

A  Listen to the radio show. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What does Tom say about the ancestry-finding service DNA Now?
 - A** It said it could show characteristics usually passed down between generations.
 - B** It claimed to be the fastest service online.
 - C** It provided a detailed family tree for the user.
- 2 How did Tom feel about the service?
 - A** He found the method of collecting the DNA unsurprising.
 - B** He learned some fascinating details about his finger length.
 - C** He found most of the results to be highly predictable.
- 3 What did the DNA kit from KnowUrAncestry promise?
 - A** An explanation of how Kate's relatives moved around the world.
 - B** A division of Kate's ethnicity into specific groups.
 - C** A tool for Kate to find her long lost cousin.
- 4 What were the results of Kate's and Tom's experiences testing ancestry-finding services?
 - A** Kate and Tom agreed that KnowUrAncestry is a superior service to DNA Now.
 - B** Both Kate and Tom had generally disappointing experiences.
 - C** Both Kate and Tom discovered something new about their ancestry.

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

B  Listen to a radio show. Choose *True* or *False* for each statement.

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| 1 José says that the cell phone has improved the design of a number of everyday products. | True / False |
| 2 Jennifer agrees with José that news on a phone is better than in a newspaper. | True / False |
| 3 Jennifer feels that both cell phones and cordless vacuum cleaners can be operated easily. | True / False |
| 4 Jennifer feels that her umbrella is too weak and too large. | True / False |
| 5 José feels that more environmentally-friendly packaging would be welcomed. | True / False |

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

C Complete the chart with the words from the box.

abrupt bold ethnic genetic
 inherit low-carbon muted off-grid
 self-sustainable unforeseen vibrant welcome

Describing Change	Describing Color Associations	Discussing Global Energy Issues	Talking about Ancestry
welcome			

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D Choose the correct answers.

- 1 When Tom saw the bride in a blue dress, he thought it made a *sweeping* / *refreshing* change from the traditional white wedding dress.
- 2 The immune *organs* / *system* can be strengthened by getting sufficient sleep.
- 3 Dark green leafy vegetables are considered a *foodstuff* / *superfood* because they are an excellent source of nutrients including zinc, calcium, and magnesium.
- 4 The designers used a slightly bolder font on the logo, but it was such a *subtle* / *gradual* change that the client didn't notice it.
- 5 The *festivities* / *rites* ended with an impressive firework display in the town square.
- 6 When Rachel smelled the mashed potatoes, it *evoked* / *captured* memories of meals her mother used to make.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from the box.

blow complicate distract innovate resist

- 1 The audience at the talent show got _____ away by a 10-year-old girl singing opera.
- 2 The player was _____ by a shout from the crowd and missed his shot.
- 3 The latest _____ from the mobile phone company is a phone you can bend.
- 4 The boat trip got _____ when a storm made sea conditions unsafe.
- 5 John wore a high-protection sunscreen to provide better _____ to the strong sun.

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

F Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

- Anna** You know how I told you that someone was stealing vegetables from our garden? Well, we caught them ¹ *red-handed* / *with a green thumb*. It was one of our neighbors! Apparently, he had lost his job, was completely ² *in the red* / *green around the gills*, and had been ³ *adding* / *building* up a lot of debt, so he had started stealing food.
- Kevin** What? Let me get this ⁴ *straight* / *focused*. One of your neighbors had no money, was stealing food, and you actually caught him in the act?
- Anna** Well, it was my mother who caught him. He was ⁵ *interrupted* / *distracted* just as he was putting a tomato in his pocket. My mother says he turned completely ⁶ *green* / *red*. I guess it is pretty embarrassing. She felt sorry for him and let him keep some of the tomatoes. She even invited him in for a meal. When she told my dad, I really thought he was going to ⁷ *see red* / *be green* as it had taken a long time for those tomatoes to grow! But he agreed that she had done the right thing in helping a neighbor in need.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

G Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

abrupt bloodpressure disruptive distractions posture

- 1 You need a better chair. That one has no back support. It's not good for your _____.
- 2 Moving to a new city can be incredibly _____ to a child's social life.
- 3 The doctor told Jim that he needed to cut salt out of his diet to help lower his _____.
- 4 I would have completed the project on time, but there were too many _____. I couldn't concentrate.
- 5 The ending of the meeting was very _____ – no one expected it to end so quickly.

