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ELEMENTARY: FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

1. There's been an _____ reaction from Chinese sports _____ to the suggestion that one of their swimmers may have taken performance-enhancing drugs.
2. Ye Shiwen, aged _____, won a _____ medal and _____ the world record in the _____ metre individual medley on Saturday.
3. One _____ coach said her swim was 'disturbing'.
4. Chinese officials say _____ of _____ athletes have failed drugs tests during the Games.

5. A _____ has been arrested after allegedly malicious Tweets were _____ to the British Olympic diver Tom Daley.
6. Dorset Police say the youth was detained at a _____ in Weymouth.
7. Tom Daley was a real medal _____ in the _____ metre synchronised driving.
8. However, yesterday he and his partner could only manage _____ place.
9. Shortly afterwards Tom received a message on Twitter saying 'You let your _____ down. I hope you _____ that.'
10. The driver's _____ died last _____ from _____ cancer.
11. The 18-year-old responded: 'After _____ it my _____, you get _____ sending me this.'
12. The author of the original Tweet did then _____.
13. Dorset Police arrested a _____-year-old in the early _____ of this morning, on suspicion of malicious communications.

14. The Government's been warned that _____ strategy for improving _____ services risks leaving many communities and businesses behind.
15. The report is _____ a _____ of Lords committee.
16. It says there's been _____ emphasis on _____ and not enough on widening access.

17. Hundreds of millions of people in _____ are facing a _____ of power cuts after two grids failed.
18. _____ have been reported in several states.
19. The metro system in Delhi has _____.
20. Passengers are being moved off _____.

21. The _____ prime minister Enda Kenny has _____ tribute to the novelist Maeve Binchy.
22. She has died at the _____ of _____.
23. Mr Kenny said Ireland _____ a national treasure.
24. Maeve Binchy wrote _____ novels.
25. Several of her works, including Circle of _____ and Tara _____, were turned into films.



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ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS

1. There's been an **angry** reaction from Chinese sports **fans** to the suggestion that one of their swimmers may have taken performance-enhancing drugs.
2. Ye Shiwen, aged **16**, won a **gold** medal and **broke** the world record in the **10** metre individual medley on Saturday.
3. One **American** coach said her swim was 'disturbing'.
4. Chinese officials say **none** of **their** athletes have failed drugs tests during the Games.

5. A **teenager** has been arrested after allegedly malicious Tweets were **sent** to the British Olympic diver Tom Daley.
6. Dorset Police say the youth was detained at a **guesthouse** in Weymouth.
7. Tom Daley was a real medal **hope** in the **10** metre synchronised diving.
8. However, yesterday he and his partner could only manage **fourth** place.
9. Shortly afterwards Tom received a message on Twitter saying 'You let your **dad** down. I hope you **know** that.'
10. The driver's **father** died last **year** from **brain** cancer.
11. The 18-year-old responded: 'After **giving** it my **all**, you get **idiots** sending me this.'
12. The author of the original Tweet did then **apologise**.
13. Dorset Police arrested a **17**-year-old in the early **hours** of this morning, on suspicion of malicious communications.

14. The Government's been warned that **its** strategy for improving **broadband** services risks leaving many communities and businesses behind.
15. The report is **by** a **House** of Lords committee.
16. It says there's been **too much** emphasis on **speed** and not enough on widening access.

17. Hundreds of millions of people in **India** are facing a **second day** of power cuts after two grids failed.
18. **Blackouts** have been reported in several states.
19. The metro system in Delhi has **broken down**.
20. Passengers are being moved off **trains**.

21. The **Irish** prime minister Enda Kenny has **paid** tribute to the novelist Maeve Binchy.
22. She has died at the **age** of **72**.
23. Mr Kenny said Ireland **had lost** a national treasure.
24. Maeve Binchy wrote **16** novels.
25. Several of her works, including Circle of **Friends** and Tara **Road**, were turned into films.



