Unit 1

1 See glossary

2 a - 6  c - 3  e - 7  g - 1  i - 4  
b - 2  d - 8  f - 5  h - 9  j - 10

3 1 came down to earth
2 with a bump
3 all it's cracked up to be
4 down in the dumps
5 kept in the dark
6 caught my eye
7 off the beaten track
8 right up my street
9 in your element
10 at the crack of dawn

5 See glossary

6 a - 1  d - 6  g - 7  j - 2  
b - 10  e - 5  h - 0  i - 3

c - 9  f - 4

7 1 Speaking in front of an audience can be nerve-racking, but once you get into the swing of it, you'll find it easy.
2 My apartment block has a round-the-clock security system.
3 I'm tired of run-of-the-mill novels. I want to read something original.
4 We decided to go to a desert island so that we could get away from it all.
5 I was over the moon when I won first prize.

8 On the first day of my summer holiday in France I was in the mood for letting my hair down, and finally I decided that a day of jet-skiing would be my best bet. Once I had learnt how to control the machine and steer clear of the big waves, I really started to enjoy whizzing across the surface of the sea. When I arrived back at the hotel I was as brown as a berry and felt as if I had been given a new lease of life. It was a great way to start my holiday.

9 1 take things easy
2 down in the dumps
3 caught my eye
4 off the beaten track
5 a new lease of life
6 best bet
7 let our hair down
8 run-of-the-mill
9 right up your street
10 get away from it all

10 1 This novel isn't all it's cracked up to be.
2 I play badminton quite often now that I've got the swing of it.
3 After her holiday, trouble at work made Martha come down to earth with a bump.
4 Janet was in her element at the disco as she loves dancing.
5 It's the first time we've won the cup and we're over the moon.

6 John worked round the clock to finish the assignment.*
7 Since shellfish upsets my stomach, I steer clear of it.
8 My father kept me in the dark about my mother's illness.
9 After a week on the beach in Tunisia, I am as brown as a berry.
10 I get up at the crack of dawn in order to avoid the traffic on the way to work.

* Round the clock is used here as an adverb and should not be hyphenated.

11 (Suggested answers)

1 Yes, because you might like places which are isolated and far away from other people.
2 No, because when you come down to earth with a bump it's usually an unpleasant experience, whereas when you are in your element, you are happy and/or enjoying yourself.
3 Probably, because I would want to find a better hotel, and the sooner I left, the sooner I'd find one.

12 across   down

1 cracked    2 all
4 clear      3 earth
7 dark       4 clock
8 eye        5 element
9 bet        6 track

Unit 2

1 See glossary

2 a - 6  d - 1  g - 2  j - 9

b - 7  e - 3  h - 10

c - 4  f - 5  i - 8

3 1 broke his heart
2 a change of heart
3 bee's knees
4 head over heels in love
5 see eye to eye

4 1 an old flame
2 stole your heart
3 the man of her dreams
4 all's fair in love and war
5 wear your heart on your sleeve

5 See glossary - Picture: Bury the hatchet

6 a - 5  c - 6  e - 8  g - 1  i - 4

b - 7  d - 9  f - 2  h - 3  j - 10
7 1 Robert and Helen have decided to tie the knot at Christmas.
   2 It’s been donkey’s years since I last went to the theatre.
   3 Although David is playing hard to get, it’s obvious that he likes Mary.
   4 After years of arguing, the sisters decided to bury the hatchet.
   5 Her constant complaining really drives me round the bend.

8 1 B 2 A 3 C 4 A 5 D

9 1 No, Mary is not my girlfriend. She’s an old flame (of mine).
   2 Isn’t it nice to see a young couple head over heels in love?
   3 After they won the lottery, they lived in clover for the rest of their lives.
   4 My wife and I don’t see eye to eye about keeping a dog.
   5 He tricked her into marrying him, but then I suppose all’s fair in love and war.
   6 After ten years of living together, they finally tied the knot.
   7 I think Ann really likes Charles but she is playing hard to get.
   8 Sally has made Geoff go on a diet. Geoff is like putty in her hands.
   9 You haven’t spoken to your sister for a month. It’s time you buried the hatchet.
   10 Tom really loves Claire. She’s the apple of his eye.

10 1 wears his heart on his sleeve 6 thicker than water
    2 round the bend 7 black sheep of the family
    3 stolen his heart 8 change of heart
    4 donkey’s years 9 man of my dreams
    5 bee’s knees 10 broke my heart

11 (Suggested answers)
   1 Probably not. The black sheep of the family is usually sb who has rebelled or hasn’t done as the family had expected, whereas someone who is in clover is usually living in great comfort.
   2 Yes, because that person would be very fond of you and therefore would do anything for you.
   3 No, because if they got married they would probably argue a lot.
   4 Yes, because if your feelings are too obvious you are very vulnerable and it would be easy to have your heart broken.

12 (Suggested answer)
   Although the couple realise that their daughter is head over heels in love with her fiancé, they can’t believe that she’s considering tying the knot. Their daughter has always been the apple of her father’s eye, and he can’t accept the fact this man has stolen his little girl’s heart. The fiancé also drives the girl’s mother round the bend. But they’ve decided to accept it because after all, blood is thicker than water.

Unit 3

1 See glossary - Picture: To step into sb else’s shoes

2 a - 4 c - 8 e - 3 g - 10 i - 7
   b - 6 d - 5 f - 2 h - 9 j - 1

3 1 in the red 4 in the black
   2 a firm hand 5 playing with fire
   3 a lame duck

4 1 hit 3 pay 5 step
   2 feel 4 give

5 See glossary

6 a - 5 d - 6 g - 8 j - 3
   b - 10 o - 1 h - 4
   c - 2 f - 9 i - 7

7 1 During the economic crisis, even the royal family had to tighten their belts.
   2 Money is so scarce at the moment that I have had to take a second job just to keep my head above water.
   3 I knew that Ray had been burning the midnight oil as he looked exhausted.
   4 I knew that Mrs Watkin meant business when I got a letter from her lawyer.
   5 It costs a lot of money to get a business off the ground.

8 1 bear fruit 4 a small fortune
   2 live on a shoestring 5 rolling in it
   3 money down the drain

9 1 head above water 6 a lame duck
   2 tighten her belt 7 hit rock bottom
   3 pay dividends 8 living on a shoestring
   4 given the boot 9 meant business
   5 step into his shoes 10 rolling in it
10 1 It's a good idea to take out a small loan to (help) get your business off the ground.
2 For the first time in years, IHD Industries is in the black.
3 Young offenders need a firm hand to help them reform.
4 You'll have to burn the midnight oil in order to finish the project.
5 People have been feeling the pinch since the government raised taxes.
6 The company's investment in computer design is now bearing fruit.
7 Money spent on the National Lottery is just money down the drain.
8 If you're in the red you should get another job.
9 My family lost a fortune in the stock market crash of 1929.
10 You're playing with fire if you borrow money to buy stocks and shares.

