

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Example: (0) GRANTED

### Colour vision

Many of us take the ability to see colours for 0 \_\_\_\_\_, unaware that this feature is fairly uncommon. In fact, only a 17 \_\_\_\_\_ of biological classes can boast better colour vision, mostly birds and butterflies. Whereas animals and insects rely on these for survival, the 18 \_\_\_\_\_ purpose of advanced colour perception in humans remains unclear.

Some theories suggest that foraging is the reason we as species have such developed eye for colour. Primates, our ancestors, are largely 19 \_\_\_\_\_ on fruits and berries as source of food would know if it has 20 \_\_\_\_\_ enough to safely consume. A more exotic idea is that it is related to snakes. Without being able to tell colours apart it is nearly impossible to know whether a snake is 21 \_\_\_\_\_, and should therefore be avoided.

However, not everybody is blessed with the perfect 22 \_\_\_\_\_ to discern colours. One notable instance is Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, who allegedly has some problems with perceiving colours. That's the reason his social network mostly uses shades of blue in its interface, as Mark 23 \_\_\_\_\_ finds it easier to tell it apart from other colours. Ultimately, it goes to show that nowadays absence of colour vision is more of an 24 \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a serious condition that affects your quality of life in a dramatic way.

0 GRANT  
17 HAND  
18 EVOLUTION  
19 RELY  
20 RIPE  
21 POISON  
22 ABLE  
23 PERSON  
24 CONVENIENT

## Answers and explanations

17. **Handful.** ‘A handful of something’ means a limited number of it. The idea here is that only a few species possess colour vision similar to that of humans.
18. **Evolutionary.** An adjective – be wary not to use -ing to form it. A rather long word, so mind your spelling as well!
19. **Reliant.** Yet another case where the temptation to use -ing is high. ‘Reliant’ is the ‘proper’ (for the lack of a better word) adjective.
20. **Ripened.** To ripen means to be grown enough – used mainly to talk about fruits, vegetables, and seeds.
21. **Poisonous.** Knowing that it is an adjective is winning half the battle. Getting the spelling right might be a bit tricky, though. And again, no -ing forms.
22. **Ability.** A noun with no negative prefixes – the context already states the negative, so we are not looking to double it.
23. **Personally.** Another option that would fit grammatically and even contextually (to some extent) would be ‘personnel’ - meaning staff, or people who work for him. However, the context makes it clear that we are talking about Mark himself and not other people or their preferences.
24. **Inconvenience.** An inconvenience is something that disturbs you because it causes annoyance or discomfort. It is a rather mild word and fits perfectly with the rest of the idea. Make sure to get the negative prefix right.