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

H Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The technology department *is* / *are* / *be* next to the library.
- 2 Hardly *did we arrive* / *had we arrived* / *we arrived* when we were welcomed by the bride's family.
- 3 Terry doesn't like *the* / *a* / - people who are insincere.
- 4 Never *again* / *before* / *until* had Emily been to an Indian wedding.
- 5 *For* / *As* / *Since* our proposal suggests, pastel colors would convey a calming mood.
- 6 Our new washing machine *is having* / *is getting* / *has delivered* this afternoon.
- 7 The texture of this dish reminds me of *an* / *the* / - outside of an orange.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

I Complete the second sentence with two to five words so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in parentheses ().

- 1 Could you imagine us having to eat insects regularly? Could you do it? (what)
_____ eat insects regularly? Could you do it?
- 2 Our noisy neighbors are destroying our peace and quiet. (getting)
Our peace and quiet _____ by our noisy neighbors.
- 3 Why are you still reviewing your presentation? Everyone is waiting for you to give it! (should)
You _____ your presentation, not reviewing it! Everyone is waiting!
- 4 Jack noticed that the walls were a different color as soon as he entered the room. (hardly)
_____ the room when he noticed that the walls were a different color.
- 5 I think if we had a muted color in the bedroom, it would be better than a bold one. (rather)
Personally, _____ a muted color in the bedroom than a bold one.
- 6 It is believed that the first color photograph was taken by physicist James Clerk Maxwell in 1826. (to)
The first color photograph is _____ taken by physicist James Clerk Maxwell in 1826.
- 7 Here is our solar-powered computer on the table. (stands)
On the table _____.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

J Complete the article with the words from the box.

a as be can do gets it the this

Wedding Traditions Around the World

In the US, one unique wedding tradition is for the bride to carry "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue." But what traditions do other countries have?

- In the Congo, the bride and groom are not allowed to smile on their wedding day. If they ¹ _____, it is thought they do not take the marriage seriously.
- In Germany, the guests smash plates on the floor, which the bride and groom have to clean up. ² _____ is believed that this means they will be able to face any future challenges!
- In Jamaica, the bride's outfit ³ _____ inspected by the local residents first. Only when they are happy ⁴ _____ she get married. ⁵ _____ you might imagine, if the response is mainly negative, ⁶ _____ bride will ⁷ _____ rushing home to make a quick change!
- In South Korea, the groom's family pins him to the ground and alternately hit his feet with ⁸ _____ stick and ask him trivia questions. ⁹ _____ is supposed to strengthen both his feet and his mind!

_____ / 9 (1 point each)

K Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

Peter Nice computer, Jim!

Jim Yes, my big news ¹ *is / are* I finally decided to get ² *replaced my computer / my computer replaced* because the other one was working really slowly.

Peter Have you gotten rid of the old one?

Jim Not yet. The manual says it is vital that it ³ *be / will be* disposed of correctly. Apparently, there are toxins inside ⁴ *it / them* that are bad for ⁵ *a / the* environment. I also need to back up my files or transfer ⁶ *it / them* to my new computer. No way ⁷ *would I / I would* risk losing all my documents!

Peter That would be a disaster!

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

L Read about four people who work from home but find it difficult to concentrate. For questions 1–8, choose from the four people, Tom, Jess, Abby, and David. Each person may be chosen more than once.

Tom

I don't set out to get distracted. I have to do research that requires me to search for information online. So I'll be trying to read an online article, but next to it will be links to other websites. I mean, who doesn't want to do a quiz to find their perfect match or read about the smartwatch that "everybody is talking about?" I can't block the internet, so I just have to be as mentally disciplined as possible.

