

**KW 18. 27.4. – 30.4.2020**

Dear students of year 8/b.

Thanks for handing in your work from last week. Please do not (!) send the work of this week. I will publish the solutions next week.

Take care and stay healthy. Yours Mrs. Wego

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**Task 1.**

Work on the five worksheets enclosed (pages 2-5).

**Task 2.**

Go on the internet and find the page [www.englisch-hilfen.de](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de).

Find “Englisch & Schule” on the left hand side,

click on “Übungen nach Klassen”,

go to “Klasse 8” and

work on the following tasks:

no. 5610 “Britisches Englisch- Amerikanisches Englisch – Übung 1”,

no. 5612 “Britisches Englisch- Amerikanisches Englisch – Übung 2”,

no. 5614 “Britisches - Amerikanisches Englisch – Test”,

If you finished that, please find at least **10 more exercises** that you work on.

**Have fun and learn English! 😊**

## 10 False ideas about food

The text below is from a British magazine.

Read the texts (A–F) and match them with one of the false ideas (1–5) below. Write the correct letter in the boxes. Use each letter **only once**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 **A**    1     2     3     4     5

### A

It's what you eat, not when you eat that's important. You put on weight when you eat more calories than you burn off. But if you have a healthy breakfast, you may find that you're not so hungry later in the day.

### B

A diet without meat can be very healthy, but if your diet means chips and cheese sandwiches, that's a different matter! If you stop eating meat and fish, it's really important to make sure you eat other foods that will give you the protein, vitamins and minerals that you would normally get from meat.

### C

The best way of getting all the vitamins you need is by eating a healthy diet. And your body doesn't only need vitamins. It needs other important things – the proteins, fats and minerals that are found in foods such as bread, meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables.

### D

Eating more calories than our bodies need means we put on weight. To keep your correct weight, it's important to eat a healthy diet and do some sports. Yoghurt, cheese and milk are an important part of a healthy diet. Choose low-fat products if you need to watch your weight. These products contain the same vitamins and minerals as the high-fat ones do.

### E

Many of these products contain acids<sup>1</sup>. Water or milk are the best things to drink if you want to look after your teeth.

### F

Eating three small meals a day and a couple of healthy snacks (such as a piece of fruit or a low-fat yoghurt) between meals, is a much better way to control your calories. And getting active is the best way to make sure you burn off as much as you take in.

<sup>1</sup> acid Säure

- 0 It's best not to eat much after about 7 o'clock at night.
- 1 Missing meals is a good way to lose weight.
- 2 Diet drinks don't damage your teeth.
- 3 Milk products make you fat.
- 4 If you take a vitamin pill in the morning, you don't need to worry about what you eat the rest of the day.
- 5 Vegetarian diets are always healthier.

## 11 Google it!

Read the text. Find a word or phrase from the box to put into each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

office • **developed** • even • play • until • spelled • in common • science • relaxed •  
among • maths • founded • suit

Google is one of the great success stories of our time. The search engine was 0 developed by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were students at Stanford University. In 1998 Brin and Page 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the company Google Inc. Today, they are 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the world's youngest multi-millionaires.

Page was born in 1973 in Michigan, USA. His father was a professor of computer 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother a computer programming teacher. Brin was born in Moscow in 1973. His parents left Russia in 1979 and went to live in the USA. His father became a 4 \_\_\_\_\_ professor at the University of Maryland.

When Brin and Page met in 1995, they didn't really like each other 5 \_\_\_\_\_ they discovered that they had something 6 \_\_\_\_\_ – an interest in search engines. The rest of the story is history.

The name "Google" comes from the word *googol*, which means a very, very large number. Larry and Sean Anderson, another student, were in their 7 \_\_\_\_\_ one day. They were looking for a name for the new technology. Larry thought of *googol*. When Sean put it in the computer, he 8 \_\_\_\_\_ it wrongly. But Larry liked the name and registered "google.com" for himself and Sergey.

Google headquarters<sup>1</sup>, known as the "Googleplex" is in California. It is not only a place to work but also to 9 \_\_\_\_\_. There is a fitness room, a piano, a ping-pong table and snack rooms with things to eat and drink. Most of the people who work for the company say there is a very 10 \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere. One of their slogans is: "You can be serious without wearing a 11 \_\_\_\_\_."

