Work It Out!

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Māori New Year

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1.1 VOCABULARY

► Read the article and match the words (1-7) with their meanings (a-g).

	WORD		MEANING	
1)	Gregorian calendar	a)	distant line where the Earth or sea appears to meet the sky	
2)	lunar calendar	b)	group of things that are close or similar	
3)	time zone	c)	when there is not enough of something that is needed	
4)	shortage	d)	calendar based on the moon's cycle	
5)	cluster	e)	region of the world where the same standard time is used	
6)	dawn	f)	time when the sun starts to rise and the sky gets light; first light in the morning	
7)	horizon	g)	modern calendar with 365 days, with a leap year every 4 years	



1.2 READING COMPREHENSION

- ▶ Read the article and answer the questions choosing from the options.
- 1) When does Matariki take place?
 - a In June or July, depending on the year.
 - b Every year on June 20th.
 - At any time of the year, depending on the lunar calendar.
- 2) What caused the decline of many Māori traditions?
 - a Frequent food shortages.
 - b The appointment of the first New Zealand government.
 - British colonisation.
- 3) What's the meaning of "iwi" in the Māori language?
 - a Tribe.
 - b Prayer.
 - c Pleiades.

- 4) When did Matariki become an official public holiday?
 - a In 2022.
 - b In 2020.
 - c In the 1940s.
- 5) Which is NOT part of Matariki celebrations?
 - a Lighting fires and cooking traditional food.
 - b Fasting from sunrise to sunset.
 - c Performing dances, or "haka".
- 6) What does "Aotearoa" mean in the Māori language?
 - a Earth oven.
 - b New Year's celebrations.
 - New Zealand.

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The World Tin Bath Championships

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2.1 VOCABULARY

2.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

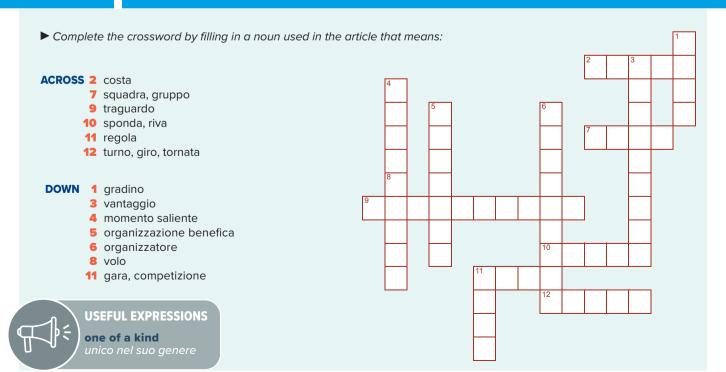
► Match numbers (1-13) and letters (a-m) to obtain expressions used in the article.

1)	veteran	a)	line
2)	flying	b)	machine
3)	light-	c)	afield
4)	human-	d)	powdered
5)	team	e)	hearted
6)	south	f)	castle
7)	tin	g)	Ale
8)	strict	h)	governing
9)	medieval	i)	coast
10)	further	j)	rule
11)	Real	k)	member
12)	finish	l)	bath
13)	self-	m)	category

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

		Т	F
1)	There are four self-governing territories in the British Isles.		
2)	The Isle of Man lies in the Irish Sea.		
3)	Castletown is on the southern coast of the Isle of Man.		
4)	It has been the capital of the Isle of Man since 1971.		
5)	Castletown has hosted the Tin Bath Championships since medieval times.		
6)	Participants in the Tin Bath Championships paddle for 400 metres using tin paddles.		
7)	The tin baths are easy to control, and people rarely sink.		
8)	There is also a competition where people try to fly homemade flying machines over the water.		
9)	The Snake Race is a land-based event where people run in teams of six to the entrance of the Glue Pot Pub.		
10)	The race also aims to raise money for local charities.		
11)	The 2025 Tin Bath Championships will be held on Sept. 7.		

