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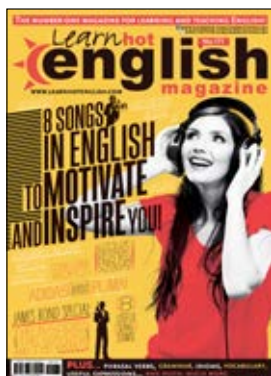
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Home Wreckers

Demolished by accident.

What if your house suddenly disappeared? Annie Wilson of Dallas Texas came home to an unpleasant surprise. A construction company **had pulled down** her house while she was at work. And it was all a **joke**.

Annie lives next to Jackson State University. At the time, the university wanted to **expand**. Previously, the university had bought a small piece of land next to Annie's house. Later, they offered Annie \$8,000 for her **property**, but she didn't want to sell. Nothing happened until some Jackson State students placed **signs** next to the

house saying "Property of Jackson State". That same day, and completely coincidentally, a **contractor** came. They **demolished** her house, thinking it was property of the university.

As you can imagine, Annie didn't think the **prank** was very funny. Now, she is trying to **get compensation**, and "it's a **nightmare**". She is asking for \$30,000 dollars. She lost everything, including some valuable **antique** furniture. The students responsible also **face** charges. They may also have to pay Annie for damages. 🙄

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre reading

Look at the headlines below. What do you think these stories are about?

A shop sells a left-handed Whopper

Farmers grow successful Swiss spaghetti harvest

Motorists see a UFO land in London

House is pulled down by contractors

2 Reading I

Which of the above pranks is described in the article?

3 Reading II

Use the words below to retell the story.

Texas

construction company

Jackson State University

\$8,000

signs

demolished

\$30,000

compensation

4 Discussion

1. Have you ever played a trick on someone? What happened?
2. What are some typical pranks from your country?
3. When do people play pranks from your country? Is there a special day for playing pranks?

5 Language spot: Collocations

Remember to learn verbs with the nouns. These are called collocations. For example, "to tell a joke". More nouns used with the verb "to tell":

1. to tell a lie
2. to tell a story
3. to tell the truth

What do you think they mean?



GLOSSARY

to pull down *vb*
to destroy a building on purpose

a joke *n*
something said or done to make people laugh

to expand *v*
to become larger

property *n*
a piece of land that is owned by someone

a sign *n*
a piece of wood / metal / plastic, etc. with a message on it

a contractor *n*
a person or company that does work for other people or companies

to demolish *vb*
to destroy a building completely

a prank *n*
a trick or joke

to get compensation *exp*
to receive something (in this case, money) because something bad happened to you

a nightmare *n*
a very unpleasant situation; it can also mean a bad dream

antique *adj*
something made long ago; something old and often valuable

to face *vb*
to deal with, to confront

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The Name Game



THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR SERIES OF FAMOUS NAMES WITH MEANING. MORE NEXT MONTH.



Seal (English singer)
A "seal" is a large animal with flippers that usually lives in colder climates. "The children loved watching the seal balance a ball on its nose."



Alicia Keys (American singer and actress)
A "key" is a small instrument used to open locks. "I lost my keys, so I can't start my car."



Blur (English band)
A "blur" is a shape or area that you cannot see clearly because it has no distinct outline. "Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a blur of movement." Also, a "blurred" picture is one that you cannot see clearly.



No Doubt (American group)
"No doubt" is an expression to say that something seems certain or very likely. "The scandal will no doubt be all over the news tomorrow."



Russell Brand (British comedian)
A "brand" of a product is the version of it made by a particular manufacturer. "I bought one of the leading brands of toothpaste."



Strawberry Shortcake (cartoon character)
A "strawberry" is a small red fruit with tiny seeds on the skin. "Shortcake" is a type of biscuit made from flour, sugar and butter. "Strawberry Shortcake" is a typical American dessert. It consists of a biscuit with strawberries on top. "After dinner, we are going to eat my mum's homemade strawberry shortcake."



Dixie Chicks (American group)
"Dixie" is a nickname that refers to the Southeastern United States including states such as Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, etc. A "chick" is a baby chicken, but is also a derogatory slang word for a girl or woman. "Remember that chick from the Snapple commercials?"

"It's not a 'diet'; it's a live-it!"

Richard Simmons: Never Say Diet.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A DIET? IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO GET IN SHAPE, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TRY THE RICHARD SIMMONS METHOD. DIET **GURU** AND SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE, RICHARD SIMMONS HELPS PEOPLE SLIM DOWN. AS A CHILD, SIMMONS HAD HIS OWN WEIGHT PROBLEMS. NOW HE LIVES TO HELP OTHERS LOSE WEIGHT AND FEEL GREAT.

Richard Simmons spent most of his childhood being overweight. By the time he was 18, he weighed more than 130 kilos. On a television interview, Simmons talked about a life-changing experience, "I went inside a store, came back to my car and saw a note. The note said, 'You are killing yourself living like this. Please don't die.'" Simmons, who afterwards lost 55 kilos, admits that he lost the weight in unhealthy ways. For the future, he wanted to provide desperate dieters with healthier methods.

So, in an effort to present alternative weight loss options, Simmons made a **fitness** videotape series called "Sweatin' to the Oldies." In these workout videos, he wanted "real music", not techno. On the tapes, he leads **exercise routines**, and has a band behind him singing dance classics from the 1950s and 1960s. His tapes have sold over 20 million copies. And, more than 20 years later, people still buy them. A satisfied customer says, "He shows you the meaning of 'never give up', and because of Richard Simmons, I feel so much better about myself." Richard Simmons is a man who believes in his products, and who is appreciated by his public.

Practising what he preaches, Richard took his fitness ideology all the way to Washington,

DC. In 2006, he worked on a **legislative bill** that proposed **mandatory** physical education requirements in American public schools. During this time, he used his personal website as a discussion **forum** to "Ask America" for help. The bill said that severe weight gain in children can cause depression and diabetes, and that children need at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week. Simmons gained the attention and support of millions of people.

Aside from his political **activism**, 60-year-old Richard continues working hard. In addition to television appearances, interviews and marketing his fitness products, he has a weekly radio show called *Lighten up with Richard Simmons*. Also, he hosted his 3rd fitness **retreat** in Beverly Hills at his "**safe haven**" workout facility "Slimmons". His retreat **itinerary** contains aerobic classes, nutrition **seminars** and naturally, sweating to some great music. He will do another one next year, as they are now an annual tradition.

Richard Simmons will always be the **pioneer** of fitness plans. But apart from that, he is a caring and charitable being with a deep devotion to help other people. He shows his passion in all of his products and **adds a personal touch** to everything he does. ☺

Richard Simmons

Born on July 12, 1948 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Simmons is a physical fitness expert, known for his short **shorts** and high-energy fitness classes. He has earned millions from his weight-loss products, especially from the famous "Sweatin' to the Oldies" videotapes. He is still very active in helping people lose weight and hosts annual nutrition conferences for his fans. His first job was selling **pralines**. He currently lives alone in Beverly Hills, California.



GLOSSARY

- a guru** *n*
an expert or leader
- fitness** *n*
if you have a good level of "fitness", you are physically strong
- to sweat** *vb*
when you "sweat", a salty colourless liquid comes out of your skin. This happens usually when you are hot, afraid or ill
- an exercise routine** *n*
a series of exercises you do to get fit and healthy
- never give up** *exp*
never stop, even if it is difficult
- a legislative bill** *n*
a piece of paper that someone proposes to become a law
- mandatory** *adj*
obligatory, something you must do
- a forum** *n*
a place, situation or group where people can exchange ideas and talk about issues
- activism** *n*
the process of working for political change
- a retreat** *n*
a quiet place you go to rest or to get away from stress
- a safe haven** *exp*
a place where you can be free from danger, stress, etc.
- an itinerary** *n*
a plan of activities for an event or trip
- a seminar** *n*
a meeting during which people hear about, discuss or learn about a topic
- a pioneer** *n*
the first person to develop an idea or activity
- to add a personal touch** *exp*
if you "add a personal touch" to something, you do something that shows it is yours
- shorts** *n*
clothing worn on the legs to do sport, exercise, etc. They are like short trousers
- pralines** *n*
a type of sweet food made from nuts and sugar

READY, SET...
SWEAT!



USEFUL VOCABULARY

THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR SECTION ON USEFUL VOCABULARY.
THIS MONTH: TRANSPORTATION. ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Match the words

Match the words below to the pictures.

1. ship d
2. train _____
3. bus _____
4. taxi _____
5. boat _____
6. car _____
7. bicycle _____
8. motorbike _____
9. aeroplane _____
10. helicopter _____



2 Wordsearch

Now find these words in the wordsearch.

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| aeroplane | bicycle |
| boat | bus |
| car | helicopter |
| motorbike | ship |
| taxi | train |



3 Guess the word

Think of clues to describe these forms of transport. From the clues, ask your partner to guess the form of transport.

IT HAS 4 WHEELS, YOU DRIVE IT. IT STARTS WITH 'C'?



USEFUL VERBS & EXPRESSIONS

THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR SECTION ON USEFUL VERBS AND EXPRESSIONS.
THIS MONTH: TRANSPORTATION.

TO MISS (A BUS / TRAIN)

IF YOU MISS YOUR BUS OR TRAIN, YOU ARE TOO LATE TO CATCH IT.



"I MISSED THE LAST BUS HOME."

TO DRIVE A CAR

IF YOU DRIVE A CAR, YOU OPERATE IT AND CONTROL ITS MOVEMENT.



"SALLY WILL DRIVE THE CHILDREN TO SCHOOL."

TO TAKE A TRAIN

IF YOU TAKE A TRAIN, YOU GET ON THE TRAIN IN ORDER TO GET SOMEWHERE.



"WE TOOK THE TRAIN TO LONDON LAST WEEK."

TO GO ON FOOT

TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE BY WALKING.



"THE SUPERMARKET IS CLOSE, SO LET'S JUST GO ON FOOT."

TO ARRIVE

TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION; TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING. USUALLY, WE SAY "ARRIVE AT".

"WE ARRIVED AT THE CINEMA AT 7:00."
HOWEVER, WE ELIMINATE THE "AT" WITH THE WORD "HOME".



"THEY ARRIVED HOME AN HOUR EARLY."

TO STOP A TAXI ("HAIL A CAB" US ENGLISH)

IF YOU WANT TO STOP A TAXI, STAND IN THE ROAD AND WAVE ONE ARM.



"SHE STOPPED A TAXI."

Let's be



friends

(if we aren't already!)

Story Time

JOKES, ANECDOTES AND STORIES AS TOLD BY NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS.

Poor Offer

Man: My love, I offer you myself.

Woman: I'm sorry but I never accept cheap **gifts**.



Rich Offer

Woman: I want to **share** everything with you.

Man: Let's start with your bank account.

Bad Taste

Friend 1: You look **funny** in that belt.

Friend 2: I'd look even funnier if I wasn't wearing it.

Taxi Talk

Guest: Excuse me. Could you **call** me a taxi, please?

Receptionist: Certainly, sir. You are a taxi.

Idiot Time

Son: Mum, what's an idiot?

Mum: An idiot is someone who tries to explain simple, basic things in such a way that they become complicated and no one else can understand them.
Do you understand?
Son: No.



Parking Prank

A man parks his Ferrari and walks into a bank in London. He asks for the manager and is taken into her office. "What can I do for you?" asks the manager. The man replies, "I have to go to Rome on a **business trip**

for a **fortnight**, so I need to **borrow** £5,000." "OK," says the manager, "But you'll have to leave some sort of **security**."

"That's all right. You can keep my Ferrari for the two weeks," the man answers.

So, it's agreed and the man is given the money. The car is then put into the bank's car park. Two weeks later, the man returns and repays the **loan** plus the £30 interest. The bank manager thanks him, then asks, "We've discovered that you're a millionaire. Why did you want such a small loan?" The businessman replies "Well, where else could I park my car for two weeks for only £30?"



GLOSSARY

a gift *n*
something you give someone as a present

to share *vb*
to give someone part of something or to let them use it with you

funny *adj*
"funny" has several meanings: a) amusing; that makes you laugh; b) strange and unusual

to call *vb*
"to call" has several meanings: a) to telephone someone; b) if you "call" someone a name, you say they are that thing

a business trip *n*
a journey that you take for professional reasons

a fortnight *n*
two weeks

to borrow *vb*
to take or use something with permission from the owner

security *n*
money or a valuable object

a loan *n*
a sum of money that you borrow

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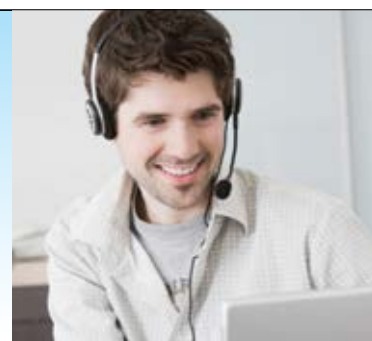
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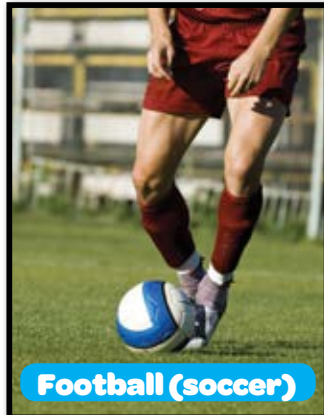
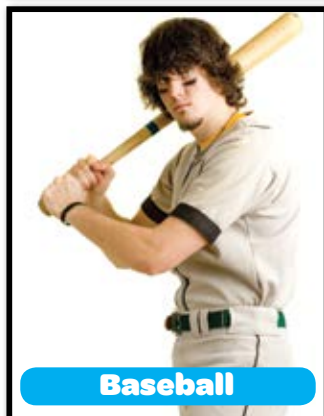
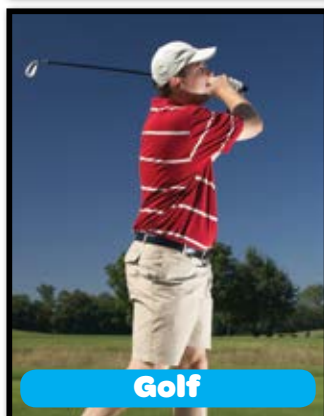
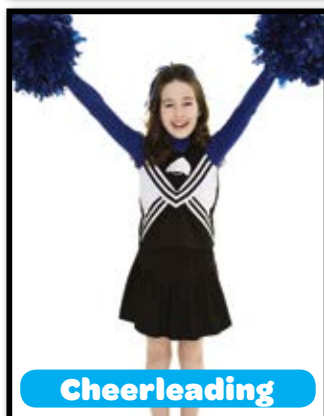


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BASIC ENGLISH

sports

**Volleyball****Football (soccer)****American football****Basketball****Cricket****Baseball****Tennis****Hockey****Swimming****Golf****Cycling****Rugby****Ice-skating****Cheerleading****Diving****Gymnastics**

sports



LISTEN AND REPEAT THESE EXPRESSIONS.

Useful expressions

- What's your favourite sport?
- Do you do much exercise?
- What equipment do you need for this sport?
- Are you any good at tennis?
- Have you won any tournaments?
- How often do you go **jogging**?
- Can I borrow your tennis racket, please?
- Would you like to join our team?
- We need someone to **make up a team**.
- It's your turn to serve.
- We should **warm up** first.
- You go in goal.
- Let's take turns to go in goal.
- Have you got any swimming trunks I could borrow? ♡

GLOSSARY

to jog *vb*
to run as a form of exercise

to make up a team *exp*
if you need someone to "make up a team", you need an extra person for the team

to warm up *exp*
to prepare yourself before a sport by stretching or doing exercises

wicked *adj inform*
very good

tell me about it *exp*
an informal way of saying, "Yes, I know."

Part II

NOW LISTEN TO THIS DIALOGUE. IN THIS CONVERSATION, OLIVIA AND FRAN ARE TALKING ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE SPORTS.



I CAN STILL SEE YOU...



BASKETBALL CAN BE SO RELAXING.

Olivia: Hey, Fran, what's your favourite sport?

Fran: I like football. And yours?

Olivia: I prefer basketball, actually.

Fran: I'm not really into basketball.

Olivia: So, do you play in a team?

Fran: Yes, the Bolton Braves. We're playing in a mini-league.

Olivia: What position are you in the league table?

Fran: We're fourth at the moment, but we've got a difficult game ahead this week.

Olivia: Why?

Fran: We're playing against the top team.

Olivia: Oh, well. Good luck.

Fran: Thanks. What about you? Do you play in any teams?

Olivia: Not at the moment, but I'm in a tennis tournament.

Fran: Oh, right. How are you doing?

Olivia: Not too bad. We haven't been eliminated yet. It's a doubles tournament.

Fran: So, who's your partner?

Olivia: Sally Barnes. Do you know her?

Fran: Oh, yes. She's got a **wicked** serve.

Olivia: Tell me about it.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

guessing



Asking someone to guess

- What is it?
- What do you think it is?
- What do you reckon it is?
- Have a feel of it.
- Smell it.
- Go on, have a guess!
- You're close! Warm! Warmer! Bingo! Correct!



Guessing

- I think it's a...
- I reckon it's a...
- It might be a...
- It could be a...
- It looks like a...
- It feels like a...
- Perhaps, it's a...
- Maybe it's a...
- In my opinion, it's a...
- I'd say that it's a...
- Is it a...?

Functional Conversation: The Guess

Dave: So, what do you think it is?

Sally: I'm not sure. It looks like a book.

Dave: Try again.

Sally: Well, it feels like a CD or a DVD.

Dave: Closer.

Sally: Is it a DVD?

Dave: Bingo! 🎉



DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Activity

Read the sentences, find the errors and correct the sentences. Then listen to the CD to check your answers. Good luck!

1. Have got you a car?
Have you got a car?

2. They not have got any money.

3. She got a red shirt button.

4. Are you of Italy?

5. He is from the France.

6. They are of the England.



ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre listening

Think about your last trip to the airport. Invent questions to ask another student. Use the prompts below.

