

**21. DRŽAVNO TEKMOVANJE IZ ANGLEŠKEGA JEZIKA ZA  
STROKOVNE IN POKLICNO-TEHNIŠKE ŠOLE**

**POLA 2**

**Šifra tekmovalca/tekmovalke:**

Slušno razumevanje	Bralno razumevanje	Raba jezika	Besedotvorje	Poznavanje besedišča	Odpravi napako	Skupaj točke

**Število točk: \_\_\_\_/70**

**Čas reševanja: 60 minut**

**NAVODILA:** Prilepi oz. napiši svojo šifro na označeno mesto.

**Dovoljeni pripomočki:** kemični svinčnik ali nalivnik. Uporaba slovarjev in korektorjev **NI** dovoljena.

Pazljivo preberi navodila. Ne obračaj strani, dokler tega ne dovoli nadzorni učitelj. Piši razločno. Nečitljivi odgovori se bodo šteli za napačne. Če se zmotiš, prečrtaj in napiši znova. Zapisi na poli, ki bodo vsebovali kakršnekoli neprimerne znake ali vsebine, so nedovoljeni. Tekmovalna pola bo ocenjena z nič točkami, tekmovalec pa diskvalificiran.

**POLO ODPRI, KO TI TO DOVOLI NADZORNI UČITELJ!**

**1. ocenjevalec/-ka:**  
(ime in priimek, podpis)

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**2. ocenjevalec/-ka:**  
(ime in priimek, podpis)

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**POLIGLOT**

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**SLUŠNO RAZUMEVANJE**

Prisluhni posnetku *Superman Is Back on the Big Screen* in na osnovi slišane zapiši pravilni odgovor ali obkroži pravilno rešitev. Odgovor naj bo kratek in razumljiv. Posnetek bo predvajan dvakrat.

Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/audio/play/m002fjp7>

**0. The director of the new Superman film wanted to make the film for years.**

A. TRUE

☒ B. FALSE

C. NOT GIVEN

**1. The director went from being d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the task to being completely involved.**

**2. The first Superman movie came out when the new film director was a teenager.**

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

C. NOT GIVEN

**3. What was the director's goal in recreating Superman's world?**

- A. To focus on Superman's arrival on Earth and his relationship with humans.
- B. To replicate the exact storyline of the original Superman movie.
- C. To bring the imaginative comic book universe of Superman to life.
- D. To remove fantasy elements and make Superman's world more realistic.

**4. The director remembers the early Superman comic books containing elements of magic.**

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

C. NOT GIVEN

**5. The interviewer appreciates the lead actor's muscular physique.**

A. TRUE

B. FALSE

C. NOT GIVEN

**6. How did both the director and the lead actor approach the making of the film?**

- A. They spent hours discussing the best filming techniques.
- B. They discussed what they loved about the original Superman.
- C. They pondered on the ins and outs of Superman.
- D. They reread the original comic books.

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7. What topical issue does the film delve into regarding Superman's background?

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8. What question does the director ask by acknowledging Superman's existence?

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9. Which heading best captures the main idea of the interview?

- A. Director explores Superman through comic roots.
- B. From doubt to vision: Superman reimagined.
- C. Balancing childhood memories with modern issues.
- D. Creating a more realistic Superman for today.



Credits: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superman\\_%282025\\_film%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superman_%282025_film%29)

**Predviden čas reševanja: do 10 minut**  
**Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_/9**



**BRALNO RAZUMEVANJE**

**Preberi besedilo *How Real-Time Translation Could Transform Travel – And What We Might Lose in* na osnovi prebranega zapiši kratek in razumljiv odgovor ALI obkroži pravilno rešitev.**

Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20251001-how-real-time-translation-could-transform-travel>

**Apple's new live translation feature is a boon for travellers, but over-reliance on AI translation could make us rethink how, and why, we learn languages.**

**1** For nearly five decades, a comedy sci-fi novel has made readers wish they had a fish in their ear. In Douglas Adams's *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, characters could understand any language thanks to the petite (and sadly fictional) Babel fish. "If you stick a Babel fish in your ear you can instantly understand anything said to you in any form of language," Adams wrote.

