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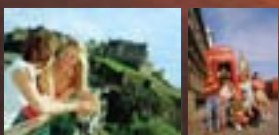
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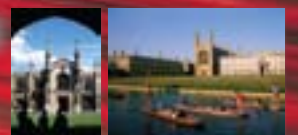
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**Editor's intro**



Hello everyone, and welcome to another issue of Hot English magazine – the fun magazine for learning English. June is part of the marriage season and Hollywood has gone “wedding” crazy with lots of new films. We’re looking at two of these films, plus we’re taking a look at some **wacky** wedding destinations.

June is also football's big month with Euro 2008. We're looking at some interesting footballing stories from the past, and giving you the low-down on the teams for this year's contest.

In this month's issue, we're also looking at Japanglish – a combination of English and Japanese. You can learn about some of the many English words that the Japanese have adapted and adopted.

Have you heard of the series *Prison Break*? It's a big **hit** in the States. We're looking at its success, plus the controversy behind the series, and some other real-life escapes. Talking about “getting away”, we're also looking at a new **trend** in women's travel: getaway breaks for women only.

Well, we hope you enjoy reading and listening to this issue of Hot English magazine. All the best and see you next month for the new super edition of Hot English with 16 more pages of content!

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**GLOSSARY**  
**wacky** *adj*  
 strange; unusual; crazy  
**a hit** *n*  
 a commercial and popular success  
**a trend** *n*  
 a fashion

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# Cycling Record

*A Scottish man has beaten the record for cycling round the world.*

IT'S JUST ME AND MY IRON HORSE.

He survived **floods**. He survived **road rage**. He even **survived** being hit by a car. A Scottish man, Mark Beaumont, has cycled 18,000 miles round the world in 195 days. Beaumont, 25, **beat** the previous record of 276 days. He passed through 20 countries including Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand and the US. His journey was

difficult at times. His **wallet** and camera were stolen from a hotel. And he got **knocked off** his bike when an elderly man drove through a red light. He crossed the finish line in Paris in front of his family. His mother said, "I am very **proud** of him. With Mark, the passion is being the first and the fastest. It's about **pushing himself to the limit**." ❄️



# Home Alone

*Great grandmother has luxury block of 30 flats to herself.*

IT'S ALL MINE!

"When I bought the apartment in the large building I **had no idea** it would just be me", said Mavis Ward, 83. Six months ago, Mavis bought an apartment in a **block of flats** in Cornwall. She thought she would have neighbours. But when she **moved in**, she realised all the other flats were only holiday apartments. So Mavis has the building and its facilities to herself for most of the year. "Now I'm a



**Lady of the Manor**," said Mavis. "I really can **do as I please**. I've got a gym with a swimming pool, a **treadmill**, a **rowing machine**, an exercise bike and a sauna." The pensioner added, "When the **owners** do come back and use their flats at the weekends, they come and say hello. I think people see me as one of the **fittings** of the place – I'm like a **permanent feature**." ❄️

## GLOSSARY

- a flood** *n*  
a situation in which there is a lot of water on the roads
- road rage** *n*  
extreme anger that motorists experience on the road
- to survive** *vb*  
not to die in a dangerous situation
- to beat** *vb*  
if you "beat" a record, you do better than the previous record
- a wallet** *n*  
an object men use to carry money, credit cards, etc
- to knock off** *phr vb*  
if you are "knocked off" your bike, someone hits you
- proud** *adj*  
if you are "proud" of someone/ something, you are very pleased about that thing/person
- to push yourself to the limit** *exp*  
to do something that is very, very difficult for you
- to have no idea about something** *exp*  
not to know anything about it
- a block of flats** *exp*  
a building with many individual apartments in it
- to move in** *phr vb*  
to start to live in a house
- Lady of the Manor** *exp*  
a lady who is in charge of a large house
- to do as you please** *exp*  
to do whatever you want
- a treadmill** *n*  
a machine in the gym on which you can run
- a rowing machine** *n*  
a machine in the gym like a static boat for doing exercise
- an owner** *n*  
the person who possesses something
- a fitting** *n*  
the parts of a building that are fixed: the lights, doors, decoration, etc
- a permanent feature** *n*  
something that is always there



# THE NAME GAME

This is another part in our series of famous names with meaning. More next month.



**Justin Timberlake** (American singer)

"Timber" is wood that is used for building houses.  
"The forest was exploited for timber."



**Judy Garland** (American actress)

A "garland" is a circular decoration that is made of flowers.  
"She wore a garland of summer flowers in her hair."



**Wesley Snipes** (American actor)

**1.** If someone "snipes" at you, they criticise you. **2.** "To snipe" is to shoot someone from a hidden place.  
"The enemy have been sniping at us all day."



**Sandra Bullock** (American actress)

A "bullock" is a young bull that has been castrated.  
"There were thirty bullocks in the farm."



**Dire Straits** (English rock group)

If you are in "dire straits", you are in trouble.  
"We've got no money left to pay our staff.  
We're in dire straits."

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# The Rickshaw Run

Rebels with a cause.

Match each form of transport with its corresponding picture. By Jenna Di Maria Answers on page 42



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  - 2
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  - 4
  - 5
  - 6
  - 7
  - 8
- rickshaw
  - gondola
  - tram
  - sledge
  - unicycle
  - tricycle
  - tandem
  - camel

The Rickshaw Run is one of the world's most unusual races. It is organised by the Adventurists. The race **lasts** for two weeks and goes through India. It **takes place** twice a year: once in the summer and once in the winter. But it's got a serious side, too. Participants **raise** thousands of dollars for **charities**. In turn, these charities help with India's water supply.

The race started in 2006 with 34 teams. Since then, the Rickshaw Run has become world famous; and it has **made a big impact on** rural India. Money from the Rickshaw Run is donated to charities such as Mercy Corps and Frank Water Projects. In just two years, the Rickshaw Run has raised well over 150,000 pounds to help the poorest areas in India.



This year's participants will **set off** on 1st June 2008. This marks the beginning of the Rickshaw Run's summer adventure. The participants arrive on 31st May, have some tea and cakes, relax, and receive an optional (but necessary) **crash course** on how to drive the rickshaw. They also decorate their rickshaws, review the rules of the race (oh, wait, there aren't any!) and have the opportunity to ask any last-minute questions.

This year's route begins in Kathmandu, Nepal. And it ends in the south of India in Pondicherry. There are no road signs to guide the teams. "The adventure really starts when things go wrong," said one previous participant. "**I blew a hole in the piston** but I saw the most beautiful town in India!" said another. Are you ready for adventure? ✨

### GLOSSARY

- to last** *vb*  
if something "lasts" for two weeks, it happens for two weeks
- to take place** *exp*  
to happen
- to raise** *vb*  
if you "raise" money, you generate money for a cause
- a charity** *n*  
an organisation that helps poor people
- to make a big impact on** *exp*  
to have a big effect on
- to set off** *phr vb*  
to start a journey
- a crash course** *n*  
a quick, rapid series of classes that explains the basics
- to blow a hole** *exp*  
to make a hole in a part of a machine – usually by forcing the motor
- a piston** *n*  
a part of an engine that moves up and down inside tubes and causes other parts of the engine to move



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# Headline News

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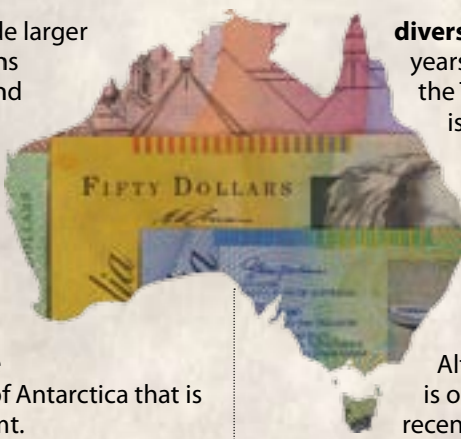
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## Bigger Australia

*Territory extended for world's largest island.*

Australia's territory has just been made larger by the United Nations. The **deal** means that areas of the ocean south, west and east of the country now belong to Australia. Martin Ferguson, the Resources Minister said he hoped that they would find oil under the **seabed** as Australia's oil supplies are limited. Australia has massive **reserves** of coal and uranium. The extension of their territory could be very **lucrative** for the country. The new area stretches close to the part of Antarctica that is **claimed** by the Australian government. Australia has had a long history. The first people to live on the island were the Aborigines, a people with a very



**diverse** culture. They arrived about 40,000 years ago. There is another group called the Torres Strait Islanders, who live on the islands close to Queensland, north-east Australia. The next main group to arrive was people from Europe in the late 1700s. The most famous of these was Captain James Cook, a sailor who claimed Australia for the British government. The British made the island into a **penal colony**. Although the country is very big, there is only a population of 21 million. In recent years, there has been a lot of Asian immigration, but **Anglo-Celtic people** still form the majority. ☺

## Catholic Church Modelling

*Facelift for Polish Church.*

The Catholic Church in Poland is using **nuns** as models to attract more people to church. The church helped defeat communism in the country but now people aren't going to **mass**. In response, the church is trying to modernise its **image**. The Catholic Church in Lublin had a **tongue-in-cheek** fashion show, complete with a **catwalk** recently. Monks and nuns exhibited new fashions from the Church in the 90-year-old university. Apart from the economic reforms, the Church has also been damaged by a fanatical section. These ultra-Catholics have created a lot of negative publicity and scared a lot of people away from the church. The Catholic Church in Poland became

very influential when Karol Józef Wojtyła, a Polish cardinal became pope in 1979. He helped the Church defeat communism in Poland and also in all the countries behind the **Iron Curtain**. 90% of the population is Catholic in Poland, but **dwindling** attendances at mass have led the Church to take **drastic measures**. The Church hopes that the modelling idea will help to **sex up** its image. Not surprisingly, many conservative Roman Catholics are worried about this. ☺



### GLOSSARY

- a deal** *n*  
an agreement
- the seabed** *n*  
the bottom of the sea
- reserves** *n*  
supplies
- lucrative** *adj*  
profitable; worth a lot of money
- to claim** *vb*  
to demand as a right
- diverse** *adj*  
varied, mixed
- a penal colony** *n*  
an island/country/region where prisoners were taken as punishment
- Anglo-Celtic people** *n*  
Scottish, Welsh, Irish or English people
- a nun** *n*  
a woman who dedicates her life to the church. Some live in convents
- mass** *n*  
a Catholic church service
- an image** *n*  
people's perception of someone or something
- tongue-in-cheek** *adj*  
not serious; humorous
- a catwalk** *n*  
a raised area where a model displays new clothes, fashions or designs
- the Iron Curtain** *n*  
the border between East and West Europe during the Cold War
- dwindling** *adj*  
becoming less and less
- drastic measures** *n*  
radical action
- to sex up** *phr vb*  
to modernise; to make more appealing



# NURSERY TIMES



CD track 5  
English child

This is another part in our series on nursery rhymes and their fascinating origins. This month:



## One, two, three, four, five

The lyrics of this are not based on any events in history. It is basically an educational rhyme to teach children to count. The earliest traceable publication is 1888.

