

## LINGUA INGLESE II (Mediazione Linguistica) K E Y

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### 1. Insert the correct verb forms using the appropriate tenses and any adverbs given in brackets.

Mercury is a small, rocky planet. It has been visited by the Mariner 10 spacecraft. Mariner 10 has mapped about half of Mercury's surface.

Scientists think that there may be volcanic activity on Mercury. They are still studying information sent to Earth from the Mariner spacecraft to make sure. The temperature on Mercury ranges from 90°K (Kelvin) to 700°K. It was once believed that there was no water on Mercury, but this turned out to be false. Recent radar information shows evidence of ice at Mercury's north pole. The ice hasn't melted because it is protected from the Sun's heat by the shadows of some craters. Unlike many of the other planets, Mercury has no moons.

In Roman mythology Mercury is the god of commerce, travel and thievery. Mercury is also known as Hermes, the messenger of the gods, in Greek mythology. The planet probably received this name because it moves so quickly across the sky.

One of Mercury's largest features is called the *Caloris Basin*. It is about 1300 km across! It was probably created by a very large crash early in the history of the solar system.

[Alternative solutions are acceptable (and have been accepted) for several verbs]

### 2. Find the word(s) that can fill each blank as in the example: An out-\_\_\_\_\_ -date document. → An out-of-date document.

A bunch of forget-**me**-nots. The Commander-**in**-Chief of the Army. I like Rhythm-**and**-Blues. A never-**to-be**-forgotten experience. A do-**it**-yourself kit. A sixty-**year**-old lady. An out-**of-the**-way place. A one-**to**-one correspondence.

### 3. Pronunciation.

a) *Had* is to *head* as *and* is to **end**. *Lick* is to *leek* as *mitt* is to **meat** and **meet**. *Warm* is to *worm* as *four* is to **fir** and **fur**. *Bit* is to *sit* as *bent* is to **cent**, **sent** and **scent**.

b) *Made* is to *maid* as *I'll* is to **isle** and **aisle**. *Fisher* is to *fissure* as *dew* is to **due**. *In* is to *inn* as *write* is to **right** [**rite**, **wright**]. *Why* is to *Y* as *gee* is to **G**.

c) /swi:t/ is the pronunciation of *sweet* ☒, *suite* ☒, both ☑, neither ☒.

/'kɒrɛkt/ is the pronunciation of *correct* (adj.) ☒, *correct* (v.) ☒, both ☒, neither ☑.

/si:s/ is the pronunciation of *seas/sees* ☒, *cease* ☑, both ☒, neither ☒.

*How's* and *house* can be homophones: true ☑, false ☒.

/ðə temz/ is the name of an English river: true ☑, false ☒. If *true*, which one? **The Thames**

### 4. Fill each space with a word in its right form:

*bough; massive; angle; convulsive; pant; claw; fascinate; snarl; socket; headlong*

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