

- 4 Complete the gaps in these common English sayings with *a / an, the* or \emptyset if no article is required. Then match them with their meanings 1–10.



- a There's no such thing as _____ free lunch.
 b _____ pen is mightier than _____ sword.
 c No man is _____ island.
 d _____ people who live in _____ glass houses shouldn't throw _____ stones.
 e You can't make _____ omelette without breaking _____ few eggs.
 f _____ beggars can't be _____ choosers.
 g _____ actions speak louder than _____ words.
 h _____ beauty is in _____ eye of the beholder.
 i Don't judge _____ book by its cover.
 j You can lead _____ horse to _____ water, but you can't make it drink.
- 1 It's impossible to live without other people. We all need the help of others at some time.
 2 People all have different ideas about what is beautiful.
 3 You can't achieve something important without some downsides.
 4 You can give someone the opportunity to do something, but you can't force them to do it if they don't want to.
 5 You can't form an opinion of someone or something by appearance alone.
 6 It's not possible to get something for nothing. Everything comes at a cost.
 7 What a person actually does means more than what they say they will do.
 8 You shouldn't criticize others for something you are guilty of yourself.
 9 When there's no choice available, you have to be satisfied with what you get.
 10 People who write books, poems, etc. have a greater effect on history and human affairs than soldiers and wars.

Vocabulary

+ Phrasal verbs with *get*

- 1 Read the meanings of these phrasal verbs with *get*. Then complete the sentences below with the correct form of one of the verbs, making any necessary changes.
- get away* – have a holiday
get away with – escape without being caught or punished
get by – to manage to live / survive with few resources
get down – depress
get on – (1) make progress; (2) have a friendly relationship with someone
get out – escape from a place
get over – recover from a shock or illness
- a 'She _____ it for so long because no one suspected a little old lady would steal,' said a police spokesperson.
 b Mary Lou asked me how Neville _____ at school.
 c Eric _____ with his brother when they were young, but they're good friends now.
 d Even if you haven't got time for a proper break, try and _____ for a few days.
 e I hate winter – the cold weather and short days really _____ me _____ .
 f When we were in Thailand, we _____ with sign-language and the half dozen words of Thai that we knew.
 g Keith still can't _____ winning so much money.
 h The prisoner _____ by climbing over the high wall that surrounds the jail.