

# Work It Out!

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## UNIT 1

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LEVEL

## Festive Season

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### 1.1 VOCABULARY

► Match numbers (1-11) and letters (a-k) to obtain expressions used in the article.

|     |             |    |           |
|-----|-------------|----|-----------|
| 1)  | glittering  | a) | tour      |
| 2)  | mulled      | b) | singing   |
| 3)  | ice         | c) | market    |
| 4)  | bus         | d) | celebrity |
| 5)  | roast       | e) | light     |
| 6)  | midnight    | f) | skating   |
| 7)  | toy         | g) | mass      |
| 8)  | film        | h) | wine      |
| 9)  | daily       | i) | turkey    |
| 10) | carol       | j) | wheel     |
| 11) | observation | k) | shop      |

### 1.2 VOCABULARY

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

- 1) vstr .....
- 2) hghlght .....
- 3) wndrln .....
- 4) shppng .....
- 5) trmmng .....
- 6) xprnc .....
- 7) thtr .....
- 8) pntmm .....
- 9) mrkt .....
- 10) sngr .....
- 11) crs .....

### 1.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

► Listen to the article and answer the following questions.

- 1) How many daily markets are there in Covent Garden?  
.....
- 2) When was the new decoration scheme in Covent Garden introduced?  
.....
- 3) How tall is the Christmas tree in Coven Garden?  
.....
- 4) How many lights decorate the tree?  
.....
- 5) Where does the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square come from?  
.....
- 6) Where is "Winter Wonderland" located?  
.....
- 7) Where is Britain's largest outdoor ice rink?  
.....
- 8) What event takes place at St. Martins-in-the-Fields Church on Christmas Eve?  
.....

# Agatha Christie

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## 2.1 WORDSEARCH

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

- |             |               |                        |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------|
| ❖ VELENO    | ❖ MISTERO     | ❖ ROMANZIERE           |
| ❖ AUTORE    | ❖ TRAMA       | ❖ FARMACISTA (ARCAICO) |
| ❖ REGOLA    | ❖ ADATTAMENTO | ❖ PALCOSCENICO         |
| ❖ CRIMINE   | ❖ INFERMIERE  | ❖ COLPO DI SCENA       |
| ❖ (IL) MALE | ❖ ESPEDIENTE  | ❖ AMBIENTAZIONE        |

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W A K T P L K Y D N P G S A U
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F L R S K T R I M I O X A O O
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Y N M Y S T E R Y R I T N F O
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## 2.2 VOCABULARY

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

- |                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1) EWSDHR       | S ..... |
| 2) NICUNGN      | C ..... |
| 3) FOCNALITI    | F ..... |
| 4) OUEISDV      | D ..... |
| 5) AISTR        | R ..... |
| 6) TIAN-EMTICSI | A ..... |
| 7) AEGRYLEDN    | L ..... |
| 8) KINCHOGS     | S ..... |
| 9) OCUSVII      | V ..... |
| 10) EMOTER      | R ..... |
| 11) SOYC        | C ..... |
| 12) RODAUSNGE   | D ..... |
| 13) ENGEELT     | G ..... |
| 14) RALABOTEE   | E ..... |
| 15) ATERYLIR    | L ..... |



### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

**red herring**  
falsa pista, depistaggio,  
diversivo

## 2.3 SPOT THE MISTAKE!

► Some of the following words contain a spelling mistake. Find them and rewrite them correctly.