**2** Now that sci-fi dream is edging closer to reality with Apple's new AirPods Pro 3, which promise live translation. According to the company, users can listen to conversations in a variety of foreign languages and hear translated words in their ears, while transcripts appear on their phone screen – all without the need for an alien fish transplant.

**3** At face value, this has the potential to power a new era of friction-free travel, changing the way we navigate foreign restaurants, make friends abroad or ask for directions in an unfamiliar city. But will instant fluency come with hidden costs?

**Profound but imperfect tech**

**4** The reaction from pundits has been suitably impressed. "This is profound," said a review in the New York Times, calling Apple's innovation "one of the strongest examples yet of how artificial intelligence can be used in a seamless, practical way to improve peoples' lives".

**5** But the technology is far from perfect right now, with one CNET technology finding the software occasionally inserted stray swear words. Such missteps are often the way with early tech models, however, and kinks can quickly be ironed out as the developer – and all the other brands who will now be working furiously on releasing similar tools – releases updates.

**6** Still, even at this early stage, live translation in your pocket could encourage millions of people to travel more often, and more widely. A 2025 poll by Preply, a language course provider, found that one-third of Americans surveyed intentionally choose destinations where they won't be troubled by a foreign language. Of those who do venture to non-English-speaking countries, nearly 25% say they have communicated by simply speaking "slower and louder", which rarely leads to a warm reception. The poll also noted that 17% of respondents, fearing the labyrinth of a foreign menu, stick to American fast-food chains for meals overseas. But instant translation could do more than help individuals by immersing them in new cultures and kickstarting conversations. It could rewire whole sectors of economies by pushing people beyond familiar chains and tourist traps, funnelling income to small local vendors whose English is imperfect.



### **Fluency on the front line**

**7** Real-time translations could be a huge asset for transport workers, too. New York's JFK Airport alone employs tens of thousands of customer-facing workers, who deal with travellers speaking dozens of tongues. A single interaction derailed because of language barriers can cause a bottleneck that cripples passenger throughput elsewhere. This phenomenon is so common there's a term for it: delay propagation. Studies have found that a one-hour hold-up in one airline's single flight in the morning can quickly spiral into a seven-hour delay across the entire airline fleet, thanks to a domino effect of late connections.

**8** Other research indicates that smaller airports, while recognising the necessity of multilingual ground staff, simply don't have the budget to offer formal language training. This can leave crews brushing up on English by listening to Anglophone songs or watching movies with subtitles turned on.

**9** In the air, the stakes rise even higher. Several fatal crashes have been linked to misunderstandings between air traffic control and pilots. What can be hard to understand in everyday life – a heavy accent or strange slang – becomes deadly when you're talking about flight vectors and the correct runway. Sometimes mix-ups even occur when both parties speak the same language. Having AI-assisted translations could help in these scenarios – though human training will still likely be needed to give AI tools the clearest dialogue to work with.

### **Will we stop learning languages?**

**10** Just as calculators reshaped our approach to maths, AI translation could dent our motivation to speak other tongues. As such, challenging times may lie ahead for companies who offer language courses.

**11** Ying Okuse, the founder of Lingoinn, which arranges Mandarin-language homestays in China, Taiwan and Singapore, says that AI tutors are already popular among her customers. But she sees this as a positive trend that could actually boost demand: "There's a significant difference between what AI can offer and the immersive, real-world experience of a homestay abroad."

**12** After all, apps can't yet decode non-verbal cues. Your average Italian can speak volumes with a contemptuous flick of their chin (equating to *non me ne frega*, or "I don't care"), a pull of the eyelid ("be careful") or a kiss of their fingertips. Brits and Australians, meanwhile, often use their strongest insults as a kind of "social glue" to bond with close friends. All this, you need on-the-ground experience to appreciate. "That kind of learning goes beyond screens," says Okuse. "Language is ultimately about connection, about understanding people, culture and emotions."

Bernardette Holmes, a campaigner for multilingualism, champions the cognitive benefits. Learning a language, she says, results in "stronger executive functioning, enhanced attentional control, greater cognitive flexibility and working memory." Real-time translation tech has its uses, she adds, "but it cannot replace the joy of making meaning in a new language".