- For example: Where...? = Where did you go? / Where were you travelling?
When...?
What...?
How...?
Why...?

2 Listening I

You're going to listen to the conversation about the reality show: *Airport*. What types of things do you expect to hear? For example, problems with flights, passports, etc. Give details. Now listen and check.

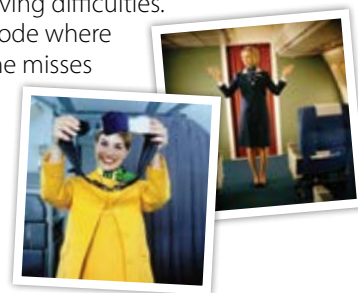
3 Listening II

True or false?

- The programme *Airport* looks at expensive airlines and their problems.
- According to the speaker, we like to watch programmes about other people who are having difficulties.
- The speaker describes one episode where a man becomes violent when he misses his flight.
- The man in question was flying to England.
- In the end, everything was OK.

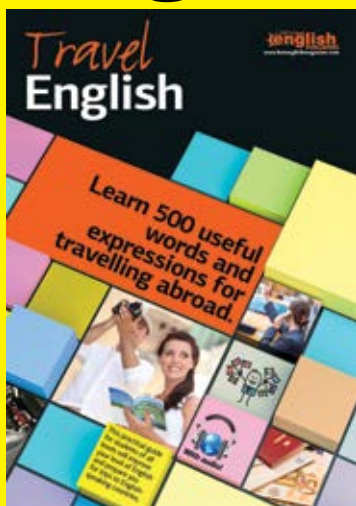
4 Discussion

- Have you ever ...
- ...missed a flight?
 - ...boarded the wrong flight?
 - ...forgotten your passport?
 - ...taken the wrong passport?
 - ...been air sick?
 - ...lost your luggage?
 - ...had a long stopover?



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GRAMMAR FUN

Confusing Words

IN THIS MONTH'S GRAMMAR FUN SECTION, WE'RE LOOKING AT SOME MORE CONFUSING WORDS.

fun / funny

"Fun" and "funny" are very similar in appearance, but they mean different things.

"Fun" is used to describe something enjoyable.

For example:

- a) *Playing cards is fun.*
- b) *I had so much fun last week at the beach.*

"Funny", however, has various meanings. It can be used to describe something that is weird or strange. It can also be used to describe something that makes you laugh. For example:

- a) *There's something funny (strange) about that man. I don't have a good feeling about him.*
- b) *There was something funny (out of the ordinary) about Mandy yesterday. I wonder if she has got a new boyfriend.*
- c) *The joke is funny.*
- d) *Funny comedians can make you laugh.*

See if you notice the difference between "fun" and "funny" in the following dialogue.

A: *What do you like most about your wife?*

B: *She is so funny. She always makes me laugh. That's why I love to be around her.*

A: *What do you normally do together?*

B: *We usually talk, go out to eat or see a movie. We like to travel and see new places. We have a lot of fun together.*

shade / shadow

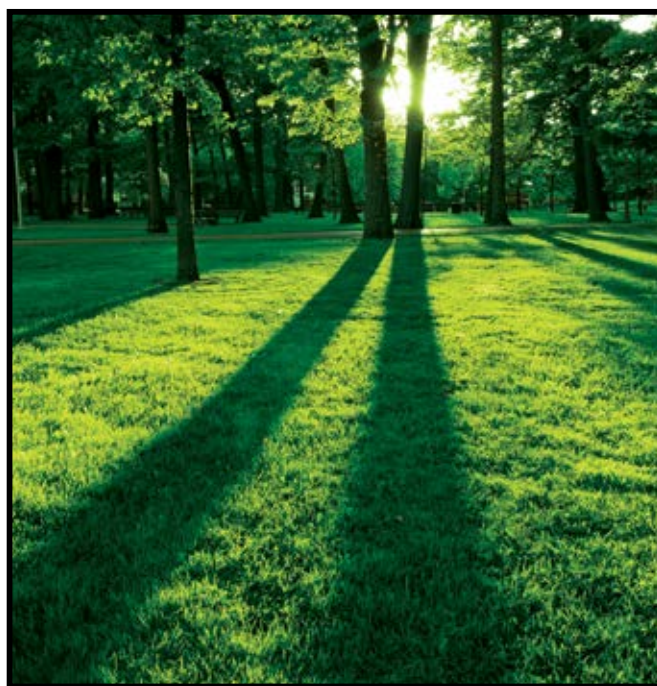
The "shade" is a dark area on a sunny day. You can usually find shade under or next to an object, such as a tree or a building.

For example:

- a) *Temperatures are a lot cooler in the shade than in the sun.*
- b) *I think I'm getting a sunburn, so I'm going to find some shade.*

A "shadow" is a dark shape on a surface that is made when something stands between a light and the surface. For example:

- a) *I only saw the shadow of his face.*
- b) *A maple tree casts a shadow over the grass.*
- c) *He saw the shadow of the man in the street.*



1 Exercise

Choose the correct answer.

1. I feel hot. I am going to go in the **shade / shadow**.
2. The dog's **shade / shadow** looked like a monster.
3. Ricky Gervais is such a **fun / funny** comedian.
4. I do not think skydiving is a **fun / funny** activity.
5. Amanda's birthday party was **fun / funny** last year.
6. The clouds are casting a **shade / shadow**.
7. There is something **fun / funny** about this milk.
Do you think it has gone off?
8. We have to stand in the **shade / shadow** because it is so hot.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59



1 Pre listening

In English, do you know how to...
 ...ask for a table for two?
 ...spell your name?
 ...ask for directions?



2 Listening 1

Complete these expressions from the pre-listening exercise.

- I'd like to make a _____ for dinner tonight.
- Could you _____ the name please?
Of course, it's S-E-D-A-R-I-S.
- By the way, _____ exactly is the restaurant?

3 Listening II

Correct the sentences.

- The name of the restaurant is Isabelle's.
- The reservation is for 4 people.
- Max's surname is SIDORAS.
- Max makes the reservation for tomorrow at 21:00.
- The address is 79 Elkhart Pike.
- The restaurant is located outside town.

Listen and check. Now go to the tape script on page 64 to check your spelling.
 Can you learn this conversation by heart?



Problem Piglet

Cinders the frightened pig.



On a farm in England, one **piglet** is enjoying being different. Cinders is six weeks old and lives on a farm with two hundred other pigs. But she has a strange problem - she is afraid of the **mud**. Poor

Cinders wasn't able to join her brothers and sisters playing in the fields because she was too

scared. Her owner said, "It was the strangest thing. Cinders just **stood** at the **edge** of her **sty shaking** while the others explored."

But don't feel too bad for Cinders. Her owners had a very clever idea. Cinders now has a very different way to keep her **trotters** clean. The name Cinders is short for Cinderella, but instead of **glass slippers**, she wears green boots. She has a special pair of Wellington boots which are the perfect size for her. Cinders' owners **run** a sausage factory, but her owners say that she is not going to be anyone's dinner. "She's more of a **pet** really now, and she's going to live a very long and happy life." As her owner Andrew says, "This is no ordinary pig." ☆

GLOSSARY

- a piglet** *n*
a baby pig
- mud** *n*
a sticky mixture of water and earth
- scared** *adj*
afraid; frightened
- to stand** *vb*
(past tense: stood) to be in a vertical position (not sitting)
- the edge** *n*
the "edge" of something is the place or line where something ends
- a sty** *n*
a place where pigs are kept on a farm
- to shake** *vb*
to make a lot of quick and uncontrollable movements, often when you are cold or afraid
- a trotter** *n*
a pig's foot
- glass slippers** *exp*
slippers are the special shoes that Cinderella wore in the classic story. In general, "slippers" are soft shoes for the house
- to run something** *exp*
if you "run a factory", you operate it
- a pet** *n*
an animal you have in your house



What happens if your biggest business rival is someone in your family? Two of the biggest sportswear companies in the world, Adidas and Puma, were formed by two brothers in Bavaria, Germany. This is the story of the Dassler family.

It all started in post-World War I Bavaria. At the time, the Dassler family worked together. Adolf "Adi" Dassler, a baker, started making sports shoes. His father worked in a shoe factory, so he helped his son's new business. Other family members also contributed, one of whom was a blacksmith who produced the spikes for running shoes. The business quickly became successful and even equipped Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics. But trouble was coming.

In 1924, things began to go wrong. Adi's brother Rudolf joined the business. This only led to competition and complications. The brothers didn't get along at all. During World War II, there was an incident during an Allied bombing when Adi and Rudolf's families were in the same bomb shelter. Adi made an angry remark about the Allies, but Rudolf was convinced that Adi was referring to Rudolph's family. Later in the war, Rudolf (who was the more zealous National Socialist) was captured by the Allies. While imprisoned, the brothers bickered, because Rudolf accused Adi of turning him in. Eventually, the war ended, and so did the brothers' relationship. Adi's company became the self-titled Adidas, and Rudolf's company became Puma.

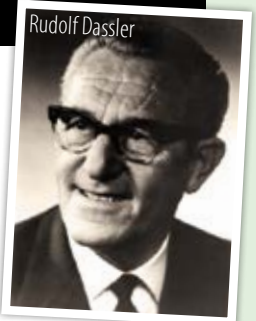
The two separate sportswear companies wanted loyal customers only. As the years continued, their hometown Herzogenaurach split over the issue.

Many visiting workmen carrying out maintenance on Rudolf's house used to deliberately wear Adidas trainers. Whenever Rudolf would see his rival's trainers, the workmen would be ordered to take them off, and then be given a free pair of Pumas. During the 1960 Olympics, a German competitor attempted to cause controversy by wearing both types of trainers. Olympian runner Armin Hary had won a gold medal wearing Pumas after being an Adidas customer, but later switched back to Adidas. Disgusted with Hary's initial change, Adi banned Hary from using his products. But perhaps the most obvious case of publicity was during the 1970 World Cup Final. At kick-off, Pelé put his foot on a football and tied the shoelaces of his Pumas while the TV cameras watched. He had recently been given \$120,000 in sponsorship from Puma.

Adidas is the larger of the companies, but Puma has recently been expanding. Puma's expansion however, led to a 26% downturn in profits for the year 2006. Adidas has a workforce of approximately 27,000, whereas Puma only has about 7,000. Adidas had a profit of €551 million for the year 2007, and business continues to improve for the company. Adidas will replace Reebok as NBA apparel providers in 2011.

And what would the Dassler brothers say now? Adidas has won the feud easily, but

Puma continues to be successful. Neither company is owned by the Dassler family anymore, but ironically, Adi and Rudolf are buried in the same cemetery. However, considering their life-long rivalry, they are buried as far apart as possible. 🍀



1 Pre reading

Do you know the story of Adidas and Puma? What is it?

2 Reading I

Read the article, and retell it. How much of the story did you already know?

3 Reading II

Answer the following questions.

1. Why didn't the Dassler brothers get on?
2. How did their quarrel divide their town?
3. What is the significance of Pelé tying his shoe on the football?

4 Phrasal Verb Focus

What do these phrasal verbs mean?

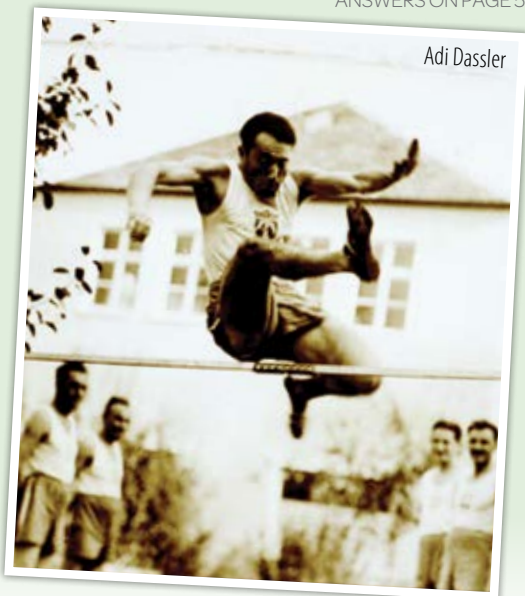
1. **to get along** "The brothers didn't **get along** at all."
2. **to switch back** "Olympian runner Armin Hary had won a gold medal wearing Pumas after being an Adidas customer, but later **switched back** to Adidas."
3. **to carry out** "Many visiting workmen **carrying out** maintenance on Rudolf's house used to deliberately wear Adidas trainers."
4. **to take off** "Whenever Rudolf would see his rival's trainers, the workmen would be ordered to **take them off**, and then be given a free pair of Pumas."
5. **to turn in** "While imprisoned, the brothers bickered, because Rudolf accused Adi of **turning him in**."



5 Discussion

Think about sports ads in your country. What slogans do they use? What are they doing in the ads? Do the ads have spokespeople? Who are they?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59



Film / TV Scripts

THIS MONTH: *FRASIER*

Frasier

Season 1, Episode 1

Frasier is an American television programme about the life and family of psychiatrist Dr Frasier Crane. *Frasier* lasted 11 seasons (1993-2004) and won 37 Emmy Awards.



In this scene, Frasier Crane is talking to his sharp-tongued yet down-to-earth producer Roz.

VIDEO

YouTube

Search YouTube for "Frasier and the Story of Lupe Vélez". Starts: 00:34.

The script

Roz: Ever heard of Lupe Vélez?

Frasier: Who?

Roz: Lupe Vélez, the movie star in the '30s. Well, her career **hit the skids**, so she decided she'd **make one final stab** at immortality. She figured if she couldn't be remembered for her movies, she'd be remembered for the way she died. And all Lupe wanted was to be remembered. So, she plans this **lavish** suicide - flowers, candles, silk sheets, white satin gown, full hair and makeup, **the works**. She takes the **overdose** of pills, lays on the bed, and imagines how beautiful she's going to look on the front page of tomorrow's newspaper. Unfortunately, the pills **don't sit well with** the enchilada combo plate she sadly chose as her last meal. She **stumbles** to the bathroom, trips and goes head-first into the toilet, and that's how they found her.



Frasier: Is there a reason you're telling me this story?

Roz: Yes. Even though things may not happen like we planned, they can work out anyway.

Frasier: Remind me again how it worked for Lupe, last seen with her head in the toilet.

Roz: All she wanted was to be remembered. Will you ever forget that story?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Exercises

Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

1. Who is Lupe Vélez?
2. What was the last thing she ate?
3. How did she die?

2 Definitions

Based on the context of the dialogue, what do you think these words/expressions mean?

1. to hit the skids
a. to fail b. to be very successful
2. to make a stab at something
a. to deny something b. to attempt something
3. lavish
a. modest b. impressive
4. the works
a. with everything included b. very cheap
5. an overdose
a. an excessive amount b. a specific quantity
6. don't sit well with
a. don't go well with b. don't cook well with
7. to stumble
a. to jump quickly b. to walk unsteadily and to almost fall

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Snake Surprise

Woman gets more than she asked for.

STOP SLIPPING AWAY WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU.



Are you afraid of snakes? Gloria Hurst of Utah is **terrified** of them. So, she **got a nasty shock** when she found two snakes in a **package**. It started when Gloria, 56, ordered some equipment for her hobby, **glass blowing**. When the box arrived, she opened it and looked inside. At first she thought the snakes were part of the **kit**. "They looked like **hoses**, and I presumed they were part of the equipment. But then my husband told me to go outside and I knew something was wrong," she said. He took the box outside and called the Division of **Wildlife Services**. "I opened the

box seven hours after receiving it. And during this time I had my two grandchildren at home with me," she said. So, how did they get in the box? The company who sent the material, Unlimited Oxygen of Mooresville, Indiana, says it was all an accident. "The snakes probably came from a farm near our **warehouse**. Recent **flooding** in Indiana may have caused the snakes to look for a **dry spot to hide**. That's when they found the box," a spokesperson for the company explained. Authorities are considering sending the snakes back to Indiana. 🌱

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre reading

What are you afraid of? Rank the following from 1 (most frightening) to 6 (least frightening).

- snakes
- the dark
- heights
- spiders
- horror films
- ghosts

2 Pre reading II

How good is your memory? Memorise these key words (in the black boxes) from the article. When your teacher tells you to stop, cover the words and write the ones you remember.

terrified package equipment hobby accident
opened kit hoses wrong wildlife services

Using these words, can you guess what the article is about?

Indiana

3 Reading I

Read to check your ideas. Were you right? Retell the story and use the words above to help you.

4 Language focus

Learn **synonyms** to expand your vocabulary. There are lots of words for "afraid"-

- terrified
- scared
- petrified

Also learn the prepositions that follow. What is the preposition we use with all of the words from above?

5 Discussion

Use the synonyms above to discuss the questions.

- Do you ever have nightmares? What about?
- Do you ever get scared when you are at home alone? Why?
- What do you do when you are scared? For example, count to 10, close your eyes...
- When was the last time you were afraid? Why? What happened?
- Have you seen any scary movies recently? Which ones?

GLOSSARY

- terrified** *adj* extremely frightened or scared
- to get a nasty shock** *exp* to have an unpleasant surprise
- a package** *n* a container in which something is sold
- glass blowing** *n* making glass shapes by blowing hot glass through a long pipe or hose
- a kit** *n* a set of equipment or tools used for a specific purpose
- a hose** *n* a flexible tube or pipe
- wildlife** *n* wild animals, birds and plants
- a warehouse** *n* a large building where raw materials are kept
- a flood** *n* if there is a "flood", it rains a lot and water covers a large area
- dry** *adj* without water or moisture
- a spot** *n* a place (informal)
- to hide** *vb* if you "hide", you go somewhere where you cannot easily be seen

TRIVIA MATCHING

1 Exercise

SEE IF YOU CAN DO THIS MATCHING EXERCISE. LOOK AT THE LIST OF THINGS (1 TO 13), AND THE PHOTOS (A - M). WRITE A LETTER NEXT TO THE NAME OF EACH THING IN THE LIST BELOW. ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1. toilet roll
2. doorbell
3. left hand
4. sandbox (US) / sandpit
5. eyebrow
6. liquorice
7. penguin
8. flag
9. beach
10. cheese
11. Harvard University
12. goldfish
13. shoes



A



B



C



D



E



H



F



G



I



J



K



L



M

WEIRD TRIVIA

THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR MINI-SERIES ON STRANGE FACTS. WHOEVER THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS SO UNUSUAL?