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) boredom .....       | 8) guesthouse .....    |
| 2) audiense .....      | 9) entertainment ..... |
| 3) moustache .....     | 10) rivalry .....      |
| 4) archaeologist ..... | 11) jealousy .....     |
| 5) hipocrisy .....     | 12) spinster .....     |
| 6) menhunt .....       | 13) heartbrake .....   |
| 7) volunteer .....     | 14) dispair .....      |

# The Royal National Lifeboat Institution

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## 3.1 READING COMPREHENSION

## 3.2 ODD ONE OUT

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

|                                                |                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) The RNLI has saved                          | a) over 200 million euros to run.                               |
| 2) Over its two centuries of operations,       | b) 5,332 lives from ships struck by mines or torpedoes.         |
| 3) The RNLI was founded by Sir William Hillary | c) have increased by 300 per cent.                              |
| 4) The RNLI's biggest rescue took place        | d) 6,376 people from vessels damaged by enemy actions.          |
| 5) During WWI, the RNLI saved                  | e) six hundred RNLI crew members lost their lives.              |
| 6) In the Second World War, they rescued       | f) in 1907 off the coast of Cornwall.                           |
| 7) The RNLI currently operates                 | g) 238 coastal lifeboat stations and 240 beach lifeguard units. |
| 8) As a charity, the RNLI costs                | h) on 4 March 1824.                                             |
| 9) In recent years, daily donations to RNLI    | i) approximately 144,000 people to date.                        |

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

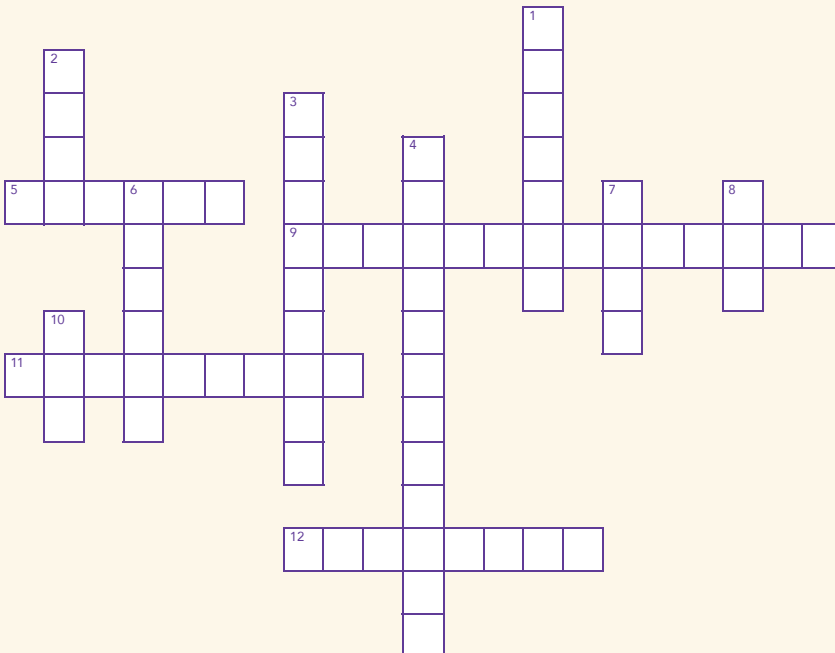
- 1) ignominious ♦ severe ♦ dishonorable ♦ disgraceful
- 2) dense ♦ thick ♦ packed ♦ gooey
- 3) rare ♦ infrequent ♦ treasured ♦ occasional
- 4) terrible ♦ frightening ♦ abusive ♦ terrifying
- 5) simple ♦ simpleton ♦ straightforward ♦ uncomplicated
- 6) recent ♦ innovative ♦ modern ♦ contemporary
- 7) aid ♦ help ♦ support ♦ treat
- 8) swiftly ♦ quickly ♦ carelessly ♦ immediately
- 9) clearly ♦ undoubtedly ♦ surely ♦ faintly

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

... is also key  
... è anche  
fondamentale

## 3.3 CROSSWORD

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



- ACROSS** 5 ricerca  
9 filantropo  
11 volontario  
12 scialuppa di salvataggio

- DOWN** 1 organizzazione benefica  
2 burrasca, tempesta  
3 naufragio  
4 vie d'acqua interne  
6 salvataggio  
7 equipaggio  
8 aiuto, sostegno  
10 nebbia

# Covent Garden

## 4.1 VOCABULARY

► Find in the article the words that mean:

