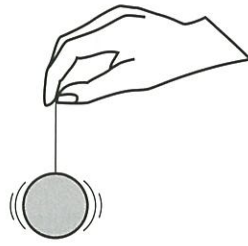


Come ... Come!



Picture this: lunch time at school, three kids in a corner, all making a plastic disc run up and down a string ... that's right, it's yo-yo time! It's a craze that comes and goes, with tricks like 'walk the dog', 'rock the baby' and the truly challenging 'split the atom'.

But did you know that the yo-yo has been around for more than two thousand years? It was even used by the ancient Greeks. They made yo-yos out of terra cotta, wood and metal and decorated the two halves with images of their gods.

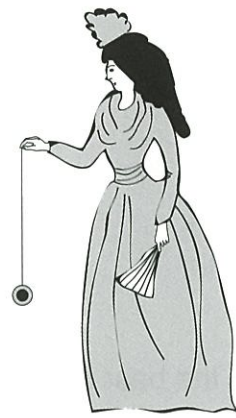
By 1791 the yo-yo was common in Europe, where it was given many different names. It was made popular in America in the 1920s by a young Filipino bell boy, Pedro Flores, who carved wooden yo-yos in his free time and attracted crowds while he performed yo-yo tricks. The name yo-yo comes from his Tagalog language meaning 'come-come'.

One day a businessman named Donald Duncan watched how Flores impressed the audience and made Flores an offer – he bought the yo-yo and Flores' small company and started marketing the product. The first TV commercials in 1962 created a huge demand for the new plastic form of the toys. The rest, as they say, is history! Now, how about trying some of the latest tricks such as 'Eli Hops' and 'Kwijibo'?



400 BC

Image of an ancient Greek playing with a yo-yo



1791

Playing with a *bandalore*



1980s – present
Classic yo-yo

- 21** What did ancient yo-yos have in common with modern yo-yos?
- A how they were used
 - B what they were called
 - C the way they were produced
 - D the designs and pictures on them
- 22** What has changed about yo-yos over the last 2000 years?
- A their size
 - B the way they are used
 - C what they are made from
 - D the age-group of people who use them
- 23** What was one name for a yo-yo in Europe in 1791?
- A Yo-yo
 - B Kwijibo
 - C Bandalore
 - D Come-come
- 24** The text is best described as
- A a guide to new yo-yo tricks.
 - B a description of how yo-yos work.
 - C a discussion of the benefits of yo-yos.
 - D a summary of the history of the yo-yo.
- 25** Why is Donald Duncan mentioned in this text?
- A He invented and performed yo-yo tricks.
 - B He bought Pedro Flores' yo-yo business.
 - C He starred in a TV commercial for yo-yos.
 - D He carved wooden yo-yos in his free time.

Choose the correctly spelt word for each blank space.

Blue Shirt

My grandfather bought me a bright blue shirt with a huge **26** and I am too **27** to wear it. I don't want to **28** him but I really cannot **29** outside the house wearing such a **30** outfit.

26 Choose the best option for space 26.

- A collar
- B colare
- C collar
- D collare

27 Choose the best option for space 27.

- A embarased
- B embarrassed
- C embarrassed
- D embarrassed

28 Choose the best option for space 28.

- A disapoint
- B disappoint
- C dissappoint
- D dissappoint

29 Choose the best option for space 29.

- A venture
- B ventcher
- C ventchur
- D venchure

30 Choose the best option for space 30.

- A monstrous
- B monstoruse
- C monstrouse
- D monsterous



Choose the best option for each blank space.

The Arctic

Even though **16** one of the coldest places on **17** life exists in the Arctic. The harsh environment supports many **18** wolves, foxes, rabbits and polar bears. The caribou **19** also live in the region but will migrate in winter to slightly warmer areas. But you won't find penguins in the **20** they live on the other side of the world.