### One, two, three, four, five

One, two, three, four, five.  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you **let it go**?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on the right.



### Pat a cake

The earliest publication of this poem is 1698. It talks about the tradition of decorating cakes with the name or initial of a child. This is still done today. The song *Pat a Cake* is always

accompanied by a **clapping** game.

### Pat a cake

**Pat a cake, Pat a cake, baker's man**  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can;  
Pat it and **prick** it and mark it with a "B";  
And put it in the oven for baby and me.

## Polly put the kettle on

The words to this poem were first published in 1797. The author of this poem had five children: two boys and three girls. There were constant arguments as the boys wanted to play soldiers and the girls wanted to play at "tea parties" (making tea and food and serving it to imaginary guests). The author observed how when the girls wanted to play without their brothers, they would **pretend** to start a game of "tea party", which the boys hated. One of the daughters, Polly, would **put the kettle on**. But as soon as the boys had left, Sukey (or Susan) would take it off again; and then they would play alone.

### Polly put the kettle on

Polly put the kettle on,  
Polly put the kettle on,  
Polly put the kettle on,  
We'll all have tea.  
Sukey take it off again,  
Sukey take it off again,  
Sukey take it off again,  
They've all gone away.



### GLOSSARY

**to let something go** *exp*  
to free something; to permit something to leave  
**a clapping game** *n*  
a game that involves hitting your hands together in rhythm to the music  
**to pat** *vb*  
to hit gently  
**to prick** *vb*  
to make a small hole in  
**to pretend** *vb*  
to act as if something is true even though it isn't  
**to put the kettle on** *exp*  
to put the kettle (a metal container for water) on a fire/the heat so the water can boil and you can make tea

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# Story Time

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## Turtle Torment

Deep within a forest, a little **turtle** begins to climb a tree. After a few hours, he **reaches** the top, jumps into the air and crashes to the ground. After **recovering**, he slowly climbs the tree again, jumps, and falls to the ground. The poor little turtle tries this again and again, but every time he falls out of the tree. Meanwhile, a **couple of** birds are watching this. Finally, one of the birds turns to her **mate** and says, "Darling. Do you think it's time to tell him he's adopted?"



## Hairdressing Knowledge

Two **hairdressers**, Jane and Paul are talking. "I had a customer the other day who told me an incredible story," says Jane. "Apparently, her boyfriend of five years was seeing another woman." "You think that's bad," says

Paul. "I had a customer the other day who just **found out** that her boyfriend was married." "**You're kidding!**" says Jane. "How long did it take you to find out about that?" And Paul answers, "About eight haircuts."



## That Sinking Feeling

A **cruise liner** sinks during the night. Most of the passengers are rescued except one man. He gets separated from the rest and swims and swims into the night. Finally, he reaches a small tropical island. He **gets to shore** and collapses on the wet sand. A few hours later, he wakes up, and the first thing he sees is his wife. She was on the ship and was rescued in a **lifeboat**. She looks at him with a **stern expression** and says, "So, where have you been, mister? The ship sank at 2am and it's already nearly **noon!**" ❖

## GLOSSARY

- a turtle** *n*  
an animal that lives in the sea and that has a hard shell on its back
- to reach** *vb*  
to arrive at
- to recover** *vb*  
to become better after an injury/illness
- a couple of** *exp*  
two or three
- a mate** *n*  
the animal with whom another animal produces babies
- a hairdresser** *n*  
a person whose job is to cut hair
- to find out** *phr vb*  
to discover
- you're kidding!** *exp*  
you are joking!
- a cruise liner** *n*  
a large ship that passengers travel on for pleasure visiting many places
- to sink** *vb*  
if a ship sinks, it goes to the bottom of the ocean
- to get to shore** *exp*  
to arrive at the beach/coast
- a lifeboat** *n*  
a little boat that is used in an emergency
- a stern expression** *n*  
a serious look on your face
- noon** *n*  
midday; 12 in the middle of the day





This month:  
saying thanks.

### Saying thanks

- Thank you very much.
- Thank you.
- Thanks.
- Thanks for your trouble.
- Thanks for everything.
- I'm really grateful.
- I really appreciate it.
- Cheers. (informal)
- Ta. (informal)
- Thanks a bunch. (informal)
- Thanks a billion. (informal)
- You're a star. (informal)

### Reacting to thanks

- Not at all.
- You're welcome.
- That's all right.
- How kind!
- No problem. (informal)
- That's OK. (informal)
- It's OK.



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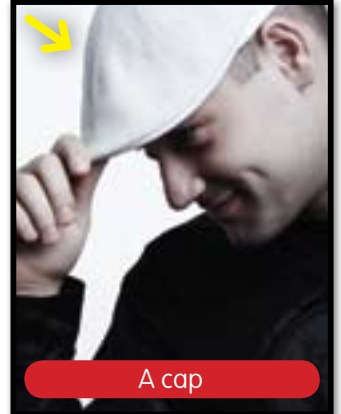
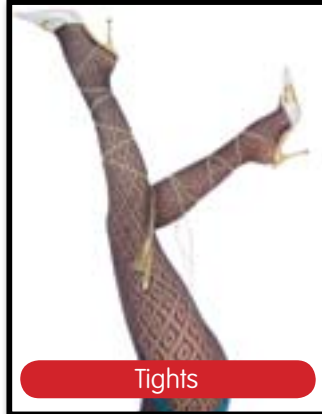
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# clothes & accessories

Basic English







# The Clothes Shop

## Part I

## Social English

This month: The Clothes Shop. Listen and repeat these expressions.

### What you say

- Have you got these boots in size 42?
- I'm looking for some tights to go with this skirt.
- Have you got a Manchester United cap?
- I'm looking for a belt to go with these trousers.
- I need a coat for the cold weather.
- I need some gloves.
- Do you have any hats like the one Indiana Jones wears?
- Have you got any woolly hats?
- Do you have any Chelsea scarves?
- I'm looking for some comfortable slippers.
- Do you sell string vests?
- Where can I find men's underwear, please?
- Do you have any boxer shorts?
- I'm looking for some Y-fronts.
- Where can I find women's

### underwear, please?

- I'm looking for a size 36 bra.
- Have you got a tie that would go well with this shirt, please?
- Can I try this belt/tie on, please?

### What you hear

- I'm sorry we don't have those boots in size 42.
- This belt would go well with these trousers.
- I'm sorry but we're out of woolly hats.
- The men's underwear department is on the first floor.
- All our men's underwear items are in the second to last aisle.
- The women's underwear department is on the ground floor.
- There's a mirror just over there.
- The changing rooms are just over there. ☺



## Part II

Now listen to this dialogue. In this conversation, Jim is in the women's underwear department.

- Assistant:** Good afternoon, can I help you?  
**Jim:** Yes, I was looking for ladies' underwear.  
**Assistant:** Mmm... what **waist size** are you?  
**Jim:** No, no, it isn't for me.  
**Assistant:** What size is the person who you're buying it for?  
**Jim:** She's a size 36 waist.  
**Assistant:** Then you'll need to choose something from this **shelf**. (She indicates the correct shelf.)  
**Jim:** OK. Thanks. Erm, I'm also looking for a nightie.  
**Assistant:** Do you know what dress size it's for?  
**Jim:** Yes, I think she's a size ten.  
**Assistant:** OK. You'll need to choose something from this **rack**. (She points to a rack of clothing.)  
**Jim:** That's great. Thanks for your help.  
**Assistant:** No problem. I'll be over by the checkout if you require any more assistance.  
**Jim:** Thanks.



CAN I TRY THESE ON?



### GLOSSARY

- a waist size** *n*  
the central part of your body used as a measurement for trousers
- a shelf** *n*  
a piece of wood/metal on which products are placed in a shop
- a rack** *n*  
a piece of equipment with bars for holding things (clothes, etc)

# Headline News

Headline News N° 2

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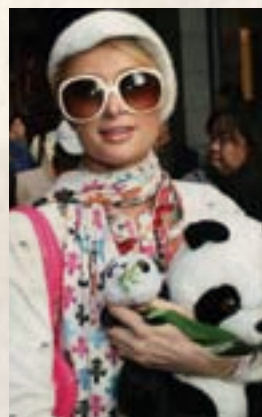
## Hilton Tops Poll

*Socialite voted Most Over-exposed Celebrity.*

Socialite Paris Hilton has been voted the Most Over-Exposed Celebrity in America. The **heiress** was **awarded** the **dubious** title by Forbes Magazine after 70% of people questioned agreed with the term "over-exposed" to describe her. Other celebrities who were include in the poll were **troubled** star Britney Spears, Lindsey Lohan and Pamela Anderson. E-Poll Market Research, an LA company, conducted the **survey** for Forbes.

Paris Hilton is known for her reputation as an **It Girl**. She hasn't got a career in cinema or music and is only rich because of her family. Other It Girls include British socialite Tara Palmer-Tompkinson.

Paris was due to inherit the **fortune** made from the **hotel chain** which was **founded** by her great-grandfather, but her grandfather has prevented this. Barron Hilton has announced that, because of Paris' embarrassing behaviour (she once appeared in an pornographic film) he is going to give most of his money to charity when he dies. Ironically, his own father did the same thing to Barron when he died in 1979. Despite this, Barron Hilton successfully contested the decision in court and won control of the **estate** in 1987. He argued that he helped to make the business successful, something that Paris hasn't done. So far, she hasn't publicly commented on the decision. ☼



### GLOSSARY

- an heir(ess)** *n*  
someone who will inherit something
- to award** *vb*  
to give as a prize
- dubious** *adj*  
of uncertain or unclear value
- troubled** *adj*  
having problems
- a survey** *n*  
a series of questions asked in order to get opinions
- an It Girl** *n*  
a woman who is famous for no apparent reason other than knowing the right people
- a fortune** *n*  
a lot of money
- a hotel chain** *n*  
a group of hotels owned by the same company and usually having the same name
- to found** *vb*  
to begin or create (in reference to a company)
- an estate** *n*  
a person's money, property and possessions
- to snub** *vb*  
to ignore or refuse to talk to; to be disrespectful to
- a Nobel Laureate** *n*  
a winner of one of the Nobel Prizes for peace, literature etc
- crucial** *adj*  
very important
- a peace settlement** *n*  
a treaty/agreement between two parties who were once at war
- the Six Day War** *n*  
a week-long war in 1967 between Israel and the combined armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria
- a settler** *n*  
someone who goes to another country to live and who takes land (either legally or illegally)
- to legitimise** *vb*  
to make legal; to justify
- a major force** *n*  
an important and powerful force
- the Gaza Strip** *n*  
a Palestinian area of land beside the Mediterranean Sea occupied by Israel
- the West Bank** *n*  
a Palestinian area of land on the side of the Jordan River occupied and settled by Israel
- to earmark** *vb*  
to set aside or identify for a special purpose

## Carter & Hamas

*Israeli snub for Nobel Laureate.*

Former US president Jimmy Carter has been **snubbed** by Israeli politicians on a recent trip to the Middle East. The **Nobel Laureate** was on a mission to talk with the militant Palestinian group Hamas.



