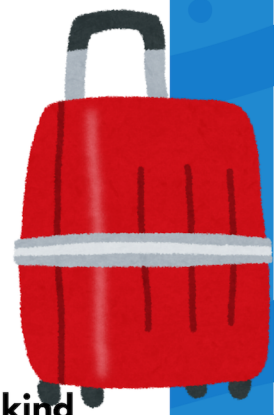




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Read the following statements and decide if they make sense or not. Write C (correct), or I (incorrect) next to each statement and bet between \$10- \$100 depending on how sure you are about your answer. Add up your score at the end. Are you still in the black?

- 1. Black pudding is a kind of desert.**
- 2. A cab is another name for a taxi.**
- 3. City centre is called downtown in American English.**
- 4. A journey and a trip are the same thing.**
- 5. Thongs are a type of summer footwear in Australian English and a kind of underwear in British English.**
- 6. Full board means that a hotel is fully booked.**
- 7. It's a good idea to wear a straitjacket if you're doing a water sport such as canoeing or kayaking.**
- 8. The words 'not' and 'yacht' rhyme.**
- 9. If you hitch-hike, you walk a long distance e.g. in a forest or in the mountains.**
- 10. A fare is another name for a tip.**
- 11. A concession ticket is a discounted ticket, usually offered to children, senior citizens and students.**
- 12. You should take laxatives if you suffer from the problem of diarrhoea.**
- 13. You must make sure you only keep inflammable items near a campfire.**
- 14. A barbie means a barbecue in Australian English.**
- 15. You will have to share a bathroom if you stay in an ensuite room.**





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ANSWER KEY

1. Black pudding is a kind of desert. INCORRECT. IT'S A KIND OF SAUSAGE.
2. A cab is another name for a taxi. CORRECT
3. City centre is called downtown in American English. CORRECT
4. A journey and a trip are the same thing. INCORRECT
5. Thongs are a type of summer footwear in Australian English and a kind of underwear in British English. CORRECT
6. Full board means that a hotel is fully booked. INCORRECT. FULL BOARD MEANS THREE MEALS A DAY INCLUDED IN YOUR STAY
7. It's a good idea to wear a straitjacket if you're doing a water sport such as canoeing or kayaking. INCORRECT. YOU SHOULD WEAR A LIFE JACKET. A STRAITJACKET IS USED TO RESTRAIN A PERSON WHO IS ACTING DANGEROUSLY.
8. The words 'not' and 'yacht' rhyme. CORRECT
9. If you hitch-hike, you walk a long distance e.g. in a forest or in the mountains. INCORRECT. IF YOU HITCHHIKE, YOU GET A LIFT IN A STRANGER'S CAR.
10. A fare is another name for a tip. INCORRECT. A FARE IS THE MONEY YOU PAY FOR YOUR JOURNEY. A TIP IS WHAT YOU GIVE TO A WAITER FOR GOOD SERVICE.
11. A concession ticket is a discounted ticket, usually offered to children, senior citizens and students. CORRECT
12. You should take laxatives if you suffer from the problem of diarrhoea. INCORRECT. LAXATIVES IS WHAT YOU TAKE IF YOU CAN'T GO TO THE TOILET.
13. You must make sure you only keep inflammable items near a campfire. INCORRECT. THE WORDS FLAMMABLE AND INFLAMMABLE ARE SYNONYMS AND MEAN THAT STH WILL EASILY CATCH FIRE. THE OPPOSITE OF FLAMMABLE IS NON-FLAMMABLE.
14. A barbie is a barbecue in Australian English. CORRECT
15. You will have to share a bathroom if you stay in an ensuite room. INCORRECT. AN ENSUITE ROOM HAS A PRIVATE BATHROOM.