

True or False?

Decide, or guess, whether each of these statements is true (*T*) or false (*F*). Then use the dictionary to find out if you were right.

- 1 The word **jamb**, meaning a side post of a doorway or window frame, comes from the French word for a leg.
- 2 **laconic** and **terse** are synonyms.
- 3 An **interval** was originally the space between ramparts on a fortress.
- 4 The five-line verses called **limericks** were named after a German poet.
- 5 **lavish**, meaning generous, once meant a downpour of rain.
- 6 **liquid** and **liquorice** come from the same Latin root.
- 7 **maelstrom** means whirlpool.
- 8 **parasite** once meant 'guest at a meal'.
- 9 A **steeplechase** is so called because the race originally had a church steeple in view to ride towards.
- 10 A **tactician** is someone who shows a lot of tact.
- 11 **koala** bears are found only in Africa.
- 12 **krill** originally meant a tiny fish.
- 13 The word **trek**, meaning travel a long way on foot, comes from Alaska in the USA.