Today more people use Google than any other search engine. There is 12 \_\_\_\_\_ a new verb in the English language: *to google*. If you are not sure what it means, google it! (298 words)

1 *headquarters* *Hauptquartier*

## 12 A bold<sup>1</sup> adventurer

The text below is from a US magazine.

Read the text and answer the questions below using 1 to 5 words.

In August 1875 Captain Matthew Webb of the British Navy stood on the pier in Dover in the south of England. He was wearing a  
5 bright red bathing costume<sup>2</sup>. He was 27 years old, and he wanted to swim across the English Channel.

From Dover in England to Calais in France it is about 21½ miles across the Channel. The  
10 water in the Channel is cold – between 14 and 18 degrees, the winds and tides are strong and the waves reach over a metre high. But Captain Webb had trained hard. His friends covered him with oil to keep out the cold. At about  
15 1 p.m. he went into the water.

As he swam out to sea, the water became colder and colder. His friends, who were in a small boat, gave him hot drinks to keep him warm. He swam through the night. Tired  
20 but happy, Captain Webb walked slowly out of the sea on the French coast 21 hours and 45 minutes after he had left Dover. He was the first person to swim across the English Channel.

25 Captain Webb earned a lot of money swimming and doing all sorts of strange things in the water. He was married and had two children, but his love of adventure was strong.



One day he decided that he would swim across the great  
30 Niagara Falls on the Canada-US border. The rapids<sup>3</sup> there are really frightening, and there are many dangerous rocks. He didn't tell his wife what he planned to do. 35

On July 24<sup>th</sup> 1883 special trains brought hundreds of excited people to Niagara Falls. They watched as Captain Webb jumped into the water. He was wearing the same red  
40 bathing costume he had worn to cross the English Channel eight years earlier. But after a short time, he threw up his arms and disappeared under the water. A few days later some fishermen found his body four  
45 miles away. His red bathing costume was torn to pieces.

Since the days of Captain Webb, swimmers from countries all over the world have swum across the Channel. Why do people do such things? Are they mad? For most of them the  
50 answer is this: they do it because it is an adventure – and nothing great is easy.

(380 words)

- 1 **bold** *kühn, tapfer*  
2 **bathing costume** *Badeanzug*  
3 **rapids** *Stromschnellen*

1 Why did Captain Webb's friends cover him with oil?

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2 How did Captain Webb feel when he arrived in France?

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3 What did Captain Webb try to do in 1883?

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4 Who found his body?

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5 What happened to his red bathing costume?

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# 13 Pet rats

The text below is an article from an Internet magazine.

Read the text. Then decide if the statements (1–7) below are true, false or not given in the text. Tick (✓) the correct box.

Rats have a bad image, but in fact they are very intelligent animals and are good at solving<sup>1</sup> problems. It is amazing what they can survive. They can fall up to 20 metres and not get hurt. They are expert swimmers, too. Their teeth are very strong and sharp, and they can gnaw<sup>2</sup> through walls and pipes. Their front teeth never stop growing and, if they have nothing to gnaw on, their teeth can grow up to 15 centimetres a year! Rats live for about two to three years.

Many people think rats are horrible, dirty animals. In fact, rats wash themselves up to six times a day – about as often as most cats do. They can be trained to do simple tricks and they make very nice pets. Rats like company, so it is a good idea to keep two of them – but be careful! Don't keep a male and a female together – a pair of rats can produce 15,000 young in their lifetime!

Rats enjoy being with humans, and some people say they can become real friends, just like dogs can. But they need time and attention. They need to exercise<sup>3</sup> outside their cages for at least an hour a day. Rats are very active at night and may be noisy when you want to sleep. They have big appetites and will eat almost anything, but it is better not to give your pet junk food. Give it fruit and vegetables if you want it to stay healthy.

If you decide to get a pet rat, make sure you get one from somebody who knows how to look after rats correctly. Rats don't often bite, but they can get nervous and aggressive. In general, they are friendly animals that like playing, and you can have a lot of fun with a rat. (306 words)

- 1 *solve lösen*
- 2 *gnaw nagen*
- 3 *exercise sich bewegen*

	true	false	not given
1 Rats can fall a long way and not hurt themselves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Rats are afraid of water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Rats live for a long time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Rats are dirty animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Female rats are smaller than male rats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Rats are easy pets because they don't need much attention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Rats sleep a lot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>