

English Department Online Placement Test (C-Test): ANSWERS

Each blank is worth one mark. Only those answers indicated here are acceptable. All other answers should be considered incorrect.

How to interpret your score

- 67 or more correct answers = You are ready for our [Zertifikatskurse](#).
- weniger als 67 Punkte = Wenden Sie sich an [Herrn Nixon](mailto:john.nixon@sz.uni-stuttgart.de) (john.nixon@sz.uni-stuttgart.de), um den passenden Kurs für Sie zu finden.

Nothing beats the heat like a refreshing dip in a swimming pool. But **WHEN** it **COMES** to **WATER**, both **KIDS** and **ADULTS** need **TO** be **CAREFUL**.

Susan King's **DAUGHTERS** — Alison, 12, **AND** Christy, 9 — **ARE** in **THEIR** grandparents' **POOL** every **DAY**. King's **GIRLS** have **MANY** pool **RULES**, including **NOT** being **ALLOWED** in **THE** pool **AREA** without **AN** adult, **NO** jumping **IN** the **SHALLOW** end, **NO** running around the pool and no holding each other under water.

"Kids drown quickly and quietly," cautions Jen Costello of the National Safe Kids Campaign. Even less than an inch of water can be enough.

"Parents need to actively supervise children at all times," she says. "Don't take your eyes off them to answer the phone, to serve food or even to watch another child."

The global dominance in word processing software held by Microsoft is under threat from a new coalition. The Silicon Valley-**BASED** Google and Sun Microsystems **HAVE** announced a **FORMIDABLE** alliance. **THEY** plan **TO** make **WORD** processing **AND** spreadsheet **PROGRAMS** available **ON** the **INTERNET**, in a **DIRECT** challenge **TO** Microsoft. **INDUSTRY** observers **SAY** increased

COMPETITION in **THE** global **SOFTWARE** market **WILL** be **GOOD** for **CONSUMERS**. The **COMPANIES** could **NOT** say **WHEN** Google **WOULD** begin **CARRYING** Sun's technology, including OpenOffice, which was launched in 2000.

There are many possible causes of insomnia. Sometimes **THERE** is **ONE** main **CAUSE** , but **OFTEN** several **FACTORS** interacting **TOGETHER** will **CAUSE** a **SLEEP** disturbance. **THE** causes **OF** insomnia **INCLUDE**: psychological, **PHYSICAL** or **TEMPORARY** factors. A **LACK** of a **GOOD** night's **SLEEP** can **LEAD** to **VARIOUS** problems **AND** a **VICIOUS** circle **COULD** develop. **PROFESSIONAL** counselling **FROM** a **DOCTOR** , therapist **OR** sleep specialist can help individuals cope with these conditions.

A popular form of recreation in Britain is attendance at dog racing. The **FIRST** impression **OF** the **ARENA** is **ATTRACTIVE** . However, **THE** races **THEMSELVES** are **UNINTERESTING** -- a **FEW** dogs **CHASING** a tin **HARE** -- but **THIRTY-two** **MILLION** people **ATTEND** them **ANNUALLY** . Out **OF** two **HOURS** , barely **FIVE** to **TEN** minutes **ARE** usually **DEVOTED** to **THE** actual **RACING** . There **WOULD** be **NO** interest **IN** it if it were not for the betting. Many of the audience pay little attention to the racing, but have their eyes fixed on a board which gives the number of the winners.