



Learn English Through Stories.

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1. A Complete using the correct form of the words in the boxes.

clench • clutch • fumble • gesture • grab • grasp • point • punch • wave

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2. Grace..... in her bag for her car keys and finally found them.
3. A man ran from the burning house,.....a baby in his arms.
4. The old man..... his finger straight at me and I felt a chill go down my spine.
5. As the train left the station, Charlie..... goodbye.
6. Jamie came home from school with a black eye because someone had..... him.
7. I asked Karen where the phone was and without taking her eyes off the TV she..... lazily in the direction of the kitchen.
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crawl • creep • dash • hop • jog • leap • march • skip • step • stride

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11. How long do you think you could.....on one leg?
12. I.....in the park most mornings because I like to keep myself in shape.
13. Just.....this way, sir, and the customer services manager will be with you in a moment.
14. When we heard the noise, we quickly.....round the corner to see what had happened.
15. Before he learnt to walk, my younger brother used to..... everywhere on all fours.

16. The army.....for two days before they came to the outskirts of the city.
17. The speaker onto the stage and smiled confidently at the audience.
18. When he saw me coming, our dog..... over the gate and came to greet me.
19. Polly was so happy she along the pavement to school, jumping from one foot to the other.

drift • roam • wander

- 20 When the men were finally found, they had been.....at sea in a tiny boat for days.
- 21 Wolves used to..... this whole area, looking for food.
- 22 I was bored so I..... into the centre of town and did a bit of window shopping.

Skid slide slip trip

23. I didn't see the oil on the floor and Ion it.
24. This wardrobe is really heavy, but maybe we canit along the ground.
25. I didn't see the step and I over it.
26. The road was wet, so when I pressed the brakes the car..... .

2. Complete using the words in bold in the correct form.

1. I..... over a rock and looked down into the valley below us. We hadto 6,000 metres above sea level and the air was getting thin. Nick was injured, and I knew we would have to..... soon to get medical treatment. (**ascend, clamber, descend**)

2. The pilot held the controls. The engines were dead and the plane was towards the airfield. She knew that if she didn't have the.....to reach the runway, there was no way she could..... She just hoped that the air would continue to..... over the wings and stop her from..... too low. She..... the runway with her heart in her throat. (**accelerate, approach, flow, glide, sink, velocity**)

3. The arctic tern is an incredible bird. It.....thousands of miles each year, stopping occasionally to..... on the ocean to rest. How it remembers the.....is still not fully understood. (**float, migrate, route**)

4. In basketball, you must..... the ball when you are moving with it. When you take a shot, you should let the ball.....off your fingers so that it.....in the air. That makes it more accurate. (**bounce, roll, rotate**)

5. In the 1950s, many people..... from the West Indies to England. Life was often hard for these..... , but they eventually became part of British life. Today, Britain also welcomes..... from parts of the world that are affected by war. (**emigrate, immigrant, refugee**)

3. Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

airline • carriage • charter • commute • destination • jet lag • legroom •
steward

LET THE PLANE TAKE THE STRAIN

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In the past, getting to work by air was only for the very wealthy, who could afford to (4)a plane or helicopter even if they didn't have their own private jet. Now, *Officeways*, which travels to (5)..... throughout Europe, is offering special deals on short trips to business travellers. You might have less (6).....than on the train, but *Officeways* claims their (7) are specially trained to help you relax on the way to work. And with such short journey times, there's no risk of (8).....! So what are you waiting for? Turn to page 37 for our *Officeways* competition!

4. Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. Running along the seafront, there was a short concrete **pier / quay**, where a dozen fishing boats bobbed in the afternoon sun.
2. Quite a few resorts in Britain have long **piers / quays**, which stick out into the sea, and which often have shows or other forms of entertainment on them.
3. This area is for **passers-by / pedestrians** only and is closed to all traffic.
4. After the accident, **passers-by / pedestrians** described the driver as a middle-aged man with a beard.
5. Keep both hands on the wheel and you'll find it easier to **pilot / steer** the car.
6. I'm hoping to train so that I can **pilot / steer** commercial aircraft.

7. As I came out of the petrol station, I saw a **hiker / hitchhiker** with his thumb out, trying to get a lift.
8. Local **hikers / hitchhikers** insist that they have the right to walk across the field, although the farmer who owns the land disagrees.
9. It's three and a half hours each way, so the **return fare / round trip** takes seven hours.
10. A single is €40, but the **return fare / round trip** is actually only €55.
11. A lorry lost its **cargo / load** on the motorway and there's white paint everywhere.
12. The area where the **cargo / load** is stored on a plane can actually get extremely cold during a flight.

5. Write one word in each gap.

1. The police officer told the homeless man to move..... and he walked slowly and painfully down the road.
2. Len has already left on foot, but if we take the car then maybe we can still head him.....before he gets home.
3. Would you mind moving..... so that I can sit here?
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5. The area has been cordoned.....following a bomb threat.
6. As I leant on the table, it tippedand I fell over.
7. My mum's a bit upset because my sister's moving.....to go to university next week.
8. Daryl managed to keep up with the leader for most of the race, but eventually he started to fall.....

6. Complete using a phrasal verb with a word from box A in the right form and a word from box B.

A	B
creep • go • hold • move • pull • slip • stop • walk	astray • away • back • in • off • out • over • up

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2. The police..... the crowd..... so that the ambulances could get to the scene more quickly.
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4. Remind me to.....on the way to your grandma's to get her a birthday card.
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6. Martha didn't want to interrupt the party, so she just.....quietly without anyone noticing.
7. Are you really thinking of.....with Josie? What about your own flat?
8. It seems that the explorers..... after losing their map and wandered in the jungle for days.

7. The phrasal verb *cordon off* means something like 'prevent people entering'. Tick the words which could be used to complete this sentence to form phrasal verbs with a similar meaning.

The area has been..... off by police.

1. block
2. close
3. line
4. fence
5. put.....
6. rope
7. seal.....
8. take.....

Answers

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