

Week 6

Mortimer



# Year 7 English Retrieval Tasks

# Task 1: Word of the Week Retrieval

Write the definition of these previous 'words of the week' and then try to use each one accurately in a sentence.

Word:	Definition:	Sentence:
Optimistic		
Fastidious		
Nonchalant		
Acquiesce		
Abhor		

## Task 2: Use the correct to, too or two in the sentence

1. There were \_\_\_\_\_ trains standing in the station.
2. I usually go \_\_\_\_\_ the swimming pool on Saturday.
3. The question was \_\_\_\_\_ hard for me.
4. My best subject is geography but I'm quite good at English \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Maisie tries \_\_\_\_\_ train my dog at least four times a week.
6. The music was far \_\_\_\_\_ loud for Joe's parents.
7. "Today you will need \_\_\_\_\_ use your calculators," said the teacher.
8. Jack's ambition is \_\_\_\_\_ become an actor.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ heads are better than one!
10. "I'd like a cookie please," said Emma. "Me \_\_\_\_\_ !" shouted Mick.
11. I wouldn't bother \_\_\_\_\_ much about what to wear at the party.

# Task 3 : List synonyms for the following words:

(A synonym is a word with the same/similar meaning)

Big	Small	Nice	Hot	Great

Improve the following paragraph using better vocabulary choices.

I was walking down the road and saw a nice house with a nice garden. The house was very big. It had a long drive with big gates. Two small girls were in the front garden. It looked like a good place to live.

## Task 4 : Reading Skills *Notes from a Small Island*

Carefully read the extract and then tick the boxes of the statements below that you think are **true**. **Hint:** there are **only 4 true** statements. Make sure you have read the extract at least twice before you try and choose the true statements.

Blackpool – and I don't care how many times you hear this, it never stops being amazing – attracts more visitors every year than Greece and has more holiday beds than the whole of Portugal. It consumes more chips per capita than anywhere else on the planet. (It gets through forty acres of potatoes a day.) It has the largest concentration of roller-coasters in Europe. It has the continent's second most popular tourist attraction, the forty-two-acre Pleasure Beach, whose 6.5 million annual visitors are exceeded in number only by those going to the Vatican. It has the most famous illuminations. And on Friday and Saturday nights it has more public toilets than anywhere else in Britain; elsewhere they call them doorways.

Whatever you may think of the place, it does what it does very well - or if not very well at least very successfully. In the past twenty years, during a period in which the number of Britons taking traditional seaside holidays has declined by a fifth, Blackpool has increased its visitor numbers by 7 per cent and built tourism into a £250-million-a-year industry - no small achievement when you consider the British climate, the fact that Blackpool is ugly, dirty and a long way from anywhere, that its sea is an open toilet, and its attractions nearly all cheap, provincial and dire.

- a. More people visit Blackpool than Greece each year.
- b. There are more holiday beds in Blackpool than there are in the whole of Portugal.
- c. Blackpool has the highest rollercoasters in Europe.
- d. More people visit Pleasure Beach than the Vatican.
- e. Pleasure Beach covers over 40 acres.
- f. The number of people going to Blackpool each year has declined by a fifth.
- g. Blackpool's tourism industry has become more successful over the past twenty years.
- h. The attractions in Blackpool are expensive and upmarket.

# Task 1 Answers: Word of the Week Retrieval

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Optimistic	Hopeful and confident about the future.	I feel <u>optimistic</u> about my GCSE results.
Fastidious	Very attentive to and concerned about the accuracy of detail; hard to please.	She displayed a <u>fastidious</u> attitude towards revision.
Nonchalant	Appearing or feeling calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety or enthusiasm; having or showing a lack of interest or concern.	The <u>nonchalant</u> student shrugged when the teacher gave out the test results.
Acquiesce	To do what you are told without protest.	I <u>acquiesced</u> to his order immediately; I was keen for him to admire my good behaviour.
Abhor	To detest utterly (to really hate).	"I <u>abhor</u> homework!" screamed Peter.

## **Task 2 Answers: Use the correct to, too or two in the sentence**

1. There were two trains standing in the station.
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<i>Huge</i>	<i>Miniature</i>	<i>Kind</i>	<i>Scorching</i>	<i>Immense</i>
<i>Gigantic</i>	<i>Diminutive</i>	<i>Polite</i>	<i>Blistering</i>	<i>Enormous</i>
<i>Colossal</i>	<i>Petite</i>	<i>Beautiful</i>	<i>Sizzling</i>	<i>Vast</i>

Improve the following paragraph using better vocabulary choices.

Example: I was sauntering along the road and saw a beautiful house with a perfectly manicured garden. The house was enormous. It had a winding drive and a pair of immense gates. Two petite girls were playing on the huge, green lawn. It looked like a delightful place to live.

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