



Words and phrases

1 Traditional events

Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 The Hindu wedding *celebration/ritual* I like best is when the priest ties the end of the bride and groom's clothing together.
- 2 A typical wedding *ceremony/custom* in my country is quite long and complicated.
- 3 Most of the *festivals/occasions* in my country involving singing, dancing and eating.
- 4 On the *birthday/anniversary* of our country's unification, people take the day off.
- 5 Most religions have a period of *fasting/dieting* when food restrictions apply.
- 6 On this day we *celebrate/commemorate* the lives of the soldiers who died in the war.
- 7 For Muslims, it's their duty to go on a *pilgrimage/worship* to Mecca at least once.
- 8 The wedding ring *symbolizes/reflects* the eternal union between husband and wife.
- 9 It's the *habit/custom* in my culture to give money to the poor during this time.
- 10 I think Christmas is a special *occasion/occurrence* for children, but perhaps not for their busy parents.

2 On

Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

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| behalf | reflection | contrary | loan | agenda |
| hand | basis | average | verge | point |

- 1 I'm learning English so I can do business on behalf..... of my father with American clients.
- 2 The first item on the for discussion is the proposal for the new library.
- 3 The team were on the of giving up when they made an amazing discovery.
- 4 The number of smokers has not decreased. On the, the figure actually rose last year.
- 5 Dividing school children into classes according to their ability may help them to work at their own pace. On the other, it may also lead to a lack of motivation amongst students in the lower class.
- 6 On, we can see from the graph that men spent more on luxury goods than women.
- 7 People who exercise on a regular tend to suffer less from heart disease.
- 8 When I gave my presentation, I thought it was all right, but on, I think I should have provided more specific examples.
- 9 It is a species of lizard which is sadly on the of extinction.
- 10 The paintings in the exhibition are currently on from The Louvre.

3 Prefixes *cent-*, *pan-*, *multi-*, *tri-*

Match each prefix in the box to its meaning and the example below.

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| tri | pan | centi | multi |
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| = three | = many | = hundred | = all |
| ...tri...angle |national | metre |theism |

Now complete each sentence using one of the prefixes.

- 1 The economic downturn was a *pan*-European issue.
- 2 Do you know how to convert Fahrenheit intograde?
- 3 The final book was certainly the best of thelogy
- 4 My city has become increasinglycultural.
- 5 The ability totask is a requirement of the job.
- 6 The carnivorous plants feed mainly on beetles andpedes.
- 7 The lastmester of the academic year seems the hardest.
- 8 Thedemic was responsible for a dramatic fall in the population.

4 Put

Complete each sentence with an expression from the box. More than one answer may be possible.

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| at risk | forward | another way | through | at a disadvantage | down to |
| | under pressure | across | an end to | off | in control of |

- 1 We are *putting* our own health *at risk*..... by allowing toxic waste to reach the ocean.
- 2 'I was *put* the project when the team leader resigned.'
- 3 Pupils are *put* enormous by their parents to perform well in tests.
- 4 'If you don't speak English in my field, it *puts you* when you're applying for work.'
- 5 We need to *put* to slavery which still exists in parts of the world.
- 6 'It is time we recognized the contribution of women to science. To *put it*, more attention must be given to women who have made scientific discoveries.'
- 7 'I thought you *put* your ideas quite clearly in the presentation.'
- 8 Researchers initially *put* the collapse of the civilization war, but now they believe the reason was disease.
- 9 One solution to crime that is often *put* is longer prison sentences.
- 10 'I was planning to take my IELTS test in May but then I *put it* till June.'
- 11 The people taking part in the experiment were *put* a series of medical tests.