

MAN WITH A PLAN

Man plans to walk to India without money

A man has begun a trek from Britain to India carrying only a few spare clothes, sandals and a rudimentary medical kit - and no cash or credit cards.

28-year-old Mark Boyle aims to reach Ghandi's birthplace without spending any money, to prove the kindness of humanity. He will depend on people's help for food and shelter. The organic food businessman said, "I will be offering my skills to people. If I get food in return, it's a bonus."

The first part of Mr Boyle's journey will take him across the south of England from Bristol to Dover, where he hopes to explain his trip to the ferry company in order to obtain a free crossing to France. From there, he will have to walk and hitchhike across Europe and South Asia. By the time he reaches Porbandar on India's west coast, he will have walked 12,000 kilometres. His trek will have taken him across, the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

And if his expedition fails? Mr Boyle says he will simply try again and again.

HEAD OR HEART?

1. Your friend is planning to marry someone you don't like.

- a. You decide to tell your friend what you think.
- b. You try to say what you think, but in a nice way.
- c. You don't say what you really think. You prefer to tell a "white lie".
- d. You say nothing. You don't want to hurt your friend's feelings.

2. Your friend hopes to become a singer but you don't think she can sing well.

- a. You want to help her, so you tell her what you think.
- b. You try to suggest other careers you think will be better for her.
- c. You pretend to like her singing.
- d. You don't want to make her angry so you don't say what you think.

3. You are planning to rent a flat. You have seen two places you like.

- a. You try to be objective. Which flat will be better for your lifestyle?
- b. You decide to write a list of their good and bad points and compare them.
- c. You try to go with your feelings.
- d. You try to imagine what your family and friends will think of the two flats

WATERY WORLD QUIZ

Question 1

One of the world's worst disasters at sea was the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. The Titanic was, at the time, the largest ship in the world. It was on its first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, heading for New York, when it hit a massive iceberg and sank. 1,500 people were killed in the accident. The Titanic was built in the port of Belfast, in Northern Ireland. But it began its voyage across the Atlantic from a port in England. What was the name of the port?

DOES YOUR DOG LOOK LIKE YOU?

You often hear people say that dogs look like their owners. It sounds like a crazy idea, but a new study from California suggests that it's true - but only in certain circumstances.

Researchers wanted to find out if people really do look like their dogs, and just how this happens. First of all, they took photos of 45 dogs and their owners. They mixed the photos up and asked a group of people to match them. The people who took part in the research were able to match most of the owners with their dogs if they were pure-bred - dogs whose parents are both the same type of dog. However, they weren't able to do the matching for mongrels - dogs with parents of two different types. The researchers have suggested that this may be because people choose dogs which look like themselves, and people who want pure-bred dogs choose their pets more carefully.

The researchers say it isn't clear how the people in their study were able to do the matching. They didn't simply match hairy dogs with hairy people or big dogs with big people. It seems that they used a more complicated method, such as matching friendly looking dogs with friendly looking people...

NIGHTMARE HOTEL

I walked up the hill
To the Nightmare Hotel
I stopped at the door
But I couldn't see the bell

I knocked and I waited
In the cold and windy night
I looked in the window
But there wasn't any light

That's when I noticed
The door was open wide
Then it started raining
So I walked inside

The door closed behind me
I asked 'Who's there?'
That's when I noticed
The rats on the stairs

I turned round to leave
But I couldn't see the door
That's when I noticed
The body on the floor

Then the body moved
The woman wasn't dead
She told me her story
This is what she said:

I also walked up to the....

