

Part 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example

0 A contrasting B divergent C different D distinctive

0	A	B	C	D

K

The letter K is the 11th letter of the English alphabet and one of the most **(0)** in terms of sound and symbolism. Its hard, percussive pronunciation **(1)** it a sense of strength and sharpness, and because of this, it is often a favourite in branding, linguistics, and even pop culture.

K traces its roots **(2)** to the Phoenician letter *kaph*, which later evolved into the Greek *kappa*. The Romans adopted it into the Latin alphabet, though it was used less **(3)** than C, which often took over its role in Latin-derived words. Despite this, K has remained an **(4)** letter in many languages.

Though not as common as some letters, K appears in many impactful words like king, knowledge, kindness, and key. It is often silent, particularly in words of Germanic **(5)**, such as knight, knee, and know. This silent K adds a layer of linguistic complexity, as its presence is evidence of older pronunciations that have since disappeared.

K is **(6)** with boldness and energy, which is why many brands and fictional characters use it—think of Kellogg's, Kodak, and Mortal Kombat. It also plays a role in internet slang, where "K" is often used as a short, sometimes **(7)**, response to messages.

From language to branding and science, K is a letter of impact and efficiency. Despite being less common than some letters, it continues to leave a **(8)** impression wherever it appears.

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| 1 A gives | B makes | C marks | D turns |
| 2 A behind | B past | C before | D back |
| 3 A repeatedly | B frequently | C ordinarily | D periodically |
| 4 A weighty | B substantial | C essential | D relevant |
| 5 A origin | B birth | C inception | D source |
| 6 A connected | B associated | C linked | D related |
| 7 A averse | B dismissive | C intrusive | D inconsiderate |
| 8 A hard | B intense | C heavy | D strong |

Answers

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