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## Clue 2—Fix it

Pick the right prefix to replace the – and then work out which tense each sentence is written in. Use the table at the bottom to find one word of the clue from each sentence.

eg I will not -respect my teacher. (dis, future tense=scales)

1. He was -able to solve the clues.
2. It is -legal to skip school.
3. She will be more -responsible when she is a teenager.
4. The boiler is -firing again.
5. His excuse was complete and utter -sense.
6. He read the book and realised he was in an -possible position.
7. They are reading the -honest account of his trip.
8. The results will not be -accurate.
9. They are being extremely -patient.
10. It is very -helpful when you drop the plates on the floor.
11. If you ask her to help you with your homework, she will -inform you.
12. They are feeling -secure at the moment.
13. Bertie bought a -fiction book.
14. While she is taking the pills, her thinking will be a bit -logical.
15. What you suggest is -relevant.
16. What an -grateful child you are!

	il-	ir-	in-	im-	dis-	un-	mis-	non-
Present	murderer	five	same	g	twice	kg	ninety	thirty
Present continuous	eighty	equal	more	fifty	hundred	thousand	less	forty
Past	twice	Pizza	same	one	half	the	double	than
Future	sixty	weighs	and	Italy	scales	tenth	but	triple



### Clue 3—Determiners

Take the first letter of each determiner in the writing below to find the clue.

My recipe involves plenty of herbs and umpteen spices. Those spices give several flavours and lots of interest. One Brussels sprout, two onions and six carrots make up our vegetables. Few spaghetti dishes include both beef and another meat like pork. Some chefs take hours to prepare food. Mint adds its delicate tang when used in little amounts. Its ability to dissolve in no time makes it popular. The chef always thought that his recipe was better than hers. Every few years one of our restaurants closes due to health and safety inspections. Caretakers ask for double money to look after empty restaurants.

## Clue 4—I have a preposition for you

Find all the prepositions in the writing below. The numbers in brackets show which letter of the preposition is part of the clue.

eg I will go to the shops near the market. (2,1) to, near = on

Sam ran along the quiet road and jogged through the gate towards the town centre. (1,1,1) Throughout his run, he had seen no animals except a fox. (2,1) Since 8am his path had taken him across several muddy fields and he was now five minutes behind schedule. (1,2,3) The swollen river had spilled over its banks and onto the A57 like a great flood. (1,1,1)

Sam ambled among the many shoppers alongside the town hall then headed to the library which was open till 6pm. (2,1,1,1) Excluding Waitrose, there wasn't another supermarket near the town centre. (1,1) During his journey, his heart rate had not dropped below 100bpm even when he was jogging down Steven Hill. (1,2,1) Entering the library, his sharp eyes detected movement. Putting his head to the floor, he spotted a small white mouse scampering through the Thriller section, behind the Family section before disappearing under the Romance shelves. (1,2,2,5)

Behind the library counter, Mrs Fusty the librarian, without a smile, hummed the tune 'Silence is Golden'. (2,1) Under the Romance section, she had spotted a notice regarding late books. (4,1) Below that notice, alongside the book "100 Kisses Every Day" sat four round blobs of mouse poo. (2,4,1) By the time her scream had echoed around the library and travelled beyond the building, Sam had decided it was quite the loudest screech he had heard since 1965. (1,3,3,1)

## Clue 5 – What’s the word?

Decide what part of speech each word in *italics* is. Then use the first vowel in that word to find a word from the clue using the table below.

eg. *icicle* (noun, first vowel *i* = killer)

It was a *cold night* in *December*. Freda *smiled warmly as she* handed six *crackers* in a colourful box to her *lovely* mother.

“I’m feeling as *lively as* a sloth!” her mother commented. “I’ve had a nasty *cold* all week and pulling these will drive me *crackers*! Please go and tidy your bedroom *before* supper.”

“I’ve *done* it *already* – I finished vacuuming *before* I wrapped the presents.”

“*Unless* your room is *spotless* and your clothes are *tidy*, you won’t be going out tonight. *Recently* you’ve been leaving *rubbish* all *over* your bed. I will be going *up* those stairs to check!”

Vowel	noun	verb	adverb	adjective	pronoun	conjunction	preposition
a	Europe	cook	a	this	born	city	letter
e	comes	Bari	half	Rome	within	letter	city
i	killer	from	stop	first	begins	Italy	Genoa
o	of	with	pasta	the	second	Bologna	the
u	of	knife	Turin	chef	London	in	alphabet