

Newsbrowsing Competition 2025

Online Round – Answer Key

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How to use this key: answers in regular type are the official key answers; a slash (/) separates key answers that are equally accepted. **Answers in bold** are additional acceptable answers (spoken and written usage).

Spelling: both British and American spelling are accepted. In Task 2 the word given must be used unchanged.

Task 1

'Eight hours' sleep! And you must eat breakfast!' The truth behind 10 of the biggest health beliefs – True / False

No.	Answer
1	True
2	True
3	True
4	False
5	False
6	True
7	True
8	False
9	False
10	True

Task 2

Sentence transformation – missing part of the sentence

No.	Key
1	waited for John to finish eating / his meal before
2	yourself be/get taken in by
3	(that) there is/ are no dramatic change(s) in/to
4	to come to terms with
5	has (got) no intention of (ever) visiting
6	was led/given to believe (that)
7	Emma know/realise/suspect how difficult/hard it will be to
8	made an immediate/ instant impression on/upon
9	put me at (my) ease with
10	was no vegetation whatsoever (growing) in

Notes for markers

- Item 3: "no" and a singular/plural noun that agrees with the verb must be used correctly (there is no … change / there are no … changes).
- Item 7: the structure "Little does Emma …" requires a verb in the base form (know, realise, imagine …); "knows" is not accepted.
- Item 8: "made an immediate impact on" is not accepted – "impact" is not the same as "impression" (the candidate must have impressed the interviewers).

Task 3

Public Footpath Sign – 20th Century – word formation

No.	Key
1	disobedience
2	peculiarly
3	length
4	overtones / **undertones**
5	unwelcome / **unwelcomed**
6	impassioned
7	uncultivated
8	outraged / **enraged**
9	popularise / **popularize**
10	pivotal
11	establishment
12	gently
13	expense
14	legally
15	enshrinement / **enshrining**

Notes for markers

- Gap 5: “unwelcomed” is accepted but less common than “unwelcome”.
- Gap 6: “passionate” is not accepted – the article “an” before the gap requires a word starting with a vowel sound (impassioned).
- Gap 7: “uncultivable” is not accepted – it means “impossible to cultivate”, not “not yet cultivated”.
- Gap 11: “establishing” (the establishing of National Trails) is only an inflected form of the given word; accept at the marker’s discretion.

– **Task 4**

Water Filter – early 20th century – open cloze (one word per gap)

No.	Key
1	made / **rendered**
2	being
3	Despite / **Notwithstanding**
4	into / **on / of / about**
5	least
6	between / **among / amongst / across**
7	its / **the**
8	rather
9	in / **with**
10	even
11	with
12	such
13	be / **get**
14	Thanks / **Owing / Due**
15	regardless / **irrespective**

Notes for markers

- Gap 5: “most” is not accepted – “at most” gives the opposite meaning.
- Gap 7: “the” (even the most hardened journalist) is the more idiomatic reading and is therefore accepted next to the key answer “its”.
- Gap 13: “get” (Something had to get done) is accepted as natural spoken usage.
- Gap 14: “Due” (Due to …) is accepted although some style guides prefer “Owing to”.

Task 5

Hedgehog Road Sign 2019 – verb forms

No.	Key
1	doing
2	understood
3	were estimated / **are estimated** / **have been estimated**
4	to be injured or killed / **to get injured or killed** / **to be injured or to be killed**
5	has been
6	commissioned / **that / which was commissioned** / **that / which had been commissioned**
7	were also found / **have also been found** / **are also found**
8	has never been greater
9	is firmly embedded / **has been firmly embedded**
10	to fall

Notes for markers

- Gap 3: present forms (are / have been estimated) are accepted because the sentence gives an annual figure ("every year"); the key answer is the past simple.
- Gap 5: "had been" is not accepted – "for over a hundred years" needs the present perfect.
- Gap 10: "fall" without "to" is not accepted – "allow … to fall".