

Are trains allowed to dispose of sewage from toilets when they're at the station?	No, trains aren't allowed to dispose of sewage from toilets when they're at the station.
How far from a port do you think must a ship be to be allowed to dispose of sewage?	I think a ship must be at least 10 miles from a port to be allowed to dispose of sewage.
What are two reasons some people may be afraid of nuclear power plants?	Two reasons for which some people may be afraid of nuclear power plants are the possibility of explosion and the problem with disposing of the nuclear waste.

What kind of filters can security software provide us with?	Security software can provide us with spam filters or with tools to filter out adult websites which are not appropriate for children.
What accident caused the radioactive contamination a) in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries in 1986 b) in Japan 2011?	The explosion in the Chernobyl nuclear plant and the following radioactive fallout caused the radioactive contamination in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries in 1986. The contamination in Japan 2011 was caused by radioactive fallout from the Fukushima plant caused by damages from the earthquake and tsunami.

<p>contaminate [kən'tæmɪnət]</p> <p>contamination [kəntæmɪ'neɪʃn]</p> <p>radioactive [reɪdiəʊ'æktɪv]</p> <p>filter ['fɪltə]</p> <p>fallout ['fɔ:lɔʊt]</p>	
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<p>obtain [əb'teɪn]</p> <p>acquire [ə'kwɪə]</p> <p>field [fi:ld]</p>	
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Why do we have to filter drinking water?	We have to filter drinking water in order to remove contamination and get rid of any unwanted substances.
Do you have any filters for tap water in the house? Where are they installed?	Yes, I have some filters for tap water in the house. They are installed under the sink in the kitchen.
What are possible sources of water contamination in an urban area?	For example, household waste, various toxic chemicals or sewers are possible sources of water contamination in an urban area.
What can cause water contamination in the natural environment?	Acid rain, bacteria or viruses can cause water contamination in the natural environment.
What can be the danger of contact of an open cut with contaminated blood?	The danger of contact of an open cut with contaminated blood can be a high risk of an infection or a serious disease.
How can the contamination of fresh water affect the life of animals?	The contamination of fresh water can affect the life of animals by reducing available water sources, causing various diseases or even death from thirst.
Give me examples of species which were seriously affected due to the contamination caused by the BP spill in the Mexican Gulf.	Species which were seriously affected due to the contamination caused by the BP spill in the Mexican Gulf were numerous species of fish such as sharks and tuna, birds and dolphins.


Obtain and acquire are similar in meaning. Generally we can obtain: information, something, a letter, a piece of advice, a work permit. We acquire: skills, knowledge, languages, an advanced level in typing, etc.	
Give me an example of a sentence with the word 'obtain' / 'acquire'.	I haven't obtained the results of my last test yet. I acquired Spanish when I was a child and lived in Madrid with my parents.
What are synonyms of the words 'obtain' and 'acquire'?	For example, 'gain' and 'get' are synonyms of 'obtain' and 'acquire'.
In which scientific fields did these people acquire very advanced knowledge:	Marie Curie acquired advanced knowledge in the field of chemistry. (b-physics; c-psychoanalysis; d-astronomy; e-biology and evolution)
a) Marie Curie b) Albert Einstein c) Sigmund Freud d) Nicolaus Copernicus e) Jane Goodall?	
[ˈkjuəri/'aɪnstain/'sɪgmənd frɔɪd /kəʊ'pɜ:nɪkəs/'gʊdɔ:l]	
What has Silvio Berlusconi acquired his bad reputation for?	Silvio Berlusconi has acquired his bad reputation for cheating on his wife and numerous love affairs.
What do you often need to obtain to be able to work in another country?	You need to obtain a work permit to be able to work in another country.
Why do people sometimes decide to change their jobs?	People sometimes decide to change their jobs in order to obtain a better salary.