11 1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly - in the red
3 used incorrectly - rolling in it
4 used correctly
5 used correctly
6 used incorrectly - pay dividends
7 used correctly
8 used incorrectly - meant business
9 used incorrectly - burning the midnight oil
10 used correctly

Unit 4

1 See glossary - Picture: To pull a few strings

2 a - 2 c - 6 e - 9 g - 4 i - 7
   b - 5 d - 10 f - 3 h - 8 j - 1

3 1 cut corners
   2 hold a candle to
   3 at a loss for words

4 1 feast your eyes on
   2 pull a few strings
   3 make your mouth water
   4 in full swing
   5 picking up the tab

5 See glossary

6 a - 1 c - 8 e - 4 g - 5 i - 3
   b - 6 d - 2 f - 7 h - 10 j - 9

7 1 I've been going to the same restaurant for years, but lately it hasn't been up to scratch.
2 Camping in the wilderness isn't Greg's cup of tea.
3 You forgot to water my plants! Look, the soil is as dry as a bone.
4 Ross was nervous when he went for his job interview, but the director broke the ice by making a joke.
5 Roxanne was in the soup when she crashed her father's car.

8 1 B 2 D 3 A 4 D 5 B

9 1 break 5 cast 9 pull
   2 whet 6 turn 10 cut
   3 feast 7 make
   4 pick up 8 scrape

10 1 Unfortunately, the electricity went off when the concert was in full swing.
   2 Tim was at a loss for words when he heard he had won the prize.
   3 If you're in the soup with your landlord, you can come and stay with me.
   4 Charles Johnson's new film will certainly be food for thought.
   5 Abstract art is not my cup of tea; I think it is ugly.
   6 The soil here is as dry as a bone so no plants can grow.
   7 My teacher told me that my essay wasn't up to scratch.
   8 Jane said that she hated my new dress, but I'm sure it was just sour grapes.
   9 This new government can't hold a candle to the previous one.
   10 When his bike was stolen, Mike said it was no use crying over split milk.

11a a to make one's mouth water
   b to cut corners
   c to break the ice
   d to be in the soup
   e to cast pearls before swine
   f sour grapes

11b 1 in the soup
   2 sour grapes
   3 break the ice
   4 making my mouth water
   5 casting pearls before swine
   6 cut corners

Unit 5

1 See glossary

2 a - 3 c - 5 e - 1 g - 4 i - 7
   b - 6 d - 2 f - 8 h - 9 j - 10
A Good Turn of Phrase

3 1 up and about 4 go downhill
2 pinch of salt 5 ripe old age
3 off colour
4 1 full of beans 4 at death’s door
2 but skin and bone 5 as strong as an ox
3 a shadow of his former self

5 See glossary

6 a - 9 c - 2 e - 3 g - 1 i - 6
b - 8 d - 7 f - 4 h - 5 j - 10

7 1 Without my glasses I am as blind as a bat.
2 If I don’t have a cup of coffee with my lunch, I run out of steam by three o’clock.
3 Everyone thinks that Mr Jones is about to kick the bucket, but there’s life in the old dog yet.
4 When Cathy heard that she had been promoted, she grinned from ear to ear.

8 1 touch and go 3 one foot in the grave
2 writing was on the wall 4 held his own
5 alive and kicking

9 1 touch and go 6 as strong as an ox
2 writing is on the wall 7 there’s life in the old dog yet
3 held our own 8 a shadow of his former self
4 took it with a pinch of salt 9 ripe old age
5 up and about 10 at death’s door

10 1 You look off colour, I think you should go home.
2 Jason is grinning from ear to ear in all the wedding photographs.
3 I suddenly ran out of steam while shopping and had to sit down and have a coffee.
4 John’s work went downhill rapidly after he fell ill.
5 You know, Geoff is as blind as a bat without his glasses.
6 Let’s face it, Kate Moss is nothing but skin and bone.
7 We haven’t heard from Marion for a while, but Tim tells me she’s alive and kicking.
8 We all thought Rachel had kicked the bucket until she leapt up and started laughing at us.
9 I went for a swim early this morning and I’ve felt full of beans all day.
10 We thought Sir John had one foot in the grave but he was just pretending to be ill.

11 (Suggested answers)
1 No, because to have kicked the bucket means to have died; Alive and kicking means the opposite.
2 No, because if you were full of beans you would be very energetic and if you were off colour, you wouldn’t feel very well.
3 Yes, because if a person was smiling while telling me something serious I’d suspect they were joking and I wouldn’t take them seriously.
4 Yes, just because someone is someone is blind, doesn’t mean that he/she is not active.
5 Yes, because if that person’s condition was uncertain/serious, it would be unlikely he/she would be very active the next day.
6 No, because E-mail is a lot more advanced and is likely to replace fax machines in the future.

12 (Suggested answer)
He is in his eighties but he’s still as strong as an ox. He’s always full of beans. He certainly doesn’t look like he’s about to run out of steam. It seems he might well live to a ripe old age.

Unit 6

1 See glossary

2 a - 1 c - 10 e - 8 g - 6 i - 3
b - 5 d - 7 f - 9 h - 2 j - 4

3 1 right hand man
2 calling the shots
3 poor as a church mouse
4 4 up-and-coming
5 jet set

4 1 from rags to riches
2 the top of the ladder
3 the slippery slope
4 lives rough
5 down-and-out

5 See glossary

6 a - 3 c - 4 e - 1 g - 10 i - 9
b - 2 d - 7 f - 6 h - 8 j - 5

7 1 The researchers had to work at full stretch for six months in order to complete the project.
2 The politician seems to have adopted a low profile since his unfortunate public display.
3 Selling encyclopedias over the telephone is a dead end (job) — you should look for another career.
4 Now that Ellen’s retired, she has (a lot of) time on her hands.
5 Greta can’t really afford a skiing holiday — she’s only keeping up with the Joneses.
A Good Turn of Phrase

8 1 D 2 B 3 C 4 A 5 B
9 1 used incorrectly - to take a back seat
   6 used incorrectly - at full stretch
2 used incorrectly - a used end
   7 used correctly
3 used correctly
   8 used correctly*
4 used incorrectly - rat race
   9 used incorrectly - have time on my hands
5 used correctly

* rags-to-riches is hyphenated when placed before a noun

10 1 take 3 adopt 5 live
    2 call 4 have 6 do

11a a big guns
    b the rat race
c to call the shots
    d to have many irons in
    e at the top of the ladder

11b 1 Many Irons in the Fire
    2 To Call The Shots
    3 Big Guns

3 Reaching the Top Of The Ladder

10 (Suggested answer)
The old building is as old as the hills but it has stood the test of time. The brand new building is state-of-the-art and it is the last word in modern technology.