Carter, who negotiated a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in 1978, has been strongly criticised by American and Israeli politicians for meeting the Islamic group Hamas. Hamas is considered a terrorist group by both countries and Israel refuses to negotiate with them. Despite this, Carter has met with the group's leadership in exile in Syria. He said that Israel needs to talk to Hamas because they are **crucial** to a future **peace settlement** with Israel. Hamas has said that it will live in peace with Israel if the Israelis withdraw from Palestinian land which has been occupied

militarily since the **Six Day War** in 1967. Other problems which Palestinians want resolved are the problems of refugees and Israeli **settlers** who have taken Arab land.

The Israeli government didn't meet with Jimmy Carter because they didn't want to **legitimise** the opinions of Hamas. The war between the Israelis and the Palestinians has continued for over sixty years. Since 2001, over five thousand people have died, mostly Palestinians, and peace talks have always failed. Hamas are now seen as a **major force** in Palestinian politics after they defeated their main rivals Fatah in elections in 2006. After much fighting between the groups, Hamas now control the **Gaza Strip** while Fatah govern the **West Bank**. These two areas have been **earmarked** for a future Palestinian state. ☼





CD tracks 11, 12  
Irishwoman & US woman

# Safer With Kate

Kate Moss moves in – and fear of crime goes down.

I'M AN ANTI-CRIME DEVICE.



When supermodel Kate Moss **moved into** a €10 million house in St John's Wood in London her neighbours were worried. They were expecting **late-night partying** and a **rise** in house prices. But what they weren't expecting was safer streets. Before the model, 34, moved in, there was a lot of crime in the area. But now, the large number of paparazzi in the area are helping to **deter** criminals. When she first moved in, it was a bit of a **nuisance** because you could hardly walk down the street without **bumping into** photographers," said Alan Lyndon, 55. "Now, though, we're **delighted** they're here. There are a lot of dark, narrow streets, and it used to be very lonely and quiet by night. But now we've got **clusters of** paparazzi everywhere, and quite apart from the noise they make, all the flashing lights keep our streets well lit." ☘

## GLOSSARY

- to move into (a house)** *exp*  
to enter a house and to start living there
- late-night partying** *exp*  
going out to clubs/parties until very late at night
- a rise** *n*  
an increase
- to deter** *vb*  
to make someone/something go away
- a nuisance** *n*  
a problem
- to bump into someone** *phr vb*  
to meet someone accidentally
- delighted** *adj*  
very happy
- a cluster of** *exp*  
a group of
- to set off** *phr vb*  
to start a journey
- a bandage** *n*  
a piece of material to put on a cut/injury
- accommodation** *n*  
a house/apartment/place to sleep
- an asylum seeker** *n*  
a person from another country who goes to another country to escape persecution
- to reassess (a situation)** *exp*  
to reconsider a situation and to evaluate your opinion of it
- disappointed** *adj*  
not pleased with the results

# Language Barrier

Man who planned to walk to India forced to quit because of language barrier.

Have you ever been in a country where you couldn't speak the language? Was it a difficult experience? Mark Boyle, 28, wanted to walk from England to India. He **set off** with just a few T-shirts, a **bandage** and a pair of sandals. And he didn't take any money with him. He was hoping that kind strangers would provide him with food and **accommodation**. He had no problems travelling through England where they speak English. But he had to cancel his trip in France. He couldn't speak French. And not many people spoke English in the rural areas where he was. So, many people thought he was an **asylum seeker** and didn't help him. He said, "I had to **reassess** the whole situation because I was out of food, hadn't slept in days and was really cold." He added, "I feel very **disappointed** to have abandoned the trip. But I intend to learn French and to try again as soon as I feel ready." ☘



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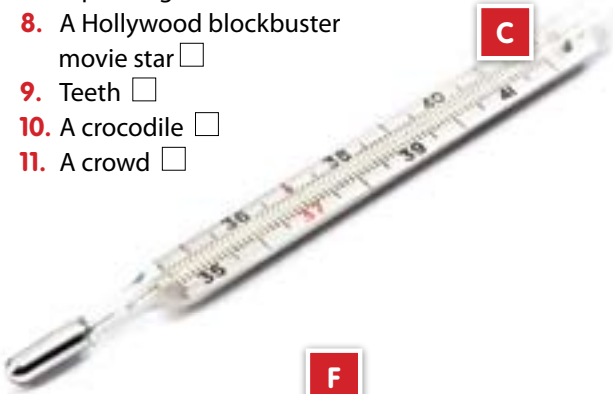
**Comida Vegetariana**

y algo más

## Exercise

See if you can do this matching exercise. Look at the list of things (1 to 11), and the photos (A-K). Write a letter next to the name of each thing in the list below. Answers on page 42

1. A thermometer
2. Brandy
3. Mercury
4. Feet
5. A lifeboat
6. A cruise ship
7. A passenger
8. A Hollywood blockbuster movie star
9. Teeth
10. A crocodile
11. A crowd



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

In the 17th century, many thermometers were filled with brandy instead of mercury.

A butterfly's **sense of taste** is in its feet.



There were only twenty lifeboats on the **doomed** cruise ship the Titanic despite the fact that there were over 2,200 passengers on board. Just over 700 passengers **survived**.



The actress Vivien Leigh starred as Scarlett O'Hara in the Hollywood blockbuster *Gone with the Wind*, but only received \$15,000 for her **performance**.



The English actor Laurence Olivier was considered for the part of Don Corleone in *The Godfather*.

Laurence Olivier



dreams full of music and joy?

If you drink a "toast" to someone, you drink to their good health or success. But where does the word come from? Apparently, it started with the ancient Romans. They used to put a piece of toasted bread into wine as a way of wishing someone good health. So, let's drink a toast to that!

Here are some strange phobias: Taphophobia is the fear of being

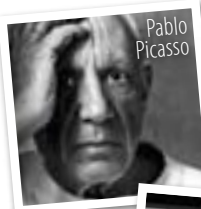
**buried** alive. Panophobia is the fear of absolutely everything. Phobophobia is the fear of fear itself. Triskaidekophobia is the



Unlike humans, who only replace their **baby teeth** once, crocodiles

have an **everlasting** supply of teeth. Every time they lose a tooth, one will grow back. How clever!

Spanish painter Pablo Picasso appears in a crowd scene in Jean Cocteau's film *The Testament of Orpheus* (1962).



The word "dream" comes from an old English word which means "music" and "joy". Are your

**Drunkness** in Ancient Egypt seems to have badly affected people's decisions on what to call their children. Some of **weirder** names given to **newborns** were "How **Intoxicated** is Hathor" or "How Drunk is Cheops".



fear of the number 13. Apephobia is the fear of being touched. ☺

## GLOSSARY

- a sense of taste** *n*  
your ability to distinguish different tastes/foods
- doomed** *n*  
if something is "doomed", it will fail/die, etc
- to survive** *vb*  
not to die in a dangerous situation
- a performance** *n*  
an actor's "performance" is the way he/she acts in a film/play, etc
- baby teeth** *n*  
the first set of teeth that grow in your mouth
- everlasting** *adj*  
that lasts for ever; that never ends
- drunkness** *n*  
the state of being drunk (having drunk too much alcohol)
- weird** *adj*  
strange / unusual
- a newborn (baby)** *n*  
a baby that has just been born
- to bury** *vb*  
to put in a hole in the ground
- intoxicated** *adj*  
drunk

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**Dear Mr Forgetful,**

Thank you so much for your e-mail. Of course, I would be delighted to help you. These two words often cause confusion for many learners. Hopefully, the following explanation will help you.

**Fun**

When used as a noun, "fun" means pleasure, amusement, or enjoyment. For example:

- a) Did you have fun at Phil's house?
- b) Skating is a lot of fun.
- c) I hope you have fun in Athens.

"Fun" can also be used as an adjective.

A "fun" activity or experience is exciting or enjoyable. A "fun" person is nice to spend time with because they are spontaneous, interesting and never boring. For

example:

- a) We had a fun day. I love going to the circus.
- b) Terry is a fun teacher. We always play games during class.

**Funny (adjective):**

A "funny" person or activity amuses you and makes you laugh. For example:

- a) I love this TV show, it is so funny.
- b) My brother's roommate is really funny. He is always telling jokes.

"Funny" can also mean strange, unexpected or difficult to understand. For example.

- a) What's that funny noise?
- b) The kitchen smells funny. Who was the last person to use the oven?

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# Corny Criminals



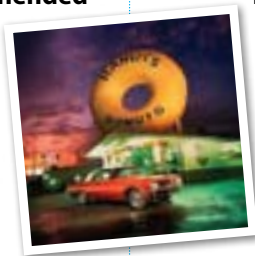
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Here's another part in our series on good, bad and funny criminals.



## Up the Garden Path

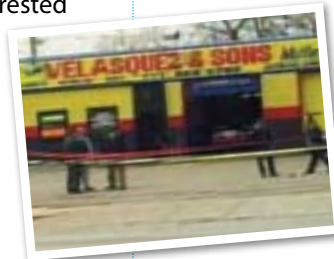
A man in New Zealand has been charged after being caught driving a **lawnmower** while **intoxicated**. Richard Gunn, 52 was **apprehended** by police on the **vehicle** while driving on a street in Dargeville. Police who **breathalysed** him found that his alcohol level was over twice the legal driving limit. Gunn was using the lawnmower to travel around the town as he was already disqualified from driving. He faces a possible **jail sentence** over the incident.



disqualified from driving, wasn't wearing any trousers at the time. This follows another incident in which a man was charged with **public lewdness** in Westchester County, USA. The man allegedly went through a **drive-in doughnut restaurant** with no trousers on.