harmful ['hɑ:mfl] harmless ['hɑ:mləs] X-ray ['eksreɪ]	
Give me examples of foods which may be harmful to people with allergies even in small quantities.	<i>For example, milk, nuts or flour may be harmful to people with allergies even in small quantities.</i>
What do you think are the most harmful habits?	<i>I think taking drugs, drinking and smoking are the most harmful habits.</i>
Would you say sunbathing was harmful or harmless to sensitive skin?	<i>I'd say sunbathing was harmful to sensitive skin.</i>
If a dog owner claimed that his fierce dog was harmless, would you believe him?	<i>Yes, if a dog owner claimed that his fierce dog was harmless, I'd believe him.</i>
Is having an X-ray completely harmless?	<i>No, having an X-ray isn't completely harmless. It's harmful.</i>

parasite ['pærəsart] predator ['predətə] worm [wɜ:m]	
What's a parasite?	<i>A parasite is an animal which feeds and lives at the expense of another animal, such as various worms.</i>
Give me examples of large predators which belong to the cat family.	<i>Large predators which belong to the cat family include the lion, the tiger, the leopard and the puma. ['lepəd; 'pju:mə]</i>
What's the difference between a parasite and a predator?	<i>A parasite is often much smaller than the animal it feeds on and it doesn't kill its host immediately.</i>
How can a person get infected with parasites?	<i>A person can get infected with parasites by drinking contaminated water or by contact with a person who has parasites.</i>
What's the danger of having one's digestive system infected with parasites?	<i>The danger of having one's digestive system infected with parasites is that it can be harmful for the health and quite painful.</i>

Are parasites in humans contagious, that is can they be passed from one person to another?	<i>Yes, parasites in humans are contagious, that is they can be passed from one person to another.</i>
What could you call a 30-year old man still living with his parents at their expense?	<i>I could call a 30-year old man still living with his parents at their expense a parasite.</i>

voluntary ['vɒləntəri] volunteer [vɒlən'tɪə] terminally ill ['tɜ:mɪnli] participate [pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt]	
Would you volunteer for a medical experiment?	<i>No, I wouldn't volunteer for a medical experiment.</i>
Who do you think would be more willing to participate in medical research - a terminally ill patient or a healthy person?	<i>I think a terminally ill patient would be more willing to participate in medical research than a healthy person.</i>
Give me the name of a voluntary organisation.	<i>UNICEF is a voluntary organisation.</i>
Why do people join voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross?	<i>People join voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross because they want to help others.</i>
Have you ever worked as a volunteer?	<i>Yes, I've worked as a volunteer.</i>
If a neighbouring country started a war with your country, would you volunteer to fight for your country?	<i>Yes, if a neighbouring country started a war with my country, I would volunteer to fight for my country.</i>
What kind of language activities do you like to participate in the most?	<i>I like to participate in such language activities as pair work and conversations the most.</i>

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fed up (with) [fed ʌp wɪð]
entire [ɪn'taɪə]
lecture ['lektʃə]
lecturer ['lektʃərə]

Would you be fed up with the weather if it rained for an entire month? *Yes, I'd be fed up with the weather if it rained for an entire month.*

If you had an appointment with a person and that person was late, how long would you wait before you were totally fed up and decided to leave? *If I had an appointment with a person and that person was late, I would wait no longer than 20 minutes before I were totally fed up and decided to leave.*

What kind of look do students usually have on their faces when the lecture or the lecturer is boring? *Students usually have a fed up look on their faces when the lecture or the lecturer is boring.*
Have you ever had to attend a boring lecture? *No, I have never had to attend a boring lecture.*



Stock exchange - additional questions

What do these expressions mean:

- a) to be on shaky ground
- b) to be poised to
- c) to recover
- d) to rocket?

Has the stock exchange in your country recovered from the losses of the 2008 crisis?

Why is investing money on the stock exchange so risky?
 What ways of investing money are safer?

What skills do people who work on the stock exchange need?



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Vocabulary exercise 8 PART I



Exercise 1

Complete each sentence with one of the words from the table. Each word can only be used once. Make all necessary changes to the words.

accompany	grant	unite	bind	seize	permit
lean		pastry	oath	dense	

1. Myra found the recipe for making delicious dumpling ... *pastry* ... on the Internet.
2. West and East Germany were a year after the fall of the Berlin Wall in October 1990.
3. The unemployed in this country can receive from the government to start up their own business.
4. The goalkeeper failed to the ball and consequently Mexico lost the game 0:2.
5. On taking office, the President of the USA must swear an in which he solemnly promises to defend the Constitution of the USA.
6. Mongolia is one of the least populated countries in the world.
7. Valerie told him not to back on the chair but obviously he wouldn't listen and started to swing.
8. Kate's father agreed to let her go to the party provided she would be by her elder brother.
9. Schoolchildren are not to leave the school premises without prior permission from the head teacher.
10. The kidnappers the man, drove him to an unknown location and left him there. Fortunately, he was found before he froze to death.



