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"Man crosses rough sea on jet ski for love"

A British man who broke lockdown (1) rules to be with his girlfriend has spoken to newspapers. Dale McLaughlan, 28, really wanted to see his new (2) love Jessica Radcliffe. However, he was in lockdown in Scotland and she was 43 kilometres away on the Isle of Man - a small (3) island in the Irish Sea. Dale was love-struck and (4) decided he had to see his love. He bought a jet ski for $10,800 and (5) rode it across the sea. He didn't realize how dangerous the journey would be. The sea was very (6) rough and a huge wave washed away his GPS. He thought it would take 45 minutes to get to the Isle of Man but it took over four hours. For most of that (7) time, he thought he was lost and had no (8) idea where he was.

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Dale was arrested by police and was (9) sentenced to four weeks in prison for breaking lockdown rules. He said his (10) adventure was worth it. He risked his (11) life to see Jessica. It was the first time he had ever used a jet ski. He described his experience. He said: "The first time I (12) stood on a jet ski was in that harbour. As soon as I hit open water, I thought, 'Oh my God'. It was terrible. It wasn't fun. I followed the GPS, but after half an hour a (13) massive wave wiped it away. I didn't have a (14) clue where I was going. I thought I was lost at sea. I was so scared." He added: "I broke the (15) law, but I did it for love. I should never have done it. It could be called a crime of (16) passion." Jessica says she loves Dale and wants to marry him.

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"Taxi driver offers free rides for singing karaoke"

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A taxi driver in Taiwan is (1) offering free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song. Mr Tu Ching Liang, 57, is a big (2) fan of driving, karaoke and of listening to people sing. Mr Tu has become (3) famous for the disco lights in his taxi and his offer of free rides. It is easy to (4) spot his yellow taxi. It has a pink neon star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside. People can select a "karaoke" (5) option if they use a taxi-locating app in the capital city of Taiwan. Mr Tu will (6) appear on your smartphone screen. When Mr Tu's taxi arrives, he will give you a microphone and an iPad on which you can go to YouTube and (7) select the song you want to sing. He says people have more (8) bravery to sing at night.

Mr Tu loves his job. He joked: "No one is as (9) lucky as me, walking out the door every day (10) rushing to go to work and not make any money." He added: "I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving money as (11) rewards for singing karaoke for eight years, and filming videos for six years. I've (12) filmed over 10,000 videos." He told a reporter from the UK's "Guardian" newspaper that if people do not sing, they do not get a (13) discount or a free ride. Mr Tu uploads his videos on YouTube. Some have been (14) viewed over two million times. He has become a (15) celebrity, saying: "I was on TV shows from 10 different countries. I'm an international influencer." His dream is to have singer Ed Sheeran as a (16) passenger.

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KEY

1. He never has anything **constructive** to say when he gets up to speak **(CONSTRUCT).**
2. Going by plane is **preferable** to travelling by car. **(PREFER)**
3. The lesson was so **boring** , we almost fell asleep. **(BORE)**
4. **Wealthy** people never talk about the money they have. **(WEALTH)**
5. City authorities are cutting down trees for **additional** parking space **(ADDITION)** .
6. It's **dangerous** to go out in the wild all on your own. **(DANGER)**
7. A new **industrial** centre is planned on the far end of the city. **(INDUSTRY)**
8. **Attractive** jobs are very rare in this part of the country. **(ATTRACT)**
9. The scenery is so **beautiful** around here. It's lovely. **(BEAUTY)**
10. I felt that the performance was quite **amusing** **(AMUSE)**
11. I hope it will stay dry for the match, but I am rather **doubtful** **(DOUBT)**
12. Children are very **creative** when they are young **(CREATE)**
13. The town is facing serious **financial** problems. That's why they need help from the government **(FINANCE)**
14. Come on, be **reasonable** You can never win against him. **(REASON)**
15. He is so **careless**. He always breaks things and never picks them up. **(CARE)**
16. His behaviour was very **suspicious**, so the police arrested him. **(SUSPECT)**
17. Nordic walking is a very **effective** way of exercising**. (EFFECT)**
18. Many African colonies became **independent** after World War II **(DEPEND)**
19. We are very **competitive** and enjoy playing strong teams. **(COMPETE)**
20. The film was very **disappointing**. We didn't like it **(DISAPPONT)**

Quiz topic: Abstract noun endings

1. The worst thing about my job is the _____; I do the same thing day after day.
a) wisdom
b) kingdom
c) boredom
d) freedom

2. I go to the gym to build up my _____.
a) length
b) warmth
c) depth
d) strength

3. I've been seeing my girlfriend for 6 months now, I suppose it's quite a serious _____.
a) friendship
b) membership
c) companionship
d) relationship

4. I spent most of my _____ walking around the streets with other children. We were always getting into trouble!
a) childhood
b) adulthood
c) motherhood
d) neighbourhood

5. When I told her she'd passed the exam, she looked at me in total _____.
a) replacement
b) achievement
c) amazement
d) improvement

6. My son has a big _____, he's always telling stories about things which didn't happen!
a) action
b) imagination
c) illusion
d) collection

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Quiz topic: Phrasal Verb Particles
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. When she died, she gave _____ all her money to a charity for cats.
a) away
b) out
c) on
d) off

2. You boy! Don't walk _____ when I'm speaking to you.
a) on
b) to
c) away
d) out

3. Ouch! He's fallen _____ his motorbike and broken his shoulder.
a) off
b) away
c) out of
d) down

4. Would you mind taking _____ your shoes when you come inside?
a) away
b) on
c) off
d) out

5. I don't feel like cooking, let's order some take-_____.
a) - out
b) - up
c) - in
d) - away

6. Can you pick _____ a few things in the supermarket? We need milk, bread and loo rolls.
a) off
b) in
c) up
d) away

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Grammar used to…
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Which of the following is NOT possible? When I lived in Spain, we ____ really late at night, maybe 10 or 11 o'clock.
a. were used to eat
b. ate
c. used to eat
d. would eat

2. Did you see the Prime Minister's speech? He _____ about debt relief in developing countries.
a. speak
b. spoke
c. spoken
d. used to speak

3. Which of the following is NOT correct? I remember our trips to the seaside when I was a little boy, we _____ all day playing in the sea.
a. would spend
b. used to spend
c. spended
d. spent

4. When Guillaume lived in France he _____ 20 cigarettes a day.
a. used to smoke
b. used to smoking
c. was used to smoke
d. used to smoked

5. Which is the best response to use in everyday conversation? "First I found living in the city very stressful, but now I guess _____."
a. I'm used to it
b. I 'm accustomed to it
c. I'm familiar with it
d. I used to

6. Jean _____ his new job last week, he's working in the new call centre downtown.
a. used to start
b. would start
c. started
d. had started

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Vocab Phrasal Verbs with "go"
For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Yuck, this milk stinks! I think it's gone _____.
a. on
b. off
c. up
d. down

2. Do you think this bag goes _____ my jacket?
a. with
b. for
c. to
d. at

3. Sorry I'm late, the film went _____ longer than I thought.
a. over
b. in
c. on
d. off

4. The police suspected him of carrying drugs so they went _____ his bag – but they found nothing.
a. on
b. in
c. across
d. through

5. When couples have a baby they often have to go _____ a holiday for a year or two.
a. with
b. without
c. to
d. on

6. Phillis was so angry, she went _____ without saying a word – I haven't seen her since.
a. on
b. off
c. to
d. at

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