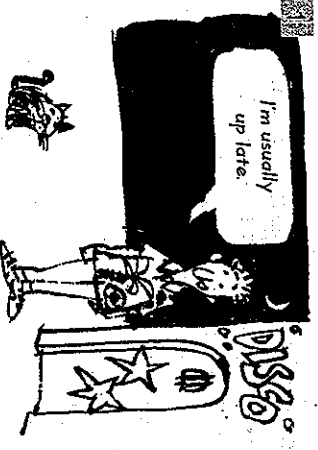


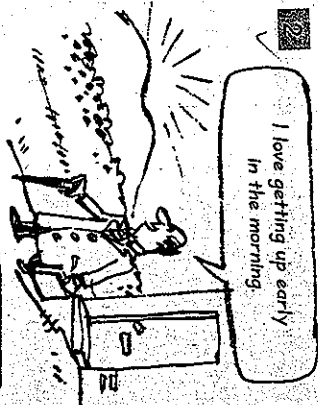
# 12 Types of people 2

Look at the drawings below. Find the following people:

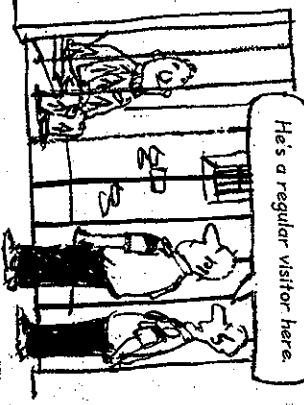
- an early bird  $\frac{2}{5}$  a guinea pig  $\frac{10}{3}$
- a killjoy  $\frac{5}{1}$  a night owl  $\frac{1}{6}$
- a road hog  $\frac{11}{8}$  a rolling stone  $\frac{8}{4}$
- a skinflint  $\frac{9}{4}$  a troublemaker  $\frac{4}{7}$
- a white-collar worker  $\frac{7}{4}$



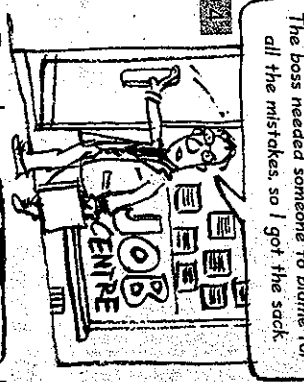
He's a regular visitor here.



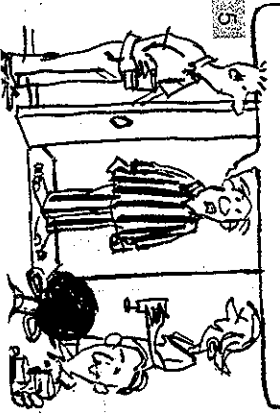
The boss needed someone to blame for all the mistakes, so I got the sack.



It's well past midnight. Shouldn't you all be going home by now?



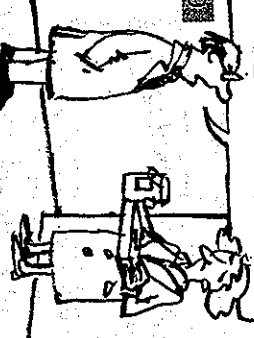
Well, well, well.



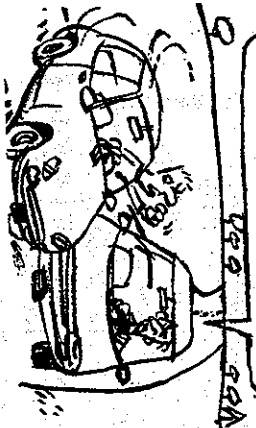
I'm really glad I finally got a job in an office after working so many years in a factory.



No, I can't spare any money even if it is for a worthy cause.



People like you shouldn't be allowed on the road!



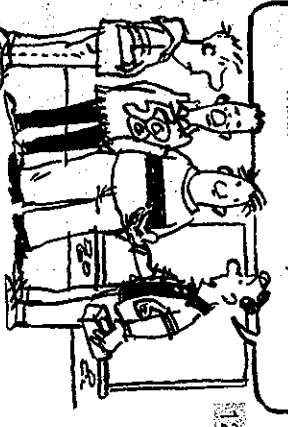
I've always found it hard to settle in one place for long.



They needed people to try out this new form of treatment for asthma so I volunteered.



