

- E. Find **at least one** word in the text containing each of these phonetic sounds: /ɑ:/ - /ʊ/ - /aʊ/ - /ɔ:/ - /ɪə/ - /eə/ and /ʊə/.

### Stomp

Imagine going to hear a musical performance and seeing the performers come on stage holding brooms, dustbins, road signs, lead pipes and newspapers.

If you didn't know better, you might think that it was all a strange joke, but it isn't ... it's Stomp! From its beginning, Stomp has transformed noises from ordinary objects into amazing music. Their show has been extremely successful. Ten million people in 36 countries have already seen one of their tours.

Stomp was created in England by Steve McNicholas and Luke Cresswell. They had first performed together in a street band in the early 1980s. At that time, they often did a finale using dustbin lids, to the amazement of their audience. The two young performers later quit the street band to write their own songs and in 1986, they made an original beer commercial using dustbin lids. The commercial was very successful and McNicholas and Cresswell realised that they could make music with many other objects. In the summer of 1991, the first Stomp performance took place in Edinburgh ... and Stomp has continued entertaining audiences ever since.

There are now six Stomp casts in different locations around the world, however the shows are remarkably uniform. What makes Stomp unique is that the performers are not all highly trained musicians. It's not easy, though, to become part of a Stomp cast. Thousands of people come to each audition, but only a few lucky ones with an excellent sense of rhythm are picked.

There is no political or social message in Stomp; the goal is simply to entertain the audience. Audiences around the world react differently, but almost everyone loves the show. So go and see Stomp if you have got the chance. You may never look at your dustbin in the same way again!

- F. Find **at least three** words in the text containing vowels or groups of vowels which are pronounced in the same way as /aɪ/ in **crime**, /ʌ/ in **study** and /i:/ in **these**.

### Today's Criminals

#### Why do young people commit crimes?

An amazing twenty-five per cent of young people in the UK have been victims of crime in the last year. Who has committed those crimes? Believe it or not, other teens! According to a UK study, one quarter of all young people between the ages of 11 and 16 have committed a crime in the last year!

Who are these young criminals? All kinds of teens commit crimes, but teens are much more likely to commit crimes if they are not in school. The typical young offender is a 14- to 16-year-old male school drop-out, and the typical crime is theft, vandalism or assault. But boys are not the only criminals. For the last few years, the number of girls committing crimes – and going to prison – has risen – and, since this study began, the ages of these criminals has fallen. Girls are more likely to commit a crime at the age of 14 than at any other age!

Why do these young people commit crimes? Most teens say it is because of boredom, peer pressure and alcohol use.