2.3 CROSSWORD



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Thomas More

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3.1 READING COMPREHENSION

3.2 VOCABULARY

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► Read the article and fill in the table.

BORN (YEAR)	
FATHER'S OCCUPATION	
MARRIED (YEAR)	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	
WIFE'S DEATH	
MAJOR PUBLICATION (1516)	
HISTORY OF KING RICHARD III PUBLISHED	
APPOINTED LORD CHANCELLOR	
RESIGNED AS CHANCELLOR	
REFUSED TO SIGN OATH OF SUCCESSION	
CHARGED WITH (OFFENCE)	
EXECUTED (YEAR)	
BEATIFIED	
CANONISED	
MADE PATRON OF STATESMEN / POLITICIANS	

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

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brutal controversial imaginary terrible void previous late principal guilty perjured heavenly	undisputed real innocent alive earthly truthful next minor immoral wonderful
1)	Valid 7)
•	•
2)	
3)	9)
4)	10)

5) _____

3.3 SPOT THE MISTAKE!



12)

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

1)	statesman	 9)	advisor	
2)	Renassance	 10)	teology	
3)	humanist	 11)	Reformation	
4)	heretic	 12)	traison	
5)	Protestant	 13)	supremasy	
6)	Chatolic	 14)	historiografy	
7)	Church	 15)	masterpice	
8)	Cancellor	 16)	Concil	

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Royal Observatory, Greenwich

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4.1 READING COMPREHENSION

▶ Read the article and complete the following dialogue using the words in the box.

Evening with the Stars \lozenge telescopes \lozenge night events \lozenge Royal Observatory \lozenge live image \lozenge foot \lozenge planetarium \lozenge hemispheres \lozenge astronomers \lozenge time zone \lozenge Prime Meridian \lozenge photo opportunity \lozenge camera obscura \lozenge world's \lozenge London \lozenge longitude \lozenge Nice

PAUL: They have really old(10) and clocks, and there's even a(11). Plus, the views of London from there are amazing.
ALISON: (12)! Did you see anything unusua when you went?
PAUL: Sure, there's this thing called a(13). It uses mirrors and lenses to project a real(14) onto a table. It looks like a video at first, but it's actually real-time!
ALISON: That sounds fascinating. I'd love to go, especially in winter. I heard they do(15)?
PAUL: They do!

4.2 GRAMMAR

- ▶ In the article, we found examples of 's used in different ways:
- * It's situated > It is situated ('s is the contraction of is).
- * It's been around > It has been around ('s is the contraction of has).
- * The observatory's Senior Curator > possessive form ('s is a Saxon genitive, showing possession).

So, 's can have different meanings depending on the context.

Determine the function of 's in each sentence (is, has or possession).

- 1) It's not what we expected at all.
- 2) The children's toys are under the chair.
- 3) The school's roof was damaged.
- 4) She's just left the building.
- 5) My cousin's coming over for dinner.
- 6) The museum's director welcomed us.
- 7) It's been a long time since we last spoke.
- 8) It's getting hotter every day.
- 9) He's already finished his homework.
- 10) The dog's been barking all morning.

4.3 ODD ONE OUT

- Find the adjective that doesn't belong to the group.
- 1) full ◊ packed ◊ brisk ◊ crammed
- 2) vibrant ♦ lively ♦ sharp ♦ energetic
- 3) engaging \Diamond dignified \Diamond captivating \Diamond interesting
- 4) peaceful ⟨ open ⟨ calm ⟨ tranquil
- 5) unsure ♦ hesitant ♦ doubtful ♦ murky
- 6) ultimate ◊ supreme ◊ greatest ◊ compelling
- 7) boring ◊ torn ◊ dull ◊ tedious
- 8) hidden \Diamond concealed \Diamond secret \Diamond darkened
- 9) accessible \lozenge user-friendly \lozenge restful \lozenge approachable
- 10) odd ♦ peculiar ♦ eventual ♦ weird
- 11) contemporary \Diamond noticeable \Diamond present-day \Diamond modern