The oldest university in the US is Harvard.

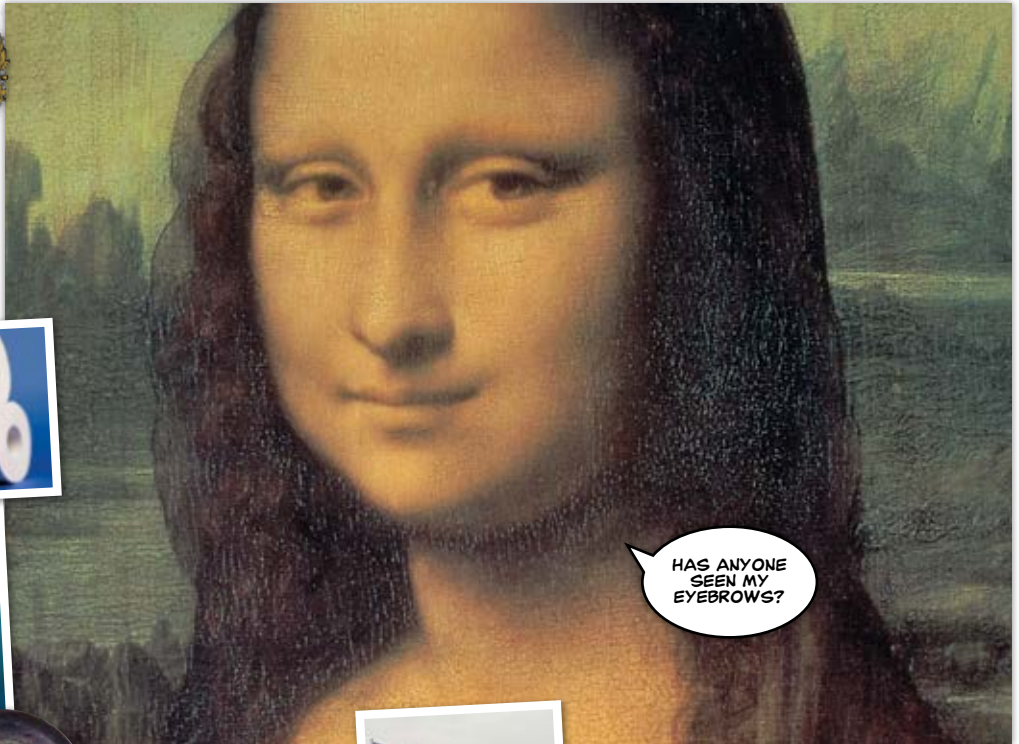


No piece of paper can be **folded** in half more than 7 times. Try it.

There are 333 toilet paper squares on a **toilet roll**. Count them for yourself next time.



The most common name for a goldfish is "Jaws".



Ten tons of **space dust** fall on the Earth every day.



The **doorbell** was invented in 1831. Ding, dong!



France has the highest per capita consumption of cheese.

Ferrets were **domesticated** more than 500 years before cats.



Washington State has the longest single beach in the United States: Long Beach, WA.



Napoleon Bonaparte, Judy Garland, Julius Caesar, Oprah Winfrey, Fidel Castro,



Texas is the only state that is allowed to fly its state flag at the same height as the US flag – all the others must be lower than **Old Glory**.

Ronald Reagan and polar bears are all **left-handed**.



Incidentally, Napoleon made his battle plans in a **sandbox**.

The Mona Lisa has no **eyebrows**. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to **shave them off**.

Are your hands feeling **itchy**? It could be a sign of your financial situation. Experts say that if you feel an itch in your left hand, you'll have to pay a sum of money. But if it's your right hand that needs **scratching**, you'll soon be receiving some money. 🍀



The international telephone dialling code for Antarctica is 672, should you ever want to **call** a penguin.

In the great fire of London in 1666 half of London was **burnt down** but only 6 people were injured. Incredible!

The shoes eaten by Charlie Chaplin in the film *The Gold Rush* were made of **liquorice**.



GLOSSARY

- to fold** *vb*
to bend something so that one part covers another part
- toilet roll** *n*
a cardboard tube with toilet paper around it
- space dust** *n*
tiny particles of earth in space
- doorbell** *n*
a device on the outside of a building that you press. It makes a sound and tells someone that you have arrived
- a ferret** *n*
a small animal, similar to a weasel, which is used to hunt rabbits and rats
- to domesticate** *vb*
to control a wild animal and use it as a pet
- left-handed** *adj*
someone who finds it easier to write with their left hand rather than their right
- sandbox** *n US*
a container with sand (small pieces of stone) in it. Children play in them. A "sandpit" in British English
- eyebrows** *n*
the lines of hair that grow above the eyes
- to shave something off** *exp*
if someone "shaves something off", they cut the hair off completely
- to call** *vb*
to telephone
- to burn down** *exp*
if something is "burned down", it is completely destroyed by fire
- liquorice** *n*
a black substance with a strong taste that is used for sweets
- Old Glory** *n*
a common name for the flag of the United States
- itchy** *adj*
an unpleasant / irritating feeling on your skin
- to scratch** *vb*
if you "scratch" yourself, you rub your fingernails over your skin because it is irritating you



1 **We Are The World** – USA For Africa

We Are The World was written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie and released in 1985. It followed Band Aid's *Do They Know It's Christmas*, and was used to raise money for people in need in Africa. Celebrities such as Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross and Bob Dylan participated, and over 20 million copies were sold worldwide. Over \$60 million dollars was raised.

*We are the world, we are the children,
We are the ones who make a brighter day,
So, lets start giving,
There's a choice we're making,
We're saving our own lives,
Its true we'll make a better day,
Just you and me.*



2 **What a Wonderful World**, Louis Armstrong

Released in 1967, this song is about the beauty of the world. It was written by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss and **topped the charts** in the UK. Louis Armstrong's deep, warm voice has made the song an all-time classic.

*I hear babies crying, I watch them grow,
They'll learn much more than I'll never know,
And I think to myself what a
wonderful world.
Alive again, oh you make me feel like
I'm alive again.*

3 **All You Need Is Love**, the Beatles

This song was written by John Lennon and was the UK's contribution to the first live, international TV show *Our World*, which was broadcast in 1967. With more than 500 million viewers worldwide, the song was an instant hit. The Beatles wanted a song that would speak to everyone, and who doesn't need love?

*There's nothing you can make that can't be made,
No one you can save that can't be saved,
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be
you in time,
It's easy, all you need is love, all you need is love.*



4 **Survivor**, Destiny's Child

This is an **uplifting** song for anyone who has a **broken heart**. It was released in 2001. The band, which was led by superstar Beyoncé Knowles, **split** in 2006.

*Thought that I would fail without you,
but I'm on top,
Thought it would be over by now, but it won't stop,
Thought that I would **self destruct**, but I'm still here,
Even in my years to come, I'm still gonna be here
I'm a survivor, I'm not gonna give up,
I'm not gonna stop, I'm gonna work harder,
I'm a survivor, I'm gonna **make it**,
I will survive, keep on surviving.*



8 SONGS TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD

FEELING A BIT DOWN?
HERE ARE EIGHT SONGS TO INSPIRE,
ENCOURAGE, ENERGISE AND
MOTIVATE YOU.





5 Born this Way, Lady Gaga

Known for her **outlandish** clothes, *Mother Monster*, as she calls herself, has inspired millions with her music and own particular style. Released in 2011, the song encourages Lady Gaga's "Little Monsters" to accept themselves for the way they are.

*I was born this way,
Don't hide yourself in regret,
Just love yourself and you're set,
I'm on the right track,
Baby, I was born this way
Oh, there ain't no other way,
Baby, I was born this way,
Baby, I was born this way.*

6 Summer Rain, U2

This Irish rockband has been around since 1976, and lead singer Bono is well-known for his charity work, mainly for the poor in Africa. *Summer Rain* was released in 2000 as part of the album, *All that you Can't Leave Behind*. It tells us not to be afraid of ourselves and to feel the strength within.

*It's not why you're running,
It's where you're going,
It's not what you're dreaming,
But what you're going to do,
It's not where you're born,
It's where you belong,
It's not how weak,
But what will make you strong.*

7 A Brand New Day, Wizard of Oz

This song featured in the movie *The Wiz* (1978), which was inspired by the musical of the same name. The movie featured superstars such as Michael Jackson and Diana Ross.

*Everybody be glad,
Cos the sun is shining just for us,
Everybody wake up,
Into the morning into happiness,
Hello, world,
It's like a different way of living now,
And thank you world,
We always knew that we'd be free somehow.*

8 That's What Friends Are For, Dionne Warwick and Friends

Dionne Warwick was born into a musical family in 1940. She is not only a singer, but also a successful actress and TV-show host. *That's What Friends Are For* was originally recorded by Rod Stewart for the soundtrack of the movie *Night Shift*, but became a hit after Warwick covered it in 1985. The song is about the importance of friendship in times of need.

*Keep smiling, keep shining,
Knowing you can always count on me,
For sure, that's what friends are for,
For good times and bad times,
I'll be on your side forever more,
That's what friends are for.*

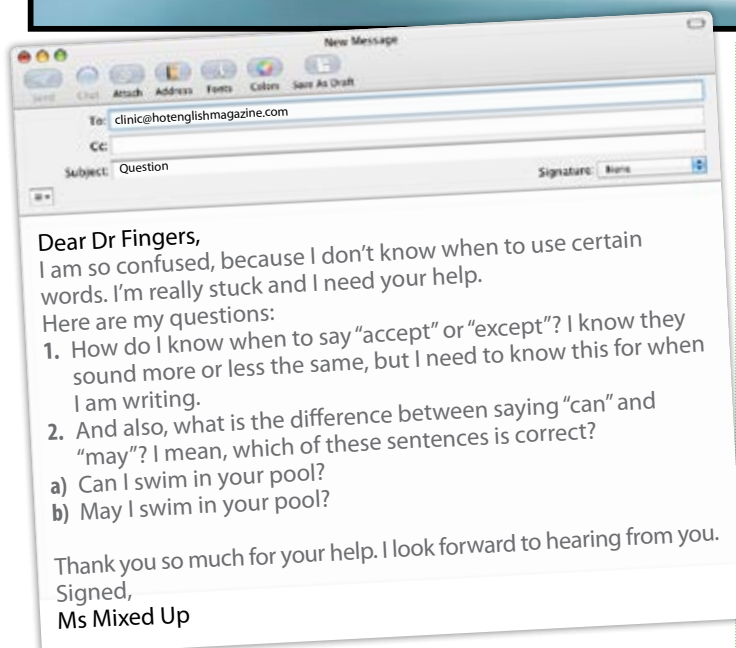
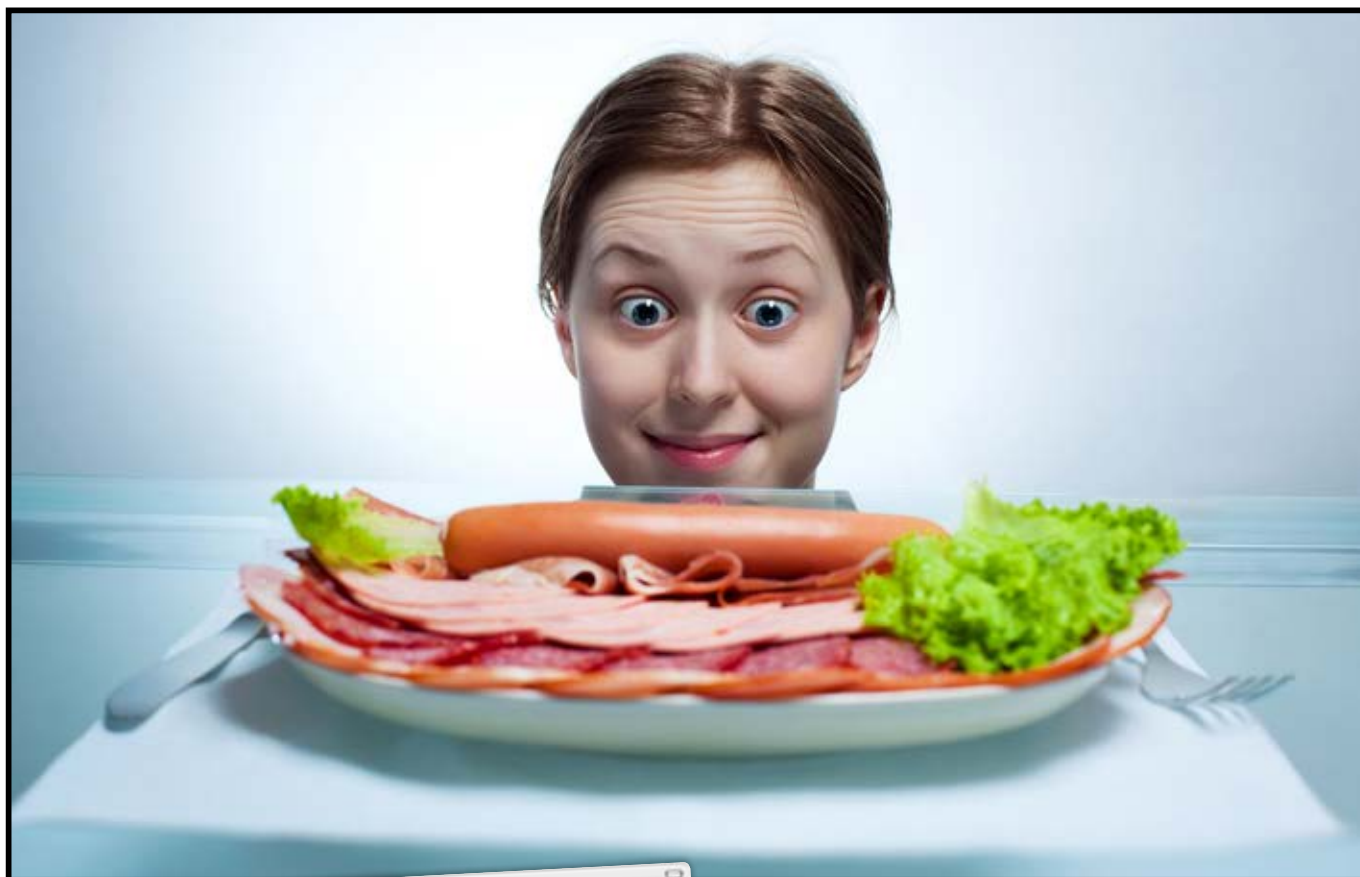


GLOSSARY

- to raise** *vb*
if you "raise" money for a charity, you make money for that charity
- in need** *exp*
people "in need" are poor or hungry and need help
- bright** *adj*
something "bright" is happy and cheerful
- to top the charts** *exp*
if a song "tops the charts", it is in the number-one position in the charts (the list of the most popular songs)
- to broadcast** *vb*
if you "broadcast" a song, you play it on the radio or on television
- a hit** *n*
a very popular song
- uplifting** *adj*
something "uplifting" makes you feel good and positive
- a broken heart** *n*
someone with a "broken heart" is sad because the person they love has left them, etc.
- to split** *vb*
if the members of a band "split", they stop playing together
- to self destruct** *vb*
if someone "self destructs", they destroy themselves
- to make it** *exp*
if you "make it", you become successful, rich, etc.
- outlandish** *adj*
strange or unusual
- regret** *n*
if you have a feeling of "regret", you feel bad about something you did in the past
- on the right track** *exp*
if you're "on the right track", you're doing the right thing
- ain't** *exp*
isn't
- to belong** *vb*
the place where you "belong" is the place where you should be
- to shine** *vb*
if you're "shining", you seem to be transmitting happiness and positive feelings



TODAY, WE'RE
LOOKING
AT SOME
CONFUSING
WORDS.



Dear Ms Mixed Up,

Thanks for writing. You addressed some really important points, and I am very happy to help. Let's start with your first question, the difference between "**accept**" and "**except**":

"Accept" is a verb that means "to approve". For example:

- a) We were so happy when she accepted the proposal.
- b) The company accepted the plan to build an office in Auckland.

"Except" is most commonly a conjunction, meaning "excluding" or "leaving out".

- a) I don't take any medicine for a cold, **except** aspirin.
- b) **Except** for chicken, Jessica eats all types of meat.

However, "except" is also a verb, and means to "exclude" or "to leave out". It is most often used in formal legal English. For example, "If we **except** the possession of the murder weapon, the plaintiff still has a chance of winning the trial."

Now, on to your next query.

- a) Can I swim in your pool?
- b) May I swim in your pool?

In these sentences, both sentences are correct in that they both ask for permission. While you can say both, "may" is more formal.

However, "can" and "may" have other uses as well. "Can" implies ability. For example:

- a) I can sing very well.
- b) Can you run quickly?

"May" implies possibility. For example:

- a) I haven't decided yet, but I may go to Paris next weekend.
- b) The stocks may fall if the economy is down.

I hope this helps. Keep the questions coming, and good luck with your English!

