

**THE UK AND AMERICA ARE TWO COUNTRIES SEPERATED BY A COMMON LANGUAGE - G. B. SHAW**

**ANGIELSKIE (CZY TEŻ RACZEJ AMERYKAŃSKIE) ŁAMIGŁÓWKI DLA POLSKIEJ  
GŁÓWKI**

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**My name is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. I hope this one won't be much of a Herculean task. 😊**

**ANSWERS CONTAINING ANY SPELLING OR GRAMMATICAL INCORRECTNESS DO NOT COUNT!**

A) Complete the gaps.

1. The United States of America is a federal republic composed of \_\_\_\_\_ states, a federal district of \_\_\_\_\_, five major territories and various possessions.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the national anthem of the United States.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the motto of the United States.
4. The population of the United States is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ million.
5. The Declaration of Independence was proclaimed on July 4, \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The obverse of the great seal is used as the national \_\_\_\_\_ of the USA.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the current Vice President of the USA.
8. The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) is the American equivalent of Polish \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. The American Civil War was fought from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. What is the longest main-stem river of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

B ) Choose the correct answer.

1. In 1967 Scott McKenzie was preaching the hippie gospel of love and peace in song. Which US city did he sing about in that sultry summer? \_\_\_\_\_

New Orleans / New York / San Francisco / Los Angeles

2. The twang and howl of Jimi Hendrix's tortured guitar became part of the soundtrack for the "Summer of Love". What was the color of the "haze" that he sang about in '67? \_\_\_\_\_

violet / purple / green / golden

3. Which of the following bands is American? \_\_\_\_\_

The Rolling Stones / Led Zeppelin / Deep Purple / Black Sabbath / None of them

4. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of \_\_\_\_\_ each year.

January / June / July / November

5. Which is NOT one of many nicknames for the American Flag? \_\_\_\_\_

The Stars and Stripes / Old Glory / Pride of the Yankees / The Star-Spangled Banner

6. The first Academy Awards ceremony was held in \_\_\_\_\_ .

1921 / 1923 / 1926 / 1929

7. Put the following in chronological order: baby boomers, Beat Generation, Generation X, hippies, yuppies.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

8. Bobby sockers were \_\_\_\_\_ .

teenage girls fond of music / a heavy metal band / a baseball team / a basketball kit

9. Babe Ruth was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ .

baseball player / radio presenter / film star / model

10. At its height, what was the slave population in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_ .

About 500,000 / About 1 million / About 2 million / About 4 million

11. What year was the Thirteenth Amendment ratified, abolishing slavery? \_\_\_\_\_

1828 / 1845 / 1865 / 1878

12. \_\_\_\_\_ was not assassinated.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy / Martin Luther King, Jr. / Richard Nixon / Robert Kennedy

13. Prohibition in the United States was a nationwide constitutional ban on the sale, production, importation, and transportation of alcoholic beverages that remained in place from 1920 to \_\_\_\_\_ .

1922 / 1926 / 1929 / 1933

14. Stan Marsh, Kyle Broflovski, Kenny McCormick and Eric Cartman are the main characters in the animated adult television series *South Park*. One of them suffers an excruciating death before returning alive and well in the next episode. "Oh my God! They killed \_\_\_\_\_!"

15. \_\_\_\_\_ won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2016.

*The Revenant / Spotlight / Mad Max: Fury Road / The Big Short*

C) Match the nicknames to their names.

The Baddest Man on the Planet / Le Boss / The Boss / The Emperor of the Rhythm'n'Blues / His Airness / The King / The King of Pop / Mr. Dynamite / Satchmo / Scarface / The Thunderstorm / The Voice / The Yankee Clipper

1. Al Capone - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Bruce Springsteen - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Elvis Presley - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Joe Di Maggio - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lance Armstrong - \_\_\_\_\_
6. Louis Armstrong - \_\_\_\_\_
7. Michael Jackson - \_\_\_\_\_
8. Michael Jordan - \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mike Tyson - \_\_\_\_\_

D) Answer the questions.