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Best Friends Forever

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5.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

► Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?					
	Т	F			
1)	The first domestication of dogs occurred in Asia over 30,000 years ago.				
2)	Today, there are about 260 recognised dog breeds.				
3)	Dogs were the first species to be domesticated by humans.				
4)	An American dog was able to recognise more than a thousand objects by name.				
5)	Dogs are second only to chimpanzees in reading our gestures.				
6)	Urban foxes show no sign of change compared to completely wild foxes.				
7)	The ancestor of the dog was a subspecies of wolf that still exists.				
8)	Researching cats is difficult because they are more territorial than dogs.				

5.3 VOCABULARY

► Choose the correct explanation for each dog-related idiom.

*	GONE TO THE DOGS
*	DOGGY BAG
*	ALL BARK NO BITE
*	BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE
*	EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY
*	DOGSBODY
*	LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE
*	UNDERDOG
*	THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG

- someone expected to lose, but who might surprise everyone
- arguing with the wrong person, pursuing a mistaken course of action
- a small part controlling the whole, often inappropriately
- 4) person who is given boring, menial, or unpleasant tasks that no one else wants to do
- 5) something deteriorated or become much worse
- 6) someone who talks tough or threatens but takes no action
- container used to take leftover food home from a restaurant
- 8) everyone gets a chance at success or good luck sometimes
- 9) don't stir up old problems or revisit past conflicts

5.2 VOCABULARY

► Here are some verbs typically associated with dogs. Match numbers (1-10) and letters (a-j).

1)	bark	a)	riportare (un oggetto)
2)	drool	b)	gemere, guaire con un lamento
3)	fetch	c)	ringhiare
4)	growl	d)	annusare
5)	howl	e)	ululare
6)	lick	f)	dormicchiare
7)	sniff	g)	abbaiare
8)	snooze	h)	leccare
9)	wag	i)	sbavare
10)	whine	j)	scodinzolare

5.4 RIDDLES

1) I make two people out of one. What am I? 2) The more you take, the more you leave 3) I am not alive, but I behind. What am I? grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I? 4) How do you make the number 7 even without addition, subtraction. multiplication, or division? 5) How many sides does a circle have? 6) What building has the most stories? 7) What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

Trooping the Colour

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6.1 VOCABULARY

6.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

► Find in the article the words that mean:		► Read the article and decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (Nm).					
1)	grado (militare)	uu	e (1), talse (F) of flot mentioned (Nm).	Т	F	NM	
21	coldata	1)	King Charles III's official birthday is on 14 June.				
ŕ	soldato	2)	The Trooping the Colour tradition began during the reign of King Charles II.				
3)	parata	3)	Over 1,200 soldiers, 200 horses, and 400 musicians take part in the ceremony.				
4)	cavalleria	4)	The parade begins at Trafalgar Square.				
5)	strumento	5)	Five regiments of Foot Guards participate in the ceremony.				
6)	maestro della banda	6)	Every year, the same regiment leads the parade and "troops its colour," marching with its regimental flag.				
7)	prova (musicale)	7)	The Foot Guards march behind the Household Cavalry.				
8)	monarca regnante	8)	The monarch personally inspects the various ranks of the guards and the cavalry.				
9)	reggimento	9)	To celebrate the monarch's birthday, a 41-Gun Salute is fired in Green Park.				
10)	campo di battaglia	10)	The event concludes with an aerial display by the Royal Air Force over Buckingham Palace.				
11)	musicista	11)	The guards wear bearskin hats, which are about 18 inches tall and weigh around 1.5 kg.				
		12)	The event is broadcast live on television.				