Exercise 2

Match the words in the box with a suitable definition. Each word can be used once.

<i>compartment</i>	<i>adjustable</i>	<i>pickpocket</i>	<i>carriage</i>
<i>circle</i>	<i>thief</i>	<i>adapt</i>	<i>aid</i>
		<i>flow</i>	<i>banister</i>

- change in order to make suitable - ... **adapt** ...
- food, medicine sent to help people / countries in needs -
- separate part on a train -
- separate part of a train -
- person who steals from people or places -
- person who steals from people in crowded places -
- rail for holding when climbing stairs -
- move steadily in one direction -
- move round -
- can be moved to different positions -



Exercise 3

Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- The murderer told the police that he had killed the man because he believed the man was cursed / sworn.
- This eco-organization fights against **urban** / **rural** development and the expansion of cities into new areas.
- Tucker went to the inquiry office to ask about the **track** / **flow** and platform the train would be arriving at.
- To **assure** / **ensure** children's safety they are forbidden from using lifts alone.
- As Perry wanted to test his new mountain bike immediately, he asked the shop assistant to **adapt** / **adjust** the height of the bike's seat.
- The attacker hit her hard and tried to **grab** / **grasp** her bag and mobile phone.
- This software helps you **estimate** / **estimation** how much your expenses grow.
- Candice was going down the stairs when she slipped, failed to grasp the **railings** / **handrails**, fell and broke her leg.
- Instead of **sowing** / **sewing** grass in his garden, he decided to buy roll-out grass.
- The **inner** / **outer** part of the earth is composed of rocks.



Exercise 4

Fill in the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word.

- The hotel requires that all payments be made ... **in** ... advance.
- It's not advisable in running a business to take constant growth of your sales for
- The investigation was set motion when they found the car that had been used in the robbery.
- Irwin was a bit tensed before the driving test as he had failed the previous two.
- Passengers are forbidden from leaning of the windows when the train is in motion.
- Barry went up in my when I found out how bravely he had behaved.
- John has failed his test. I think it was to happen as he didn't study at all.
- Ashley sowed the seed of in me when he suddenly asked if I were sure.
- Though they have been going out together for over eight years, they still haven't tied the
- The kid is a real of his parents. He misbehaves, he is very moody, he is a fussy eater and in addition to it all he bullies his younger brother.



Exercise 5

Match the words 1-10 with their opposites a-j.

1. reward	a. occupied	
2. grip	b. forbid	
3. permit	c. outer	
4. inner	d. superior	4-c
5. huge	e. rural	
6. urban	f. punishment	
7. unite	g. guilty	
8. clear	h. let go	
9. vacant	i. separate	
10. inferior	j. tiny	



Exercise 6

Choose the best answer. Only one answer is appropriate.

- I could ... *swear* ... I left the keys on the cupboard this morning.
a) curse b) oath c) swear
- The plane was circling the airport to burn up the excess before the emergency landing.
a) oil b) fuel c) gas
- Their institute has received a research of \$5 million to study the side effects of the new drug.
a) aid b) reward c) grant
- They offered a(n) for help in finding their missing poodle.
a) aid b) reward c) grant
- Dustin was trying to put out the fire with a car but it was too small to be effective.
a) fire extinguisher b) lighter c) first aid kit
- Passengers waiting for trains on a station are not advised to go too close to the edge.
a) platform b) track c) compartment
- The man escaped danger by a hair when he tried to cross the in front of the coming train.
a) platform b) track c) carriage
- The seeds of this plant must not be but carefully planted in rows.
a) scattered b) seized c) sworn
- Our children loved to slide down the when we stayed with my parents in the family residence.
a) banister b) railing c) chain
- Everyone was amazed at the little boy's of knowledge.
a) limit b) frontier c) extent
- I asked her to the buttons onto the shirt for me.
a) sew b) sow c) saw
- Some can easily blend in a crowd and even fake having a heart attack in order to distract attention and steal wallets.
a) thieves b) burglars c) pickpockets



Exercise 7

Use the word in capitals at the end of each line to form a suitable word to put into the empty space in the same line.

