



Read the text:

"The Babel fish," said The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy quietly, "is small, yellow and leech-like, and probably the oddest thing in the Universe. It feeds on brainwave energy not from its carrier but from those around it. It absorbs all (A)..... mental (B)..... from this brainwave energy to nourish itself with. It then excretes into the mind of its carrier a telepathic matrix formed by combining the thought with nerve signals picked up from the speech centres of the brain which has supplied them. The practical upshot of all this is that if you stick a Babel fish in your ear you can instantly understand anything said to you in any form of language. The speech patterns you actually hear decode the brainwave matrix which has been fed into your mind by your Babel fish."

*Adapted from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams*

1 Choose the ADJECTIVE to complete point (A) in the text below.

- A unconscious B conscience C cons D conscientious E corn

2 Choose the correct NOUN to complete point (B) in the text above.

- A frequent B frontal C frequently D infrequent E frequencies

3 Which of the sentences below is true for the text in task 3?

- A The Babel fish is typical and universal. C The Babel fish is liquid. E The Babel fish eats your brain.  
B The Babel fish is a translation tool. D The Babel fish is used for speaking only.

4 Choose the meaning of the idiom "to have other fish to fry".

- A to care too much C to have more important things to do E to feel hungry  
B to get rid of your enemies D to take to something like a duck to water

5 According to the text in task 3 what does the Babel fish seem to look like?



amphiprion

A



hearing aid

B



a segmented worm

C



orthodontic appliance

D



bug

E

6 Choose the collocation which means the same as the underlined word.

The predator was trying to catch the fish but it disappeared quickly.

- A at a steady pace B in slow motion C step by step D in a flash E upside down

7 Choose a, b, c, d, or e to complete the sentence.

We couldn't tell the difference between the aquatic creatures. They looked like ...

- A poles apart B bearing no resemblance C distinguishing features D carbon copies E parrot fashion

8 Choose the correct body part of the animal to complete the sentence.

Octopi have a brain in every ....

- A wing B claw C tentacle D feather E whisker

9 Choose the correct word connected with the SOUND.

When we were coming back across the meadow,  
we heard a stream bubbling in the distance and myriads of ... crickets.

- A sizzling B murmuring C screeching D rustling E chirping

**10 Choose the correct word connected with a GROUP OF ANIMALS.**

Local farmers were grazing the ... of cattle on the pastures where it was forbidden.

- A prides      B schools      C flocks      D packs      E herds

**11 Choose a, b, c, d, or e meaning FARM ANIMALS.**

- A lichen      B breed      C livestock      D plumage      E foliage

**12 Choose the most suitable phrase to complete the sentence.**

Some Scandinavian towns are sparsely populated so living in them you can avoid the ... of the big cities.

- A pros and cons      B bits and bobs      C to and fro      D hustle and bustle      E leaps and bounds

**13 You are tossing a coin. What would you say?**

- A "Heads or tails?"      B "What's up?"      C "Come off."      D "An arm and a leg."      E "It's none of your business."

**14 Complete the dialogue.**

A: Let's do it now! Quickly!

B: ..... We have to think about everything once again.

- A Cheer up!      B Imagine that!      C Hold your horses!      D Prevention is better than cure!      E Yuk!

**15 You have just met your neighbour, Mrs Bucket who said the following.**

How would you report what she said?

- A Mrs Bucket said that she has just been insulted on her own telephone.  
B Mrs Bucket informed me she was insulted on my telephone.  
C Mrs Bucket told me she had just been insulted on my own telephone.  
D Mrs Bucket told me she had just been insulted on her own telephone.  
E Mrs Bucket said she was told she had just been insulted on her own telephone.

"I've just been insulted on my own telephone."

**16 Which of the sentences means as the following:**

When I was a little girl I used to cook with mom.

- A When I was a little girl I wasn't in the habit of cooking with mom.  
B When I was a little girl I would cook with mom.  
C When I was a little girl I regret cooking with mom.  
D I wish I hadn't cooked with mom when I was a little girl.  
E I had a bad habit of cooking with my when I was a little girl.

**17 Which of the phrases might be used to form a CONDITIONAL sentence?**

- A In order to      B On purpose      C On behalf      D On the contrary      E Unless

**18 Which is correct?**

- A tradey      B tradgedy      C tragedy      D tragidy      E tradgedy

**19 Put the verb in the bracket into the correct form.**

The participants (rehearse) for a few months before they, finally, decided to take part in the contest.

- A were rehearsing      B will rehearse      C have been rehearsing      D have rehearsed      E had been rehearsing

**20 Use the correct phrase to complete the sentence.**

..... the icy conditions, the two lorries collided

- A Because      B But for      C Due to      D Whatsoever      E Anymore