

31.1. What does the underlined phrase really mean?

The night was black as coal.

- The sky was blue.
- The night was very dark.
- The moon was in the sky.

It was raining cats and dogs.

- Real cats and dogs were falling out of the sky.
- It was raining very hard.
- It wasn't raining at all.

Time flies when we are having fun.

- Time goes quickly.
- Time has wings and flies like a bird.
- Time goes slowly.

The train roared like a lion as it went through the mountain pass.

- The train was very quiet.
- The train has a voice.
- The train was loud and fast.

The sun on the snow made it sparkle like diamonds.

- There were diamonds in the snow.
- The snow was dirty and dull.
- The snow was clean and shiny.

My cousin is as gentle as a lamb with his little sister.

- My cousin is kind to his little sister.
- My cousin doesn't like his little sister.
- My cousin hasn't got any sisters.

I was so thirsty I felt like I could spit cotton.

- My mouth was rather dry.
- I had cotton in my mouth.
- I didn't need a drink.

coal: Kohle
cotton: Baumwolle
diamond: Diamant
gentle: sanft
kind: nett
lamb: Lamm
not at all: überhaupt nicht
roar: brüllen, donnern
spit: spucken
voice: Stimme
wing: Flügel



31.2. Find the word (couple - ~~certain~~ - paws - fast - purchase - binoculars - Venus - guide)

to be sure ... certain	the brightest star in the sky
to buy something	feet and hands of animals
a leader of a group	field glasses
not slow	a pair

31.2. Which one is the last phrase of the dialogue that makes it a joke?

- Great! Is it a ticket for some baseball match? - Fine, I think you're a jerk! - Splendid. Do you like thinking?
 - Blimey! He's out of tickets. - Alas, my money's all gone.

Police officer: You were speeding.

Motorist: No, I wasn't.

Officer: Yes, you were. I'm giving you a ticket.

Motorist: But I wasn't speeding.

Officer: Tell that to the judge! (The officer gives man the ticket.)

Motorist: Would I get another ticket if I called you a jerk?

Officer: Yes, you would.

Motorist: What if I just thought that you were?

Officer: I can't give you a ticket for what you think.

a jerk: Blödian, Depp
a ticket: Eintrittskarte, Bussenzettel
alas: ach
blimey! - verflixt!
judge: Richter
officer: Beamter
to speed: schnell fahren

Motorist: