

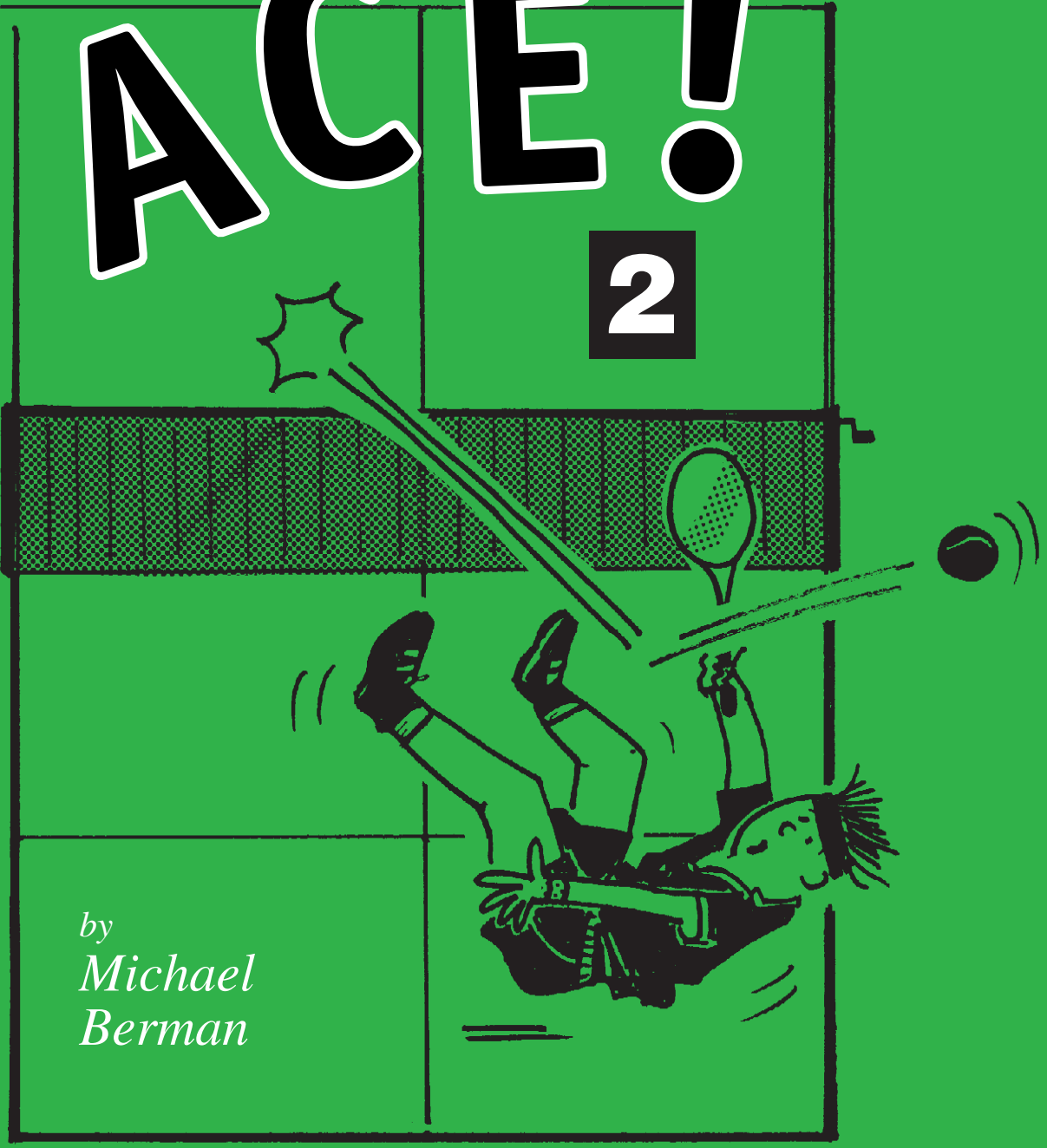
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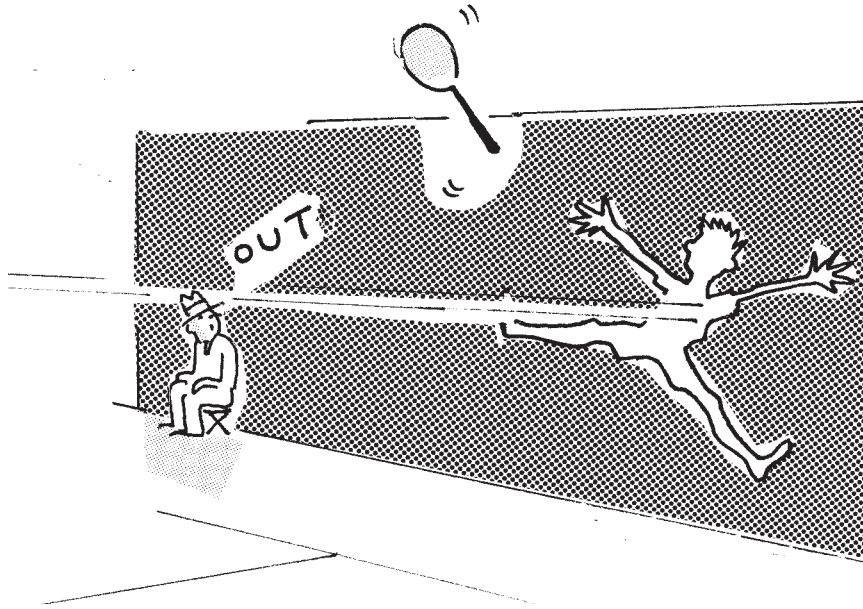
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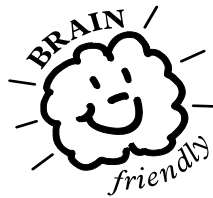
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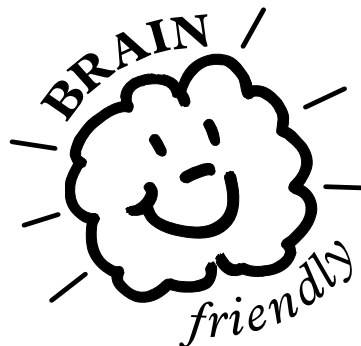
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# Example