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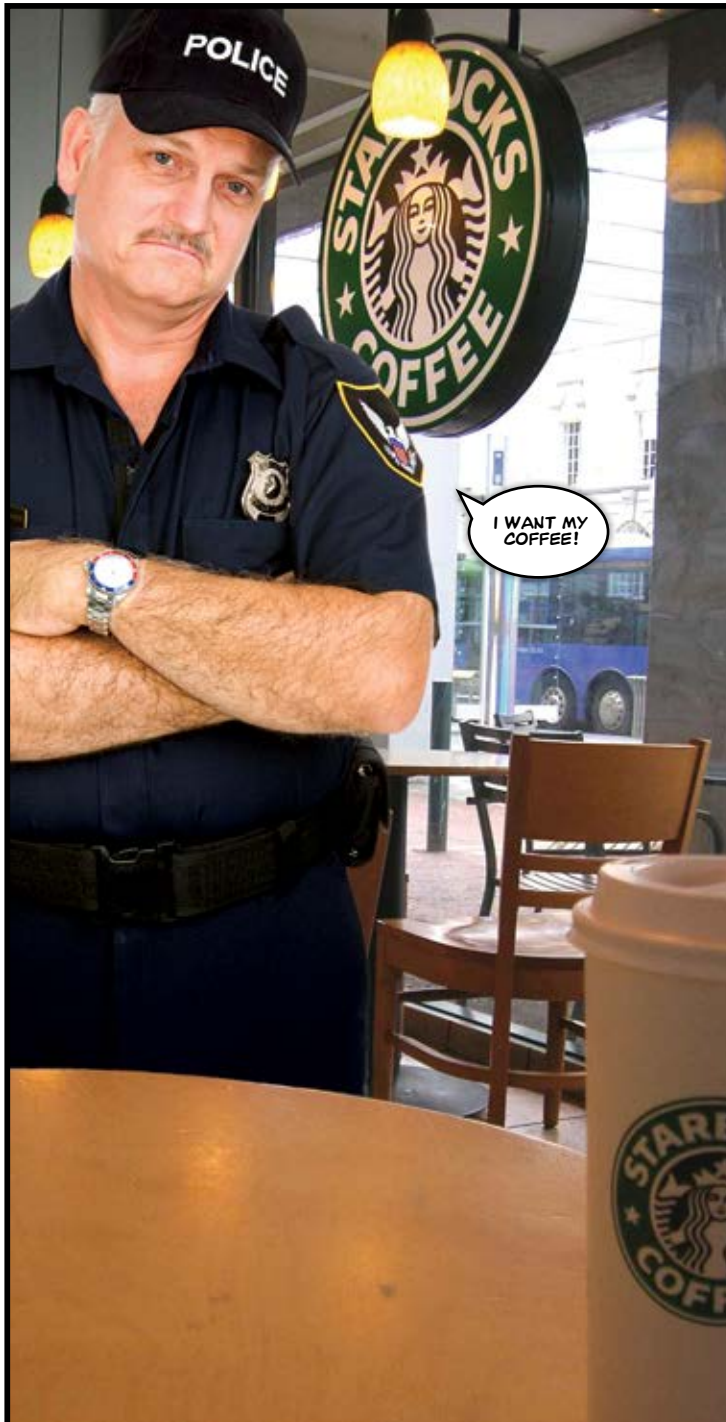
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Corny Criminals

HERE'S ANOTHER PART IN OUR SERIES ON GOOD, BAD AND FUNNY CRIMINALS.



Coffee Con

Cop demands free coffee.

A policeman in the United States has been **sacked** for allegedly **threatening** employees at a Starbucks in Daytona Beach, Florida. Lt.

Major Garvin, who earned in the region of \$80,000-\$90,000 per year, lost his job after employees at the restaurant reported him. Apparently, the officer frequently demanded free coffee; and said that if he didn't get it, the staff at the store

would get a slow **response time** in the event of "something happening". Staff also said that the officer regularly pushed in front of other customers who were **queuing** to be served. Garvin's superior said, "I'm **embarrassed** by this incident because it makes the police look stupid and **intimidating**. And on top of all that, this guy **earns** very good money. I know the restaurant is pretty expensive, but this is ridiculous!"

Dog Rules

Police ordered to be more careful with dogs.

"This is **political correctness gone mad**," said a police officer when he heard about new regulations regarding the **handling** of police dogs. In a new initiative, police have been ordered to be more careful when controlling their dogs around criminals. New regulations say that officers should also consider whether suspects have allergies or if they have phobias regarding dogs. In addition, they were told to make sure the dogs don't **scare** anyone unnecessarily.

Police officers are **outraged** as they say it will make them look ridiculous during a **drugs bust**, for instance. One officer said, "The traditional shout of, 'Stand still or I'll **set the dog on you**,' will now become, 'Excuse me, my dog might frighten you a bit. Is that OK with you?'"

Apparently, the **guidelines** have been introduced to ensure that the police force can't be **sued**. One officer compared the situation to not sending a criminal to prison because they might be **claustrophobic**. 🌱



GLOSSARY

- to sack** *vb*
transitive verb, if someone is "sacked", they lose their job
- to threaten** *vb*
to promise to do something bad
- a response time** *n*
the time it takes for police to arrive at a crime scene
- to queue** *vb*
to wait in a line for something (often in a shop)
- embarrassed** *adj*
shy, ashamed or guilty
- intimidating** *adj*
if someone is an "intimidating" person, they make others feel frightened
- to earn** *vb*
to make money from a job/work
- political correctness** *exp*
acting in a way that supposedly does not offend other people
- to go mad** *exp*
to go crazy or insane; to be out of control
- handling** *n*
the management or treatment of something
- to scare** *vb*
to make someone feel fear
- outraged** *adj*
very annoyed or angry
- a drugs bust** *n*
a police operation to arrest drug dealers and confiscate drugs
- stand still** *exp*
an expression meaning "don't move"
- to set the dog on someone** *exp*
if someone "sets a dog on someone" else, they allow the dog to attack the other person
- guidelines** *n*
regulations; things that explain how to do something
- to sue** *vb*
to start legal action against someone to get compensation
- claustrophobic** *adj*
if someone is "claustrophobic", they are afraid of small / confined spaces



Green Bean Casserole

HERE'S ANOTHER RECIPE FOR YOU TO TRY AT HOME. **THIS MONTH: GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE** – A GREAT **SIDE DISH** TO ENJOY WITH A BIG GROUP OF PEOPLE!



Ingredients

- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 125 ml of shredded cheddar cheese
- Small packet of chopped bacon bits
- 3 medium-sized tins of green beans (**drained**). Alternatively, use fresh produce
- 1 can of French fried onions (optional)

Method

- In a small saucepan, heat the soup, cheese and bacon pieces on medium/low heat.
- Stir the mixture until the cheese is **melted**.
- Drain the juice from the green beans, and put them in a standard-size oven safe dish.
- Pour the soup mixture on top of the green beans, and make sure that it is evenly coated.
- Top the mixture with French fried onions (optional)
- Bake at 150°C until the onions are slightly browned. Or, if you make it without the onions, place in the oven for 15-20 minutes. As a side dish, it makes about 6 servings. ✪

GLOSSARY
side dish *n*
 not the main item on the menu
to drain *vb*
 remove the liquid from something
to melt *adj*
 to change from a solid to a liquid



ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre listening

Memorise the words below.



Now, cover them up and write down the ones you remember. How many did you remember? Do you have a good memory?

2 Listening I

Look at the words again. What do you think they mean?

3 Listening II

Complete the sentences with the missing words.

1. Dan Dillon who's here to talk to us about a few of the most ludicrous _____ from recent years.
2. Americans are never afraid to stand up for _____
3. It involves a _____ - _____ Norman Clarke.
4. He filed a _____.
5. The judge dismissed the case and _____ it from being filed.

4 Discussion

1. Do you think this man was justified in his actions? Why or why not?
2. Do you think fast food restaurants are to blame for health problems? Why or why not?
3. Do you stand up for your rights? How?

Giving Back

A World of Difference

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD. HOWEVER, THIS MONTH WE HAVE CHOSEN TO **HIGHLIGHT** TWO VERY DIFFERENT NON-PROFIT GROUPS THAT MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

OXFAM

3 continents, one goal: to fight poverty and injustice.

History

The name OXFAM comes from the Oxford Committee for **Famine** Relief, which was founded in 1942. During WWII, they sent food to **starving** women and children. After the war, they opened up second-hand shops.

People donated to these shops by giving items such as false teeth and **stuffed animals**. OXFAM is known throughout

the world and many celebrities (including the former members of the Beatles) support them publicly.

Typical things they do

OXFAM attacks poverty from three different angles: Campaigning for Change, Development Work and Emergency Response. The organisation places their workers in developing countries, so that **impoverished** people can get immediate help. OXFAM has also helped decrease **debt** in developing countries. They are also modifying the rules for world trade. The organisation speaks with government officials and **lobbies** for things such as workers' rights and fairer and more universal cotton prices. Many people depend on OXFAM when **disaster strikes**. OXFAM was the first to lend aid when the tsunami hit in 2004.

Ground-breaking project

In 2007, OXFAM was part of a historic deal between the Ethiopian government and Starbucks. The coffee giant was using Ethiopia's coffee beans, and not allowing the country to **trademark** the names of the most popular beans. This meant Ethiopia was missing out on an opportunity to earn a lot of money. OXFAM **campaigned** so that the Ethiopian coffee farmers could get more money from selling their coffee beans. One of OXFAM's objectives is to **eliminate** poverty and equalise the world's standard of living. ☺



MARCH OF DIMES

Prematurity:
The big picture.



Mission

The March of Dimes aims to improve the health of babies. They work hard to prevent birth defects, low birth weight and premature births. The March of Dimes conducts research for these causes and promotes healthy living for pregnant women.

From one organisation to another

When it was founded in the 1930s, the March of Dimes was called The National Foundation for Infantile **Paralysis**. Originally, they worked to prevent **polio**. The organisation wrote columns in the newspaper asking everyone in the United States to donate a dime (10 cents) to polio. Shortly after, the organisation changed its name to The March of Dimes. Once the vaccines were developed to cure polio, the organisation changed its focus to help mothers and babies.

Prematurity Campaign

The Prematurity Campaign is a multi-million dollar project to educate pregnant women to have healthier babies. For every 10 premature births, 4 of them are a result of unknown causes. The campaign focuses on funding more research to learn why preterm births occur. In 2006, thanks to the campaign, Congress and the US President signed the **Premie Act**. This act authorises an increased amount of national support from the government.

Charity can be global, national or even local. But regardless of the scale, anyone can contribute. ✨



GLOSSARY

to highlight *vb*
to talk about the most important parts of something

famine *n*
a situation in which there is an extreme shortage of food

starving *adj*
very, very hungry

stuffed animals *n*
a toy animal made of cloth and with material inside

impoverished *adj*
very poor

debt *n*
a sum of money that you owe someone

to lobby for *exp*
to attempt to persuade a member of government or council to do something for you or for your company

a disaster *n*
a situation in which many people are injured or killed

to strike *vb*
to happen suddenly

a trademark *n*
a name or symbol that a company places on its products in order to protect the product

to campaign *vb*
if you "campaign" for something, you carry out planned activities over a period of time to achieve a goal

to eliminate *vb*
to remove completely; to stop

paralysis *n*
the loss of feeling in a part or all of the body which creates an inability to move

polio *n*
a serious disease caused by a virus that can often result in paralysis

premie *slang*
a shortened version of the word "premature"

It's a Bird, It's a plane!

The possibility of invisibility.

How would you like to be able to make yourself invisible? What would you do with that kind of power? Well, you might be able to find out soon.

The possibility of human invisibility is getting closer.

Due to research carried out at the University of California at Berkeley, scientists have invented a type of material that reverses light, which



therefore causes invisibility.

The idea of invisibility has been around for many years and is a favourite subject of Hollywood. For instance, *The Invisible Man* films were

bank robberies or worse. The method has recently been published in the renowned journals *Nature* and *Science*.



The method is based on simple concepts, and hopefully will only be used with good intentions.

Although the method isn't found in the natural world, it is similar to the way light bends when you look in water. If, for example, you see a fish in water, its actual position is slightly different than where you see it. The light bends at an angle, thus showing an empty area. However, the fish is in that "empty" area. The research is still at an early phase, though the possibilities are exciting. But they could also lead to danger, as criminals get their hands on the technology and use it for



released in the 1930s and 1940s. Later in the 1960s, the concept of invisibility was introduced by *Star Trek** when they made entire spaceships disappear. More recently, the *Harry Potter* films have depicted magic invisibility cloaks. So, how long will it be before this futuristic vision becomes a reality? ✨

Star Trek*

Star Trek is a science fiction television series that was on television for three seasons from 1966-1969. It was created by Gene Roddenberry. The programme takes place in the 23rd century and is about the adventures of a star ship and the characters inside. The crew of the star ship includes Captain Kirk (William Shatner), Dr Spock and the medical officer Leonard McCoy. They are focused on exploring space and the galaxy and to "boldly go where no man has gone before".

Cloaking devices are important subjects in the programme especially for the feared Klingons. In the series, Klingons use a cloaking device as a form of technology that can hide an entire spaceship from vision. Having the power of invisibility makes it easier for the Klingons to cause trouble for humans.



GLOSSARY

- renowned** *adj* well-known and respected
- the natural world** *n* the world of plants, animals and minerals
- thus** *adv* therefore
- empty** *adj* containing nothing
- to get your hands on something** *exp* to acquire something
- a cloak** *n* a loose piece of clothing you wear over your clothes when you go out

James Bond

006 of 007

Daniel Craig



THE NAME'S CRAIG. DANIEL CRAIG.

“Shaken and Stirred”*

has a double meaning. It is a famous catch phrase from James Bond, a character created by Ian Fleming. Bond always requests that his martinis are made shaken and not stirred. If you “shake” something, you hold it in your hands and move it up and down quickly. If you “stir” something, you use a straw or spoon to combine all of the ingredients that are in a glass or pot. If the moviegoers of *Quantum of Solace* feel “shaken and stirred”, they enjoyed themselves during the film and felt that the film was adventurous and fun.

Daniel Craig is the sixth actor to play James Bond. He was born in Chester, England and has had an impressive career in television and film.

Craig graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 1991. He played small parts on British television for several years until his **breakthrough role** in 1996. He starred as Geordie in the much-lauded series *Our Friends in the North*. This nine-part drama told the story of four friends from Newcastle, England from 1964 until 1995. The storyline was set against the backdrop of social **turmoil** and events in modern Britain.



In 2001, he became an international star. He appeared alongside Angelina Jolie in *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, and followed up his success with a role in *Road to Perdition* the next year. His Hollywood parts continued, but everything changed when he landed the part of James Bond in 2005. There was much criticism of the decision to **cast** him as Bond, but his performance in *Casino Royale* got great response from critics. For a **one-time** television actor, Daniel Craig has done extremely well for himself. ☺

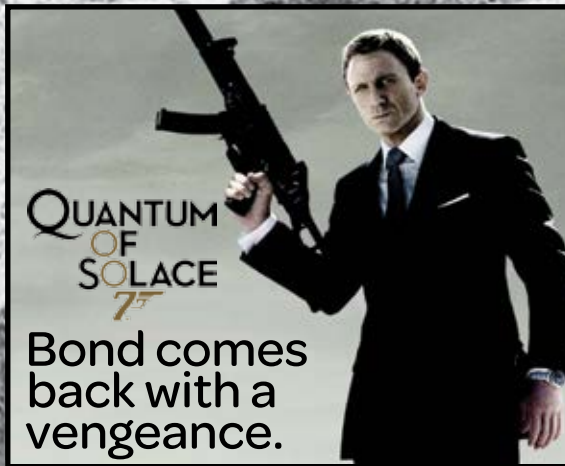
FILM REVIEW: QUANTAM OF SOLACE



Double Trouble Quantam of Solace's Leading Ladies.

There are two Bond Girls in this film. The first is Camille, played by Ukrainian actress Olga Kurylenko, a Russian-Bolivian agent. Camille is initially an enemy of Bond and also has a **vendetta** against the film's villain, Dominic Greene. Bond will seemingly have to cooperate with his new female enemy. The second lady in the film is Agent Fields, played by Gemma Arterton. Fields works at the British Consulate in Bolivia, but is actually an MI6 operative.

Both actresses worked very hard to perfect their roles. In the case of Olga Kurylenko, she was afraid of doing **stunts**. Despite her fear, she **underwent** several weeks of weapons training and **indoor skydiving**, during which Daniel Craig helped her. Gemma Arterton was selected for her **wit** and says that her character isn't "**frolicsome**" like some of the other Bond Girls. Arterton says that her character is a **homage** to the Bond Girls of the 1960s, especially Diana Rigg who appeared in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. ☺



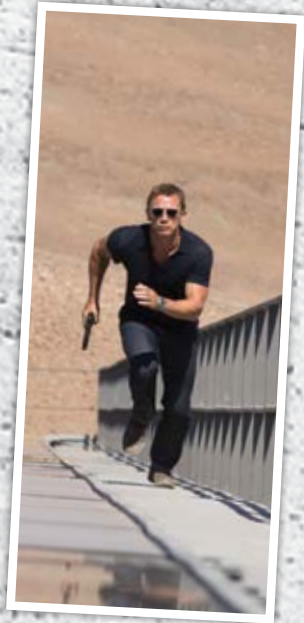
The second James Bond **flick** starring Daniel Craig as 007 was *Quantam of Solace*. It also stars Ukrainian actress and model Olga Kurylenko and English actress Gemma Arterton as the Bond Girls. *Quantam of Solace* has got the **character-driven** formula that works well.

Quantum of Solace shares the name of a short story by Bond creator Ian Fleming, but the two are totally unrelated. The movie's plot was created by the film's producer Michael G. Wilson during the shooting of *Casino Royale*. The story begins with a car chase about an hour after the end of *Casino Royale*. After the chase, villain Mr White reveals that Quantum, a **shadowy** terrorist group, has infiltrated the British government and the CIA. Bond's search for a double agent leads him to Haiti. There, he **joins forces** with Camille, a Russian-Bolivian spy. The two learn from their investigation that Quantum has a **dastardly plot**. Pretending to be an eco-friendly corporation, Quantum plans



to take control of Bolivia's water supply. Our hero also has to **deal with** emotional problems **stemming from** his wife's betrayal and her death in *Casino Royale*. Can our **flawed** hero and his sexy **sidekick** save the South American country? And can he control his desire for revenge?