11 across
1 state
2 test
4 streets
7 horizon
8 rage
9 date

down
1 state
2 test
4 streets
7 horizon
8 rage
9 date

Unit 8

1 See glossary

2 a - 3 c - 6 e - 10 g - 8 i - 7
    b - 9 d - 4 f - 5 h - 1 j - 2

3 1 sit 2 cut 3 lend 4 chance 5 have

4 1 vanished into thin air 3 close call
    2 out of hand 4 last ditch 5 tip of the iceberg

5 See glossary

6 a - 5 c - 3 e - 6 g - 7 i - 9
    b - 4 d - 1 f - 2 h - 10 j - 8

7 1 Families of the passengers from the burning aeroplane were relieved to hear that their loved ones were all safe and sound.
    2 With a national strike looming, the government found itself with its back against the wall.
    3 Since the disaster, we've been trying to pick up the pieces.
    4 After several attempts to pass his driving test, Roger threw in the towel and bought a bicycle instead.
    5 Doug was at the end of his tether after the neighbour's dog woke him up again, so he called the police.

8 1 My computer is brand new. I only bought it this morning.
   2 Janet's father would be quite happy to talk about politics till the cows come home.
8 1 D  2 B  3 A  4 C  5 A

9 1 He couldn't find her anywhere! It was as if she had vanished into thin air.
   2 The wet patch on the ceiling was just the tip of the iceberg.
   3 We decided to sit tight until the storm ended.
   4 The expedition might be dangerous but I'll take a chance and go anyway.
   5 The police became nervous when the crowd got out of hand.
   6 The weightlifter made a last-ditch attempt at the record before giving up.
   7 The pedestrian only managed to avoid/avoided being hit by the oncoming car by the skin or his/her teeth.
   8 It took many years for the government to pick up the pieces after the war.
   9 The burglar realised he was in a tight corner when he noticed the guard dog.

10 1 have a hope in hell  7 deliver the goods
   2 go back to square one  8 had his back against the wall
   3 his bare hands  9 at the end of my tether
   4 a close call  10 throw in the towel
   5 safe and sound  6 lend a hand

11 (Suggested answers)
   1 Yes, because they would be in a difficult position and would probably need help.
   2 No, to stop doing something which isn't profitable, in order to prevent the situation from getting worse doesn't necessarily mean to start at the very beginning.
   3 Yes, because they had a close encounter with danger but now they are safe and uninjured.
   4 Yes, because if you have no chance of achieving something then you should just give up.
   5 Yes, because it is only natural to run out of patience after trying to dig up your garden unsuccessfully.

12 (Suggested answer)
John was driving along when he suddenly had a puncture causing him to lose control of the car, which overturned in a ditch. He was trapped and realised he'd have to sit tight till someone stopped to lend him a hand. Soon, another driver saw the overturned car and tried to get John out, but he didn't have a hope in hell of getting the car out of the ditch with his bare hands. Fortunately, the emergency services arrived and John was pulled out safe and sound. One of the rescuers told him he was lucky to have escaped such a close call.

Unit 9

1 See glossary
2 a - 2 c - 7 e - 5 g - 6 i - 8
   b - 1 d - 9 f - 3 h - 4 j - 10
3 1 covered his tracks  4 hot water
   2 split the beans  5 an inside job
   3 puts a foot wrong

4 1 rotten apple  4 point the finger at
   2 do time  5 carry the can
   3 come clean

5 See glossary
6 a - 6 c - 4 e - 10 g - 7 i - 5
   b - 1 d - 8 f - 9 h - 3 j - 2

7 1 The Armstrongs had their house burgled in broad daylight.
   2 Arthur and Vanessa decided to get married on the spur of the moment.
   3 Young Jack gets away with murder because he's got such an innocent face.
   4 I'm sorry it's taking so long but we have to do it by the book.
   5 The magistrate was caught off guard by the reporter's comment about his alleged involvement with organised crime.

8 1 cut  3 teach  5 catch
   2 blow  4 brush

9 1 The man refused to carry the can and quickly blew the whistle on/pointed the finger at his accomplices.
   2 The businessman denied having tried to brush anything under the carpet and swore that all of his business transactions were done by the book.
   3 Unless we cover our tracks, the police are sure to find us and then we'll have to do time.
   4 The police caught the thief red-handed so he knew he was in hot water.
   5 The criminal thought he could get away with murder until his accomplice split the beans about what happened.

10 1 When the teacher asked Mary who had stolen her books she pointed the finger at Bert.
   2 Jill rarely puts a foot wrong; she's far too careful.
   3 The robber felt so guilty that he went to the police station and came clean.
   4 Paul is doing time now because he stole money from the company where he worked.
   5 If you lie to the police, you'll almost certainly end up in hot water.
6 Although Sam knew he'd be expelled if he carried the can for his friends, he still wouldn't betray them.
7 The politician was ashamed of his careless mistake and tried to brush it under the carpet.
8 I know Craig read your diary — I caught him red-handed in the kitchen.
9 When Mr Simms came home the burglars managed to cut and run.
10 Nobody knew the truth about the actress until her ex-husband split the beans in a book about their marriage.

11 1 C 3 D 5 C 7 D 9 D
2 A 4 A 6 B 8 A 10 B

12 1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly — spill the beans
3 used correctly
4 used correctly
5 used incorrectly — in broad daylight
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly — cut and run
8 used incorrectly — teach him a lesson
9 used correctly
10 used incorrectly — an inside job

13 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because sometimes revealing a secret involves confessing to something.
2 Yes, because a person who is a bad influence on others should be punished so that his/her behaviour will improve.
3 Yes, you should stop them from doing something illegal so that they don't get away without being punished.
4 Yes, it is easier to catch someone doing something wrong if they least expect it.
5 Yes, most likely a person is in trouble because they have made a mistake.

5 See glossary
6 a - 6 c - 1 e - 5 g - 2 i - 3
b - 7 d - 10 f - 4 h - 8 j - 9

7 1 Roger's only just become a carpenter, so he's still learning the ropes.
2 My doctor is a delightful gentleman who is of the old school.
3 Fred is always putting his foot in it; I wish he'd be more careful when he speaks.
4 I'm afraid your plan to slow down inflation only scratches the surface of the problem.
5 Mother soon made my young cousin behave properly by putting him in his place.