1) ortaggio, verdura

2) pianta aromatica

3) venditore

4) bancarella

5) pensione, piccolo albergo

6) vetro

7) ferro

8) bordello

9) tetto

10) casinò, casa da gioco

11) inchiesta, indagine

## 4.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

|     |                                                                                                                                                          | T | F |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1)  | Fifty years ago, in 1974, Covent Garden was relocated from its historic site in Central London to a new location in Vauxhall, south of the river Thames. |   |   |
| 2)  | The Benedictine Convent of St. Peter's Westminster gave Covent Garden its name.                                                                          |   |   |
| 3)  | The convent was built around 1200.                                                                                                                       |   |   |
| 4)  | The Benedictine Convent of St. Peter's, Westminster, was modelled after Etruscan architecture.                                                           |   |   |
| 5)  | Covent Garden was severely damaged by the Great Fire of London in 1666.                                                                                  |   |   |
| 6)  | King Charles II consecrated "the actors' church" in 1670.                                                                                                |   |   |
| 7)  | Button's coffee house, in Russell Street, counted Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift and Samuel Johnson among its clients.                                   |   |   |
| 8)  | By 1800, Covent Garden had grown into the largest fruit, vegetable and herb market in the world.                                                         |   |   |
| 9)  | The Central Market building, with its fine glass and iron roof, opened in 1828.                                                                          |   |   |
| 10) | In 1980 Covent Garden reopened after a five-year renovation project.                                                                                     |   |   |
| 11) | The London Transport Museum was set up in the old Flower Market building.                                                                                |   |   |

## 4.3 VOCABULARY

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

1)  bring something back to its original condition or make it like new again

2)  make something different from what it was before; modify

3)  move downward, often due to gravity

4)  go away from a place or person

5)  make available for use by the public or for business purposes for the first time; inaugurate

6)  construct, make changes to an area typically by building structures for residential, commercial or other uses

7)  begin something or set something in motion

# Water in Europa?

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## 5.1 VOCABULARY

► For each of the following adjectives (1-15) find a **synonym** (similar meaning) choosing from the words in the circle below.

- 1) additional .....
- 2) likely .....
- 3) promising .....
- 4) intriguing .....
- 5) thick .....
- 6) outer .....
- 7) icy .....
- 8) essential .....
- 9) immense .....
- 10) simple .....
- 11) principal .....
- 12) distant .....
- 13) molten .....
- 14) unseen .....
- 15) close .....

further near  
frozen necessary remote  
fascinating enormous probable  
leading external liquified  
hidden dense encouraging  
plain



### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

**building blocks of life**  
*componenti fondamentali  
della vita, mattoni costitutivi  
della vita*

## 5.2 READING COMPREHENSION

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

1) Europa Clipper is

2) Its mission is to determine whether

3) Europa is

4) The Europa Clipper mission has

5) The spacecraft's journey will take

6) The mission is scheduled to reach

7) Europa is believed to have

8) Europa's icy shell is thought to be

9) Liquid water is believed to be common

a) one of Jupiter's moons.

b) in the outer solar system.

c) a budget of \$5.2 billion.

d) the conditions on Europa could support life.

e) five and a half years.

f) up to 10 miles thick.

g) Jupiter's orbit in April 2030.

h) an interplanetary spacecraft.

i) a vast, hidden ocean beneath its icy surface.

## 5.3 VOCABULARY

► What do the following verbs mean? Choose one of the options.