**1. In Paragraph 1, find the synonym for 'small'. \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Which creature in Douglas Adams' novel would be the fictional equivalent of the Apple's AirPods Pro3? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**3. Which two gadgets does Apple's new app require?**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What aspect of travelling, mentioned in the text, will the new Apple product NOT improve?**

- A. Knowing our whereabouts.                      C. Claiming baggage.  
B. Ordering in restaurants.                      D. Befriending people.

**5. Finding glitches in new apps is a painstaking process.**

- A. TRUE                      B. FALSE                      C. NOT GIVEN

**6. What percentage of Americans venture to non-English speaking countries?**

- A. One third.                      C. Three quarters.  
B. One quarter.                      D. Two thirds.

**7. What does the phrase 'the labyrinth of a foreign menu' in Paragraph 6 mean in terms of ordering food?** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Which word in Paragraph 7 is a synonym for 'congestion'?** \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Ground staff at smaller airports perfect their foreign language knowledge in an organised manner.**

- A. TRUE                      B. FALSE                      C. NOT GIVEN

**10. What is the worst possible outcome of a misunderstanding in air traffic?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**11. Apart from the AI translator, what other gadget has made our lives easier?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**12. What/Who do new translation technologies jeopardise?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**13. What kind of interpersonal communication involves rubbing one's chin?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**14. How do English natives occasionally express their fondness of each other?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**15. According to Bernadette Holmes, learning one foreign language makes it easier to learn additional ones.**

- A. TRUE                      B. FALSE                      C. NOT GIVEN

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Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_/15

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**RABA JEZIKA**

**Preberi besedilo *Swiss Hotel Denies Indian Couple's Claim of Racism in Violent Incident* ter glagole v oklepajih postavi v pravilno obliko. Svoje odgovore zapiši z VELIKIMI TISKANIMI ČRKAMI.**

Adapted from: [Swiss hotel denies Indian couple's claim of racism in violent incident](#)

A Swiss hotel has rejected racism allegations made by an Indian-origin couple from Canada who claim  
**1.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(BRUTALLY/ATTACK)** by staff in what they describe as a racially motivated assault back in June.

What they're saying: The couple, **2.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(IDENTIFY)** only as Nikita and Karan, are reported **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(STAY)** at Seehotel Schwert in Gersau from June 19–24 as part of their overdue honeymoon across Europe. Tensions reportedly escalated after they **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(REQUEST)** a fan from the Chinese manager on duty, allegedly **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(CALL)** them "stupid", which showed preferential treatment to white, German-speaking guests.

On checkout day, the situation reportedly turned violent when Nikita **6.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(ABOUT/REPORT)** the previous night's incident. "He threw a big and heavy ceramic mug at my face and I lost one tooth completely, and 11 other teeth **7.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(STILL/TREAT),"** Nikita recently told the Hindustan Times, adding that she suffered permanent jaw damage and required multiple dental surgeries. The couple described feeling targeted for their race, with Nikita telling content creator Ashish Rajput, "There was already a deep-seated hatred — for our skin, for who we are."

What the hotel is saying: Seehotel Schwert, for its part, **8.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(FIRMLY/REJECT)** the couple's allegations. In a statement to the Hindustan Times, the hotel described the couple's account as "highly misleading" and a "blatant reversal of reality." Hotel management told the publication that Nikita and Karan acted rudely since they arrived. During their stay they **9.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(CONSTANTLY/DEMAND)** free gifts and initiated violence by physically attacking a 60-year-old employee after **10.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(INFORM)** that recording without consent violates Swiss law. The couple allegedly kicked the employee and knocked off his glasses, "causing facial bleeding, nose injury and head trauma" before the staff member threw the ceramic object "in self-defence."





Why this matters: While investigation into the incident **11.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(CONTINUE)**, the couple's allegations come amid a broader wave of racist violence targeting Indians globally, highlighting growing safety concerns for the diaspora community. In Ireland, recent incidents include a 6-year-old girl beaten by children **12.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(YELL)** racial slurs and a 46-year-old taxi driver hospitalized after being attacked with a broken bottle and told to "go back to your country." Similarly, a 15-year-old student **13.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(STAB)** during a dog walk in Frisco, Texas, as anti-immigrant rhetoric targets the area's rapidly growing Indian American population. Had these incidents not taken place, safety advisories **14.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(NOT QUESTION)** the security of their fellow citizens abroad right now. From what is known, the couple thinks it is essential the legal action **15.** \_\_\_\_\_ **(PURSUE)**, while the hotel—which has permanently banned them—submitted evidence to the Swiss police. Authorities have yet to issue an official statement on the investigation.