6.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

- Listen to the interview and complete the sentences choosing from the options.
- 1) To become a military musician, you have to
 - a show outstanding musical skills.
 - b pass an audition.
 - have a solid background in music theory and history.
- 2) The Trooping the Colour Parade usually lasts
 - a 2-3 hours.
 - b almost one hour.
 - c the whole day.
- 3) Before the day of the Parade, military musicians
 - a rehearse at least once.
 - b usually do not rehearse.
 - c rehearse 6-7 times.

- 4) When she was young, the late Queen Elizabeth II
 - a used to ride side saddle during the Parade.
 - b used to march in front of the Parade on foot.
 - used to take part in the Parade in a carriage.
- 5) During the Remembrance Parade,
 - a military musicians perform the Changing of the Guard.
 - b soldiers who have completed training are celebrated.
 - c veterans march past the Cenotaph.
- 6) Operation TELIC is the codename for
 - a the war in Afghanistan.
 - b the 2003 war in Iraq.
 - the bandmaster training course.

UNIT 7

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C1 LEVEL



7.1 COMPREHENSION

- Fill in the sentences choosing from the options.
 - 1) According to the World Happiness ____ cheeriest country in the world is Finland.
 - Report
 - Centre
 - Chart
 - 2) Around of Helsinki is made up of green spaces.
 - 10%
 - 40%
 - 75%
- 3) On Vartiosaari Island, nature is being _____ by doctors.
 - recommended
 - prescribed
 - discouraged
- "Sisu" is a Finnish word meaning and stoic determination.
 - arrogance
 - hardiness
 - sadness
- 5) The "Everyman's Right" is a _____ that allows people in Finland to freely roam and forage.
 - political party
 - consumers' association
 - law

7.3 VOCABULARY

► Match verbs (1-7) and phrases (a-g) to obtain expressions used in the article.

1)	hike	a)	about the winter
2)	jump	b)	for berries
3)	evolve	c)	into a ritual
4)	complain	d)	off a little jetty
5)	forage	e)	somebody for tea
6)	join	f)	with nature
7)	connect	g)	through dense forest

7.2 WORDSEARCH

- ▶ Read the article and locate the words hidden in the grid that mean the following. The words can be written in any direction.
 - ❖ BACCA
- ♦ NATURA SELVAGGIA ♦ BENEFICIO, VANTAGGIO
- ♦ ALCE
- ❖ TRAGHETTO
- CAMMINO, SENTIERO

- ❖ BUCO
- ❖ CAMMINATA ❖ BENESSERE
- ❖ SISTEMA PREVIDENZIALE,

- GHIACCIO ❖ MIRTILLO
- ♦ ARGINE DEL FIUME
 ♦ PALCO (CORNA
- STATO SOCIALE

- **♦ LIBELLULA**
- **\$ LUCE SOLARE**

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7.4 READING COMPREHENSION

The following quotes on happiness have been split into two parts. Put them back together.

1) There is no path to happiness: 2) Don't wait for the perfect moment

a) not a destination

3) Happiness comes not from what we do,

b) happiness is the path. c) but from how we do

4) To be happy, we must not be

5) Happiness is a journey,

e) take the moment and make it perfect

He who is not content with little

f) is not content with much.

7) Happiness can exist

g) too concerned with others. (Einstein)

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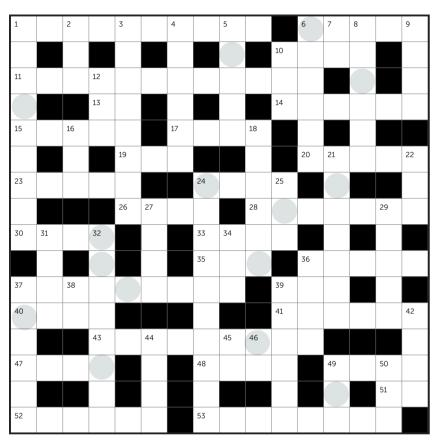
▶ No matter what! The circled letters spell an idiom: 4 (letters), 4, 2, 5.