News update	
07.09.2010 Trains crash and (1) ... <i>derail</i> ...	RAIL
Two passenger trains crashed today near Atlanta (2) at 7 a.m.	PRECISE
Since the crash took place on the River Gulf bridge, some of the (3) fell into water.	CARRY
So far, at a rough (4), we know there were 250	ESTIMATE
people killed . 'If it had happened, in a (5)	DENSE
populated area, we'd have had hundreds killed', said one of the (6)	FIRE
The police believe the two train engineers hadn't adjusted the speed (7).....,	ACCORDING
though they knew they were heading for the bridge. 'The accident (8) has already been set in motion', said one of the policemen.	INVESTIGATE

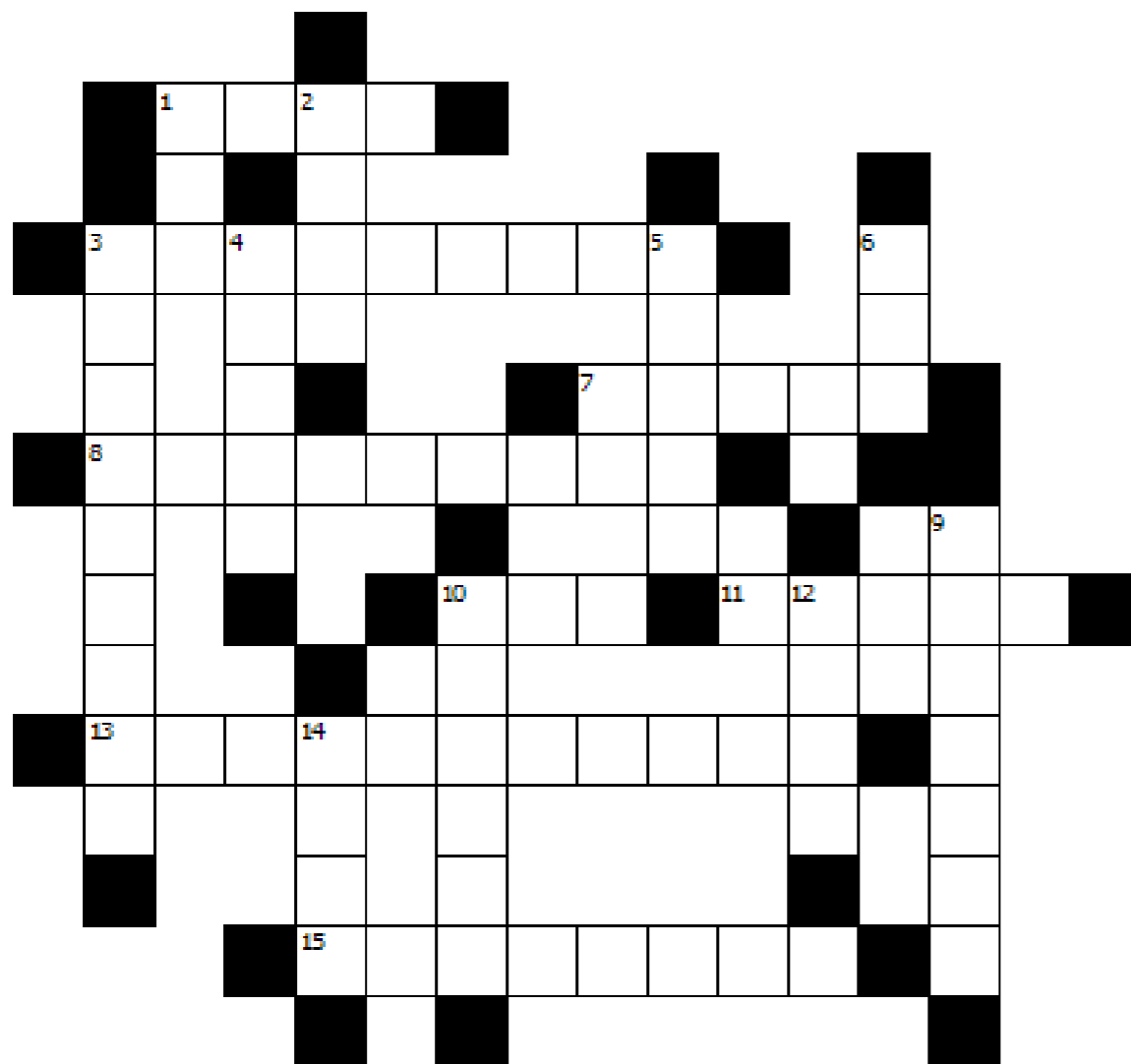


Fast finishers



Exercise 8

Do the crossword.



Across

- 1. very large
- 3. things for particular purpose
- 7. combine
- 8. repairs on the road
- 10. kind of cake
- 11. twelve
- 13. part of a train carriage
- 15. calculate; judge the value

Down

- 2. seize
- 3. situation demanding immediate action
- 4. of a town
- 5. nervous
- 6. bind
- 7. United Kingdom in short
- 9. of tenths
- 10. allow
- 12. formal promise
- 14. number of things; one on top of the other



PART II

COLLOCATIONS AND IDIOMS



Exercise 1

Complete each sentence with a word from the box.
Make all necessary changes to the words.

have do make give take

1. Shall we go to the cinema or the theatre? I can't ... **make** ... up my mind.
2. My father insists that we all the Sunday dinner precisely at 4 o'clock.
3. The policeman the suspect confess to the crime after several hours of questioning.
4. Larry a load off my mind when he reminded me I had left my wallet in his house the day before.
5. I had missed the last bus and was wondering how to get home when I noticed Cliff's car pulling in. He opened the door and offered to me a lift.
6. The boy was afraid of returning on his own because the man who was hanging about on the street corner him the shivers.
7. My elder brother hates it when I a face at him.
8. Mitch promised he would everything he could in order not to be dismissed.
9. I believe Morton is an Internet addict. He just can't without his computer.