8 Don't be put off by the new accountant's appearance. He looks scruffy, as if he's from the wrong side of the tracks, and it can be annoying that he's a smart alec, but actually he's an old boy from Harrow and he knows accounting inside out. I was all at sea about taxes and keeping the company books before, but now everything is in order.

9 1 B 3 D 5 D 7 C 9 D
2 C 4 A 6 C 8 B 10 A

10 1 put her foot in it
2 all at sea
3 scratch the surface
4 of the old school
5 old boys
6 slow on the uptake
7 wrong side of the tracks
8 inside out
9 head and shoulders above
10 putting her in her place

11 1 make
2 scratch
3 have
4 learn
5 know
6 talk
7 put

12 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because someone who thinks they are clever probably believes that they are better than everyone else.
2 No, because if you were confused, it wouldn't be easy for you to deal with something successfully.
3 No, it would simply be a gathering of men who had been to the same school.
4 No, because if they are discussing something beyond your learning it does not mean that you are slow-witted/dim.
5 Yes, because if his daughter's fiancé was from the poor or less respectable part of town, he would find it more difficult to accept.
6 Yes, because tailors with a traditional training can usually sew by hand.

Unit 11

1 See glossary

2 a - 4 c - 10 e - 6 g - 1 i - 8
   b - 7 d - 3 f - 2 h - 5 j - 9

3 1 weighed a ton     4 on the blink
   2 nuts and bolts    5 the back burner
   3 last legs

4 1 I had to surf the Net for hours before I finally found what I was looking for.
   2 The library computers are on line, so you have access to a lot of information.
   3 The construction of Wickway shopping centre had a few teething troubles, but they were eventually sorted out.
   4 The instructions on the side of the fax machine were as clear as a bell.
   5 I wanted to brighten up the flat and reduce the draught from the windows, so I killed two birds with one stone by hanging up curtains.

5 See glossary - Picture: See the light

6 a - 8 c - 6 e - 2 g - 9 i - 5
   b - 7 d - 1 f - 10 h - 3 j - 4

7 1 make      3 come      5 go
   2 sell      4 see

8 1 C 2 A 3 D 4 B 5 C

9 1 We couldn’t watch the film as the television was on the blink.
   2 This suitcase weighs a ton; what have you got in here?
   3 The engineer was concerned about the nuts and bolts of building on marshy ground.
   4 The number of computers on line is in the millions.
   5 The amount that international footballers get paid is quite mind-boggling.
   6 Tom was totally confused by algebra until his teacher helped him to see the light.
   7 My holiday plans had to be put on the back burner when several serious problems cropped up at work.

8 Halfway through the construction of the building the architect realised that the design didn’t work, so he had to go back to the drawing board.
9 Sid’s car is a carbon copy of the 1950s model.
10 A mobile phone can come in handy if you need to make an emergency phone call.

10 1 on her last legs    6 selling like hot cakes
    2 kill two birds with one stone    7 flash in the pan
    3 teething troubles    8 in the pipeline
    4 as clear as a bell    9 past its sell-by date
    5 surf the Net    10 make head or tail

11 (Suggested answer)
In the first picture the computer looks like it weighs a ton and will soon be past its sell-by date. In the second picture the computer is very small and could come in handy when you’re away from home or the office. If your job involves travelling and you like to surf the Net, then you should buy the portable type and kill two birds with one stone.

12 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because if they were having problems in the first stages of the company, then they should go back to the beginning to sort out the problems.
2 No, because it would be too much like another film.
3 Yes, because the poet wrote the poem and he/she would be able to explain the meaning of it.
4 No, because it something is in the pipeline, then it is in the process of being prepared.

Unit 12

1 See glossary

2 a - 9 c - 10 e - 4 g - 6 i - 7
   b - 1 d - 3 f - 2 h - 8 j - 5

3 1 rough diamond    4 stab you in the back
   2 down-to-earth    5 golden boy
   3 put on a brave face

4 1 makes my hackles rise
   2 keep your cool    3 pulling your leg
   4 hot under the collar    5 behind my back

5 See glossary

6 a - 9 d - 8 g - 6 j - 4
   b - 10 e - 7 h - 3
   c - 1 f - 2 i - 5
7 1 Fiona never wants to do anything exciting; she's such a wet blanket.
   2 Our neighbours are such noisy Parkers, they're always peeking through their curtains to see what we're doing.
   3 I take your point, Jo, but we just can't afford a car right now.
   4 Watch what you say to the director, he has a very short fuse.
   5 My mother lost her head when my brother told her that he had been suspended from school.

8 1 B 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 B

9 1 rough diamond 6 take your point
2 pulling my leg 7 nosy Parkers
3 stab you in the back 8 wet blanket
4 behind her back 9 lost his head
5 golden boy 10 short fuse

10 1 Reginald got hot under the collar when he realised that his car had a flat tyre.
2 Even though Deborah was disappointed when her book was rejected, she put on a brave face and told her husband not to worry.
3 Although Bob is usually an impatient man, he kept his cool when he was stuck in traffic for an hour.
4 Taxi drivers in this city make my hackles rise! They're so rude and obnoxious.
5 Penelope is so down-to-earth, I was stunned when she joined the circus.
6 After Lucy's colleague stole her invention she wanted to get her own back.
7 Phil has had a chip on his shoulder since his schooldays because he wasn't on the football team.
8 They say that the judge who is hearing this case is as straight as a die, so you have a good chance of winning.
9 Nobody knew much about old Mr Fields as he was a dark horse, but we later found out that he was a resistance fighter during the war.
10 It's obvious that you're worried about something so why don't you get it off your chest (and tell me what's bothering you).

11 1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly — nosy Parker
3 used incorrectly — rough diamond
4 used correctly
5 used correctly
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly — a chip on his shoulder
8 used correctly
9 used incorrectly — lost his head
10 used incorrectly — makes my hackles rise

12 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because it would surprise me if someone so fair and honest borrowed something without asking first.
2 Yes, because I would be so upset that a friend of mine would do something to hurt me that I would want to get revenge.
3 Yes. A person may be sensible and realistic though his/her personality remains mysterious/secretive.

Unit 13

1 See glossary
2 a 3 c 6 e 4 g 8 i 7
   h 1 d 2 f 9 h 5 j 10
3 1 on the other hand 4 paid lip-service
   2 drop in the ocean 5 a step in the right direction
   3 went up in smoke 4 counting the cost
   5 came under fire 5 foot the bill
   3 break the bank

5 See glossary
6 a 2 c 9 e 10 g 6 i 3
   b 7 d 4 f 5 h 8 j 1

7 1 Before the General inspected the barracks, the soldiers made sure that they were as clean as a whistle.
2 My sister and I have been at loggerheads for years — you name it, we argue about it.
3 Terry's romantic dinner was burnt to a crisp when the roast in the oven caught fire.
4 When the lights went out, it was pitch-black.
5 Scarlet Snake's new record was a breath of fresh air so everyone wanted to buy it.