1) to spot

- a) to soil
- b) to notice
- c) to amaze

4) to unfurl

- a) to unfold
- b) to dispose
- c) to toll up

2) to spew

- a) to take off
- b) to enable
- c) to eject

5) to tackle

- a) to dismiss
- b) to address
- c) to propose

3) to turn out

- a) to result
- b) to twist
- c) to rebound

6) to stretch

- a) to tear
- b) to work out
- c) to extend

# Sally Rooney

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## 6.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

► Listen to the interview and decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

|     |                                                                                                                                                           | T | F | NG |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|----|
| 1)  | So far, Sally Rooney has written four novels.                                                                                                             |   |   |    |
| 2)  | Two of her previous novels have been the subject of television adaptations.                                                                               |   |   |    |
| 3)  | <i>Normal People</i> was adapted into a 12-part series co-produced by BBC Three and Hulu.                                                                 |   |   |    |
| 4)  | Sally Rooney's latest novel, titled <i>Intermezzo</i> , focuses on the complex relationship between two brothers as they grieve the loss of their mother. |   |   |    |
| 5)  | It took Sally Rooney three years to write <i>Intermezzo</i> .                                                                                             |   |   |    |
| 6)  | Sally Rooney, who is known for her feminist views, grew up in a socialist-leaning household.                                                              |   |   |    |
| 7)  | Sally Rooney meticulously plans her books in advance.                                                                                                     |   |   |    |
| 8)  | Sally Rooney's literary work closely reflects her political manifesto.                                                                                    |   |   |    |
| 9)  | In the interview, Sally Rooney says that novels emerged from the 18th- and early-19th-century society, and reflected a bourgeois perspective.             |   |   |    |
| 10) | The same social issues that led to the rise of the novel form continue to resonate today.                                                                 |   |   |    |
| 11) | Sally Rooney is not on social media and is very protective of her private life.                                                                           |   |   |    |

## 6.2 RIDDLES

1) The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?

2) The more you have, the less you weigh. What am I?

3) What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

4) What belongs to you but is used more by others?

5) What flies without wings?

7) I'm always on my way but never arrive. What am I?

6) What gets bigger the more you take away?

## 6.3 GRAMMAR

► In the article we found **have to write**, **had to try**, **can't get enough**, **cannot be changed**... Choose the best modal verb option to complete the following sentences.

1) What time do you think you'll be home?  
I'm not sure. I've got a lot of work, so I ..... be late.

**a** can      **b** must      **c** might

2) I'm going to London next week and I still ..... book the plane.

**a** have to      **b** am able to      **c** might

3) The bus doesn't leave until 11 o'clock, we ..... go yet.

**a** might not      **b** can't      **c** don't have to

4) ..... you have a cup of coffee, or would you prefer something else?

**a** Can      **b** Will      **c** May

5) What are you going to do this summer?  
I haven't decided yet, but I ..... go to France.

**a** may      **b** must      **c** can

6) He didn't have enough money, so he ..... pay by credit card.

**a** must      **b** had to      **c** was able to

# Paradise Lost

## 7.1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

► Listen to the article and complete the sentences choosing from the options.

- 1) John Milton published *Paradise Lost* in its final form
  - a in 1654.
  - b in 1674.
  - c in 1664.
- 2) The final version of *Paradise Lost* consisted of
  - a twelve books.
  - b ten books.
  - c five books.
- 3) *Paradise Lost* is composed in blank verse, which means that the lines
  - a consist of twelve syllables.
  - b do not rhyme.
  - c rhyme.
- 4) *Paradise Lost* was described as one of the highest “productions of the human mind” by
  - a Samuel Johnson.
  - b William Blake.
  - c Salman Rushdie.
- 5) The poem has been translated into almost
  - a 300 languages.
  - b 40 languages.
  - c 60 languages.
- 6) Philip Pullmann is
  - a a popular English writer.
  - b a film director.
  - c an actor.

## 7.2 VOCABULARY

► Match the two adjectives with an opposite meaning (**antonym**) selecting one word from each group.



- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1) ..... | 7) .....  |
| 2) ..... | 8) .....  |
| 3) ..... | 9) .....  |
| 4) ..... | 10) ..... |
| 5) ..... | 11) ..... |
| 6) ..... | 12) ..... |

## 7.3 READING COMPREHENSION

► Read the **four passages** from “*Paradise Lost*” and find the parts corresponding to the following:

### first passage

- 1) all our suffering
- .....

