

1. She was adopted. She never met her \_\_\_\_\_. She always thought of her adopted mother as her real mum.
  - a) giving birth mother
  - b) birth mother
  - c) mother birth
  - d) mother of birth
  
2. Which saying means if you really need to do something, you will think of a way of doing it?
  - a) Like mother, like daughter
  - b) Keep mum
  - c) Mum's the word
  - d) Necessity is the mother of invention
  
3. My boss is a bit too protective. I wish she'd stop \_\_\_\_\_ and let me get on with my work myself. It's not the end of the world if I make a mistake or two.
  - a) to be mother
  - b) parenting me
  - c) mothering me
  - d) mother me
  
4. Most women who have children today \_\_\_\_\_. I don't know how they manage to combine going to the office and looking after their kids.
  - a) work and parent
  - b) are employed mummies
  - c) are working mothers
  - d) are work in two places parents
  
5. He grew up in Canada so although he can speak French well, English is his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) mothering tongue
  - b) mother of tongue
  - c) mother tongue
  - d) mother's tongue

6. Congratulations! Tell me everything. When's the baby due? What's it like being \_\_\_\_\_? And do you know if you're having a boy or a girl?
- a) a mother-to-be
  - b) a mother-soon
  - c) a mother-in-law
  - d) none of the above

## ANSWERS:

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- a) giving birth mother
- b) **birth mother**
- c) mother birth
- d) mother of birth

a) You have one extra word here.

b) **Correct. This means the woman who gave birth to him.**

c) The words are in the wrong order.

d) You have one extra word here and the two words you need are in the wrong order.

2. Which saying means if you really need to do something, you will think of a way of doing it?

a) Like mother, like daughter

b) Keep mum

c) Mum's the word

d) **Necessity is the mother of invention**

a) This expression means each woman is similar to her own mother. You need a different expression here.

b) You use this expression when you want someone to keep a secret. You need a different expression here.

c) You use this expression when you want to say that you'll keep something a secret. You need a different expression here.

d) **Well done! This is the correct expression.**

3. My boss is a bit too protective. I wish she'd stop \_\_\_\_\_ and let me get on with my work myself. It's not the end of the world if I make a mistake or two.

a) to be mother

b) parenting me

c) **mothering me**

d) mother me

a) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need another one which describes someone who treats you like a child, rather than an adult.

b) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need a word like *parenting* but one you use just for female parents.

c) **Right. This means the boss is being over-protective.**

d) This is almost right, you just need a different form of the first word.

4. Most women who have children today \_\_\_\_\_. I don't know how they manage to combine going to the office and looking after their kids.

- a) **are working mothers**
- b) are employed mummies
- c) work and parent
- d) are work in two places parents

a) **Correct. This means they have jobs outside the home as well as taking care of their children.**

b) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need one that means the mothers work both in and outside the home.

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d) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need one that means the mothers work both in and outside the home.

5. He grew up in Canada so although he can speak French well, English is his \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) mothering tongue
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a) The second word is correct but you need a different form in the first one.

b) You have one extra word here.

c) **Well done. This means English is the first language he learned as a child.**

d) The second word is correct but you don't need a possessive word in the first one.

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- a) a mother-soon
- b) a mother-to-be
- c) a mother-in-law
- d) none of the above

a) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need one that means she'll be a mother soon.

b) **Correct. This means she'll be a mother soon.**

c) Your mother-in-law is your partner's mother. You need an expression which means she'll be a mother soon.

d) One of these answers is correct.

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