

ANAGRAMS

Change the words in bold type so that the sentences make sense. Each of the words is an anagram of the correct word.

1. Your knowledge of computer spreadsheets will be a big **seats** (_____) in this job.
2. So, your relationship is going through a difficult period? Perhaps **bedroom** (_____) is the problem, and you both need change and development.
3. They **design** (_____) the contract, so it's a bit late to change their minds now.
4. The trouble is that you often **laid** (_____) the wrong number.
5. Do I detect a **thin** (_____) of jealousy in your note?
6. He was a man of very strong **ladies** (_____), but sadly he often failed to live up to them.
7. Now I know that you **idle** (_____) about everything. I feel used and deceived. I hate you.
8. She remained interested in politics. After she became blind, she read everything in **liberal** (_____) she could lay her hands on.
9. Which would you prefer – the scenic **outer** (_____), or the more direct one taking the inner ring-road?
10. She wore a pretty cotton trouser suit, pale yellow with thin black **priests** (_____).
11. He was angry that we failed to discuss the wide **anger** (_____) of issues that he had raised in his report.
12. I want to study **remain** (_____) biology at university, because I love the sea.
13. It's a sort of theme restaurant. There's poetry on the walls, and the menu is written in **serve** (_____).
14. This analysis shows up **reveals** (_____) problems with our accounting system which will have to be sorted out.
15. Claudia **spider** (_____) herself to the ability to handle insects and other creepy-crawlies without any fear whatsoever.

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

Describe the people below using adjectives from the box.

Clumsy	cynical	dynamic	elegant	genuine	gullible	illiterate
intellectual	intimidating	skillful	superstitious	tolerant	tough	
versatile	weird					

1. Dustin Hoffman can take on almost any kind of role – comic, tragic, bizarre characters, everything. _____
2. My daughter believes absolutely everything you tell her. But she's only five.

3. My grandfather can't read or write. He worked on the family farm from the age of seven. _____
4. In my family we say that my brother has two left hands. He breaks everything.
_____.
5. My wife only wears designer clothes, and they look perfect on her. _____
6. My mother is a thinker, always discussing issues and reading.
7. My brother-in-law makes beautiful furniture. It's great to watch him working.
_____.
8. My aunt spends her life reading horoscopes, she carries lucky charms around with her, and she never, ever walks under a ladder! _____
9. My father is an old-style communist, but he seems to get on with everybody, whatever their politics. _____
10. My niece is a bit strange. She goes around wearing all black clothes and purple lipstick. She listens to old heavy metal bands. _____
11. My sister-in-law has had lots of trouble in her life, but she survives – and nobody pushes her around. _____
12. With my uncle, "What you see is what you get". He never says anything unless he means it, and he really cares about people. _____
13. My eldest son is always creating something. He's full of energy. _____
14. My cousin Vinni always suspects everyone's motives. _____
15. My grandmother has terribly strong views on things, and not many people dare to contradict her.

COLLECTIVE NOUNS

What are the collective nouns for these things???

1. birds _____
2. grapes _____
3. actors in a play _____
4. people _____
5. cattle _____
6. bees _____
7. wolves _____
8. fish _____
9. directors _____
10. ships _____
11. cards _____
12. thieves _____
13. flowers _____
14. antique coins _____
15. golf clubs _____

PHRASAL VERBS

Replace the words in brackets using a suitable phrasal verb from the box. Put the verb in the correct form.

Come up with	drop in	get at	get down	get round	give away	go off
go out	go back	hand in	pass away	turn down		

1. Some idiot turned off the fridge, and the milk has _____.
2. He looked quite convincing dressed as a woman, but his moustache _____ him _____.
3. The game of chess originates from India and _____ about two thousand years.
4. I need a break. All this non-stop work is _____ me _____.
5. What exactly are you _____? Have I done something wrong?
6. No, darling, it looks terrible. I think you'll find that purple spiky hair _____ decades ago.
7. I was offered a great job in America, but I had to _____ it _____ because I'm looking after my mother.
8. I know you're busy, but can't you just _____ for a minute and say hello to the guys?
9. She's brilliant. We spent weeks on this software problem, getting nowhere. Then she arrived and _____ a solution straightaway.
10. How can we _____ the problem of ever-staffing without actually sacking people?
11. It's too late to change your mind now. You've _____ your resignation.
12. After my husband _____ I was grief stricken for years – well, weeks, anyway.