8 1 put on the spot 3 clean bill of health
   2 burying their heads in the sand 4 rude awakening
   5 brought to light

9 1 come 5 pay 9 bring
   2 foot 6 toe 10 go
   3 count 7 put
   4 break 8 burn
Unit 14

1 See glossary

2 a - 7  b - 10  c - 1
3 d - 9  e - 2  f - 8
4 g - 6  h - 3  i - 4
5 j - 5  

3 1 in a nutshell
2 started the ball
3 rolling
4 going round in circles
5 bone of contention

4 1 "I don't understand you! Everything was going so well and then you had to go and rock the boat."
2 We're way below last year's profit. I think we should put our heads together and find a way to increase our sales.
3 The police inspector wasn't interested in details of the arrest; he just wanted the bare bones.
4 Although the doctors tried hard to save the man, they knew they were fighting a losing battle.
5 "I don't know what I'm going to do when I leave school. I guess I'll have to put my thinking cap on."

5 See glossary - Picture: Hold one's tongue

6 a - 2  b - 7  c - 1  d - 9  e - 4  f - 3  g - 5  h - 6  i - 10

7 A 2 D 3 C 4 B 5 B

8 1 hold  3 mince  5 get
2 clear  4 drive

9 1 I know you lost that folder; don't try to pass the buck.
2 The boy's excuse for missing school rang hollow, so the headmaster called his parents.
3 The detective's question threw the suspect off balance and he started to look around nervously.
4 "Do you mind if we talk shop for a minute?"
5 People who use mobile phones on trains really get on my nerves!
6 The boy held his tongue while the teacher explained even though he knew the answer.
7 "How was my holiday? Well, in a nutshell, it was awful!"
8 Tim racked his brains, but he still couldn't remember the woman's name.
9 On their first date, Phil started the ball rolling by asking her what her father did for a living.
10 After their argument Tom bought his wife some flowers in an attempt to clear the air.

10 1 rock the boat
2 mince his words
3 drove home
4 put our heads together
5 the bare bones
6 going round in circles

7 1 get a grip
2 bone of contention
3 fighting a losing battle
4 put their thinking caps on

11 1 used incorrectly — pass the buck
2 used correctly
3 used incorrectly — started the ball rolling
4 used incorrectly — a bone of contention
5 used correctly
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly — threw me off balance
8 used correctly
9 used correctly
10 used incorrectly — get a grip (on herself)

12 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because it is annoying to discuss the same things again and again and not come to an agreement.
2 Yes, because you have to start thinking in order to discuss something with others.
3 You are less likely to get what you want because you are fighting for something with little hope.

Unit 15

1 See glossary

2 a - 5  b - 1  c - 2  d - 4  e - 7  f - 8  g - 9  h - 6  i - 3

13
A Good Turn of Phrase

3 1 hot air 3 stuck to his guns
   2 the law into their 4 sealed his fate
       own hands 5 voting with their feet

4 1 My mother is not someone who takes poor service lying down.
   2 Citizens are up in arms over the council's decision to knock down the old library.
   3 The little boy dug his heels in and refused to go to summer camp.
   4 Changing the spark plugs should do the trick; the car will start more easily.
   5 If Barker's Butchers don't improve the quality of their meat, housewives will vote with their feet and shop at Phipps.

5 See glossary

6 a - 2 c - 1 e - 7 g - 10 i - 6
   b - 4 d - 5 f - 9 h - 8 j - 3

7 1 Demands for change are coming from the grass roots of the Labour Party.
   2 It is not for me to sit in judgement; Platt doesn't work for me.
   3 Giving up smoking is easier said than done.
   4 Before I tackle the Home Office, I'll need chapter and verse on this case.
   5 There has been a running battle between port authorities and fishermen over fishing zones.

8 1 deaf ears 4 call it a day
   2 cuts no ice 5 law of the jungle
   3 behind closed doors

9 1 B 3 A 5 B 7 A 9 C
   2 D 4 C 6 D 8 B 10 D

10 1 running battle 4 take the law into their own hands
      2 up in arms 5 stick to our guns

11 1 dug his heels in 4 sitting on the fence
       2 easier said than done 5 sealed their fates
         3 take these plans lying down

12 (Suggested answer)
It appears as if the people in the photograph are up in arms about something. They might be teachers and parents who feel that the Ministry makes too many decisions, which affect the students and themselves, behind closed doors. Being the grass roots of the school, the demonstrators might feel that their exclusion from the decision-making process is an injustice, and they are probably not going to take this lying down. If their protests, however, fall on deaf ears, they will have two choices: either to dig their heels in, which might mean camping on the premises for days, or to call it a day and end the demonstration unsuccessfully.
Three tests in two versions are included in the Teacher’s Book. Each test is provided with a marking scheme based on a total of 20 marks.
TEST 1 A (Units 1 - 5)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1. You can ask my dad anything about football; it's right up his .......... .
   A street C lane
   B road D path

2. Mary's doctor advised her to steer .......... of alcohol.
   A left C right
   B clear D in front

3. Since returning from her holiday, she's had a new lease of .......... .
   A energy C work
   B ability D life

4. It .......... my heart to see the blind, three-legged kitten.
   A broke C shattered
   B cracked D crushed

5. He left home because he didn't see .......... to eye with his father.
   A ear C eye
   B nose D lips

6. It's been .......... years since I last saw my old school friend, Janet.
   A horse's C cat's
   B lion's D donkey's

7. Please stop your nagging, you're driving me round the ..........!
   A bend C corner
   B wall D garden

8. That bank does not issue loans to companies it considers lame .......... .
   A birds C hens
   B ducks D pigeons

9. Who will .......... into the director's shoes when he retires?
   A jump C step
   B walk D charge

10. The bank robber had the look of a man who meant .......... .
    A trouble C business
    B danger D harm

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

pinch of salt, at death's door, at a loss for words, no use crying over split milk, the writing on the wall, pick up the tab, as blind as a bat, full swing, the midnight oil, ripe old age

