

1 Match the definitions with the words in the box.

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 say that something is certainly true
- 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 in a way that is said to be true, although it is not known to be certain
- 8 to cause surprise
- 9 to look quickly at the pages of a magazine or book
- 10 to start doing something with a lot of energy

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

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

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

- 1 We've looked all over the ... *C*
 - 2 Have you heard that the position as editor is up *A*
 - 3 I'm not sure if we're moving as Dad's promotion is still up *B*
 - 4 The teacher says I need to back up my arguments but it's easier said *D*
 - 5 I think Ben and I got off on *E*
 - 6 I hate my job so much I couldn't *F*
 - 7 Dave has found a place to live which is about *G*
 - 8 I found it so hard to keep a *H*
 - 9 We will keep you *I*
 - 10 Don't worry, I know this park inside *J*
- 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 the wrong foot, but I'm not sure how to sort it out.
I out, all these trails lead back to the entrance.
J in the air, so we might end up staying.

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

Everything about my future is ¹ *up in the air* (air) at the moment. I applied for the job that is ² (grabs) at the marketing company. Apparently, there are a lot of candidates, so getting an interview is ³ (than done). Joe is ⁴ (in the picture) though, as he knows someone who works there. In the meantime, I've looked ⁵ (the place) for similar positions but the job market is quite slow right now. It's made me realize that I ⁶ (less) about my current job. I know everything ⁷ (out) and I'm not learning anything new. It's ⁸ (time) 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 (on the wrong foot) with his girlfriend. When we first met, she spoke Spanish to me, but her accent was terrible and I ¹⁰ (straight face), I burst out laughing. I think he feels insulted.

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- 2 put something down to something
- 3 wink
- 4 assert
- 5 give something away
- 6 attribute to
- 7 reputedly
- 8 raise eyebrows
- 9 flick through
- 10 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 J
- 4 A
- 5 H
- 6 B
- 7 D
- 8 E
- 9 G
- 10 I

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