Part 1

Wales

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

# 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) **immediately** recognized his talent and Linder soon became world-famous. After a period of illness he (12) **moved** to Hollywood where he made a number of classic moves (13) **including** "Seven Years Bad Luck" which is still (14) **remembered** for its hilarious mirror scene. Linder died tragically at the age of 42 but left (15) **behind** him a genius for comedy which Charlie Chaplin was quick to imitate.

**Venus**

Venus has been known (16) **since** prehistoric times. It is the brightest object in the sky (17) **except** 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) **knew** better.

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

21 The doctor encouraged her patient **to eat**more fruit and vegetables.

22 They spent a lot of time **looking** at the boats on the river.

23 It’s a disaster – everything I do seems to **go** wrong.

24 **Apart** from Catherine, everyone wants to have a party.

25 Hurry up ! Don’t **blame** me if you miss your plane.

26 Remember to go **over** your work and understand why you made mistakes.

27 Whether or not he’s a good artist is a **matter** of opinion.

28 Will the rope be strong enough to **hold** my weight ?

29 We could go at whatever time **suits** you best.

30 You **needn’t** worry. I won’t tell anyone your secret.

31 If you think it’s wrong, just **cross** it out and write it again.

32 His views **differ** considerably from those of his boss.

33 We recommend that the wine be consumed **within** six months.

34 The report contained **a lot of** important information.

35 We are considering **buying** a house nearer the city centre.

36 The college wants to increase its **intake** of students by 15%.

a) upturn b) input c) upkeep d)

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

38 Why didn’t you **mention** that you hadn’t received the goods?

39 Don’t you dare **lay** a finger on me.

40 She’s still getting **over** the shock of losing all her possessions.

41 Their new house has four **storeys** and an attic.

42 To the **best** of my recollection I have never seen him before.

43 He refused to answer on the **grounds** that he had the right to keep silent.

44 There is only circumstantial **evidence** against her so she is unlikely to be convicted.

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

**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) **work**. Despite an initial rejection from Parker Brothers, one of the world's major game manufacturers, Darrow was convinced there was a (47) **market** for his game. Undeterred, he (48) **set out** to convince the company that a (49) **fortune** could be made from his game and eventually sold it to Parker’s president, Robert B. M. Barton, (50) **whose** wife had already played an early version of Monopoly and raved about it.

51 The police **threatened** to arrest him if he wasn’t more cooperative.

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

53 As the match **drew** to a close, people began to leave the stadium.

54 I don’t remember ever **giving** my permission.

55 I **object** to people phoning me while I’m having dinner.

56 Their efforts to obtain a concession have not **met** with much success.

57 I’m afraid my **grasp** of economics is rather limited.

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

59 The club **caters** for children between the ages of 7 and 11.

60 When he lived in London he had to get used **to driving** on the left.