Ok, let's go and smash a few shop windows on our way home!



You mean you keep on using all of someone's... you've tried, you've drive  
 So... I think you're taking it too much... I see...  
 You're supposed to be happy... So if you kill someone, you then  
 you're supposed to be happy...  
 office workers in the US traditionally wear a suit and a white shirt. People  
 who don't fit physical work, when they're often given a so-called blue-collar  
 well, yes  
 A rolling stone gathers no moss  
 well, yes

# Diagnostic test 2

## Past tenses

Underline the correct verb form in *italics*.

### Example

The Incas didn't have/weren't having a written script.

- The pool in the hotel was absolutely filthy so we didn't *swam/swim* in it.
- We *stoped/stopped* at the first service station we came across.
- The thieves ran out of the bank, *jumped/were jumping* into their car and sped away up the high street.
- Rameses II *was ruling/ruled* over ancient Egypt for more than fifty years.
- Intervention was urgently required – the starving children *grew/were growing* weaker by the day and there *was/was being* little sign of an end to the drought.
- By the middle of the nineteen sixties many parts of Europe *experienced/were experiencing* a tremendous economic boom.
- Jim *left/was leaving* on the early flight the next morning so he made his excuses and left the party before midnight.

# Diagnostic test 3

## Past to present tenses

All of the sentences below contain a grammatical mistake. Find and correct the mistakes.

### Example

My family ~~is living~~ in this country for over twenty years. .... *has been living/has lived*....

- Hurry up! We have been waited for you for twenty minutes! .....
- We have been using this supplier since two years and we've never had problems before. ....
- There were seven police dramas on TV so far this week – and it's only Thursday! .....
- Only halfway through the financial year and British Aerospace already announced that its pre-tax profits will be down by seventy per cent. ....
- The Indian Government has imposed a ban on tiger hunting five years ago. ....
- Several drivers have been badly injured during the 1999 racing season. ....

# Diagnostic test 6

## Negation

In each group of sentences below (a-c), two are grammatically correct. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

### Example

- a He's no actor! ✓    b He's not an actor! ✓  
c He's any actor!

- 'Where's Suzy?'  
a 'She isn't at home.'  
b 'She's not at home.'  
c 'She's no at home.'
- Hannah ..... tell the rest of the family.  
a begged her sister don't  
b begged her sister not to  
c didn't beg her sister to
- He found her .....  
a not attractive, but strangely appealing.  
b inattractive, but strangely appealing.  
c unattractive, but strangely appealing.
- a They'll get no help from Janice.  
b They'll get none help from Janice.  
c They won't get any help from Janice.
- There were ..... bookings for the restaurant on its opening night.  
a any  
b few  
c no
- He says he ..... about the robbery.  
a knows nothing  
b doesn't know anything  
c doesn't know nothing

# Diagnostic test 16

*be able to*

## Modal verbs (1): can, could, may, might,

Fifteen of the sentences below contain mistakes with modal verbs. Tick (✓) the correct sentences, then find and correct the mistakes.

### Examples

We took an exam yesterday and I couldn't answer any of the questions.  
..... ✓

I ~~could be~~ promoted last year but I preferred to stay on the shop floor. .... *could have been*....

- When I finish the course next year I can speak perfect French. ....
- You'll have to call a cab. I can't have been able to drive since I broke my arm last June. ....
- This computer is so simple that it is able to be operated by anyone. ....
- The job interview was a disaster; I could only answer half the questions! .....
- When she was riding in the woods last week, Helen fell off her horse but luckily she could get back on and ride home. ....
- It's really annoying. Surely you knew they didn't accept traveller's cheques at that hotel. You could warn me before I left! .....

# Diagnostic test 9

## Reported speech

Ten of these sentences contain mistakes. Tick (✓) the two correct sentences, then find and correct the mistakes.

### Example

I've already ~~said~~ you a hundred times that you're too late! ..... *told (or: said to)* .....

- 1 The surgeon reassured Mr Ellis. 'The operation has been a resounding success,' said she. ....
- 2 He told that his mobile phone had been out of action all day. ....
- 3 Mary was fed up about her inability to complete the course. She told the lecturer I felt I couldn't complete it. ....
- 4 The manager told us last Friday evening that he wanted us in on time tomorrow morning to start the Saturday sale. ....
- 5 Susie phoned her husband and told him that she would be gone when he got home. ....