1. Citizens of what country cannot return home once they enter the territory of the United States?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the only President to serve more than two terms? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the first President of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the first President born outside the contiguous United States? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was the only President to resign from office? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was the only woman to become President of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Having uttered only two words in Congress, Lech Wałęsa received a standing ovation. The Nobel Peace Prize winner said, 'My naród,' which is a Polish translation of the first three words of the Preamble to the United States Constitution. In original the Preamble reads \_\_\_\_\_ .

8. What is the name of the President that enjoyed Marilyn Monroe's 'Happy Birthday'?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the Presidents first had a career in Hollywood and then resided in the White House?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Who was the US President when 9/11 happened? \_\_\_\_\_

E) Read the text. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the given words.

#### THE BENEFITS OF BEING MULTI-LINGUAL

Speaking two or more languages well has been shown to be highly beneficial in a number of ways, some quite surprising.

First of all, learning a second language increases your \_\_\_\_\_ (1. AWARE) of your first language. Secondly, your memory improves. Learning a second language involves memorizing rules and vocabulary, which researchers say helps strengthen your mental 'muscle'. \_\_\_\_\_ (2. APPEAR), this explains why multi-lingual people are better at remembering lists of sequences.

A recent Spanish study reveals that multi-lingual people are more \_\_\_\_\_ (3. PERCEIVE). They are also able to focus on important information and discard what is \_\_\_\_\_ (4. RELEVANT). What's more, the ability to switch rapidly between languages makes speakers good at multi-tasking. In one study, \_\_\_\_\_ (5. PARTICIPATE) used a driving simulator while doing separate, distracting tasks. Interestingly, multi-lingual people made fewer errors.

People who are fully bilingual are also better at being \_\_\_\_\_ (6. DECIDE). Some Austrian researchers claim that 'bilinguals' who run through decisions in both languages feel that their \_\_\_\_\_ (7. CONCLUDE) are more considered and the person behaves more \_\_\_\_\_ (8. CONFIDENCE) as a result.

F) British English vs American English - write the American equivalents.

1. pavement - \_\_\_\_\_

2. chips - \_\_\_\_\_

3. underground - \_\_\_\_\_

4. garden - \_\_\_\_\_

5. wardrobe - \_\_\_\_\_

6. autumn - \_\_\_\_\_

7. car park - \_\_\_\_\_

8. lift - \_\_\_\_\_

9. queue - \_\_\_\_\_

10. tap - \_\_\_\_\_

11. postcode - \_\_\_\_\_

12. ground floor - \_\_\_\_\_

13. barman - \_\_\_\_\_

14. postman - \_\_\_\_\_

G) British English vs. American English – pick the words which are spelled in the American way.

1. defense - defence

2. travelled - traveled

3. labor - labour

4. tyre - tire

5. center - centre

6. recognize - recognise

H) Complete the gaps with the correct prepositions.

1. Please come \_\_\_\_\_ tonight if you finish early.

2. After a long day at work most people feel worn \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. John turned \_\_\_\_\_ at our dinner party wearing a pink bow tie.

4. A fire broke \_\_\_\_\_ on the tenth floor of the Empire State Building last night.

5. The Statue of Liberty is closed \_\_\_\_\_ visitors today.

6. When the drug wears \_\_\_\_\_, you may feel pain.

7. I hope you'll get \_\_\_\_\_ your illness soon.

8. He said he wasn't going to put \_\_\_\_\_ all that mess any longer.

9. Jim stole the money and somehow got \_\_\_\_\_ it.

10. I'll never grow \_\_\_\_\_ playing with dolls.

I) Match the authors to the titles.