Credits: Yahoo News

Predviden čas reševanja: 10 minut  
Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_/15





BESEDOTVORJE

Preberi besedilo *Struggling with Brain Fog? Here's How to Fix It* in postavi besede v oklepajih v pravilno obliko. Svoje odgovore zapiši z VELIKIMI TISKANIMI ČRKAMI.

Adapted from: [Struggling with brain fog? Here's how to fix it](#)

When life gets busy and stress levels rise, it's not uncommon to find yourself walking into a room and forgetting why you went there, losing your train of 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (THINK) mid-sentence or struggling to stay focused on simple tasks. This mental 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (CLOUD) is often called brain fog and while it isn't a medical condition in 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (IT), it refers to a collection of cognitive symptoms such as difficulty concentrating and mental slowness. Medical doctor and Morning Live expert, Dr. Tharaka has these four tips and a special acronym to help cut through the haze.



1. Be kind to yourself

Brain fog can happen to anyone and it's not a personal failing or a sign that you're not coping. Often, it's simply your brain's way of saying it's tired, stressed or 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (STRETCH). Remind yourself that brain fog is usually temporary and it's okay to slow down, delegate tasks or ask for help when you need it. If you are concerned, then you should contact your General 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (PRACTISE).

2. Create routines

Reduce decision fatigue by having a set rhythm to your days - a 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (PREDICT) structure can take pressure off your working memory. Knowing what's coming next stops your brain from constantly asking, "What am I doing today?" It's worth creating a morning and evening routine and even something as simple as laying out clothes or prepping breakfast ahead of time frees your mind from constant decision-making.

3. Take breaks

Taking some time between tasks can help reset your brain and focus. It's easy to fill your diary with back-to-back 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (COMMIT) – meetings, social events, errands and daily tasks - without leaving any breathing room. But constantly jumping from one thing to the next can leave your brain no time to reset, making brain fog more 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (LIKE). Try deliberately scheduling short breaks between activities, even just 5–10 minutes to stretch, get a drink, step outside or sit quietly.



#### 4. Use calendars and reminders

Trying to hold every appointment, task and reminder in your head can quickly lead to mental clutter and 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (**FORGET**). Let tech do the remembering for you - use calendars and reminders to free up mental space. Schedule recurring tasks so they happen 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**AUTOMATIC**) – for example, block out lunch in your diary each day or set weekly reminders for bills and chores. This means you're not constantly thinking, "What do I need to remember next?"

#### 5. Swans

Alongside these practical daily strategies, Dr T also recommends using his Swans acronym to support brain health and to 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (**SHARP**) focus. Each letter stands for a key habit that can help clear the mental mist and keep your mind performing at its best:

- **Sleep:** Sleep is non- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (**NEGOTIATE**) – it gives your brain time to rest and consolidate memories. Aim for between seven and nine hours each night.
- **Water:** Our bodies are about 60% water and even mild dehydration can make you feel unfocused so keep water 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (**NEAR**) and sip it regularly.
- **Activity:** Moving your body boosts blood flow and oxygen to the brain, which helps you think more clearly. Try going on short walks, a light jog or regularly stretching.
- **Nutrition:** Nourish your brain with whole foods rather than processed ones. Choline is a 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (**NUTRITION**) vital for brain health so eating food that is rich in it like eggs, fish and nuts can support concentration and focus.
- **Stress:** Chronic stress floods the body with cortisol - a hormone that helps regulate your body's response to stress - and that can cloud your thinking. Find ways to lower stress through breathing exercises, 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (**MIND**) and hobbies.



Credits: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DMNRkEHsF3c/>

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**Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_\_/15**



POZNAVANJE BESEDIŠČA

Obkroži pravilni odgovor ali smiselno dopolni vrzeli.