10. Michael knew he couldn't afford to leave his job then so he decided to the best of it.
11. My mother always wishes me to my best before an important exam.
12. This iPod at \$60 a real bargain.
13. If I were in your shoes, I would a bus rather than go by car.
14. 'What size do you? – asked the shop assistant.
15. Police cars and ambulances priority on the road.

8. Some companies were able to of the crisis and strengthened their position in the market.
9. Whenever he disagrees with his opponent, you will see him his
10. After the accident in which Raymond smashed his head against the front window, his memory seemed to

3. We have finally decided to rid of our old, worn-out couch.
4. They had been out together for five years before she agreed to marry him.
5. Justin Bieber's fans crazy as soon as they saw him arriving at the airport in his limousine.
6. My mum always her fingers crossed when I'm about to take an exam.
7. It's very difficult to hold of a good English teacher in this town.
8. It suddenly started to pour heavily with rain so by the time I returned home I completely wet.
9. The report includes data on the population of men who bald before or in their 40's.
10. I told him I was never going to believe him again as he had never his promises.
11. Their family has been control over the company for over two centuries.
12. They on well although they are so different.



Exercise 5

Match adjectives (1-10) with a suitable noun (a-j).

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|--|----------------|-------|
| 1. <u>a color/a cable/a satellite/a local</u> | a) friend | 1 - b |
| 2. a close/a good/a loyal/a pen | b) <u>TV</u> | 2 - |
| 3. second/national/body/formal | c) principle | 3 - |
| 4. an infectious/a mild/a rare/a skin | d) milk | 4 - |
| 5. a governmental/a powerful/ a state/a social | e) clothes | 5 - |
| 6. an urgent/a personal/a business/ an open | f) house | 6 - |
| 7. low-fat/fresh/sour/powdered | g) institution | 7 - |
| 8. a general/a basic/a strict/a firm | h) language | 8 - |
| 9. neat/summer/washed/old | i) letter | 9 - |
| 10. a thatched/a terraced/a detached/a summer | j) disease | 10 - |



Exercise 7

Match adjectives (1-12) with a suitable noun (a-l).

