

13A Massive numbers

The facts

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| 1 the population of the Vatican city | _____ |
| 2 the number of hairs on your head | _____ |
| 3 the world population on 4/07/2000 at 9.40 am | _____ |
| 4 the year of the first modern Olympic Games | _____ |
| 5 the chances of being killed in a plane crash | _____ |
| 6 the biggest recorded crowd at a football match | _____ |
| 7 the amount of your brain that is water | _____ |
| 8 the distance from the earth to the sun | _____ |
| 9 the speed a cheetah can reach when running at top speed | _____ |
| 10 the money saved by an airline company in a year by removing one olive from each of their salads in first class | _____ |
| 11 the average number of official earthquakes per year | _____ |
| 12 the speed that a sneeze leaves your mouth | _____ |
| 13 the average number of times a year you blink | _____ |
| 14 the height of Mount Everest | _____ |
| 15 the chances of being killed by lightning | _____ |

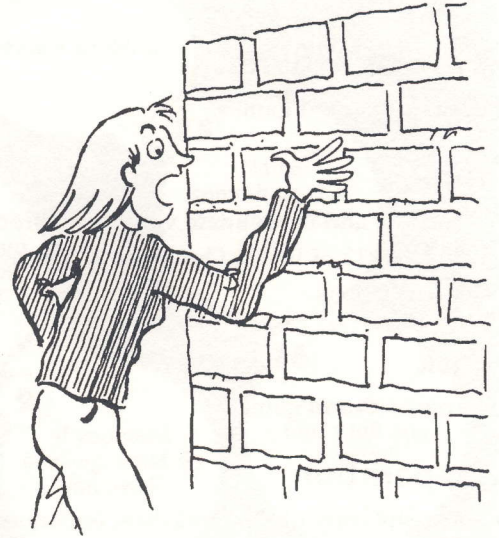


6,064,290,130	770	1896
1 in 25,000,000	\$40,000	200,000
8,848 m	100,000	148,500,000 km
100 km/hr	1 in 2,000,000	50,000
180 km/hr	80%	10,000,000

13C *It's like talking to a brick wall!*

1 Choose the correct alternative to complete the expressions.

- 1 He never listens to what I'm saying. It's like talking to a brick wall.
a thick hedge **b** brick wall c wooden fence
- 2 The hotel we're staying in is OK, but nothing to _____ about.
a send a letter home
b write home
c telephone home
- 3 He hit the _____ when I told him I'd scratched his car. He was so angry.
a wall b floor c roof
- 4 I don't know the people who live _____ very well. They only moved in a month or so ago.
a next door b the next door c at next door
- 5 I feel so relaxed here. It really is _____.
a a house from house b a house from home c a home from home
- 6 He smokes like a _____. He really should give up.
a fire b chimney c cooker
- 7 Aaarrgh! If I hear that awful song one more time! It's driving me _____.
a up the wall b through the door c over the roof
- 8 We were hoping to go away for a few months, but I couldn't get time off work, so our plans went out of the _____.
a letterbox b door c window
- 9 We're really good friends. In fact, we got on like a _____ from the moment we first met.
a burning house b house on fire c fire in the house
- 10 I feel terrible this morning. We had a night on the _____ last night.
a bricks b slates c tiles



2 Tell your partner about ...

- 1 a time when you felt like you were talking to a brick wall.
- 2 a place you've been which unfortunately was nothing to write home about.
- 3 a time when you, or someone you know, hit the roof about something.
- 4 the people who live next door to you.
- 5 somewhere which is a home from home.
- 6 someone who smokes like a chimney.
- 7 something which drives you up the wall.
- 8 a time when your plans went out of the window.
- 9 someone you get on with like a house on fire.
- 10 when you last had a night on the tiles.