The Daniel Craig era of Bond films is quite different from previous eras. Whereas the films that preceded his time focused on **gadgets** and girls, *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace* concentrate on the character of James Bond. He is no longer an all-knowing super-agent. He has flaws, emotional issues and a desire for vengeance. One thing hasn't changed, though. James Bond is as exciting a character as ever, and is sure to leave us "**shaken and stirred**". ☺



GLOSSARY

- a breakthrough** *n*
a film/television role that makes you famous
- a role** *n*
a film or television part
- lauded** *adj*
admired; praised
- turmoil** *n*
change, often violent or upsetting
- to cast** *vb*
to give a part to an actor
- one-time** *adj*
at some time in the past
- a vendetta** *n*
if someone has a "vendetta" against someone else, they want revenge for something
- stunts** *n*
dangerous or exciting piece of action in a film
- to undergo** *vb*
if you "undergo" something, you experience it
- indoor skydiving** *n*
also known as "body flying", a type of extreme sport that involves jumping off something very high
- wit** *n*
intelligent humour
- frolicsome** *adj*
playful in a romantic way
- a homage** *n*
a respectful tribute to someone
- a flick** *n* *inform*
a film
- character-driven** *adj*
when the focus of a film is on the personalities of the characters, not the action
- shadowy** *adj*
secretive
- to join forces** *exp*
to unite with someone to achieve a common objective
- a dastardly plot** *exp*
an evil plan
- to deal with** *exp*
to confront a problem
- to stem from** *exp*
to come from
- flawed** *adj*
with faults
- a sidekick** *n*
a secondary character who helps the story's hero / villain
- gadgets** *n*
a small machine or device that does something useful

James Bond

Goons, Gals

A LOT OF THE MAGIC OF THE JAMES BOND MOVIES COMES FROM THE UNIQUE AND EXOTIC CONTENT. THIS INCLUDES BAD GUYS, **FEMME FATALES** AND COOL MACHINES. HERE'S A MORE IN-DEPTH LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE JAMES BOND FILMS.

Goons and Supervillains*

Bond has **encountered** his share of evil, but one of his most memorable adversaries is Jaws, played by Richard Kiel. Jaws is over two metres tall and battled with Roger Moore's Bond in *The Spy Who Loved Me* and *Moonraker*. He is an unstoppable, steel-toothed killing machine and often **finishes off** his enemies by biting through their throats. Jaws has survived all kinds of dangerous situations, including falling several thousand metres from a plane into a circus tent. He has even survived a crash into a fish tank that contained a shark. In *Moonraker*, he turns good, and even gets a girlfriend.

Blofeld is seen frequently **stroking** a white cat.

There have been so many memorable villains throughout the Bond franchise. It is a role that greatly **enhances** an actor's career, and many Bond villains have become famous. Some of these include Christopher Walken, Robert Carlyle and Telly Savalas. The latest villain is **pseudo**-environmentalist Dominic Greene, played by Mathieu Amalric. These villains keep Bond sharp, and present an ongoing duel between good and evil.



Dominic Greene

Bond Gals*

James Bond is a notorious **womaniser**, so perhaps it is strange that none of his villains have been feminists. As with the villains, there have been many memorable performances from Bond girls. They have come from exotic places such as Russia, South America and China. Here's just a few.

They float off into the cosmos together in a spaceship, to live happily ever after.

Goldfinger (Gert Fröbe) was another great villain. He is helped by several others, including his Korean bodyguard, Oddjob. Goldfinger's role involved making the gold supply at Fort Knox radioactive, which ended up devaluing it. Consequently, his own gold would become more valuable, and the Chinese would have more power in the west. In one scene, Bond (Sean Connery this time) is tied up, and asks Goldfinger if he expects information from him. Goldfinger replies, "I don't expect you to talk, I expect you to die!" Goldfinger then directs a laser at our hero. But of course, supercool Bond doesn't die that easily.



Gert Fröbe

Diana Rigg plays Bond's wife Tracy in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. She has a very classic 1960's look in the film, which made Diana Rigg herself an icon of the time. Tracy has been the only Bond girl to marry Bond, and was killed on their wedding day by the villain Blofeld. Bond hunts Blofeld down in the subsequent film *Diamonds are Forever* and takes his revenge.



Diana Rigg



Holly Goodhead

Holly Goodhead is a clever Bond girl in *Moonraker*. She helps Bond do battle with villain Hugo Drax and his superstrong **henchman** Jaws. She has been the most intelligent of the Bond girls yet. An astrophysicist, Holly was trained by NASA and worked for the CIA. In the film, she **goes undercover** in Drax's organization. When Bond discovers this, she is initially unwilling to cooperate with him. However, they eventually **team up** to defeat the bad guys, joined by the former villain Jaws.

Wai Lin (played by Michelle Yeoh) appears in *Tomorrow Never Dies* alongside Pierce Brosnan's Bond. She is a Chinese intelligence agent



Michelle Yeoh



Richard Kiel



Christopher Lee

Bond has faced off with some worthy opponents, but British actor Christopher Lee remains the king of movie villains. Lee's character Scaramanga had his turn fighting Bond in *The Man with the Golden Gun*. Scaramanga is a **top-class** contract killer who is attempting to acquire solar energy

technology to **further his own interests**. As a **hitman**, he only uses a golden gun with golden bullets, and has worked for both the Mafia and KGB. The climax of the film is a **duel** between our hero and the villain.

Ernst Blofeld was a recurring villain in the Bond series and was played by several actors. Blofeld, as played by Donald Pleasance, was the inspiration for Dr Evil in the *Austin Powers* films.



Donald Pleasance

and Gadgets

investigating a plot to incite war between the UK and China. Bond investigates this as well, but on behalf of the British. They have been ordered to kill each other, but are forced to work together. She also rejected his romantic advances. That was quite an accomplishment, considering James Bond has an irresistible charm.



Ursula Andress

Vesper Lynd appears in two films with James Bond. The first is a comedy **spoof** of the film series. She is played by Ursula Andress in the original film and Eva Green in the second. Both films are called *Casino Royale*. In the second film, Bond falls in love with Vesper. She works for MI6, but Bond later discovers she is a double agent for the Soviets. In the end, Bond learns she was a Soviet spy against her will. Lynd becomes overwhelmed with guilt and decides to **fall on her own sword**. But she does this too late, and Bond renounces her as a traitor.



Eva Green

Bond girls have always added spice and romance to the series. They are generally portrayed as clever and independent with a knack for fighting. But remember, James Bond is always the boss.

Gadgets

Gambling man Bond always **has an ace up his sleeve**, which is usually a piece of innovative technology. The king of spies has had some memorable gadgets including flame-throwing **bagpipes** and exploding cigarette lighters. **Q** is the brains behind these life-saving contraptions. **Q**, (**Quartermaster**), presents Bond with very modern and unusual contraptions. Bond has his trademark Walther PPK handgun but is also known for many other special gizmos. In *Goldfinger*, Bond drives an Aston Martin DB5



Q

fitted with revolving license plates and tyre-slashing **hubcaps**. There is also an ejector seat on the passenger side and the car has **oil slick** and **smokescreen** capabilities. It also has machine guns fitted to the front. Bond also uses a wetsuit fitted with a rubber duck so as to swim undetected. This gadget is more comedy than technology, though.



The Man with the Golden Gun featured many gadgets used by both Bond and villain Scaramanga. Scaramanga's golden gun had many functions, including a pen, a cigarette lighter, a cigarette case and a **cufflink**. The bullets were also made of gold. Scaramanga even had a flying car, but Bond had a tracking device to **keep tabs** on it.

Casino Royale featured more realistic gadgets, but they were just as deadly. Much of the technology in the recent James Bond movies consists of products that are available to consumers. This certainly makes the series more believable. An exploding keychain is used in an attempt to bomb an aeroplane. Bond has ultramodern mobile phones with GPS systems and a microchip implant so that MI6 always know where he is. While Q isn't featured in *Casino Royale* or *Quantum of Solace*, it seems as though the fascination continues with James Bond's technology. ✪



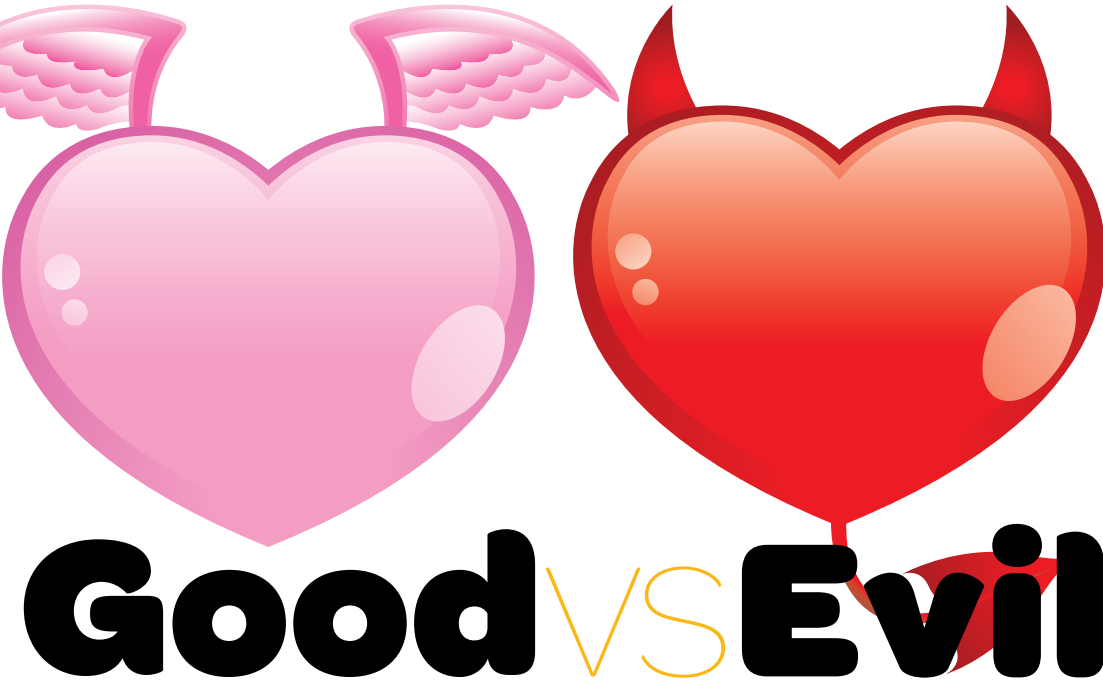
GLOSSARY

- a femme fatale** *n* an attractive, but dangerous woman
- *a goon** *n inform* a bad guy's assistant
- to encounter** *vb* to experience
- to finish off** *vb* to kill
- top-class** *adj* one of the best
- furthering your own interests** *exp* doing something for your own benefit
- a hitman** *n* a person who is contracted to kill
- a duel** *n* a fight with swords or guns between two people
- to stroke** *vb* to touch gently and repeatedly
- to enhance** *vb* to make better
- pseudo** *adj* fake, not real
- *a gal** *n inform* a girl or woman
- a womaniser** *n* a man who has relationships with many women but isn't serious about them
- a henchman** *n* an assistant to a bad guy used for fighting and intimidation
- to go undercover** *exp* if someone "goes undercover", they work on a secret mission
- to team up** *exp* to join someone on a project or mission
- a spoof** *n* a parody or a funny version of a film
- to fall on your own sword** *exp* to sacrifice yourself for the common good, often dying in the process
- to have an ace up your sleeve** *exp* an extra plan or device for the event of trouble
- bagpipes** *n* an instrument often played in Scotland. To play the "bagpipes", you blow air through a pipe into a bag, and then squeeze the bag
- a quartermaster** *n* a member of an army or organisation that protects and organises armaments
- a hubcap** *n* a covering for the centre of a car wheel
- an oil slick** *n* a pool of oil
- a smokescreen** *n* a smoke cover
- a cufflink** *n* a piece of jewellery used for holding the cuffs (at the end of the shirt arms) together
- to keep tabs on** *exp* to follow; to use surveillance

This month, the forces of good and evil fight it out.

Faceless to 229|9067

FACELESS TO FACELESS



THIS MONTH WE AREN'T LOOKING AT TWO PEOPLE, BUT TWO FORCES IN THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THEM ALL. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, THOSE TWO **MIGHTY** ENERGIES WITHOUT SHAPE OR FORM: GOOD AND EVIL.

Evil has an immediate upper hand. It doesn't have a **code of ethics** that it isn't allowed to break. If you're evil, you can do whatever you want; anything goes. Evil people have been among the most powerful in history. Hitler, Pol Pot and Julius Caesar have each had the lives of millions of people **at their mercy**. They, much like all-powerful dictators, have **shaped the world in their own graven image** and changed the course of history.

Good, on the other hand, has a more difficult battle to fight. Good people have a tendency to die young, often murdered by evil people. People such as Jesus, John Lennon or Pope John Paul I died relatively young. In the case of the first two, they were murdered. In the case of John Paul I, there is suspicion surrounding his death. Each had a message of peace and

also battled corruption. The problem is that good people have **boundaries** that they can't cross and rules that they must follow.

In the world of cinema, many films have an **underlying** theme of the battle between good and evil. Generally, each "good and evil" film has more or less the same format. Evil will quickly gain **the upper hand**, killing and causing misery before the good guys begin to work together to fight back. For example, the books and films of *The Lord of the Rings* tell the story of how the owner of a magic ring possesses great power. But the owner can't use the ring for good, and eventually falls under the power of the evil dark lord Sauron. The good guy's only hope is to destroy a ring that **wields** too much **power**.

There's really no competition

here. Evil only wins in the short-run. Evil doesn't have rules to follow so it always has the upper hand. Evil people don't have ethics or regulations to live by, so they soon end up turning against their comrades. Eventually, the dark army of the night will collapse because its goals are selfish and individualistic. Evil people want more than everyone else, and they're prepared to do anything to get it.

On the other hand, people who are good try to help their friends when there is trouble. They also think about what is best for people collectively and put the interests of others above their own. If everyone does this, everyone wins. But if everyone is evil and selfish, societies and civilisations will quickly **collapse inwardly** and destroy themselves. So therefore, our results are: Good = 10 / 10; Evil = 6 / 10. ☺

Saloth Sar AKA Pol Pot

Born: 19th May 1925.
Died: 15th April 1998.
Saloth Sar was the leader of the Khmer Rouge, an ultra-Maoist movement in Cambodia. After the Khmer Rouge overthrew the government of that country, they imposed a reign of terror from 1975 to 1979. They renamed the country Kampuchea and evacuated entire cities. They planned to rebuild civilization as totally agricultural. From a population of seven million, it is said that approximately 1.8 million people died, although the figure could be higher. The killing only ended when Vietnam invaded Cambodia and overthrew the Khmer Rouge.



GLOSSARY

mighty *adj*
very powerful
a code of ethics *n*
a system of values
at someone's mercy *exp*
if you are "at someone's mercy", the other person has control over you
to shape the world in your own graven image *exp*
to make the world into something that you alone want it to be
a boundary *n*
a limit
underlying *adj*
less noticeable but important
the upper hand *exp*
an advantage
to wield power *exp*
to have lots of power
to collapse inwardly *exp*
to self-destruct



The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

A new look at the Holocaust.



Based on the bestselling novel of the same name, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* was written and directed by Mark Herman. Set during Hitler's **regime**, the plot is about an 8-year-old's perspective of the Holocaust.

The story begins with 8-year-old Bruno. He is very upset that his family is moving, and that he will be torn away from his comfortable life and five-storey house in Berlin. His father is a **commandant** at a concentration camp, and so the rest of Bruno's family must live near

Auschwitz. Bruno feels lonely, but finds a friend who lives on the other side of the concentration camp fence. The two children discover they were born on the same day, and that they have similar interests. However, as the film progresses, Bruno starts to understand what is happening around him.

Both Herman and novelist John Boyne wanted to personalise the Holocaust. They hope people will view the story as a historic tragedy rather than a museum. While the subject matter is serious, it isn't as brutal as what you might expect from a film about the Holocaust. The novel has been selling millions of copies around the world, so it is obvious that the issues in the book and the film are still relevant today. ☀

John Boyne
Born 30th April 1971 – Dublin, Ireland. John Boyne is an Irish novelist, and has written six novels so far. His most famous work, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, has sold more than 3 billion copies and has been translated into 35 languages. He studied English at Trinity College, and later pursued Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia. Currently, he lives in Dublin.

GLOSSARY
a regime ⁿ
the way that a company, government or an economy is run
a commandant ⁿ
an army officer in charge of a particular place or group of people

LITTLE JOKES

GRAFFITI

MATCH EACH JOKE BEGINNING (1 TO 8) WITH ITS ENDING (A-H). THEN, LISTEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1. What's worse than a giraffe with a **sore throat**?
2. What did the fire-fighter say when the church **caught fire**?
3. What do ghosts like about tall buildings?
4. Where do dogs keep their money?
5. Where would you send a **sick mule**?
6. Where would you send a sick Dalmatian?
7. What did one strawberry say to the other strawberry?
8. Why did King Kong join the army?



GLOSSARY

a sore throat *n*
if you have "a sore throat", the back of your mouth hurts

to catch fire *exp*
if something "catches fire", it starts to burn

sick *adj*
ill

a mule *n*
an animal whose parents are a horse and a donkey

holy smoke! *exp*
an expression used to show panic or surprise

to scare *vb*
to frighten someone

Barklay's *n*
a combination of Barclays Bank and "bark" - the sound a dog makes

to be in a jam *exp*
to be in a very difficult situation

gorilla warfare *exp*
a "guerilla" soldier fights as part of an unofficial army. A "gorilla" is an animal similar to an ape

a centipede *n*
a long and thin insect with lots of legs

sore *adj*
painful

- A:** Holy smoke!
B: They have lots of "scare cases".
C: "Barklays" Bank.
D: To "horsepital".
E: To the "dogtor".
F: We're **in a real jam** now.
G: Because he wanted to know about "**gorilla warfare**".
H: A **centipede** with **sore** feet.

HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOILET GRAFFITI.

THIS IS NOT A NOVEL TO BE TOSSED ASIDE LIGHTLY. IT SHOULD BE THROWN WITH GREAT FORCE.

A COMMUNIST IS SOMEONE WHO HAS NOTHING AND WISHES TO SHARE IT WITH THE WORLD.

