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1. Read and complete. Use the verbs in brackets. (present simple VS present continuous)



This is Mrs White. She ..... (be) a primary school teacher.

She ..... (teach) English, Maths and Geography.

At the moment, she ..... (teach) Maths.

She ..... (live) in London and ..... (be)

married to Georges, who is French. They ..... (have) three children. They

all ..... (love) animals, but they ..... (not have) any pets

because they ..... (live) in an apartment. Mrs White ..... (speak)

French as well as English, but she ..... (not teach) it.

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Mrs White's niece Sophie ..... (stay) with the Whites for a few days.

Sophie ..... (live) and ..... (study) in Liverpool, but

she ..... (enjoy) her mid-term break in London at the moment.

She ..... (plan) to do some serious shopping and sightseeing.



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Mrs White's son Arnold ..... (not like) shopping,

but he ..... (love) hanging out with friends.

They usually ..... (go) to the local park where

they ..... (play) football or basketball.

Today, however, Arnold ..... (not play) football or basketball;

he ..... (skateboard).

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Mr White ..... (work) for a multinational company. He ..... (not work)

today, however, because he ..... (not feel) well. He phoned in sick.



2. Complete the sentences using the correct words. Make any necessary changes.

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| adopt<br>adapt<br>adept             | 1. a. Politicians have to be ..... at dealing with reporters' questions.<br>b. Many stars chose to ..... a child rather than have their own.<br>c. Meg's book has been ..... for a TV programme.  |
| wind<br>rewind<br>unwind            | 2. a. Watching TV helps me ..... at the end of the day.<br>b. The makeup artist had to ..... special tape around my legs.<br>c. Please ..... the video when you finish watching it.   |
| highlight<br>spotlight<br>limelight | 3. a. Going backstage after the show was the ..... of our theatre trip.<br>b. Young actors who attain sudden fame can find life in the ..... tough.<br>c. Funding for schools is once again under the .....   |
| downright<br>upright<br>outright    | 4. a. The director told him ..... that he was too ugly for the role.<br>b. I think it's ..... disgusting what some actors will do to get a part!<br>c. The artist had pictures propped ..... against the walls of his studio.                       |
| feature<br>characterise<br>focus    | 5. a. The documentary ..... on the training professional dancers receive.<br>b. The film ..... several young up-and-coming actors.<br>c. Hitchcock's films are ..... by suspense and humour.  |
| engross<br>appeal<br>addict         | 6. a. I was so ..... in the film that I stayed up till 2.00 watching it.<br>b. Horror movies have never really ..... to me.<br>c. I am ..... to late-night television!  |
| so-called<br>alleged<br>renowned    | 7. a. The ..... "live" performance consisted of a group miming to a CD.<br>b. I was flattered to get the chance to work with the ..... director.<br>c. The journalist secured an exclusive interview with the ..... murderer just before the trial. |
| ratings<br>credits<br>subtitles     | 8. a. Foreign language movies are either dubbed or have .....<br>b. The new comedy series may be cut because of low .....<br>c. The names of all the technical crew who worked on a movie are listed in the .....                                   |



3. Now read the next paragraph of the article. Complete the gaps using the words and phrases given.

the others • the dogs • this research • in this case • two • half • one • this

One experiment involved 48 beagles, who were divided into two groups. (1) ..... Half ..... were fed on dried food and the rest were given regular dog food. Some of the dogs in both groups were given more walks and stimulation than (2) ..... . Then they were all put through the same tests. Professor Bill Milgram, a neuroscientist, said that one of the tasks was called an *oddity test*. He went on to explain that (3) ..... were shown three objects. (4) ..... were identical and one was clearly different. Food was hidden under the odd (5) ..... and the researchers gauged how long it took the dogs to learn (6) ..... . Professor Milgram has been studying the mental ability of older dogs since 1990 as part of a wider study on the brain. He said that food containing antioxidants combined with vitamins could help to sustain mental sharpness which, (7) ..... , indicated that you can teach old dogs new tricks! He believes (8) ..... has applications for humans because like us, dogs can eat all sorts of food and have similar nutritional needs.



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