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CLASSER : _____

Surprise
15 Questions

DATE : _____

1. You tell your friend you finally graduated, after many years of hard work and sacrifice:
how could you react?
(one is **WRONG**)

- A I'm flabbergasted! B I'm astounded!
- C You have gone astray! D I'm dumbstruck!!

2. A friend from EOI Valencia is telling you a great news: all students will get the C2 certification automatically, without even taking the exam.
What's your reaction? (one is **WRONG**)

- A You look at him in disbelief B That's awesome
- C Cut the crap D You're taken aback

3. You get a phone call from a stranger telling you your ex boy/girlfriend will come back to you if you send him 10000 euros. Whats your reaction?
(one is **WRONG**)

- A I'm not a fool B I wasn't born yesterday
- C You catch me on the hop D I'm not a mug

4. You're surprised and confused about a disturbing news. What other wording can you use?
(One is **CORRECT?**)

- A You're enthralled B You're sarcastic
- C You're spellbound D You're dazed

5. The way she lost her temper totally... (one is **CORRECT**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | threw me in | <input type="checkbox"/> B | threw me out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | threw me | <input type="checkbox"/> D | threw me down |

6. You're a writer and finally won the Booker Prize. This news leaves you... (one is **WRONG**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | mouthless | <input type="checkbox"/> B | speechless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | voiceless | <input type="checkbox"/> D | wordless |

7. Try to find the odd one!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | Bewildered | <input type="checkbox"/> B | Perplexed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | Aghast | <input type="checkbox"/> D | Stumped |

8. You're writing an email to a friend to tell him you're astonished by something. Which adverb **CAN'T** you use to emphasise "astonished": "I'm _____ astonished" ? (one answer)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | Totally | <input type="checkbox"/> B | Profoundly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | Completely | <input type="checkbox"/> D | Utterly |

9. You just saw an amazing exhibition which left you speechless. How do you feel? (one is **CORRECT**)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | You're knocked back | <input type="checkbox"/> B | You're knocked up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | You're knocked sideways | <input type="checkbox"/> D | You're knocked down |

10. Your best friend just won the lottery and is giving you half of it. What's your reaction? (one is **WRONG**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A | You're dumbfounded | <input type="checkbox"/> B | You're blown out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C | You're astounded | <input type="checkbox"/> D | You're awestruck |

11. You've failed your exams, again, and found a phoney excuse for it. It's so thick your father...
(one is **WRONG**)

A is dumbfounded

B is struck dumb

C doesn't have a voice in it

D is rendered speechless

12. You bump into your neighbour at the supermarket around the corner. What's your reaction?
(one is **CORRECT**)

A That's heavy duty!

B This throws you for a loop

C You're stunned

D You're startled

13. Your boss tells you you're finally going to get the raise he refused for many years. What would be an appropriate reaction? (one is **CORRECT**)

A Thanks, this is unexpected!

B Thanks, I'm at bay!

C Thanks, that's a real sham!

D Thanks, I'm gobsmacked!

14.

Different degrees of surprise

- (+/- Light) surprise: startled, taken aback, throw
- Surprised but doubtful: perplexed, stumped, bewildered, dazed
- Surprised but ironic or sarcastic: I'm not a mug/a fool, I wasn't born yesterday, cut the crap
- Very surprised: flabbergasted, struck dumb, dumbstruck, astounded, gobsmacked
- Left without a voice: speechless, wordless, voiceless
- Aghast (horrified), to throw for a loop (to be chocked), stunned

15.

Vocabulary not related to surprise

- knock back = to impede progress
- knocked up = to be pregnant (slang)
- knocked off = to finish quickly (slang)
- spellbound/enthralled = to be captivated
- catch s.o. on the hop = to be unprepared
- throw out = reject, dismiss
- throw in = to include
- have a voice in = to have one's opinion heard
- to go astray = deviate from what is right