ALIMONY: TWO PEOPLE MAKE A MISTAKE, AND ONE OF THEM KEEPS PAYING FOR IT.

A VERBAL AGREEMENT IS NOT WORTH THE PAPER IT ISN'T WRITTEN ON.

THE SECRET OF OUR LONG MARRIAGE? WE TAKE TIME TO GO TO A RESTAURANT TWO TIMES A WEEK. SHE GOES TUESDAYS, I GO FRIDAYS.

GLOSSARY
to toss aside *exp*
to throw to one side
to share *vb*
when two or more people use the same thing
alimony *n*
after a divorce, "alimony" is money someone must legally pay to their former husband or wife

RAIL TIMES BY DANIEL COULTOINE



Misheard Lyrics

HERE ARE SOME MORE OF THOSE DIFFICULT-TO-UNDERSTAND SONG LYRICS. SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ONES. ANSWERS ON PAGE 59



GLOSSARY
a turnip *n*
 a round vegetable with greenish-white skin
a spotlight *n*
 a powerful light often used in theatre to light up a small area
cross-eyed *adj*
 a "cross-eyed" person has eyes that seem to look towards the other

- 1** In Green Day's "Time of your Life", which lyrics are correct?
a. Another **turnip** boy, the Ford stuck in the road.
b. Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road.



- 5** Which is the correct lyric in Toto's "Africa"?
a. I bless the rains down in Africa.
b. I left my brains down in Africa.



- 2** Michael Jackson's "Beat it" goes...
a. Show them how funky.
b. Show them hot monkey.



- 6** In "Smooth" by Santana, which are the right lyrics?
a. Man, it's a hot one. Like seven minutes in the midday sun.
b. Man, it's a hot one. Like seven inches from the midday sun.



- 3** In "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi, which lyrics are correct?
a. It doesn't make a difference if we're naked or not.
b. It doesn't make a difference if we make it or not.



- 7** In "Losing My Religion" by R.E.M., which lyrics are correct?
a. That's me in the corner. That's me in the **spotlight**...
b. Let's see in the corner. Let's see in the spotlight.



- 4** Starship's classic tune "We Built This City" actually says...
a. We built this city on the wrong damn road.
b. We built this city on rock and roll.



- 8** In Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know", which lyrics are correct?
a. It's not fair to deny me of the cross I bear that you gave to me.
b. It's not fair to deny me of the **cross-eyed** bear that you gave to me.



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Are you happy? If you aren't, you should move to Denmark. According to a new study, Denmark is the happiest place on earth. Adrian White, from the UK's University of Leicester, used the responses of 80,000 people worldwide to create a map of **well-being**. Denmark **came out on top**, closely followed by Switzerland and Austria. The UK ranked 41st. Mr White, who is an analytic social psychologist at the university, found that a nation's level of happiness was most closely associated with health levels, prosperity and education. "When people were asked if they were happy with their lives, people in countries with good healthcare,

a higher **GDP** per capita, and access to education were much more likely to report being happy." He said it would be possible to use these parameters to **track** changes in happiness. They would also be able to see which events, such as a war, famine or national success, might have on happiness of people in a particular country. "There is increasing political interest in using measures of happiness as a national indicator **in conjunction with** measures of wealth. A recent BBC survey found that 81% of the population think the government should focus on making us happier rather than **wealthier**."

COME ON, GET HAPPY!



Happy Lands

Denmark named the happiest place on earth.

Denmark often appear at the top of lists of the happiest nations in the world. They came first in 2013, 2014 and 2016, and were third place in 2015

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre reading

Look at these quotes about happiness. Which do you agree with and why?

- a. Money can't buy happiness.
- b. You can be right, or you can be happy.
- c. Be happy. It's one way of being wise.
- d. Happiness is a state of mind.
- e. Being happy doesn't mean being perfect.

2 Pre reading II

Look at the countries below. From the list below, which countries have the happiest people? Try to guess their rankings.

- Burundi
- UK
- USA
- Denmark
- Japan
- Iceland
- Austria
- Switzerland
- The Bahamas

3 Reading I

Read to check your rankings. Were your predictions correct?

4 Reading II

1. According to the article, what external factors affect levels of happiness?
2. What do most people think the government should focus on?

5 Discussion

1. What makes you happy?
2. What kind of mood are you in today? Why?
3. What external factors affect your mood? For example, climate, diet, sleep, etc. Refer back to the reading for more ideas.

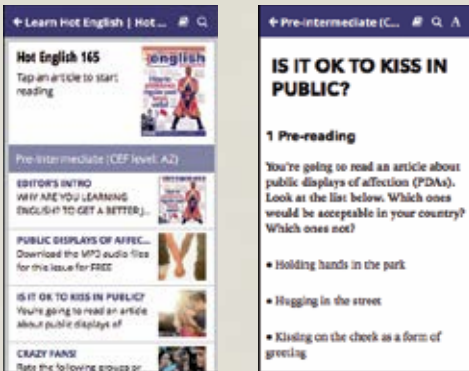
GLOSSARY

well-being *n*
someone's "well-being" is their state of health and happiness
to come out on top *exp*
to finish first; to be the best
GDP *n*
gross domestic product – an economic term meaning the total value of a country's goods and services within a given year
to track *vb*
if you "track" someone or something, you follow their movements or progress
in conjunction with *exp*
if one thing is done "in conjunction with" another, the two things are done or used together
wealthy *adj*
rich; possessing large amounts of property and / or money

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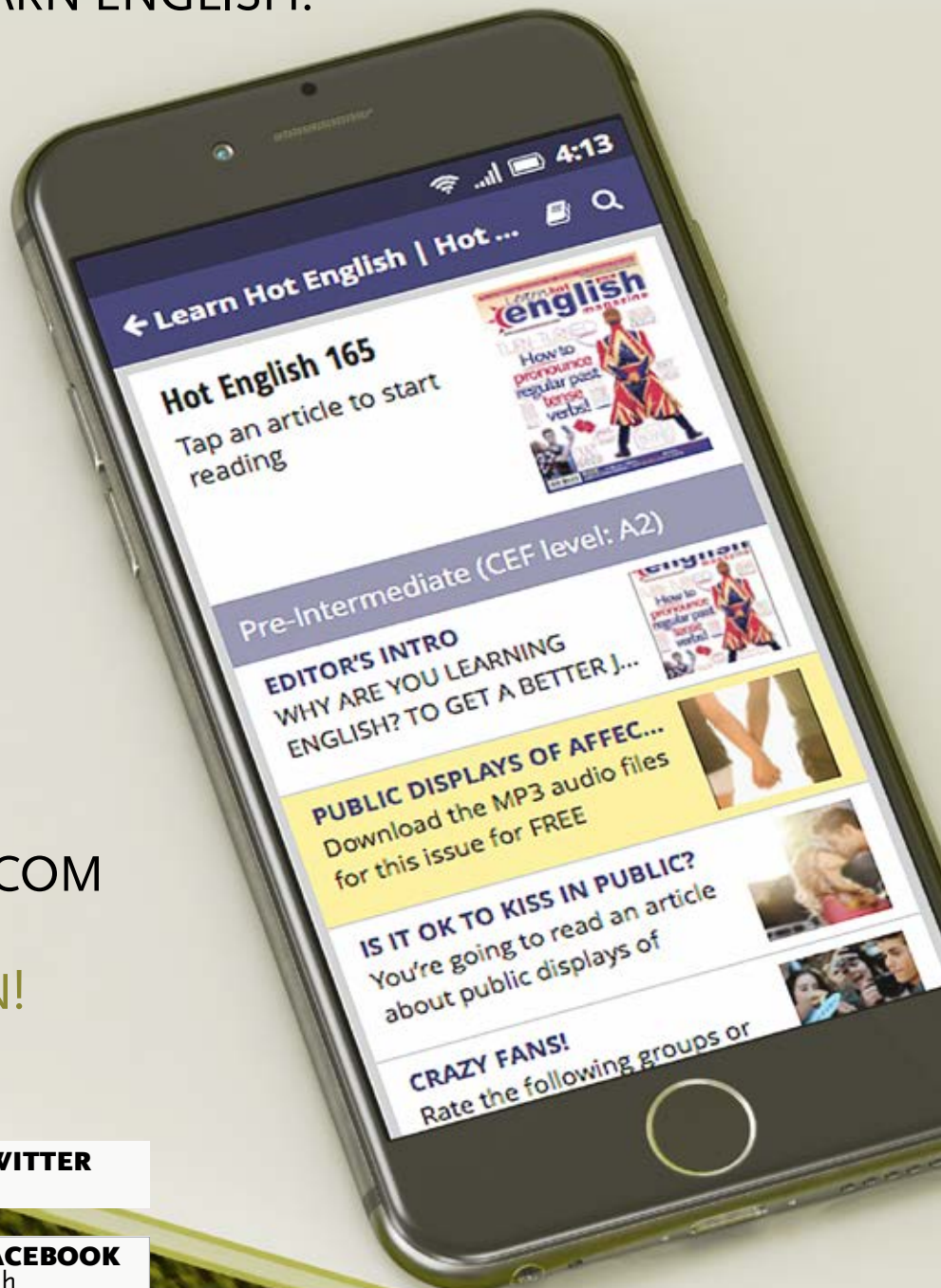
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VOCABULARY



The Red Carpet – a piece of carpet for the actors and actresses to walk on. It's all very royal and important.



Hollywood – the American film industry based in Hollywood, California in the United States.



Premiere – the first day that a film comes out.



Horror – a scary film. Not for scaredy cats!



Comedy – a funny film. Ha, ha, ha!



Drama – a serious film. Watch and think!



Villain – an evil person in the movie. A killer or someone who tries to hurt someone else in the movie.



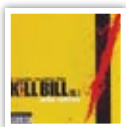
Action – a type of film with lots of explosions, car chases and special effects.



The Oscars – the annual award show to honour films and television. (in Britain, the equivalent is the BAFTAs.)



Stunt Double – a person who does the dangerous things for the actor in the film.



Soundtrack – the collection of songs from a film.



Scene – a part of a film. Films are divided into scenes.



Credits – “opening credits” are at the beginning, and “closing credits” are at the end. They are a list of the actors, producers, casting directors and anyone else who contributed to the film.



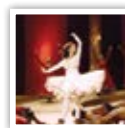
Ticket Stub – a small piece of paper you get after buying your cinema ticket.



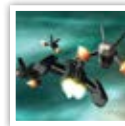
Period Piece – a film that is set during a certain time period that is not the present. It is usually a historical film.



Trailers (“previews” in US English) – short clips of films that will come out soon. Trailers are often shown right before the main film.



Musical – a type of film that has lots of singing mixed in with dialogue.



Science Fiction – films about other parts of the universe that take place in the distant future.



“Cut!” – what the director shouts to stop the filming. 🎬

The Cinema

(NOT SO) TYPICAL DIALOGUES
The Cinema Ticket

IN THIS CONVERSATION, BRIAN IS BUYING A CINEMA TICKET FROM THE TICKET VENDOR.

Brian: Hi, I'd like a ticket for the 6 o'clock session of *My Moon*, please.

Vendor: Certainly. Here you are. *(He gives him a baboon.)*

Brian: What's this?

Vendor: A **baboon**.

Brian: No, I don't want a baboon. I want to see the film *My Moon*.

Vendor: Oh, it's just when you said "moon", I understood "baboon".

Brian: Well, why would I want a baboon?

Vendor: Well, I don't know. You asked for it.

Brian: No, I didn't.

Vendor: Yes you did.

Brian: Oh, no...

Vendor: I wouldn't see that film, anyway.

Brian: Which film?

Vendor: *My Moon*. It's **rubbish**.

Brian: Is it?

Vendor: Yeah, it's terrible.

Brian: What's it about?

Vendor: Astronauts.

Brian: That sounds good.

Vendor: Yeah, but they don't do anything. They're just in space.

Brian: Oh, right.

Vendor: And then some aliens come.

Brian: Oh, that sounds good.

Vendor: Yeah, but I wouldn't pay to see it.

Brian: So, what do you recommend then?

Vendor: Well, there's a very good horror film.

Brian: Really?



Vendor: Yes, and it's really frightening.

Brian: Oh, good. I'll see that then.

Vendor: Oh, erm, I'm sorry but it isn't showing at this cinema.

Brian: [getting angry] What films do you have in this cinema?

Vendor: Well, there's *Cats Galore*.

Brian: Is it any good?

Vendor: It's all right.

Brian: OK. One ticket for *Cats Galore*.

Vendor: Here you are.

Brian: What's this?

Vendor: One ticket for *Cats Galore*... next Friday.

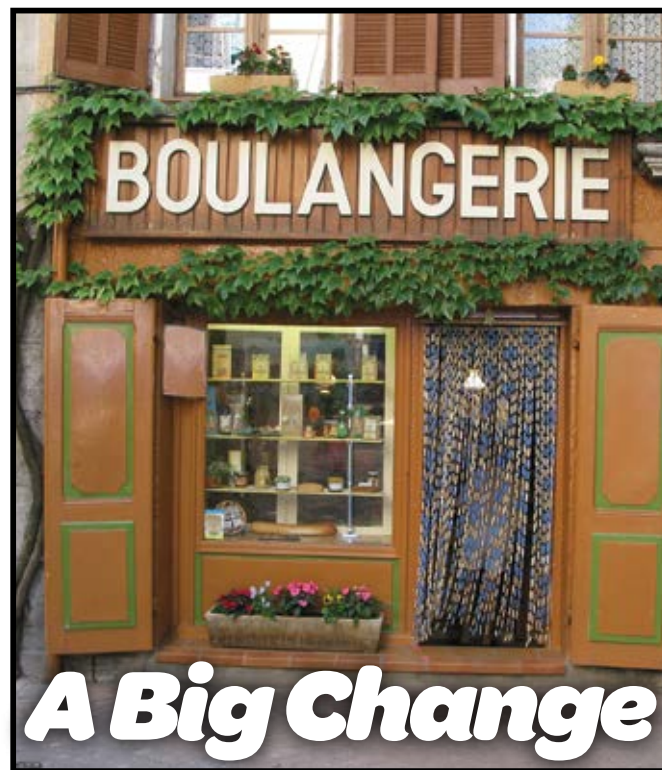
Brian: But I want to go NOW!

Vendor: But the film doesn't come out till next Friday.

Brian: AHHHHHH
 HHHHHHH! ☹️

GLOSSARY
 a **baboon** *n*
 a type of monkey that lives in Africa
rubbish *adj* *inform*
 not very good

UPPER INTERMEDIATE
LISTENING



ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre listening

You are going to hear a conversation in which the speaker describes moving abroad. What do you think she will say about the following?

1. Her reasons for moving.
2. Her difficulties in adapting.

2 Listening I

Listen and check off any of your ideas that Margaret includes in the conversation. Did you guess correctly?

3 Listening II

True or false?

1. Margaret used to go to France for her holidays.
2. Margaret's family is from the Dordogne region.
3. When Margaret's children left home, she decided to move.
4. Margaret adjusted to her new life straightaway.
5. Margaret found it difficult to meet people.
6. Margaret says she is quite offended by the nickname the locals give her.

4 Discussion

1. Would you move abroad? Why/why not?
2. If you moved abroad, which country would you choose? Why?
3. What are the benefits/drawbacks of moving abroad?
4. What would/wouldn't you miss about your country?

5 Language focus

In Unit 6 of the Upper Intermediate Skills Booklet, you see the difference between "be used to" and "get used to". Can you identify any examples from the listening? Write the sentences down.

FILM REVIEW



Fifty Dead Men Walking



Fifty Dead Men Walking is one of the many films about the war in Northern Ireland. It is a more personal

tale, based on the book of the same name by Belfast-born Martin McGartland. The film stars Jim Sturgess as McGartland and Ben Kingsley as his **handler**. McGartland was an agent within the IRA for the British police. The film's plot revolves around his

double life.

A twenty-two year-old Marty is a young **hood** from West Belfast. He joins the IRA at the request of the British police. Marty has sympathies towards Irish republicanism, but doesn't like the **Provos'** methods. But once he gets accustomed to his powerful position, he forgets about his sympathies. As events **unfold**, Marty gets used to the **rush** that his dangerous career



provides. Nobody, not even the mother of his children, knows the truth about his job as a **tout**.

This film raises some larger issues about the war in Northern Ireland. Can the British be trusted? Is Marty just a **pawn** in a much bigger game of killing and revenge? And what **lies ahead** for the young man and his family if the IRA **find out**? *Fifty Dead Men Walking* is a real-life story about one of the **murkiest** parts of war: the war of spying and espionage.

The film was made with Martin McGartland's help, but he disagreed with the final product. He objected to parts of the film that never happened, and

the consultation process that involved former IRA members. Despite this, he later agreed to a settlement which included a payment of approximately £20,000. ☺

Rose McGowan

Fifty Dead Men Walking star Rose McGowan has caused controversy by expressing support for the IRA's cause. She said that, if she were from Belfast, she would be "100% in the IRA". The Hollywood actress said that violence wasn't an answer to problems, but it was understandable. Her comments were condemned by Martin McGartland and several leading **Unionists**.



Informers: Victims or Pariahs? *Tales of a dirty war.*

Are the motives for informing so black and white? Is everyone in favour of the state authorities, or are some people threatened and forced into co-operating? A lot of people who hated the British occupation changed sides during the war in Northern Ireland. But why?

During that time, many cases of informers and double agents were reported. Martin McGartland's case (talked about in the film) involved a voluntary **willingness** to help the British authorities. One example of state coercion, however, was the case of Denis Donaldson. Apparently, Donaldson was **blackmailed** into cooperating after "**compromising himself**". It was never revealed *how* he compromised himself, but he ended up being **ostracised** by people in his community. Denis Donaldson was a **high-ranking** member of Sinn Féin and a former IRA member. It was all the more shocking as Donaldson was a close friend of republican

icon Bobby Sands. The most famous picture of Sands showed Donaldson standing right beside him while in prison. Denis Donaldson was murdered in April 2006 by unknown assassins.

