

Consolidation 12

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

For years scientists have been (1) out research into the world of the unknown. One of the most fascinating categories of psychic phenomena is (2) of "precognition"; the ability to (3) future events. Terms, (4) as "prophecies", "auguries" and "miracles", familiar in ancient times, have been replaced by the scientific, (5) prosaic-sounding term "extrasensory perception" (ESP). This phenomenon is also commonly (6) as "the sixth sense", enabling a person who possesses it to know something in (7) of its happening, an experience otherwise unknown by those who possess the ordinary five (8) of hearing, sight, touch, taste and smell. Precognition may (9) in the form of a dream or in a waking (10) Many scientists have devoted their careers to (11) ESP phenomena. They describe their research field (12) the science of "parapsychology", derived from the word "paranormal", which ESP phenomena are (13) to be because they seem to be (14) the limits of our present understanding. Surveys have shown that belief in psychic powers (15) strong, with a large percentage of people claiming to have actually (16) ESP. Considering the influence ESP has had (17) the history of mankind, from the time of the ancient Greeks who often consulted the oracles in (18) of crisis, it is difficult to comprehend (19) sceptics can brush all ESP phenomena aside as mere fantasy, hallucination or superstition.

Parapsychologists continue to (20) the paranormal but, as yet, it still remains unexplained.

Phrasal Verbs 1

set about :	begin
set aside :	save for a special purpose
set back :	1) hinder 2) cost (inf)
set in :	begin (of a period, usu. bad)
set off :	1) start a reaction (inf) 2) begin a journey (= set out)
set on :	cause (an animal) to attack
set out :	begin a task/job with a specific intention
set up :	1) establish (a record) 2) start a business 3) erect

280 Fill in the correct preposition or adverb.

- We'd better have central heating installed before winter sets **in**.
- They set for the lake at 5 o'clock in the morning.
- He set a new world record for the 100-metre race.
- His jokes set the whole class laughing.
- A fire in the factory set production by several weeks.
- She set to become a dancer but an injury prevented her from fulfilling her ambition.
- She has decided to set a computer graphics firm with the money she inherited.
- You'd better set some money every month if you want to buy a new car.
- How would you set teaching a dog to perform tricks?
- He threatened to set the dogs us if we didn't get off his property.
- The Town Council has decided to set a monument in honour of the dead soldiers.
- A wedding reception for fifty people will certainly set you a lot!

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Phrasal Verbs 2

- stand by :** 1) remain loyal to sb
2) do nothing to stop a bad situation
3) be ready for action
- stand down :** resign from a position
- stand for :** 1) support sth
2) be an abbreviation of sth
3) tolerate
4) enter oneself for election
- stand in for :** replace temporarily
- stand out :** be conspicuous/obvious
- stand up for :** defend, support
- stand up to :** defend oneself against

Idioms 1

- be up and about :** have recovered from an illness
- be on the up and up :** improve steadily
- up and coming :** likely to be successful
- ups and downs :** alternate good and bad luck
- quick/slow on the uptake :** quick/slow to understand
- make a flying visit :** make a quick trip
- give vent to :** express sth freely
- speak volumes :** be strong evidence of sb's feelings, merits etc.
- drive (sb) up the wall :** make sb angry / annoy sb
- hold water :** be able to be proved true

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1. I'll stand **by** you no matter what the others say about you.
2. I wouldn't stand that sort of behaviour for a minute.
3. The police stood in case trouble broke out after the football match.
4. He's such a brilliant dancer that he stands from the rest of the troupe.
5. Our group stands equality for all people.
6. Could you stand John if he's called away?
7. You ought to stand your little brother when the others tease him.
8. The letters M P stand Member of Parliament.
9. How can you stand and watch him mistreat the children like that?
10. If he can't stand his opponent in a debate, he won't be worth much in Parliament.
11. The President was forced to stand following a drug scandal.
12. His grandfather once stood Parliament, but he only got 56 votes.

282 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

1. We've had our **ups and downs** since we left London, but for the most part we're very happy living in the country.
2. The noise those builders are making, is
3. Sarah her feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction when she spoke to her boss.
4. Unless you can support your argument with some statistics, I'm afraid it just doesn't
5. In spite of the seriousness of the operation, she in a few days.
6. Although she said nothing about missing her husband, the expression on her face
7. The young actress has been offered a major role in the film version of "The Tempest".
8. Since we had only a few hours there, we could only to one or two of the museums in Amsterdam.
9. Mike is so that you never have to repeat instructions twice.
10. In spite of the negative economic outlook, car sales this month.

Idioms 2

wet behind the ears : inexperienced

make waves : cause trouble

frosty welcome : unfriendly reception

get out of bed on the wrong side : be in a bad mood

give way to : give in; yield.

set in one's ways : fixed in one's habits

under the weather : depressed; unwell

be all very well : appear satisfactory but in fact not be

get wind of : receive information about sth indirectly

no/little wonder : not surprising

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1. It's **no wonder** he's in a bad mood if it's true that his wife has just left him.
2. He's so that if you gave him his tea at 4 o'clock instead of 4:30, he'd complain.
3. My boss accused me of when I complained about our working conditions.
4. It's them saying they'd be here on time; in fact they're already ten minutes late.
5. She realised that her boss had when he snapped at her before she had even said "good morning".
6. We got such a(n) when we arrived at the party that we almost wished we hadn't gone.
7. Although he's young and, he has such a way with people that we decided to hire him.
8. I don't know how they our plans; I've certainly never discussed them with anyone.
9. John's been a bit lately, but I think he'll cheer up once we go on holiday.
10. If you always people's wishes, then they're bound to take advantage of you.

Prepositions

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

1. The food at that restaurant was labelled "unfit **for** human consumption" by the Environmental Health Officer.
2. I feel very uneasy leaving the baby with Miriam for the evening.
3. After suffering a major illness I was very vulnerable minor illnesses such as colds.
4. There is little variation the way my family celebrates Christmas from year to year.
5. Mr Holister has been unfaithful his wife and now she wants a divorce.
6. The boys ran down to the garden and vaulted the fence at the bottom.
7. Clara is unswerving her determination to become a lawyer.
8. I can vouch Sandra's integrity, so I recommend we include her in our discussions.
9. The prison officer is very unjust the prisoners, denying them their basic rights.

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1. Tom's constant absorption **in** his books worried his parents.
2. The amount of water absorbed cotton wool is greater than that absorbed paper.
3. The thieves absconded the scene of the crime over £2,000.
4. The bank wrote to me to advise me their new overdraft policy.
5. If you need someone to advise you exam techniques, any of our trained staff will help you.
6. The doctor advised us travelling to Egypt without having the proper inoculations first.
7. At the Chinese restaurant we started spare ribs, then had chicken stir-fry and coconut ice-cream to finish.
8. It was discovered that the murdered woman had cared passionately political issues.