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INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS

1. Who are angry at suggestions that a Chinese gold medal-winning swimmer may have taken performance-enhancing drugs?
2. How old is Ye Shiwen?
3. What did she do in the 400 metre individual medley on Saturday?
4. Which word did one US coach use to describe Ye Shiwen's swim?
5. What do Chinese officials say?

6. Who has been arrested after an allegedly malicious Tweet was sent to the British diver Tom Daley?
7. Where in Weymouth was the youth detained?
8. Which event was it hoped Tom would win a medal in?
9. Which medal did he and his colleague miss out on by one place yesterday?
10. What did the Tweet to Tom say?
11. What did Tom Daley's father die from last year?
12. How did Tom respond to the Tweet?
13. What did the original Tweet author then do?
14. When was the suspect arrested?
15. What crime is he suspected of?

16. Which Government strategy is mentioned in this next story?
17. What does the strategy risk doing, according to a new report?
18. What has there been too much emphasis on, according to the report?
19. What needs to be widened?

20. What are hundreds of millions of people in India facing?
21. What have failed?
22. What have been reported in several states?
23. What has the metro service in Delhi done?
24. Who are being moved off trains?

25. Who is Enda Kenny?
26. What type of author was Maeve Binchy, the lady who's died at the age of 72?
27. What did Mr Kenny say? *[NB reported speech]*
28. How many novels did Maeve Binchy write?
29. What happened to several of her books, including Circle of Friends and Tara Road?
[NB passive - simple past]



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. Who are angry at suggestions that a Chinese gold medal-winning swimmer may have taken performance-enhancing drugs? **Chinese sports fans**
2. How old is Ye Shiwen? **She's 16.**
3. What did she do in the 400 metre individual medley on Saturday? **She broke the world record.**
4. Which word did one US coach use to describe Ye Shiwen's swim? **'disturbing'**
5. What do Chinese officials say? **They say that none of their athletes has failed drugs tests during the Games.**

6. Who has been arrested after an allegedly malicious Tweet was sent to the British diver Tom Daley? **a teenager**
7. Where in Weymouth was the youth detained? **at a guesthouse**
8. Which event was it hoped Tom would win a medal in? **the 10 metre synchronised diving**
9. Which medal did he and his colleague miss out on by one place yesterday? **a bronze medal (They were in fourth place.)**
10. What did the Tweet to Tom say? **'You let your dad down. I hope you know that.'**
11. What did Tom Daley's father die from last year? **brain cancer**
12. How did Tom respond to the Tweet? **He said 'After giving it my all, you get idiots sending me this.'**
13. What did the original Tweet author then do? **He apologised.**
14. When was the suspect arrested? **in the early hours of this morning**
15. What crime is he suspected of? **malicious communications**

16. Which Government strategy is mentioned in this next story? **Its strategy for improving broadband services.**
17. What does the strategy risk doing, according to a new report? **It risks leaving many communities and businesses behind.**
18. What has there been too much emphasis on, according to the report? **speed**
19. What needs to be widened? **access**

20. What are hundreds of millions of people in India facing? **a second day of power cuts**
21. What have failed? **two grids**
22. What have been reported in several states? **blackouts**
23. What has the metro service in Delhi done? **It has broken down.**
24. Who are being moved off trains? **passengers**

25. Who is Enda Kenny? **He's the Irish prime minister.**
26. What type of author was Maeve Binchy, the lady who's died at the age of 72? **She was a novelist.**
27. What did Mr Kenny say? *[NB reported speech]* **He said Ireland had lost a natural treasure.**
28. How many novels did Maeve Binchy write? **16**
29. What happened to several of her books, including Circle of Friends and Tara Road? *[NB passive - simple past]* **They were turned into films.**



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ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE

1. Chinese sports fans are very angry about the suggestion that one of their swimmers took performance-enhancing drugs before a race.
2. Ye Shiwen came second in her race.
3. She broke the world record in the 400 metre team medley on Saturday.
4. One American coach said her swim was 'disturbing'.
5. Chinese officials say only one of their athletes has failed drugs tests during the Games.

