

INSTRUCTIONS

In the five passages below parts of some words are missing. Your task is to complete the missing part of each word. You have 25 minutes at your disposal for doing the whole task.

Please write in a legible way. If you make any corrections, please make sure it is clear what your final answer is.

Rail strikers

Network rail employees due to go on strike over pay have received wage increases that far outstrip the rest of the public sector over the past four years. Some **are** pocketing **six-figure** salaries. Patrick McLoughlin, **the** transport **secretary**, last **night** condemned **the** walkout, **claiming** pay **had/has** increased **eight(teen/ty)** times **faster** for **those** threatening to bring **the** rail **network** to a **standstill** than for other **public** sector **workers**, though **precise** figures **were** not available.

Caffeine

Drinking more than five espressos worth of caffeine a day may be damaging to health, according to the European Food Safety Authority. Heart **problems**, insomnia **and** panic **attacks** were **all** linked to excess caffeine **consumption**. The EFSA **said** many **people** were **consuming** more than the **recommended** level **as** they **were** unaware of all **the** different **sources** of caffeine. **Safe** limits for children **and** pregnant **women** are much lower.

English at universities

As part of the internationalization of higher education, more and more European university courses are being taught in English. Exchanges **between** universities **have** grown, **and** students **from** different **parts** of **the** world **now** often **study** together. **What** does **this/the** international **environment** look **like** in **linguistic** terms? **Do** students **and** teaching **staff** speak **only** English, **or** are **other** languages **used**, and if so, in what situations and contexts?

Cancer cure

Many terminally ill cancer sufferers will be “cured” of the disease by a groundbreaking class of drugs described last night as heralding a new era in treatment. A British **trial** brought **spectacular** results, **with** tumours **shrinking** or **disappearing** completely **in** half **of** inoperable **skin** cancer **patients**. The **finding(s)** came **as** a series **of** studies **showed** that **the** drugs, **which** use **the** body’s **defences/defenses** to **combat** the **disease**, were **effective** against some of the most deadly tumours, including those of the lung, bowel, liver and head.

Louise

I could never understand why Louise bothered with me. She **disliked** me **and** I **knew** that **behind** my **back**, in **that** gentle **way** of **hers**, she **seldom** lost the opportunity **of** saying a **disagreeable** thing **about** me. **She** had **too** much **delicacy** ever **to** make a **direct** statement, **but** with a **sigh** and a little flutter of her beautiful hands she was able to make her meaning plain.