1. What does 'undermined' mean in the following sentence?

Repeated delays have **undermined** public confidence in the project.

- A. destroyed completely
- B. weakened gradually
- C. questioned openly
- D. replaced unintentionally

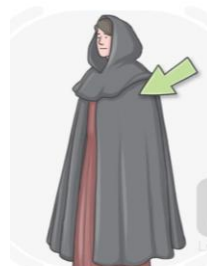
2. What does 'robust' mean in the following sentence?

The study is based on a **robust** methodological framework.

- A. complex
- B. innovative
- C. well-supported
- D. flexible

3. Which three letters must be added to form three meaningful words?

      pute  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ miss  
      tort



4. The coat in the picture is called a C \_\_\_\_\_.

5. France and the United States were pitted \_\_\_\_\_ each other in the Olympics during the gold medal game.

- A. alongside
- B. with
- C. against
- D. by

6. *The first episode ended with a real cliffhanger.* This means that the episode ended ...

- A. in a predictable way.
- B. in an exciting way.
- C. in a tragic way.
- D. in an emotional way.

7. What do we call these?

- A. legumes
- B. nuts
- C. peas
- D. drupes



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**8. What does the underlined word mean?**

The transition from an active childhood to a more sedentary adult life often happens so gradually that people fail to notice its long-term consequences.

- A. inactive                      B. independent                      C. practical                      D. structured

**9. The amount of produced crops is called Y \_\_\_\_\_. .**

**10. When the Scots say, 'Don't cry, lassie,' they are addressing a ...**

- A. young boy                      B. dog                      C. baby                      D. young girl

**11. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.**

If you want to buy a flat downtown, you have to pay through the \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

- A. teeth                      B. leg                      C. nose                      D. arm



Credits: Etsy

Predviden čas reševanja: 5 minut  
Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_/11

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ODPRAVI NAPAKO

Preberi spodnje besedilo *Lifelong Learning And Opportunity* in poišči napake. V večini vrstic je ENA napaka ali odvečna beseda.

- Napako prečrtaj in popravek zapiši v okvirček.
- Če je beseda odveč, jo prečrtaj in v okvirček zapiši križec.
- Če je vrstica popolnoma pravilna, v okvirček zapiši kljukico.

SPOT THE  
MISTAKE

Adapted from: [Working-class kids are being denied a second chance at education | Letters | The Guardian](#)

Education is often <del>being</del> described as the key to opportunity and social mobility.	x	0
Yet for many adults, returning to study is more difficult <del>that</del> it should be.	than	0
Funding for evening courses has been cut drastically in recent years.	✓	0
Some colleges no longer offer language or IT classes at all.		1
The cost in childcare can make study impossible for parents.		2
The lack of flexible programmes prevent working people from applying.		3
Local councils used the support community education, but many lost funding.		4
Those which want to learn new skills often struggle to find affordable options.		5
Adult learning is not just about jobs — it builds confidence and inclusion.		6
However, without investment, lots of people will loose their chance to progress.		7
Some politics promise reforms, but they do not keep their promises.		8
Teachers say adult students are usually more motivated then the younger ones.		9
If society values learning it, it must also value those who show interest later in life.		10



Credits: The Guardian

Predviden čas reševanja: 10 minut  
Število doseženih točk: \_\_\_\_/10



READING FOR FUN  
THIS IS NOT A TASK

QUIRKY BRITISH TRADITIONS

Adapted from: <https://expatexplore.com/blog/funny-british-traditions/>

Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). This task is NOT a part of competition!!!

**1. CHEESE ROLLING (COOPER'S HILL, GLOUCESTER)** Every spring, hundreds of people chase a large cheese down a very steep hill. The event began as a celebration of the end of winter.



What happens most often during the race?

- A. People catch the cheese.
- B. Competitors fall or tumble.
- C. The cheese breaks.
- D. The hill becomes too slippery.



**2. BOG SNORKELLING (LLANWRTYD WELLS, WALES)** Competitors swim through a muddy trench using a snorkel and flippers, but no traditional swimming strokes are allowed.

What makes this competition unusual?

- A. It takes place in winter.
- B. They must swim backwards.
- C. Swimmers use canoes.
- D. It is done in a muddy bog.



