

LUCY'S ENGLISH COMPOSITION



Lucy is very discouraged. She handed in her English composition this morning, but her English teacher gave it back to her and told her to do it over. Apparently, her English teacher didn't like the way Lucy had done it. She hadn't erased her mistakes. She had simply crossed them out. Also, she had used several words incorrectly. She hadn't looked them up in a dictionary. And finally, she hadn't written her homework on the correct paper because she had accidentally thrown her notebook away. Poor Lucy! She didn't feel like writing her English composition in the first place, and now she has to do it over!

✓ **READING CHECK-UP**

TRUE, FALSE, OR MAYBE?

Answer True, False, or Maybe (if the answer isn't in the story).

1. Lucy gave her composition to her English teacher this morning.
2. Lucy's English teacher was satisfied with Lucy's composition.
3. The teacher gave back other students' compositions.
4. Lucy had made some mistakes in her composition.
5. Lucy knew the definitions of all the words she used in her composition.
6. Lucy is going to hand in her composition again tomorrow.

WHAT'S THE WORD?

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

cross ___ out do ___ over give ___ back hand ___ in look ___ up throw ___ away

1. I need the dictionary you borrowed from me. Please _____.
2. I want to check your homework. Please _____.
3. Ms. Smith, there are too many mistakes in this letter. Please _____.
4. I haven't read today's newspaper yet. Please don't _____.
5. I don't remember his phone number. I've got to _____.
6. You should erase your mistakes. Don't just _____.

COMPLETE THE LETTERS

Complete these letters with the correct form of the verbs.

call ___ up give ___ back think ___ over throw ___ away turn ___ down

Dear Alice,

I'm very discouraged. I'm having a lot of trouble with my girlfriend, and I don't know what to do. The problem is very simple. I'm in love with her, but she isn't in love with me. A few weeks ago, I gave her a ring, but she _____¹ to me. During the past few months, I have written several love letters to her, but she has _____². Recently I asked her to marry me. She _____³ for a while, and then she _____⁴. Now when I try to _____⁵, she doesn't even want to talk to me. Please help me! I don't know what to do.

"Discouraged Donald"
Denver, Colorado



hang ___ up put ___ away take ___ down take ___ out turn ___ off turn ___ on



Dear Alice,

I'm extremely frustrated. My husband is a very difficult person. Every time I do something, he does the opposite. For example, every time I turn on the stereo system to listen to music, he _____¹. Every time I turn off the air conditioner in our apartment, he _____². Last week I bought a beautiful new painting for our bedroom. The day after I _____³, he _____⁴. We had a lot of old photographs on a table in our living room. I decided to _____⁵ in a closet, but two hours later he _____⁶. Please help me! I don't know what to do.

"Frustrated Fran"
Phoenix, Arizona

What should "Discouraged Donald" and "Frustrated Fran" do? Write answers to their letters.

Would You Like to Get Together Today?

take back my library books = take my library books **back**



- take my library books **back**
- pick up my car at the repair shop
- drop my sister off at the airport

- A. Would you like to get together today?
- B. I'm afraid I can't. I have to **take my library books back**.
- A. Are you free after you **take them back**?
- B. I'm afraid not. I also have to **pick up** my car at the repair shop.
- A. Would you like to get together after you **pick it up**?
- B. I'd really like to, but I can't. I **ALSO** have to **drop my sister off** at the airport.
- A. You're really busy today! What do you have to do after you **drop her off**?
- B. Nothing. But by then I'll probably be exhausted. Let's get together **tomorrow** instead.
- A. Fine. I'll call you in the morning.

- A. Would you like to get together today?
- B. I'm afraid I can't. I have to _____.
- A. Are you free after you _____?
- B. I'm afraid not. I also have to _____.
- A. Would you like to get together after you _____?
- B. I'd really like to, but I can't. I **ALSO** have to _____.
- A. You're really busy today! What do you have to do after you _____?
- B. Nothing. But by then I'll probably be exhausted. Let's get together tomorrow instead.
- A. Fine. I'll call you in the morning.

- clean up my living room
- throw out all my old newspapers
- pick my brother up at the train station



- figure out my hospital bill
- fill out my insurance form
- call the doctor up



- take down my Christmas decorations
- hang up my New Year's decorations
- drop my suit off at the cleaner's



- pick out my wedding dress
- write down the names of all the wedding guests
- pick the wedding invitations up



- clean up my room
- put my toys away
- do my math homework over



- _____
- _____
- _____



I Heard from Her Just Last Week



hear from Aunt Betty
~~hear Aunt Betty from~~

hear from her
~~hear her from~~

- A. Have you **heard from** Aunt Betty recently?
- B. Yes, I have. I **heard from** her just last week.



1. Have you **run into** Mr. Clark recently?



2. Have you **run out of** paper recently?



3. Has Martha **gotten over** the flu yet?



4. Has your English teacher **called on** you recently?



5. Have you and your husband **looked through** your photo album recently?



6. Has Ricky been **picking on** his little sister recently?

How About You?



Tell about some of the people in your life.

Do you have a good friend in another city? Who is he/she?
 How often do you **hear from** him/her? How long have you known each other?

Who do you **get along with** very well? Why?

Who do you **take after**? How?

Who do you **look up to**? Why?