Jess

While I'm working, I have my phone on the table and it vibrates whenever a text message arrives. I'm fully aware that I should switch it off or put it out of sight, but I like being in touch with my social network. The problem is that once I join a conversation with friends, I lose focus on my work completely! Don't get me wrong, I love texting my friends. We share funny photos and videos and have great conversations. But the bottom line is I don't get much work done with my phone near me!

Abby

Once I start work, I'm usually pretty productive, but getting on task is the biggest challenge. I can't start work until my desk is clear, but the act of organizing involves moving objects to other rooms, and when I'm in another room I find other things to organize.

David

I can usually get down to work, but I like to drink coffee while I am working. Making a cup of coffee should only take a few minutes, but I can turn it into at least half an hour. I can't have a coffee without a cookie, and once the box is open I tend to eat quite a few. My solution is to say the mantra "back to work" again and again. It works eventually!

Which person ...

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| 1 admits finding it difficult to begin work? | _____ |
| 2 admits needing to use willpower to stay focused? | _____ |
| 3 finds distractions in different locations? | _____ |
| 4 repeats a phrase to motivate themselves? | _____ |
| 5 has a distraction which stems from their work? | _____ |
| 6 admits to enjoying their distraction? | _____ |
| 7 says that starting work normally isn't the problem? | _____ |
| 8 knows how to solve their problem but prefers not to? | _____ |

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

Why Do Girls Like Pink?

If you walked into a clothes store without signs, would you know if it was a man's or a woman's store by only looking at the colors? What colors would you look for? Most people would associate vibrant colors and pastel shades, especially pink, with women, and more muted colors like gray, brown, and black, with men. But where did these associations come from?

In 1918, a publication called *Earnshaw's Infants Department* declared that the generally accepted rule was that pink, being a bolder color, was more suited to a boy, and blue, being more delicate, was prettier for girls. Other publications suggested blue was for blue-eyed babies and pink for brown-eyed babies. Up to the 19th century, it was quite normal for male babies to wear dresses, so when did the distinctions we have today start appearing?

It seems that gender-specific colors weren't clearly established until the 1940s as a result of decisions by manufacturers and retailers that pink was more feminine. In fact, studies at the time showed that, given the choice, both genders would opt for blue. The color divide was strengthened with the arrival of prenatal testing, which allowed parents to know the sex of their unborn child and start buying accordingly. This delighted manufacturers, who could sell more to two distinct markets.

It is argued that these stereotypes are not natural and create biases in young children. In one study, children up to the age of two expressed no preference for either color. However, around the age of four, when they were more conscious of their gender, boys started rejecting pink toys.

Today, with customers complaining about overly pink aisles for girls, and boys' aisles full of robots and cars, there are signs that we might be returning towards more gender neutrality in stores.

- 1 What is the writer's main purpose in writing this article?
 - A to explore why we have gender-specific color schemes in clothing
 - B to convince the reader of the value of gender neutrality in stores
 - C to warn of the dangers of gender-specific toys and clothes
- 2 What is the purpose of the writer's opening paragraph?
 - A to set the reader a challenge
 - B to describe the reader's existing gender bias
 - C to get the reader thinking about the topic
- 3 In the second paragraph, the writer suggests that in the early 1900s ...
 - A most boys preferred wearing pink clothes.
 - B there were no rules to differentiate what colors boys and girls should wear.
 - C today's color stereotypes had not yet emerged.
- 4 What does the writer say about gender-specific colors?
 - A They did not exist prior to 1940.
 - B They were created without any evidence that either gender preferred those colors.
 - C They resulted in manufacturers selling twice as many products.
- 5 According to the writer, the effect of gender-specific colors has been that ...
 - A manufacturers no longer sell pink toys to boys.
 - B older children are influenced by them when making decisions.
 - C most customers no longer want aisles categorized by gender.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)