**3. THE WEIGHING OF THE MAYOR (HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE)** The mayor is weighed at the beginning and end of their term to check if they have "grown fat at the taxpayers' expense."

What happens if the mayor gains weight?

- A. The crowd boos.
- B. The mayor is fined.
- C. The crowd cheers.
- D. Nothing happens.



**4. THE WORLD GURNING CHAMPIONSHIPS (EGREMONT, CUMBRIA)** Contestants make the funniest or ugliest faces through a horse collar. This tradition is part of the Egremont Crab Fair.



What does the word "gurning" mean?

- A. Laughing loudly.
- B. Making funny faces.
- C. Singing.
- D. Jumping and shouting.



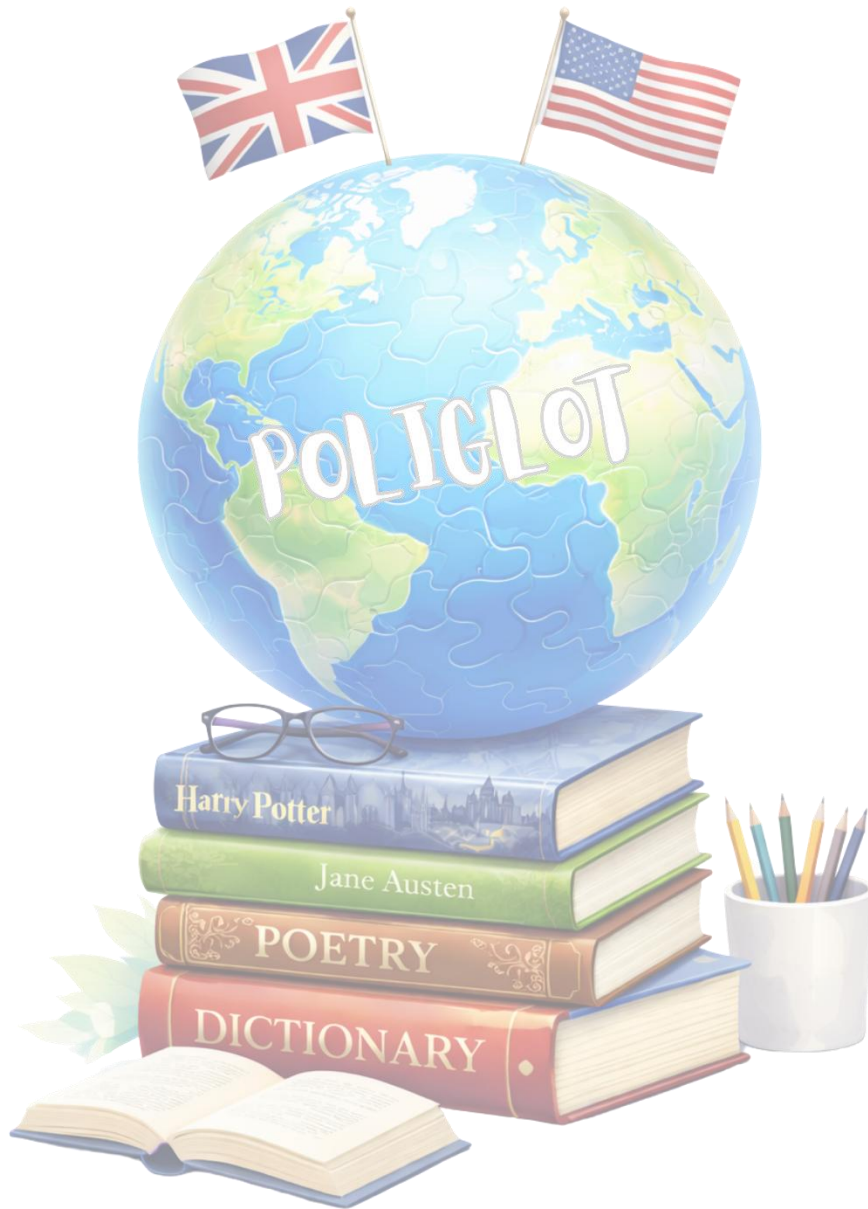
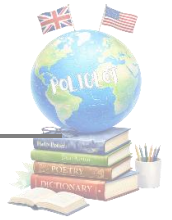
**5. PANCAKE RACES (SHROVE TUESDAY)** Competitors run while flipping pancakes in frying pans. The most famous race takes place in Olney, Buckinghamshire.

