

Brain Teaser – Paper 1

Can you solve the problems below – remember to think in as many different ways as you can and use your imagination!

The following words all have the same thing missing. What is it?
When you have worked it out, write each word out again with the missing item in the right place.

- a) wed _____
- b) shed _____
- c) Ill _____
- d) well _____
- e) shell _____
- f) were _____

2. Can you provide the answer to this mystery? Explain in a few sentences exactly what you think has happened and why.

‘A man arrives with his car outside a hotel. He immediately knows he has lost all his money – why?’

ANSWERS

1. Each word can be reformed by adding an apostrophe.

- a) wed = we'd
- b) shed = she'd
- c) Ill = I'll
- d) well = we'll
- e) shell = she'll
- f) were = we're

2. The man is playing the game of monopoly. When his playing piece (the car) arrives outside a hotel, he has landed on a property with a hotel. He cannot afford to pay the rent to the other player and so knows immediately that he has lost all his (game) money!