

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 a _____ pocketing six-f _____ salaries. Patrick McLoughlin, t _____ transport secr _____, last ni _____ condemned t _____ walkout, clai _____ pay h _____ increased ei _____ times fas _____ for th _____ threatening t _____ bring t _____ rail net _____ to a stand _____ than f _____ other pub _____ sector wor _____, though pre _____ figures we _____ 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 (EFSA). Heart prob _____, insomnia a _____ panic att _____ were a _____ linked t _____ excess caffeine consu _____. The EFSA sa _____ many peo _____ were cons _____ more th _____ the recom _____ level a _____ they we _____ unaware o _____ all t _____ different sou _____ of caffeine. Sa _____ limits f _____ children a _____ pregnant wo _____ 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 international environment look like in linguistic terms? Do students also teach students who speak non-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 findings came as a series of studies show that these drugs, which use the body's defence 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 disliking me as I knew that behind my back, in that gentle way of hers, she secretly lost the opportunity of saying a disagreeable thing about me. She had to be much delicate ever to make a direct statement, but with a smile and a little flutter of her beautiful hands she was able to make her meaning plain.