

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 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 findings came from a series of studies showing that the 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 disliked me as I knew that behind my back, in the gentle way of her, she seldom lost the opportunity of saying a disagreeable thing about me. She had told me much delicately 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.