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Editor's intro



Hello everyone, and welcome to another issue of Hot English. We hope you're settling into your English course and enjoying learning all the new language.

We've got lots of fun things for you this month. Our focus for this issue is on the word "Cool". What does it mean to be cool? Find out, with a little help from Homer Simpson. We've also got lots of interesting new sections, including one on ridiculous but real emergency telephone calls. Find out why the police are getting so fed up. We're also starting a new series on nursery rhymes. OK, so they are for children, but their origins are truly fascinating, and often based on interesting aspects of history. Do you think it's OK to use someone else's wireless connection? Join in the debate and listen to two different points of view. Also this month, in our section Face to Face, we put JFK up against Tony Blair to see who wins. Have you ever been to an English tea room? You can find these mini cafés in just about every city, town and village in England. We're looking at a very special one that has recently been described as "the scariest place in England". Find out why.

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Well, we hope you enjoy reading and listening to this issue of Hot English magazine. All the best and see you next month,

Andy



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Photo & Quote of the month



Here are some funny signs. The one at the bottom is an example of language redundancy. The one at the top is just weird.

Here's our quote of the month. This is Shakespeare's description of sleep (another theme in this issue). Beautiful!

*"Sleep that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care,
The death of each day's life, sore labour's bath,
Balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course,
Chief nourisher in life's feast."*
William Shakespeare, Macbeth.

For our "Word of the Day", please visit our blog:
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Hyper Coffee

Woman taken to hospital after drinking too much coffee.

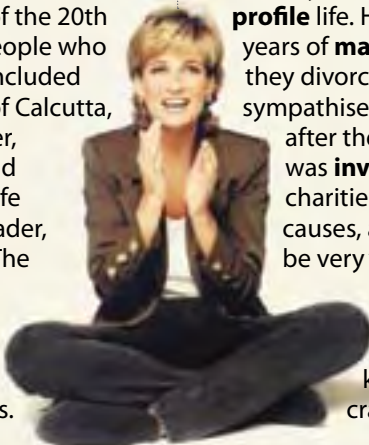


"I didn't **realise** this could happen to you, and I only hope other people learn from my mistake," said a 17-year-old **waitress** who went to hospital after having too much coffee. At the time, Jasmine Willis was working in her father's **coffee shop**. She drank seven double-essposos during the day. "I was crying, and I was **hyperventilating**," Jasmine explained. "I think I was going into **shock**," she added. In the end, Jasmine went home. But things soon got worse and she was taken to hospital. According to the British Coffee Association, drinking one to three cups of coffee a day may **prevent** diseases such as Alzheimer's. But caffeine stimulates the heart and central nervous system, which can be dangerous. Jasmine was kept in hospital for a few hours. She suffered **side-effects** for several days afterwards. ★

Diana Elected

Most famous woman of the 20th Century elected.

A new **survey** says that Diana Princess of Wales was the most famous woman of the 20th century. Other people who were on the list included Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Margaret Thatcher, Oprah Winfrey and Madame Mao (wife of the Chinese leader, Chairman Mao). The survey says that Diana's beauty was one of the reasons for her **fame** in the 1900s.



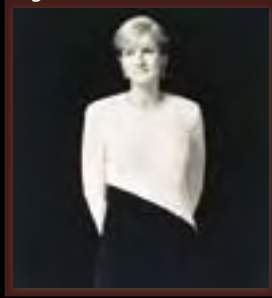
She married Prince Charles in 1981. They had a very **high-profile** life. However, after years of **marital problems**, they divorced. Many people sympathised with Diana after the divorce. She was **involved with** many charities and social causes, and seemed to be very "human" for a royal. Then, in 1997, Diana was tragically killed in a car crash. ★

Princess Diana

Full name: Diana Frances Spencer

Born: 1st July 1961

Died: 31st August 1997 (aged 36)



GLOSSARY

to realise *vb*
to understand

a waitress *n*

a woman who works in a restaurant/café serving customers

a coffee shop *n*

a type of restaurant that sells hot drinks, snacks, lunch, etc

to hyperventilate *vb*

to begin to breathe very quickly and in an uncontrollable manner because you are sick or frightened

shock *n*

if someone is in "shock", their blood cannot circulate properly, often because of a serious injury or terrible experience

to prevent *vb*

to stop from happening

side-effects *n*

the bad effects you suffer after taking medicine in addition to the original pain/illness

a survey *n*

a series of questions designed to find people's opinions about something

fame *n*

the state of being famous and well-known

high-profile *adj*

a "high-profile" event attracts a lot of media attention

marital problems *n*

problems with your husband/wife

to be involved with *exp*

to be a part of; to be working with

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London's Divide

See if you can match each image (A-E) to its name.



A



B



C



D



E

Tower Bridge

Buckingham Palace

Big Ben

The London Eye

St Paul's Cathedral

For many tourists, London is a busy city full of museums and interesting things to see. But for the people who live in London, there are many different "Londons". For some, London is a big, rich party city, with expensive restaurants and exclusive clubs. For others, it's an area of poor **housing** and **rundown** shops. In most places, the different areas are far apart (Hampstead and Brixton are two such examples). But in one place the two worlds exist side by side: Canary Wharf, in east London.

Canary Wharf is a large business development in the London **Docklands**. Canary Wharf contains Britain's three tallest buildings: One Canada Square

(235.1 m); the HSBC Tower (199.5m); and the Citigroup Centre (199.5m).

From 1802 to 1980, the area was one of the **busiest** docks in the world. And at one point more than 50,000 people worked there. Canary **Wharf** itself takes its name from the sea trade with the Canary Islands, which are part of Spain.

During WWII, the docks area was bombed and nearly all the original **warehouses** were destroyed. And after the 1950s, the port industry began to **decline**. Thousands lost their jobs, and the docklands area **lay in ruins**. However, a project to develop the area began in 1981. And soon, it became a busy business and shopping

area, with more than 500,000 shoppers going there every week.

However, right beside the ultra-modern Canary Wharf development area, you can find some of the poorest parts of London. Many of the people who live there are immigrant families from Somalia or Bangladesh. A charity worker said, "No matter how long you sit in a restaurant or bar in Canary Wharf, you will never see anybody from the Bengali community. These are two worlds that occupy the same space, but never actually **intersect**." To make things worse, experts say that by 2012, the **average price** for property in London could be more than one million euros. ✚



GLOSSARY

- housing** *n*
buildings where people can live
- rundown** *adj*
poor, old, broken, etc
- docklands** *n*
the area of a town/city around the docks (the place where ships/boats are loaded/unloaded)
- busy** *adj*
with a lot of activity
- a wharf** *n*
a platform by a river / the sea where ships are tied
- a warehouse** *n*
a large building for keeping stores/goods before taking them to shops
- to decline** *vb*
to become less in quantity, strength or importance
- to lie in ruins** *exp*
if an area is "lying in ruins", it is broken, old and in a state of destruction
- to intersect** *vb*
if two areas "intersect", they are connected and meet at some point
- the average price** *n*
the most common price for a house based on the total number of houses and their prices



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Headline news

Frisbee Danger

"They are lucky to be alive," said a police spokesperson after two Swiss students on holiday played **frisbee** with a **land mine**. Conrad Spader, 20, and Markus Cortz, 19, found the mine in the Danube River. "I just thought it was part of a car or something," Conrad explained. A life-guard who was watching stopped them and immediately called the police. A bomb squad then arrived to make it safe. The mine was a 6-kilo, anti-tank mine from a former Soviet army base. The army base once **housed** over 20,000 **Eastern Bloc** soldiers.



China Smiles

"We want to teach people how to **smile**," said a minister from the Chinese town of Shanghai. Officials in the city want foreign guests to feel welcome at the 2010 World Expo. So, they are sending **teams** of "smiling **volunteers**" to teach citizens how to smile at strangers. Forty university students are taking part. They have to smile at people in public places. A recent **survey** showed that only 2 percent of Chinese people smile at strangers. Team leader Xu Xiaohong said, "We ask all the members to practise smiling at home."



Workmate Hate

Thirty percent of British people hate their **work colleagues**, according to a new survey. More than 40% dislike at least one colleague, 20% hate the boss and 10% **can't stand** the person they sit next to. It also found that 27% think of **quitting** every day. More than 2,000 people were questioned for the survey. So, the big question is, why are British workers so negative about their co-workers? The main reasons were colleagues' laziness, and the fact that they talk too much.



Football Fight

"We thought this game would show **kids** that sport is a positive way of spending their time. But we were wrong," said a police spokesperson after an anti-hooligan match ended in a violent fight. The football match was organised to promote non violence among fans in Germany. But things ended in disaster. The violence started when five young players attacked a supporter who was shouting at them. They kicked and **punched** him. Very soon, other players and fans **joined in**. Five people were arrested. ⚡



GLOSSARY

- a frisbee** *n*
a light, plastic disc that one person throws to another as part of a game
- a land mine** *n*
a bomb in the form of a disc in the ground that explodes when something goes on it
- to house** *vb*
if a building "houses" people, those people live in that building
- Eastern Bloc** *adj*
countries that were allies of the Soviet Union from the 1950s to the 1980s: Hungary, Poland, etc
- to smile** *vb*
when you "smile", your face shows that you are happy
- a team** *n*
a group of people working together
- a volunteer** *n*
a person who works without being paid because they want to do the work
- a survey** *n*
a series of questions asked to a group of people in order to find opinions
- a work colleague** *n*
a person who you work with in an office, etc
- can't stand** *exp*
hate
- to quit** *vb*
to leave your job
- a kid** *n inform*
a child
- to punch** *vb*
to hit with a closed fist
- to join in** *phr vb*
if you "join in" a fight, you start fighting too



What songs did your parents sing to you as a child? In the past, **nursery rhymes** were popular in Britain. But a survey says that more and more parents are singing modern pop songs to their children.

Three-quarters of parents surveyed agreed that singing to young children was a good way to help them to learn to read. But 44% of parents said they were singing pop songs and TV **theme tunes** instead of traditional nursery rhymes. Of the rhymes people did know, the most popular ones were Jack and Jill (19%), Humpty Dumpty (17%) and Ring a Ring o' Roses (12%).

More than 1,000 parents were questioned for the survey. "It all seems to be about choice and relevance," an educational analyst said. "Twenty years ago there were 100 different breakfast cereals to choose from, now there are 300. It's the same with nursery rhymes. They will never die out, but they are facing more competition in popular culture."

Some people are sad about this. "These songs are of enormous educational value," said Jane Simmonds, a teacher. "Not only are nursery rhymes an important historical part of our culture, but by singing them to young children you can help **speed up** the development of their communication, memory, language and reading skills," she added. ✨

Nursery Rhyme Analysis

This is the start of a new series on nursery rhymes. Many have fascinating origins. This month we're looking at three very popular nursery rhymes. More next month.



Jack and Jill

This rhyme has its **roots** in the French Revolution, which began in 1789. Jack is said to represent King Louis XVI, and Jill is his wife, Marie Antoinette. They

were both **beheaded** in 1793 during the **Reign of Terror**. The "pail" in the rhyme is in reference to the **bucket**, which was used to catch the victim's head.

*Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a **pail** of water,
Jack fell down and broke his **crown**,
And Jill came **tumbling** after.*



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty was a slang term from fifteenth-century England to describe someone who was overweight. However, the Humpty Dumpty from the rhyme

was a **canon** used during the English Civil War (1642 to 1649). This war was fought between the Royalists (who supported King Charles I), and the Parliamentarians (the Roundheads, who supported Oliver Cromwell). In one battle, the Royalists were trapped inside the town of Colchester, with the Parliamentarians **besieging** them outside the city walls. During the battle, the Royalists placed their biggest canon, Humpty Dumpty, on a wall next to St Mary's

Church. However, the canon was hit, and it fell off the wall. The Royalists tried to move it to another wall but it was too heavy. Eventually, the Royalists **surrendered**.

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses and all the king's men,*

Couldn't put Humpty together again.



Ring a Ring o' Roses

This song has connections to the Bubonic **Plague** (the Black Death). This disease was common in the 14th to 17th century. Symptoms

included a red **rash** in the shape of a ring on the skin. At the time, many people thought the disease was transmitted by bad smells, so, people kept sweet-smelling herbs (posies) in their pockets. People with the disease also **sneezed** a lot, which is the why the song has the term "a-tishoo" (which is a way of writing the sound we make when we sneeze). During the plague in the 17th century, more than 60% of the population of London died. It was only stopped when the Great Fire of London in 1666 killed the rats which were polluting the water.

*Ring a ring 'o roses,
A pocket full of posies,
A-tishoo! A-tishoo!
We all fall down.*



GLOSSARY

- a nursery rhyme** *n*
a poem or song for young children
- a theme tune** *n*
the music for a television series or programme
- to speed up** *phr/vb*
if you "speed up" learning, you make the process quicker
- the roots** *n*
the origins
- to behead** *vb*
to execute someone by cutting off their head
- the Reign of Terror** *n*
a period just after the French revolution (1789) during which many people were executed
- a bucket** *n*
a large container for liquid. Often used when cleaning the floor
- a pail** *n* *US*
a bucket – see above. More common in American English
- a crown** *n*
a hat that kings/queens wear. Also, the top part of your head
- to tumble** *vb*
to fall with a rolling, bouncing movement
- a canon** *n*
a large gun for shooting canon balls
- to besiege** *vb*
if a town is "besieged", the enemy troops are attacking the town from the outside
- to surrender** *vb*
if a soldier "surrenders", he/she stops fighting and admits defeat
- a plague** *n*
a very infectious disease that spreads quickly
- a rash** *n*
an area of red spots that appear on your skin when you are ill
- to sneeze** *vb*
to blow air out of your nose – often when you have a cold

WHEEEEE!
WHAT FUN!

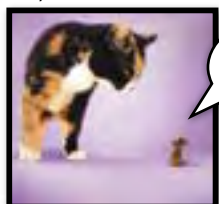


Story Time

Jokes, anecdotes and stories as told by native English speakers.

Bilingual Mouse

Three mice are being **chased** by a cat. After a few minutes, the mice are **cornered** by the cat, with no chance of escape.



WOOF, WOOF, WOOF!

But as the cat moves forward,

one of the mice suddenly shouts, "**Woof**, woof, woof!" and the surprised cat runs away. Later, the mice tell their mother what happened. And she smiles and says, "You see, it **pays to be bilingual!**"

Little Red Riding Hood

One day, Little Red Riding Hood is walking through the **woods**. She's **picking flowers** when she suddenly sees the wolf in a **bush**. "My! What big eyes you have, Mr Wolf," she says. The surprised wolf jumps up and **runs away**. A little further into the woods, Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again. This time he's behind a tree. "My! What big ears you have, Mr Wolf," says Little Red Riding Hood. And once again, the wolf jumps up and runs away.

Finally, about ten minutes later, Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again. This time, he's behind a rock.

"My! What big teeth you have, Mr Wolf," says Little Red Riding Hood.

At which point the Big Bad Wolf jumps up and screams, "Will you please **leave me alone!** Can't you see that I'm trying to go to the toilet?"

Strange Neighbour

A successful businesswoman has **had enough of** the stress of the big city. So, she decides to sell her house and go and live on a ranch **in the middle of nowhere**. After a couple of months, she hears the sound of a horse outside her house.

She **grabs** her rifle and goes outside. There's a man on a horse. "Hi, I'm your neighbour," the man says. "I live in the ranch about 6 miles from here."

"Oh, hi," the woman answers. "Pleased to meet you."

"I'm having a party next Tuesday, and I was wondering if you wanted to come," the man says.

"Yeah," answers the woman. "That sounds great."

"**There's gonna be** music, dancing, **hugging**, kissing and lots of drinking. We'll have a great time."

"Erm, OK. But how should I dress?" the woman asks.

"Oh, that doesn't matter," the neighbour replies. "There's only gonna be two of us." ❗



LET'S PARTY!

