

Conv. 4

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. I always get _____ when I give a speech.
2. Severn's really a _____. He doesn't like to spend a lot of money.
3. I always _____ reading Japanese mysteries.
4. The singer finished his latest _____ at 2 in the morning.
5. Most students go to _____ after they graduate from high school.
6. I absolutely detest horror movies, because all the blood _____ me _____.
7. She's been married to her _____ for 5 years now.
8. Severn: Hi _____! Good morning!
IU: Hey Babe! Morning!
9. A: You know what? I could _____ a pizza now. A pepperoni pizza!
B: Sounds good to me. I'll order a large pizza from Dominoes.
10. Desserts seem to be my _____. I'm always eating ice cream, cookies, cakes, pies, and chocolate.
11. Don't listen to that guy! I think he's _____.
12. I always laugh at my friend, because she's kind of _____.
13. I'm tired of my student coming to class late. It really _____ after awhile.
14. Oh I love that song! It's really _____.
15. A: Is there a good Indian restaurant near here?
B: Ummmm... Yes! There's a restaurant called INDY. I think that should _____.

- a. hon
- b. hubby
- c. the jitters
- d. kryptonite
- e. gig
- f. rosses out
- g. goofy
- h. get a kick out of
- i. go for
- j. fit the bill
- k. full of crap
- l. uni
- m. tightwad
- n. gets old
- o. intense

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ON THE RISE IN 2015

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Capital punishment is on the **rise** as a **record** number of **executions** were **carried out** around the world in 2015. **According to** a report **issued** by 1634 executions took place in 2015, 500 more than the **previous** year. The real number is probably much higher.

Amnesty International has not **included** China in its report because the **human rights** organisation does not get **reliable data** from the country. In China alone thousands **are thought to be** executed each year, making it the leading country.

90% of all the executions around the world were carried out in only three countries - Iran, Pakistan and . These countries kill people who **threaten state security** or are **charged** with terrorist activities. Most of the executions take place after **mock** or unfair **trials**. Pakistan did not execute any prisoners between 2008 and 2014, but **resumed** state killings in 2015.

The United States **ranks fifth** in the **global** execution list Only 28 were carried out in 2015, the lowest number since 1991. This is partly **due to** the problems that have come up with **lethal injections**.

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More than two-thirds of all countries have **abolished** the **death penalty** and the trend is growing **steadily**. 60 states around the world still have some form of capital punishment.

Capital Punishment

1. How many executions were carried out in 2015?

In 2014?

2. Why doesn't Amnesty International include China in its report?

How many people are "probably" executed in China?

3. Where were 90% of the executions carried out?

Why are the people executed?

When do the executions take place?

4. Where does the U.S. rank in number of executions?

How many people were executed there in 2015?

5. How many countries have abolished the death penalty?

6. What are different ways people are executed? (name 5 ways)

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

7. Do you agree or disagree with the death penalty? (And why?)

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Sugar overdose warning for coffee chain festive drinks

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A health group has warned people to be careful about how much sugar is in their drinks when they go to coffee shops. Many cafes in the UK are adding extra sugar and syrup to their festive drinks in the run-up to

Christmas. The health group is called Action on Sugar (AOS). It carried out research on how sweet hot drinks were in coffee chains around the country. It found that some lattes and hot chocolates contained as much as 23 spoons of sugar. It analysed over 200 different drinks. The researchers said they found "shockingly" high levels of sugar in many of the drinks. An AOS spokesperson said people with obesity, diabetes and other health conditions needed to check what they were drinking.

Action On Sugar analysed drinks from nine different coffee shop chains. It found the unhealthiest drink was the Starbucks "Venti" caramel hot chocolate. It contained 93.7g of sugar and 758 calories. AOS says it has as much sugar as three cans of Coca-Cola. A spokeswoman for Starbucks said: "We are committed to reducing sugar in all our beverages and since 2015 we've delivered a nine per cent reduction in the sugar content." Katharine Jenner, a director at AOS, said: "The hospitality industry has a key role to play in being transparent. It must help to reduce the amount of sugar we consume. Sugar is one of the biggest causes of obesity, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay."

Sources: bbc.com / standard.co.uk / huffingtonpsot.co.uk

Writing

There should be a maximum amount of sugar in any drink. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

health / careful / sugar / drinks / syrup / festive / Christmas / coffee / obesity / check / coffee shop / caramel / hot chocolate / Coca Cola / calories / diabetes / tooth decay

True / False

- A coffee maker warned people to be careful about sugar in drinks. T / F
- Many cafes are putting extra syrup in their drinks. T / F
- A group found one drink with 23 spoons of sugar in it. T / F
- A health group said some drinks had shockingly high levels of sugar. T / F
- A health group said one Starbucks coffee contained over 1,000 calories. T / F
- A hot chocolate had as much sugar as three cans of Coca Cola. T / F
- A health group said the hospitality industry had a big responsibility. T / F
- The article said sugar is a big cause of type-1 diabetes. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. warned | a. conducted |
| 2. extra | b. eat and drink |
| 3. carried out | c. problems |
| 4. contained | d. reasons |
| 5. conditions | e. cut |
| 6. analysed | f. advised |
| 7. beverages | g. had |
| 8. reduce | h. drinks |
| 9. consume | i. more |
| 10. causes | j. examined |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- How healthy or unhealthy is sugar?
- Would you like a Starbucks 'Venti' caramel hot chocolate?
- Are sugary drinks or fruit juices better?
- Have you ever had tooth decay?
- How healthy are your teeth?
- How can obese people be healthier?
- What questions would you like to ask Action On Sugar?

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(Answer these questions)

- 1.What's the name of this health group?
- 2.What did this group find about some lattes and hot chocolates?
- 3.How many drinks did they analyze?
- 4.What did an AOS spokesman say?
- 5.How many coffee shop chains did AOS analyze drinks from?
What was the unhealthiest drink?
How much sugar did it contain?
How many calories?
- 6.What did a spokesman for Starbucks say?
- 7.What's your favorite coffee shop?
What do you usually drink there?
- 8.What's your favorite beverage?