Across

- 1 To say more than the truth; overstate, amplify, overemphasize.
- 6 Capture (an animal, for example). Not miss (a train, for example).
- 10 The opposite of love.
- 11 Disastrous, cataclysmic.
- 13 Preposition showing movement.
- 14 Not wise, foolish. Not intelligent.
- 15 Having a flat, horizontal surface.
- 17 Good or bad fortune.
- 19 Adjective coming from 'ice'.
- 20 Velocity.
- 23 Consumed by eating.
- 24 Move by turning over and over.
- **26** The limit or border of an area or surface (a table for example).
- 28 Place, or institution, from which you can borrow books.
- 30 Not fat. Not thick.
- 33 Three of these make a yard.
- **35** Organ of hearing.
- 36 Slow-moving mollusc with a shell.
- **37** Means of moving. To move something by the use of a vehicle.
- **39** One of five on the foot.
- 40 Female birds.
- **41** Action taken by the police to take a person into custody.
- 43 Not cheap, costing a lot of money.
- 47 Not closed.
- 48 Finished, completed.
- 49 It started with the Big Bang.
- 51 Indefinite article.
- **52** Ten nines.
- 53 Steep, elevated part of the earth's crust; large, steep hill.

Opening

- 1 Perfect, of the highest quality, superb, exceptional.
- 2 What actors do.
- 3 Petrol in American English.
- 4 Not often.
- 5 Subject.
- 6 Plant which can survive in difficult conditions with very little water.
- 7 Preposition.
- 8 Building used for religious worship.
- 9 Part of the body which contains the brain.
- 10 Possessive adjective.
- 12 Homophone of 'eight'.
- 16 Value Added Tax.
- **18** Murderer.
- 21 Husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend.
- 22 Twenty-four hours.
- **24** General vote by the electorate on a single question.
- 25 Past participle of the verb 'to light'.
- 27 Not superficial. Not shallow.
- 29 Trains travel on these.
- 31 In this place.
- 32 Something that has no sense.
- **34** Consume by eating.
- **36** Painful or aching, particularly the throat. Homophone of 'saw'.
- 37 Past participle of 'throw'.
- **38** Indefinite article.
- 39 Archaic word for an inn or pub.
- 42 At that time.
- 44 What children do.
- 45 Consequently.
- **46** Preposition of place.
- 49 Favourite drink of the English.
- 50 Male human being.

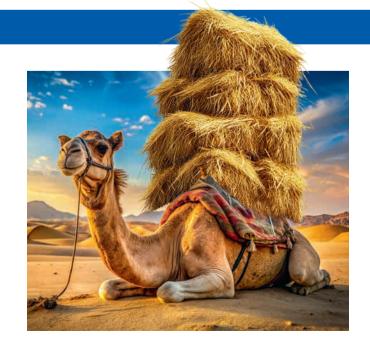




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"The last straw"

▶ The idiom 'The last straw' is a shortened version of the saying 'It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back'. It suggests that an accumulation of minor irritants or incidents builds up to a point when one more minor thing provokes a serious response or setback. The idea of an overloaded animal suddenly collapsing is an evocative one, particularly when it is a camel. In fact, the earliest known version of the saying in England, from between 1654 and 1684, actually refers to a horse and a feather. The camel and straw appeared in 1799, when the British Empire was expanding through Africa and India where camels are more common than England. Its first reported use was by *The Scots Magazine* in the context of taxation; claiming it to be an "Oriental proverb," the magazine wrote: "'taxation cannot be pushed too far" as it would be "the last straw that overloads the camel."