## Ear Thief

A **dim-witted** thief in Chicago has been arrested after holding up a **muffler shop**. The **assailant** walked into the business and demanded that the **safe** be opened. Unfortunately for him, it was locked and the manager who knew the code was away. **Undaunted**, he gave the



**staff** his phone number and asked them to call him back when the manager returned. However, staff called the police who arrived before the robber returned. Police subsequently shot him in the leg. Ruben Carate, 18, has been charged with **aggravated assault** of a police officer and attempted armed robbery. The incident happened at the shop *Velasquez and Sons Mufflers for Less*. An investigation is now under way. The **employees** said that it was frightening at the time but, looking back on it, it is quite funny. One policeman said, "You couldn't **make this up**." ☆

## GLOSSARY

- a lawnmower** *n*  
a machine that cuts grass
- intoxicated** *adj*  
drunk; with too much alcohol
- to apprehend** *vb*  
to arrest
- a vehicle** *n*  
a car/lorry/truck, etc
- to breathalyse** *vb*  
to give someone a bag to breathe into to check the level of alcohol in their body
- a jail sentence** *n*  
a punishment that involves going to prison
- public lewdness** *n*  
being in public with no clothes on
- a drive-in restaurant** *n*  
a restaurant in which you order food (and eat it) from your car
- dim-witted** *adj*  
stupid; not intelligent
- a muffler shop** *n*  
a shop that sells devices for reducing the noise on machines such as motorbikes
- an assailant** *n*  
an attacker
- a safe** *n*  
a strong metal box for keeping important things
- undaunted** *adj*  
not afraid
- staff** *n*  
employees
- aggravated assault** *n*  
a crime that involves physical violence against someone
- an employee** *n*  
a worker in a company
- to make up** *phr vb*  
to invent





# TELEPHONE 999

Wacky but absolutely true emergency calls. Celebrating 70 years of stupid calls.



## Call I – The Chat

**Operator:** Police. How can I help you?  
**Caller:** Yes, hello. Is that the police?  
**Operator:** Yes, that's right.  
**Caller:** Oh, right, it's just I was **wondering** if I could talk to you for a moment.  
**Operator:** Is this an emergency?  
**Caller:** No, I just wanted someone to talk to. I've been on my own all day and...  
**Operator:** We aren't a **counselling service**. Would you like the number of the Samaritans?  
**Caller:** I just wondered if you had a moment to **chat**.  
**Operator:** Chat? We don't do that. I'm afraid I'm going to **hang up**. Goodbye.  
**Caller:** Oh, right. Bye. And thanks.



## Call II – The Weather

**Operator:** Police. How can I help you?  
**Caller:** Hello, is that the police?  
**Operator:** Yes, this is the emergency number.  
**Caller:** Oh, right, I was wondering if you could tell me what the weather is going to be like tomorrow.  
**Operator:** The weather?  
**Caller:** Yes, we're planning on going on a picnic and...  
**Operator:** We don't provide information of that nature. This is an emergency number.  
**Caller:** Oh, right, but do you think it's going to rain tomorrow?  
**Operator:** I have no idea.  
**Caller:** But do you think we should go on the picnic or change our plans?  
**Operator:** I think you should hang up. Goodbye.  
**Caller:** Oh, right. Goodbye.

### GLOSSARY

**I was wondering** *exp*  
I wanted to know  
**a counselling service** *n*  
an organisation that helps people resolve personal problems  
**to chat** *vb*  
to talk informally and casually  
**to hang up** *phr vb*  
to put the phone down in order to terminate the communication

## RECIPE

Here's another recipe for you to try at home. This month: gazpacho – a cold Spanish soup that is perfect for those hot summer days. Yummy!

# GAZPACHO

### Ingredients

- 2 tomatoes
- half a baguette
- garlic cloves
- a spoonful of oil
- a **pinch** of salt
- a **dash** of vinegar



### Instructions

**Soak** the bread in water over night.  
**Drain** any excess water.  
 Cut up the tomatoes and add them to the bread and the garlic.  
 Blend it in a **blender** until it is smooth.  
 Add the oil, the salt and a dash of vinegar.

This is a great way to cool down in the summer heat.

For a little something extra, add half a cucumber to the mix before blending and/or lemon juice. ✨



### GLOSSARY

**a pinch of** *exp*  
an amount of salt that you can take with your fingers  
**a dash of** *n*  
a little amount – what comes out when you pour the vinegar for about two seconds  
**to soak** *vb*  
to leave in water and make very wet  
**to drain** *vb*  
to remove the water from  
**a blender** *n*  
an electrical appliance for making food into a paste

# DR FINGERS' GRAMMAR FUN

## COMMUNICATION VERBS



In this month's grammar fun section we'll be looking at some verbs that deal with oral communication: "say, speak, talk" and "tell". Before you know it, you'll be "talking" like a professional.



When you "say" something, you speak words. "Say" is often used to express a thought or feeling. For example:

- A:** He said that he can't come tonight.  
**B:** How do you say your first name?  
**C:** The directions say to use a hammer.  
 Remember to use "to" when "say" is used with a person or personal pronoun. For example:  
**A:** What did he say to you?  
**B:** When did you say that to her?  
**C:** She said no to him.



To "speak" to someone is to have a conversation with that person. To "speak" is also used to refer to using your voice to say words. It is also used with languages. For example:

- A:** I spoke to John about our problem.  
**B:** He speaks very loudly.  
**C:** I don't speak Russian very well.  
**D:** She can't speak French.



We "talk" about something, or to "talk" to someone about something, often as part of a conversation. For example:

- A:** What did he want to talk about?  
**B:** Who was he talking to on the phone?  
**C:** Do you want to talk about it?  
**D:** She isn't talking to me.



"Tell" is used for giving someone facts or information – for transferring data or information to someone. For example:

- A:** Evan has something very important to tell you.  
**B:** Tell Michael to answer the phone if someone calls.  
**C:** She told me to leave.



# THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UEFA European Football Championship has been held every four years since 1960 and this year's finals start on 7th June. Here's a brief history of the tournament.

**T**he first European Nations' Cup (as it was known back then) was held in 1960 in France. It was won by the Soviet Union, who beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in the final.

17 teams entered the competition but only four competed in the finals. Two of the major European teams, Italy and West Germany, didn't compete in the first tournament.

The second Nations' Cup had 29 competitors, although in the end, Greece withdrew after they **were drawn against** Albania. Both countries were at war at the time. But this

wasn't the first time that something like this had happened. Spain had **boycotted** their game with the communist USSR in 1960 because of protests. The 1964 final, ironically, was played between the two countries in a **politically charged atmosphere**, which Spain won 2-1 in the Real Madrid stadium, Santiago Bernabéu.

In 1968 the name of the competition changed, but the four-team structure remained. The Italy-Soviet Union semi-final was controversial as it was decided by a **toss of the coin** after the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

This is the only time a game has been decided like this and eventually the problem of drawn games was solved with the introduction of the **penalty shoot-out**. This was introduced in the 1976 competition and resulted in a spectacular winning goal

for Czechoslovakia in the final. Antonin Panenka scored after **fooling** the West German keeper into diving, then sending the ball to the centre of the net.

By the 1980s there were eight teams in the finals. France won Euro '84 at home after Michel Platini scored nine goals in only five games. Euro '88 was even more spectacular when the famous Dutch (and AC Milan)



**line-up** of Ruud Gullitt, Frank Rijkaard and Marco Van Basten **steamrolled through** Europe's finest.



Politics had always played a controversial role in the championships and by 1992 the face of Europe was changing forever. **The Iron Curtain** had collapsed and Yugoslavia was caught up in a convulsion of war

and **ethnic cleansing**. The team was disqualified and the eventual winners Denmark were admitted instead. With the end of the Soviet Union and the break-up of

the Balkans there are now many more countries in UEFA. These include many former Soviet countries along with Turkey and Israel. Czechoslovakia has also split into two countries. Since the 1990s, the tournament has expanded to 16 teams and there are now plans to extend it to 24 teams.

Euro 2000 was the first time it was co-hosted by two countries (Holland and Belgium). France, the world champions, won this time after a final-minute comeback in **extra**

**time**. Greece won the finals in 2004. It was only the second time that they had been in the competition. They beat the hosts Portugal in the final. This year's games promise to be as exciting as ever and many surprises should be in store. ✨



## GLOSSARY

- to be drawn against** *exp*  
if team A is drawn against team B, team A must play against team B in the competition
- to boycott** *vb*  
to refuse to attend a tournament as a sign of protest
- a politically-charged atmosphere** *exp*  
a tense atmosphere because of the political relationship between two countries
- a toss of the coin** *exp*  
the action of throwing the coin in the air to decide who will win
- a penalty shoot-out** *n*  
a situation in which both teams take turns shooting penalties to decide who the winner is
- to fool** *vb*  
to trick
- a line-up** *n*  
the players who form the team
- to steamroll through a place** *exp*  
to defeat easily
- the Iron Curtain** *n*  
the border between East and West Europe during the Cold War
- ethnic cleansing** *n*  
clearing an area of a certain race/group of people by forcing that group to leave
- extra time** *n*  
the extra minutes added on to a game



# EURO 2008: TH

Now that the major football league seasons are over, the next big soccer event is Euro 2008. World class teams such as Spain, Germany, France and Italy will battle it out for the prize of international champions of Europe. Here's the **low-down** on the competitors.

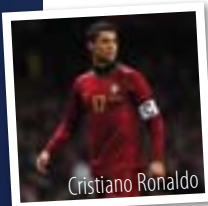
## GROUP A.

**⊕ SWITZERLAND** The Swiss have **come through** as a strong international team in the last **decade**. They have qualified for most major tournaments in recent years and generally do quite well. They have a very **tough group** and their form has been **up and down** so they **have their work cut out for them**. As co-hosts they automatically qualified for the finals.

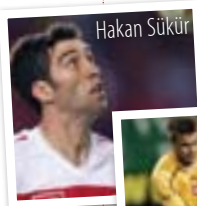
**🇨🇪 THE CZECH REPUBLIC** The Czechs are a strong international side but have been **underachievers** in major tournaments. When the country was part of Czechoslovakia, they won the championship in 1976 against West Germany. They qualified comfortably for this tournament and are expected to do well.



**🇵🇹 PORTUGAL** As an international side the Portuguese have got stronger and stronger in recent years, finishing in fourth place in the 2006 World Cup Finals. Coach Luis Felipe Scolari has built a very formidable team with world-class performers. Manchester United star Cristiano Ronaldo is their star player with Deco, Paulo Ferreira and Ricardo Carvalho joining him in the squad. Manager Scolari is confident of winning the championships.



**🇹🇷 TURKEY** The Turks have been **mainstays** of international football for some time now, and finished third in the 2002 World Cup. Despite this, they haven't qualified for a major tournament since 2003, when they were in the Confederations' Cup. They finished third in this competition. Their top scorer, Hakan Sükür, has scored 53 international goals, and they have an impressive midfield with players like Newcastle United's Emre and Stuttgart's Yildiray Bastürk.



