

Consolidation 11

260 Use only one word to fill in each of the numbered blanks.

Casinos packed (1) spinning wheels, rolling dice and tumbling cards. Bingo halls (2) of smoke and anxiously clutched bingo cards. Front rooms with friends crowded round, shuffling (3) and counting money. Whatever your forte or preference, gambling is the (4) of the game.

Most of us, at some (5) in our lives take part. Whether you are gambling a bit of extra money (6) your livelihood away, you gamble to win. This illusion is a powerful one, as the gambler has less (7) a fifty-fifty chance of winning. People are made (8) sometimes painfully, of the risk that gambling (9) So (10) do we do it?

The motivation that lies (11) this avoidable risk remains a mystery. Certainly, there are definite sensations, (12) emotive and physical, involved in gambling, which may help (13) this obsessive behaviour. The anticipation, the social pleasure and the nervousness associated (14) a possible loss or win. Then the physical feeling of actually arriving and playing the game. The combined sensations (15) expectation, excitement and determination produce adrenalin (16) in itself is addictive. Are all gamblers addicted, or is this compulsion simply (17) to habit?

It is (18) to the individual to decide (19) gambling is positive or negative depending (20) any loss one might have incurred, but it is certainly an international and widespread pastime.

Phrasal Verbs 1

261 Look at Appendix 1 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition or adverb from the box below, then give a synonym for each phrasal verb.

behind, after, up, away with, up against, down, out of, in, off, into, through, across, away

- He's always running **down** his boss although she actually treats him well.
- We ran Sally at the shops yesterday; I hadn't seen her for months.
- He ran the burglar but didn't manage to catch him.
- We've run coffee. Could you go and buy some?
- He has run a staggering amount in debts over the past two years.
- Let's run that scene again; then you can all go home.
- The robbers ran the cash-bags before the police arrived.
- The old woman was run by a taxi.
- You'd better run your new car before you drive it on the motorway.
- We ran some valuable old books while we were clearing out the attic.
- After winning the lottery, he ran all the money he'd won in six weeks.
- Everything was going smoothly until we ran the problem of lack of funding.
- My father fell asleep at the steering wheel and ran a lamp post.
- My car battery ran because I left the headlights on all night.
- The secretary was asked to run copies of the report and have them distributed among the employees.
- Their son ran at the age of 12 and didn't contact them for four years.
- The doctor is running today so you'll have to wait a bit.

Explain the meaning of the words in bold italics.

- The **runaway** horse created chaos and confusion as it galloped through the busy streets.
- The financial analyst was given a complete **run-down** of the company's situation.
- Since the recession, more and more **run-down** areas have been appearing in towns.

Phrasal Verbs 2

see about : make arrangements for

see off : accompany a traveller to his/her train etc.

see out : accompany sb to an exit

see over : inspect property

see through : 1) not be deceived
2) support sb through a difficult time

see to : take care of

settle down : live a more permanent lifestyle

settle in : become used to a new house or job

settle on : decide on

settle for : accept sth (less than expected)

settle up : pay (a debt, a bill etc.)

Idioms 1

be thick : be stupid

on second thoughts : having changed one's mind

lay the table : set the table

play truant : stay away from school without good reason

red tape : unnecessary bureaucracy

touch and go : with uncertain result

put two and two together : arrive at the truth by looking at the facts

in a tick : shortly, soon

through thick and thin : whatever happens

out of turn : not in the correct order/time

262 Fill in the missing preposition or adverb.

1. I was hoping to sell my car for £1,000 but I had to settle **for** £800.
2. Could you please see getting the sofa re-covered?
3. They settled the Ritz as the best place for the reception.
4. We've seen forty houses and we haven't found one to buy yet.
5. The children were seen at the station by the entire family.
6. Could you see those messages while I read through this report?
7. He said he would make me a rich man but I saw him immediately.
8. After wandering for years they settled in a small village in Wales.
9. He saw his best friend her divorce.
10. I'll see you; you may not be able to find your way to the lift.
11. Let's settle with the waiter and go home. I'm feeling tired.
12. Once we've settled, we'll invite you for a long weekend.

263 Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom.

1. "Are you coming?" shouted Tim's father. "Yes, I'll be ready **in a tick**," replied Tim.
2. "Dinner is ready, will someone please?" mother said.
3. "Will he live?" asked the nurse. "Well it's whether he will or not."
4. Although she didn't say anything directly, we and realised that she was about to quit her job.
5. "Don't ever leave me," pleaded Sally. "Don't worry, we'll be together, " answered Jim.
6. With so much involved, the government have made it very difficult for foreigners to obtain a work permit.
7. "Write this essay for homework," the teacher said. "No, do it now," he added.
8. When he was at school he always on Mondays to play football instead.
9. The debate became unmanageable when everyone started speaking
10. That man He can't even add up two and two without making a mistake.

Idioms 2

(by) **trial and error** : learning from one's mistakes

not be one's cup of tea : not suit one's taste

be ahead of one's time : have modern ideas (opp.: be behind the times)

for the time being : temporarily

in the nick of time : just in time

kill time : pass time while waiting for sb / sth

come to terms with : accept a difficult situation

be tickled pink : be really pleased

paint the town red : have a lovely time

do time : serve a prison sentence

take one's time : not hurry

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1. They went for a walk to **kill time** while they waited for the ferry.
2. John and several of his friends went out to on his stag night.
3. The cardiac unit arrived to resuscitate the heart attack victim.
4. After six years she still cannot the fact that her husband has left her.
5. As a teenager he for petty theft.
6. Don't gobble down your food; and enjoy it.
7. My grandmother when she won at bingo last week.
8. You can use my spare room but you must look for a flat of your own.
9. The chef often comes up with his best recipes after a tedious process of
10. Opera isn't; I prefer rock music.
11. This inventor was when he invented a space-rocket in the last century.

Prepositions

265 Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

1. While running to answer the telephone I tripped **over** my brother's briefcase.
2. That's typical Peter to refuse to help!
3. I'm having trouble my car; it keeps stalling.
4. Jenny is terrified flying.
5. In a fit of rage she threw the vase her husband, but fortunately it missed him.
6. My father is fascinated with cars. In fact he's in the garage tinkering the old Ford right now.
7. Tuck your shirt your trousers!
8. The river was teeming trout.
9. She is so thirsty success that, short of murder, she would do anything.
10. He triumphed his competitors by flooding the market place with advertising.
11. He's new the job so he needs time to get used to it.
12. Being new the neighbourhood they were unable to find where the greengrocer's was.
13. Our neighbours are very tolerant the noise we make.

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1. The neighbours are very anxious **about** their daughter as she has been missing for two days.
2. The whole world was extremely anxious the refugees' safety.
3. I was very angry being woken up in the night by an alarm bell.
4. The customer was very angry the assistant his attitude towards him.
5. Some children are very awkward practical tasks.
6. My husband is so awkward a needle and thread that I have to sew all his buttons on for him.
7. Her admission guilt shocked everyone; no one thought she was capable of murder.
8. This summer, admission most bars and clubs is twice what it was last year.
9. My new computer has the advantage being more compact than my old one.
10. Gripper Malone got the advantage Muscles Mason with a half-nelson.
11. Don't tell me you like his taste clothes! He looks terrible!