

Quiznet

Talking vaguely

1. I'm very lazy. I only go to the gym once in a _____ moon.

- a) new
- b) full
- c) black
- d) blue

2. I see her from time to _____, but she's often busy with work these days.

- a) time
- b) place
- c) another
- d) times

3. OK, I'll see you at the pub in an hour _____ so.

- a) and
- b) so
- c) or
- d) like

4. We're free most of the weekend, but we've got a few odds and _____ to do on Sunday morning.

- a) ends
- b) evens
- c) extras
- d) items

5. We're free most of the weekend, but we've got a few bits and _____ to do on Sunday morning.

- a) things
- b) stuff
- c) pieces
- d) ends

6. 'Did you enjoy the party?' 'Well, kind _____.'

- a) off
- b) of
- c) like
- d) or

Image: party

ANSWERS:

1. I'm very lazy. I only go to the gym once in a _____ moon.

- a) new
- b) full
- c) black
- d) **blue**

a) The 'new moon' is the moon at its narrowest or 'youngest' stage. We don't use 'new moon' in this idiom. Try again!

b) The 'full moon' is the moon when it appears completely circular. We don't use the phrase 'full moon' in this idiom. Try again!

c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

d) **Well done! 'Once in a blue moon' means very rarely.**

2. I see her from time to _____, but she's often busy with work these days.

- a) **time**
- b) place
- c) another
- d) times

a) **Well done! 'From time to time' means occasionally.**

b) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

3. OK, I'll see you at the pub in an hour _____ so.

- a) and
- b) so
- c) **or**
- d) like

a) This doesn't work here. Try again!

b) This doesn't work here. Try again!

c) **Well done! 'Or so' has a similar meaning to 'about' or 'approximately'.**

d) This doesn't work here. Try again!

4. We're free most of the weekend, but we've got a few odds and _____ to do on Sunday morning.

- a) ends
- b) evens
- c) extras
- d) items

- a) **Well done! 'Odds and ends' means vague, unspecified items.**
- b) We can talk about odd numbers (1,3,5 etc.) and even numbers (2,4,6 etc.) but this doesn't work in this context. Try again!
- c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!

5. We're free most of the weekend, but we've got a few bits and _____ to do on Sunday morning.

- a) things
- b) stuff
- c) pieces
- d) ends

- a) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- b) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- c) **Correct! 'Bits and pieces' means the same as 'odds and ends' in question 4.**
- d) We can say 'odds and ends' but not 'bits and ends'. Try again!

6. 'Did you enjoy the party?' 'Well, kind _____.'

- a) off
- b) of
- c) like
- d) or

- a) We can't use 'off' in this context. Try again!
- b) **Well done! In this case, the second speaker enjoyed the party to some extent, but not completely.**
- c) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!
- d) This idiom doesn't exist in English. Try again!