

ФРАЗОВАЯ СВЯЗНОСТЬ

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Write out full sentences.

1. Vaux-le-Vicomte, built by Nicolas Fouquet, Louis XIV's finance minister, even by the standards of that opulent	a river to create its canals, moats and lakes.
2. Fouquet destroyed three villages to create these ornamental gardens and diverted	a spectacular party, featuring a huge firework show and the premier of a new play by Moliere.
3. He hired France's greatest architect, its greatest interior designer, and its greatest gardener to work together on this project and when, after 20 years, they'd finished he threw	backfired.
4. The guest of	epoque, was incredibly extravagant.
5. Fouquet hoped Vaux-le-Vicomte would bolster	for his boots.
6. Unfortunately for Fouquet, his PR campaign	his credentials.
7. Louis took one look at Vaux-le-Vicomte, and decided Fouquet had become too big	honour was the young Louis XIV.
8. He threw Fouquet into jail and stripped Vaux-le-Vicomte	new palace at Versailles.
9. Louis XIV knew that, politically, such a grand project spelt trouble – but artistically, it was right	of its statues and tapestries, but otherwise he left the house alone.
10. Once he'd imprisoned Fouquet, he hired the same people to work on an even grander project – his brand	tantrum.
	up his street.

ЛЕКСИКО-ГРАММАТИЧЕСКАЯ ЧАСТЬ

You are going to read an essay. Choose a word from the list to complete each gap (1-10). Change its form where necessary to make a word/a group of words that fits in the gap.

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Write out the number of the gap and the form of the verb.

act	prevent
balance	rise
hold	rob
intend	suffer
permit	sum

There are some who 1. ... the opinion that gun ownership should be restricted, as it is in many countries, and that people in general should not 2. ... to keep guns. This is an opinion I personally strongly support for the following reasons.

A major reason why governments should not allow people to have guns is because of the potential for accidents. In America, for example, you can legally shoot people if you find them 3. ... your house, but this can lead to people dying over cases of mistaken identity. In addition, there are crimes where people 4. ... rashly or in anger, so guns that 5. ... for defence are often used aggressively.

There is also the intentional damage caused by guns. It is statistically evident that the number of gun-related crimes is higher in countries where firearm ownership is legal. Countries like America, for example, 6. ... from a disproportionately high number of fatal shootings in comparison with most other countries.

Some people, however, argue that shooting is a sport, thus 7. ... from owning their own firearm is both unjust and a violation of our rights. Yet this must 8. ... with the overwhelming number of people who use guns for criminal purposes.

9. ... up, it is clear that the proliferation of guns leads to injury and death both intentionally and unintentionally. Although there are points to support gun ownership, they are weak in comparison with the 10. ... tide of gun crime, a situation which will only continue to worsen.

ЧТЕНИЕ И ПИСЬМО

1. You are going to read an excerpt from a radio feature. Summarise the text in your own words. Do not quote the text: a copied sequence of 4 words and more is considered a quotation. Write 150-170 words.
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Interviewer: When was the last time you spent the whole day without buying anything? With us today on Local Lookout is Chris Dawson, a committed anti-consumerist who'll be taking an active part in next week's Buy Nothing Day. Chris, apart from buying nothing, what exactly is the aim of Buy Nothing Day?

Chris: Firstly, let me say that it is anything but a day of militant action with angry anti-government slogans and boarded-up shops closed for business. We're much more into persuasion than provocation as a means of bringing about change. We want to make shoppers question the need to consume and get them doing other things, like spending time with people, as opposed to spending money on them.

Interviewer: The obvious question here is 'Why?' What's wrong with shopping?

Chris: We're not saying people are bad because they go shopping. But they do need to think more about the products they buy. Whether, for example, their new trainers were produced using cheap labour in countries where workers' rights are virtually non-existent. What materials and production methods went into producing them, and the effect this might have on the planet. It's all very well for shopping malls to offer a wealth of choice, but this should not be at the expense of the environment or developing countries.

Interviewer: Indeed. But if people buy nothing on just one day, is it really going to change all that?

Chris: Well, for quite a few, Buy Nothing Day will indeed be a life-changing experience, not just a one-off thing. In previous years a lot of people have made long-term commitments to consuming less and recycling more. And that can only be a good thing.

Interviewer: So it's an annual event, then?

Chris: Yes, it is. In Europe it's always the last Saturday in November, while in the States they always have theirs on the day after Thanksgiving, at the start of the Christmas shopping season.

Interviewer: Presumably then, Chris, you're against Christmas shopping, too?

Chris: Good question! I'm afraid to say my family would never forgive me if I didn't get them anything, though they know how I feel about the whole thing. I just get so annoyed at the whole run-up to Christmas – already in October the shops have got their Christmas stock in, and the January sales start before you've even had a chance to finish your turkey. So it's handkerchiefs and socks if they're lucky, and maybe something special for my girlfriend.

Interviewer: Is interest in Buy Nothing Day growing? How do you advertise yourselves?

Chris: It's getting bigger every year. Yes, we have our leaflets and posters, but up until now, at least, it's mostly been down to word of mouth. That may change, of course, as we get bigger and better organized. At the moment it's celebrated by about a million people in nearly 50 countries – and that's without the support of TV. In the US, for example, none of the major channels wanted to run the Buy Nothing Day commercial, because they said it went against the country's economic policy.

ПИСЬМО

Jane Austen once said, “A large income is the best recipe for happiness I ever heard of.”