## GROUP B.

**🇦🇹 AUSTRIA** Austria isn't known as a great footballing nation, and this is the joint **host's** first time in the finals. Coach Josef Hickersberger has **tried out** a lot of young talent but their **form** hasn't been good. Nevertheless Hickersberger is confident that the team will **do the nation proud**.

**🇨🇷 CROATIA** This team from the former Yugoslavia is pretty strong. However, they haven't performed well in major tournaments in recent years despite qualifying for most of them. They finished third in the 1998 World Cup, and are **considered** a very consistent team. Their **top** is extremely **loud** with red and white **cheques**.



**🇩🇪 GERMANY** The Germans are one of the great footballing nations, having won the World Cup three times and the European Championship three times, once as a united nation and twice as West Germany. German soccer fans expect very high standards from their team and they have a strong **squad** at the moment. Joachim Löw is the current manager and, under the last manager Jürgen Klinsmann, he had a very **strong say** in team affairs. Their star **striker** is Lukas Podolski who scored eight goals in the qualifying rounds.



**🇵🇱 POLAND** Poland is a nation with the potential to have a strong football team but one which hasn't been very successful in international competitions. This is only the first time that they have qualified for the European Championship and their World Cup record isn't great. Their star player is Celtic's goalkeeper Artur Boruc, a **highly-rated** goalkeeper throughout Europe.





# THE LOW-DOWN.

## GROUP C. THE GROUP OF DEATH.

**HOLLAND** The Dutch are one of the strongest footballing nations in the world and have a **star-studded** team. Man United goalkeeper Edwin Van Der Saar is joined by Liverpool's Dirk Kuyt, Chelsea's Arjen Robben and Celtic's Jan Venegoor of Hesselink. Their greatest team was probably their Euro '88 winning side which had the formidable forward **trio** of Ruud Gullit, Frank Rijkaard and Marco Van Basten who is now the manager. Expect Ruud Van Nistelrooy to be one of the top goalscorers of the tournament.



**ITALY** The winners of the last World Cup are expert defenders and their match with the French should be a **lively affair** after the last World Cup Final. Zinedine Zidane's headbutt on Marco Materazzi still hasn't been forgotten so expect **fireworks** in this game. The Italians have won four World Cups but, surprisingly have only won the European Championship once, in 1968.



**ROMANIA** Romania has had strong **sides from time to time** and has reached the quarter finals of both the World Cup and the European Championships. They are seen as a **bogeyman team** and have the potential to cause a major upset.

**FRANCE** The French are another major world football side but sometimes their form can be **inconsistent**. Occasionally they have either failed to qualify for major tournaments, or have been **knocked out** in the first round. On other occasions, especially when Zinedine Zidane was playing, they have won competitions **in style**. They have won the World Cup once and the European Championship twice.



## GROUP D.

**GREECE** The **reigning champions** have only been in the European finals twice, winning it in 2004. Many people felt that the 2004 finals didn't have a high standard of football and this was why they thought Greece won it. Despite this, they had to beat the highly-ranked Portugal twice, as well as footballing **giants** Spain and the Czech Republic. They are ranked eighth in the world so they might **pull off** the impossible again.



**SWEDEN** The Swedes have a strong side and have usually performed well in international tournaments. Retired striker Henrik Larsson won the Goal of the Tournament at the 2004 European Championships after scoring a **diving header** against Bulgaria. They got third place in the 1994 World Cup Finals and are currently 24th in the FIFA World Rankings.

**SPAIN** Spain is one of the best countries in the world for football and has a very strong, competitive domestic league. Despite this, their performances at major tournaments have been quite dismal apart from winning the European Championship in 1964. They have a very strong side at the moment with Fernando Torres, Cesc Fabregas and Xabi Alonso all on the squad. This may be Spain's year as success for the country is long **overdue**.



**RUSSIA** The Russians are managed by **journeyman** Gus Hiddink at the moment, a very experienced and successful international coach. As a part of the USSR, they won the first European Championship but after the end of the Soviet Union they haven't been successful. They are currently ranked 30th in the world. ✪



### GLOSSARY

- the low-down** *n* the essential information
- to come through** *phr vb* to be successful, eventually
- a decade** *n* ten years
- a tough group** *n* a group with many strong teams
- up and down** *exp* good sometimes, bad sometimes
- having your work cut out for you** *exp* having a difficult job to do
- an underachiever** *n* someone who should do better
- a mainstay** *n* a permanent or constant feature of something
- a host** *n* the country that organises a tournament
- to try out** *phr vb* to test
- your form** *n* your ability and past performance
- to do someone proud** *exp* to do something that makes another person feel very pleased
- consistent** *adj* always the same; never changing
- a top** *n* clothing you wear on the top part of your body
- loud** *n* with bright colours
- cheques** *n* square designs
- a squad** *n* the entire team of 22 players
- a strong say** *n* a lot of influence
- a striker** *n* the player whose job is to score goals
- highly rated** *adj* admired; respected
- the Group of Death** *n* a very difficult qualifying group
- star-studded** *adj* with a lot of good players
- a lively affair** *exp* an exciting event
- fireworks** *n* trouble; problems
- a side** *n* a team
- from time to time** *exp* occasionally
- a bogeyman team** *exp* a team that is capable of winning unexpectedly
- inconsistent** *adj* not always performing well
- to knock out** *phr vb* to cause a team to leave a tournament
- in style** *exp* playing well
- the reigning champions** *exp* the winners of the previous tournament
- giants** *n* a big/important team
- to pull off** *phr vb* to do something very difficult
- a diving header** *n* hitting a ball with your head while you are in the air
- overdue** *adj* something that should have happened by now
- a journeyman** *n* someone who has been to many places, had many jobs, etc



# WEDDING SEASON

**H**ollywood springs into the wedding season with upcoming film *Made of Honor* (2008 Columbia) and recent release *Margot at the Wedding* (2008 Paramount Vantage.) The two films offer opposite perspectives on relationships and marriage. In *Made of Honor*, best friends Tom (Patrick Dempsey) and Hannah (Michelle

Monaghan) are opposites when it comes to love. She's ready to **settle down** but can't find "the one", and ladies' man Tom is a "serial dater" and a **sworn bachelor**. Hannah goes to Scotland on a six-week business trip, giving Tom time to realise she is Ms Right. But Hannah comes back **engaged**. Tom **sets out to** steal her back and stop the wedding. 💍

## PATRICK DEMPSEY

IRISH-AMERICAN ACTOR  
BORN 13 JANUARY 1966

Dempsey was nominated in 2007 for a Golden Globe for his ongoing role as neurosurgeon Derek Sheperd in the **hit** TV series *Grey's Anatomy*. Before landing the part, he auditioned to play Dr Gregory House of *House*. Off-screen, he founded the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing in his home town in Maine; he's a true **caregiver**.



## MICHELLE MONAGHAN

AMERICAN ACTRESS  
BORN MARCH 23, 1976

Director JJ Abrams cast Monaghan for *Mission: Impossible III* 20 minutes after viewing her **audition tape**. It was her first major **role**, and she's been hot ever since. She studied journalism at Columbia, but **dropped out** to pursue a modelling **career**. Monaghan is from a town in Iowa so small they don't even have **movie billboards**, she says.





**M**argot at the Wedding is a black look at **dysfunctional family ties**. Narcissistic and mentally unstable author Margot (Nicole Kidman) is **estranged** from sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh). She **shows up** for Pauline's wedding, out

of selfish desires to escape her own marriage and see an ex-lover. As usual, Margot begins to destroy everything and everyone around her, including her sister's relationship. One thing goes wrong after another, and the two sisters end up looking for solace, and find it in each other. ❀

**NICOLE KIDMAN**  
AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS AND SINGER  
BORN 20 JUNE, 1967

Kidman was honoured by the United Nations in 2004 as a "Citizen of the World." A philanthropist, she does charity work and **creates awareness for** impoverished children worldwide. She represents Chanel N° 5, and has been Hollywood's highest-paid actress since 2006. Her extensive filmography includes *Moulin Rouge*, which was her debut as a singer.



**JENNIFER JASON LEIGH**  
AMERICAN ACTRESS  
BORN 5 FEBRUARY 1962

Once called the "greatest working actress in America," Leigh's extensive acting career began at the age of nine. She dropped out of high school at 16 to act full time. She is known for in-depth character studies for her roles. "I'd much rather be in a movie that people have really strong feelings about than one that makes a hundred million dollars but you can't remember because it's just like all the others," she once said.



**GLOSSARY**

- to settle down** *phr vb*  
to start living a normal/stable life
- a serial dater** *n*  
a person who goes out with many people
- a sworn bachelor** *exp*  
a man who wants to be single for ever
- engaged** *adj*  
if you are "engaged", you are going to get married
- to set out to do something** *exp*  
to have the intention of doing something
- a hit** *n*  
a big success
- a caregiver** *n*  
a person who helps others
- an audition tape** *n*  
a recording/DVD of an actor that a director/producer watches in order to choose people for a film
- a role** *n*  
a part in a film
- to drop out** *phr vb*  
to leave school before your final exams
- a career** *n*  
a job you choose to do for the majority of your working life
- a movie billboard** *n*  
a large poster advertising films
- dysfunctional** *adj*  
that is not normal
- a family tie** *n*  
someone you are related to
- estranged** *adj*  
no longer friends with; no longer living together
- to show up** *phr vb*  
to arrive at
- to create awareness for** *exp*  
to make people know about
- a trend** *n*  
a fashion
- the bush** *n*  
the wilderness in Africa
- a setting** *n*  
an area where something happens
- skydiving** *n*  
the sport of jumping out of a plane with a parachute on your back
- a preacher** *n*  
a religious minister
- to tie the knot** *exp inform*  
to get married
- a bird of prey** *n*  
a bird that attacks and kills other birds
- to swoop down** *phr vb*  
to fly down quickly and smoothly

**WILD WEDDINGS**

DESTINATION WEDDINGS FOR ADVENTUROUS COUPLES

**D**estination weddings are a new **trend**. But what are they? Basically, they are weddings at non-traditional venues. Safari weddings and weddings in ancient castles are some of the destinations. Safari Wedding packages include daily private drives, unlimited French champagne and an incredible African **bush setting**. Enjoy helicopter tours, picnics and Mother Nature in all her glory.



Other wild weddings include getting married whilst falling out of a plane. These daring people say their "I Do's" in a **skydiving** wedding ceremony. Vegas Extreme Skydiving's "skydiving **preacher**" will marry you and your better half on

the 5,000-metre ascent to heaven. After your first kiss, take the plunge as a married couple falling over 100 kph. Your guests can jump with you, or wait on the ground with the complimentary flowers, bubbly and DVD of your jump.