GLOSSARY

- to chase** *vb*
to try to catch (often by running fast)
- to corner** *vb*
if you are "cornered", you are trapped and cannot escape
- woof** *exp*
the noise a dog makes when it is happy/angry, etc
- it pays to to be...** *exp*
it is good to be... it is worth the effort to be...
- bilingual** *adj*
with an ability to speak two languages
- the woods** *n*
an area with many trees
- to pick flowers** *exp*
to take flowers from the ground or a plant
- a bush** *n*
a small tree
- My!** *exp*
an exclamation of surprise
- to run away** *phr vb*
to escape from a place by running
- to leave someone alone** *exp*
to let someone be on their own; not to disturb someone
- to have enough of X** *exp*
to want no more of X; to be tired of X
- in the middle of nowhere** *exp*
in a place that is far away from people and buildings
- to grab** *vb*
to take suddenly with your hands
- there's gonna be** *exp inform*
there is going to be
- to hug** *vb*
to hold someone in an emotional embrace



WHAT A BIG MOUTH I HAVE!

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Lucky Dog

Woman leaves millions to her dog.



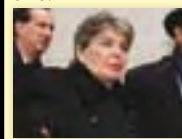
A little dog called Trouble is very lucky. He has just inherited more than 8 million euros. American multi-millionaire Leona Helmsley left Trouble (a white Maltese) the money in a **trust fund**. Two of her four grandchildren got nothing. Helmsley has never said why her grandchildren Craig and Meegan were excluded, but she wrote in her **will** that it was "for reasons that

are known to them". Two other grandchildren each got about 3 million euros. This was under the condition that they visit their father's **grave** once a year. Helmsley also said that her dog (who appeared in adverts for the family business) would live in style for the rest of her life. And when Trouble dies, she will be **buried** next to her owner in a **mausoleum**. ✪



Leona Helmsley

Leona Helmsley was born on 4th July 1920 and died on 20th August 2007. She was a billionaire who made her money in the **real estate** and hotel industry. She had a reputation for **tyrannical behaviour**. She was once heard saying, "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes." She became known as the "Queen of **Mean**" after this.



In 1989, she was convicted of **tax evasion** and served 19 months in prison.

Maltese Dogs

The Maltese belongs to the "toy-dog" group. It has long, **silky**, white hair, and the adult weighs about 4 kg. They are very energetic, intelligent dogs, and are ideal for people living in apartments. They can be protective of their owner and may **bark** at or bite strangers or other dogs (even very large ones as the Maltese has no sense of fear).



The Maltese is considered an aristocrat of the canine world. Charles Darwin placed the origin of the breed at 6000 **BC**. Famous Maltese

dog owners include Mary Queen of Scots, Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Josephine Bonaparte and Marie Antoinette. The poet Ludovico Ariosto once wrote: "The tiniest dog Nature has ever produced, Her coat of long hair, whiter than **ermine**, Her movements exquisitely **graceful** and, **Matchless** elegance of appearance."

GLOSSARY

- a trust fund** *n*
an amount of money or property that someone inherits and that cannot be touched. Another person/company looks after the money
- a will** *n*
a legal document that says what will happen to your money/property when you die
- a grave** *n*
the place where a dead body is placed in a cemetery
- to bury** *vb*
to put a dead body in the ground
- a mausoleum** *n*
a building which contains the grave of a rich or famous person
- silky** *adj*
very soft and smooth
- to bark** *vb*
when a dog "barks", it makes a sound from its mouth
- BC** *abbr*
Before Christ – the years before Christ was born
- ermine** *n*
expensive white fur that comes from a stoat (a small animal with a long body and sharp teeth)
- graceful** *adj*
"graceful" movements are smooth and elegant
- matchless** *adj*
extremely good
- real estate** *n*
property and buildings
- tyrannical behaviour** *n*
acting in a very bad/violent/domineering way
- mean** *adj*
cruel; not kind
- tax evasion** *n*
not paying tax (money you should pay to the government to pay for services such as the police, etc)

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This month: the pub.

Basic English



A barman (bartender)



A barwoman (bartender)



Bar staff



The bar



Spirits



A pint glass (about 570 ml)



A half-pint glass (about 285 ml)



A bar counter



A pint of beer



A half



A slice of lemon



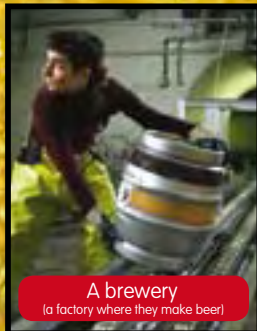
A bar stool



A packet of crisps



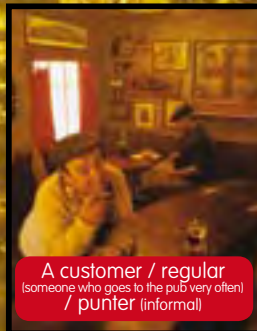
A pub (public house)



A brewery
(a factory where they make beer)



Ice (rocks)



A customer / regular
(someone who goes to the pub very often)
/ punter (informal)



A landlord / landlady



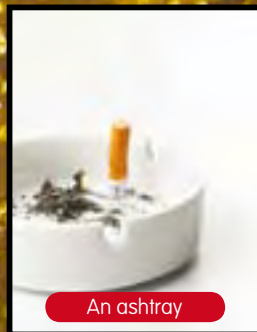
Peanuts



A round of drinks



A glass of wine



An ashtray



A table



The section that makes grammar easy, interesting and fun.

DESCRIBING HABITS AND DESIRES (THE USE OF "LIKE" AND "WOULD LIKE TO")

In this month's grammar fun section we'll be comparing the use of "would like" and the verb "to like".



Like

We use "like" or "love" + a gerund (verb, -ing) to describe the things we enjoy or like doing in general. For example:

- a) I like working here.
- b) She likes going out on Saturday night.
- c) He likes going to the cinema at the weekend.
- d) She likes talking about herself.
- e) He likes looking at himself in the mirror.

For negatives, we add "don't / doesn't" to talk about things that we don't enjoy or don't like in general. For example:

- a) They don't like working at the weekend.
- b) She doesn't like getting

- up early.
- c) We don't like swimming in cold water.

We can ask questions by placing "do/does" at the start of the question. For example:

- a) Do you like reading in bed?
- b) Does she like learning foreign languages?
- c) Does he like dancing?

Short answers

For questions with "like", we can give short answers with "do/does". For example:

- a) A: Do you like the film?
B: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
- b) A: Does she like the food?
B: Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

Would like

We can use "would like" or "would love" to refer to a specific preference at a specific time. We often use the contracted forms: I'd, you'd, he'd, she'd, we'd, they'd. For example:

- a) I'd like to be a journalist.
- b) She'd like to work here.
- c) They'd like to come with us.
- d) I'd like to help you but I don't have the time.

For the negative forms, we add "not" after "would". We often use the contracted form "wouldn't". For example:

- a) I wouldn't like to work there.
- b) She wouldn't like to see you.
- c) They wouldn't like to get there late.

And for questions, we place "would" at the start of the question. For example:

- a) Would you like to eat something?
- b) Would you like to see it now?
- c) Would she like to come with us?
- d) Would he like to go to the cinema?

Short answers

For questions with "would like", we can give short answers with "would". For example:

- a) A: Would you like to eat here? B: Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.
- b) A: Would she like to get paid now? B: Yes, she would. / No, she wouldn't. ☺

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Headline news

Topless Shock

"I was expecting something a bit different," said Trevour Thorn, who **queued up** for a topless **car wash** in New York City. But he got a bit of a surprise as the washers were not women, but men. Many customers were angry because young women outside the car wash **lured** drivers in. But once inside, it wasn't topless women but **shirtless males** washing the cars. A manager at the garage admitted that it was a typical **bait-and-switch tactic**. But he insisted the advertising was not dishonest. "All the guys back there are topless," he told a news station. Drivers paid 4 euros to have their cars washed. The customers' only **consolation** was that the money **raised** went to local charities.



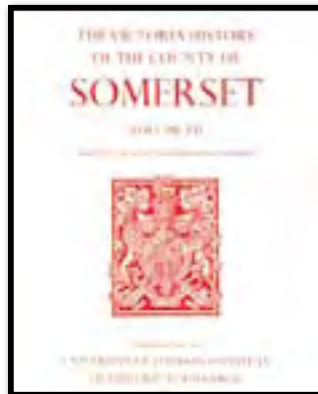
Zero Search

More than 30 police officers, two police helicopters and 50 volunteers were involved. But it was all for nothing. The **search** started when police found an empty **tent** in the mountains with food in it, but no sign of the **occupants**. Police feared the worst and started a massive **manhunt**. Hours later, the men were found... at home. "We **got scared** after we heard some noises," the men confessed. "So, we drove away in a panic, leaving everything there. We're truly sorry for all the trouble we've caused." The abandoned **campsite equipment** has now been returned to the men, who do not wish to be named.



Time is Money

It has cost more than one million euros to produce. It has taken more than 50,000 hours to write... and it still isn't finished. It's the most expensive book in history. Historian Robert Dunning has spent 38 years and more than one million euros of **taxpayers' money** writing his book, *The Victoria County History of Somerset*. The book is all about the English county of Somerset, in the south west of England. Dunning, 69, began the work in 1967, and it is considered to be one of the greatest publishing projects about English local history. But it was too much for Dunning. "It was a bit like painting the **Forth Road Bridge** – you **go over** one bit and think you've done it, then you **realise** you **missed** a bit and have to do it again." Dunning started on a salary of around £1,000 a year, which then increased to £38,000 by 2005. The book was intended to **run to 22 volumes** but Mr Dunning completed only nine. "I never really stopped to notice how long it was taking because I was always thinking about the next chapter," Dunning added. ✪



GLOSSARY

- to queue up** *phr vb*
to wait in a line of people so you can be served
- a car wash** *n*
a machine that washes cars; a place where people wash your car
- to lure** *vb*
to attract
- a shirtless male** *n*
a man with no shirt on
- a bait-and-switch tactic** *n*
a sales tactic that consists of offering something attractive, then changing the attractive thing for another less attractive thing
- a consolation** *n*
something that makes you happy after something bad has happened to you
- to raise (money)** *exp*
to collect money for a charity/project
- a search** *n*
if the police conduct a "search", they look for someone
- a tent** *n*
a little "house" that you sleep in when you go camping. It is made of canvas or nylon and attached to the ground with string and pegs (little wooden/metal sticks)
- an occupant** *n*
a person who is living in a building/house
- a manhunt** *n*
if there is a "manhunt", the police are looking for someone
- to get scared** *exp*
to become frightened
- campsite equipment** *n*
things you need when you go camping: a stove (for cooking food), a tent, a sleeping bag, etc
- taxpayer's money** *n*
money that has been collected through taxes (money you pay to the government for services such as roads, police, etc)
- the Forth Road Bridge** *n*
a bridge in Scotland that connects the cities of Edinburgh and Fife
- to go over** *phr vb*
if you "go over" one part of a bridge, you paint that part once
- to realise** *vb*
to understand
- to miss** *vb*
if you have "missed" something, you have forgotten about it
- to run to 22 volumes** *exp*
if a book "runs to 22 volumes", it consists of 22 volumes



Duck Alert

Fire Service defends duck rescue.



A spokesperson for the **fire brigade** has defended the spectacular rescue of a duck. The duck had been trapped in a tunnel for five days. A member of the public heard it **quacking** and called the emergency services. The 999 call was passed onto the fire brigade. They sent out a **team** of three **fire engines** and a **speedboat**, and more than 20 **fire-**

fighters took part in the operation. Many have criticised the rescue. "This is ridiculous," said Jim Jones, who **witnessed** the event. "Such a large team and so many resources just for one duck! I can't believe it." One of the fire engines travelled more than 50 km to get to the tunnel. A fire brigade spokesperson said, "There

were no other calls at the time of the duck emergency. If there had been an emergency, we would have **dealt with** that too."

Eventually, the fire-fighters managed to save the duck, which had **become stuck** after a **flood**. The fire brigade said that the duck was now "alive and healthy". ❄️

Bad 60s

1960s is declared the worst decade ever.

A new report says that the 1960s was one of the worst decades in the history of the United Kingdom. "When many people think of the 1960s, they think of '**swinging** London', *The Beatles* and *The Rolling Stones*," explained David Smith, the author of the report. "However,

many of the things which made Britain a great country were destroyed during this period," he added. The report describes how "horrible **concrete** buildings **replaced** ancient architecture, the best railway network in the world was destroyed, and the

levels of crime **went up**". Smith added, "Everyone always thinks of how there was a social revolution in the 1960s **led by** the music of the time, but many bad things happened too. Britain started the 1960s a strong country, and when it finished we were very weak." ❄️

GLOSSARY

the fire brigade *n*

the public service that fights fires

to quack *vb*

when ducks "quack", they make

a sound

a team *n*

a group of people working

together

a fire engine *n*

a large vehicle (often red) with

water inside for fighting fires

a speedboat *n*

a fast boat with a powerful engine

a fire-fighter *n*

a person whose job is to fight fires

to witness *vb*

to see a crime or event

to deal with *phr vb*

to try to find a solution to

something

to become stuck *exp*

to become trapped and unable

to leave

a flood *n*

if there is a "flood", there is a lot of

water on the ground after a period

of heavy rain

swinging *adj*

lively, fashionable, with lots of fun

concrete *n*

a substance used for building

to replace *vb*

if thing A "replaces" thing B, thing A

is used instead of thing B

to go up *phr vb*

to increase

led by *exp*

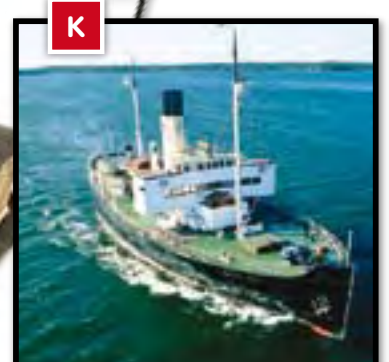
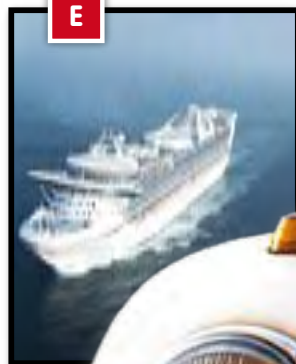
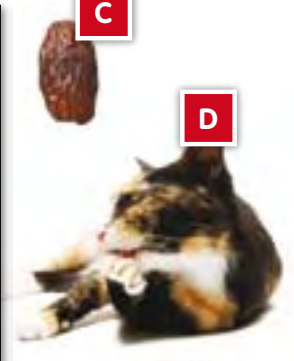
dominated by; influenced by

TRIVIA MATCHING

Exercise

See if you can do this matching exercise. Look at the list of things (1 to 12), and the photos (A-L). Write a letter next to the name of each thing in the list below. **Answers** on page 42

1. A dodo
2. A chameleon
3. A beetle
4. A grizzly
5. A flag
6. The bible
7. A cat grooming itself
8. A raisin
9. A cruise liner
10. A vessel
11. To shoplift
12. A narcissist





This is another part in our mini-series on strange facts. Whoever thought the world was so unusual?



The last dodo bird died in 1681.

A chameleon can move its eyes in two directions at the same time.

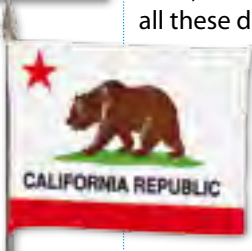


In its first year of sales in the US, the German-produced VW Beetle sold just 330 cars.

English author Charles Dickens always used to touch things three times for luck.



The last bear in California was seen in the Sierras in 1924. However, the grizzly is still the central figure in the state's flag.



The bible is the most shoplifted book in the world.



A cat can spend five or more hours a day grooming itself. What a narcissist!

The most popular name for a dog is Max. Other popular names include Molly, Sam, Zach, and Maggie. Where are all these dogs called Max?