Another example of the "dirty war" was the case of Freddie Scappaticci. In 2003, a member of British Army Intelligence announced that Scappaticci was "Stakeknife". Stakeknife was a codename given to a high-level British agent in the IRA. At least one innocent civilian was murdered by Loyalist killers to protect this person's identity from Republicans. Scappaticci denied being Stakeknife. The IRA says that it believes him, adding that the story may just be "**dirty tricks**". Freddie Scappaticci was allegedly the leader of the "nutting squad", an IRA unit used to search for and kill informers. It was never explained how or why "Stakeknife" became an agent.

There are countless other cases of double agents and informers. Suspiciously enough, many have never been discovered. ☺

GLOSSARY

- a handler** *n*
a police officer or government agent who provides support for an informer
- a hood** (*slang* *Ir*)
a petty criminal
- the Provos** *n*
The Provisional IRA
- to unfold** *vb*
to happen as a process
- a rush** *n*
a feeling of excitement
- a tout** (*slang* *Ir*)
an informer
- a pawn** *n*
the weakest piece in chess; an unimportant, expendable person
- to lie ahead** *exp*
to be coming in the future
- to find out** *exp*
to realise
- murky** *adj*
controversial and very private
- willingness** *n*
desire, want
- to blackmail** *vb*
to threaten someone with secret, damaging information about them
- to compromise (yourself)** *vb*
to put yourself in a position of weakness
- to ostracise** *vb*
to stop associating with someone, to ignore
- high-ranking** *adj*
an important, powerful position
- "dirty tricks"** *exp*
a campaign of lies and innuendo used for political gain
- a Unionist** *n*
a person who wants Northern Ireland to remain in the UK



DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC

describe time

HERE ARE SOME MORE USEFUL AND INTERESTING EXPRESSIONS FOR YOU TO LEARN. THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME EXPRESSIONS TO DESCRIBE TIME.



Miss the boat

TO BE TOO LATE FOR SOMETHING.
"If you're looking for tickets I'm afraid you've missed the boat."



The small hours

EARLY MORNING (2 AM TO 6 AM)
"She was up until the small hours trying to get the work finished."



Donkey's years

A LONG TIME.
"I've been living here for donkey's years."



All in good time

SOMETHING THAT YOU SAY TO TELL SOMEONE TO BE PATIENT.
"Wait until the time is right."
"Stop being in such a hurry – we'll get it done all in good time."



About time too

WE OFTEN USE THIS EXPRESSION WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS MUCH LATER THAN EXPECTED.
"Oh you're here at last. About time too!"



There's a time and a place

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN SAY TO SOMEONE WHO IS DOING SOMETHING RUDE / DISRESPECTFUL OR NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SITUATION.

"Do you have to argue in front of the children? There's a time and a place for these things, you know."
"He wore some dirty old clothes to the funeral. There's a time and place, you know."



Take each day as it comes

TO DEAL WITH THINGS AS THEY HAPPEN, AND NOT TO MAKE PLANS OR TO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE
"Try not to get too stressed – just try and take each day as it comes."

quirky news

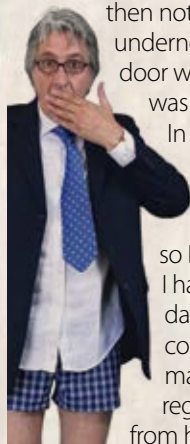
Plane Bathing

Man in unusual airline incident.

"When I opened the door, he said he was bathing, and he asked me if I had some shampoo," explained an airline attendant after she discovered a passenger taking a bath in the toilet.

Passengers on the flight complained that the man was spending too much time in the toilet.

An air attendant **knocked on the door**, and then noticed water coming out from underneath it. "We had to open the door with a key, and saw that the man was **half naked**," she explained.



In his defence, the passenger, John Walsing, said it was his first time on a plane. "I discovered the bathroom had hot water, so I thought of taking a bath, since I hadn't had one for a couple of days," he explained. The airline could not punish or charge the man as there is nothing in the regulations to prohibit passengers from having a mid-flight bath. ✨

Walking High

Australia runs into the record books.



The world record for the

number of people running a race while wearing **stiletto**s has been broken. A total of 265 competitors, including a few men, ran around an 80-metre track at Sydney's Circular Quay wearing 9-cm **heels**.

The race was won by 400-metre professional **hurdler** Brittney



McGlone. The 18-year-old **took home** £2,500, and a pair of gold stilettos. Some **sprinters** had to be treated for **bruises**, it was reported. Before the race, former Australian sprinter Melinda Gainsford-Taylor inspected

the athletes and ensured they were wearing the **mandatory** 9-cm heels. "I don't think I've

experienced such energy since my racing days," she said. The new world record has **topped** the previous record of 150 participants, which was made in Holland. ✨



GLOSSARY

to knock on something *exp*
if you "knock on something", you hit it several times to get someone's attention

half-naked *adj*
wearing very few clothes

stilettos *n*
women's shoes that have high, narrow heels

heels *n*
the raised part at the back of the shoe

a hurdler *n*
an athlete who jumps over hurdles (barriers that competitors jump over)

to take home *exp*
if you "take home" a prize, you win a prize

a sprinter *n*
an athlete who runs very fast for a short period of time

a bruise *n*
a purple mark on the body as a result of an injury

mandatory *adj*
obligatory; something you must do

to top *vb*
to "top" a record means to replace a previous record

to spot *vb* *inform*
to find; to see; to notice

one *n*
a person (referring to people in general)

to signal *vb*
to make a noise or gesture to get someone's attention

to step on board *exp*
to enter or to get inside something

a bell *n*
a device used to make a ringing sound to get someone's attention

Bus Times

The rules on how to catch a bus.

Of course you know how to catch a bus. But if you ever need assistance, a leading British bus company has come up with a guide on how to catch one. The guide begins, "Using the bus could not be easier." And continues, "Passengers should first decide what bus they need. Once the right bus has been **spotted**, with the number and destination on the front, **one** should then **signal** for the driver to stop. Wait until the bus is stopped and the doors are fully opened

and **step on board**. When you want to get off, press the **bell** once. For your safety we recommend you remain seated until the bus has arrived at the stop."

A spokesperson for the company said research had shown that many members of the public no longer know how to use public transport. "If we look back 30 or 40 years, catching a bus was part of our daily routine from when we were children. But that's all changed now with so many cars on the road." ✨



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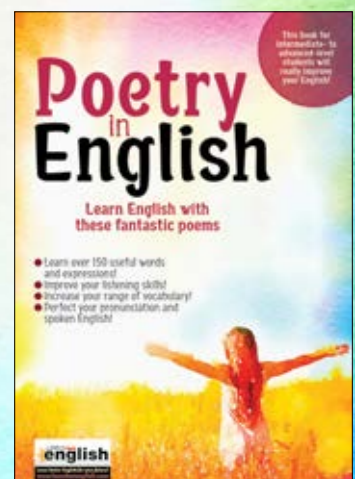
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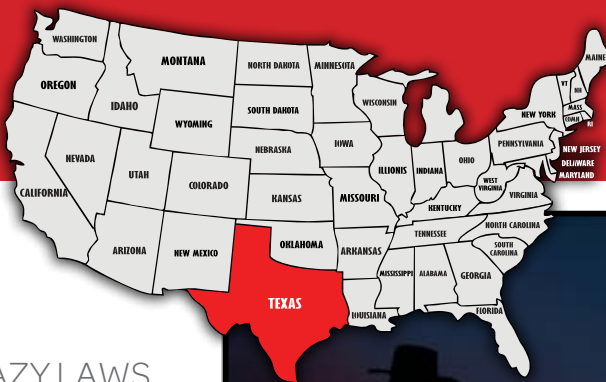
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Population: 26.96 million
as of 2014
Capital City: Austin
Largest City: Houston
State Motto: Friendship



Texas Facts

HERE ARE SOME MORE CRAZY LAWS FROM THE US. (US ENGLISH SPELLING) THIS MONTH: TEXAS.

- ☛ It is illegal to take more than three **sips** of beer at a time while standing.
- ☛ It is illegal for one to shoot a **buffalo** from the second **storey** of a hotel.
- ☛ It is illegal to milk another person's cow.
- ☛ A recently passed anti-crime law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours' notice, either orally or in writing, and to explain the nature of the crime to be committed.
- ☛ The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home.
- ☛ It is illegal to sell one's eye.
- ☛ It is against the law to throw **confetti**, rubber balls, **feather dusters**, **whips** or **quirts (riding crops)**, and explosive **firecrackers** of any kind.
- ☛ It is illegal to **dust** any public building with a feather duster.
- ☛ Churches, hotels, assembly halls, **stores**, markets, banking rooms, railroad depots, and saloons are required to provide **spittoons** "of a kind and number to efficiently contain **expectorations** into them".
- ☛ **Landing** an airplane on the beach is illegal.
- ☛ "Offensive gestures" will not be tolerated at any special event.
- ☛ No person shall throw **trash** from an airplane.
- ☛ It is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.
- ☛ Obnoxious odors may not be emitted while in an **elevator**.
- ☛ It is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands.
- ☛ Owners of horses may not ride them at night without **tail-lights**. ☛

GLOSSARY

- a sip** *n*
if you take a "sip" of a liquid, you drink a small amount of it
- a buffalo** *n*
a wild animal like a large cow with horns; also called a bison
- a storey** *n*
a "storey" of a building is one of its different levels
- confetti** *n*
small pieces of coloured paper that people throw over the bride and groom at a wedding
- feather dusters** *n*
sticks with real or artificial feathers on them that people use for cleaning and dusting
- a whip** *n*
a long piece of material made of leather or rope used to hit animals, people, etc.
- a riding crop** *n*
a short stick used for hitting / controlling a horse
- a firecracker** *n*
an object that makes several loud bangs when lit
- to dust** *vb*
when cleaning, to "dust" means to remove pieces of dirt that can often be found on furniture floors or lights.
- a store** *n*
a place where you buy things; a "shop" in British English
- a spittoon** *n*
a container inside a bar where people may spit
- an expectoration** *n*
the act of spitting
- to land** *vb*
when an airplane "lands", it touches the ground after flying in the air
- trash** *n US English*
"rubbish" in British English; old things you throw away
- an elevator** *n US English*
a "lift" in British English; a device that carries people up and down inside a building
- tail-lights** *n*
the two red lights at the back of a car

- ☛ Texas is popularly known as The Lone Star State.
- ☛ Texas produces more wool than any other state.
- ☛ The worst natural disaster in United States history occurred when a hurricane hit Galveston in 1900. Over 8,000 deaths were reported.
- ☛ Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no full-stop after the "Dr" in Dr Pepper.
- ☛ Austin is considered the live music capital of the world.
- ☛ Jalapeno pepper jelly originated in Lake Jackson and was first marketed in 1978.
- ☛ Sam Houston, arguably the most famous Texan, was actually born in Virginia. Houston was the governor of Tennessee before coming to Texas.
- ☛ Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.
- ☛ Texas is the only state to enter the United States by treaty instead of territorial annexation.
- ☛ The Alamo is located in San Antonio. It is where Texas defenders fell to Mexican General Santa Anna and the phrase "Remember the Alamo" originated. The Alamo is considered the state's most popular historic site. ☛

Here are some famous Texans:

- Buddy Holly** – Pioneering rock 'n' roll musician Charles Hardin Holley, known as Buddy Holly, was born in Lubbock.
- George Walker Bush** – 43rd President of the United States. His current term will end at noon on January 20, 2009. He was raised in Midland and Houston.
- Joan Crawford** – an Academy Award-winning American actress. Born in San Antonio.
- Roy Orbison** – Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter & guitarist. Born in Vernon.
- ZZ Top** – Rock band formed in late 1969 in Houston. The group members are Billy Gibbons (lead vocals, guitar, harmonica), Dusty Hill (vocals, bass guitar, keyboards), and Frank Beard (drums, percussion).



DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



1 Exercise

Read the following sentences. Can you correct them? Then listen to check. ANSWERS ON PAGE 59.

1. I am confident to do it.

I am confident that I can do it.

2. I find amazing that she can think like that.

3. It is my most favourite film.

4. They were not sufficiently informed enough of the changes.

5. Prices have risen by as many as 25% in some places.

6. They had always to work on Saturdays.



ADVANCED LISTENING



Business Ethics

1 Pre listening

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

Think of three strategies for negotiating.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2 Listening I

Listen to check if the speaker mentions any of your strategies. Tick them off as you hear them.

3 Listening II

What does the expert say about the following?

1. preparation for the negotiation
2. listening skills during the negotiation

4 Discussion

1. How often do you have to negotiate in your job? What sort of negotiations are they?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the following?
 - a. your listening skills
 - b. your negotiation skills
3. Do you agree with the expert that listening skills are important? Where and when should people apply them? Give examples.

5 Phrasal verbs




Use the tape script on page 64 to find a phrasal verb that matches the following definitions.

1. occupied / consumed by
2. to embark on a project
3. to find the answer or solution to something
4. to be absorbed in something, (for example, a problem at work or at home)

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DICTIONARY OF SLANG

HERE WE'VE GOT SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW TO SAY THINGS IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.

Situation	Formal 	Relaxed 	Informal 
A friend really likes reading.	He peruses a substantial amount of written literature.	He reads quite a lot.	He's a bit of a book worm.
You tell a friend that something is actually quite serious.	It is a cause for considerable concern.	It's actually quite serious.	It's no laughing matter.
A friend's grandfather has a weak heart.	His heart is somewhat debilitated.	He's got a weak heart.	He's got a dodgy ticker.
You have just finished explaining something. Now you would like to go over the main points.	In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the salient points once again.	Just to summarise...	In a nutshell...
A friend is a bit disorganised and not tidy.	He is of a disorganised and disorderly nature.	He's a bit messy.	He's a real slob; He's a bit of a pig.
You agree with what someone has just said.	A: It's a great show. B: I am of a similar opinion.	A: It's a great show. B: I agree.	A: It's a great show. B: Ditto.

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CORNER IDIOMS

THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME "CORNER" IDIOMS.



Just around the corner

IF SOMETHING IS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER", IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SOON.
 "With his retirement just around the corner, we thought we'd go out and celebrate."



Be backed into a corner

IF YOU'VE BEEN "BACKED INTO A CORNER", YOU'RE IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH FEW OPTIONS.
 "They've backed us into a corner. I think we'll have to accept their conditions. We don't really have a lot of choice."



Corner the market

IF A COMPANY HAS "CORNERED THE MARKET", THEY'VE CREATED A PRODUCT THAT DOMINATES A PART OF THE MARKET AND THERE'S NO COMPETITION.
 "They've more or less cornered the cheap clothing market – they've got a shop in every city across the country."



Fight your corner

TO DEFEND SOMETHING THAT YOU BELIEVE IN.
 "You'll have to be prepared to fight your corner if you want them to approve this project."



Turn the corner

IF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE "TURNS THE CORNER", THEIR SITUATION STARTS TO IMPROVE AFTER A DIFFICULT PERIOD.
 "The company has been through some difficult times, but right now I think they've turned the corner."



The four corners of the earth

EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.
 "Guests arrived from the four corners of the earth."

Entertainment & Medicine

Entertainment

A flaming success

Celebrity memorabilia for sale.



Jimi Hendrix

Born November 27, 1942 in Seattle, USA.
 Died: September 18, 1970 in London, England.

Hendrix is a member of the famous "27 Club", a group of famous people who died at the age of 27. Other members of the "27 Club" include Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain. Hendrix is considered by many to be the greatest guitarist in history even though he only made three studio albums. He was a controversial character who was as famous for his drug use as his music. He was also a strong supporter of the Black Panther Party, an African-American Marxist group.



Have you ever wondered what happens to rock-and-roll celebrity memorabilia? In an auction in London once some very special belongings were sold.



The most popular item at the event was Jimi Hendrix's legendary guitar. It was auctioned off for a **whopping** £322,000. This was his most famous guitar, which he **set alight** at a concert in London. He burned his guitar in a now classic concert, held in the Finsbury Astoria Theatre in 1967. This event, which was **caught on camera**, has become an iconic image of the guitar maestro. The Fame Bureau, specialist auctioneers for rock-and-roll **memorabilia**, said that Hendrix's Fender Stratocaster was bought by an American collector and **dealer**.

Also at the London auction, which was attended by members of Thin Lizzy and The Clash, were pieces of memorabilia from other stars. An application from Elvis to the State of California for a

concealed gun permit was sold for over £50,000. But a grand piano, which The Beatles used to record the song *Hey Jude*, failed to find a buyer. This item was expected to **fetch** in the region of £300,000.

All in all, the auction had some renowned and unique memorabilia and earned a lot of money. It just shows that the current economic crisis hasn't lessened the enthusiasm of some rock 'n' roll fans. ❄

GLOSSARY

whopping *adj inform*
 a large amount
to set alight *exp*
 to burn
caught on camera *exp*
 recorded on video
memorabilia *n*
 collectable items
a dealer *n*
 someone who buys and sells items, usually specialist items
concealed *adj*
 hidden, covered
to fetch *vb*
 to get a certain price at auction

Good Deed Undone

I HOPE I DON'T GET CAUGHT!

Car stolen from good Samaritan.

Who says a good deed doesn't go unpunished? We all know that doing the right thing is hard enough. But is it fair that something bad happens to you when you try to help someone else?

Marianne Bailey was only trying to do the right thing. Bailey, a doctor, was driving on the road, and saw an injured man on the side of the street. She got out of her car to help the man. However, she was in such a hurry that she left the keys in the **ignition** of her car. A **callous** thief stole her car while she was providing emergency roadside assistance.

