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La prova si compone di 8 pagine, di cui 1 vuota.



Esercizio 1: Abbinamento

Leggete il testo e eseguite l'esercizio.

10 of the world's most entertaining New Year's customs

BRAZIL: While some of us don our most shimmery dresses for New Year's Eve parties, the Brazilians take a much simpler, minimalistic approach to celebrating New Year's: the dress code is for all-white attire, but the color of your underwear is thought to determine your arena of luck in the upcoming year. Want to find love? Pick pink underwear. Financial security may be attained by wearing yellow undergarments, and green is for good health.

DENMARK: The Danish get a jump on cleaning out their cupboards by taking any chipped or unused crockery and shattering it against their friends' and families' doors to ring in the new year. The more plate pieces piled at your doorstep, the more popular your family is, which may or may not make the next day's hungover cleanup more manageable.

SPAIN: The Spanish don't just celebrate New Year's Eve with drink in hand – they ring it in with a mouthful of grapes. If you can fit 12 grapes into your mouth at midnight, you're believed to have great luck in the coming year.

SIBERIA: To celebrate the beginning of a new year, some revelers participate in the annual "jump into a frozen lake and plant a Christmas tree at the bottom" tradition – sort of like a more extreme Polar Plunge. The divers then pass the champagne and dance around the tree before coming back up to the surface. After the holidays, the divers retrieve the tree and warm up before doing it all again the next year.

CHILE: In the town of Talca, Chile, locals add extra spirit to New Year's Eve by celebrating the holiday in a cemetery, surrounded by all of their deceased loved ones. Legend has it this tradition started with a little breaking and entering, but it's now a welcomed celebration that draws locals in by the thousands.

ESTONIA: Estonia knows how to kick off the new year right. Instead of resolving to diet and exercise, they eat – a lot. Like so many cultures, Estonians believe that the number seven has some luck behind it, and that by eating seven times on New Year's Day, they could gain the strength of seven people. The tradition is also tied to a belief that an abundance of food going into the new year means a family's dinner table will never be empty throughout the year.

SOUTH AFRICA: On a slightly absurd (and rather unsafe) note, we have Johannesburg, South Africa, where locals ring in the new year by throwing old household items out the window – a quite literal "out with the old" type of symbolism. As you'd expect, this tradition comes with its set of annual injuries, but local government is doing its part to keep the New Year's Eve celebrations safe – even if it's accompanied by the age-old warning, "Watch out below!"

THAILAND: While the Thai New Year isn't until April 13, their celebratory festival, called Songkran, is just too good to pass up: a water fight. Yes, a full-on water fight where major roads are blocked off and Thai locals and, as you'd imagine, loads of visitors use buckets, fire hoses, water guns, and even elephants to throw water at each other. Inner child, rejoice and purchase Songkran plane tickets *immediately*.

ECUADOR: Ecuador literally lights up on New Year's Eve. Locals make large, paper-filled effigies that can resemble anyone from beloved pop culture figures like Homer Simpson to unpopular politicians, and set light to them when the clock strikes midnight. As the tale goes, this burning ritual lets Ecuadorians forget the past and focus on a fresh start.

AUSTRALIA: As one of the first countries to celebrate New Year's Eve, Australians kick off the festivities with a major bang to the tune of seven firework-filled barges. The annual 12-minute show – one of the world's largest fireworks displays – dazzles more than 1 million spectators who gather along the waterfront, with the beautiful Sydney Opera House as its backdrop. They even host an earlier fireworks show, at 9 p.m., for any little Aussies whose bedtime is long before the main event.



Abbinare le affermazioni sottostanti sui festeggiamenti con il contenuto dei singoli capoversi del testo *10 of the world's most entertaining New Year's customs* scrivendo il nome dello stato o del territorio corrispondente a ciascuna di esse. Una possibilità è di troppo.

Example:

0. The amount of luck in the upcoming year depends on one's ability to put a lot of fruit in one's mouth:

Spain

1. Fire is a symbol of future possibilities in this country:

2. Some residents of this territory submerge into a new year:

3. People of this country do not wear blue outfits for the New Year's Eve celebrations:

4. This country celebrates entering the new year twice in one night:

5. People of this country are not concerned about their weight when celebrating the beginning of a new year:

6. People here like to include animals in their celebrations:

7. In this part of the world, people view destroying their tableware as a gesture of admiration:

8. People of this country celebrate their holiday with the departed:



Esercizio 2: Quesiti a scelta multipla

Leggete il testo e eseguite l'esercizio.

How realistic is Batman?

Could any of us (with a suitably wealthy background) become Gotham's caped crusader?

With no superpowers to speak of, Batman is often held up as one of comic books' more realistic heroes. He does not possess super strength, __0__ can he fly or shoot lasers out of his eyes. He's just a simple traumatised man with a simple crimefighting dream – and billions of dollars. In theory, this should make him the easiest superhero to aspire to, but according to neuroscientist and martial arts expert E Paul Zehr, author of *Becoming Batman: The Possibility Of A Superhero*, the caped crusader is not as ordinary as he looks...

BAT-SHAPE

If Batman was real, he would be the greatest athlete who ever lived. "He's a NASCAR driver, a super strong fighter, an acrobat, skilled in free-climbing and parkour," says Zehr. "But it's impossible to be a __9__ of all those things. It's why a marathon runner looks different to a power lifter – on a physiological level those disciplines are pulling you in different directions." According to Zehr, it would take almost 18 years to achieve Batman's physical ability, and he would need to eat at least 4,000 calories a day to __10__ it.

CALENDAR MAN

But those 18 years would not consist of just working out. Batman does not kill or use guns. It takes a lot of skill and training to fight without fatally injuring people. "When you're in a physiologically stressful situation, your motor skills go down," says Zehr. "Batman has to perform in the most demanding situations possible without the __11__ motor skills that would lead to him accidentally killing someone. That takes a lot of work."