# Diagnostic test 10

## Conditionals

Twelve of these conditional sentences contain a mistake, or may be considered incorrect by most English speakers. Tick (✓) the correct sentences, then find and correct the mistakes. (Be careful! Incorrect punctuation counts as a mistake.)

### Example

I would have called you if I ~~knew~~ you were at home.  
..... *had known* .....

- 1 It may be possible, if both parties desire it, to reduce the time scale. ....
- 2 If the bill is passed by both parliamentary houses then it becomes law. ....
- 3 Shall we start the decorating at the weekend if we had no other plans? ....
- 4 If you spill even something as innocuous as water on this fabric, it stains. ....
- 5 When you press the 'record' button, the green light comes on. ....
- 6 If the museum will charge for entry, a lot of people won't be able to use it. ....

# Diagnostic test 28

## Determiners

Underline the correct determiner or determiners in each sentence (- = no article). In some cases two may be correct.

### Example

*None/Some/Both* neighbours rushed to the aid of the elderly woman.

- 11 It costs £10 *a/an/-* hour to hire the squash court.
- 12 There's *a/the/-* good wine bar in the town centre, isn't there?
- 13 *A/The/-* Mr Jones came to see you this afternoon.
- 14 My parents grew up in the 1950s. In *the/these/those* days there was far less freedom than there is now.
- 15 *This/That/A* woman I'd never met before came up to me in the bank and asked if she could borrow £10!
- 16 It's freezing! I've never known a winter *-/this/that* cold before.
- 17 Isn't there *any/some/the* way that you can ensure delivery tomorrow?
- 18 *Every/All/Each* the children in the school have to take up at least one sport.
- 19 We have asked our retail outlets to return *both/both of/some* the new models for further inspection.
- 20 *Much/A lot/A few* depends on the final outcome of the negotiations.

# 5 Adjective + noun combinations 1

Choose the adjective (a, b, or c) which best completes each sentence.

- 7 I really must go and lie down for a while. I've got a splitting headache!  
 a) cutting      b) splitting      c) ringing
- 8 No wonder your car won't start! Your battery's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) jammed      b) empty      c) flat
- 9 My uncle's always had a \_\_\_\_\_ spot for children. He really likes them.  
 a) soft      b) kind      c) warm
- 10 I had a \_\_\_\_\_ escape this morning when a car almost hit me as I was cycling to work.  
 a) near      b) narrow      c) close
- 11 It's a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_ statement to say that 'all Welsh people can sing' or 'all black people can dance'. I know lots who can't do either.  
 a) sweeping      b) general      c) broad
- 12 I didn't like smoked salmon at first. For me it was an \_\_\_\_\_ taste. Now I really love it.  
 a) experienced      b) original      c) acquired
- 13 I don't think Simon will ever get married. He told me he's a \_\_\_\_\_ bachelor.  
 a) decided      b) confirmed      c) complete
- 14 One of his \_\_\_\_\_ hates was people pushing in front of him at bus stops.  
 a) main      b) favourite      c) pet
- 15 She had a very \_\_\_\_\_ tongue, and could be really sarcastic when she was angry.  
 a) bitter      b) sharp      c) cutting

- 16 It was the first \_\_\_\_\_ meal the tramp had had for several days.  
 a) compact      b) round      c) square
- 17 My son's always getting into trouble for fighting at school. I think that's because he has such a \_\_\_\_\_ temper.  
 a) loud      b) quick      c) high
- 18 There's an \_\_\_\_\_ law in this club that you never borrow money from a fellow member.  
 a) unspoken      b) understood      c) unwritten
- 19 'What does *inevitable* mean?'  
 'I haven't the \_\_\_\_\_ idea. Ask the teacher.'  
 a) foggiest      b) briefest      c) smallest
- 20 The result of the election was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion. Everyone knew which party would win.  
 a) obvious      b) ready      c) foregone
- 21 'I don't really want to be twenty-five again,' she said to her husband. 'It was just \_\_\_\_\_ thinking!'  
 a) hopeful      b) wishful      c) playful

16 One of the idioms in this section (the same as a narrow escape) are a close shave and a quick temper. A foggy description of something is a quick temper. As well as the foggy and a quick temper, you can also say faintest idea or slightest idea.