16 Choose the best option for space 16.

- A its
- B i'ts
- C its'
- D it's

17 Choose the best option for space 17.

- A earth,
- B earth.
- C earth:
- D earth;

18 Choose the best option for space 18.

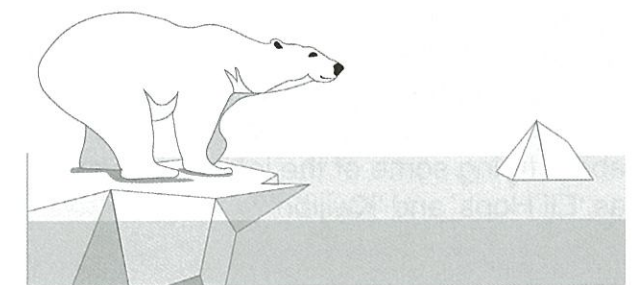
- A animals,
- B animals;
- C animals:
- D animals?

19 Choose the best option for space 19.

- A 'or' reindeer
- B 'or reindeer'
- C or (reindeer)
- D (or reindeer)

20 Choose the best option for space 20.

- A Arctic,
- B Arctic!
- C Arctic;
- D Arctic:



Choose the best word(s) for each blank space.

Chocolate

A British study **11** that eating two bars of dark chocolate a week **12** help people do better **13** maths. Eating chocolate can also improve blood **14** and can help to protect skin **15** harmful UV rays.

11 Choose the best option for space 11.

- A was shown
- B was showed
- C has shown
- D has showed

12 Choose the best option for space 12.

- A must
- B shall
- C would
- D could

13 Choose the best option for space 13.

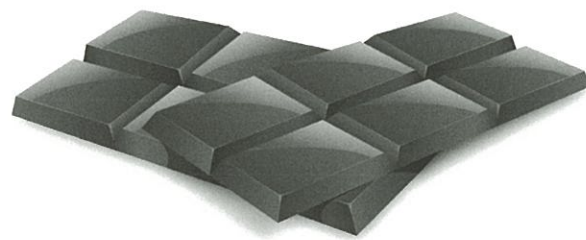
- A at
- B on
- C to
- D for

14 Choose the best option for space 14.

- A circulates
- B circulated
- C circulating
- D circulation

15 Choose the best option for space 15.

- A by
- B with
- C from
- D about



Replace the **bolded** words. The meaning of the text should remain the same.

My Street

I live near a football stadium. My street can become **congested** at weekends and the fans can be **raucous**. At times like this I visit the **tranquil** park on the other side of town where I **unwind** with a book. I am **fortunate** to live where I do.

31 Select the best word to replace **congested**.

- A scary
- B crowded
- C colourful
- D exciting

32 Select the best word to replace **raucous**.

- A wild
- B foolish
- C strange
- D cheerful

33 Select the best word to replace **tranquil**.

- A huge
- B green
- C peaceful
- D beautiful

34 Select the best word to replace **unwind**.

- A sit
- B read
- C play
- D relax

35 Select the best word to replace **fortunate**.

- A fussy
- B lucky
- C thrilled
- D frustrated



Not So Smartphone

Zana wasn't interested in Gabrielle's new phone; she was intrigued by how her classmates were responding to it.

'That's so cool!' cried one girl.

'You're so lucky!' said another.

It's just a phone, thought Zana. And there was nothing particularly special about it. Camera? Check. Music player? Check. Social media? Check. Surely everyone had seen a smartphone before? But Zana suspected that her classmates were drooling over Gabrielle's phone purely because it belonged to the most popular girl in the school. Had Zana pulled out the same phone, no-one would have noticed, no-one would have cared.

'That. Is. Awesome!' exclaimed Jack, the most popular boy in the school. 'Someone take a picture! Right now!' He pulled at the sleeve of someone's shirt and, as if this was some sort of signal, all the classmates began posing for the camera. All the classmates, that is, except one.

'Zelda, or whatever your name is ... Yes, you!' It was close enough. Zana was actually surprised that Gabrielle had got the first letter right. 'Take a photo, will you?'

Zana took the phone from Gabrielle and asked everyone to smile. She pressed the button and the phone went click.

'Do you want me to post it on your social media site?' asked Zana. 'I can add a description of the photo.'

The classmates shouted their approval.

This is a picture of me looking at a bunch of fools typed Zana. She had been handed the phone with the camera facing herself.