## How to play

This is a **self-check** book. The exercises test that you - a **good intermediate/advanced** student of English - can use some of the 'difficult bits' of the language. But it is a book with a difference! It's designed as a game of tennis - **You v. the English Language**. Keep a record of your score as you play each set. As in most finals you have the best of three sets to win! All the answers are in the back - but **don't cheat**. Play the game - have fun - and you'll certainly learn a lot of useful language points.

## This game is played between

*your name*

and

The English Language

## Result

SET	WINNER	SCORE
1		
2		
3		

You need to win all three sets to become Champion.

Good Luck!


## Final Result

beat  The English Language  
lost to  The English Language  
by  sets to


# First Set

– Play all 7 games.

SET 1



Game	Win	Lose	Draw
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			



To win this set you need to win 5 or more games. 4 games is a draw. Less than 4 - you lose.

Your result in SET 1      Win   
   Lose   
   Draw

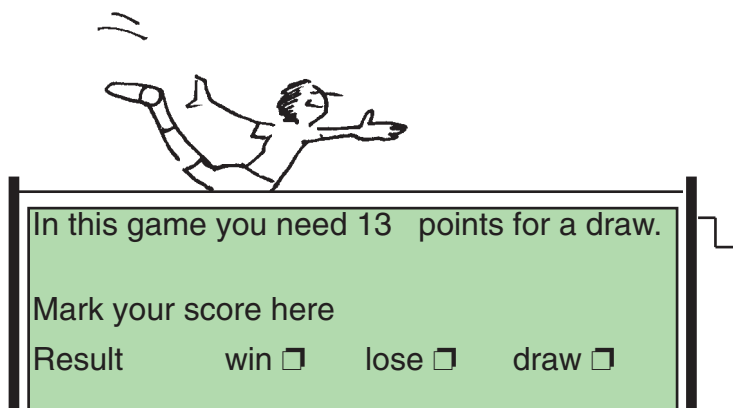
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# Set 1 Game 1

Choose the best answer from each pair of alternatives:

(1) **According to** / **in accordance with** a (2) **research** / **survey** carried (3) **on/out** recently, (4) **men** / **the men** are the cause of (5) **far/much** more accidents on the roads than (6) **the women/women**. (7) **Moreover** / **Nevertheless**, (8) **despite** / **in spite of** the evidence to the (9) **contrary** / **opposite**, most men still (10) **consider** / **regard** themselves to be better drivers. In my own case, I prefer (11) **to travel** / **travelling** by public transport as driving makes me (12) **feel** / **to feel** tense and I find it (13) **exhausting** / **exhaustive**. (14) **Another** / **The other** reason for my reluctance to drive is that I know nothing at all about car maintenance. To (15) **say** / **tell** you the truth, I wouldn't even know what to do if I had a (16) **flat** / **punctured** tyre!