What do the participants do during the race?

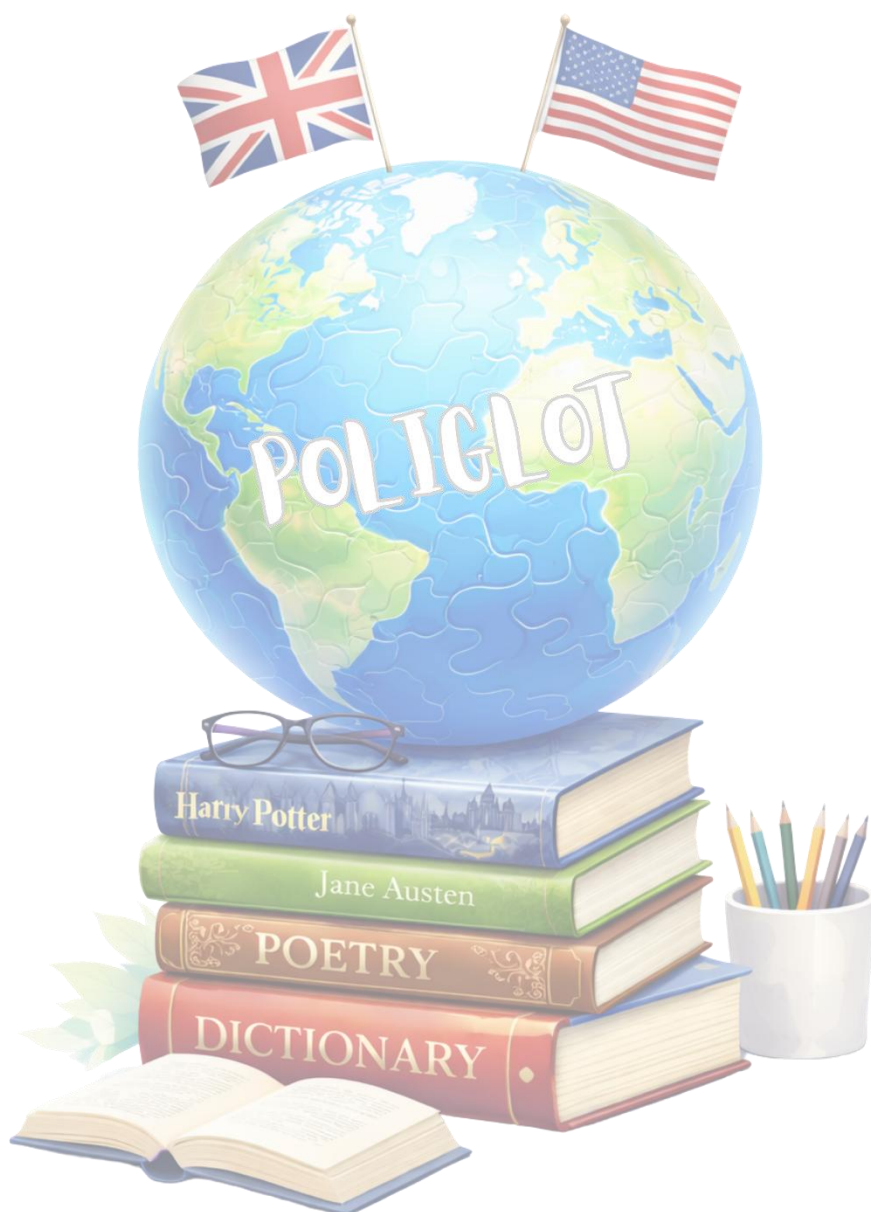
- A. Cook pancakes
- B. Carry pancakes on a plate.
- C. Eat pancakes.
- D. Flip pancakes while running.

Key: 1.C, 2.D, 3.A, 4.B, 5.D





*Wishing you all the best!*  
*The Poliglot Team of Teachers.*



**PRAZNA STRAN**