

1 Match the definitions with the words in the box. There are three extra definitions.

assert attribute to denote flick through
give something away launch into something
put something down to something raise eyebrows
reputedly wink

- 1 to represent something *denote*
- 2 to think that a problem is caused by one particular thing
- 3 to close one eye for a short time
- 4 to start doing something after a lot of planning
- 5 to tell people something secret, often without intending to
- 6 to think that something is the result or work of something or someone else
- 7 to close both eyes quickly
- 8 to cause surprise
- 9 to look quickly at the pages of a magazine or book
- 10 to deny something is true
- 11 to say that something is certainly true
- 12 in a way that is said to be true, although it is not known to be certain
- 13 to start doing something with a lot of energy

2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases from Exercise 1. You may need to change the form of the verb or phrase.

- 1 The success of the company has been *attributed to* market forces.
- 2 I knew he was joking when I saw him at his friend.
- 3 I don't know what he's thinking because his facial expressions don't
- 4 Tara's out-of-tune singing at the concert managed to in the audience.
- 5 I think we can the animal's behaviour down to his relationship with his owner.
- 6 When the principal gets angry he always speech about how students should behave.
- 7 During interviews people often they can do things even if it's not strictly true.
- 8 I was just the paper when I saw this interesting article.
- 9 Look, this is the chimpanzee that can count to ten.
- 10 I believe this figure the number of times the animal has successfully performed this trick.

3 Match the sentence beginnings (1–10) and endings (A–M).

- 1 We've looked all over the *C*
- 2 Have you heard that the position as editor is up
- 3 I'm not sure if we're moving as Dad's promotion is still up
- 4 The teacher says I need to back up my arguments but it's easier said
- 5 I think Ben and I got off on
- 6 I hate my job so much I couldn't
- 7 Dave has found a place to live which is about
- 8 I found it so hard to keep a
- 9 We will keep you
- 10 Don't worry, I know this park inside
- A than done, I can never remember any quotes.
- B care less whether I get fired or not.
- C place but we still couldn't find the file.
- D time, as college starts next week.
- E straight face in class, the teacher's pronunciation was so funny.
- F for grabs? You should apply.
- G in the picture and will let you know if we need any further changes.
- H in the air, so we will definitely be moving.
- I out, so we might get lost.
- J in the air, so we might end up staying.
- K out, all these trails lead back to the entrance.
- L straight face because it wasn't funny at all.
- M the wrong foot but I'm not sure how to fix that.

4 Complete the text with the words in the box and any other additional words necessary.

time place less face than done
wrongfoot out picture grabs air

Everything about my future is ¹ *up in the air* at the moment. I applied for the job that is ² at the marketing company. Apparently, there are a lot of candidates so getting an interview is ³ Joe is ⁴ though, as he knows someone who works there. In the meantime, I've looked ⁵ for similar positions but the job market is quite slow right now. It's made me realize that I ⁶ about my current job. I know everything ⁷ and I'm not learning anything new. It's ⁸ I found something more challenging. I also need to find a new place to live. My roommate is fine but I seem to have ⁹ with his girlfriend. When we first met, she spoke Spanish to me, but her accent was terrible and I ¹⁰ , I burst out laughing. I think he feels insulted.

1

- 2 put something down to something
- 3 wink
- 5 give something away
- 6 attribute to
- 8 raise eyebrows
- 9 flick through
- 11 assert
- 12 reputedly
- 13 launch into something

2

- 2 wink
- 3 give anything away
- 4 raise eyebrows
- 5 put
- 6 launches into
- 7 assert
- 8 flicking through
- 9 reputedly
- 10 denotes

3

- 2 F
- 3 H
- 4 A
- 5 M
- 6 B
- 7 D
- 8 E
- 9 G
- 10 K

4

- 2 up for grabs
- 3 easier said than done
- 4 keeping me in the picture
- 5 all over the place
- 6 couldn't care less
- 7 inside out
- 8 about time
- 9 got off on the wrong foot
- 10 couldn't keep a straight face