Clue for Digit 1

Match each of these words to its homophone. It may have more than one. There will be one word left over. What homophone should match with this word and how many letters are in it?

farther	guessed	aisle
advice	father	**serial**
I'll	precede	isle
guest	advise	proceed

Serial is the only word which does not have a homophone. Its homophone is **cereal**. There are **six** letters in the word cereal.

Clue for Digit 2

Read the words below. Decide which are **adverbs of possibility** and which are **modal verbs**. How many are **modal verbs**?

certainly	**might**	definitely
must	maybe	possibly
will	surely	obviously
perhaps	**shall**	**should**

Five of these words are modal verbs. They are **might**, **must**, **will**, **shall** and **should**. The rest are adverbs of possibility.

The second digit of the code is **5**

Clue for Digit 3

One word in each of these sentences is missing a **verb prefix**. Add the missing prefixes and count how many times the **prefix over-** is used.

Stan's teacher suddenly **dis**appeared.
"I'm not **over**reacting!" argued Mum.
I was so **dis**appointed when the trip was cancelled.
The party was over; it was time to **de**flate the bouncy castle.
"You've ruined it! I'll have to **re**do it now!" scolded Jim.
Sue thought she saw Lizzie but she was **mis**taken.
Annie was **over**joyed to see her parents arrive at the station.

Only two words are used which have the **prefix over-**, meaning 'excessively'. These are **over**reacting and **over**joyed.

The third digit of the code is **2**

Clue for Digit 4

These words are all missing two letters. Add in the missing letters to correctly spell the words. How many words are missing the '**ie**' spelling pattern?

dec**ei**ve	**cash<u>ie</u>r**	conc**ei**ve
rec**ei**ve	**bel<u>ie</u>ve**	perc**ei**ve
c**ei**ling	**ach<u>ie</u>ve**	**ch<u>ie</u>f**
w**ei**ght	w**ei**rd	v**ei**n

Four of these words are missing the '**ie**' spelling pattern. Did you use the rule 'i' before 'e' except after 'c' to help you?

The fourth digit of the code is **4**

Clue for Digit 5

Read the clue and write the answer with one letter in each box. Spell the answers correctly to reveal the hidden number in the coloured boxes.

Something from the very distance past.	a	n	c	i	e	**n**	t	
A person who serves in the army.	s	o	l	d	**i**	e	r	
Often seen during a thunderstorm.	l	i	g	h	t	**n**	i	n	g
Soft tissue which helps to move the body.	m	u	s	c	l	**e**		

The answers are ‘ancient’, ‘soldier’, ‘lightning’ and ‘muscle’. The hidden number spelt out in the yellow squares is **nine**.

The fifth digit of the code is **9**

Clue for Digit 6

Read the sentences below. How many of them are written in the **passive voice**?

The zebras munch on the luscious, green grass.
The broken vehicle was fixed by the mechanic.
My best friend is coming over to my house.
Training will be attended by all teachers at the school.
My bedroom will be decorated this weekend.
Mrs Smith always answers my questions.
We love visiting the cinema as a class treat.

Only **three** of these sentences are written in the **passive voice**. The rest are written in the active voice.

The sixth digit of the code is **3**

Clue for Digit 7

Read the vocabulary choices below. How many of these are examples of **formal language**?

find out	**sacrifice**	**discover**
sufficient	enough	give up
now	chance	**opportunity**
injustice	not fair	**immediately**

Six of these words are examples of **formal language**: **sacrifice**; **discover**; **sufficient**; **opportunity**; **injustice**; **immediately**. The rest are informal.

The seventh digit of the code is **6**

Clue for Digit 8

How many of these words belong in the word family **gram**?

grunge	garage	**hologram**
grandma	**telegram**	**grammatical**
granular	**grammar**	**diagram**
grant	grange	grandeur

Five of these words belong in the **gram** word family. They are **hologram, telegram, grammatical, grammar** and **diagram.**

The eighth digit of the code is **5**

Clue for Digit 9

Read the sentences below. How many of these sentences contain **correctly punctuated parenthesis**? Correct any errors you find.

Lydia – although short – did the longest jump in the class.
Mrs Riaz (my Spanish teacher) always makes me laugh.
I love reading (especially non-fiction texts).
I paused, not knowing what to say, before answering.
After running, I checked my pulse (94 beats per minute).
Katie – my sister – is always getting on my nerves.
Sammy, the best runner in our class, struggled with the race.

Only **one** of these sentences contains correctly punctuated parenthesis. The rest are missing one piece of punctuation to contain the extra information.

The ninth digit of the code is **1**

Clue for Digit 10

Read the words below. How many of them are **synonyms** for the word ‘sad’?

sorrowful	felicitous	**dejected**
delighted	**downcast**	**miserable**
satisfied	**despondent**	**mournful**
melancholy	**inconsolable**	contented

Eight of these words are **synonyms** for the word ‘sad’. They are **sorrowful**, **dejected**, **downcast**, **miserable**, **despondent**, **mournful**, **melancholy** and **inconsolable**. The rest of the words are **antonyms**.

The tenth digit of the code is **8**

Reveal the Answers

Click on a ? to check your answers.

When you have all the digits for the code, you can put in the code to unlock the door.

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