11. Marcus must hand in his project next week, so he's been burning .......... trying to get it finished.

12. I was .......... when he accused me of stealing his wallet. I couldn't believe it!

13. The party was already in .......... by the time we arrived. Everyone was singing and dancing.

14. When it was time to pay for the dinner, everyone disappeared and I was left to .......... .

15. You broke my favourite vase, but it's .......... . That won't mend it.

16. Johnnie always likes to exaggerate, so you should take what he says with a .......... .

17. Our neighbour, Mr Carter, lived to the .......... of 92.

18. Many see the national strike as .......... for the present government. After this, few people will vote for them.

19. My mother is .......... without her glasses. She can't see a thing!

20. I'm very concerned about Mr Jenkins; he looks as if he is .......... . Perhaps he should be taken to hospital.
C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21. When twelve publishers told Melody that she had no talent for writing, she faced up to the hard truth. **earth**

22. Karen needed a break from everything and everyone for a few days. **away**

23. If you want to enjoy a quiet dinner, it would be better for you to come on a weekday. **bet**

24. Donald hoped to make Sylvia fall in love with him by granting her every wish. **steal**

25. Frederick’s strongly disapproved of by his family because he changed his religion. **sheep**

26. During the recession property prices were lower than ever. **bottom**

27. I’m just managing to survive on the salary I earn. **head**

28. Now, that’s an idea worth thinking about! **food**

29. Henry made us feel comfortable by telling us a joke. **ice**

30. Because Sebastian has such physical strength, he can lift a car off the ground. **ox**
A. Choose the correct item.

1. He only has one daughter and she's the .......... of his eye.
   A pear        C fruit
   B apple       D centre

2. "Call it fun if you want!" Jane replied. "But I think you're playing with .......... ."
   A fire         C peril
   B danger       D trouble

3. Clive is taking his exams tomorrow. I hope all those extra lessons bear .......... .
   A fruit        C food
   B vegetables   D results

4. I was ordered to conduct a thorough test and not .......... corners.
   A cut          C bend
   B trim         D turn

5. Despite having a lot of competition, the company is managing to .......... its own.
   A keep         C control
   B hold         D handle

6. "I agree that it's a good film," she said, "but it's just not my cup of .......... ."
   A coffee       C tea
   B soup         D taste

7. I phoned Jackie last night because she looked rather off .......... at work yesterday.
   A beans        C beat
   B colour       D peak

8. I had a really good time last night! It's the first time I've let my hair .......... in weeks.
   A down         C drop
   B fall         D go

9. Derek has been working too hard recently. He needs to relax more and take things .......... for a while.
   A slowly       C calmly
   B gently       D easy

10. My husband's been very jealous of Mike since he discovered that he's an old .......... of mine.
    A torch       C flame
    B light       D shine

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

in the soup, a shadow of her former self, a change of heart, from ear to ear, feel the pinch, over the moon, up and about, tie the knot, pull a few strings, the crack of dawn

11. I didn't like Paul when I first met him, but recently I've had .......... . He's actually quite a nice person.

12. After living together for six years, Janet and Matt have finally decided to .......... .

13. Business hasn't been good recently and we're really starting to .......... . If things get worse we'll have to cut down on staff.

14. I know the manager of the theatre and I've managed to .......... to get us free tickets for tonight's performance.

15. "They've found out that we broke the window again with our ball!" shouted Kevin. "This time we're really .......... !"

16. I got up at .......... this morning because I had to catch the 5:30 train.

17. He's been .......... since he won the award for Actor of the Year.

18. "Since her operation Kate's just .......... ; if you see her, you'll hardly recognise her."

19. I saw Mrs Smith this morning. I can't believe she's .......... so soon after her operation; the doctors had said she'd be in bed for weeks.

20. Sonia was grinning .......... when she heard she'd been promoted.
C. **Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.**

21. Simon has been very depressed since he lost his job.
   **dumps**

22. Everyone can see he loves her — he makes his feelings very obvious.
   **sleeve**

23. I guess I spend too much; I always seem to be in debt.
   **red**

24. Jack claims he doesn’t make a lot of money, but I bet he’s very wealthy.
   **rolling**

25. He told us it was an antique; he must have paid a lot of money for it.
   **fortune**

26. Everyone was relieved when the crisis was averted; for a while the situation was very uncertain.
   **touch**

27. It looked as though he was going to win, but he lost his energy on the last lap.
   **steam**

28. We’ve decided to stay open 24 hours a day.
   **clock**

29. Have you heard? Old Jenkins has died.
   **bucket**

30. Since starting keep fit classes, I’ve been feeling lively and energetic.
   **beans**
TEST 1 A

A 1 A  3 D  5 C  7 A  9 C
 2 B  4 A  6 D  8 B 10 C

B 11 the midnight oil  16 pinch of salt
 12 at a loss for words  17 ripe old age
 13 full swing  18 the writing on the wall
 14 pick up the tab  19 as blind as a bat
 15 no use crying over spilt milk  20 at death's door

C 21 When twelve publishers told Melody that she had no talent for writing, she came down to earth with a bump.
 22 Karen needed to get away from it all for a few days.
 23 If you want to enjoy a quiet dinner, your best bet is to come on a weekday.
 24 Donald hoped to steal Sylvia's heart by granting her every wish.
 25 Fredrick's the black sheep of the family because he changed his religion.
 26 During the recession property prices hit rock bottom.
 27 I'm just managing to keep my head above water on the salary I earn.
 28 Now, that's food for thought.
 29 Henry broke the ice by telling us a joke.
 30 Because Sebastian is as strong as an ox, he can lift a car off the ground.

TEST 1 B

A 1 B  3 A  5 B  7 B  9 D
 2 A  4 A  6 C  8 A 10 C

B 11 a change of heart  16 the crack of dawn
 12 tie the knot  17 over the moon
 13 feel the pinch  18 a shadow of her former self
 14 pull a few strings  19 up and about
 15 in the soup  20 from ear to ear

C 21 Simon has been down in the dumps since he lost his job.
 22 Everyone can see he loves her – he wears his heart on his sleeve.
 23 I guess I spend too much; I always seem to be in the red.
 24 Jack claims he doesn't make a lot of money, but I bet he's rolling in it.
 25 He told us it was an antique; he must have paid a small fortune for it.
 26 Everyone was relieved when the crisis was averted; for a while the situation was touch and go.
 27 It looked as though he was going to win, but he ran out of steam on the last lap.
 28 We've decided to stay open (a)round the clock.
 29 Have you heard? Old Jenkins kicked the bucket.
 30 Since starting keep fit classes, I've been full of beans.

Marking Scheme for Tests 1 A / 1 B

A: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
B: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
C: 10 items x 4 points each = 40

Total 100 x 2 = 20.0
A. Choose the correct item.