Others prefer to **tie the knot** on a glacier in Juneau, Alaska. As part of the package, you can go on a helicopter tour with several guests to see nearby glaciers. The actual ceremony takes place on the glacier. The couple celebrate it afterwards with a walk on the glacier.

Another option is a wedding at 13th-century Auchen Castle in Scotland. Magnificent trained **birds of prey swoop down** to deliver the rings, as Scottish pipers accompany the ceremony. You may even see the ghost of a child rumoured to play in the garden in the early hours of the morning. ❀



# Headline News

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## Holocaust Remembered

*Europe commemorates the victims.*

The sixty-fifth **anniversary** of the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto has been commemorated in Poland. The incident happened in 1943, during World War II. The Warsaw Ghetto was a restricted area where Jews were kept before they were sent to concentration camps.



The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was a brief **insurgency** fought by the Jewish residents of that area against the Nazis. The Jewish resistance fighters were fighting to stop their transportation to the gas chambers. It was a **valiant** attempt **against all the odds** which was **suppressed brutally** by the heavily armed Nazi forces. The Polish government has been holding

ceremonies for many years now to remember the victims of the occupation of their country. The Israeli government has been involved also and the recent commemorations were attended by Shimon Peres, the president of Israel.

Just recently, Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany, **addressed** the **Knesset**. This was controversial in some **circles** as she spoke in

German, something many Jewish people felt was inappropriate. However, her visit was seen as part of the ongoing **act of healing**.

The Holocaust is remembered every year on 27th January, and the Yad Vashem memorial in Israel is a permanent memorial to the victims. ✪

## Size Zero Ban

*Models ordered to shape up.*

In a controversial move, the French government has **drawn up** laws to ban **size zeros** from the **catwalks**. The new laws are planned to prevent models and their admirers from developing **eating disorders** like bulimia or anorexia. It follows calls for something to be done after a Brazilian model died of an eating disorder in 2006.

Conservative **lawmakers** have led the attempts to introduce laws to **combat** size zero, the **female figure** made famous by model Kate Moss. The French Federation of Couture, a group of fashion designers, has reacted angrily to the attempts, saying that it is an **infringement** of people's rights. He said that judges shouldn't be allowed to decide whether girls are full-bodied or **skinny**.

The moves in France follow Spain's banning of size zero from the catwalks. Many people have blamed the fashion industry for making

young girls want to starve themselves. Despite this, psychologists have said that it is practically impossible to determine whether media images **are to blame** for eating disorders. One psychologist, Marleen S. Williams of Brigham Young University in Utah, has said the problem is much more **complex**. Although she said that eating disorders are less common in cultures where full-bodied figures are preferred, she believed that there were more factors responsible. Ironically, current French president Nicolas Sarkozy is married to a **catwalk queen**, model Carla Bruni. ✪



### GLOSSARY

- an anniversary** *n*  
the celebration every year of an event that happened on that day
- an insurgency** *n*  
a group that is fighting against a state or a military occupation
- valiant** *adj*  
very brave
- against all the odds** *phr*  
with very little chance of success
- to address** *vb*  
to speak to a group of people formally
- the Knesset** *n*  
the Israeli parliament
- a circle** *n*  
a group of people
- an act of healing** *phr*  
an action that helps to create unity and harmony
- brutally** *adv*  
very violently
- to draw up (a law)** *phr/vb*  
to write/create a law
- a size zero** *n*  
the body size of an extremely thin person
- a catwalk** *n*  
the raised area where models walk and show new designs/clothes, etc
- an eating disorder** *n*  
bulimia/anorexia, etc
- a lawmaker** *n*  
a politician who creates new laws
- to combat** *vb*  
to fight
- the female figure** *n*  
the body shape of women
- an infringement** *n*  
a violation of someone's rights
- skinny** *adj*  
very thin
- are to blame for** *exp*  
are responsible for
- complex** *adj*  
complicated
- a catwalk queen** *n*  
a famous model



# Little Jokes



CD track 18 - US woman & Irishwoman

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 from a **pampered** cow?
2. What kind of keys do **kids** like to carry?
3. Where do Aliens keep their sandwiches?
4. Jim: Do you have a good memory for faces? Sally: Yes, why?
5. Mary: I'm on a **seafood** diet. Paul: What's a seafood diet?
6. If I had seven oranges in one hand and 8 in the other, what would I have?
7. What's the longest piece of furniture in the school?
8. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other:



### GLOSSARY

**pampered** *adj*  
someone who is given everything they want or need

**a kid** *n*

a child

**seafood** *n*

food from the sea: mussels, oysters, octopus, etc

**funny** *adj*

two meanings: a) strange; b) that makes you laugh

**spoiled** *adj*

two meanings: a) a child with a bad character because he/she has always had what he/she wants; b)

"spoiled" milk is bad

**a cookie** *n US*

a biscuit

**to launch** *vb*

if you "launch" a spaceship or rocket, you shoot it into space; a

"lunchbox" is a container for your sandwiches, fruit, etc that you eat for lunch

- A:** Jim: Because I've just broken your shaving mirror.  
**B:** Does this taste **funny** to you?  
**C:** Big hands.  
**D:** **Spoiled** milk.  
**E:** The multiplication table.  
**F:** **Coo-kies**.  
**G:** Mary: When I "see food", I eat it!  
**H:** In a "**launch**" box.

# GRAFFITI



CD track 19 - Englishman & Englishwoman

Here are some more examples of British toilet graffiti.

WHO THE HELL WRITES ON WALLS ANYWAY?  
 BACK IN 5 MINUTES.  
 A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO IS THERE WHEN HE NEEDS YOU.  
 I'M GONNA LIVE FOREVER, OR DIE TRYING.  
 BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEER HOLDER.

### GLOSSARY

**the hell** *exp inform*

an expression used for emphasis

**beauty is in the eye of the beholder** *exp*

this expression means that beauty is subjective and what for one person is beautiful, for another may not be. The last word has been changed for "beer holder" – one who holds a beer

## ERROR CORRECTION BY DANIEL COLTOLINE





# Wine Ships

*Eco-friendly French vineyards to transport their wines by sailing ship.*

"Carried by sailing ship, a better **deal** for the planet" is how each wine bottle will be **labelled**. French **vineyard** owners are starting to export their wine by sailing ship in order to reduce their **carbon footprint**. This method of transporting wine was last used in the 19th century. Later this month, 60,000 bottles from Languedoc in France will be **shipped** to Ireland by sailing ship. Further **voyages** to Bristol, Manchester and even Canada are planned soon afterwards. A 110 year-old sailing ship named *Belem* will make the journey from Bordeaux to Dublin.

The whole transport process will take a week longer than a flight. But the wine should remain quite cheap, at between €7 and €20 a bottle. Frederic Albert, founder of the shipping company, said, "My idea was to do something for the planet and something for the wines of Languedoc. One of my grandfathers was a wine-maker and one was a **sailor**." *Belem* was first used to transport chocolate from South America, and is named after a Brazilian port. By 2013, six more ships should be added to the **fleet**. ✦



# Happy Genes

*New research shows that happiness is largely determined by our genes.*

Why is it that some people seem to be naturally happier than others? An Edinburgh University study seems to know the answer. Their study of **twins** suggests that genes control half the **personality traits** that make us happy. The other half is **linked to** lifestyle, **career** and relationships. The study looked at the results of 900 identical and non-identical pairs of twins. They measured their level of happiness in terms of anxiety, sociability and conscientiousness. The results suggested that these traits were influenced up to 50 percent by genetic factors.

Dr Alexander Weiss who led the research said, "Together with life and liberty, the **pursuit of happiness** is a **core** human desire. Although happiness is subject to a wide range of external influences, we have found there is a component of happiness which can be entirely explained by genes." However, another expert said that we can still train ourselves to be happier. "Simple things, such as keeping a journal where you write down, every night, three things that you are **grateful for**, have been shown to deliver improvements." Will you try it? ✦



## GLOSSARY

- a deal** *n*  
an agreement
- to label** *vb*  
to put a piece of paper on a product with information about that product on it
- a vineyard** *n*  
a place where grapes grow for making wine
- a carbon footprint** *n*  
the amount of carbon (CO2) that is produced
- to ship** *vb*  
to take by ship
- a voyage** *n*  
a trip/journey
- a sailor** *n*  
a person who works on a boat/ship
- a fleet** *n*  
a group of ships that are part of something (a navy, etc)
- a twin** *n*  
two children who are born at the same time and from the same mother
- a personality trait** *n*  
an aspect of your personality
- linked to** *exp*  
connected to
- a career** *n*  
the job you choose to do for the majority of your life
- the pursuit of happiness** *exp*  
the attempt to be happy
- core** *adj*  
very important / key
- to be grateful for something** *exp*  
to be happy about something



# JUNE



Come and celebrate June with us in our series on anniversaries. This month: June.



**June 1st 1831**  
British naval officer and explorer James Clark Ross successfully **leads** the first expedition to reach the Magnetic North Pole.



**June 2nd 455** The Vandals enter Rome and begin to **plunder** the city for two weeks.



**June 3rd 1992**  
After over a century of denial, Australia finally recognises the land rights of the Aborigines.



**June 5th 1947** At a **speech** at Harvard University, United States Secretary of State George Marshall **calls for** economic aid to **war-torn** Europe. This recovery programme becomes known as the Marshall Plan.



**June 7th 1494**  
Spain and Portugal sign the Treaty of Tordesillas, dividing the newly-discovered lands of the Americas and Africa between the two countries.



**June 11th 1963**  
Governor George Wallace stands at one of the doors of the University of Alabama in an attempt to stop two African-American students (Vivian Malone and James Hood) from **enrolling** at the

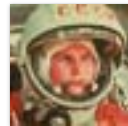
school. Eventually, he lets them through.



**June 12th 1942**  
Anne Frank begins keeping her diary during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.



**June 14th 1777**  
The Second Continental Congress adopts the stars and **stripes** design for the flag of the United States.



**June 16th 1963**  
Aboard Vostok 6, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman in space.



**June 17th 1972**  
The Watergate Scandal: five men are arrested for stealing from the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate complex.



**June 18th 1812**  
The United States declares war on Britain, officially beginning the War of 1812.



**June 19th 1867**  
Maximilian I of the Second Mexican Empire is executed by **firing squad** in Querétaro.

**June 22nd 1986** Argentine footballer Diego Maradona scores both the 'Hand of God'



goal and the 'Goal of the Century' against England during the quarter-final match of the FIFA World Cup in Mexico City.



**June 24th 1947**  
The first post-World War II sighting of **UFOs**: American businessman Kenneth Arnold sees nine **flying saucers** in the state of Washington.



**June 26th 1945**  
At a conference in San Francisco, delegates from 50 nations sign a charter establishing the United Nations.