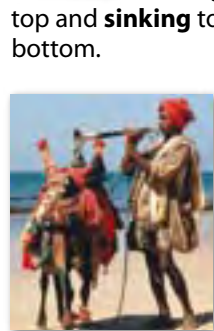
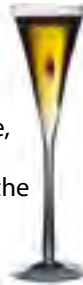
The cruise liner the Queen Mary (now docked in Los Angeles) was originally meant to be called by a different name. At the time, one of the directors of Cunard (the ship's owners) wanted to name the ship the Queen Victoria. So, some time before the ship was officially launched, the director met King George V and asked if the vessel could be named after "the greatest Queen this country has ever known (referring to Queen Victoria)". Immediately, the King replied, "That is the greatest compliment ever paid to my wife (jokingly referring to his wife, Queen Mary). I'll ask her." From that day on, the ship became known as the Queen Mary. ♣



GLOSSARY

- a bear** *n*
a large mammal that lives in the mountains or forests. Winnie the Pooh is one
- a grizzly** *n*
a North American bear
- a flag** *n*
a piece of material (often attached to a pole) with the colours and design that represents a country
- to shoplift** *vb*
to steal things from a shop
- to groom yourself** *exp*
if an animal "grooms itself", it cleans its fur (hair)
- a narcissist** *n*
a person who is obsessed with his/her beauty
- a raisin** *n*
a small, dried grape (the fruit for making wine)
- to sink** *vb*
if something "sinks", it goes under the water and down below the water
- a bill of rights** *n*
a law
- to dock** *vb*
if a ship is "docked", it is sitting in a harbour/port
- to launch** *vb*
when a ship is "launched", there is an official ceremony and the ship is given a name
- a vessel** *n*
a ship
- to name after (X)** *phr vb*
to use the same name as X
- a compliment** *n*
something nice that you say about someone

If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.



The only country in the world that has a bill of rights for cows is India.

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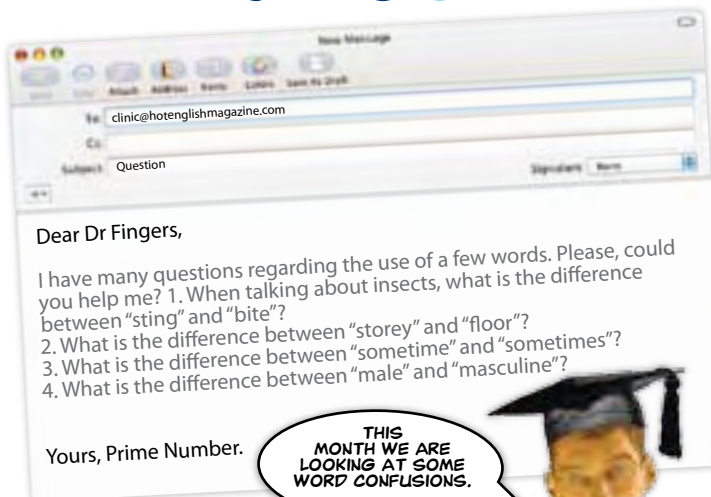
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THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME WORD CONFUSIONS.



Dear Prime Number,

Of course, I would be delighted to help you. OK, here goes.

1. Sting & Bite

We use the verb "to sting" to talk about attacks from bees, wasps and scorpions, who use a sting at the end of their tails. For example, "The wasp stung me."

For animals such as ants, dogs and mosquitoes we use the verb "to bite". For example, "The cat bit me while I was playing with it."

2. Storey & Floor

We use the word "storey" to refer to the height of a building. For example:

"He works in a 20-storey building."

If you want to indicate what level of the building you work on, you can use the word "floor". For example:

"She works on the 16th floor."

3. Sometime & Sometimes

Basically, "sometime" can be translated as "at some point" or "at some moment". For example: "I'll do it sometime this week."

"Sometimes" is an adverb of frequency. For example: "She sometimes goes to the cinema."

4. Male & Masculine

We can use "male" as an adjective to describe people or animals. For example:

- a) Male nurses.
- b) A male chimpanzee.

As a noun, we use "male" to refer to animals. For example: "The male can become aggressive when hungry."

On the other hand, "masculine" is an adjective that we use to say that something is typical of a man. For example:

- a) Masculine handwriting.
- b) Masculine clothing.

Well, Prime Number, I hope that has helped you.

Yours, Dr Fingers.

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Corny Criminals



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Here's another part in our series on good, bad and funny criminals.

Unfortunate Samaritan

"I was only trying to help," said German driver Hans Bad after he was arrested for **drunk driving**. Hans was driving along the motorway when he saw a car at the side of the road. Thinking that the car had **broken down**, he stopped to help.



However, the car was actually a police

car and part of a **roadside spot check** for drunk drivers. "As soon as he got out of the car, we suspected that he was under the influence of alcohol," a police officer explained. "He fell out of the car, **lurched forwards** and started shouting loudly about how he was going to help us and that everything would be all right," the officer added. "Obviously, he couldn't see very well, **otherwise** he would have **realised** that this was a police car." The 37-year-old man was arrested and **banned** from driving.

Lego Heist

"I've never seen anything like it," said **toy store** employee Sandra Staines, after a robbery involving a young girl. Staines was working late one Tuesday night when she noticed a young girl trying to steal two



boxes of Lego. "The girl hid the toys under her coat and tried to walk out the door," Staines explained. "But when I **went up to her** and told her to put the Lego back, she opened her jacket and pulled out a 30-cm **carving knife**. I was a bit **scared**, but I managed to **talk her into** putting the toys and the knife down. Then, she just left the store and rode away on her bicycle." Police in Florida are looking for a little girl aged about seven or eight.

Hired Killer

One of the first places many people look when they need a service or want to buy something is the Yellow Pages...



which is precisely what Doreen Havers did when she wanted to **have her husband killed**. Frank Davies of the company *Guns for Hire* was in the shop at the time. "We've never had a call like this before. We're **listed** in the Yellow Pages as *Guns for Hire*, and I guess this woman thought that she could get a **gunman**. Actually, we're a company that provides experienced actors to **stage gunfights** in Western movies

– not quite what she was looking for," Davies explained. "We informed the police immediately, and they **traced the call**," he added. 62-year-old Havers later admitted that she wanted her husband killed so she could collect the **inheritance** and spend it with her lover in Miami. She was sentenced to four years in prison. *

GLOSSARY

- drunk driving** *n*
driving whilst under the influence of alcohol (also, "drink driving")
- to break down** *phrvb*
if a car "breaks down", it stops working
- a roadside spot check** *n*
a place in the road where the police stop vehicles and check things
- to lurch forwards** *exp*
to move forwards suddenly and uncontrollably
- otherwise** *exp*
if not
- to realise** *vb*
to understand
- to ban** *vb*
to prohibit
- a toy store** *n*
a shop that sells toys
- to go up to someone** *exp*
to go close to someone
- a carving knife** *n*
a large knife for cutting food
- scared** *adj*
frightened
- to talk someone into doing something** *exp*
to persuade someone to do something
- to have someone killed** *exp*
if you "have X killed", you pay someone to kill X
- to hire** *vb*
to pay money for a service; to pay for the use of something for a limited period
- listed** *adj*
if you are "listed" in the Yellow Pages, you appear there
- a gunman** *n*
a person who is skilled with a gun
- to stage** *vb*
to organise and present a piece of acting or a performance of something
- a gunfight** *n*
a fight between two or more people who are shooting one another
- to trace a call** *exp*
to locate the origin of a call
- an inheritance** *n*
money/goods/property, etc you receive from a dead person

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What's Cool?

BEER BELLY AND TATTOOS. I'LL BE SO COOL IN 2008!



The Hot English **in-list** for 2008. Stay ahead. Stay cool.

- Online newspapers – **keep up with the news** without polluting.



- Televisions **chefs** – they're creative, innovative, inventive and imaginative.
- Cycling cops – they're **mean** and **green**.



- Mullets – short hair at the front, long hair at the back. That old look is new again.
- Spending your holidays in your own country – no

more jet-setting around the globe.

- **Shopping trolleys** and string bags – say no to plastic bags and help preserve marine life.
- Beer bellies – they're **cute** and **cuddly**. If you've got it, **flaunt** it. That's what we say.



- **Woolly** sweaters in the winter – turn off that heating and do the environment a favour.

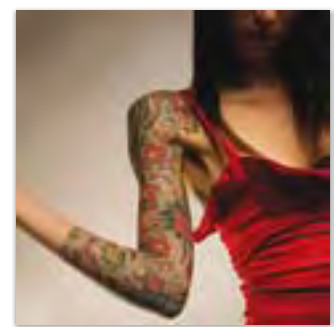
- Manbags – **sling** a manbag over your shoulder for that practical, man-about-town look.



- Calculating your **carbon**

footprint – work out how much you're polluting, then **offset** it by consuming less.

- Tattoos – they were **in**, then they were out, then they came back in, and then they went out. But now the good news is that they're in... again. This year, it's **black-ink** tattoos on the inside of the upper arm for the **lads**, and red-ink tattoos on the side of the **calf** for the ladies.



- The aubergine – purple is the **new black**.
- Sunglasses worn inside dark rooms – you might not be able to see much, but it is cool.
- Eco-homes – no lighting, no electronic devices and no **flushing** toilets (free **spade** provided). ✪

GLOSSARY
an in-list *n*
 a list of the latest cool and fashionable things
keep up with the news *exp*
 to know all the latest developments in the news
a chef *n*
 a cook in a restaurant or hotel
mean *adj*
 hard and cruel
green *adj*
 a "friend" of the environment
a shopping trolley *n*
 an object with wheels that you use to transport the things you want to buy in a shop
cute *adj*
 nice and attractive
cuddly *adj*
 that makes you want to cuddle it (hold it in an emotional embrace)
to flaunt *vb*
 if you "flaunt" something, you show it to everyone because you are proud of it
woolly *adj*
 made of wool (the hair from sheep)
to sling *vb*
 to throw casually
a carbon footprint *n*
 the amount of CO2 that you produce
to offset *vb*
 to compensate; to counterbalance
in *adj*
 fashionable
ink *n*
 a coloured liquid used for writing
a lad *n inform*
 a man
a calf *n*
 the thick part of your leg at the back between your ankle and your knee
the new black *n inform*
 the latest fashionable thing
flushing *n*
 a "flushing" toilet cleans itself with water when you press a button
a spade *n*
 a tool used for digging holes. It

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A look at the word "cool".

COOL Things

The Oxford English Dictionary says that the English language probably contains about a quarter of a million different words. Most English speakers have a vocabulary of between 50,000 and 100,000 words and each day they will use only 5,000. Therefore it is very clear that some words are more important than others.

So, you might want to ask: what is the most important English word? This is, of course, impossible to answer, but if you listen to native English speakers having a conversation, there is often one word that you will hear again and again: cool. "That's cool. It's so cool. That is not cool. He's so cool. They're so cool. Cool!"

If you want to know the importance of the word cool, then just look at this extract of a conversation from the popular cartoon series *The Simpsons*.

- Homer:** So, I realised that being with my family is more important than being cool.
- Bart:** Dad, what you just said was powerfully **uncool**.
- Marge:** Am I cool, kids?
- Bart & Lisa:** No.
- Marge:** Good. I'm glad. And that's what makes me cool, **not caring**, right?
- Bart & Lisa:** No.
- Marge:** Well, how **the hell** do you be cool? I feel like we've tried everything here.
- Homer:** Wait, Marge. Maybe if you're truly cool, you don't need to be told you're cool.
- Bart:** Well, sure you do.
- Lisa:** How else would you know?

Originally the word cool described temperature: not warm, not very cold, but moderately cold. However, if you described a day as "cool" in the twenty-first century it would have a very different meaning. So, what exactly does "cool" mean? This is a very important question, not just for Homer and Marge Simpson, but for many of the world's largest companies. Just ask the chief executives of Levi



Strauss of San Francisco, the world's largest **clothing brand**. By the late 1990s, the company was in danger of **bankruptcy**. The jeans that they produced were a symbol of the 1970s and the establishment. They were certainly not cool. In March of 1999 the company announced that they would close half of the factories they owned in the US and 6,000 people would lose their jobs. But then they had a good idea.



What saved the Levi Strauss Company was not a new economic strategy or a change of product. What saved the company was a strange

advertising campaign featuring a yellow puppet called Flat Eric. Eric **drove around** rural California in a **battered** old car with his friend Angel who was wanted by the police. Flat Eric was a symbol of everything that was cool in the new millennium: he was **carefree**, **hedonistic** and **rebellious**. He became such a popular character that the following year he was featured in the music video for the song *Flat Beat* by French DJ Mr Oizo. Suddenly, sales of Levi jeans began to increase quickly and the company enjoyed its most successful year ever. They were cool again. It is clear to see that what is cool changes from generation to generation. In the 1950s, it was

drainpipe trousers and slick hair, in the 1960s it was **bell bottoms** and long hair, and in the 1970s this all changed, to the horror of many parents, to punk. You can find a list of everything that is cool today by just buying the latest fashion or lifestyle magazine. In the Washington Post's 2007, "**In List**", they have Blogs for bloggers, driving **nude** and premarital sex as cool. Whereas they say fantasy football, driving drunk or showing your **baby bump** is not cool.



Of course, people are just as interested in *who* is cool. But what makes someone cool? The authors Pountain and Robins argue that the cool personality has three different characteristics that always remain constant: narcissism, ironic detachment and hedonism.

Firstly, narcissism means an exaggerated admiration for oneself. This has always been one of the most important factors in deciding what is cool or not. You can see examples of



narcissism in the late nineteenth century, when people such as Oscar Wilde were considered cool. They placed particular importance on physical appearance and good language. The 21st-century equivalent of this is the metrosexual

man, personified by David Beckham. A metrosexual was defined by a British newspaper as, "A young man with money to spend, living in or **within easy-reach of** a metropolis – because that's where all the best shops, clubs, gyms and hairdressers are."

The second characteristic of cool is ironic detachment. This is a strategy of hiding your true feelings or emotions. For example, **pretending** to be bored when you should be excited; or pretending to be amused instead of angry.



There are many examples of this form of cool. You just have to think of Eric Cantona's

expressionless face after he scored a fantastic goal for Manchester United, or Michael Jordan's effortless play on the basket court. A good example from film would be from the film *Pulp Fiction* when two gangsters (played by Samuel Jackson and John Travolta) are talking about hamburgers just before executing a couple of small-time drug dealers.

There are many other examples to illustrate ironic detachment. The cold and calm power of Arnold Schwarzenegger's character in the Terminator films when he says, "I'll be back", the indifference of rock star Liam Gallagher as he is

being applauded by a crowd of thousands, and the **witty** comments by James Bond in situations of extreme danger or violence, as in the film *Thunderball* when Bond shoots Vargas with a **spear gun**, and says, "I think he **got the point**."



The final characteristic of the cool personality is hedonism. Hedonism is the pursuit of pleasure. Just think of these expressions: "Sex drugs and rock 'n' roll"; "Live today, die tomorrow";



"Live fast, die young".

Many people who have been considered cool from the past 50 years led hedonistic lifestyles: Keith Richards, Miles Davis, Kate Moss, Pete Doherty to name just a few. And many others' hedonistic lifestyles drove them to an early death: Marilyn Monroe, Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, River Phoenix, etc.

Of course, being "cool" is not always good. Back in 1988, there was a **National Health Service** poster in England which showed a young man whose body had been destroyed by drug addiction. The poster quickly became an important fashion accessory for teenager's bedrooms. As a result, the poster was **withdrawn** shortly afterwards.

Is it important to be cool?

Well, you can ask the thousands of teenagers who spend their lives following the latest fashion

in music and film. Or maybe you could ask the directors of Levi Strauss or Steve Jobs the CEO of Apple. Job's company became one of the most important in the world with the release of a cool new gadget in 2001 called the iPod. Lewis MacAdams said recently, "Cool is a knowledge, a way of life." Cool is one of the most important words in English. It is a very complicated one too. ⚡

WELL, POSH THINKS I'M COOL.



