

Answer key

He was too **(1) sensitive** to be an engineer because he **(2) avoided** expressing his opinions during projects in case he was wrong. He **(3) managed** to do his job well apart from that, but he always felt nervous and was not **(4) keen** on teamwork.

Most of us are **(5) familiar** with the situation of **(6) lending** someone a DVD or book and then never receiving it back. The borrower doesn't even **(7) refer** to it for weeks until you finally ask about it. They say they will watch or read it so you **(8) forgive** them and even **(9) though** they say this, you end up **(10) insisting** on having the DVD/book back after a further six months.

In the metro, you can see the **(11) notice** on the wall saying, 'Not paid for your ticket? Fine by me...£50.' **(12) Besides** this, if the police catch you a second time, you can be **(13) accused** of not paying and face a suspended prison sentence. However, this is **(14) hardly** fair as it is sometimes easy to lose your sense of **(15) direction** on the underground and not pay by mistake.

Explanations

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 Sensitive = feel emotions easily | Sensible = act on good judgement and practical ideas |
| 2 Avoid + _____ ing | Prevent somebody/something from + _____ ing |
| 3 Manage + infinitive | Succeed in + _____ ing |
| 4 Fond of | Keen on |
| 5 Familiar with | Aware of |
| 6 Borrow from someone | Lend to someone |
| 7 Refer to | Mention + no preposition |
| 8 Regret = feel sad about a past mistake | Forgive = stop being angry with someone |
| Regret + _____ ing | Forgive somebody for + _____ ing |
| 9 Even though | Although |
| 10 Persuade somebody + infinitive | Insist on somebody/something + _____ ing |
| 11 Note = a short piece of writing | Notice = visual information or instructions |
| 12 Besides this = and | Beside = next to |
| 13 Accused someone of + _____ ing | Charge somebody with |
| 14 Hard = irregular adverb of hard | Hardly = almost not |
| 15 Give directions = say where to find a location | |
| Sense of direction = ability to know which direction to go in | |