**June 27th 1967**  
The world's first electronic **cash machine** is installed in Enfield Town, London.



**June 28th 1389**  
The Turks, under Murad I, defeat Lazar Hrebeljanović and a coalition of Serb lords at the Battle of Kosovo.



**June 29th 2006**  
The US Supreme Court delivers its verdict in Hamdan versus Rumsfeld, ruling that military commissions set up by the Bush administration to **try detainees** at Guantanamo Bay are in violation of both US and international law. ✪

## International Public Holidays June 2008

**4th June**  
Independence Day in Tonga



**9th June**  
Donald Duck's "birthday".



**12th June**  
Philippine Independence Day

**21st June**  
National 'Go Skateboarding Day' USA



**29th June**  
The Feast of St Peter and t. Paul, principal patrons of the Church of Rome

## GLOSSARY

**to lead** *vb*  
to be in control of a group of people  
**to plunder** *vb*  
to steal things  
**a speech** *n*  
a formal talk in front of a group of people  
**to call for something** *exp*  
to demand something  
**war-torn** *adj*  
a "war-torn" country is destroyed and devastated by bombs, fighting, etc  
**to enrol** *vb*  
to register at a university/college, etc in order to do a course there  
**a stripe** *n*  
a line of colour that is different to the other colours  
**a firing squad** *n*  
a group of people who shoot someone by firing their guns  
**a UFO** *abbr*  
an unidentified flying object – an alien spaceship  
**a flying saucer** *n*  
an alien spaceship in the form of a round disk  
**a cash machine** *n*  
a machine that gives you money if you put your bank card in it  
**to try** *vb*  
if someone is "tried", there is a legal process against them  
**a detainee** *n*  
someone who is arrested; a prisoner

Famous people fight it out in our monthly competition.

# FACE TO FACE



vs



*Michel Platini*

*Zinedine Zidane*

Two of the greatest footballers in history were Frenchmen: Michel Platini and Zinedine Zidane. They both played for **world class** clubs and were winners of international championships for their country. But who was the greatest?

## Michel Platini

Michel Platini was born in 1955, the son of Italian immigrants. Platini played from 1972 until 1988 and was the national manager from 1990 until he stepped down in 1992 after an **uninspiring** performance in the European championships. As a player he competed in three World Cups and led France to victory in Euro '84. He also had a successful club career, playing for Juventus. He was known as a fantastic **dribbler** of the ball and scored 224 goals for his clubs, which also included AS Nancy and Saint Étienne. He earned 72 **caps** for France and scored 41 goals. Throughout his career he was named European Footballer of the Year three times and World Player of the year twice. He was also **Serie A's** top goal scorer three times. At the moment he is the president of UEFA.

## Zinedine Zidane

Zinedine Zidane was born in 1972 in Marseille, the son of Algerian immigrants. He had a **tough upbringing** on the streets of the city and is known as a **hard case**. He had a fantastic career playing for AS Cannes, Bordeaux and Juventus. However, his career is better known for his time at Real Madrid. Real weren't very successful at this time but the style of play was **outstanding**. During his international career he was a World Cup winner, helping France to success in 1998 when the country hosted the tournament. The French then won Euro 2000. Zidane's last game was the World Cup Final in 2006 which was memorable - not as much for the football as for Zidane's **sending off**. Zidane **head-butted** Italian defender Marco Materazzi after the Italian made comments

about Zidane's family. France eventually lost the game 5-3 on penalties after the game finished 1-1.

## The verdict:

Michel Platini was a player who inspired millions of people to take an interest in football, probably including Zidane. He is known as a great goal-scorer and in his position as UEFA president is an excellent ambassador for sports. *Zizou* Zidane was known as a **midfield general** and very influential in **setting up** goals for strikers to finish off. He had a lot of trouble with discipline during his career but his talents are much more famous. He was also a European and World Player of the Year and surpassed Platini by winning the World Cup. And therefore our results are as follows: Michel Platini = 8/10; Zinedine Zidane = 9/10. 🍀



## GLOSSARY

- world class** *adj*  
one of the best in the world
- uninspiring** *adj*  
not very good
- a dribbler** *n*  
someone with great ball control, who can pass opponents whilst running with the ball
- a cap** *n*  
an appearance with a select team, in this case, the national team
- Serie A** *n*  
the Italian football league
- tough** *adj*  
difficult; hard; violent
- an upbringing** *n*  
a childhood
- a hard case** *n*  
a person who is very strong physically and mentally
- outstanding** *adj*  
excellent; of a high quality
- a sending off** *n*  
an order to leave the pitch/game because of a serious foul
- to head-butt** *vb*  
to hit with your head
- a midfield general** *n*  
a player who plays in the middle of the pitch and who dominates and controls this position
- to set up** *phr vb*  
to create an opportunity for a goal



# Fresh language

English words in Japanese.

“Sarada,” “marason” and “sekushii.” Do you recognise these words?

Probably not, but they are English words that are common in Japanese. Borrowing foreign words is common around the world. In English we use the French “bon appetit” to tell someone to enjoy their meal,

especially to young people. Incidentally, “sarada” is salad, “marason” is “marathon”, and “sekushii” is “sexy”. Other words include “minisuka” (miniskirt) and “sekoha” (second-hand).

Janglish words are foreign words that have no Japanese equivalent. Many of these words



and we say “ciao” to say goodbye. And the Japanese use a lot of English words. Language expert T. Kaori Kitao says, “In writings on fashion, cooking, sports, arts, and more recently, of course, the computer, English words sometimes **overtake** the text.”

So, how did the words get there? Some English words made it into Japanese during the American occupation of Japan after World War II. Later, global American culture had a big influence. Kitao puts English words in the Japanese language into two main categories: Japanglish and Janglish. Japanglish words like “furesshu” (fresh) and “kyuuto” (cute) are **trendy** and sound cooler than the native Japanese versions,

have changed and now become Japanese words. For example, “Sandoicchi” is “sandwich” and “beruto” is “belt”. Interestingly, some Janglish words have changed from the original meaning. For example, a “manshon” (mansion) refers to a **multilevel** building, not a big, luxurious house.

But it isn't all one-way traffic. English too has borrowed Japanese words. Maybe you like to eat “sushi” or do a bit of “karate”, and, of course, everyone loves to sing some “karaoke” every now and then, right? 🎤

## GLOSSARY

**to overtake** *vb*  
to dominate  
**cute** *adj*  
nice and attractive  
**trendy** *adj*  
fashionable  
**multilevel** *adj*  
with many floors/levels

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# VOCABULARY

## DIY

Learn some more useful words and expressions to talk about DIY (doing manual jobs in house: creating, building or fixing things).

**Spanner** – a tool for turning nuts/bolts, etc. “Wrench” or “monkey wrench” in US English.

**Hammer** – a tool for hitting a nail into the wall.

**Screwdriver** – a tool for turning a screw.

**Electric drill** – an electrical tool for making holes in objects.

**Soldering iron** – a tool that is used to join two objects with hot metal.

**Nail** – a small, sharp piece of metal that you hit with a hammer; usually to join pieces of wood.

**Screw** – a small, sharp piece of metal with round lines on it; you turn it with a screwdriver.

**Saw** – a thin, flat piece of metal with sharp teeth and a handle; used for cutting wood.

**Spirit level** – a tool for determining if something is “level” or flat; it has a small tube with a bubble inside.

**Nut** – a small piece of metal (usually square or hexagonal). It goes onto a bolt.

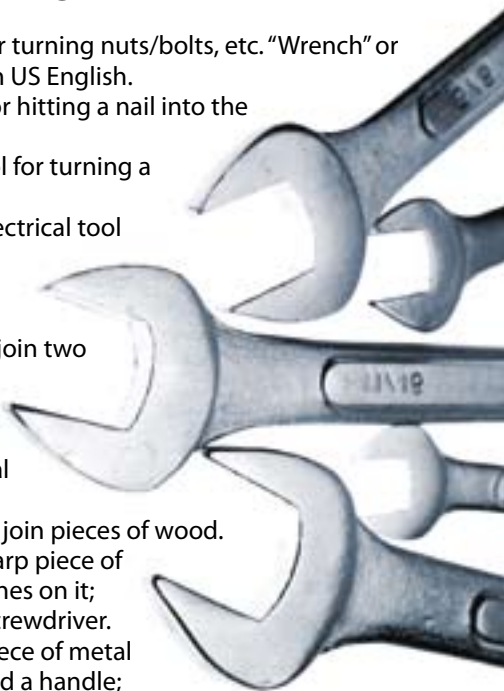
**Bolt** – a small round piece of metal that goes into a hole or a nut.

**Clamp** – a tool for holding objects together with lots of pressure.

**Chainsaw** – a powerful, electrical “saw” with a chain that spins and cuts through wood.

**Measuring tape** – a long piece of plastic, metal, or cloth marked with centimetres, metres, etc.

**Allen key** – an L-shaped metal bar with hexagonal ends for turning special “Allen” screws. ⚙️

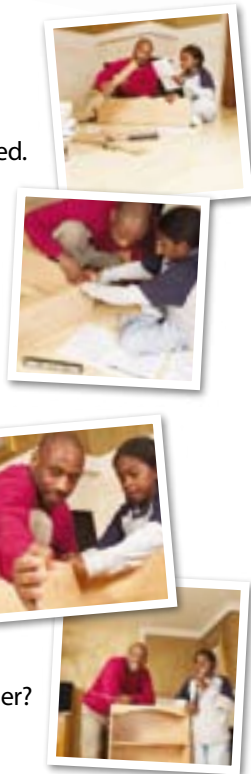


# TYPICAL DIALOGUES

## DIY

In this conversation, Nigel is talking to Shirley. Nigel has just made a new bookshelf.

- Nigel:** So, what do you think?  
**Shirley:** What do I think of what?  
**Nigel:** The new **bookshelf**.  
**Shirley:** Oh, right. Is it finished?  
**Nigel:** Finished? Of course it's finished.  
**Shirley:** It doesn't look very safe.  
**Nigel:** It will be, just as soon as I put some books on it.  
**Shirley:** And it isn't really straight.  
**Nigel:** Yes, it is.  
**Shirley:** Look, if you put this spirit level on it...  
**Nigel:** Don't! Don't touch it!  
**Shirley:** Why?  
**Nigel:** The glue hasn't set.  
**Shirley:** Glue? But you can't build **shelves** with glue.  
**Nigel:** Why?  
**Shirley:** Well, you have to use screws.  
**Nigel:** Screws?  
**Shirley:** Well, what's holding it together?  
**Nigel:** Nails.  
**Shirley:** Nails?  
**Nigel:** Yes, I just banged a few into the wall with my hammer.  
**Shirley:** Oh, dear. Good luck! (*She starts to leave.*)  
**Nigel:** Where are you going?  
**Shirley:** I'm going out.  
**Nigel:** Look, I'm going to put the first book on it. Don't you want to see what happens? (*He puts a book onto it. Nothing happens.*) You see, it's perfect. It hasn't fallen down.  
**Shirley:** Very good.  
**Nigel:** Well done. (*She leaves.*)  
**Nigel:** No one ever believes in me. 😊



### GLOSSARY

**a bookshelf** *n*  
a piece of furniture for putting books on  
**a shelf** *n*  
a piece of wood, metal, etc for putting products in a shop on or things on at home

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# DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC: STOPPING



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## GLOSSARY

**to make up your mind** *exp*  
to decide on something

**a bud** *n*

a small pointed lump that appears on a tree or plant and that develops into a leaf or flower

**a track** *n*

the metal lines that a train travels on

Here are some more useful and interesting expressions for you to learn. This month we are looking at some expressions to describe the act of stopping.



