

"Man crosses rough sea on jet ski for love"

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A British man who broke lockdown (1) _____ to be with his girlfriend has spoken to newspapers. Dale McLaughlan, 28, really wanted to see his new (2) _____ Jessica Radcliffe. However, he was in lockdown in Scotland and she was 43 kilometres away on the Isle of Man - a small (3) _____ in the Irish Sea. Dale was love-struck and (4) _____ he had to see his love. He bought a jet ski for \$10,800 and (5) _____ it across the sea. He didn't realize how dangerous the journey would be. The sea was very (6) _____ 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) _____, he thought he was lost and had no (8) _____ where he was.

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Dale was arrested by police and was (9) _____ to four weeks in prison for breaking lockdown rules. He said his (10) _____ was worth it. He risked his (11) _____ 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) _____ 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) _____ wave wiped it away. I didn't have a (14) _____ where I was going. I thought I was lost at sea. I was so scared." He added: "I broke the (15) _____, but I did it for love. I should never have done it. It could be called a crime of (16) _____." 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) _____ free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song. Mr Tu Ching Liang, 57, is a big (2) _____ of driving, karaoke and of listening to people sing. Mr Tu has become (3) _____ for the disco lights in his taxi and his offer of free rides. It is easy to (4) _____ his yellow taxi. It has a pink neon star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside. People can select a "karaoke" (5) _____ if they use a taxi-locating app in the capital city of Taiwan. Mr Tu will (6) _____ 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) _____ the song you want to sing. He says people have more (8) _____ to sing at night.

fan
select
option
bravery
famous
offering
appear
spot

Mr Tu loves his job. He joked: "No one is as (9) _____ as me, walking out the door every day (10) _____ to go to work and not make any money." He added: "I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving money as (11) _____ for singing karaoke for eight years, and filming videos for six years. I've (12) _____ 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) _____ or a free ride. Mr Tu uploads his videos on YouTube. Some have been (14) _____ over two million times. He has become a (15) _____, 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) _____.

viewed
rewards
lucky
discount
celebrity
rushing
passenger
filmed

Use the word in brackets at the end of each sentence to form a new adjective that fits in each blank.

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

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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. spend
- 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