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|---|-----------------|-------|
| 1. <u>a deep/a slight/a serious/a bullet</u> | a) brother | 1 - f |
| 2. a strong/an irresistible/a tourist/a public | b) evidence | 2 - |
| 3. hand/excess/personal/unclaimed | c) punishment | 3 - |
| 4. a public/a broadcasting/a national/a private | d) negotiations | 4 - |
| 5. a minor/a serious/a severe/an internal | e) attraction | 5 - |
| 6. a business/a leisure/a medical/a research | f) <u>wound</u> | 6 - |
| 7. cruel/harsh/severe/capital | g) corporation | 7 - |
| 8. fragile/wine/drinking/safety | h) injury | 8 - |
| 9. direct/reliable/strong/hard | i) illness | 9 - |
| 10. peace/successful/direct/delicate | j) luggage | 10 - |
| 11. major/incurable/terminal/slight | k) centre | 11 - |
| 12. an elder/a twin/a little/a younger | l) glass | 12 - |



Exercise 6

Complete each sentences with **keep**, **go**, or **get**. Make any other necessary changes to the verbs. Each verb must be used four times.

1. Although they graduated from university some 10 years ago, they still ... **keep** ... in touch.
2. The government intends to ahead with their plan to raise the VAT tax although most business owners protest.
3. We have finally decided to rid of our old, worn-out couch.
4. They had been out together for five years before she agreed to marry him.
5. Justin Bieber's fans crazy as soon as they saw him arriving at the airport in his limousine.



Exercise 8

Buildings. Fill in the gaps under the pictures.



1. It's a b _ _ _ _ of f _ _ _ _ .



2. It's an old c _ _ _ _ .



3. It's a Chinese p _ _ _ _ .



4. It's a country c _ _ _ _ .



5. It's a d _ _ _ _ house.



6. It's a s _ _ _ - d _ _ _ house.



7. It's a r _ _ _ _ .



8. It's a g _ _ _ _ .



9. The roof of this t _ _ _ _ house is covered with s _ _ _ _ .



10. These are p _ _ _ _ .



11. It's a s _ _ _ _ .



12. These are t _ _ _ _ houses.

Vowels

i	slippery ['slɪpəri], equipment ['kwɪpmənt], pillow ['pɪləʊ]
ɪ	accompany [ə'kʌmpəni], predict [prɪ'dɪkt], muddy ['mʌdi]
i:	steep [sti:p], neat [ni:t], weeping ['wi:pɪŋ]
æ	shallow ['ʃæləʊ], backbone ['bækbəʊn], gamble ['gæmbəl]
ʌ	gum [gʌm], oven ['ʌvən], income ['ɪnkʌm]
ɑ:	marvel ['mɑ:vəl], carpet ['kɑ:pɪt], grant [grɑ:nt]
ɒ	nonsense ['nɒnsəns], lock [lɒk], swallow ['swɒləʊ]
ɔ:	source [sɔ:s], forehead ['fɔ:hed], reward [ri'wɔ:d]
ʊ	fulfil [fʊl'fɪl], hood [hʊd], cooker ['kʊkə]
u:	queue [kju:], broom [bru:m], fuel ['fju:əl]
ɜ:	fur [fɜ:], reserve [rɪ'zɜ:v], circle ['sɜ:kl]
ə	tender ['tendə], lemon ['lemən], inner ['ɪnə]

Consonants

θ	earthquake ['ɜ:θkweɪk], thief [θi:f], thatched [θætʃt]
ð	breathe [bri:ð], bother ['bɒðə], feather ['feðə]
ŋ	accordingly [ə'kɔ:dɪŋli], ankle ['æŋkl], sting [stɪŋ]
w	squeeze [skwi:z], weapon ['wepən], weigh [wei]
v	shiver ['ʃɪvə], vaccinate ['væksɪneɪt], severe [sɪ'viə]
ʃ	luxury ['lʌkʃəri], tension ['tenʃn], harsh [hɑ:ʃ]
ʒ	measure ['meʒə], revision [rɪ'vɪʒn], massage ['mæsɑ:ʒ]
tʃ	chew [tʃu:], chest [tʃest], detach [di'tætʃ]
dʒ	gentle ['dʒentl], shrinkage ['ʃrɪŋkɪdʒ], savage ['sævɪdʒ]