

English Task Cards

WHAT IS IT?



Work out
what the
word means
from the
three options
given

Set 2

WHAT IS IT?

sabayon

- a) A sword-like weapon
- b) An Italian custard dessert
- c) A fuse for an electric car

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WHAT IS IT?

vamoose

- a) To depart in a hurry
- b) A wild African animal
- c) A type of rain cloud

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WHAT IS IT?

lonicera

- a) Unexpected tropical storm
- b) Stirrups on a saddle
- c) A dense evergreen shrub

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WHAT IS IT?

hirsute

- a) A royal Indian prince
- b) A hairy person
- c) The inside pulp of a melon

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WHAT IS IT?

fartlek

- a) A type of athletics training
- b) An unmannerly person
- c) A type of wood glue

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WHAT IS IT?

jeune

- a) To sprint in a race
- b) A type of fancy bracelet
- c) Immature and childish

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WHAT IS IT?

doodad

- a) An antique clock
- b) Large toe on a moose
- c) A fancy ornament

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WHAT IS IT?

clinometer

- a) A covering for electric wire
- b) A specialist doctor
- c) Instrument to measure slopes

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WHAT IS IT?

pogonip

- a) A type of alcoholic drink
- b) An ice fog on a mountain
- c) An 18th century child's toy

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WHAT IS IT?

passerine

- a) A type of perching bird
- b) To overtake on a motorway
- c) A type of Greek fruit

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WHAT IS IT?

vermillion

- a) A very rich person
- b) A scarlet red colour
- c) A rare type of diamond

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WHAT IS IT?

bibliopole

- a) Display cabinet for coins
- b) A character in a play
- c) Seller of rare books

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WHAT IS IT?

hokum

- a) A method for jumping hurdles
- b) A type of ancient spear
- c) Absolute nonsense

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WHAT IS IT?

suture

- a) A stitch on a flesh wound
- b) A type of star
- c) A green comic monster

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WHAT IS IT?

jalopy

- a) A court jester in ancient times
- b) A dilapidated old car
- c) A rare type of blood cell

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WHAT IS IT?

bugaboo

- a) Something that causes fear
- b) Trap for catching insects
- c) South African bird

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WHAT IS IT?

teetotal

- a) Mechanical military toy
- b) A type of calculator
- c) Doesn't drink alcohol

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WHAT IS IT?

borborygmous

- a) A corn on the heel of the foot
- b) Sound of gas in the intestines
- c) Extremely large animal

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WHAT IS IT?

lummoX

- a) A clumsy or stupid person
- b) A sore chesty cough
- c) A wild mountain cat

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WHAT IS IT?

xenophobia

- a) Inability to sleep at night
- b) A fear of choking
- c) A deep dislike of foreigners

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WHAT IS IT?

dirigible

- a) Capable of being guided
- b) Naughty behaviour
- c) Old-style spinning top

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WHAT IS IT?

gallivant

- a) A small mouse-like animal
- b) Sound of bongo drums
- c) Wander about aimlessly

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WHAT IS IT?

kumquat

- a) A small desert animal
- b) A type of citrus fruit
- c) A lady's umbrella

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WHAT IS IT?

syllabub

- a) Dessert made from cream
- b) A pony used for racing
- c) A traditional French hat

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WHAT IS IT?

flummox

- a) To confuse or bewilder
- b) Stomach ache caused by gas
- c) A traditional flat bread

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WHAT IS IT?

kerfuffle

- a) A dessert made with egg whites
- b) A feathered head scarf
- c) To cause a fuss or commotion

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WHAT IS IT?

hyperbole

- a) A Spanish dance
- b) An exaggerated statement
- c) A swelling on the brain

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WHAT IS IT?

clandestine

- a) Done with great secrecy
- b) Extended family gathering
- c) Fancy sleeves on a lady's shirt

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WHAT IS IT?

sartorial

- a) Relating to royalty
- b) Relating to clothing/style
- c) Relating to bone structure

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WHAT IS IT?

scullery

- a) Process of puppet making
- b) Brush for scrubbing floor
- c) Small area off the kitchen

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WHAT IS IT?

scuttlebutt

- a) Cask for drinking water
- b) A disagreeable person
- c) A trolley for moving goods

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WHAT IS IT?

loquacious

- a) Person who sleeps a lot
- b) Tending to talk too much
- c) A type of liquorice sweet

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WHAT IS IT?

gagster

- a) Strap on a horse's saddle
- b) A covering for the mouth
- c) Person who tells jokes

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WHAT IS IT?

fustic

- a) Yellow dye from a tree
- b) A leak in a water pipe
- c) An overly fussy person

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WHAT IS IT?

edentate

- a) Damage to body of a car
- b) Having few or no teeth
- c) Needing oversized shoes

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WHAT IS IT?

zeta

- a) 6th letter in Greek alphabet
- b) Growth on an elephant tusk
- c) Ancient god of trees

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WHAT IS IT?

wobbegong

- a) A type of alcoholic drink
- b) A musical wind instrument
- c) Australian brown shark

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WHAT IS IT?

vestibule

- a) Lobby area inside door
- b) Inflammation of the lungs
- c) Lining of a suit jacket

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WHAT IS IT?

usury

- a) Lending money at high interest
- b) One or more missing fingers
- c) Telling lies in a court of law

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WHAT IS IT?

tussive

- a) Helmet of Roman army
- b) Excessive beard growth
- c) Of or relating to a cough

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WHAT IS IT?

suslik

- a) A unique tribal language
- b) A puncture on a tank tyre
- c) A common ground squirrel

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WHAT IS IT?

rondeau

- a) A short poem of 10 or 13 lines
- b) Clasp on an expensive belt
- c) Forest animal sounds

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WHAT IS IT?

pumpernickel

- a) 18th century coins
- b) A type of German bread
- c) Metal found in soggy soil

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WHAT IS IT?

osteology

- a) Study of the skeleton
- b) Study of wild swans
- c) Relating to ancient history

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WHAT IS IT?

neuralgia

- a) Decorative gold necklace
- b) Intense nerve pain
- c) Seeds of rare Peruvian tree

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WHAT IS IT?

myopia

- a) Short sightedness
- b) Twin fox-like animals of Iran
- c) Fine hair found on tree bark

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WHAT IS IT?

lucubrate

- a) Oil for fishing vessel engine
- b) To come last in a race
- c) To work or study at night

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WHAT IS IT?

kibitzer

- a) Sparkling Israeli wine
- b) Onlooker at a card game
- c) Clasp used for climbing ropes

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WHAT IS IT?

jerkin

- a) Budgie-like caged bird
- b) Well-done streaky bacon
- c) Tight sleeveless jacket

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WHAT IS IT?

hyson

- a) Chinese green tea
- b) Instrument to measure heat
- c) Descendant of a tribal chief

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Answers

1.	B
2.	A
3.	C
4.	B
5.	A
6.	C
7.	C
8.	C
9.	B
10.	A

Answers

11.	B
12.	C
13.	C
14.	A
15.	B
16.	A
17.	C
18.	B
19.	A
20.	C

Answers

21.	A
22.	C
23.	B
24.	A
25.	A
26.	C
27.	B
28.	A
29.	B
30.	C

Answers

31.	A
32.	B
33.	C
34.	A
35.	B
36.	A
37.	C
38.	A
39.	A
40.	C

Answers

41.	C
42.	A
43.	B
44.	A
45.	B
46.	A
47.	C
48.	B
49.	C
50.	A

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