GLOSSARY

- uncool** *adj*
not cool; not fashionable or attractive
- not caring** *exp*
not giving importance to things
- the hell** *exp inform*
this expression is often used to show that you are angry/surprised, etc
- a clothing brand** *n*
a type of clothing that is famous because of the name of the company
- bankruptcy** *n*
a situation in which a company cannot pay its bills
- to drive around** *phr vb*
to go from one place to another in a car
- battered** *adj*
old and broken
- carefree** *adj*
with no worries
- hedonistic** *adj*
living life to extremes, and having lots of pleasure
- rebellious** *adj*
fighting against the establishment; doing unconventional things
- drainpipe trousers** *n*
trousers that were very straight and very tight (with no room inside)
- bell bottoms** *n*
trousers that are tight at the top and very wide at the bottom
- an in-list** *n*
a list of things that are fashionable
- nude** *adj*
with no clothes on
- a baby bump** *n*
a large stomach because there is a baby inside
- within easy-reach of** *exp*
close to
- to pretend** *vb*
to act as if something is true, even if it isn't
- witty** *adj*
clever, intelligent and very quick to make a funny/clever comment
- a spear gun** *n*
a type of weapon that shoots a long metal arrow. Often used underwater
- to get the point** *exp*
two meanings: to understand something; literally, to receive the sharp point of the spear gun
- the National Health Service** *n*
the organisation in Britain that manages hospitals, etc
- to withdraw** *vb*
if a poster is "withdrawn", it is taken down so people can't see it any more

Punk

On 28th October 1977 the album *Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols* was **released**. This was the Sex Pistols **debut** (and only) **album** and people agree that it defined 1977 as the year of punk rock. The term "punk rock" had first been used by an American music critic in 1970, and by 1977 it had become one of the most popular forms of music.

The Sex Pistols were a typical punk band: a singer, a guitarist, a bass player and a drummer. They had little of the musical ability of their predecessors Led Zeppelin or The Who. Their songs often had just three

Johnny Rotten said around this time, "All we are trying to do is to destroy everything."



The British establishment hated the Sex Pistols. Parents, schoolmasters, members of the church and MPs were all shocked by this new form of music that was the most visible part of the punk subculture. One of the most popular English newspapers, *The Mirror*, called the band "**filthy**", and one conservative Member of Parliament said that they showed "how society is declining".

Since 1975, the Sex Pistols had been managed by Malcolm McLaren. He was a well-known publicist who had previously managed the band the New York Dolls. Many people think he was responsible for the success of the Sex Pistols. 1977 was a key year. It was Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee. As celebrations took place around Britain, the Sex Pistols released their most famous single, *God Save the Queen*. The title was ironic and it included the lyrics, "God Save the Queen, and her fascist regime". Most of Britain in the 1970s was still very proud of the royal family, and the song was seen by the establishment as an attack on British nationalism and in particular the British monarchy.



DO YOU LIKE OUR "BRAND"?

different **chords**, and the bass player Sid Vicious could hardly play his instrument at all. But their music conformed to the most important principles of punk rock: it was loud and it was energetic.

The Sex Pistols were not just famous for their music. They were well known all over the country for their rock and roll lifestyle of alcohol and drugs. Just before Christmas in 1976, they appeared on a live national television programme in England drunk and using **profane language**. Their concerts also became infamous as the singer Johnny Rotten often abused the crowd, and they were often asked to leave the stage after the crowd became violent.



The cover for the single *God Save the Queen* had a large picture of Queen Elizabeth's face with the words the Sex Pistols. The song was immediately banned by the BBC, who at the time dominated radio broadcasting. However, because of this, the song sold very well in

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A look back at the Sex Pistols – the cool band of the 70s.

Pranks

shops across the country. And the same week that Elizabeth celebrated her Silver Jubilee in London, *God Save the Queen* reached number one in many unofficial charts. However, when the national charts were released by the BBC, it showed that the song had only reached number two and they refused to play it. Many people think that the BBC **rigged** the charts to save the Queen some embarrassment.



The summer of 1977 in England was dominated by punk. All the newspapers were talking about this new cultural phenomenon. More and more people were getting interested

in this new subculture. Punks had extreme political views, and they were anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist and anti-nationalist. Some were also environmentalist, vegetarian, and anarchist. Punks often had a distinctive style of dress. Their hair was dyed bright colours, they wore **ripped jeans** and T-shirts, and they used everyday

things such as **bin liners**, **safety pins** and **razor blades** for jewellery and clothing. Violent attacks started in the summer of 1977 against anyone connected with the punk movement. The Sex Pistols' singer Johnny Rotten was attacked in June with a knife.



By this time, Sid Vicious had joined the Sex Pistols as the bass player. He is considered by many to be the king of the punk movement and is remembered for his tragic relationship with Nancy Spungen. Despite the fact that Vicious didn't know how to play his instrument, he became part of the band's most famous line up, with Steve Jones playing the guitar and Paul Cook the drums.



It was this formation of the Sex Pistols which recorded the band's only studio album *Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols*. The album release created excitement all over England and in the United States too. The use of a swear word in the

title of the song was typical of the Sex Pistols' ability to shock the public and annoy the establishment. Almost immediately, the album was **banned** by shops such as Woolworth's, W.H. Smith's and Boots, but that did not stop its success. The album reached number one in the British album charts but had no success outside of the UK.



However thirty years after its release, the reputation of the Sex Pistols' only studio album is very high. Q Magazine said that it is the "30th Greatest Album of All Time", and in 1987 *Rolling Stone* magazine said that culturally the only album that was more important was



The Beatles' *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. After the death of Sid Vicious (of a heroin overdose) in 1978, The Sex Pistols started to gain more popularity in the United States, and they became an inspiration to a new age of bands such as Nirvana and Green Day. In general, most critics and musicians consider *Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols* to have been, perhaps, the central formative influence on Punk Rock music. ✨

SEX PISTOLS

Punk rock band from the 1970s. Most active years: 1975-1978.
Band members: Johnny Rotten, Steve Jones, Paul Cook, Glen Matlock, Sid Vicious.
Main album: *Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols*.



GLOSSARY

- to release** *vb*
if an album is "released", it appears in shops
- a debut album** *n*
the first album that a band produces
- a chord** *n*
a series of notes on a guitar that are played at the same time
- profane language** *n*
rude, offensive language
- filthy** *adj*
very, very dirty
- a Silver Jubilee** *n*
an anniversary celebrating 25 years of something
- to rig** *vb*
if information is "rigged", it is changed in order to confuse or trick people
- ripped jeans** *n*
jeans with a hole in them
- a bin liner** *n*
a large black plastic bag for rubbish
- a safety pin** *n*
a metal pin used for holding things together. The point of the pin has a cover so it cannot hurt anyone
- a razor blade** *n*
a small, flat piece of metal with a very sharp edge. Often used for shaving hair
- to ban** *vb*
to prohibit

Leaders fight it out in our monthly competition.

FACE TO FACE

This month: J.F. Kennedy (JFK) versus Tony Blair.



JFK vs Blair

JFK

John Kennedy was born into a political family in 1917. He was the second son of Joseph Kennedy, who served as the US Ambassador to the United Kingdom during the start of the Second World War. JFK attended top schools and later Harvard University. He even published a book called *Why England Slept* (all about the British government and its failure to prevent WWII).

JFK is considered a war hero for his actions in the Second World War, winning medals for acts of "courage" and "bravery". Shortly after the end of the war, JFK entered politics and served as senator for Massachusetts (from 1953 – 1960), helped by his family connections in politics. He was good-looking, and he soon became associated with popular culture. He was even reported to have had an affair with Marilyn Monroe, who later famously sang "Happy Birthday" at his birthday party. He was elected President of the United States of America in 1960 after **beating** the Republican

candidate Richard Nixon. Many say his **media image** really helped him, especially during the presidential debates. JFK's **inaugural address** to the American people is his most famous. "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," he said. However, his period as president had mixed results. The **Bay of Pigs** was a disaster, but he successfully survived the **Cuban Missile Crisis**. He was assassinated in November 1963, supposedly by lone **gunman** Lee Harvey Oswald.

Tony Blair

There are many similarities between Tony Blair and JFK. Blair was also expensively educated and later attended Oxford University. He entered politics in 1983 as an MP and was soon promoted within his party (The Labour Party). He became the official leader of the opposition in 1994 when he replaced John Smith (who had died from a heart attack). Much of Blair's success has come from his media image.

This was successfully managed by his **political spin doctor**, Alistair Campbell, who was an ex-journalist. Like Kennedy, Blair was a **skilled media performer**, and like Kennedy Blair won his first election. Blair was able to remain in the position of prime minister for ten years, and his greatest achievement was bringing peace to Ireland. During his time in power, Blair won three general elections and maintained leadership of the Labour Party. However, he lost much of his popularity because of his "special" relationship with George W. Bush, and their war in Iraq. By 2006, Blair had lost the support of the British public. He resigned in 2007, succeeded by his long-time rival Gordon Brown.

The Verdict

It is difficult to decide who was more effective. Initially, Blair was more popular than Kennedy (as shown by Kennedy's narrow election victory). However, Kennedy became extremely popular after his death, and has become a sort of American icon. In fact, a recent poll **ranked** him the third most admired person of the twentieth century. Both leaders suffered embarrassing failures: Blair in Iraq, and Kennedy in Cuba. But they also enjoyed successes: Blair in Ireland, and Kennedy with the Soviet Union (managing to avoid a nuclear war). We will never know what JFK's achievements would have been if he had not visited Dallas that day in 1963. So, our verdict: Tony Blair = 8 out of 10; JFK = 7 out of 10. 🍀

JFK

John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Born 29th May 1917. US president from 20th January 1961. Died 22nd November 1963. Of Irish extraction.



Tony Blair

Born 6th May 1953. Became the prime minister of the United Kingdom in May 1997. Served for ten years. Resigned in June 2007. Of Scottish extraction.



GLOSSARY

- to beat** *vb*
to win against someone
- a media image** *n*
the image you create for the public in newspapers, television, etc
- an inaugural address** *n*
the first time you speak formally in front of an audience after being elected
- the Bay of Pigs** *n*
the failed invasion of Cuba in 1961 by Cuban exiles that was financed by the US. It was an attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro
- the Cuban Missile Crisis** *n*
a confrontation between the US and the Soviet Union that almost ended in war. The Soviets wanted to install nuclear missiles in Cuba
- a gunman** *n*
a person who uses a gun to commit a crime
- a political spin doctor** *n*
a person who manipulates or changes stories, information, facts, etc in order to protect the image of a politician
- a skilled media performer** *n*
a person who is very good at looking after his/her image in the media (the newspapers, television, etc)
- to rank** *vb*
someone's "rank" in a list is the position they have in that list



The Pub

Social English

Learn the kind of English you need for social occasions. This month: the pub. Listen and repeat these expressions.

What you say

- Would you like to go to the pub?
- Shall we go to the pub?
- Fancy going to the pub?
- What would you like to drink?
- What do you want to drink?
- What are you having?
- What can I get you?
- Would you like another drink?



- I'll have the same again, please?
- I'm fine, thanks. / I'm OK, thanks.
- A **pint of lager**, please.
- A lager **shandy**, please.
- Two pints of **bitter**, a pint of **Budweiser** and a packet of cheese and onion **crisps**, please.
- Half a pint of Tetley's and a glass of **sparkling water**, please.
- A vodka and orange, please.
- A Jameson's, please.
- I'll get this **round**.
- These are on me.



- Cheers! (to your health)
- Cheers. (thanks – informal)



What you hear

- What can I get you?
- Ice and lemon?
- Anything else?
- That'll be twenty-two pounds, please.
- The drinks are **on the house**.
- **Last orders**, please.
- **Time**, please, ladies and gentlemen. ✪



Part II Now listen to this social English dialogue. In this conversation, Sally is in the pub getting drinks.

- Sally:** Good evening.
Barman: Evening. What can I get you?
Sally: I'll have a pint of Heineken and a vodka and Coke, please.
Barman: OK. Would you like any ice and lemon with the vodka and Coke?
Sally: Yes, please.
Barman: (He hands her the drinks.) Anything else?
Sally: Yeah, a packet of cheese and onion crisps, and a packet of peanuts, please.
Barman: OK. (To the bar.) Last orders, ladies and gentlemen. (He gives her the food) Here you are.
Sally: How much is that then?
Barman: That'll be eight pounds fifty, please.
Sally: Cheers. Here you are.
Barman: Thank you. (To the bar.) Time, please, ladies and gentlemen. Let's be finishing your drinks, please.
Sally: Excuse me, but where are the toilets, please?
Barman: Just over there on the right.
Sally: Thanks.



GLOSSARY

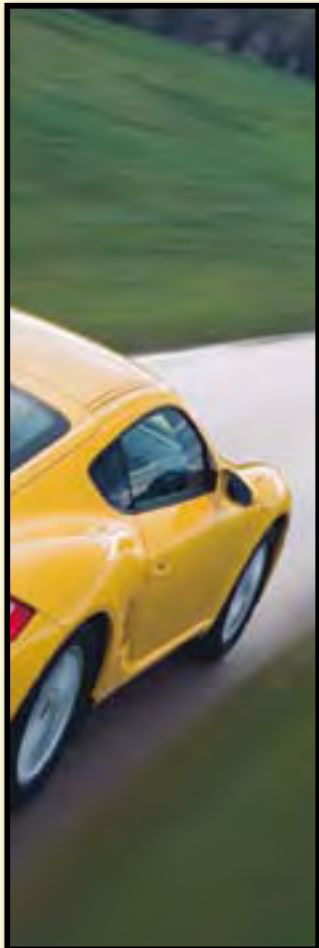
- a pint** *n*
a measurement of beer (about half a litre)
- lager** *n*
a type of light-coloured beer (Heineken, Coors, etc). Often served very cold
- a shandy** *n*
a mixture of beer and lemonade
- bitter** *n*
a type of dark-coloured beer. Often served warm
- Budweiser** *n*
it is typical to mention the brand of beer that you would like
- crisps** *n*
small, thin pieces of fried potato
- sparkling water** *n*
water with bubbles of carbon dioxide in it
- a round** *n*
a selection of drinks for a group of people
- on the house** *exp*
free – paid for by the pub
- last orders** *exp*
the landlord/lady of a pub shouts this about ten minutes before closing time
- time** *exp*
this means that you must stop drinking because the pub is about to close

Headline news



Husband Arrest

"He was speeding so I **pulled him over**," said traffic cop Mary Saunders. But this was no ordinary arrest as the person involved was none other than Mary's wife, Jim. Officer Saunders was **off-duty** when she noticed a Porsche car driving way over the speed limit. "Of course, I could see immediately who was driving the car, but that didn't stop me. If my husband can't control his speed, he **deserves** to be punished like all the rest," Saunders explained. Incredibly, Saunders also asked for **back-up** when her husband refused to give a **breath test**.



Chicken Leg

"I love her to bits and it would break my heart if anything happened to her," said Gwyn Poultry who had just paid more than 2,000 euros on **vet bills** for her pet chicken. Poultry, 35, from Wales took out a **bank loan** and **lived on** beans on toast for a year to pay the bills. It all started when her pet chicken, Lily, injured herself after getting her leg trapped in a **barbed wire fence**.



Despite the costs, Mrs Poultry told her vet to try to save the limb rather than have the chicken **put down**. When the treatment failed, she paid for an amputation. Shortly after the operation, the chicken was diagnosed with depression but has now recovered. A pet psychologist said that the chicken's **gloominess** was a result of being alone in the house alone while Mrs Poultry and her husband

Sam were out at work. Now, the couple leave the television on all day to keep the chicken company. "She's a happy **hen** again," Poultry explained. Poultry was given Lily three years ago when the chicken was just a two-day-old chick. Now, she lays up to six eggs a week. Poultry said, "The cost of the seven operations were worth every penny, even though I haven't had any holiday this year."

