

Keep fit and up-to-date in English – Your English workout for January 2019

1. Data theft affair

The perpetrator of a massive hacking attack on German politicians and celebrities was arrested at the beginning of January. Germany's most ... hacker to date is a 20-year-old student from Hesse who still lives at home with his parents.

- ☐ wanted
- ☐ liked
- ☐ loved
- ☐ needed

2. Snow chaos

Communities were cut off, journeys disrupted, and avalanches triggered in early January as a fresh wave of wintry weather ... southern Germany and Austria.

- ☐ hit
- ☐ crushed
- ☐ shoved
- ☐ beat

3. The next Mutti

The Christian Democratic Union voted for a new leader after Chancellor Angela Merkel announced she would be stepping down. Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer won by just 25 votes following a ... run-off against her main opponent, Friedrich Merz.

- ☐ hand-shaking
- ☐ finger-licking
- ☐ nail-biting
- ☐ arm-wrestling

4. US shutdown

December 22, 2018 marked the beginning of the longest government shutdown in US history. The conflict centres on President Trump's demand for \$5.7bn in ... for a wall along the US-Mexico border.

- ☐ funding
- ☐ paying
- ☐ saving
- ☐ spending

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Members of Parliament voted against Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal by an overwhelming majority. The defeat by 230 votes was the biggest ... of a government bill ever seen in the House of Commons.

- ☐ objection
- ☐ rejection
- ☐ injection
- ☐ election

6. WhatsApp overtakes Facebook

Facebook has lost its crown to WhatsApp, which is now the world's most-used app, but ... as Facebook owns WhatsApp, it's still in the family.

- ☐ feeling
- ☐ smelling
- ☐ hearing
- ☐ seeing

7. Third gender

The German Bundestag has decided that parents will now be allowed to choose a third gender for their newborns in birth registry offices. As of January this year, the option "diverse" can be ..., in addition to "male", "female" and "not applicable".

- ☐ admitted
- ☐ signed
- ☐ posted
- ☐ entered

8. Dark side

China has successfully landed a probe on the far side of the moon, the first country to do so, as all other moon-landing missions to date have landed on the side of the moon that ... the Earth.

- ☐ faces
- ☐ views
- ☐ sees
- ☐ watches

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31 high-profile Germans including former national goalkeeper Jens Lehmann and potential chancellor Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer have written a letter to The Times ... with Britain to stay in the EU.

- ☐ asking
- ☐ pleading
- ☐ appealing
- ☐ begging

10. Prince Philip car crash

Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, was in a car accident in which the Land Rover he was driving overturned. The 97-year-old royal was unhurt, but two women and a baby in another car were ... for minor injuries in hospital.

- ☐ handled
- ☐ healed
- ☐ treated
- ☐ cured

11. Divorce delivery

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is preparing for a different kind of legal fight after his wife Mackenzie filed for divorce. The pair have a ... of \$137 billion and own thousands of acres of property across the United States.

- ☐ net bag
- ☐ net price
- ☐ net curtain
- ☐ net worth

12. Tesla trouble

Electric carmaker Tesla is going to cut its workforce by 7% after the most challenging year in its history. Elon Musk stated that the company's cars are still too expensive for most people, and as a result, Tesla will need to ... 3,000 of its 40,000 employees.

- ☐ lay up
- ☐ lay down
- ☐ lay
- ☐ lay off