Part 1

Wales

Wales is in the western part of the island of Great Britain. There are (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three million people living in Wales and Cardiff is (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most famous city. Some people (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wales speak Welsh but (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children speak it as (10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first language.

6 a) between b) about c) among

7 a) its b) your c) his

8 a) by b) at c) in

9 a) little b) few c) the

10 a) their b) theirs c) them

# Max Linder

Max Linder was a pioneer of all movie comedians. He first became involved in cinema after being hired by Charles Pathé in 1905. Pathé (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ recognized his talent and Linder soon became world-famous. After a period of illness he (12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Hollywood where he made a number of classic moves (13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "Seven Years Bad Luck" which is still (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its hilarious mirror scene. Linder died tragically at the age of 42 but left (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him a genius for comedy which Charlie Chaplin was quick to imitate.

11 a) next b) once c) immediately d) obviously

12 a) moved b) ran c) entered d) transported

13 a) bringing b) including c) containing d) supporting

14 a) remembered b) realised c) reminded d) repeated

15 a) after b) subsequently c) behind d) over

**Venus**

Venus has been known (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prehistoric times. It is the brightest object in the sky (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Sun and the Moon. Like Mercury, it was popularly thought to be two separate bodies: Eosphorus as the morningstar and Hesperus as the evening star, but the Greek astronomers (18)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ better.

The first spacecraft to visit Venus was Mariner 2 in 1962. It has subsequently been visited by many others (more than twenty (19)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), including Pioneer Venus and the Soviet Venera (20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ returned the first photographs of the surface.

16 a) since b) for c) during d) after

17 a) as b) except c) otherwise d) even

18 a) had known b) were knowing c) knew d) know

19 a) before b) until then c) by the time d) so far

20 a) who b) which c) whose d) what

21 The doctor encouraged her patient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more fruit and vegetables.

a) should eat b) eating c) ate d) to eat

22 They spent a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the boats on the river.

a) looking b) for looking c) to look d) to looking

23 It’s a disaster – everything I do seems to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wrong.

a) turn b) come c) end d) go

24 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Catherine, everyone wants to have a party.

a) Except b) Other c) Besides d) Apart

25 Hurry up ! Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me if you miss your plane.

a) complain b) protest c) blame d) deny

26 Remember to go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your work and understand why you made mistakes.

a) by b) after c) over d) on

27 Whether or not he’s a good artist is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of opinion.

a) matter b) subject c) point d) case

28 Will the rope be strong enough to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my weight ?

a) contain b) control c) hold d) hang

29 We could go at whatever time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you best.

a) agrees b) suits c) likes d) fits

30 You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worry. I won’t tell anyone your secret.

a) don’t need b) don’t have c) needn’t d) haven’t got

31 If you think it’s wrong, just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it out and write it again.

a) cross b) clear c) eliminate d) wipe

32 His views \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ considerably from those of his boss.

a) differ b) oppose c) disagree d) divide

33 We recommend that the wine be consumed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six months.

a) by b) before c) within d) under

34 The report contained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ important information.

a) many b) another c) an d) a lot of

35 We are considering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a house nearer the city centre.

a) buy b) to buy c) to be buying d) buying

36 The college wants to increase its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of students by 15%.

a) upturn b) input c) upkeep d) intake

37 There was just a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of humour in her voice when she said she enjoyed reading books on administrative law.

a) piece b) part c) shadow d) touch

38 Why didn’t you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that you hadn’t received the goods?

a) advise b) mention c) remark d) tell

39 Don’t you dare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a finger on me.

a) rest b) set c) lay d) touch

40 She’s still getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shock of losing all her possessions.

a) across b) by c) over d) through

41 Their new house has four\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an attic.

a) stages b) steps c) storeys d) levels

42 To the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of my recollection I have never seen him before.

a) highest b) upmost c) top d) best

43 He refused to answer on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he had the right to keep silent.

a) cause b) motive c) grounds d) reasons

44 There is only circumstantial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against her so she is unlikely to be convicted.

a) evidence b) proof c) argument d) support

45 It’s a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off my mind to know that I have finally been accepted.

a) weight b) height c) dimension d) scale

**Monopoly**

Monopoly is the world’s most popular board game. For its origins, we have to go back to the 1930s in the USA when Charles Darrow, a salesman of heating and engineering equipment, found himself out of (46)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Despite an initial rejection from Parker Brothers, one of the world's major game manufacturers, Darrow was convinced there was a (47)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his game. Undeterred, he (48)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to convince the company that a (49)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could be made from his game and eventually sold it to Parker’s president, Robert B. M. Barton, (50)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wife had already played an early version of Monopoly and raved about it.

46 a) earning b) work c) income d) job

47 a) market b) purchase c) commerce d) sale

48 a) took up b) set out c) made for d) got round

49 a) wealth b) fund c) bank d) fortune

50 a) whose b) whose the c) which d) his

51 The police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to arrest him if he wasn’t more cooperative.

a) insisted b) warned c) threatened d) announced

52 When she gets home after a day at the office Susan has hardly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ energy left for housework.

a) any b) much c) no d) same

53 As the match \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a close, people began to leave the stadium.

a) led b) went c) approached d) drew

54 I don’t remember ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my permission.

a) to give b) giving c) gave d) to have given

55 I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to people phoning me while I’m having dinner.

a) disagree b) avoid c) dislike d) object

56 Their efforts to obtain a concession have not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with much success.

a) associated b) concluded c) managed d) met

57 I’m afraid my\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of economics is rather limited.

a) grasp b) clutch c) clasp d) grip

58 He says it’s the best equipment you can buy but I think that’s open to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) enquiry b) query c) dispute d) wonder

59 The club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for children between the ages of 7 and 11.

a) deals b) supplies c) furnished d) caters

60 When he lived in London he had to get used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the left.

a) to drive b) to driving c) driving d) drive