Mr Poultry said, "My wife loves that chicken so much that she could not bear to have her put down. The only problem is that now she tries to **scratch** herself with her **missing leg** and falls over!" ❗

GLOSSARY

- to pull someone over** *phr vb*
if the police "pull you over", they tell you to stop driving so they can talk to you
- off-duty** *adj*
if a police officer is "off-duty", he/she isn't working officially
- to deserve** *vb*
if you think someone "deserves" something, you think they should have that thing
- back-up** *n*
if police ask for "back-up", they ask other police officers to come and help them
- a breath test** *n*
a little machine that you breathe into that calculates how much alcohol you have had
- a vet** *n*
a doctor for animals
- a bill** *n*
a piece of paper that informs you how much money you must pay
- a bank loan** *n*
money you borrow from the bank. You pay it back with interest
- to live on something** *phr vb*
if you "live on" beans (for example), you only eat beans
- a barbed wire fence** *n*
a barrier made of barbed wire (strong wire with sharp points on it)
- to put down** *phr vb*
when an animal is "put down", it is killed because it is dangerous or ill
- gloominess** *n*
sadness
- a hen** *n*
a female chicken
- to scratch** *vb*
if you "scratch" a part of your body, you rub your hands over it because it itches
- a missing leg** *n*
a leg that is no longer there

Little Jokes



CD track 16 - US women

Match each joke beginning (1 to 8) with its ending (A-H). Then, listen to check your answers. *Answers on page 42*

1. What do you get if you **cross** a sheep with a kangaroo?
2. What do you call a lazy skeleton?
3. Why is an elephant large, grey and wrinkly?
4. How do you start a **teddy bear** race?
5. What does a **pelican** have in common with someone who spends a lot?
6. What did the explorer call the large, dangerous-looking dinosaur?
7. What lies in a **pram** and **wobbles**?
8. What do snowmen like on their burgers?



GLOSSARY

to cross *vb*
if an animal is a "cross" between two animals, it is a mixture of those two animals
a teddy bear *n*
a small, soft toy that looks like a bear
a pelican *n*
a large water bird with a big bill (see below)
a pram *n*
a baby's bed with wheels
to wobble *vb*
if something "wobbles", it moves from side to side because it is not secure
Teddy *n*
a teddy bear (see above). "Teddy" is pronounced with the same sound as "steady" from the expression, "Ready, steady, go!"
chilli *n*
a type of hot pepper; also, pronounced the same as "chilly", which means very cold
a bill *n*
two meanings: a) a piece of paper informing you how much money you owe; b) the hard, pointed part of a bird's mouth
a jelly baby *n*
a type of coloured sweet in the shape of a little baby
bone idle *exp*
very, very lazy

- A:** Ready, **teddy**, go!
B: **Chilli** sauce.
C: I hope he didn't see us.
D: A woolly jumper.
E: They both have large **bills**.
F: A **jelly baby**.
G: Because if it were small, white and smooth it might be an aspirin.
H: **Bone idle**.

GRAFFITI



CD track 17 - US women

Here are some more examples of British toilet graffiti.

IF I WANT YOUR OPINION,
I'LL ASK YOU TO FILL OUT
THE NECESSARY FORMS.

CAR SERVICE: IF IT AIN'T
BROKE, WE'LL BREAK IT.

BUDGET: A METHOD FOR
GOING BROKE METHODICALLY.

I WORK FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF
REDUNDANCY DEPARTMENT.

DIPLOMACY IS THE ART
OF LETTING SOMEONE
HAVE YOUR WAY.

IT'S NOT HARD
TO MEET
EXPENSES
- THEY'RE
EVERYWHERE.

GLOSSARY

to fill out *phr vb*
to complete (a form)
methodically *adv*
carefully, completely and in order
to meet expenses *exp*
two meanings: a) to have enough money to pay for expenses; b) very literally, to come into contact with "expenses"

PATRIOTIC FOOL BY DANIEL COULTON

On a ship to Australia. 1887.

Oh, my England.
My sweet home. My lovely
England. I will **miss** you so.
There's nothing
like home.



I am
an Englishman.
I was born an
Englishman, and
I hope to die an
Englishman.

Man!...



GLOSSARY

to miss *vb*
to feel sad because you are no longer at a place or with someone who you love
man! *exp*
an exclamation of surprise

... have you
no ambition
in life?





Ghostly Land

England is Europe's most haunted country.

A recent television documentary has claimed that England is Europe's most **haunted** country. Many of the older houses, churches and castles across the country are said to be the **home to** ghosts. And there is now increasing scientific evidence to support the claims. Scientists can **monitor** areas suspected to be inhabited by ghosts. They can

analyse different sound frequencies, and also use infrared technology to study movement. One of the ten most feared ghosts in England is a **werewolf** that **wanders** across the Yorkshire Moors. Susan Rose a resident of the village of Muston says, "The werewolf is often seen walking around the church. If it has been out, then the next morning there is a

strong **stench** around the village." London is also home to many ghosts, and the London Underground network is reported to be the home to as many as eight separate ghost or spirits. One of these is at Covent Garden station, where a tall man in a long coat, a big hat and white **gloves** has been seen since the 1950s. ☹



Driving Gaffe

German driver causes chaos.

A driver from Düsseldorf blocked the entrance to an **Underground** station when **she mistook it for** a subterranean car park. The 52-year-old drove her Volkswagen Beetle across the **pavement** and into the entrance, where it **came to a halt** five steps down. Police estimated the damage to the station at around 1,500 euros. The VW Beetle-Cabrio remained balanced on the fifth step. The woman was able to get out **unharméd**. The accident happened in the Nordstrasse Underground station, in the centre of Düsseldorf. A truck was called later to **drag** the car out. A local newspaper said the

woman was more shocked and **embarrassed** than hurt. A similar incident happened four years ago in the same Underground station, when a 50-year-old man also mistook the entrance for an underground car park. Some claim the station needs transforming. But Andrea Blome, head of Traffic Management in Dusseldorf, said, "We had only recently changed the entrance to the station. The **stairwell** had been painted a brighter colour and extra lighting had been **installed**. I wish people would just pay a bit more attention." ☹



GLOSSARY

- haunted** *adj*
if a house is "haunted", there is a ghost there
- home to** *exp*
with; containing
- to monitor** *vb*
to observe scientifically
- a werewolf** *n*
a monster that is half-man, half-wolf
- to wander** *vb*
to walk around with no particular purpose/objective
- a stench** *n*
a terrible, powerful smell
- gloves** *n*
clothing you wear on your hands
- the Underground** *n*
the underground train system in London
- she mistook it for X** *exp*
she thought it was X
- a pavement** *n*
the part of the road that you walk on
- to come to a halt** *exp*
to stop
- unharméd** *adj*
with no injuries
- to drag** *vb*
to pull something with force
- embarrassed** *adj*
ashamed; feeling bad about something you have done
- a stairwell** *n*
the part of a building with stairs (little steps for going up or down)
- to install** *vb*
to put a piece of equipment in a place so it can be used

NOVEMBER



Come and celebrate November with us in our series on anniversaries. This month: November. By Mark Pierro.



November 1st 1520
Ferdinand Magellan **led** the first European

expedition to navigate the Straits of Magellan, the passage immediately south of mainland South America, connecting the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans.



November 2nd 1936
The first ever public television station in the world, the BBC, was launched. Big Brother. Pop Idol. All those irritating **soap operas**. Was it all **worth it**?

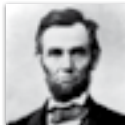


November 3rd 1838
The Times of India, the world's most **widely-circulated**

English-language daily newspaper, was founded.



November 4th 1979
Hundreds of Iranian students occupied the US embassy in Tehran, beginning a 444-day **hostage** crisis.



November 6th 1860
Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican candidate to win the US presidential election.



November 7th 1917
Vladimir Lenin led a Bolshevik insurrection against the Provisional Government of Alexander Kerensky, starting the October Revolution in Russia. Actually, the revolution started on 24th October, but there was a change of calendars.



November 11th 1880
Australian bank robber and

national hero Ned Kelly was hanged in Melbourne.



November 13th 1002
King Ethelred II ordered the massacre of all Danes in England. Of course, we're all friends now.



November 14th 1971
Mariner 9 reached Mars, becoming the first spacecraft to orbit another planet.



November 15th 1889
A military coup led by Deodoro da Fonseca overthrew Emperor Pedro II and declared Brazil a republic.



November 18th 1307
William Tell, a legendary **marksman** from Switzerland, used his **crossbow** to shoot an apple on his son's head.



November 19th 1307
William Tell's son spent the day recovering from the shock of the previous day's incident with his father.



November 20th 284
Diocletian became Roman Emperor.



November 22nd 1718
Blackbeard the pirate was killed in a battle with British sailors off the coast of North Carolina, ending his **reign of terror** in the Caribbean.



November 23rd 1971
The People's Republic of China was given China's permanent seat on the United Nations' Security Council.



November 24th 1642
Dutch explorer Abel Tasman reached Tasmania. He named the island Anthoonij van Diemenslandt. Er, **thank goodness** we know it as Tasmania



November 27th 1895
Alfred Nobel signed his **last will and testament**, setting aside the bulk of his **estate** to establish the Nobel Prize after his death.



November 28th 1925
The Country music radio programme *Grand Ole Opry* was first broadcast on WSM radio in Nashville, USA.



November 29th 1877
Thomas Edison demonstrated the phonograph, his invention for recording and replaying sound, for the first time. But he didn't play any Country music.



November 30th 2005
John Sentamu was enthroned as Archbishop of York, becoming the first member of an ethnic minority to serve as an archbishop in the Church of England. ✨

Events for November 2007

November 4th – general elections in Turkey.
November 4th – daylight saving time in the United States and most of Canada will end one week later than the previous schedule, in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
November 14th – The Channel Tunnel Rail Link from London to the Channel Tunnel is expected to be opened.
November 25th – 2010 FIFA World Cup qualification Group draw in Durban, South Africa



Countries celebrating their independence

November 3rd – Panama (1903), Dominica (1978) and the Federated States of Micronesia (1986)
November 11th – Poland (1918) and Angola (1975)
November 18th – Latvia (1918)
November 22nd – Lebanon (1943)
November 25th – Suriname (1975)



GLOSSARY

to lead *vb*
if you "lead" an expedition, you are in charge of it
a soap opera *n*
a television series about the lives of a group of people
to be worth it *exp*
to be a good use of your money/time, etc
widely-circulated *adv*
distributed/given to many people
a hostage *n*
a person who is captured and who is used in exchange for money or other prisoners
a marksman *n*
a person who can shoot very accurately
a crossbow *n*
a type of weapon that shoots arrows when you press a trigger (a lever)
a reign of terror *n*
a period of time when there are many executions and killings
thank goodness *exp*
thank God; very good
a last will and testament *n*
a legal document that says what will happen to your money and property when you die
an estate *n*
all the money and property that belongs to you

TELEPHONE 999

"There's a rat in my kitchen. Can someone come and **get rid of** it, please?" This is just the type of "emergency" call that the police are tired of receiving. And just to celebrate the 70th-birthday of Britain's emergency number, 999, the police have **released** lots more examples of stupid and **wacky** emergency phone calls.

The special emergency number 999 was first introduced on 30th June 1937. Since then, the police, the fire brigade and the ambulance service have been attending emergencies all over the country. The 999 number is supposed to be for when a crime is happening at the moment of speaking, or when an "immediate" response is required. However, 40% of the 560,000 calls to 999 each week are either **hoaxes** or **time-wasting**. A spokesperson said, "We are using the anniversary to remind people that the service is for emergencies only." A great many calls are accidents

and happen when mobile phone **keypads get knocked** or **squashed**. "We are working with our communications contractors on ways to automatically detect and deal with this sort of call," a police spokesperson said. Other non-emergency calls come from young children who have pressed phone buttons without realising what they are doing.

But the vast majority are from people who have obvious difficulties understanding the true meaning

of the word "emergency". Some of the more extreme examples include the following:

"I can't turn my **tap** off."
"I think my neighbour is a spy."
"Do you know a good **stain remover**?"

A police spokesperson said, "I don't know what goes through their heads when they **dial** 999. An emergency call is when it is a life-or-death situation, people are injured or the baddies

are still at the scene. These calls may seem **amusing** but the callers are clearly misusing the 999 facility." ❖



GLOSSARY

- to get rid of** *exp*
to remove; to take away; to eliminate
- to release (information)** *vb*
to tell the public about something
- wacky** *adj*
crazy; strange
- a hoax** *n*
a story, etc that is designed to trick others
- time-wasting** *n*
doing things that are not important; using other people's time for trivial things
- a keypad** *n*
the part of a mobile phone with numbers and letters on it
- to get knocked** *exp*
if something "gets knocked", it is hit accidentally
- to get squashed** *exp*
if something "gets squashed", someone sits on it
- a tap** *n*
the thing you open/close to control the flow of water from a pipe
- a stain remover** *n*
a chemical product that removes a stain (a mark on your clothes)
- to dial** *vb*
to push buttons on a phone so you can telephone someone
- amusing** *adj*
funny
- to get cut off** *exp*
if you "get cut off" while you are on the phone, the conversation is terminated because of a problem with one (or both) of the phones
- to delay** *vb*
if you "delay" something, you make it happen later than planned
- an appointment** *n*
a time and date to see someone
- a GP** *abbr*
a General Practitioner – a doctor
- to send round** *phr vb*
if they "send someone round", they send someone to your house
- go on** *exp*
continue
- an owl** *n*
a large, nocturnal bird that eats small animals such as mice
- a telegraph pole** *n*
a long piece of wood with electricity cables from one pole to another
- a protected species** *n*
a type of animal that is in danger of becoming extinct so it is protected

Ridiculous 999 Calls Here are some real life examples of emergency calls. Enjoy these ones. This is the part of a new mini-series on true-life but ridiculous "emergency" calls.

Call I – Shampoo

Operator: Ambulance and emergency, can I have the phone number you're calling from, please?
Caller: Yes, it's 01272 567 444.
Operator: Can you confirm that number in case we **get cut off**?
Caller: Yes, it's 01272 567 444.
Operator: And what's the address of the emergency?
Caller: It's 14, Hargreaves Avenue, Newport.
Operator: Can you just confirm the address, please? This will not **delay** the arrival of the emergency vehicle.
Caller: Yes, it's 14, Hargreaves Avenue, Newport.
Operator: And what's the problem? Tell me exactly what happened?
Caller: Yes, well I've got shampoo in my eyes.
Operator: This is an emergency phone line.
Caller: Yes, but I can't see very well, and it really hurts.
Operator: You'll have to book an **appointment** to see your local GP.
Caller: Can't you **send an ambulance round**?
Operator: No. Goodbye.



Call II – The Owl

Operator: Police, how can I help you?
Caller: Yes, well, I'm looking out of my bedroom window...
Operator: Is this an emergency?
Caller: Well, if you'll just let me finish...
Operator: Go on.
Caller: As I was saying, I'm looking out of my bedroom window and I can see this large **owl** sitting on a **telegraph pole**.
Operator: I beg your pardon?
Caller: A large owl. They're a **protected species**, aren't they? Should I try to catch it or something?
Operator: No, just leave it where it is.
Caller: But this is an emergency, isn't it?
Operator: Well, it probably will be if you try and climb up that pole.
Caller: OK. So, I'll leave it alone then.
Operator: Yes, you do just that. Have a nice day.
Caller: Bye.





CD track 21 - Irishman

SONG

Downpour

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The rain without **remorse** is a therapy,
Its sound is like a **drum** deep in my **soul**,
Pounding on the **pane** it **rushes in**,
The storm outside these walls,
Soothes us within.

And I can't begin to hide all I feel tonight,
When the rain has passed, it's as clear as the morning light.

And the pain in your heart,
Is **drowned** by the sound and **dimmed** by the light,
And who in the world is lonely as I and lonelier still,
And you, oh you,
Will only be free when you're not afraid,
To **scatter** your **tears**,
To **tumble** and fall in the **downpour**.

Rocking to the **drone** of a moving train,
Gazing at the sea blue against the land,
High on a hill that won't let me sleep,
I **long** to feel the rain and its calm release,
And everything would be right,
In a perfect world,
Lovers would still need the night,
But the rain, oh, is never heard.

And the pain in your heart,
Is drowned by the sound and dimmed by the light,
And who in the world is lonely as I and lonelier still,
And you, oh you,
Will only be free when you're not afraid,
To scatter your tears,
To tumble and fall in the
downpour,
In the downpour.