6. A teenager has been arrested after allegedly malicious sweets were sent to the Olympic diver Tom Daley.
7. Dorset Police say the youth was detained at a guesthouse in Weymouth.
8. It was hoped that Tom Daley would win a medal in the 10 metre synchronised diving event.
9. Yesterday he and his partner just missed out on a bronze medal.
10. Shortly afterwards Tom was sent a Tweet saying 'You let your country down. I hope you know that.'
11. The diver's father died from brain cancer in 2011.
12. The 18-year-old responded very politely.
13. The author of the original Tweet then said he was sorry.
14. Dorset Police say they detained the teenager early this morning 'on suspicion of malicious communication'.

15. The Government has been warned that its strategy for improving broadband surfaces risks leaving many communities and businesses behind.
16. The report says there's been too much emphasis on speed and not enough on increasing access.
17. The Government says private money is being invested to fill any gaps.

18. A hundred million people in India are facing a second day of power cuts.
19. Blackouts have been reported in seven states including Punjab, Rajasthan and Bihar.
20. Delhi's metro has broken down.
21. Passengers are having to get off trains.

22. The Irish prime minister, Enda Kenny, has paid tribute to the author Maeve Binchy who's died at the age of 72.
23. Mr Kenny said Ireland had lost 'a notional treasure'.
24. Several of Ms Binchy's novels, including Circle of Ends and Tara Road, were adapted and made into films.



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ADVANCED: ANSWERS

1. Chinese sports fans are very angry about the suggestion that one of their swimmers took performance-enhancing drugs before a race. (T 'There's been an angry reaction from Chinese sports fans to the suggestion that their gold medal-winning swimmer Ye Shiwen may have taken performance-enhancing drugs.')
2. Ye Shiwen came second in her race. (F She won a gold medal, so she must have come first.)
3. She broke the world record in the 400 metre team medley on Saturday. (F 'in the 400 metre individual medley')
4. One American coach said her swim was 'disturbing'. (T)
5. Chinese officials say only one of their athletes has failed drugs tests during the Games. (F 'Chinese officials say none of their athletes has failed drugs tests during the Games.')
6. A teenager has been arrested after allegedly malicious tweets were sent to the Olympic diver Tom Daley. (F 'malicious Tweets')
7. Dorset Police say the youth was detained at a guesthouse in Weymouth. (F 'Weymouth')
8. It was hoped that Tom Daley would win a medal in the 10 metre synchronised diving event. (T He 'was a real medal hope in the 10 metre synchronised diving'.)
9. Yesterday he and his partner just missed out on a bronze medal. (T 'but yesterday could only manage fourth')
10. Shortly afterwards Tom was sent a Tweet saying 'You let your country down. I hope you know that.' (F 'you let your dad down')
11. The diver's father died from brain cancer in 2011. (T)
12. The 18-year-old responded very politely. (F He wrote back: 'After giving it my all, you have idiots sending me this.')
13. The author of the original Tweet then said he was sorry. (T He apologised.)
14. Dorset Police say they detained the teenager early this morning 'on suspicion of malicious communication'. (F 'on suspicion of malicious communications')
15. The Government has been warned that its strategy for improving broadband surfaces risks leaving many communities and businesses behind. (F broadband services)
16. The report says there's been too much emphasis on speed and not enough on increasing access. (T 'widening access' = increasing access)
17. The Government says private money is being invested to fill any gaps. (F public money)
18. A hundred million people in India are facing a second day of power cuts. (F 'Hundreds of millions')
19. Blackouts have been reported in seven states including Punjab, Rajasthan and Bihar. (F 'in several states')
20. Delhi's metro has broken down. (T)
21. Passengers are having to get off trains. (T 'passengers are being moved off trains')
22. The Irish prime minister, Enda Kenny, has paid tribute to the author Maeve Binchy who's died at the age of 72. (T An author is someone who writes books, and novels are fiction books.)
23. Mr Kenny said Ireland had lost 'a notional treasure'. (F 'a national treasure')
24. Several of Ms Binchy's novels, including Circle of Ends and Tara Road, were adapted and made into films. (F Circle of Friends)