

Exercise 1

Have a think about the following questions:

1. Why say '*ever-increasing*' and not just '*increasing*'?
2. Would you like to be considered *peripheral* by somebody who is important to you?
3. **True or False:** You can *run through* a door, and a set of instructions.
4. **True or False:** '*trickle*' means 'a small trick'
5. What's the difference, in your opinion, between '*estimate*' and 'guess'?
6. **True or False:** the word '*pitch*' can be a noun and a verb.
7. **True or False:** the word '*peer*' can be a noun and a verb
8. What's the difference between 'pick up' and '*pick up on*'?

Exercise 2

Which word/phrase is not used in the questions below?

ever-increasing	circulate	soiling
make best use of	pick up on	down to the fact that
transmissible	run through	peer

1. The recent decrease in bicycle-car collisions isnew cycle lanes were opened about two months ago.
2. I have two new nurses on the ward and I'm just trying to work out how tothem.
3. Before we go to the meeting, can wethe agenda?
4. It's an important part of many people's lives to be respected by their
5. Did youthe worry in Mrs Smith's voice?
6. Thelevels of antibiotic resistance are worrying.
7. Ebola is a highly disease.
8. Blood cells the human body in approx. 1 minute.

Exercise 3

Which words from the box match the sentences below?

disparity	encompass	estimate
collate	trickle-down effect	peripheral
pitch	dusk	leak

1. The way we perceive the world is not how the world really is.
2. Although it's hoped that knowledge from managers is continuously passed to the general staff, it doesn't often happen that way.
3. Sometimes you have to convince your team that an idea is worth doing.
4. There's IV fluid on the floor near Mr Smith's bed.
5. We went out and did questionnaires with every patient in the hospital regarding their level of comfort. All of the data was stored in a spreadsheet.
6. Care means many things – not just medication and treatment.
7. Just before the accident I saw a vehicle at the last moment, coming from the side.
8. My favourite time of day is just before night time.
9. I cannot be 100% of course but I think it will take around two weeks for the rash to clear up.

Answers

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1. Why say 'ever-increasing' and not just 'increasing'? 'ever-increasing' emphasises that it is ongoing and suggests negativity / something is unstoppable
2. Would you like to be considered peripheral by somebody who is important to you? **No!** To be peripheral means on the edges / not considered important
3. **True or False:** You can run through a door, and a set of instructions. **You can!** To run through instructions means to quickly/briefly review
4. **True or False:** 'trickle' means 'a small trick'. **False.** Trickle means a small amount of liquid running somewhere
5. What's the difference, in your opinion, between 'estimate' and 'guess'?

For both – we don't know 100% what the answer

- Estimate – work out the quantity, the number, amount - we generally use experience / possibly evidence
- Guess – no idea – just try anything

6. **True or false:** the word 'pitch' can be a noun and a verb. **True:**

noun: pitch – the 'place' that a sound is in the scale / place you can do sports

verb: pitch – to throw (in baseball) / try and 'sell' an idea to people

7. **True or false:** the word 'peer' can be a noun and a verb. **True:**

a peer: a colleague / someone in the same field / age

to peer: to look at something in a kind inquisitive / nosy way

8. What's the difference between 'pick up' and 'pick up on'?

- pick up + object / pick + object + up : remove from a surface
- pick up on – to notice eg hearing worry in somebody's voice

Exercise 2

1. The recent decrease in bicycle-car collisions is **down to the fact that** new cycle lanes were opened about two months ago.
2. I have two new nurses on the ward and I'm just trying to work out how to **make the best use of** them.
3. Before we go to the meeting, can we **run through** the agenda?
4. It's an important part of many people's lives to be respected by their **peers**.
5. Did you **pick up on** the worry in Mrs Smith's voice?
6. The **ever-increasing** levels of antibiotic resistance are worrying.
7. Ebola is a highly **transmissible** disease.
8. Blood cells **circulate** the human body in approx. 1 minute.

Exercise 3

1. The way we perceive the world is not how the world really is. – **disparity**
2. Although it's hoped that knowledge from managers is continuously passed to the general staff, it doesn't often happen that way. – **trickle down effect**
3. Sometimes you have to convince your team that an idea is worth doing. – **pitch**
4. There's IV fluid on the floor near Mr Smith's bed. – **leak**
5. We went out and did questionnaires with every patient in the hospital regarding their level of comfort. All of the data was stored in a spreadsheet. - **collate**
6. Care means many things – not just medication and treatment. - **encompass**
7. Just before the accident I saw a vehicle at the last moment, coming from the side. - **peripheral**
8. My favourite time of day is just before night time. – **dusk**
9. I cannot be 100% of course but I think it will take around two weeks for the rash to clear up. - **estimate**