GLOSSARY

- remorse** *n*
sadness about something you have done
- a drum** *n*
a musical instrument for creating a rhythm
- a soul** *n*
a spirit
- to pound** *vb*
to hit with great force
- the pane** *n*
the glass in the window
- to rush in** *phr vb*
to enter quickly
- to soothe** *vb*
to calm
- to drown** *vb*
if A "drowns" B, A hides/suppresses B
- to dim** *vb*
to make less intense; to lower the intensity of something
- to scatter** *vb*
if something is "scattered" over an area, it is thrown over that area
- tears** *n*
the drops of liquid that come out of your eyes
- to tumble** *vb*
to fall with a rolling, bouncing movement
- a downpour** *n*
a period of heavy rain
- a drone** *n*
a low, continuous noise
- to gaze** *vb*
to look at something continuously and for a period of time
- to long** *vb*
to want a lot; to desire

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VOCABULARY

SLEEP

TYPICAL DIALOGUES

LITTLE SLEEP



CD track 23 - Englishman & Englishwoman

Pillow – the soft object for making your head comfortable.

Bed – the thing with four legs that you sleep on. Rickety ones make a noise when you move.

Nightcap – a little drink (often alcoholic) you have just before going to bed.

Pyjamas – clothing to wear in bed, and for Sunday at home.

Nightie – a thin, loose dress that women wear in bed. A “nightgown” in US English.

Dressing gown – a long, loose piece of clothing that you wear over your pyjamas.

Nap – a short sleep in the middle of the day.

Nightmare – an unpleasant, bad dream.

Duvet – a large cover filled with feathers to keep you nice and warm.

Bedbug – a small insect which likes to share your bed with you... and bite you.

Sheet – a thin piece of material that covers the bed and that you sleep on.

Blanket – a thick, woollen piece of material for keeping you warm in bed.

Slippers – soft shoes for wearing in the house.

Mattress – the soft object on a bed that you sleep on.

Bedclothes – a general term for sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc.

Sleeping tablets – pills you take to help you sleep.

Insomniac – a person who can't sleep at night as they suffer from insomnia.

To count sheep – apparently counting sheep helps you get to sleep because sheep are so boring.

To sleep on something – to delay making a decision so you can have another night to think about it.

To sleep through the alarm clock – to continue sleeping even though the alarm clock has gone off.

To sleep over at someone's house – to sleep at someone's house for the night.

To nod off – to go to sleep without intending to. Something that often happens during a boring film or a monotonous conversation.

To snore – to make a loud noise through the nose while sleeping. Why is it that people who snore always fall asleep first?

To sleep walk – to walk while you're sleeping. Scary! ☹️



Listen to this dialogue and learn some useful vocabulary and expressions.

In this conversation Nigel and Samantha are in bed. Nigel is trying to get to sleep.

- Nigel:** Are you **awake**?
Samantha: What?
Nigel: Are you awake?
Samantha: Well, I am now.
Nigel: I can't sleep. Can we talk?
Samantha: No. Go to sleep.
Nigel: OK. I'm going to read.
Samantha: Do NOT turn that light on. And stop **fidgiting**. Try counting sheep. I'm frightened of sheep. (*Nigel starts humming.*)
Nigel: Stop singing!
Nigel: Can I turn on the light, please?
Samantha: If you turn that light on, I will kill you. Now lie still and GO TO SLEEP.
Nigel: Please?
Samantha: Go and read in the living room.
Nigel: It's cold.
Samantha: GO TO SLEEP! (*There is silence, only broken by the sound of breathing. Then there is the sound of snoring.*)
Samantha: Hey! Nigel! Wake up!
Nigel: What? What's wrong?
Samantha: You were snoring. And now I can't get to sleep.
Nigel: Oh, sorry. Hey, why don't we go and watch some television?
Samantha: Good idea. I'm **fed up of this**. (*They turn on the television.*) ☹️



GLOSSARY
awake *adj*
 not asleep
to fidgit *vb*
 to move your hands or feet a lot; to keep changing position in bed
to be fed up of something *exp*
 to be tired of a situation

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DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC: WORK

PART 2



CD track 24
- Englishmen

Here are some more useful **collocations*** for you to learn. This month we are looking at some more work idioms.



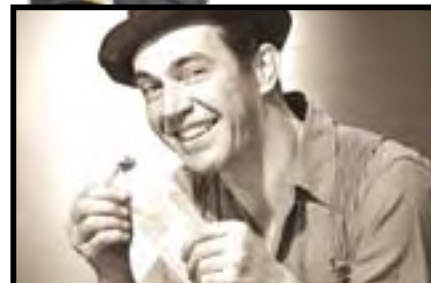
Burn the midnight oil

To work really late into the night.
"I've been burning the midnight oil all week."



All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy

You shouldn't work so much, and you always need time to rest or relax.
"You ought to get out sometimes – as you know, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."



Have a few irons in the fire

To be doing various jobs at the same time; to have several possibilities of work.
"I don't mind losing that job because I've got quite a few **irons** in the fire at the moment."



Give somebody the boot

To fire someone; to tell someone to leave their job.
"They've given him the boot for constantly arriving late."



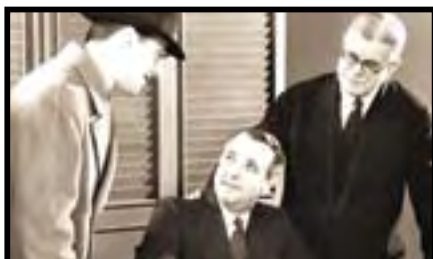
Get the axe

To lose your job.
"Half of the employees got the **axe** because of the poor sales results."



A bad workman always blames his tools

To say that the material or the tools you are using are responsible for your poor work or results.
"I know a bad workman always blames his tools, but I just can't work under these conditions."



Too many chiefs and not enough Indians

A situation with too many bosses and managers giving orders, and not enough people actually working.
"Nobody seems to do any work in this place. I think it's a case of too many chiefs and not enough **Indians**."



In the line of duty

If you do something "in the line of duty", you do it as a natural part of your job, or while you are working. Often used to refer to soldiers, police officers, etc.
"Six police officers were injured in the line of duty."

* **Collocations** A collocation is a sequence of two or more words that go together to form a fixed expression ("heavy rain", for example). Learning lots of collocations will improve your level of English, and help you with exams such as First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency, which test your knowledge of these things.

GLOSSARY

an iron *n*
a "fire iron" is a long, metal object used to move wood/coal around in a fire
an axe *n*
a tool with a wooden handle and a sharp metal piece at the end. Often used for cutting trees
an Indian *n*
a Native American. The term "Indian" is considered offensive



CD track 25 - Englishman & Irishwoman

Quirky News

Unusual news stories from around the world.

Goat Snack



THE 500-EURO NOTES TASTE MUCH BETTER.

"I know I shouldn't have left the **cash** on the table, but I was only gone for five minutes to answer a phone call," said Martin Geldtisch, a Swiss farmer who nearly lost 10,000 Euros when it was eaten by his goat. "When I returned, I saw the last note **sticking out** of her mouth," Geldtisch explained. "I nearly died."

Geldtisch, 44, had left the 100-euro notes on the kitchen table. He had planned to use the money to buy a new **tractor**. All of a sudden, the phone rang and he went to answer it. But when he returned, he saw his goat, Strudel, **finishing off** the last note. Geldtisch immediately called a **vet**, who performed an emergency operation on the animal. "Luckily, I have almost all my money back, and I have learnt a hard lesson: never **leave** money **lying around** when you have a goat in the house." Geldtisch gave the vet three of the **soggy**, 100-euro notes to pay for the surgery.

Lotto Lies

"When dad told me he'd won the lottery, I phoned my boss to tell him I was leaving. But now I have to phone her again and **beg for** my job back," said Jordan Ungluk, whose father, Fergus, convinced a town he'd won the 40-million-euro Euro Lottery. Jordan was promised 5 million euros. But that was all a lie. "I could kill him," said 26-year-old Jordan. "I'm absolutely **gutted**. I don't know why dad would have done this to us. We're **in shock**. I even told my girlfriend to start making plans to move to Australia with our young daughter. One minute I was a multi-millionaire, the next I was back to having nothing. The worst thing is that we can't **get hold of** dad," said a **bitter** Jordan.



Fergus, 57, who has been missing, also promised his daughter another 5 million euros.

Earlier, Fergus had posed for pictures with a EuroMillions ticket as he drank pints in a local pub. The local paper had news of his **windfall** on its front page.

GLOSSARY

- cash** *n*
money in the form of notes and coins
- to stick out** *phr vb*
if something is "sticking out", it is visible and coming out of a place
- a tractor** *n*
a farm vehicle
- to finish off** *phr vb*
to eat all of something
- a vet** *n*
a doctor for animals
- to leave something lying around** *exp*
to leave something on the floor, a table, etc – not in its correct place
- soggy** *adj*
very wet
- to beg for something** *exp*
to ask desperately for something that you really need
- gutted** *adj inform*
very, very sad/shocked, etc
- in shock** *exp*
if you are "in shock", you are unable to talk/walk, etc because you have suffered a bad experience or you are injured
- to get hold of someone** *exp*
to get in contact with someone
- bitter** *adj*
angry, sad, frustrated and disappointed about something that happened
- a windfall** *n*
a large amount of money that you win or find
- to rent out** *phr vb*
to permit someone to use something for a limited period of time and for money
- a slug** *n*
a small, slow-moving creature with a long, slimy body. Like a snail without the shell
- to get rid of something** *exp*
to eliminate/delete/remove something
- it beats using...** *exp*
it is better than using...
- due to** *exp*
because of

Rent-a-Duck

Some people think this is just a joke, but we're perfectly serious," said Werner Mollusk who is **renting out** his ducks as part of a new "green" gardening scheme. Mollusk, 46, runs an ecological park in Germany. He offers sheep to cut the grass and ducks to eat the **slugs**. "It's great," he said. "You get free fertiliser provided by the animals as well, so it's not a bad deal." He rents out the ducks for 30 euros a time. "The ducks are really good at **getting rid of** the slugs. **It beats using** poison, especially when there are children or other animals in the house." Mollusk said that he was getting orders from all over the country after a plague of slugs appeared, which experts say was **due to** all the heavy rains.



I'M AN ECO-DUCK.



CD tracks 27-28

British bar chat

Gordon Ramsay

This month, John and Michael are talking about **chef** Gordon Ramsay, who was recently voted "Most-Admired Man" in a survey.

- John:** Gordon Ramsay is so annoying. I... Did you... Did... Always on television nowadays. I just **can't stand** that man.
- Michael:** Well, I don't know. I mean, I think he could be a bit of a **role model** in some ways. I mean, he's a chef.
- John:** A role, a role model? He goes round shouting at people telling, "Oh, you're not good. I'm great." That's basically his mess... his message. It's just I **can't be bothered with it**, you know, it's like...
- Michael:** Well, I, I like how, because he's a celebrity chef, in my experience, not many people I know in England can cook, so if they watch the...
- John:** Cook? We have fantastic cooks. We've got more cooks in Britain than, I don't know, well, **we've got them coming out of our ears**. There's, I mean, I have enough people telling me what to do when I'm at work, rather than having Gordon Ramsay start when I get home.
- Michael:** But do you not think it's good that some of the younger people who maybe don't know how to cook could have a strong personality to **guide them through it**. Even though he might have a bit of an unconventional method.
- John:** Well, he'd definitely **not for me**, I tell you that now.
- Michael:** Well, I like him. ☺



US bar chat

Funny Accidents

This month, Leigh and Sienna, two Americans are talking about accidents and how people's first reaction is to laugh.

- Leigh:** Hey, how are you?
- Sienna:** I'm not too bad. How was your day?
- Leigh:** Oh, we were having this **water balloon** fight today, [mmm...], right outside **my place**. And I was running forward really, really fast, but looking backwards, and I ran straight, **head-first** into this tree...
- Sienna:** [laughter]. Oh, I mean, excuse me, are you OK?
- Leigh:** No, I'm fine.
- Sienna:** It's, isn't that **crazy** how in the United States it's very common to laugh at your friend first and then ask them how they're doing?
- Leigh:** Yeah, when someone falls, right?
- Sienna:** Of course.
- Leigh:** You're in the street and someone walks by you and falls and, and you laugh.
- Sienna:** That's the first reaction, and then you say, "Oh, **my gosh!** I'm so sorry can I help you?" But it's first laughing.
- Leigh:** It's horrible. Have you ever had any experiences like this?
- Sienna:** Erm, falling up the stairs. **Running into** a door. Oh, yeah, all the time.
- Leigh:** At least that makes me feel better.
- Sienna:** Oh, yeah. ☺



GLOSSARY

- a chef** *n*
a person who cooks in a restaurant
- can't stand** *exp*
to hate
- a role model** *n*
a person that others admire and try to copy
- I can't be bothered with it** *exp*
I don't have the energy for it
- we've got them coming out of our ears** *exp*
we have many of them
- to guide someone through** *exp*
to help someone do something by explaining how to do it
- not for me** *exp*
if something is "not for you", you don't like or want it
- a water balloon** *n*
a balloon (a small thin rubber bag) that is filled with water
- my place** *exp*
my house
- head-first** *exp*
if you run "head-first" (for example), you have your head further forward than the rest of your body as you are running
- crazy** *adj*
strange, unusual
- oh, my gosh!** *exp*
oh, no; oh, my God
- to run into something** *exp*
to crash into something accidentally as you are running



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Is using other people's wireless wrong? Our monthly debate.

WIRELESS WORRIES

Is it wrong to use someone else's wireless (**wi-fi**) connection? Just recently, a man was arrested for doing just that. At the time, he was sitting in the street with a laptop and using an unsecured wireless connection to surf the net. But he isn't the only person who has been arrested. So far this year, three other people have been accused of taking internet service without permission. What do you think of this topic? Listen to two different views on using other people's wireless connection and decide for yourself.

Against using other people's wireless

(by Sandra Wilkins)

I firmly believe that using someone else's wireless connection is **theft**, plain and simple. For a start, if someone is using your internet service or downloading, this will affect your speed of access or download limit. So, it is having a direct effect on you. It's like you pay to have a water supply **piped** to your house, getting charged for the amount of water you use. But then someone secretly **taps** into your water pipe. That's theft. You're paying – they are stealing.

Also, it's bad for internet service providers (ISPs). They will suffer in the long run because fewer people will pay for an internet service if they know they can get it for free. And finally, just imagine this: what if the person who is stealing your internet connection is involved in an illegal activity such as downloading **pirated versions** of films, or even worse, child pornography? I think the police are totally right to arrest these criminals. ☹

In favour of using other people's wireless

(by James Hoarley)

I don't really see how using other people's wireless can be called stealing. Basically, if the person who paid for the service still has everything they paid for, what's the problem? It's just like reading someone's newspaper over their shoulder on the Tube, or eating someone's **leftovers**, or standing outside a **bakery** warming your hands, or using the light from streetlamps to read your book, or watching someone else's **firework display**. It's not stealing, **freeloading** maybe, but stealing it is not.

Also, if you leave your wireless connection unsecured, then it is your own fault if someone else uses it. Just as you wouldn't leave your front door unlocked, or your car door open, or your wallet in the street, neither should you leave your wireless connection open. By leaving your wireless open, you are effectively inviting people to use it. Securing your wireless connection is as easy as clicking a few **settings** on your router. When you connect to a wi-fi access point you ask for permission, and depending on what the access point has been told to do, you are either granted permission or not.

Thus if the access point as been setup to grant permission to everyone, you are entitled to believe you are allowed to use it. And finally, haven't the police got more important crimes to resolve? They're always saying how they haven't got the manpower to solve real issues. But this is just ridiculous. ☹

GLOSSARY

- wi-fi** *abbr*
wireless fidelity (there is some dispute about the true definition of the term)
- theft** *n*
stealing things
- to pipe** *n*
if water is piped into a building, it is transported there through a metal pipe
- to tap into** *phr vb*
to make use of a resource
- a pirated version** *n*
an illegal copy of a film/CD, etc
- leftovers** *n*
food that is on the plate after someone has finished eating
- a bakery** *n*
a shop that makes/sells bread, cakes, etc
- a firework display** *n*
a show that consists of fireworks (small objects with chemicals inside that burn and make a sound)
- to freeload** *vb*
to use things that belong to other people without ever contributing to the cost
- a setting** *n*
the positions on a control panel

Wireless laws

The Communications Act 2003 (a British law) says: "A person who (a) dishonestly obtains an electronic communications service, and (b) does so with intent to avoid payment of a charge applicable to the provision of that service, is guilty of an offence."



