

26 Modern communications

A Put the words in the box into two groups.

attachment cc dial email forward in-box picture messaging
 spam subject text message text voicemail

Internet

mobile phone

B Complete the text with words from A.

I begin by choosing a (1) _____ for my message, for example 'Great holiday' or 'Meeting tomorrow' and then write what I want to say. Sometimes I (2) _____ the message to other people who might be interested. Sometimes I send an (3) _____ – maybe a digital photo or something I've found on the Internet. Then, when the (4) _____ is ready to send, I (5) _____ up the Internet connection. I can look in my (6) _____ to see if I've got any new messages. I often (7) _____ jokes to other people I know. And I usually delete any (8) _____ – unwanted incoming mail is often the way you can get a virus.

C Match the text messages with their meanings. Write the letters in the box below.

- 1
abc RUOK? 155/1
- 2
abc Thx 4 yr msg 148/1
- 3
abc WAN2 go cnma 2moro? 141/1

- 4
abc Gr8 2 CU 152/1
- 5
abc LuvU2 155/1
- 6
abc CU L8R abt ? 148/1

- a Thanks for your message.
- b See you later, about seven.
- c I love you too.
- d Are you OK?
- e It was great to see you!
- f Do you want to go to the cinema tomorrow?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

36 Idioms: *hands and feet*

A Complete the idioms with *hand, hands, foot or feet*. Use each word twice.

- 1 Things *got out of* and the teacher had to tell everyone to be quiet.
- 2 I didn't know that David was her brother. I really *put my* *in it* when I said I didn't like him.
- 3 I'll *give you a* with those dishes. Shall I dry?
- 4 At first I said I'd give a presentation. Then I *got cold* and said I wasn't so sure.
- 5 I'd love to *get my* *on* a ticket for Justin Timberlake. His gigs are all sold out.
- 6 After a hard day at work, I just wanted to *put my* *up* when I got home.
- 7 My sister's always using my car. But this time I *put my* *down* and said no.
- 8 My cousin has a full-time job and four children. She *has her* *full*.

B Circle the correct words to complete the idioms.

- 1 There's something wrong with my car. I can't put / set my finger on it.
- 2 I tidied the house myself. Jane didn't lift / use a finger.
- 3 I can look at our records. I'm afraid I don't count / have the figures at my fingertips.
- 4 They'll repair the car immediately. It'll break / cost an arm and a leg, of course.
- 5 I'm not angry with you. I just like to pull / touch your leg.
- 6 I couldn't explain where the money had gone. I didn't have / want a leg to stand on.

C Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence with an idiom from this page.

- 1 I'll never succeed in getting the CD I want. _____
- 2 Can I help you with the washing-up? _____
- 3 I was going to jump, then I became afraid to do it. _____
- 4 He often jokes with me about what happened that day. _____
- 5 I don't like her, but I can't say the exact reason why. _____
- 6 Our new DVD recorder was very expensive. _____