

Sorry - I can explain!

Look at these two sentences (the first is in 'mirror-writing'; in the second, the spaces between the words are in the wrong places):

.stol m'l γrroz m'l

Myca rbro kedo wn.

In fact, those two sentences are an apology and an explanation:

I'm sorry I'm late.

My car broke down.



Here are ten more sentences – five apologies and five explanations. Decode them and put each apology with the correct explanation.

1 .uoy snodq t'nibib l γrroz m'l

2 t'nibib l γrroz m'l
.uoy sziogocer

3 .uoy toprof l γrroz m'l
.yabtday

4 ot smos t'nibib l γrroz m'l
.yobrtuoz no γtrq .uoy

5 dziniñ t'nibib l γrroz m'l
.zettol .uoy pniqt

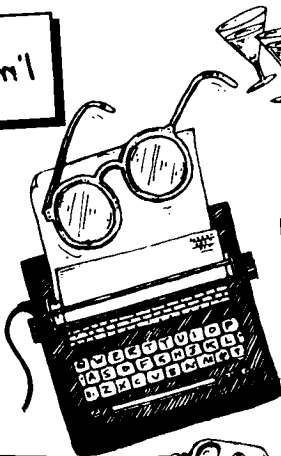
Itho ught itwa sthe seve
ntee nth, n otth esev enth.

Thet ypew rite rbro kedo wn.

I'mno twea ring mygl asse s.

llos tyou rnum ber.

Iwas work inga llwe eken d.



APOLOGIES

EXPLANATIONS

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Down the Steps

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1. Could you carry this for me, please?
2. Could you cash these travellers cheques, please?
3. Could you pass me that hammer, please?
4. Could you sign at the bottom, please?
5. Could you come back tomorrow morning, please?
6. Could you wait just a moment, please?
7. Could you turn down the TV, please?

Electrical Appliances

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q			
1	V	A	C	U	U	M	-	C	L	E	A	N	E	R					
2	W	A	S	H	I	N	G	-	M	A	C	H	I	N	E				
3	R	E	F	R	I	G	E	R	A	T	O	R							
4	D	I	S	H	W	A	S	H	E	R									
5	C	O	M	P	U	T	E	R											
6	C	A	S	S	E	T	T	E	-	P	L	A	Y	E	R				
7	T	Y	P	E	W	R	I	T	E	R									
8	C	O	F	F	E	E	-	M	A	K	E	R							
9	A	N	S	W	E	R	I	N	G	-	M	A	C	H	I	N	E		
10	V	I	D	E	O	-	R	E	C	O	R	D	E	R					
9m	3k	5c	6j	1b	8a	7h	10c	2e	4g	1h	5d	1i	4f	6m	3g	9f			
	C	O	M	P	A	C	T		D	I	S	C		P	L	A	Y	E	R

Remember: People often say *fridge* instead of *refrigerator*, and *video* instead of *video-recorder*.

Unusual Activities

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1. He's going to walk a mile on his hands.
2. He's going to stand on one leg in a bucket of soup for twenty-four hours.
3. She's going to play the trumpet non-stop for twenty-four hours.
4. She's going to run a marathon with an egg balanced on a spoon.
5. She's going to juggle three oranges and an apple for twenty-four hours.
6. He's going to take as many showers as possible in four hours.
7. She's going to throw five hundred balls through a tyre.
8. He's going to walk up and down a ladder with a frying-pan on his head.

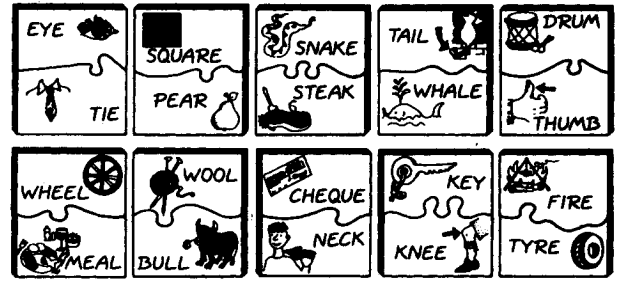
Find the Beginnings

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7	2 CHAIR	1	3 SKIRT	6	2 STAMP
	3 CHEESE		1 SKATE		3 STEAK
	1 CHURCH		2 SKIER		1 STAR
10	1 SPOON	3	3 SHIRT	2	2 FLAG
	3 SPIDER		2 SHOES	11	1 FLUTE
	2 SPIRAL		1 SHEEP		3 FLOWER
8	2 FROG	4	1 BREAD	2	2 TRAY
	1 FRUIT		2 BRICK		3 TREE
	3 FRIDGE		3 BRUSH		1 TRAIN
5	2 DRUMS	12	1 PLUG	9	2 CLOUD
	3 DRESS		2 PLANT		1 CLOCK
	1 DRAWER		3 PLATE		3 CLIFF

Rhyming Pairs

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Note: The spellings 'cheque' and 'tyre' are British English. In American English, the spellings are 'check' and 'tire'.

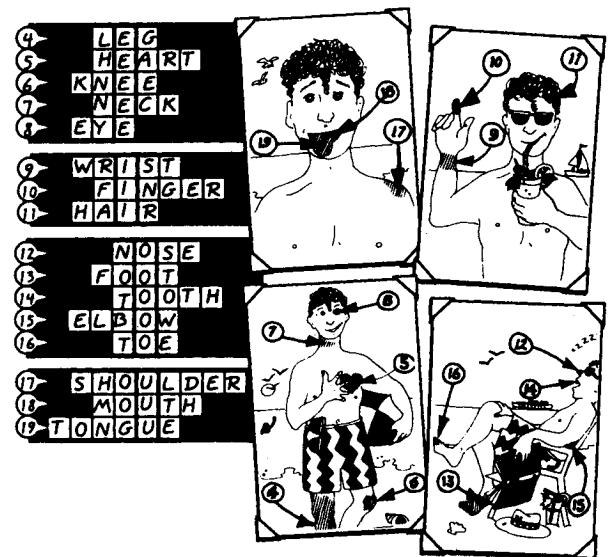
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1. I'm sorry I didn't phone you. I lost your number.
2. I'm sorry I didn't recognise you. I'm not wearing my glasses.
3. I'm sorry I forgot your birthday. I thought it was the seventeenth, not the seventh.
4. I'm sorry I didn't come to your party on Saturday. I was working all weekend.
5. I'm sorry I didn't finish typing your letters. The typewriter broke down.

Parts of the Body

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Answers to questions:

- The plural of Number 13, foot, is feet; the plural of Number 14, tooth, is teeth.
- In Number 6, knee, the k is not pronounced; in Number 9, wrist, the w is not pronounced.