

Improving Your Grammar: Underline the correct phrase in parenthesis.

1. You need to work much harder if you (have / are to have) any chance of passing this course.
2. My sister is (to start / about to start) a PhD in Physics.
3. Ms. Patel is likely to become the Foreign Minister if the party (wins / is to win) power at the next election.
4. If you (enjoy / are to enjoy) romantic comedies, then this is a film you must see.
5. Can you type this letter for me? Sorry, I'm (just to go / just about to go) home.
6. If Becker (recovers / is to recover) from his foot injury, it seems certain that he will play in Saturday's match against Spain.
7. Mrs. Smith, if you (are about to recover / are to recover) from your injury, it is imperative that you stay off that leg for at least six weeks.
8. If the railway system (is improved / is to be improved), the government must invest substantial amounts of money in it now.
9. From the look of those clouds, things (are to get / are about to get) much worse.
10. If Lopez (wins / is about to win) gold, he will surely retire.

Vocabulary

Replace the underlined words with a single word that means the same. You will have a hint at the end of the sentence.

1. She asked the star for his signature on the back of her table napkin. (graph)
2. She got a degree in the science of crime at Stockholm University. (ology)
3. Crime committed through the internet is a growing cause of concern. (cyber)
4. Working at home while keeping in contact with the office is becoming increasingly common. (tele)
5. Diseases where your body attacks its own tissues can be deadly. (auto)
6. The novel is based on the writer's own life. (bio)

Work with a partner. Match these number idioms to their definitions.

1. one in a million
2. one-track mind
3. one up
4. two-faced
5. put in your two cents
6. three-ring circus
7. fifth wheel
8. six of one, half a dozen of another
9. sixth sense
10. behind the eight ball
11. on cloud nine
12. ten to one

13. the eleventh hour
14. the third degree
15. forty winks
16. never in a million years
17. first things first
18. second rate
19. play second fiddle
20. second wind

of poor quality	a short nap	take care of the most important things first	complete confusion and chaos
no difference between two choices	deceitful or hypocritical	offer your opinion	blissfully content
very rare and exceptional	be in a subordinate role behind someone else	a sudden burst of energy that allowed you to finish the task	absolutely never
to be stuck or in trouble	to get an advantage over someone	very high probability	focused on only one line of thought
extra person	interrogation	intuition	at the last possible moment

DISCUSS

1. Do you ever get up on the wrong side of the bed?
2. Are you a moody person?
3. What can put you in a foul mood?
4. What makes you jittery?
5. Do you have a short fuse? Does your spouse?
6. Do you sometimes tell little white lies? Give an example of one.
7. Have you ever made a decision, then had second thoughts about it?