

# 1 What does it mean

Choose the correct explanation for the concepts underlined below.

1 Multitasking is when you ...

- a ☐ work for a multinational company.
- b ☐ speak many different languages.
- c ☐ can do several different things at the same time.

2 An aptitude is ...

- a ☐ a natural ability or skill at doing sth.
- b ☐ something you use on your smartphone.
- c ☐ a tendency to do sth.

3 Attention means ...

- a ☐ making a student stay in after school as punishment.
- b ☐ the act of attending an event.
- c ☐ the act of listening to, looking at or thinking about sth.

4 By cognitive impairment we mean ...

- a ☐ being able to use both sides of the brain.
- b ☐ damage to the thinking process.
- c ☐ the ability to recognize shapes.

5 A salary uplift refers to ...

- a ☐ a pay rise.
- b ☐ an expensive cosmetic operation.
- c ☐ an increase in the tax paid on salaries.

6 Overall intelligence means ...

- a ☐ a group of skilled blue-collar workers.
- b ☐ general, not specific, intelligence.
- c ☐ intelligence found everywhere.

7 Dating agencies are agencies which ...

- a ☐ help business people to fix appointments.
- b ☐ assist organizations in storing data.
- c ☐ organize meetings between people who are looking for a partner.

8 To outperform is to ...

- a ☐ do more theatre or other performances than another person.
- b ☐ achieve better results than sb./sth. else.
- c ☐ do street theatre, i.e. theatre outside.



## 2 Alternatives

What other ways of expressing the ideas below can you find on SB p.87?

1 There is an annual increase of 12% in the number of international students.

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2 Sixty-three per cent of the people in the survey have dated somebody speaking a different language.

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3 More than one third of businesses specifically want people because of their language skills.

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### TIP

Notice that in English we usually put the past participle after the noun: *those surveyed, the people interviewed, the passage mentioned*. Contrast this with German: *die befragten Personen, die erwähnte Passage*.