BAT-BREAKING LABOUR

It won't be the Joker who eventually __12__ Batman, but his gruelling collection of injuries. "You've got someone who is __13__ picking up knocks from fighting," Zehr explains. "Thousands of small repetitions and stresses can lead to failure. He's probably going to have tendonitis and arthritis. He will pay for his head injuries too. Eventually, he's going to be so depleted by chronic injuries he's gonna be like an athlete who can't compete any more." But __14__ his suit would protect him? "Even if you're shot while wearing Kevlar, that's still going to break bones."

THE DARK NIGHT

By day, he is billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne; by night, he is a man who dresses up as a bat. But when does that leave him time to sleep? "Folks who are habitually sleep-deprived suffer from a __15__ of cognitive flexibility," says Zehr. "Their critical thinking skills are not as good; they have memory issues." Batman could take microsleeps, but that would only be a short-term strategy. "All kinds of organ systems, including spinal cord excitability for reflexes, are tied to a circadian cycle based on daylight," he says. "We're animals. And as animals, we go to sleep when it's dark out."

TWO-FACE

Being Batman involves more than just __16__ mentally ill people – it means keeping your identity a secret. This, says Zehr, is difficult not only from a __17__ perspective, but also a neuroscientific one. "From brain imaging, we know that it's easier for you to tell the truth. It involves less activity in different places because when you're lying, you're thinking about the lie and the thing that's the truth. For somebody like Batman, that becomes a big problem because there's already so much effort everywhere else. It becomes hugely draining."

VERDICT

His sleep-__18__ schedule and countless fights with thugs would leave him too knackered to keep Gotham safe.

(Adattato da: Stephen Kelly, How realistic is Batman?, BBC Science Focus, p. 90.)



Cerchiate la lettera corrispondente alla parola che completa correttamente ciascuno degli spazi vuoti numerati nel testo *How realistic is Batman?*

Example:

0. A either
B or
C neither
☒ D nor

9. A expert
B genius
C master
D professional

14. A definitely
B evidently
C positively
D surely

10. A provide
B continue
C maintain
D preserve

15. A boost
B downturn
C reduction
D subtraction

11. A ruined
B spoiled
C adjusted
D compromised

16. A knocking
B punching
C slamming
D smashing

12. A takes after
B takes down
C takes on
D takes over

17. A balanced
B global
C long-term
D practical

13. A cheerfully
B carelessly
C constantly
D confidently

18. A deprived
B desperate
C disadvantaged
D disturbed



Esercizio 3: Abbinamento

Leggete il testo e eseguite l'esercizio.

Tree of the week: a horse chestnut that witnessed the fall and rise of East London

- A** In the 33 years since Karen Bollan moved to Bow, in the East End of London, the area has changed dramatically. "When I arrived, admitting that I lived in the East End, always implied crime and poverty," says Bollan. "The large, fancy houses had fallen on hard times. But over the past 10 years, Bow has become desirable. Now, houses are worth millions and my adult children can't afford anywhere near where they were born and raised."
- B** There has, however, been one constant: a humongous horse chestnut right outside Bow Road station. "This tree must have been here for a very long time, possibly 150 – 200 years," says Bollan, who is 55. "My husband, who was born in the flats just behind the tree, remembers it seeming just as large and imposing when he was a child more than 60 years ago."
- C** She imagines the tree as a witness to the area's history, a silent chronicler of the area's fall and rise. "I wish it could tell the story of what it has seen. I hope that the tree will still be around to see the neighbourhood become more equal and less of a story of wealth living cheek to cheek with poverty."
- D** By east London standards, Bow Road is very green and has many old plane trees, something Bollan felt very grateful for during lockdown. But none of them come close to this majestic horse chestnut. "It first caught my eye because of how dramatic it looked in the sunset. It's a sentinel watching over the station," says Bollan. "I love the way it looks in winter, the bare branches looking spectacular against the setting sun. I know spring is coming when the first little signs of leaves appear."
- E** While Bollan, who works as a manager at the Royal College of General Practitioners, is primarily captivated by the tree's beauty, it has practical uses, too. "When the leaves are full, it provides welcome shade to anyone waiting outside the station and it's the perfect place to stop to put an umbrella up or down."
- F** And while horse chestnuts and playing conkers on autumn mornings may seem unremarkable in Britain, Bollan, who grew up in rural Vermont in the US, feels the sentimental heft of the tradition. "When my son and daughter were small, they loved finding the 'best' conker. There are always a few I can't resist picking up for their colour and beauty, despite having no desire to take up conker playing." When the children come to visit, she will still say: "Meet you at the conker tree," and they know exactly where she means.
- G** In recent years, Tower Hamlets council has been planting new trees and Bow's streets are now full of young alders, beeches, silver birches and hornbeams, but Bollan is adamant that her tree could never be replaced: "There's simply something magical about it. We don't have many things that old left, so it would be a crying shame, if it were to go."

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Leggete il testo *Tree of the week: a horse chestnut that witnessed the fall and rise of East London* e, nei paragrafi (paragraphs) indicati, cercate le parole corrispondenti alle definizioni o ai sinonimi scritti qui sotto. In ciascuna riga potete scrivere solo una parola.

Example:

0. to a strikingly large extent; greatly (Paragraph A)

dramatically

19. brought up (Paragraph A)

20. perhaps (Paragraph B)

21. having the same status, rights, or opportunities (Paragraph C)

22. criteria (Paragraph D)

23. enchanted (Paragraph E)

24. heritage (Paragraph F)

25. substituted (Paragraph G)



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