

## 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.

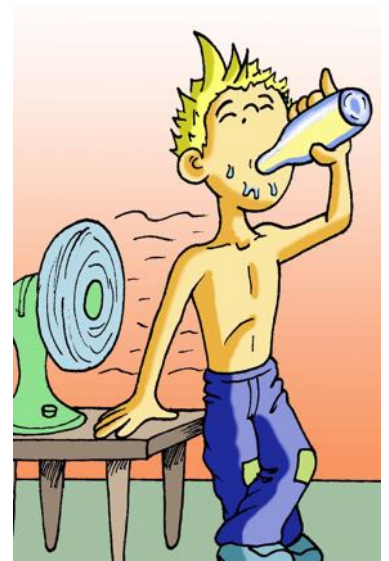
My cousin is as gentle as a lamb with his little sister.

- 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 ... <i>certain</i> .....	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:** .....