

"It snowed chocolate in a Swiss town"

GAP FILL

Switzerland is (1) _____ the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international (2) _____ for its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the (3) _____ of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals (4) _____ if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, all became (5) _____ after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of a (6) _____ at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a (7) _____ defect in its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to (8) _____ up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.

Many parts of the town were covered in a (9) _____ layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services (10) _____ as a result of the event. To date, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the (11) _____ of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human (12) _____ and the environment. She added that factory engineers are (13) _____ working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of (14) _____ on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, (15) _____ do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a (16) _____ Christmas."

surprise

clear

renowned

whip

wondered

minor

reputation

malfunction

health

required

dreams

fine

currently

vicinity

brown

banter

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Architects in Japan are redesigning the public toilet. They have (1) _____ a public toilet with transparent walls, until someone (2) _____ the door. An organisation called the Nippon Foundation created a project called "The Tokyo Toilet" to make public restrooms more attractive and usable. The idea was (3) _____ use innovative design to make public toilets more accessible. An official said it wanted people to feel comfortable using public toilets, "and to foster a (4) _____ of hospitality for the next person". World-famous architects such (5) _____ Tadao Ando and Kengo Kuma participated in the project. In total, 16 top designers came up with toilets that will be (6) _____ around in 17 parks and public spaces in Japan's capital Tokyo.

The Nippon Foundation said it wanted to stop people having a (7) _____ image of public toilets. It said many people thought toilets were "dark, dirty, (8) _____ and scary" places. It said people care about if the toilets are clean, and that "no one is (9) _____ waiting inside". The first transparent toilets opened in a park in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward on August the 16th. They immediately became a tourist attraction with many people lining (10) _____ to take photos of them, and of course to do their business. The toilet walls are transparent - you can see the white toilets and sinks from the outside. (11) _____, when the door is locked, the special film and glass walls suddenly become (12) _____ so no one on the outside can see inside.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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|-----|----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) wailed | (b) unveiled | (c) nailed | (d) veiled |
| 2. | (a) lockers | (b) locks | (c) lockets | (d) likens |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) for | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) ghost | (b) spirit | (c) poltergeist | (d) sprite |
| 5. | (a) this | (b) that's | (c) has | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) splattered | (b) spitted | (c) dotted | (d) pitted |
| 7. | (a) negative | (b) negate | (c) negatives | (d) negotiate |
| 8. | (a) slinky | (b) swanky | (c) stinky | (d) shiny |
| 9. | (a) risky | (b) frighten | (c) tension | (d) secretly |
| 10. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) on | (d) under |
| 11. | (a) However | (b) Although | (c) Nevertheless | (d) Secondly |
| 12. | (a) opaque | (b) fake | (c) oblique | (d) risqué |

Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from the box.

**ACROSS - BESIDES - BETWEEN - BY - DOWN - DURING -
FOR - FROM - IN - INTO - OFF - ON - OVER - THROUGH -
TO - UNDER - UNTIL - UP - WITH - WITHOUT**

1. As time went on, the boy changed _____ a man.
2. She works at night and sleeps _____ the day.
3. He is very arrogant and always looks _____ at us.
4. We went _____ the stairs to get our gym clothes.
5. She couldn't talk to me because she was _____ a hurry.
6. He was so tired that he slept the whole night _____.
7. You can't drive over that bridge because it is _____ repair at the moment.
8. We shared the money we received _____ us.
9. She was able to solve the difficult math test _____ ease.
10. She prefers volleyball _____ basketball.
11. You can't leave _____ any money. You'll need some for your ticket.
12. Teachers have gone _____ strike in the past, so this situation is not unusual.
13. It took _____ an hour for the technicians to restore electricity to the village.
14. _____ now on you will report to me whenever something happens.
15. He will remain in the office _____ a successor is found.
16. The boy was very clever _____ his age.
17. You must hand in your thesis _____ next week, at the latest.
18. Do you speak any other languages _____ English?
19. The boy walked _____ the field to the house.
20. There's a sign that says, "Keep _____ the grass!"

Fill in the correct connectives and linking words from the list. There may be more than one answer in some sentences.

AS LONG AS - BECAUSE - DESPITE - DUE TO - EVEN THOUGH - HOWEVER - IN CASE - IN SPITE - NEVERTHELESS - THEREFORE

1. Take your camera with you, just _____ mine doesn't work.
2. _____ having muscle problems, the defender was able to play.
3. Bring an umbrella with you _____ it rains tomorrow.
4. Skiing is a safe sport _____ you obey the rules on the slope.
5. All flights to and from London have been cancelled _____ fog.
6. They arrived in time for the meeting _____ having to travel in bad weather.
7. I like travelling by underground, _____ it gets pretty crowded during rush hours.
8. She has been living in the country her whole life. _____, she has decided she wants a change and plans on moving to the city.
9. We had a wonderful time in Barcelona. _____, transport workers were on strike so we couldn't use the underground.
10. _____ life was hard during the war, we managed to survive.
11. _____ heavy traffic on the motorway, we couldn't make it in time.
12. _____ of the low temperatures during the winter, Moscow is always worth visiting.
13. I can't come now _____ the children are ill, and I have to look after them.
14. The economy collapsed, _____ the government had to resign.
15. You may go out with your friends tonight, _____ you never go alone and stay with them all the time.
16. I already knew a lot about cybersecurity. _____, the lecture was quite interesting.



Spelling Challenge

For each question only one is spelled correctly. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space.

___ A. SUCEED B. SUCCED C. SECCEED D. SUCCEED

___ A. NOVVEL B. NOVEK C. NOVEL D. NOVELL

___ A. PIGXENT B. PIGMENT C. PIGMENTE D. PIGMANT

___ A. CRITICIZE B. KRITICIZE C. CRITICIZ D. CRITISIZE

___ A. FURTFER B. FURTHER C. FURTHERE
D. FURTHIR

___ A. CHOSE B. CHOOS C. CHOOSE D. CHOOSEE

___ A. DEFEKDANT B. DEFENDANT C. DEFENDENT
D. DEFENDANTE

___ A. FUNCTIEN B. FUNCTIUN C. FUNCTION
D. FUNCCIAN



Rhyming Words

Circle the word on each row that rhymes with the word on the left.

priceless	plain	likeness	dislike
scrubs	clubs	gems	butter
float	earn	clue	boat
sail	point	halls	tale
celebrate	educate	city	mammal
find	beet	mind	soak
thread	bread	plow	birthday
noise	coal	boys	lake