Once she noticed her car was gone, Bailey immediately

contacted the police. Police Chief Jim Keifer was "**appalled**" at the thief, and said the theft was "pathetic". Keifer says he promises to catch the **culprit**. "It's unthinkable why someone would steal someone's car when they are just trying to help a man who has been seriously hurt." Keifer continues, "This woman's **compassion** has been totally taken advantage of by a pathetic opportunistic thief, and we are determined to catch whoever was responsible." The injured **pensioner** was taken to the hospital in a critical condition suffering a serious head injury. They say the man is recovering slowly but surely. Bailey, however, is still waiting for her car to **turn up**. We can only hope that the criminal will feel bad enough that he will **turn himself over** to the police. ❌

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59

1 Pre reading

What do you think a "good deed" is?
Have you ever helped an old person across the road?



2 Reading I

Look at these words. What do you think this article is going to be about? Read the article. Use the words below to write up a quick news bulletin with a partner.

Samaritan good deed Bailey

doctor injured man car keys

hurry pensioner a callous thief

police appalled compassion

3 Reading II

Summarise the "true" version of the story with the same words from the previous exercise.

4 Phrasal Verb Focus

Did you notice the use of "turn" in two phrasal verbs from the text? Compare the phrasal verbs in these two examples.

- Bailey, however, is still waiting for her car to **turn up**.
- We can only hope that the criminal will feel bad enough that he will **turn himself over** to the police.

Which phrasal verb is intransitive and which is transitive? How do you know?

5 Discussion

- Are you a "do gooder"? What is the nicest thing you have ever done for someone?
- Has anyone ever done a good deed for you? When? What did he / she do?
- Do you think people are generally good Samaritans? Why? Why not? Give examples.



GLOSSARY

an ignition *n*
inside a car, the "ignition" is the part where you turn the key to start the engine

callous *adj*
a "callous" person or action is very cruel and does not care for other people or their feelings

appalled *adj*
if you are "appalled" by something, you feel disgusted or disgraced

a culprit *n*
a person who commits a crime

compassion *n*
a feeling of pity and understanding for someone who is suffering

a pensioner *n*
a person who receives pension (money paid by the state to retired people)

to turn up *exp*
to appear

to turn himself over *exp*
if you "turn yourself over", you admit voluntarily to the police that you have committed a crime

PHRASAL VERB THEMES

Success and Failure

THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME PHRASAL VERBS YOU CAN USE TO TALK ABOUT SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

TO BUILD ON

IF YOU "BUILD ON" THE SUCCESS OF SOMETHING, YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT SUCCESS IN ORDER TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS.



"LET'S BUILD ON OUR SUCCESS AND EXPAND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

TO WALK INTO

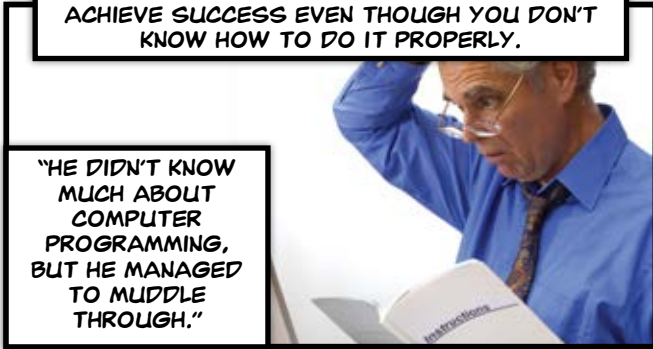
IF YOU "WALK INTO" A DANGEROUS SITUATION, YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN IT UNEXPECTEDLY.



"HE WALKED INTO A TRAP AND THERE WAS NO WAY OUT."

TO MUDDLE THROUGH

IF YOU "MUDDLE THROUGH", YOU MANAGE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY.



"HE DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, BUT HE MANAGED TO MUDDLE THROUGH."

TO CATCH UP

TO MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO REACH THE SAME POSITION AS ANOTHER PERSON.



"HE CAUGHT UP WITH THEM ON THE LAST LAP OF THE RACE."

TO PAY OFF

IF AN ACTION "PAYS OFF", IT'S SUCCESSFUL OR PROFITABLE.



"AFTER YEARS OF WORKING TO BECOME AN EXECUTIVE, HER PERSISTENCE FINALLY PAID OFF."

TO KEEP UP

IF YOU "KEEP UP", YOU WORK AT THE NECESSARY SPEED SO YOU DO AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLE.



"IF HE DOESN'T START WORKING SOON, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP."

TO STAY AHEAD

IF YOU "STAY AHEAD", YOU MANAGE TO REMAIN IN A BETTER POSITION.



"HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARD IF HE WANTS TO STAY AHEAD."

TO FALL BEHIND

IF YOU "FALL BEHIND" AT WORK, YOU DON'T MANAGE TO DO THE THINGS YOU HAVE TO DO.



"IF HE STAYS IN BED ALL WEEK, HE'LL FALL BEHIND AT WORK."

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WORD OF THE MONTH

WICKED



THIS MONTH WE'RE LOOKING AT THE WORD "WICKED" AND HOW IT'S USED IN YOUTH CULTURE. THE WORD USED TO BE JUST ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING EVIL, BUT HOW IS IT USED NOWADAYS?

In its correct definition, "wicked" refers to someone or something bad or malevolent. The word is quite **antiquated** these days, and it can sound strange when used in conversation. In Britain, it has been resurrected by youth culture, although it is occasionally used in America. In the 1980s, English comedian Lenny Henry used it a lot in his comedy acts. His character Delbert Wilkins, a supercool DJ, had a car which he named the "Ford Wicked".

In this case, "wicked" is used in a similar way to the word "cool", which means very fashionable or very good. Here are some examples of the word used in this way:

- I saw a wicked movie last night. I'm definitely buying it when it **comes out on DVD**.
- Liverpool signed a wicked midfielder from Barcelona during **the transfer window**.
- I bought my brother a wicked pair of shoes for his birthday.

It can also be used on its own as an exclamation to express happiness in a situation. For example:

Employee A: The boss says that our work has been very good this year, so we're getting a pay rise.

Employee B: Wicked!

"Wicked" can also mean that someone is mischievous, but in a fun and playful way that is enjoyable to others. For example, "The comic had a wicked sense of humour."

Another way of using the word is as a slang term or as a negative quantifier. For example, in the US comedy series *Malcolm in the Middle*, Malcolm talks to a **goth**. He mentions what he believes are the gates of Hell. The goth then replies, "Wow, that's wicked dark!"

"Wicked" is another one of those old words that has been revised and is now used in a modern way. As you can see, not every generation uses words the same way. How "wicked" is that? 🍀

GLOSSARY

antiquated *adj*
old and dated
to come out on DVD *exp*
if a film "comes out on DVD", it is released as a DVD
the transfer window *n*
the limited time in a year that a football club can buy a contracted footballer
a goth *n*
a youth sub-group. Goths wear dark clothes and dark make-up

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AUDIO SCRIPTS

AIRPORT DRAMA TRACK 06

Interviewer: Welcome to today's edition of Travellers Digest. Here in the studio we have television critic, Peter Wallace. He's here to discuss the popular travel reality show: Airport (UK). So, what's the appeal?

Peter: Well, first of all, for just those listeners who haven't seen the show, let me explain the principle behind the show. Airport (UK) is a reality show set in an airport. It gives you an idea of what no-frills airlines have to put up with on a day-to-day basis. You see passengers experience all types of travelling nightmares: losing luggage, delays, overbooking, getting on the wrong flight...

Interviewer: So, why do people like it?

Peter: Well, people love to hear about other people's misfortunes, and people love drama. And this show's got lots of it.

Interviewer: Yes, I can imagine.

Peter: That's the genius behind the programme and what makes it so popular.

Interviewer: So, do you have a favourite episode?

Peter: Well, they're all very entertaining really. It depends on the passengers. Some get very cross, shout and even become quite violent. I remember there was one passenger who'd forgotten his passport. Of course the check-in staff told him there was no way he could get on the flight, but he simply refused to listen.

Interviewer: So, what happened?

Peter: Well, as I said, he insisted he was going to catch that flight. You see, he had a wedding in Scotland and he was the best man. He was desperate. In the end, the airport told him that his only option was to go home and get it.

Interviewer: And did he?

Peter: Yes, and that's when the real

drama started as the chase was on. Luckily, he didn't live too far from the airport. So, he raced home and got back just in the nick of time!

Interviewer: Wow! So, it was a happy ending?

Peter: Yes, and that's another reason viewers like this programme. We love seeing disaster but then we like to see that it's all OK in the end.

TELEPHONE ENGLISH TRACK 07

Hostess: Annabelle's Bistro, can I help you?

Max: Yes, hi, I'd like to make a reservation for dinner tonight for five people at 8:00.

Hostess: Yes, of course. What's your name, please?

Max: Max Sedaris.

Hostess: Could you spell the last name, please?

Max: Of course. It's err, S-E-D-A-R-I-S.

Hostess: Oh, wait, I'm sorry, there seems to be a mistake. We don't have any tables available for you and your party until 9:00 tonight.

Max: Oh, well, I'm afraid 9:00 is too late for us.

Hostess: I understand, sir. Well, we have a table available for tomorrow night at 8:00. Would you like to reserve that?

Max: Yes, actually, that would be perfect.

Hostess: Okay, Mr. Sedaris.

Max: By the way, erm, where exactly is the restaurant?

Hostess: It's 97 Elkhart Pike-just off the main square. Is there anything else I can do for you?

Max: No, that's all. Thank you.

Hostess: You're welcome, Sir. See you tomorrow at 8.

SUE CRAZY TRACK 12

Interviewer: Good morning, and welcome to DayTime News. Today, we're discussing legal matters. In the studio today we have Dan Dillon who's here to talk to us about a few

of the most ludicrous court cases from recent years. So, Dan, we're all ears.

Dan: Well, my research has been most interesting. As you know, Americans are never afraid to stand up for their rights, but these stories really do take the biscuit.

Interviewer: Any favourites?

Dan: Well, actually there was one that I found particularly amusing. It involves a middle-aged gentleman called Norman Cake, a 178-cm, 123-kilo New Yorker. He filed a lawsuit claiming that he'd been forced to eat in fast food restaurants four or five times per week.

Interviewer: But on what grounds was he suing?

Dan: Well, Norman Cake is obese, diabetic and suffers from heart disease. He claimed that these fast food chains were profiting from his poor health and weren't warning him that the food they were serving was harmful.

Interviewer: That's ludicrous. What did he expect? A banner outside the restaurant advising clients not to eat there?

Dan: Who knows? But he filed a lawsuit against McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC.

Interviewer: Which begs the question... did he win?

Dan: No! The judge dismissed the case and barred it from being filed a third time.

Interviewer: Well, Mr Cake isn't the only one, is he? There have been lots of attempts in the past to make a quick buck this way and some actually win. I remember there was a case of the woman who sued McDonalds. She'd bought a coffee to take away and burnt herself holding it.

Dan: Well, yes. People will continue trying. The question is, has Mr Cake really stopped eating in the restaurants he tried to sue? I suspect not!

A BIG CHANGE  **TRACK 17** 

Interviewer: Hi, and welcome to the show. Today in the studio we have travel writer Margaret Goodman. She's here to tell us about her experience as an ex-pat in the South of France. Welcome, Margaret. Thank you for coming in today.

Margaret: Thank you for inviting me.

Interviewer: So, tell us, what made you move across the channel?

Margaret: Well, I'd always holidayed in France and was quite familiar with the country. We used to go camping in the Dordogne every year as a family. I loved the French villages in that region of France. The patisseries, boulangeries, the countryside, the culture of wining and dining al fresco... It all seemed so quaint and civilised. Then, as I got older, and the children flew from the nest, so to speak, I decided to make the move over there permanently. So, my husband and I, we bought a house, packed up our things and drove over to France. I'm lucky as my job as a writer gives me the freedom to work anywhere in the world.

Interviewer: Interesting. So, was it difficult to adapt when you first arrived? Holidaying somewhere isn't quite the same as living there.

Margaret: Of course not. It took me a while to adjust, yes. You have to get used to many things. There are certain ways of doing things here that are different, different social codes that you have to decode, not to mention the language. Integrating is an important part of the process.

Interviewer: And do you feel part of the community now?

Margaret: Generally speaking, yes. It's a small village, so it's difficult to avoid people. I have made some friends, so, of course, people know who I am. I am much their "petite Anglaise" – a term I rather like as it

makes me sound "young", even though I am not, and "petite" really means "little".

Interviewer: Any plans to move back?

Margaret: Not for now. My husband and I want to stay, and, besides, I haven't finished writing about France. I could go on forever!

Interviewer: Well, we could go on forever too, but we really must stop there. Thank you so much Margaret.

BUSINESS ETHICS  **TRACK 22** 

Interviewer: Welcome to the weekly programme, Business Ethics. Today, we're talking to business consultant, David Goodman. He's here to tell us all about negotiating. Thanks, David, for taking time out to speak to us today.

David: My pleasure.

Interviewer: Now, as I understand it, you've done extensive research on business tactics and written some articles and a book too. What inspired you?

David: Well, it all started at a time in my life when I was very active in business. A significant part of my work was taken up with negotiating. Sometimes I got the results I wanted and, of course, there were times when I walked away frustrated and disappointed that I hadn't achieved what I'd set out to get. It made me think about the process of negotiating and getting the desired results.

Interviewer: So, you started compiling data to help others, didn't you?

David: Yes. That's right. There was a moment of revelation when I realised that my experiences could be valuable for others. So, I started writing things down. Of course, I wouldn't go as far to say that I've figured it all out.

Interviewer: Well, they do say you never stop learning, don't they? So, what did you learn?

David: That I often made some very basic errors. As with anything in life, you sometimes get caught up in the details and overlook the most obvious and crucial aspects. In my case, it was preparation. There were times when I simply hadn't planned and therefore wasn't equipped to deal with the negotiation.

Interviewer: Ohhh, interesting. Now, tell me about some of your negotiating tactics. Are any of them... dishonest?

David: There are some dirty tricks, of course, but that's the nature of business. You don't always know what or who you are dealing with!

Interviewer: Any tricks you can share with our listeners?

David: No, that would be telling! No, seriously, I would say that above all, you have to be a champion listener.

Interviewer: Well, that sounds easy!

David: Yes, but you'd be surprised how many of us just don't listen. So much of successful negotiating comes as a result of great listening. People often tell you a lot about themselves as they're talking – about what they want, what they need and what they'd like. The problem is that we just don't hear them because we're so caught up in our own thoughts. When you take time to listen to people they'll tell you about their positions, problems, qualities, likes and dislikes. And, you don't even have to ask them. For example, listen out for any sense of urgency to close the deal. That's key information. We were given two ears and one mouth. And the best thing we can do is use them in that ratio: twice as much listening as talking.

Interviewer: Right, very wise words. Unfortunately we are going to have to stop there. Thanks again.

David: Thank you.

HOME WRECKERS (PAGE 4)

Reading I
 House is pulled down by contractors

USEFUL VOCABULARY (PAGE 8)
 1d 2f 3h 4i 5j 6g 7a 8c 9e 10b

DR. FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION (PAGE 15)

1. Have you got a car?
2. They have not got any money.
3. She has got a red shirt button.
4. Are you from Italy?
5. He is from France.
6. They are from England.

AIRPORT DRAMA (PAGE 15)

Listening II
 1F 2T 3F 4F 5T

GRAMMAR FUN (PAGE 16)

1. shade
2. shadow
3. funny
4. fun
5. fun
6. shadow
7. funny
8. shade

TELEPHONE ENGLISH (PAGE 17)

Listening I

1. reservation
 2. spell
 3. where
- Listening II**
1. Annabelle's Bistro
 2. five
 3. Sedaris
 4. 20:00
 5. 97 Elkhart Pike
 6. just off the main square

FAMILY FEUD (PAGE 19)

Reading II

1. Because during the war, Rudolf accused Adi of turning him in to the government. Also, Rudolf thought that Adi made a comment about Rudolf's family
 2. In their town, people could not wear both brands of shoe. They had to choose one or the other.
 3. When Pele tied his shoelaces on the football, all the cameras were on him. Millions of people then saw that Pele was wearing Pumas.
- Phrasal Verb Focus**
1. to get along - if you "get along" with someone, you're good friends with them
 2. to switch back - if you

"switch back" to something, you use the thing you were using previously

3. to carry out - to do
4. to take off - if you "take off" something, you remove it
5. to turn in - if you turn someone in to the authorities, you tell the police that person's name and let the police capture them

FILM / TV SCRIPTS (PAGE 19)

Exercises

1. a movie star in the 1930s.
2. an enchilada combo plate
3. she drowned in her toilet

Definitions

1a 2b 3b 4a 5a 6b 7b

SNAKE SURPRISE (PAGE 21)

Language Focus

preposition: of

TRIVIA MATCHING (PAGE 22)

1h 2e 3j 4d 5g 6m 7a 8c 9f
 10k 11b 12l 13i

SUE CRAZY (PAGE 29)

1. court cases
2. their rights
3. middle-aged gentleman called
4. lawsuit
5. barred

JOKES (PAGE 38)

1h 2a 3b 4c 5d 6e 7f 8g

MISHEARD LYRICS (PAGE 39)

1b 2a 3b 4b 5a 6b 7a 8a

HAPPY LANDS (PAGE 40)

Reading II

1. good health care, a higher GDP per capita, and access to education
2. making people happier rather than wealthier.

A BIG CHANGE (PAGE 43)

Listening II

1T 2T 3T 4F 5F 6F

DR. FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION (PAGE 49)

1. I am confident to do it. = I am confident that I can do it
2. I find amazing that she can think like that. = I find it amazing that she can think like that.
3. It is my most favourite film. = It is my favourite film.
4. They were not sufficiently informed enough of the changes. = They were not sufficiently informed of the changes. They were not informed enough of the changes.
5. Prices have risen by as many

as 25% in some places. = Prices have risen by as much as 25% in some places

6. They had always to work on Saturday. = They always had to work on Saturdays.

BUSINESS ETHICS

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Listening II

1. Preparation is essential in negotiating and it will help you avoid simple errors.
2. We have two ears and one mouth and we should use them in that ratio. Listening to people can provide key information to closing a deal.

Phrasal Verbs

1. to take up
2. set out
3. to figure out
4. to catch up

GOOD DEED UNDONE

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