### second passage

- 2) just a little less than him
- .....
- 3) won't force us to leave
- .....
- 4) we can rule without fear
- .....
- 5) even if it's in Hell
- .....

### third passage

- 6) the sky of Heaven
- .....
- 7) endless damnation
- .....

### fourth passage

- 8) I am determined to die
- .....
- 9) Your sweet companionship
- .....
- 10) desolate, wild woods
- .....

# Crossword

**B2**  
LEVEL

## BY THE OLD FOX

► *Have you had a little misfortune? Don't worry! The circled letters spell an idiom consisting of six words (5 letters, 5, 3, 1, 6 and 6.)*

### ➤ Across

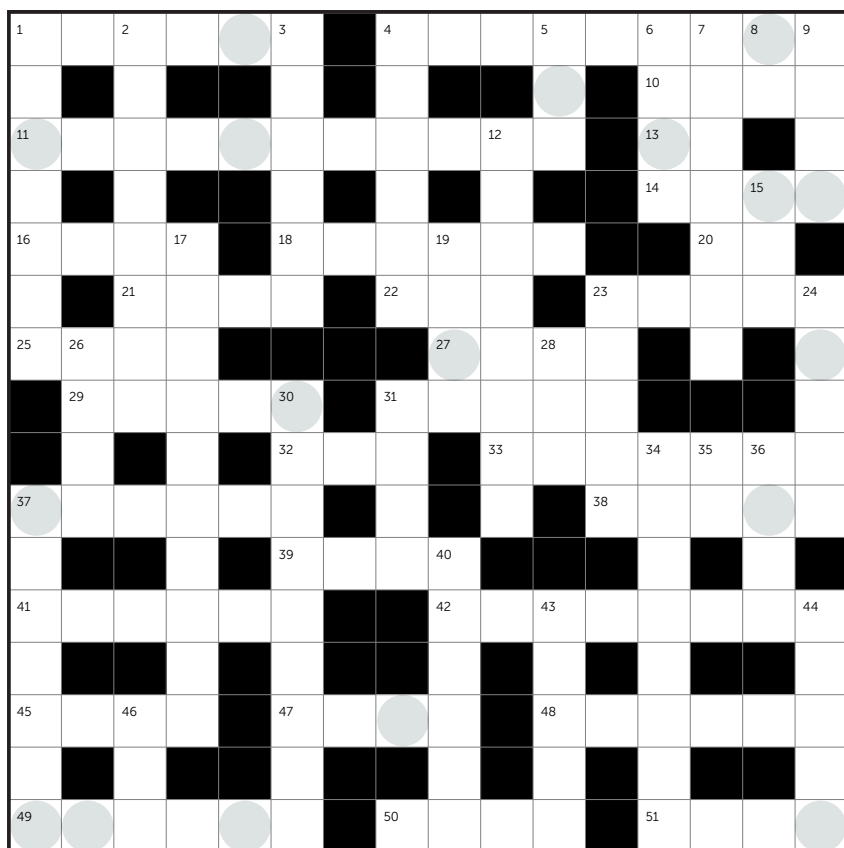
- 1 Christmas bird.
- 4 Yule.
- 10 Detest, can't stand, abhor.
- 11 Things on a Christmas tree.
- 13 Preposition.
- 14 What the Titanic did two hours after hitting an iceberg.
- 16 Roman poet and author of the poem 'Metamorphoses'.
- 18 The opposite of 'borrower'.
- 20 Move!
- 21 Highly, greatly, extremely.
- 22 Edward.
- 23 Not here!
- 25 Something from which a plant grows.
- 27 As well, in addition, and.
- 29 Wept, shed tears.
- 31 Group of ships.
- 32 Light beer. Indian Pale, for example.
- 33 Coastal area popular with holidaymakers.
- 37 The study of plants.
- 38 The opposite of 'winner'.
- 39 Grey, boring, (day for example). Not shiny or bright.
- 41 More idle, more lethargic (than).
- 42 Estimate, assess.
- 45 Flat, smooth, uniform.
- 47 Weapons.
- 48 Swollen edible vegetables.
- 49 Mistakes.
- 50 Fastening. Nautical mile.
- 51 Military sea force.

