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Blue Flag Beaches

Many Europeans spend winter holidays on the perfect beach, with crystal (0) ... water and fine, clean sand. For these people, the Blue Flag is a (1) ... that they have found (2) ... what they are looking for.

The Blue Flag is (3) ... by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) to beaches or marinas that (4) ... its high standards for water quality, environmental management, safety and services, and environmental education. The scheme was (5) ... up in France in 1985, and expanded to nine other countries as (6) ... of the European Year of the Environment, two years (7) ... By the start of the 21st century, well over 2,000 beaches and marinas in 21 different European countries had obtained the award. The FEE has now (8) ... to become a global organisation. South Africa and various countries in the Caribbean are (9) ... to join the scheme within the next (10) ... years.

Since the FEE insists on such (11) ... standards, the beaches that they approve are some of the best in the (12) ... If you want the ideal place to spend a relaxing summer day, (13) ... out for a beach that is flying the Blue Flag and you (14) ... be sure it will be safe and clean and everything you have been (15) ... of all winter.

	0	A	B	C	D	transparent	0	A	B	C	D
	1	A	B	C	D	warning	1	A	B	C	D
	2	A	B	C	D	definitely	2	A	B	C	D
	3	A	B	C	D	awarded	3	A	B	C	D
	4	A	B	C	D	raise	4	A	B	C	D
	5	A	B	C	D	taken	5	A	B	C	D
	6	A	B	C	D	part	6	A	B	C	D
	7	A	B	C	D	below	7	A	B	C	D
	8	A	B	C	D	picked	8	A	B	C	D
	9	A	B	C	D	hoping	9	A	B	C	D
	10	A	B	C	D	some	10	A	B	C	D
	11	A	B	C	D	hard	11	A	B	C	D
	12	A	B	C	D	Earth	12	A	B	C	D
	13	A	B	C	D	search	13	A	B	C	D
	14	A	B	C	D	would	14	A	B	C	D
	15	A	B	C	D	wanting	15	A	B	C	D

0	A	clear	B	pure	C	bright	D	transparent
1	A	label	B	sign	C	notice	D	warning
2	A	completely	B	totally	C	exactly	D	definitely
3	A	a won	B	prized	C	grated	D	awarded
4	A	meet	B	copy	C	afford	D	raise
5	A	done	B	put	C	set	D	taken
6	A	a bit	B	piece	C	section	D	part
7	A	after	B	later	C	following	D	below
8	A	decided	B	planned	C	approved	D	picked
9	A	a thinking	B	wishing	C	imagining	D	hoping
10	A	a several	B	couple	C	few	D	some
11	A	a severe	B	strict	C	disciplined	D	hard
12	A	a planet	B	world	C	globe	D	Earth
13	A	a look	B	see	C	find	D	search
14	A	a might	B	could	C	can	D	would
15	A	a hoping	B	dreaming	C	counting	D	wanting

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Lions

Lions have been (0) ... in captivity for centuries. Pharaoh Ramses II took a lion into battle as a mascot to (1) ... a good luck, and the Roman Emperor Elagabalus rode in a chariot that was pulled by lions (2) ... of horses.

Trained lions have always been a (3) ... attraction in circuses; they can be trained to do (4) ... , and the fact that they are large and (5) ... makes them spectacular show animals.

Training usually begins when a lion is about two years old. As (6) ... as the trainer is not careless, does not (7) ... the lion cruelly, and remembers it is never (8) ... tame, the trainer is safe. But lions are always (9) ... of attacking a person, and there have been many (10) ... of them injuring and even killing their trainers.

Lion cubs can be tamed easily, and while they are small, they make delightful pets. Once they (11) ... up, though, they are so big, strong and potentially dangerous that they cannot be kept in the (12)

In the past, lions were often caught in the (13) ... and taken to zoos and circuses. They were (14) ... in nets or holes dug in the ground, and cubs were sometimes taken from their mothers. Now, enough lions are born in captivity to (15) ... zoo and circus needs.

