

The “Best” Puzzle

PART A: Below are ten sentences containing the word *best*, but every sentence is missing a word. For each “Best” Sentence, choose a word from the Missing Word column that best completes the sentence. The first one has been done for you: The word *friends* best completes the sentence “We’ll be best _____ forever!” Ready? Do your best!

“BEST” SENTENCE	MISSING WORD
<u>F</u> 1. We’ll be best _____ forever!	A. laughter
___ 2. _____ is the best policy.	B. seller
___ 3. This new app is the best thing since sliced _____.	C. situation
___ 4. _____ is the best teacher.	D. worst
___ 5. You’ve got to put your best _____ forward.	E. bread
___ 6. We’ll have to make the best of a bad _____.	F. friends
___ 7. _____ is the best medicine.	G. honesty
___ 8. The best things in life are _____.	H. foot
___ 9. “It was the best of times, it was the _____ of times.”	I. experience
___ 10. This book is a best _____.	J. free

PART B: Now match each Meaning below with the “Best” Sentence above that has the most similar meaning. For example, “Nothing can end our friendship” is closest in meaning to “We’ll be best friends forever!” (which is “Best” Sentence #1). Can you match the rest?

MEANING

___ Always tell the truth.	___ Many people have bought it.
<u>1</u> Nothing can end our friendship.	___ It’s a great idea!
___ Money can’t buy everything (such as love and friendship).	___ Seeing the funny side of something can make you feel better.
___ You learn the most by doing things yourself.	___ Things aren’t great, but we’ll make something positive happen.
___ Work hard, behave, and present yourself as well as you can.	___ Wonderful and terrible things were happening.

Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

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<p>PART A:</p> <p>1. F 2. G 3. E 4. I 5. H 6. C 7. A 8. J 9. D 10. B</p>	<p>PART B:</p> <p>Always tell the truth. <u>2</u> Nothing can end our friendship. <u>1</u> Money can't buy everything (such as love and friendship). <u>8</u> You learn the most by doing things yourself. <u>4</u> Work hard, behave, and present yourself as well as you can. <u>5</u> Many people have bought it. <u>10</u> It's a great ideal! <u>3</u> Seeing the funny side of something can make you feel better. <u>7</u> Things aren't great, but we'll make something positive happen. <u>6</u> Wonderful and terrible things were happening. ("It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" is the first part of the first sentence of the Charles Dickens novel <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>.) <u>9</u></p>
<p>Note: You could also complete "Best" Sentence #6 with <i>experience</i>, but the word <i>situation</i> would not fit in "Best" Sentence #4.</p> <p>Are you and your students able to come up with "Best" Sentences of your own?</p>	