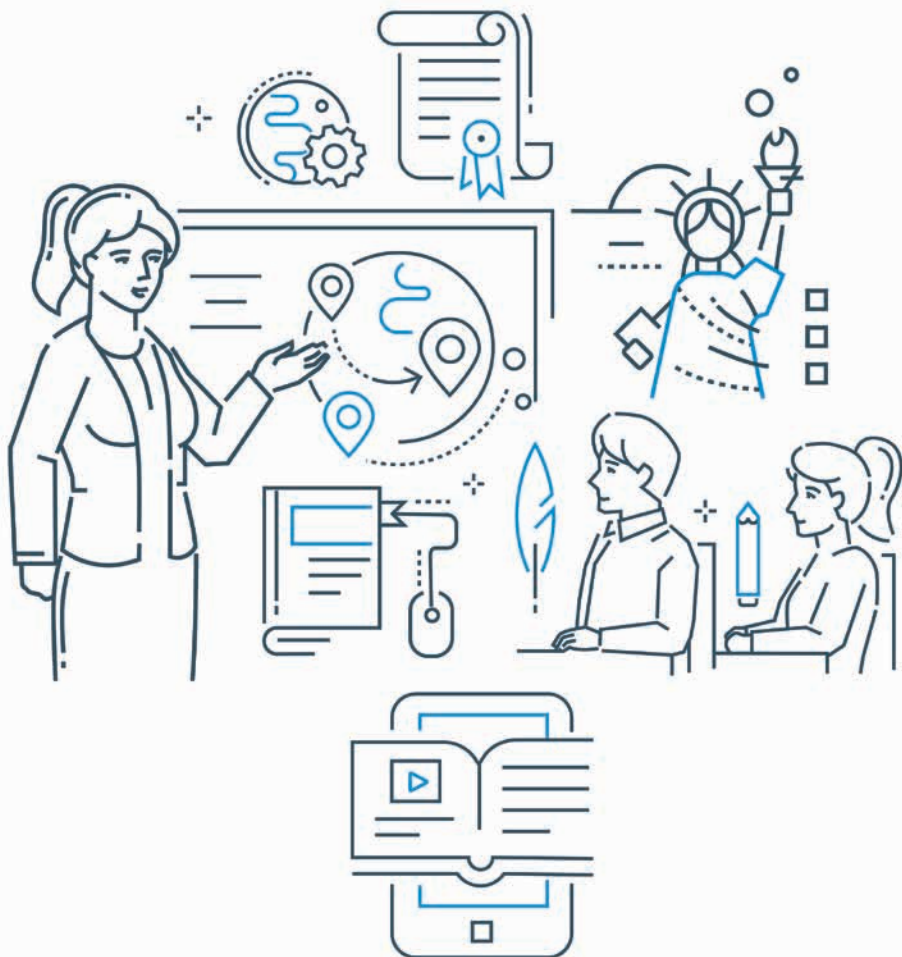
1) In Cincinnati, Ohio. 2) In 1873. 3) Sethe. 4) Denver. 5) Her firstborn (while trying to escape from a cruel slave owner). 6) 124 Bluestone Road. 7) The ghost of Sethe's eldest daughter. 8) Three. 9) "124 was spiteful." 10) "Beloved." 11) To the Black community. 12) Oprah Winfrey.

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