6 In the first paragraph, what does Sal regret?

- A attempting to climb Kanu mountain
- B inviting Yazi to climb with her
- C continuing the journey alone
- D waiting for the mist to clear

7 Before the climb, what does Sal think about the Blind Beast of Kanu?

- A She does not believe it is real.
- B She is worried it will attack her.
- C She expects that it will leave her alone.
- D She is convinced she can fight it with Yazi's help.

8 Why does Sal take the steeper path?

- A to show Yazi how strong she is
- B to beat her friend to the summit
- C to avoid the Blind Beast of Kanu
- D to get to the peak before the rain starts

9 Which word best describes Yazi?

- A lazy
- B sensible
- C reckless
- D humorous

10 How will Sal's feelings most likely change at the very end of the text?

- A from fear to relief
- B from sadness to excitement
- C from hope to disappointment
- D from satisfaction to annoyance

Kanu Mountain

When the mist swept in from above the ridge, Sal lost sight of the path she was following. A mild panic set in. She would wait for the mist to clear. She called out to Yazi ... Silence. She was now regretting taking the steep route and leaving her friend behind. But the lure of the summit was just so tempting. Tempting, that was, until she heard the loud howling.

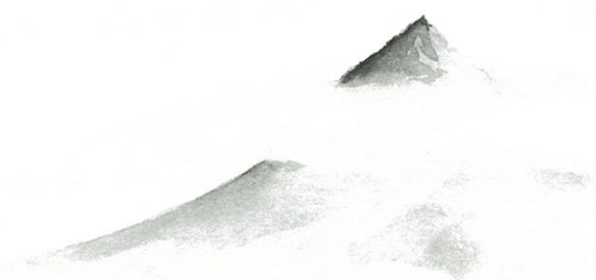
The children in the village had warned Sal about the Blind Beast of Kanu. It supposedly lived in a cave on the mountain. "It will sniff you out. It will lick you with its tongue. And if you move, it will eat you!" they had sniggered. But Sal knew this was nothing more than a foolish tale, the sort of rubbish that could be found in silly old children's stories. And she would climb the mountain to prove it. And she would make Yazi come with her, just in case.

The first part of the climb had been free of drama. With their pockets full of snacks they had set off in bright sunlight and had made good progress. But by lunchtime it all changed. The wind picked up and the light rain had made the rocks slippery. Yazi had begun to struggle – perhaps it was all the extra stuff that was slowing her down: water, food, blanket, torch, hat, extra water, extra food, extra blanket ... Yazi was such a worrier, she would never need those things.

"Come on," cried Sal, "we need to get to the summit before it starts to pour down." And with that she had taken the steep route, hoping her friend would follow. Then she put her head down and forged ahead, and forgot all about Yazi until the eerie mist and the ear-piercing howling.

When the mist cleared, the rain came. So when Sal saw a small crack in a rock face, she rushed straight for it. She squeezed through the crack and it opened up to a large, dark cave. But what was that noise? There was something moving in the darkness. Sal's heart thumped and thudded. Was this the home of the Blind Beast of Kanu? Sal dared not move. Not even a twitch.

Then there was a light. It came from a torch. "What took you so long?" asked a familiar voice. "Come and sit down here, out of that howling wind. I've got a spare blanket for you if you're cold."



36 According to Zana, why were people so excited about the phone?

- A It was new.
- B It had a camera.
- C It was expensive.
- D It was Gabrielle's.

37 What surprised Zana when Gabrielle called her over?

- A Gabrielle didn't know how to use a phone.
- B Gabrielle wanted Zana to be in the photo.
- C Gabrielle almost got Zana's name correct.
- D Gabrielle let Zana use her new phone.

38 *She pressed the button and the phone went click.*

What happened when the phone went click?

- A The phone switched off.
- B Zana took a photograph of herself.
- C Zana took a photograph of her classmates.
- D The photograph was posted to a social media site.

39 How does Zana feel about her classmates?

- A She wants to be like them.
- B She is scared of them.
- C She admires them.
- D She dislikes them.

40 Why does Zana suggest posting the photograph to Gabrielle's social media site?

- A to play a trick
- B to help Gabrielle
- C to test the camera
- D to make herself popular

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- 1** What does the blog entry show about Amrita?
 - A** She keeps changing her mind.
 - B** She is easily persuaded by what others say.
 - C** She checks her facts before making decisions.
 - D** She acts before carefully considering her options.