Teacup Storm

Tea room owner terrifies customers.



performing, you are out.” Banging a teaspoon against a cup and using a mobile phone are also prohibited, as is talking too loudly. “The menu and setting is based on **high tea** at the Ritz,” Petty explained. “I am actually a very nice person in real life. But there is an art to tea drinking. This is not like going to Starbucks for a mug of coffee on the sofa.”

“People have to obey the rules. And if they do not, they are asked to leave,” said Michael Petty, the eccentric owner of a **tea shop** in the south of England. Petty, 56, has a strict



set of rules for his Brighton shop. Customers are asked to leave the shop if they **dunk** their biscuits, put their **elbows** on the table, insult the Queen, **handle** sugar cubes, and **sip** loudly from teaspoons. Customers have jokingly described Petty as a fascist, and have even set up a website and discussion forum. One described the restaurant, the Warm Tea Rooms, as “the scariest place ever”; while another said she had **witnessed** ejections for dunking biscuits. One customer said, “If you talk when the piano lady is

Famous Tea Rooms

Tea rooms are basically small restaurants that serve food and drinks during the day. Most villages and small towns in England have at least one tea room. Tea rooms are usually open from 9:00am to around 5:00pm. For breakfast they usually offer a selection of tea or coffee, toast, and a **full English breakfast**. For lunch they may have cold sandwiches, jacket potatoes; and in the afternoon, there will be **cream teas**, and a selection of cakes, **scones** and sandwiches. One of the most famous tea rooms in England is Betty's Café, in the northern English town of York. They have a



pianist playing every evening, and the design is inspired by



the **ocean liner** the Queen Mary. The restaurant was founded by a Swiss man, Frederick Belmont. According to legend, he **intended** to start a business on the English south coast but took the wrong train and ended up in Harrogate (Yorkshire), where the first Betty's was established. Belmont actually sailed on the Queen Mary in 1936. Later, he hired the same **craftspeople** to create his restaurant. During World War II, the basement bar at Betty's was popular with American and Canadian **bomber crews** who were stationed nearby. Many signed their names on the mirror, which is still **on display**.

Tea drinking

For many people, there's a special art to making the perfect cup of tea, with a strict set of rules to follow. Some of them include the following:

- The water must be poured at an angle of 42-44°, and must be a temperature of no more than 98.3°C and no less than 96.1°C.
- The sugar should be applied in two flattened spoons and then stirred into the mixture quickly and in an anti-clockwise direction.
- The tea should be strong, and not too much milk should be applied. On a map of the world, the tea should be similar in colour to that of the Sahara desert. ☘

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GLOSSARY

- a tea shop** *n*
a type of restaurant where you can get hot drinks, sandwiches, cakes, etc
- to dunk** *vb*
to make a biscuit/cake wet by putting it into your coffee/tea before eating it
- an elbow** *n*
the joint in the middle of your arm
- to handle** *vb*
to touch with your hand
- to sip** *vb*
to take small amounts of liquid in your mouth as a way of drinking something
- to witness** *vb*
to see a crime or event as it is happening
- a menu** *n*
a list of food and drinks served in a restaurant
- high tea** *n*
a snack in the afternoon that consists of tea and sandwiches/cakes, etc at 4 or 5 in the afternoon (also known as “afternoon tea”)
- a full English breakfast** *n*
a breakfast that consists of eggs, bacon, sausages, fried bread, fried tomatoes, baked beans, etc
- a cream tea** *n*
food that consists of tea and scones (flat cakes made from flour and that are often eaten with jam, butter and/or cream)
- a scone** *n*
see above
- an ocean liner** *n*
a large ship that carries passengers
- to intend** *vb*
to plan to do something
- craftspeople** *n*
people who make beautiful things with their hands
- a bomber crew** *n*
the people who form part of the team on a bomber (a large plane for dropping bombs)
- on display** *exp*
if something is “on display”, the public can see it



CD track 30 - US women

Here are some more crazy laws from the US. (US English spelling)

It is illegal for a gorilla to sit in the back seat of any car. (Massachusetts)



It is illegal for two men to carry a bathtub across the town green. (Massachusetts)



One may not detonate a nuclear device in the city. (Massachusetts)



At a wake, mourners may eat no more than three sandwiches. (Massachusetts)



Snoring is prohibited unless all bedroom windows are closed and securely locked. (Massachusetts)



An old ordinance declares goatees illegal unless you first pay a special license fee for the privilege of wearing one in public. (Massachusetts)



All men must carry a rifle to church on Sunday. (Massachusetts)

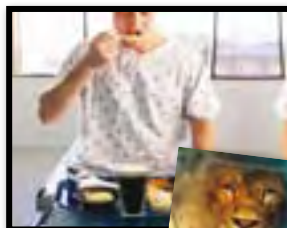
It is illegal to go to bed without first having a full bath. (Massachusetts)



Bullets may not be used as currency. (Massachusetts)



It is illegal to give beer to hospital patients. (Massachusetts)



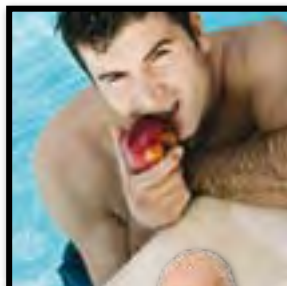
It's illegal to take a lion to the movies. (Maryland)



It is a violation of city code to sell chicks or ducklings to a minor within one week of the Easter holiday. (Maryland)



Eating while swimming in the ocean is prohibited. (Maryland)



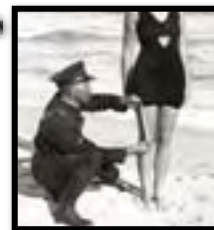
It is illegal for a man to scowl at his wife on Sunday. (Michigan)



It is against the law to serenade your girlfriend. (Michigan)



All bathing suits must have been inspected by the head of police. (Michigan)



A person may not cross state lines with a duck on his head. (Minnesota)



It is illegal to sleep naked. (Minnesota)



GLOSSARY

- a bathtub** *n*
a ceramic object you sit in to have a bath
- a green** *n*
a smooth, flat area of grass
- to detonate** *vb*
to explode
- a wake** *n*
a gathering of people who are mourning (showing their sadness) the death of someone
- a mourner** *n*
a person who is showing their sadness and sorrow for the death of someone
- an ordinance** *n*
an official rule or order
- a goatee** *n*
a type of small beard, with an amount of hair on the chin (but not on the cheeks)
- a bullet** *n*
a small metal object that comes out of a gun when you shoot the gun
- currency** *n*
money
- a chick** *n*
a baby bird
- a minor** *n*
a child
- to scowl at someone** *exp*
to look at someone angrily
- to serenade** *vb*
to sing or play a piece of music to someone (often someone you love)



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DICTIONARY OF SLANG

Here we've got some examples of how to say things in different situations.



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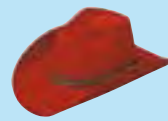
Situation



Formal



Relaxed



Informal

You are at a party when a fight starts. You tell your friend that you are leaving.



I am departing.

I'm leaving.

I'm outta here; I'm not hanging around.



You hear a joke. You think it was pathetic, and not at all funny.

That joke was somewhat lacking in humour.

That joke wasn't funny.

That joke was so **lame**.



You are in a car with a friend. You are sitting in the **passenger seat** giving directions. You tell your friend to turn right.

Please rotate the **steering wheel** in a clockwise direction.

Turn right here.

Hang a right.



A friend has a red mark on his neck, which has obviously been caused by someone kissing it.

Is that a blemish on your neck?

Has someone been biting your neck?

Is that a love bite? Is that a hickey? (US English)



You are visiting a friend's house. It is very big.

Your house is of substantially large proportions.

Your house is really big.

Your house is humungous.



You are explaining how you get very excited if you drink more than two cups of coffee.

I enter into a state of extreme agitation after consuming excessive amounts of coffee.

My heart starts racing if I have too much coffee.

I get hyper after drinking too much coffee; I get all wound up after drinking too much coffee.



GLOSSARY

Please note that some of the words in this glossary box are literal translations of parts of idiomatic expressions.

lame *adj* *inform* bad, poor. Literally, if you are "lame", you are unable to walk properly because of an injury

the passenger seat *n* the place where you sit next to the driver of a car

a steering wheel *n* the round object in a car that you hold with your hands and that you use to control the direction that the car goes in

Answers

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ANIMAL IDIOMS



CD track 33 - Englishmen

GLOSSARY

the Underground *n*
the underground train system in London
to cough *vb*
to force air out of your mouth/throat because you have a cough
a lemming *n*
a small mammal from northern Europe. For some unknown reason, lemmings commit mass suicide by jumping off cliffs into the sea

This month we are looking at some general animal idioms.



Be foxed

If you are "foxed" by something, you cannot understand it.
"He explained the theory to me, but I was completely foxed."



Get (on) your goat

To annoy or irritate you
"The way that people push past you on the **Underground** really gets my goat."



A worm

An insult for someone who you don't like or you consider unpleasant, or not worthy of respect.
"I can't stand him. He's a real worm."



Have a frog in your throat

To be unable to speak clearly because you have air trapped in your throat. You need to **cough** and force the air out in order to speak properly.
"Excuse me, I've got a frog in my throat."



Monkey business

Silly behaviour; dishonest actions.
"These company accounts aren't in order. I think there's some monkey business going on."



Act like a lemming

To act without thinking; to act without considering the consequences or potential dangers.
"They raced down the road like **lemmings** to get to the shop before it opened."

The Hand of God

For many English people, it is one of the most **shameful** incidents in the history of football. For Argentinian supporters, it was part of one of their greatest moments of footballing history. Just recently, England supporters were reminded of the incident.

The incident in question has become known as the "Hand of God goal". It all happened during a quarter-final, World-Cup match in Mexico City between England and Argentina in 1986.

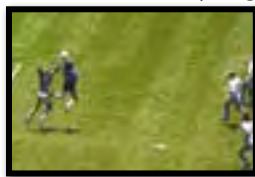


LOOK, NO HANDS.

Argentina eventually won the game 2-1, but the game was full of controversy.

At the time, tensions between England and Argentina were high because of

the Falklands War (La Guerra de las Malvinas), which had taken place just four years earlier. Six minutes into the second half of the game, the score between the two teams was 0-0. Suddenly, Maradona chased a **lobbed ball** into the penalty area, confronted by England goalkeeper Peter Shilton.



Shilton had a considerable height advantage (185 cm), and he was a clear favourite to beat Maradona (165cm) to the ball. However, Maradona reached the ball first with his left hand and the ball went into the goal. The referee (Tunisian Ali Bin Nasser) didn't see the **hand ball** and **allowed the goal**. The Argentine players and fans celebrated, while the English players protested.

Two minutes later, Maradona scored another goal, running past five English players, including the goalkeeper, Shilton. This goal was later voted as the Goal of the Century. England scored again (Gary Lineker) in the 81st minute, but Argentina won the match 2-1.

Immediately after the game, Maradona claimed that the goal was a combination of his head and

"la mano de Dios" (God's hand), creating one of the most famous quotes in sport. But video and photographic evidence demonstrated that he had hit the ball with his hand. Later, in his autobiography, Maradona admitted that the ball came off his hand. "Now I feel I am able to say what I couldn't then. At the time I called it 'the hand of God'. What hand of God? It was the hand of Diego!"



Just recently, Diego Maradona has been **taunting** England over his "hand of God" goal. In a television show hosted by Venezuela's president, Hugo Chávez, Maradona again admitted that he had **cheated** in the 1986 World Cup quarter final. "The goalkeeper had the advantage of **grabbing** with his hands. It was too high for me and I **stuck out my fist**," Maradona said.

During the show, Chávez welcomed the footballer as Argentina's "golden boy" and an ally in the fight against imperialism. Later in the programme, Maradona earned **thunderous applause** when he said he **loathed** everything that came from the US, and **pledged allegiance** to his host and to Cuba's Fidel Castro. 🇨🇺



THANKS, GOD.

"Hand of God" trivia

During a televised interview with Maradona in 2006, Lineker said (in reference to the goal), "Personally, I **blame** the referee and the linesman, not you."

England's victory against Argentina in the 2002 World Cup was celebrated with T-shirts displaying the result and the phrase "Look, no hands!"

There's a bar in Scotland called *The Hand of God Sports Bar* in tribute to Maradona. Scotland and England are well known for their football **rivalry**. Bar staff wear Argentina football **strips**, and the bar has pictures of the goal on the walls.

In Argentina, Maradona's "Goal of the Century" is known as "The Cosmic Kite".

Maradona

Diego Armando Maradona was born on 30th October 1960 in Villa Fiorito, Argentina. He played in four World Cups and received the FIFA award of Player of the Century (people's choice) after an international internet poll. He has also played for Boca Juniors, Barcelona and Napoli over the course of his career. Maradona was suspended for 15 months in 1991 after failing a **dope test** for cocaine in Italy.



GLOSSARY

- shameful** *adj*
if you describe someone's behaviour as "shameful", you think that person should feel bad about it
- a lobbed ball** *n*
a ball that has been hit high into the air
- hand ball** *n*
touching the ball with your hand, which is "illegal" in football (unless you're the goalie)
- to allow a goal** *exp*
to permit a goal; to say that a goal is legal
- to taunt** *vb*
to say unkind or insulting things to someone in order to irritate them
- to cheat** *vb*
to do "illegal" things in a game so you can win that game
- to grab** *vb*
to take suddenly and quickly with your hands
- to stick out** *phr vb*
if you "stick your hand out", you extend your hand so it is far from your body
- a fist** *n*
a closed hand
- thunderous applause** *n*
a loud noise caused by lots of people clapping in support
- to loathe** *vb*
to hate a lot
- to pledge allegiance to** *exp*
to promise support to
- to blame** *vb*
to say that someone is responsible for something bad
- rivalry** *n*
if there is a lot of "rivalry" between two countries, those two countries are in competition
- a strip** *n*
a shirt and shorts with the colours that represent a country's football team
- a dope test** *n*
a test to see if you have been consuming drugs

PHRASAL VERB THEMES: RECRUITMENT

This month we are looking at some more phrasal verbs related to recruitment (selecting, interviewing and hiring workers).

FILL IN/OUT A FORM
TO COMPLETE A FORM WITH ALL YOUR
PERSONAL DETAILS.

"I HAD TO FILL OUT
THE FORM WITH A
BLACK PEN."

SEND OFF (A LETTER OF APPLICATION)
TO POST A LETTER TO A PLACE.

"I SENT OFF MORE
THAN 60 LETTERS
OF APPLICATION TO
COMPANIES ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY."

GET INTO A PROFESSION
TO START WORKING IN A PARTICULAR
PROFESSION OR JOB.

"I APPLIED FOR A JOB AT
THE NEWSPAPER BECAUSE
I WAS HOPING TO GET
INTO PUBLISHING."

LOOK OVER A CV
TO EXAMINE A CV TO SEE IF THE CANDIDATE IS
APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMPANY.

"WE LOOKED OVER MORE
THAN 50 CVS BEFORE
DECIDING WHO TO CALL
IN FOR THE INTERVIEW."

DRAW UP A SHORT LIST OF CANDIDATES
TO CREATE A SPECIAL LIST OF SELECTED
CANDIDATES FROM MANY POTENTIAL CANDIDATES.

"AFTER LOOKING
THROUGH THE CVS, WE
DREW UP A SHORT LIST OF
THOSE WHO WE WANTED
TO INTERVIEW."

TAKE ON
TO EMPLOY SOMEONE.

"IT GETS VERY BUSY IN THE
SUMMER MONTHS SO THEY NEED
TO TAKE ON MORE STAFF."

TURN DOWN A JOB OFFER; TO TURN SOMEONE DOWN
TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T WANT A JOB; TO
REJECT A CANDIDATE.