*For Whom the Bell Tolls / In Cold Blood / The Catcher in the Rye / Slaughterhouse-Five / Brave New World / On the Road / Howl / Under the Volcano / Crime and Punishment / To Kill a Mockingbird*

1. Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. - \_\_\_\_\_

2. J. D. Salinger - \_\_\_\_\_

3. Ernest Hemingway - \_\_\_\_\_

4. Aldous Huxley - \_\_\_\_\_

5. Jack Kerouac - \_\_\_\_\_

6. Truman Capote - \_\_\_\_\_

J) Complete each sentence with a suitable idiomatic expression.

to zonk out / in the hole / to bark up the wrong tree / all walks of life / to beat around the bush / against the clock / to be up to no good / armed to the teeth / at each other's throats / rain or shine / the apple of someone's eye / bad blood / to push one's luck

1. They were \_\_\_\_\_. The arguments never stopped.

2. The rebels were \_\_\_\_\_. They'd got most of the weapon from the Middle East.

3. Tom was so much in love with Jenny. She was \_\_\_\_\_ for quite a long time.

4. People from \_\_\_\_\_ voted for him, but he still lost the presidential election.

5. There was lots of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two candidates.

6. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and tell me what you really think.

7. Mandy could tell from the look in their eyes that they \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The gangster told the cops they were \_\_\_\_\_ in thinking he was responsible for the arson.

9. He would cycle to work, \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Some days you're lucky and others you may find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

K) Who is the author of the below quotes?

Muhammad Ali / Woody Allen/ Martin Luther King, Jr. / Marilyn Manson / Marilyn Monroe / Mark Twain / Dr. Seuss /

1. "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." \_\_\_\_\_
2. "I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens." \_\_\_\_\_
3. "I like nonsense; it wakes brain cells up." \_\_\_\_\_
4. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do it." \_\_\_\_\_
5. "If they think that an artist can destroy their faith, then their faith is rather fragile." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "It's not true that I had nothing on. I had the radio on." \_\_\_\_\_
7. "My conscience won't let me go shoot my brother, or some darker people, or some poor hungry people in the mud for big powerful America. And shoot them for what? They never called me nigger, they never lynched me, they didn't put no dogs on me, they didn't rob me of my nationality, rape and kill my mother and father. ... Shoot them for what? How can I shoot them poor people?"  
\_\_\_\_\_

L) Choose the correct answer.

1. After so many years of absence I still consider myself a New Yorker and I'll be the happiest man ever the day we \_\_\_\_\_ there.

will have returned / will return / return / returned

2. Over a hundred Embassy staff and their families \_\_\_\_\_ that there was no danger.

were gathered to tell them / were gathered to be told / gathered to tell / were gathered for telling them

3. Look at these photos. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Florida or California. Certainly not in Nebraska.

could be taken / might possibly have taken / might possibly be taken / may have been taken

4. For a person who has \_\_\_\_\_ Harvard, her salary is rather low.

graduated / graduated from / graduated at / graduated on

5. 'Are you going to visit us in Detroit this weekend?'

'I wish I \_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, I will have only 20 minutes to change trains. I hope I'll be able to do so next month.

am / were / will / can

6. The Tea Party movement is an American political movement known for its conservative positions and its role in the Republican Party. Its name \_\_\_\_\_ the Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773, a watershed moment in the American struggle for independence from Great Britain.

is connected to / describes / refers to / relates to

7. On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused \_\_\_\_\_ bus driver James F. Blake's order to give up her seat in the colored section to a white passenger, after the white section was filled. Parks was not the first person to resist bus segregation.

obeying / to obey / disobeying / to disobey

8. *Gone With the Wind* presents a sentimental view of the Civil War, in which the "Old South" takes the place of Camelot and the war was fought not so much to defeat the Confederacy and free the slaves \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Scarlett O'Hara her comeuppance.

to give / as to give / giving / in order to give

9. Guns N' Roses' debut album, *Appetite for Destruction* (1987), reached number one on the *Billboard* 200 a year after its release, on the strength of *Sweet Child o' Mine*. The band has been \_\_\_\_\_ with reviving the mainstream popularity of rock music, at a time when popular music was dominated by dance music and glam metal.

praising / credited / boasting / banned

10. Frankly speaking, I didn't really explain all that to her. What difference would it have made if I \_\_\_\_\_ ?

do / did / had / would