

## COMPENSIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS (CTE)

### MULTIPLE CHOICE LEXICAL CLOZE.

#### Some of the Strangest Emergency Calls

The job of a telephone operator at the London Fire Brigade doesn't exactly sound like a laugh a minute. In fact, it sounds pretty stressful, to be honest. This week they revealed some of the strangest and funniest calls they have received.

Since 2016, people have called the Brigade 659 times (1)... to the fact that they are being trapped in the toilet. And there have been 56 incidents which involved family pets being trapped in some strange places. Other calls are less entertaining. There have been an incredible 30,000 calls over the past five years which turned (2)... to be pointless. Why people feel the need to do this is unknown. Their actions obviously waste a (3)... deal of taxpayers' cash each year.

Tom George, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations at London Fire Brigade, is keen to point out that the Fire Brigade will always respond to genuine emergencies. Having said that, the public should consider carefully (4)... they actually need the assistance of the emergency services or not. The most unusual calls often involve children or animals, so Tom urges people to (5)... an eye on them in particular. They can get into some sticky situations if not.

Specific examples have been published to discourage people from making a 999 call rather (6)... encourage them. A woman in Hillingdon managed to get stuck up a tree while she tried to (7)... her cat who was also stuck. In Tower Hamlets, someone's hamster fell between a toilet and a wall and couldn't get out.

According to official figures, there were 24,921 calls that had to be challenged between 2014 and 2018. Crews were sent to deal with 6636 of these incidents. (8...) , since this time hoax calls have fallen, meaning officers are able to deal with real emergencies more efficiently.

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| 1. A) because      | B) as        | C) due       | D) so         |
| 2. A) out          | B) in        | C) down      | D) over       |
| 3. A) big          | B) vast      | C) huge      | D) great      |
| 4. A) whether      | B) provided  | C) supposing | D) in case    |
| 5. A) look         | B) have      | C) keep      | D) make       |
| 6. A) to           | B) than      | C) not       | D) for        |
| 7. A) advise       | B) recommend | C) surrender | D) rescue     |
| 8. A) Surprisingly | B) Obviously | C) Suddenly  | D) Thankfully |

## KEY

### MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE TEST- Some of the Strangest Emergency Calls

1 C    2 A    3 D    4 A    5 C    6 B    7 D    8 D