"HE TURNED DOWN
OUR INITIAL OFFER
SO WE INCREASED
HIS SALARY BY 20%
AND HE ACCEPTED."

CALL SOMEONE BACK
TO TELEPHONE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN TO AN
INTERVIEW IN ORDER TO ASK THEM TO COME BACK
AGAIN FOR A SECOND INTERVIEW.

"AFTER OUR FIRST CHOICE
TURNED US DOWN, WE
CALLED BACK OUR SECOND
CHOICE FOR A FURTHER
INTERVIEW."

Headline news

Crocodile Attack

"All I could see was two sets of red eyes below me," said Dave Gatty, an Australian farmer who spent seven days up a tree in remote bushland to escape crocodiles.

Gatty, 52, said he was forced to take such drastic action after he accidentally **strayed into** a crocodile-infested area of Queensland. He only had two meat sandwiches to **keep him going**, as crocodiles moved beneath his tree each night until his rescue.

Gatty said he decided it was safer to **hold out for** a rescue team than try to **make a run for it**. His problems began after he fell off his horse while out in the northern Australia **outback**.

Dazed and bleeding, he climbed back on his horse and hoped it would lead him home. It was only when he regained his senses he realised he had been taken deep into a crocodile-infested **swamp**.

"I had to get off the horse

and I fell straight into a crocodile nest," he told reporters.

"That **spooked** me. I couldn't go back, it was too far and too dangerous, so I headed to the nearest high ground and stayed there, hoping someone would come and find me before the crocs did."

Gatty explained how each night two crocodiles would sit at the bottom of the tree **staring** at him. Although Gatty's two sandwiches ran out after three days, he was able to get running water during the day and knew rescuers were looking for him as he could see helicopters in the air above his tree.

"If I hadn't seen the crocs circling me, and if I hadn't fallen into the croc nest, I would have made a push for it. But I knew the safest thing was for me to sit tight and wait," he said. A chocolate bar, given to him by rescuers after being **winched to safety**, "was like a gourmet meal," he said.



First Aid

Studies show that less than a third of people who collapse in public are helped by a **bystander**. Surveys also reveal that many people are **put off** by the idea of giving the **kiss of life** for fear of catching an infectious disease.

They found that **chest-compression resuscitation** (CPR: cardiopulmonary **resuscitation**) was the clear **winner** compared with **mouth-to-mouth**. The current advice is to give mouth-to-mouth. But Dr Ken Nagao and colleagues at the Surugadai Nihon University Hospital in Tokyo believe that it is better to give chest compressions alone, which they called cardiac-only resuscitation. They checked their theory by looking at the **outcomes** of more than 4,000 adult patients who had been helped by bystanders. Colin Elding of the British Heart Foundation (BHF) said a number of studies had shown it could be as effective as combined mouth-to-mouth and compression. But he said it was right for CPR guidelines to still include mouth-to-mouth. **Cardiac arrests** are a serious problem in the UK. ☼

GLOSSARY

- to stray into an area** *exp*
to go into an area accidentally
- to keep you going** *exp*
if food "keeps you going", it gives you enough energy to continue
- to hold out for something** *exp*
to wait for something, even though you are in a desperate situation
- to make a run for it** *exp*
to try to escape from a dangerous place by running fast
- the outback** *n*
the remote parts of Australia where no one lives
- dazed** *adj*
confused and unable to think clearly
- a swamp** *n*
an area of very wet ground
- to spook** *vb*
to frighten
- to stare** *vb*
to look at someone continuously and over a period of time
- to winch to safety** *exp*
if a helicopter "winches you to safety", you attach yourself to a winch (a piece of wire/rope that is connected to a drum that goes round and round)
- a bystander** *n*
someone who is present when something happens
- to put off** *phr vb*
if you are "put off" by something, you are disgusted by that thing
- the kiss of life** *n*
breathing into someone's mouth as a way of making them conscious again
- a chest compression** *n*
pushing down on someone's chest as a way of making them conscious
- resuscitation** *n*
the act of making someone breathe again
- a winner** *n*
a good solution to a problem
- mouth-to-mouth** *n*
breathing into someone's mouth as a way of making them conscious again
- an outcome** *n*
a result
- a cardiac arrest** *n*
if someone has a "cardiac arrest", their heart stops beating

Sleep Quotes

Read some of the great things said about sleep.

"I'm not asleep... but that doesn't mean I'm awake."
Anonymous.

"The amount of sleep required by the average person is five minutes more."
Wilson Mizener.

"Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep."
Fran Lebowitz.



"A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book."
Irish Proverb.

"Insomniacs don't sleep because they worry about it, and they worry about it because they don't sleep."
Franklin Adams.



"The smaller the head, the bigger the dream."
Austin O'Malley.

"My life's dream has been a perpetual **nightmare**."
Voltaire.

"A **professor** is someone who talks in someone else's sleep."
Wystan Auden.

"Sleep is an excellent way of listening to an opera."
James Stephens.

"No day is so bad it can't be fixed with a nap."
Carrie Snow.

"People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one."
Leo J. Burke.



"Consciousness: that annoying time between **naps**."
Anonymous.

"Don't tell me what you dreamed last night cos I've been reading Freud."
Franklin Adams.

"Sleep is a symptom of caffeine deprivation."
Anonymous.

"Nothing cures insomnia like the realisation that it's time to get up."
Anonymous.

"Without enough sleep, we all become tall two-year-olds."
JoJo Jensen.

"There is no hope for a civilization which starts each day to the sound of an alarm clock."
Anonymous.

GLOSSARY

a nightmare *n*
a bad, frightening dream
a professor *n*
a teacher in a university
a nap *n*
a short sleep during the day, often after lunch

RECIPE SHEPHERD'S PIE

This the start of a new section in which we give you a recipe for something quick, easy and delicious to make at home. This month: Shepherd's Pie. This is a traditional English dish that basically consists of **minced meat** (lamb) and **mashed potato**. Yummy!



Ingredients

1 large onion, **finely chopped**.
1 small tin chopped tomatoes.
1 **tbsp** plain flour.
450 g minced meat (lamb).
10ml Worcestershire sauce.
2 bay leaves.
2-3 sprigs of thyme.
Salt and pepper

For the mashed potato

700 g potatoes.
55 ml milk.
75 g butter.



Method

- In a large frying pan, fry the onion for 5 minutes then add the mince. Cook until browned.
- Add 1 tablespoon of plain flour (this helps to thicken the juices) and **stir**.
- Add the 2 bay leaves, the 2-3 sprigs of thyme and the Worcestershire sauce and stir.
- After a few minutes, add the chopped tomatoes and stock.
- Bring the mixture to the boil, adding a pinch of salt and pepper and let it simmer for about 45 minutes.
- Meanwhile, boil the potatoes, **sieve** and put into a bowl. Add the butter and milk (or cream), and **mash** together with a fork. Season with salt and black pepper.
- Pour the meat into an **ovenproof dish** and spread the mashed potato on top.
- Put the dish into the oven-gas mark 6 until it is bubbling and golden. ☺

GLOSSARY

minced meat *n*
meat that has been cut into very small pieces. Also known as "mince"
mashed potato *n*
a soft mass of potato
finely chopped *exp*
cut into very, very small pieces
tbsp *abbr*
a tablespoon – a measurement that is equivalent to an ordinary spoon
to stir *vb*
to mix food by moving it around and around
to sieve *vb*
to put food in an object with holes in order to remove the water
to mash *vb*
if you "mash" food that is solid but soft, you apply pressure and create a soft mass
an ovenproof dish *abbr*
a special plate that you can place in the oven (the electrical appliance for cooking food)

Chav Hunt

Video gets school into trouble.



"I strongly disapprove of this video. The film, although clearly intended as **satire**, is **immature** and deeply offensive," said a spokesperson for Glanalmond College in Scotland, after pupils posted a homemade video on YouTube. The video, called Class Wars, shows ex-pupils **staging** a

mock "Chav*" hunt. During the film, teenagers dressed as Chavs and wearing **shell suits** are chased by classmates dressed as aristocrats. It was partly filmed on the **school grounds**. The school spokesperson added, "I must stress it does not reflect the **ethos** of Glanalmond

or that of the present community of boys and girls studying here." The film begins with one teenager in a **baseball cap** being pulled out of a river. Once out of the river, he is "beaten" by a couple of "aristocrats". Another scene shows a Chav being chased through the school grounds by two young men dressed as **huntsmen** and on horseback.

The Chavs are then "shot" as they run across a field, and one of the "victims" is then **prodded** by an aristocrat as he lies on the ground. Glanalmond school is one of the country's top **public schools** and **fees** are more than 35,000 euros a year. ☺



GLOSSARY

- satire** *n*
the use of humour to show how stupid or bad someone is
- immature** *adj*
not adult
- to stage** *vb*
if you "stage" a show, you organise and perform it to an audience
- mock** *adj*
we use "mock" to describe something that isn't real or genuine
- a shell suit** *n*
a light tracksuit (clothing worn to do sport)
- the school grounds** *n*
the areas/gardens around the school buildings that belong to the school
- the ethos** *n*
the attitudes and ideas associated with a school
- a baseball cap** *n*
a hat with a visor (to stop the sun from hitting your face)
- a huntsman** *n*
a person who hunts foxes (animals with red fur that are similar to dogs)
- to prod** *vb*
if you "prod" someone, you push them with a finger/object (often in order to see if they are alive)
- a public school** *n*
an exclusive private school
- a fee** *n*
the money you pay for a service (a school, in this case)
- derogatory** *adj*
insulting
- trainers** *n*
shoes worn to do sport
- Romani** *n*
the Romani people are an ethnic group living in many communities all over the world. Also known as Gypsies
- to run over** *phr vb*
to hit with a car
- thick** *adj* *inform*
stupid

* **Chavs** "Chav" (or the female version "Chavette") is a **derogatory**, slang term for someone from a working class social group in Britain. People from this subculture often wear imitation gold jewellery, designer clothing, sportswear (such as shell suits), baseball caps, and **trainers**. The stereotypical Chav has no respect for society, and is often considered ignorant or unintelligent. The word "Chav" comes from the **Romani** word "chavi" that means child.



Chav expressions

When in England, Chavs should be avoided at all costs. However, just in case you are ever confronted by one, here are some typical expressions you may need to understand.

Chav jokes

Question: If you see a Chav on a bike, why shouldn't you **run him over**?

Answer: Because it might be your bike.

Question: What's the difference between a Chav and a coconut?

Answer: One's **thick** and hairy, and the other's a coconut.

Question: Two Chavs are in a car without any music. Who's driving?

Answer: The police.

Chav saying

U lookin' at me?
Wot U lookin' at?
Ya git mi?
Cold, innit?
You dissin' me?

Look at ma bling.

Uve jus won a smack.
U wanna smack?
R U startin'?

English translation

Are you looking at me?
What are you looking at?
Do you understand me?
It is cold, isn't it?
Are you being disrespectful?
Look at my cheap, imitation jewellery.
I am going to hit you.
Do you want me to hit you?
Are you provoking me?



Library Joy

Record library fine paid.



A man surprised library workers by returning a book that was twenty-six years **overdue**. He also paid a **fine** of \$2,190. The library in the town of Buffalo, New York, was said to be "very happy" at the return of a book called *The Joy of Camping*. The book was returned by an ex-resident of Buffalo called Mr Schlesinger, who now lives in the northern state

of New Jersey. He said, "I used to spend hours doing research in the library, and I wasn't too surprised to discover that I still had an old book **lying around**". The fine of \$2,190 had **grown steadily** at a rate of 10 cents a day. After finding the book, Mr Schlesinger heard that the Buffalo Library was in a bad financial state, so he decided to pay

the full fine in order to help them buy some new books. The book was originally supposed to be returned on 27th February 1981. The library said that they had had "no intention of charging the full amount". Mr Schlesinger was able to afford the fine after **making a good living** selling Dairy Queen Franchises. ☺

Ongoing Mystery

Missing lord is sighted in New Zealand.

"I am not Lord Lucan", said Roger Woodgate, a British man who is living in New Zealand. Woodgate, 62, has been accused of being the **infamous** Lord Lucan, who disappeared mysteriously in 1974. The case of the missing Lord is one of the most famous of the twentieth century. Lord Lucan **vanished** after the murder of his children's **nanny**. No body was ever found, and there have been a number of reported **sightings** of him. Woodgate came under suspicion of being the Lord by his neighbours because he had an "upper class British accent and a **military bearing**". However, Woodgate has denied that he has

any connection at all to the missing 7th Earl of Lucan, even though



he left England the same year that the Lord **went missing** - 1974. "I'm a photographer," Woodgate explained. "It's all just a coincidence." Mr Woodgate is presently living in an old Land Rover near the town of Marton, with a cat, a pet **possum** called Redfern and a goat named Camilla. He said, "I am **bemused** by the whole affair. I am five **inches** shorter than Lord Lucan, and am only 62 years old, which would make me ten years younger than him too." ☺

GLOSSARY

- overdue** *adj*
if a library book is "overdue", you have not returned it by the correct date
- a fine** *n*
money you must pay for committing a crime or offence
- to lie around** *exp*
if you have things "lying around", they are on the floor, on tables, etc and not in their correct place
- to grow steadily** *exp*
to increase gradually
- to make a good living** *exp*
to make a lot of money from your job/business, etc
- infamous** *adj*
famous for something bad
- to vanish** *vb*
to disappear
- a nanny** *n*
a woman who is paid by the parents to look after their children
- a sighting** *n*
a "sighting" of something is a time when you see that thing
- a military bearing** *n*
if someone has a "military bearing", they appear to be a soldier (or ex-soldier) because of the way they look, walk, talk, etc
- to go missing** *exp*
to disappear
- a possum** *n*
an animal with thick fur and a long tail
- bemused** *adj*
confused
- an inch** *n*
about 2.5 cm

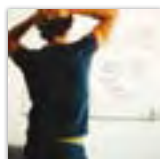
New Words

The latest words to describe current trends and tendencies.

This is another part in our mini series on new words.



Blamestorming
sitting around in a group discussing why a **deadline** was missed or a project failed, and deciding who was responsible.



Ohnosecond
("oh, no" second) that fraction of time in which you realise that you've just made a **BIG** mistake.



CLM (a Career Limiting Move) an ill-advised comment or activity, such as **trashing** your boss while he or she is **within earshot**.



Seagull manager
a manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, creates a big mess and then leaves.



Salmon day
the type of day in which you spend your time "**swimming upstream**".



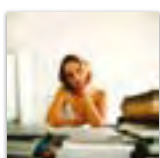
Chainsaw consultant
an outside expert brought in to reduce the employee **head count**, leaving the **brass** with clean hands.



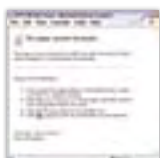
Adminisphere the invisible layer in a large organisation just above the **rank and file**. Decisions from the adminisphere are often completely inappropriate or **irrelevant** to the needs of office employees.



Dilberted
to be exploited and oppressed by your boss. From the experiences of Dilbert, the comic strip character. "I've been dilberted again."



Flight risk
used to describe an employee who is suspected of planning to leave the company or department soon.



404
someone who is **clueless**. From the World Wide Web error message "404 Not Found", meaning that the requested document could not be located. "Don't bother asking him... he's 404, man."



Percussive maintenance
the art of repeatedly hitting an electronic device in order to get it to work again. ☺



GLOSSARY

- deadline** *n*
a time limit
- to trash someone** *exp inform*
to say bad/cruel/unkind things about someone's character
- within earshot** *exp*
if is "within earshot" of a conversation, they can hear that conversation
- a seagull** *n*
a large white and grey bird that lives near the sea
- to swim upstream** *exp*
to swim towards the source of a river – this often means swimming up a mountain/hill
- a chainsaw** *n*
an electronic device for cutting trees
- the head count** *n*
the number of people working in a company/organisation
- the brass** *n inform*
the top level of management
- the rank and file** *n*
the lower level of employees; the workers
- irrelevant** *adj*
not important to a particular situation
- clueless** *adj*
with no idea of what is happening

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