- 2** Which of these reasons most persuaded Amrita to limit her meat intake?
 - A** Eating meat is cruel.
 - B** Most of her friends are vegetarian.
 - C** Vegetables are healthier than meat.
 - D** A veggie diet is better for the environment.

- 3** What is stopping Amrita from becoming fully vegetarian?
 - A** She is finding it very difficult to give up meat.
 - B** She is refusing to be bullied by vegetarians online.
 - C** She only knows how to cook meals that contain meat.
 - D** She would be too embarrassed to tell her friends she was vegetarian.

- 4** What does Amrita suggest she might do in the future?
 - A** start a website about healthy eating
 - B** conduct her own research on the issue
 - C** try to convince others to turn vegetarian
 - D** persuade her vegetarian friends to eat meat

- 5** What is the main purpose of Amrita's blog entry?
 - A** to criticise those who oppose her
 - B** to question the values that society holds
 - C** to persuade people to support her cause
 - D** to explain the reasons for a personal choice

Ready for Veggie

Amrita's blog



I have always been aware that there are a lot of vegetarians in the world but, being an avid burger fan, I had never thought about becoming a 'veggie'. Recently, however, a number of my friends have been posting about the issue on their social media sites, and it got me thinking ... Could I really give up meat? While some of the arguments they presented (such as 'eating meat is cruel') didn't manage to persuade me, two of them got my attention: a vegetarian diet is healthier, and it is also better for the environment. So, I decided to investigate further.

A vegetarian diet, it turns out, may make you live longer. Studies in different countries (China and the US for instance) support these findings. Meat is the largest source of saturated fat in the human diet and saturated fat is pretty bad. It is thought to cause heart disease and has even been linked to some forms of cancer. A vegetarian diet pretty much ensures that you are eating the required amount of vegetables, and this means your body will be getting enough fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins and minerals.

The claim that vegetarianism is better for the environment is a more compelling yet complex argument. Farm animals release a lot of methane – a gas that is produced in the gut. Methane causes much more global warming than carbon dioxide. Reducing the number of farmed animals in the world reduces the amount of methane entering the Earth's atmosphere, and this could help slow down the problems associated with climate change.

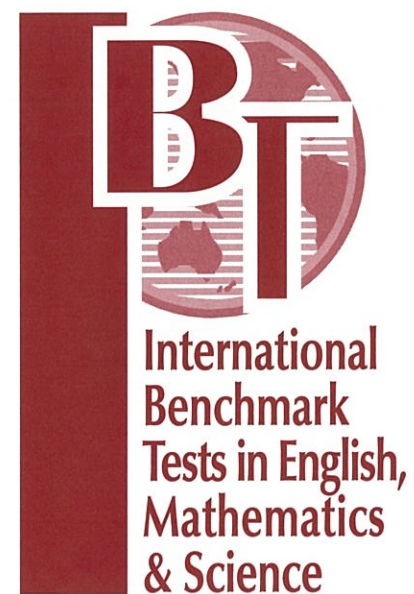
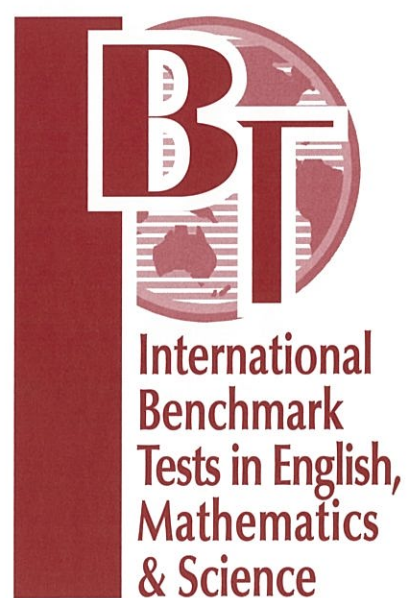
For this reason I have decided to cut back on the amount of meat that I eat, limiting myself to just three meat meals each week. I'm not ready to turn fully vegetarian just yet – I like the taste of burgers just a little too much – but maybe one day I'll be joining my friends online, trying to persuade others to give up meat.

Amrita

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