1. Jonathan Starr is an up-and-  ____________ actor.
   A coming         C running
   B going          D walking

2. If we don’t handle this crisis carefully, we’ll all be on the ____________ slope to disaster.
   A sticky         C slippery
   B icy            D sloping

3. This is a dead ____________ job with no prospects.
   A beat           C loss
   B aim            D end

4. I was tired of the ____________ race so I moved to the country.
   A dog            C horse
   B camel          D rat

5. Platform shoes are all the ____________ at the moment.
   A rage           C fad
   B style          D madness

6. “Have you seen the new gym? The equipment in it is the last ____________ in sports technology.”
   A word           C paragraph
   B sentence       D phrase

7. My father bought me a ____________ new motor bike for my birthday.
   A model          C sparkling
   B brand          D bright

8. By the time the police arrived the crowd was out of ____________.
   A foot           C hand
   B place          D style

9. “Lend your mother a ____________ with the shopping, Chris.”
   A finger         C help
   B hand           D car

10. Jason lost his job two months ago and he’s still trying to ____________ up the pieces.
    A stick          C pick
    B fix            D glue

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

out of my depth, put him in his place, a rotten apple, on the spur of the moment, threw in the towel, head and shoulders above, spilt the beans, learn the ropes, taught him a lesson, the hind legs off a donkey

11. Although Patricia ____________, halfway through the competition, I still believe she had a good chance of winning.

12. You can’t play with Pedro any more. That boy’s ____________ and I don’t want you picking up his bad habits.

13. The bank robber eventually ____________ to the police and named all his accomplices.

14. I bought my bike ____________, which is unlike me because I’m not usually an impulsive person.

15. Two weeks’ suspension has ____________ . Trust me, Robert will never do such a thing again.

16. When you start talking about politics I’m totally ____________ . I don’t even know who the leader of the opposition is.

17. Old Meg can talk ____________ . Whenever we have a conversation she talks for hours.

18. Tommy’s ____________, the rest of the students. His marks are always the highest in the class.

19. Ian tried to insinuate that Mrs Beaton was not suitably qualified for the job, but she quickly ____________ by reminding him she had a PhD in Physics.

20. I’ve only worked here a few days and it’s going to take me a couple of weeks to ____________ .
C. Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.

21 There are plans to build a shelter for one hundred homeless people.
   **down**

22 Jack always does what he wants.
   **own**

23 There's going to be trouble soon.
   **horizon**

24 These ancient buildings have been standing for centuries.
   **test**

25 The promotions manager told the rock singer that he would get her a recording contract but she doubted that he would do what he had promised.
   **goods**

26 At the moment our construction company is working on several projects, two of which are a shopping centre and the new wing of the hospital.
   **irons**

27 I decided to work in a more modern way, so I bought myself a computer.
   **times**

28 The little boy confessed and told the headmaster that he had broken the window.
   **clean**

29 The government is trying to cover up the scandal.
   **brush**

30 My father has traditional values; he believes that a woman's place is in the home.
   **school**
A. Choose the correct item.

1. Terry has been living ............. since he lost his job and the bank repossessed his house.
   A hard      B rough      C harsh      D tough

2. Since winning the lottery, Joanne and Frank have joined the .............
   A jet-set     B fast-stream     C jet-stream     D high-life

3. After the recent scandal, the politician thought it would be wise to adopt a low ..............
   A image      B presence     C life      D profile

4. The band have developed a unique style of music. They’ve really broken new .............
   A earth      B land       C field      D ground

5. Max was offended when his boss implied that he was getting old and was ............. it!
   A beyond    B past       C over      D through

6. "The plan has failed! Back to ............. one," said the boss.
   A level    B square      C route      D path

7. We should give Robert a rise. He’s very efficient and never puts a ............. wrong.
   A leg      B step       C foot      D hand

8. Ray was not going to blow the ............. on his best friend.
   A tune      B whistle   C truth      D horn

9. It’s taken me a long time, but I feel I’m really getting to ............. with the language.
   A grips    B hold       C handle   D grab

10. "He’s a real charmer, isn’t he?" said Nancy. "He certainly has the gift of the ............. ."
    A talk    B mouth      C gab      D talk

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

have a clue, turn back the clock, the wrong side of the tracks, do time, put my foot in it, an inside job, in broad daylight, till the cows come home, has a good head for figures, pointed the finger at

11. My mother took one look at Danny, decided he came from ............. and told me that he wasn’t good enough for me. She’s such a snob!

12. Victor and his friends can talk about football ............. . Personally, I find the conversation boring after the first hour.

13. The police think the robbery was ............. because there is no sign of a forced entry, and only members of staff have keys to the entrance.

14. The students ............. Timmy when the teacher threatened to punish the entire class.

15. Becky knew she would have to ............. if she got caught shoplifting again.

16. Despite the fact the burglary took place ............. , nobody saw a thing.

17. Tom didn’t ............. about the surprise party, so he was really shocked when he opened the door.

18. It’s hardly surprising that Susan has decided to become an accountant. She ............. .

19. I really ............. when I told Linda I didn’t like Chris. I didn’t realise he was her new boyfriend.

20. I know life wasn’t always great when I was younger, but sometimes I wish I could ............. .
C. Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.

21 George started as an office junior and in less than a decade he has climbed to the top position in the company.
   ladder

22 She took one glance at my CD collection and declared it wasn’t up to date.
   hat

23 I saw him go round the corner and then suddenly he was gone.
   air

24 Mrs Thorpe was about to lose her patience with the new assistant after he had made the same mistake four times.
   tether

25 The police have to do everything according to official procedure.
   book

26 Donna is lazy, inefficient and rude at work but she never gets into trouble because she’s the boss’s daughter.
   murder

27 Belinda knew she was in trouble when her mother found out she’d been missing classes.
   water

28 I get very confused when it comes to new technology.
   sea

29 It’s no wonder your car keeps breaking down. It’s very old.
   hills

30 Brett managed to go to university despite being very poor.
   mouse
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**TEST 2 A**

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**Marking Scheme for Tests 2 A / 2 B**

- A: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
- B: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
- C: 10 items x 4 points each = 40

**Total** 100 x 2 = 20.0
TEST 3 A (Units 11 - 15)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1. Our old refrigerator is on its last .............. .
   A knees        C feet
   B legs         D shoes

2. Since I want to go out and you want to see a film, let's go to the cinema and kill two birds with one .............. .
   A bullet       C stone
   B arrow        D sword

3. I never thought that this old table would come in .............. .
   A handy        C purpose
   B use          D wood

4. Rita thinks that the Spice Girls' success will prove to be just a .............. in the pan.
   A crash        C spark
   B flash        D flame

5. The team captain is the school's undisputed golden .............. ; he can do no wrong.
   A son          C boy
   B lad          D man

6. Carter's a real dark .............. ; you never know what he is thinking.
   A donkey       C mule
   B horse        D pony

7. Be careful what you say to Dad — you know what a short .............. he has.
   A fuse         C stick
   B beard        D mood

8. I've never met a more pleasant, down-to- .............. actress than Virginia Combe.
   A ground       C carpet
   B floor        D earth

9. The reporter came under .............. over several allegations he had made in an article.
   A control      C fire
   B stress       D critic

10. It's pitch - .............. in here. I can't see a thing!
    A black        C gloomy
    B brown        D far

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

the bare bones, a breath of fresh air, dug her heels in, pass the buck, paying lip-service, sealed the fate, put our heads together, sit in judgement, clear the air, the grass roots

11. I'm tired of politicians just .............. to environmental issues. They promise to take action but never do a thing.