### ⬇ Down

- 1 Boring.
- 2 The opposite of 'giver'.
- 3 Annually.
- 4 Customer.
- 5 Possessive adjective.
- 6 Demonstrative pronoun.
- 7 Person in charge, boss.
- 8 Preposition.
- 9 Look for, search for.
- 12 Without need.
- 15 Synonym of 'neither'.
- 17 Commitment, devotion.
- 19 Agreement.
- 23 The sum of some numbers.
- 24 Go in, get in.
- 26 Sound caused by the reflection of sound back to the listener.
- 28 Homophone of 'sea'.
- 30 Pleasant thoughts which distract one's attention during the day.
- 31 Perceive, detect with the senses.
- 34 Answer.
- 35 Third person of the verb 'to be'.
- 36 'Indentation', typically in a car after an accident.
- 37 Suppose, trust, have faith in.
- 40 Class, lecture, seminar, tutorial.
- 43 Approximately. More or less.
- 44 Short piece of writing, typically by a student.
- 46 Organ of hearing.

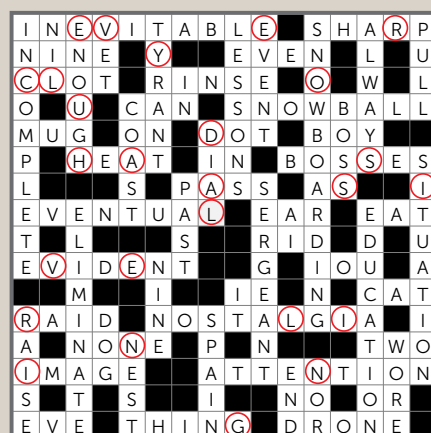
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## LAST ISSUE'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

The circled letters spell the proverb  
'Every cloud has a silver lining'.



## IDIOM

### “Every cloud has a silver lining”

► This popular weather-related idiom means that every difficult or sad situation has a comforting or more hopeful aspect, even though it may not be immediately apparent. The phrase has been traced to a line from a performance piece by 15th-century poet, historian and civil servant John Milton. His festive play, entitled *Comus*, was in the form of a ‘masque’, destined to entertain the court at Ludlow Castle in Shropshire in 1634. Comus is a debauched character who encounters a Lady lost in the woods and attempts to persuade her to “drink from his magical cup” (a euphemism for sex.) The Lady refuses and is eventually rescued by her brothers. During the masque “in honour of chastity” Milton asked, in the old English of the time, “Was I deceived or did a sable cloud Turn forth her silver lining on the night?” suggesting an unforeseen benefit may emerge from a negative scenario.



# SOLUTIONS

## FESTIVE SEASON Page 65

### 1.1 VOCABULARY

1) e, 2) h, 3) f, 4) a, 5) i, 6) g, 7) k, 8) d, 9) c, 10) b, 11) j

### 1.2 VOCABULARY

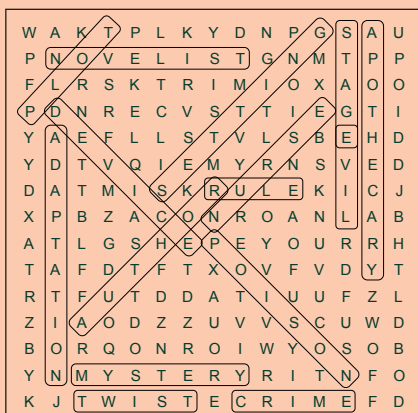
1) visitor, 2) highlight, 3) wonderland, 4) shopping, 5) trimming, 6) experience, 7) theatre, 8) pantomime, 9) market, 10) singer, 11) cruise

### 1.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) Three.  
2) In 2003.  
3) 20 metres.  
4) 20,000.  
5) Norway.  
6) In Hyde Park.  
7) In Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park.  
8) A Midnight Mass.