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? Give at least two reasons for your answer and include at least one relevant example from your own knowledge and experience.

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2. And what milk began, generations of artists have been keen	in depicting the crevices left by a knife as it cut through the truckle, leaving a trembling flake which demands to be plucked off and eaten by hungry fingers.
3. The humble food stuff has been muse	on eating.
4. The Mauritshuis's new exhibition displays the canvases that overflow	they were nothing but "the tender, extravagant and solitary paranoiac-critical Camembert of time and space."
5. The Mauritshuis's infectiously enthusiastic curator explains why they called the exhibition Slow Food, "With a meal you have to take your time to consume it and we say take	to create the clocks in The Persistence of Memory, one of the most recognised images in art history.
6. And consume is certainly what the viewer yearns	to develop.
7. One can sense the delight this masterly painter took	to do when confronted with Pieter Claesz's basket of cheeses, a dish of butter curls balancing precariously on top of them.
8. The portrayal of food, including cheese, was very much about enjoyment but in the 20th Century artists began to take	to some of the greatest artists from the Dutch Golden Age to the 21st Century.
9. Salvador Dalí was inspired by a particularly unctuous Camembert	toward immortality."
10. Some saw the influence of Einstein's Theory of Relativity in the work 'but Dalí insisted	with sumptuous edibles and tableware, from lobster and to candied fruits, but it is the cheeses that draw the eye.
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People today can expect to live a longer and healthier life than people in the past. People often see retirement as a time for relaxation and 1. ... go of the stresses of working life. However, many who reach retirement age 2. ... more than ever in 3. ... actively to their communities. This essay 4. ... two ways in which this interest can benefit society.

Becoming 5. ... in schools is one of the ways in which the life experience of the elderly can be made available to the community. Because families now are often more mobile than in the past, many children do not have regular contact with grandparents. Yet children are often fascinated by stories of life in the past. Inviting local retired people into schools to speak to children can help 6. ... a vital link between past and present.

Another way in which society can 7. ... from a more active older generation is by inviting older employees to remain in work part-time. Older people may not want to or indeed be able to do a full day's work; however, their experience may continue to be valuable to their employers. A good example of this can be seen in one scheme in the UK in which elder employees remained in work as mentors for younger employees.

Schools and the workplace are just two of the areas in which those who 8. ... retirement age can continue to contribute to their communities. As life expectancy 9. ... , the need to maintain an active and socially meaningful life may also 10. Experience suggests that this trend can have benefits for all, not just the elderly.

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Presenter: In search of a more youthful appearance, many people nowadays are turning to Botox®, the botulism toxin which is purified and used in small doses to remove unwanted wrinkles. With me is Dr Duncan Evans, who regularly turns up at parties to inject the guests with the toxin, and Linnie Highfield, one of Dr Evans' patients and a regular Botox partygoer. Dr Evans, perhaps I should begin by asking why this treatment takes place at parties, and not in a surgery?

Dr Evans: That's very simple, really. It's easier, and more convenient, for people to go to a social gathering at a friend's house, than to give up their valuable time getting into central London. When I first started out in this business, I'd often be asked to go to the homes of the rich and famous. Now, though, it's mainly people who've simply got too much going on in their lives to justify making the journey in.

Presenter: Is that your case, Linnie?

Linnie: Yes, it is. Plus, of course, we have a good time. I've been to several parties in the last couple of years and you tend to meet up with the same people. That's largely because the benefits of the injection tend to wear off after three or four months so we all keep going back for more.

Presenter: Is it painful?

Linnie: Just a slight discomfort as the needle goes in, that's all. And there are no serious side effects – just some minor bruising and an outside chance of getting some cold-like symptoms.

Presenter: So how does it work? Why would anyone want to have a poison injected into their body?

Dr Evans: Well, yes, poison it most certainly is, and a deadly one at that. But injected in small quantities into the forehead it does nothing more than paralyse the muscles that cause frown lines and wrinkles. Different people use it for different reasons – to make them feel better, to look younger, to enable them to get work on television – whatever. Of course, I need to set a good example if I want to convince people of the benefits of the treatment, so I regularly have my wife do it for me.

Presenter: Does it work for you?

Dr Evans: Well, I make a living, if that's what you mean, but perhaps I should have started younger – as you can see, I've still got one or two faint lines there.

Presenter: And how about you, Linnie? Why do you have the injections?

Linnie: For me, it's a way of growing old gracefully. I mean, we all take care of ourselves. I think it's just an extension of that. I look upon it now as normal maintenance – something that needs doing on a regular basis. The price might stop many people, but I think it's fairly affordable.

Presenter: And have other people noticed the effects?

Linnie: Yes, they have. And they've grown used to my new look now, but when I first went for treatment, they didn't see much of a difference. Before the treatment I had these terrible hereditary lines, a kind of constant frown, which made it look as though I was permanently unhappy. I was always saying, 'I'm fine. Really. It's just the way I look'. Now I don't have to make excuses for my appearance anymore.

Presenter: You must be very proud of your work, Dr Evans, knowing the effect it can have on people's lives. And it's fun, too, I imagine.

Dr Evans: It's certainly a wonderful feeling seeing people grow in confidence and self-esteem.

ПИСЬМО

Bertrand Russell once said, "There will still be things that machines cannot do. They will not produce great art or great literature or great philosophy; they will not be able to discover the secret springs of happiness in the human heart; they will know nothing of love and friendship."

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