12. Edna's presence is like .............. in this stuffy office. She is so lively and refreshing.

13. If we .............., perhaps we'll come up with a solution.

14. Let's .............. right now and tell Anne what really happened, because she still thinks it's our fault.

15. I don't know all the details as I'm only acquainted with .............. of the matter.

16. I resent any employees who try to .............. . It shows they're irresponsible and unreliable.

17. "You have no right to .............. over me when you yourself have made so many mistakes."

18. We can't afford to ignore the demands of .............. if we expect to be re-elected.

19. The teenage girl .............. and refused to stay home and mind her little brother.

20. The sinking of the Titanic .............. of most of her passengers.
C. **Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.**

21 "Can you help me move this piano? It's very heavy."

22 I need to use the Internet to see if I can find some information for my class project.

23 I know someone is spreading ugly rumours about me, but I don't know who.

24 Although I appreciate what you're saying, I don't think your idea is practical.

25 The millionaire's contribution, though generous, hardly made a difference. We need much more for our cause.

26 When it came to her son's eating disorder, Kurt's mother preferred to ignore the problem.

27 His coming home late was a constant cause for argument between John and his mother.

28 Researchers seem to be struggling unsuccessfully in their search for a cure.

29 In the poorer parts of town, lack of order and violence prevail.

30 I'd always found algebra difficult, but with Mr Griffiths' help it's easy to understand.
TEST 3 B (Units 11 - 15)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 We've decided to put buying a house on the back ............. until we've saved some more money.
   A burner       C heater
   B boiler       D cooker

2 John had read the instruction manual several times, but he couldn't make ............ or tail of it.
   A head         C back
   B front        D hind

3 At first there seemed to be no solution to the problem. Then Mary suddenly saw the ............. .
   A vision       C light
   B glow         D shine

4 It's obvious from his attitude that he has a ............. on his shoulder.
   A weight       C knock
   B chip         D dent

5 In England it's traditional for the father of the bride to foot the ............. for the wedding.
   A tab          C price
   B bill         D receipt

6 Terry's explanation of why he was three hours late cut no ............. with his boss.
   A ice          C sleet
   B snow         D frost

7 They sat there for hours ............. their brains, but they couldn't come up with a solution.
   A roasting     C rocking
   B raking       D racking

8 Peter is such a ............. blanket; he hardly ever comes out and when he does, he always looks miserable.
   A hot          C old
   B wet          D cold

9 David tried to put on a brave ............. when he failed his test, but you could see he was upset.
   A show         C face
   B look         D exterior

10 The doctor gave Zoe a clean ............. of health when she went for her yearly check-up.
    A tab          C paper
    B sheet        D bill

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

a running battle, talk shop, sits on the fence, hot under the collar, stuck to his guns, put him on the spot, rang hollow, call it a day, fell on deaf ears, take lying down

11 I really hate it when people ............. at office parties.

12 He said he was sorry, but somehow his excuses ............. .

13 Although his parents were opposed to his decision, Nigel ............. and became an actor.

14 She tried to warn them about the company, but her advice ............. . They invested anyway and lost all their money.

15 George always ............. , so it's difficult to know whose side he's really on.

16 A pay cut was proposed, which the union would not ............. , so the next day they called a strike.

17 At 62, Fred decided to ............. and applied for early retirement.

18 There's ............. between Carl and my mother over gardening chores. They'll never compromise.

19 The question about the Minister's personal finances really ............. and he tried to evade the issue.

20 I could see she was getting ............. , so I thought I would keep out of her way in case she got really angry.
C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 There's no need to send the computer back just yet, it's only normal to have difficulties in the early stages. **teething**

22 "Darian's Dreamers" released their new CD on Thursday and it's in great demand. **cakes**

23 Joe decided that it wasn't worth arguing with his manager and decided to obey the rules. **toe**

24 Everybody trusts Arthur. He's very honest. **die**

25 Drinking less coffee will not restore your health, but it's certainly a positive move. **step**

26 "Look, I don't want to cause trouble," said Jim, "but something needs to be done." **boat**

27 "I believe that should solve the problem," said Mike, putting down his screwdriver. **trick**

28 Jane wanted to speak but she knew it would be better if she kept silent. **tongue**

29 Apparently the workers are very angry about the new proposals. **arms**

30 Tristan was only teasing when he told me he'd won the lottery. **leg**
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**B**
- 11 paying lip service
- 12 a breath of fresh air
- 13 put our heads together
- 14 clear the air
- 15 the bare bones
- 16 pass the buck
- 17 sit in judgement
- 18 the grass roots
- 19 dug her heels in
- 20 sealed the fate

**C**
- 21 “Can you help me move this piano? It weighs a ton.”
- 22 I need to surf the Net to see if I can find some information for my class project.
- 23 I know someone is spreading ugly rumours behind my back, but I don’t know who.
- 24 Although I take your point, I don’t think your idea is practical.
- 25 The millionaire’s contribution, though generous, was just a drop in the ocean. We need much more for our cause.
- 26 When it came to her son’s eating disorder, Kurt’s mother preferred to bury her head in the sand.
- 27 His coming home late was a bone of contention between John and his mother.
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**B**
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- 12 rang hollow
- 13 stuck to his guns
- 14 fell on deaf ears
- 15 sits on the fence
- 16 take lying down
- 17 call it a day
- 18 a running battle
- 19 put him on the spot
- 20 hot under the collar

**C**
- 21 There’s no need to send the computer back just yet, it’s only normal to have teething troubles.
- 22 “Darina’s Dreamers” released their new CD on Thursday and it’s selling like hot cakes.
- 23 Joe decided it wasn’t worth arguing with his manager and decided to toe the line.
- 24 Everybody trusts Arthur. He’s as straight as a die.
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### Marking Scheme for Tests 3 A / 3 B

- **A:** 10 items x 3 points each = 30
- **B:** 10 items x 3 points each = 30
- **C:** 10 items x 4 points each = 40

**Total** 100 x 2 = **20.0**