## AGATHA CHRISTIE Page 66

### 2.1 WORDSEARCH



### 2.2 VOCABULARY

1) SHREWD  
2) CUNNING  
3) FICTIONAL  
4) DEVIUS  
5) RACIST  
6) ANTI-SEMITIC  
7) LEGENDARY  
8) SHOCKING  
9) VICIOUS  
10) REMOTE  
11) COSY  
12) DANGEROUS  
13) GENTEEL  
14) ELABORATE  
15) LITERARY

### 2.3 SPOT THE MISTAKE!

2) audience  
5) hypocrisy  
6) manhunt  
7) volunteer  
9) entertainment  
11) jealousy  
13) heartbreak  
14) despair

## THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION Page 67

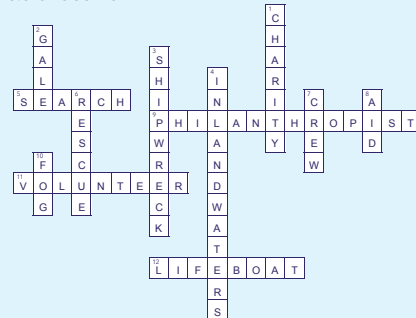
### 3.1 READING COMPREHENSION

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

### 3.2 ODD ONE OUT

1) severe  
2) gooey  
3) treasured  
4) abusive  
5) simpleton  
6) innovative  
7) treat  
8) carelessly  
9) faintly

### 3.3 CROSSWORD



## COVENT GARDEN Page 68

### 4.1 VOCABULARY

1) vegetable  
2) herb  
3) seller  
4) stall  
5) boarding house  
6) glass  
7) iron  
8) brothel  
9) roof  
10) gambling house  
11) inquiry

### 4.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

### 4.3 VOCABULARY

1) restore  
2) change  
3) fall  
4) leave  
5) open  
6) develop  
7) start

## WATER IN EUROPE? Page 69

### 5.1 VOCABULARY

1) additional - further  
2) likely - probable  
3) promising - encouraging  
4) intriguing - fascinating  
5) thick - dense  
6) outer - external  
7) icy - frozen  
8) essential - necessary  
9) immense - enormous  
10) simple - plain

11) principal - leading  
12) distant - remote  
13) molten - liquefied  
14) unseen - hidden  
15) close - near

### 5.2 READING COMPREHENSION

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

### 5.3 VOCABULARY

1) to notice, 2) to eject, 3) to result, 4) to unfold, 5) to address, 6) to extend

## SALLY ROONEY Page 70

### 6.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

### 6.2 RIDDLES

1) Fog.  
2) Worries.  
3) The letter "M".  
4) Your name.  
5) Time.  
6) A hole.  
7) Tomorrow.

### 6.3 GRAMMAR

1) might  
2) have to  
3) don't have to  
4) Will  
5) may  
6) had to

## PARADISE LOST Page 71

### 7.1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) b, 2) a, 3) b, 4) a, 5) c, 6) a

### 7.2 VOCABULARY

1) major - minor  
2) rebellious - compliant  
3) previous - next  
4) hard - easy  
5) dated - innovative  
6) groundbreaking - conventional  
7) global - local  
8) famous - obscure  
9) barbarous - civilised  
10) tragic - joyous  
11) perfect - flawed  
12) enormous - tiny

### 7.3 READING COMPREHENSION

1) all our woe  
2) all but less than he  
3) will not drive us hence  
4) we may reign secure  
5) though in Hell  
6) th' Ethereal Skie  
7) bottomless perdition  
8) my resolution is to Die  
9) Thy sweet converse  
10) wild woods forlorn

## TEACHER!



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## LIVELLI LINGUISTICI

**A1** BEGINNER

**B2** UPPER INTERMEDIATE

**A2** PRE-INTERMEDIATE

**C1** ADVANCED

**B1** LOWER INTERMEDIATE

**C2** PROFICIENCY

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