If it needed (17) **mending** / **repairing**, I'd have to take it to a garage. (18) **Besides** / **in any case**, even (19) **if** / **though** I wanted a car of my own, (20) **at present** / **presently** I couldn't afford one.



In this game you need 13 points for a draw.

Mark your score here

Result      win       lose       draw



# Set 2 Game 2 Homophones

Answer the clues to find the pair of homophones:

1. As . . . . . as the nose on your face.  
An aircraft.
2. Time and tide . . . . . for no man.  
You can find what yours is by standing on a pair of scales.
3. The law forbids the . . . . . of alcohol to people under eighteen.  
Do you know how to . . . . . this boat?
4. . . . . people love looking in the mirror.  
A tube in the body that carries blood.
5. You can't teach an old dog . . . . . tricks .  
If you . . . . . the answer, why didn't you tell me?
6. The place in a harbour where ships load and unload.  
The discovery of the murder weapon provided the . . . . . to the mystery.
7. Do as you would be done . . .  
To make a purchase.
8. A loyal and reliable person is as true as . . . . .  
To take something that doesn't belong to you.
9. I spent the . . . . . morning in bed today.  
I need another problem like I need a . . . . . in the head!
10. A . . . . . of cotton  
Is that a . . . . . diamond or is it an imitation?
11. A bird in the hand is worth . . . . . in the bush.  
It was . . . . . good an opportunity to miss.
12. Send the letter by first-class . . . . . for prompt delivery.  
Of the sex that does not give birth to young.



You score 1 point for each pair (correct spelling is important) | -  
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In this game you need 7 points for a draw.			
Mark your score here			
Result	win <input type="checkbox"/>	lose <input type="checkbox"/>	draw <input type="checkbox"/>

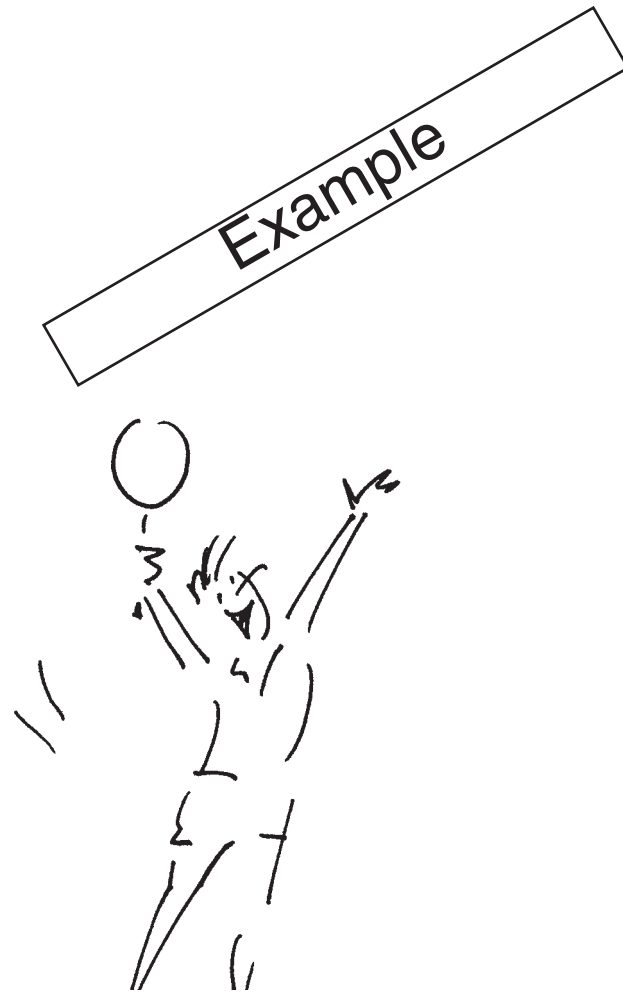
# Answers

## Set 1 Game 1

1) a; 2)b; 3)b; 4)a; 5)a; 6)b; 7)b; 8)b; 9)a; 10)a; 11)b; 12)a; 13)a; 14)a; 15)b; 16)a; 17)b; 18)b; 19)a; 20)a.

## Set 2 Game 2

1) plain/plane; 2) wait/weight; 3) sale/sail; 4) vain/vein; 5) new/knew; 6) quay/key; 7) by/buy; 8) steel/steal; 9) whole/hole; 10) reel/real ; 11) two/too; 12) mail/male.



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