

GAP FILL

"Dogs may be self-aware"

Have you ever (1) _____ what animals think about? A team of scientists (2) _____ this question by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary (3) _____ out to determine whether canines have a (4) _____ of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather (5) _____ investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental (6) _____ to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body (7) _____." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published in the (8) _____ "Scientific Reports".

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The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to (9) _____ to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its (10) _____. The dog had to understand it would be (11) _____ to take the toy to its owner (12) _____ it got off the mat first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the (13) _____. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the (14) _____ to hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit (15) _____, in relation to other objects in the world". They said this is "one of the fundamental building (16) _____ of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this.

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Irregular Verbs Past Simple (Part 2)

1. I **came** (come) to England in 1993.
2. She _____ (stand) under the tree to shelter from the rain.
3. They _____ (do) their homework yesterday.
4. We _____ (sing) too much last night, I have a sore throat!
5. He already _____ (eat) all the cake.
6. The child _____ (fall) off his bicycle.
7. It _____ (take) three hours to drive to Paris.
8. I _____ (find) your keys under the table.
9. She _____ (get) a new bike for her birthday.
10. She _____ (sell) her house last year.
11. We _____ (go) to New York in January.
12. Finally my mother _____ (let) me go to a party.
13. It _____ (be) cold last night.
14. I _____ (meet) John at the weekend.
15. Lucy _____ (pay) the bill, before leaving the restaurant.
16. We _____ (see) the new film yesterday.
17. She _____ (wear) her new coat to the party.
18. I _____ (think) my football team would win.
19. They _____ (put) their bags in the bedroom.
20. Billy _____ (run) after the bus.
21. She _____ (say) that she would come later.
22. I _____ (buy) some books this morning.
23. We _____ (make) a cake, it was delicious.
24. He _____ (sit) on the old chair, and it broke.
25. They _____ (write) a letter to their parents.

Present Simple 'Wh' Questions

Make present simple 'wh' questions:

1. (where / you / go to school?)

_____ **Where do you go to school?** _____

2. (what / you / do?)

3. (where / John / come from?)

4. (how long / it / take from London to Paris?)

5. (how often / she / go to the cinema?)

6. (how many children / you / have?)

7. (when / you / get up?)

8. (how often / you / study English?)

9. (what time / the film / start?)

10. (where / you / play tennis?)

Present Simple Mixed Exercise 1 (other verbs)

Make the present simple (choose positive, negative or question):

1. (he / drive to work every day)

He drives to work every day

2. (I / not / think you're right)

3. (we / have enough time?)

4. (I / eat cereal in the morning)

5. (they / write e-mails every day?)

6. (you / watch a lot of TV)

7. (he / not / read the newspaper)

8. (she / dance often?)

9. (where / I / come on Mondays?)

10. (what / you / do at the weekend?)

-ED and -ING Adjectives Exercise 2

Choose the correct adjective:

1. I am so (relaxing / **relaxed**) I don't want to move.
2. I find horror films really (frightening / frightened) and not at all fun to watch.
3. Sometimes I get really (frustrating / frustrated) when I can't express myself well in English.
4. We were stopped by a man with a knife who took our money. It was (terrifying / terrified).
5. The programme was really (interesting / interested).
6. She was (overwhelming / overwhelmed) when everyone cheered and we gave her presents.
7. If I feel stressed, I find taking a bath is often (relaxing / relaxed).
8. I am really (tiring / tired); I think I'll go to bed.
9. He's very (interesting / interested) in history.
10. The trip was (overwhelming / overwhelmed), with so many things to do and it was all so new.
11. She is never (satisfying / satisfied) with her work.
12. Cleaning is so (tiring / tired)! I think I'll have a rest!
13. She thought the ride on the rollercoaster was (thrilled / thrilling).
14. I was really (surprising / surprised) when I saw you. I had thought you were on holiday.
15. My grandmother was (shocking / shocked) by the man's bad language.
16. My niece is (terrifying / terrified) of dogs.
17. Thank you so much for the prize! I'm (thrilled / thrilling)!
18. My job is very (satisfying / satisfied), I love helping people.
19. The news was so (shocking / shocked) that she burst into tears.
20. My exam results were great! It's really (surprising / surprised) but good, of course

Gerund after prepositions - exercise 1

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with prepositions + gerunds (-ing forms).

Example:
My dad is used up early. (get)
My dad is used to getting up early.

on, at, in, of, up,
with about, to

My brother is good (dive)

I'm not very keen computer games. (play)

I have no objection the football match tonight. (watch)

She is afraid her boyfriend. (lose)

We are fed nothing all the weekend. (do)

I'm tired in the queues at the airports. (wait)

We had difficulty the way to the museum. (find)

Are you interested your professional career? (build)

There's no point an old car. (buy)

I disapprove in restaurants. (smoke)

We are happy a new house. (have)

My daughter dreams a film star. (become)

John can't cope unemployed. (be)

Sarah is thinking to Greg's place. (move)

The children were accused the window. (smash)

"Japan government creates a minister of loneliness"

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The Japanese government now has a "minister of loneliness". It is the first (1) _____ Japan has had such a minister. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga created the (2) _____ in early February. He asked Tetsushi Sakamoto to fill the new position. Mr Suga wanted to do something about the (3) _____ in suicide cases. The number of people taking their own lives has risen (4) _____ the pandemic. Japan's National Police Agency (5) _____ that 20,919 people died by suicide in 2020. This is 750 more than the (6) _____ year. It is also the first consecutive rise in suicides in 11 years. Mr Sakamoto told reporters: "I hope to promote (7) _____ that prevent loneliness and social isolation and to improve the (8) _____ between people."

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The police (9) _____ reported that there has been a much bigger rise in suicides (10) _____ women and young people. Prime Minister Suga said women have been (11) _____ with loneliness since the coronavirus pandemic started in early 2020. He told reporters: "Women are (12) _____ from isolation more than men are, and the number of suicides is on a rising (13) _____." There has been a 70 per cent year-on-year increase in the number of women taking their own (14) _____. Yoko Suzuki, a 23-year-old designer who lives in Tokyo, said she has suffered from (15) _____ since coronavirus started. She said: "Not seeing people (16) _____ behind their mask makes me sad and lonely." She added: "I want to see happy faces."

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