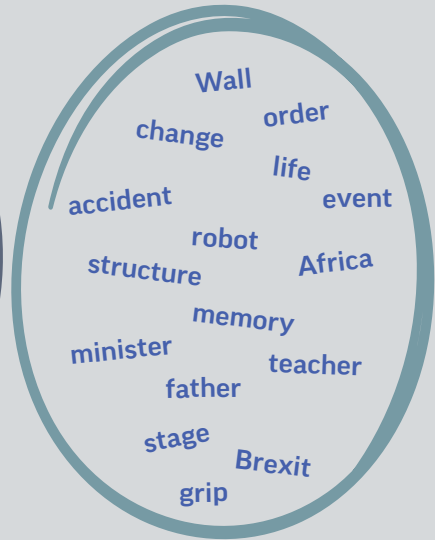


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► Read and match the two words that go together selecting one word from each group to obtain expressions used in the article.



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## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

8.2

► Listen and complete the sentences choosing from the options.

- 1) Ian McEwan made his debut on the literary scene
  - a in 2020.
  - b in 1975.
  - c in the 1950s.
  
- 2) His latest novel, *Lessons*,
  - a has autobiographical elements in it.
  - b is completely autobiographical.
  - c is definitely not an autobiography.
  
- 3) *Lessons* is mainly about
  - a the difficulties of being a single parent.
  - b the force of circumstance in life.
  - c the main political events from the 1950s onwards.
  
- 4) To write *Lessons*, Ian McEwan
  - a did accurate research.
  - b only relied on his photographic memory.
  - c did no research at all.
  
- 5) In *Lessons*, the protagonist is the kind of person the author could have been
  - a if history had gone in a different direction.
  - b if he had never discovered writing.
  - c if he had never met his wife.



### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

**bear on something**  
influenzare qualcosa, avere  
influenza su qualcosa

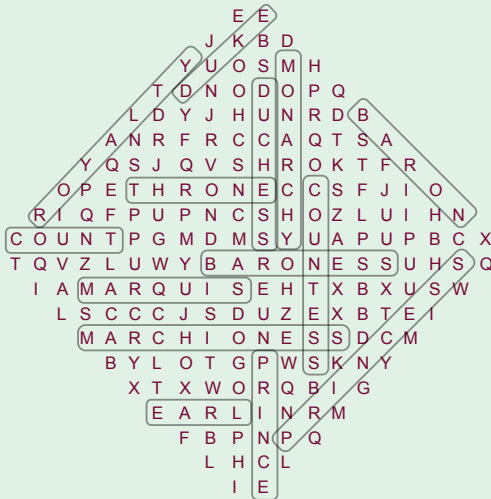
## THE "KATE EFFECT"

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### 6.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) chilly: cold - warm
- 2) late: deceased - alive
- 3) capable: skilled - inept
- 4) coincidental: casual - intentional
- 5) luxurious: opulent - frugal
- 6) hard: difficult - simple
- 7) authentic: genuine - fake
- 8) popular: well-liked - despised
- 9) bland: unexciting - interesting
- 10) nervous: agitated - relaxed
- 11) practical: hands-on - theoretical

### 6.2 WORDSEARCH



### 6.3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

- 1) c, 2) b, 3) c, 4) a, 5) a

### 6.4 SPOT THE MISTAKE!

- 2) pregnancy, 3) harbinger, 6) storm, 8) coincidental, 9) homelessness, 10) unfolding, 11) strategy, 13) vilified, 15) wholesome, 16) resourceful, 18) taught, 20) childhood, 22) enthusiasm, 23) steadily, 24) painfully, 25) backlash, 28) challenge, 29) playfully, 30) inexorably, 32) approach

## THE WOLVES ARE BACK!

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### 7.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) g, 2) d, 3) h, 4) a, 5) f, 6) c, 7) j, 8) i, 9) e, 10) b

### 7.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1) F, 2) T, 3) T, 4) T, 5) F, 6) T, 7) T, 8) F, 9) T, 10) T, 11) T, 12) T

## 7.3 VOCABULARY

- 1) big bad wolf, 2) lone wolf, 3) wolf in sheep's clothing, 4) to cry wolf, 5) to throw someone to the wolves, 6) to keep the wolf from the door, 7) to wolf something down

### 7.4 SONG

- |             |              |             |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| (1) eyes    | (9) you      | (17) crying |
| (2) one     | (10) down    | (18) to     |
| (3) truth   | (11) moon    | (19) my     |
| (4) wine    | (12) get     | (20) never  |
| (5) summer  | (13) every   | (21) am     |
| (6) stars   | (14) too     | (22) come   |
| (7) through | (15) for     | (23) way    |
| (8) with    | (16) through | (24) alone  |

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### 8.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) humanoid robot
- 2) prime minister
- 3) climate change
- 4) anti-Brexit
- 5) North Africa
- 6) global event
- 7) single father
- 8) world stage
- 9) chronological order
- 10) photographic memory
- 11) freak accident
- 12) Berlin Wall
- 13) family life
- 14) non-linear structure
- 15) piano teacher
- 16) firm grip

### 8.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

- 1) b, 2) a, 3) b, 4) c, 5) b

## THE BELL JAR

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### 9.1 VOCABULARY

- 1) purple, 2) fig, 3) to wrinkle, 4) to plop, 5) queer, 6) sultry, 7) to electrocute, 8) blank, 9) to sprout, 10) bristly, 11) tuft, 12) breath

### 9.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

- 1) b, 2) b, 3) a, 4) b, 5) b, 6) a, 7) a, 8) a, 9) a, 10) a