SOLUTIONS

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1.1 VOCABULARY 1) g, 2) d, 3) e, 4) c, 5) b, 6) f, 7) a

1.2 READING COMPREHENSION 1) a, 2) c, 3) a, 4) a, 5) b, 6) c

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21 VOCABULARY

1) m, 2) b, 3) e, 4) d, 5) k, 6) i, 7) l, 8) j, 9) f, 10) c, 11) g, 12) a,

2.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

2.3 CROSSWORD



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3.1 READING COMPREHENSION

BORN (YEAR)	1478
FATHER'S OCCUPATION	LAWYER
MARRIED (YEAR)	1505
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	4
WIFE'S DEATH	1511
MAJOR PUBLICATION (1516)	UTOPIA
HISTORY OF KING RICHARD III PUBLISHED	1518
APPOINTED LORD CHANCELLOR	1529
RESIGNED AS CHANCELLOR	1532
REFUSED TO SIGN OATH OF SUCCESSION	1534
CHARGED WITH (OFFENCE)	TREASON
EXECUTED (YEAR)	1535
BEATIFIED	1886
CANONISED	1935
MADE PATRON OF STATESMEN / POLITICIANS	2000

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3.2 VOCABULARY

- 1) principled immoral
- 2) brutal gentle
- 3) controversial undisputed
- 4) imaginary real
- 5) terrible wonderful
- 6) void valid
- 7) previous next
- 8) late alive
- 9) principal minor
- 10) perjured truthful
- 11) guilty innocent
- 12) heavenly earthly

3.3 SPOT THE MISTAKE!

2) Renaissance, 6) Catholic, 8) Chancellor, 10) theology, 12) treason, 13) supremacy, 14) historiography, 15) masterpiece, 16) Council

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, GREENWICH Page 68

4.1 READING COMPREHENSION

- 1) London
- 2) Prime Meridian
- 3) longitude
- 4) hemispheres 5) time zone
- 6) world's
- 7) foot
- 8) Royal Observatory
- 9) photo opportunity
- 10) telescopes
- 11) planetarium 12) Nice
- 13) camera obscura
- 14) live image 15) night events
- 16) Evening with the Stars
- 17) astronomers

4.2 GRAMMAR

- 1) It is not what we expected at all.
- 2) The children's toys are under the table. (possession)
- 3) The school's roof was damaged. (possession)
- 4) She has just left the building.
- 5) My cousin **is** coming over for dinner.
- 6) The museum's director welcomed us. (possession)
- 7) It has been a long time since we last spoke.
- 8) It is getting hotter every day.
- 9) He has already finished his homework.
- 10) The dog has been barking all morning.

4.3 ODD ONE OUT

- 1) brisk
- 2) sharp
- 3) dignified
- 4) open
- 5) murkv
- 6) compelling
- 7) torn
- 8) darkened
- 9) restful
- 10) eventual
- 11) noticeable

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5.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

5.2 VOCABULARY

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

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A1 BEGINNER A2 PRE-INTERMEDIATE



B1 LOWER INTERMEDIATE C2 PROFICIENCY



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5.3 VOCABULARY

- · aone to the doas 5
- · doggy bag 7
- · all bark no bite 6 · barking up the wrong tree 2
- every dog has its day 8
- · doasbody 4
- · let sleeping dogs lie 9
- · underdog 1
- the tail wagging the dog 3

5.4 RIDDLES

1) A mirror. 2) Footsteps. 3) Fire. 4) Drop the "S". 5) Two: the inside and the outside. 6) The library. 7) A hole.

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- 6.1 VOCABULARY 1) rank
 - 2) soldier
 - 3) parade
 - 4) cavalry
 - 5) instrument
 - 6) bandmaster
 - 7) rehearsal
 - 8) ruling monarch
 - 9) battlefield
- 10) musician

6.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

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

6.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

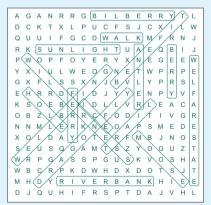
1) b, 2) a, 3) c, 4) a, 5) c, 6) b

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7.1 READING COMPREHENSION

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

7.2 WORDSEARCH



73 VOCABULARY 1) g, 2) d, 3) c, 4) a, 5) b, 6) e, 7) f

7.4 READING COMPREHENSION 1) b, 2) e, 3) c, 4) g, 5) a, 6) f, 7) d