0	A	put	B	grown	C	kept	D	led	0	A	B	C	D	
1	1	A	bring	B	take	C	send	D	fetch	1	A	B	C	D
2	2	A	besides	B	instead	C	rather	D	also	2	A	B	C	D
3	3	A	first	B	likeable	C	favourite	D	best	3	A	B	C	D
4	4	A	jokes	B	manners	C	acts	D	tricks	4	A	B	C	D
5	5	A	regard	B	look	C	see	D	show	5	A	B	C	D
6	6	A	long	B	far	C	well	D	much	6	A	B	C	D
7	7	A	deal	B	care	C	treat	D	face	7	A	B	C	D
8	8	A	completely	B	finally	C	mainly	D	basically	8	A	B	C	D
9	9	A	able	B	capable	C	possible	D	potential	9	A	B	C	D
10	10	A	times	B	situations	C	places	D	cases	10	A	B	C	D
11	11	A	grow	B	get	C	bring	D	come	11	A	B	C	D
12	12	A	room	B	flat	C	home	D	building	12	A	B	C	D
13	13	A	nature	B	wild	C	open	D	freedom	13	A	B	C	D
14	14	A	locked	B	shut	C	trapped	D	closed	14	A	B	C	D
15	15	A	fit	B	suit	C	feed	D	meet	15	A	B	C	D

Ballooning

The Montgolfier brothers, Joseph and Etienne, were French papermakers who began (0) ... with hot air balloons in the late 1700s. They started by (1) ... small paper bags with smoke. At first, they thought the smoke (2) ... the bags ascend, but they later learned that it was the hot air which caused the bags to (3)

In June 1783, the brothers sent up a balloon made of cloth lined with paper, which (4) ... 12 metres in diameter. Three months later, they (5) ... a balloon that carried a duck, a cock and a sheep; the flight (6) ... about eight minutes and the animals landed safely. On 21 November of the (7) ... year, Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Arlandes became the first (8) ... to make a successful balloon ascent. Ballooning was soon a fashion in Europe, especially in France.

Balloons were built which could rise much higher and so travel far (9) ... distances. In fact, Rozier himself (10) ... to cross the English Channel in a balloon containing hydrogen, but his balloon (11) ... and he was killed. That didn't discourage balloonists from trying to fly further, although, for almost two centuries (12) ... progress was made. The Atlantic was first crossed by balloon in 1978, and the Pacific three years later. Despite (13) ... attempts by several balloonists, it was not (14) ... March 1999 that Bertrand Picard and Brian Jones made the first nonstop round-the-world (15) ... in a balloon.

	0	A	trying	B	experimenting	C	discovering	D	examining	0	A	B	C	D
	1	A	containing	B	filling	C	holding	D	pouring	1	A	B	C	D
	2	A	resulted	B	forced	C	made	D	allowed	2	A	B	C	D
	3	A	rise	B	arise	C	arouse	D	raise	3	A	B	C	D
	4	A	measured	B	estimated	C	counted	D	sized	4	A	B	C	D
	5	A	lifted	B	started	C	launched	D	shot	5	A	B	C	D
	6	A	continued	B	lasted	C	extended	D	waited	6	A	B	C	D
	7	A	exact	B	identical	C	very	D	same	7	A	B	C	D
	8	A	beings	B	lives	C	humans	D	objects	8	A	B	C	D
	9	A	bigger	B	more	C	higher	D	greater	9	A	B	C	D
	10	A	tested	B	approached	C	attempted	D	practised	10	A	B	C	D
	11	A	exploded	B	destroyed	C	fired	D	blasted	11	A	B	C	D
	12	A	such	B	few	C	little	D	small	12	A	B	C	D
	13	A	refreshed	B	reviewed	C	renewed	D	repeated	13	A	B	C	D
	14	A	until	B	by	C	when	D	after	14	A	B	C	D
	15	A	cruise	B	flight	C	travel	D	voyage	15	A	B	C	D