### Chop and change

To change a lot.

"I wish he'd **make up his mind** about what he wants to do – he's always chopping and changing."



### Nip something in the bud

To stop something before it develops or grows.

"Her negative attitude was nipped in the **bud**."



### Hang up your boots

To stop doing something you have been doing for many years.

"He loves football, but he's old now and he's decided it's time to hang up his boots."



### Back to square one

To go back to the starting point.

"The client rejected all of our work. So, it's a question of going back to square one."



### Pull the plug

To stop doing something.

"The company will have to pull the plug on excessive expense accounts."



### Come to a full stop

To end, especially because of a problem or difficulty.

"After a series of financial problems, his career as a businessman came to a full stop."



### Stop someone (dead) in their tracks

To stop someone; to do something that stops someone from continuing.

"A loud scream stopped me dead in my **tracks**."





# PRISON BREAK

Award-winning series *Prison Break* is in its 3rd season, but it almost didn't make it to TV. Producer Paul Scheuring took the idea to Fox studios in 2003 but it was **turned down**. Other networks rejected the idea, too. Then *Lost* and *24* changed the face of TV, and Fox took on *Prison Break*.

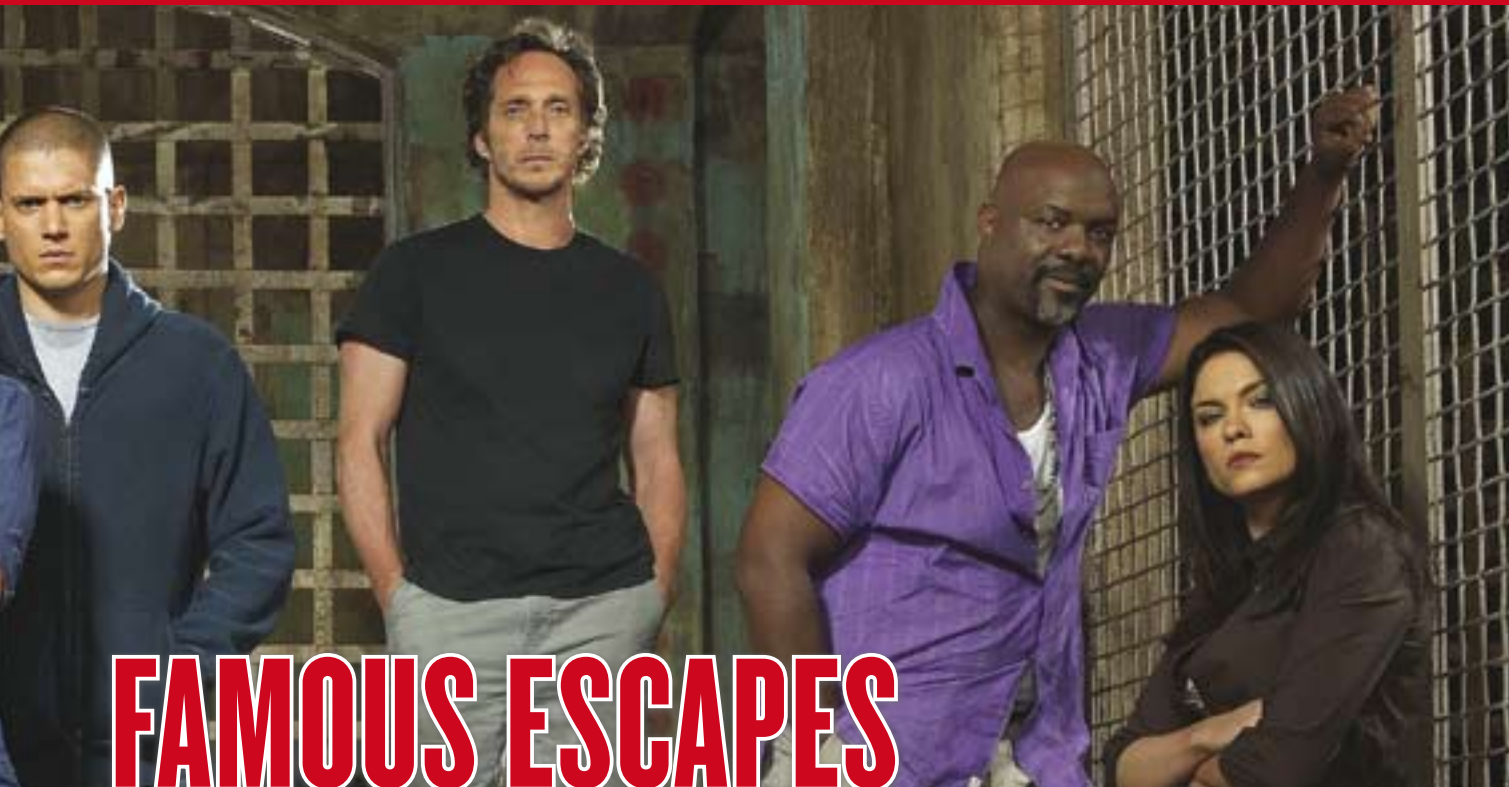
All three series are filmed movie-style, with one episode moving to another like scenes in a movie. In series one, Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell) is **framed** for killing the Vice President's brother. He's thrown in prison and put **on death row**. Younger brother Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller) rescues Lincoln by getting himself in prison to help Lincoln escape. Other inmates get involved in the plan. Season one ends with eight inmates escaping and **going on the lam**.

Season two shows the fugitives and their **flight** cross country, with the government **hot on their trail**. Trouble follows in season three when the brothers and those following them are locked up in a Panama prison. Scofield again manages a prison break. Stars Dominic Purcell (Burrows) and Wentworth Miller (Scofield) were cast at the last minute. Miller was cast a week before filming, and Purcell only three days before they began. Purcell surprised directors when he arrived on set with a shaved head, which made him and Miller look more like brothers.



The show hasn't been without controversy. Two brothers, Robert and Donald Hughes, claim the show is based on their own real escape from prison. Years before, the boys' agent presented the **manuscript** of their story to Fox Television, who rejected it. Their story started in 1965 when 16-year-old Robert Hughes was sent to a juvenile prison facility on false charges. At the time, his mother was mentally ill, and in a paranoid delusion she told police that Robert **threatened** her with an **ice pick**. She eventually **took back her statement**, but Robert was sentenced to do time until he was 21. Older brother Don helped Robert escape and they ran from authorities for over four years. "Life was good and then all of a sudden, we're on the run all over the United States. The State is after us, and then they caught him [Robert] in the army. The federal government wanted us," says Don. The government **exonerated** both men several years later. They claim *Prison Break* is their story. And they've found more than 30 places, names or events that are **strikingly similar** to those in their original **screenplay**. They **sued** Fox Television for copyright infringement. But the judge must have been a fan of the show, because the former fugitives lost their case. ✪





# FAMOUS ESCAPES

There are many stories of impossible prison breaks in history. Here are a few of them.

**A**lcatraz was "home to the most violent criminals in the United States." It was a military prison opened in the 1930s on Alcatraz island in the San Francisco Bay. It was considered **escape-proof**: too far to swim to shore, and heavily protected with electric fences. Alcatraz even had microphones hidden around the prison, so the smallest sound could be heard. The rules were strict, and inmates who **stepped out of line** were severely punished. There was a total silence rule, which meant that prisoners were never allowed to speak. That rule was eventually changed after several inmates went insane. Using anything they could, including nail clippers and spoons, three men managed the impossible on 11th June 1962. Frank Morris and Brothers Clarence and John Anglin **dug their way out of** Alcatraz. They dug through the concrete and escaped through the ventilation system. It took six months. They covered their tunnels with a paste made out of wet newspaper. After their escape from the prison, they made a raft to cross the bay. They were never found, and many people believed they **drowned** or were attacked by sharks.

The Mountjoy Prison Helicopter escape of 1973 is another incredible story. On Halloween, three Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) prisoners escaped the Dublin prison by helicopter. An

American man hijacked a helicopter from Dublin Airport, flew it to the prison's **exercise yard**, and took off with the inmates. All were eventually captured.



Frank Morris

The film *Midnight Express* is the true story of Billy Hayes, an American thrown in a Turkish prison in 1970. He was first sentenced to four years in prison for trying to **smuggle** two kilos of

hashish out of the country, but was later given a life sentence. He spent a year in Sagmalıcar, a "notoriously brutal" prison in Istanbul. Later he transferred to an island prison near the Sea of Marmara. Eventually, he escaped from the prison and **rowed** to shore in a stolen boat. Hayes says the movie is exaggerated, although Turkish prisons were notoriously bad.



Billy Hayes

The Great Escape is the story of 76 men who tunnelled their way out of a German prisoner of war camp, Stalag Luft III in 1944. For over a year, prisoners dug tunnels under the complex, using milk **tins** and other materials stolen from the camp. The tunnels were sophisticated and even had an air pump. They needed the air for oxygen and so they could burn candles. They finally escaped in March

1944, but 73 of them were caught by guards. Hitler ordered over half of them executed. Several of the remaining men were sent to another concentration camp, where they successfully escaped. Memorials to "the Fifty" still stand at the site of Stalag Luft III, which is now in Poland. 🇵🇱



Stalag Luft III

## GLOSSARY

- to turn down** *phr vb*  
to reject
- to frame** *vb*  
if you are "framed", you are falsely accused of a crime
- on death row** *exp*  
waiting to be executed
- to go on the lam** *exp inform*  
to try to hide from the police
- a flight** *n*  
an escape
- to be hot on someone's trail** *exp*  
to be chasing someone and about to catch them
- a manuscript** *n*  
a first version of a book/play/film, etc
- to threaten** *vb*  
to promise to do something bad to someone
- an ice pick** *n*  
a tool used to cut ice. It has a wooden handle and a sharp bit at the end
- to take back a statement** *exp*  
to say that the things you said earlier aren't true
- to exonerate** *vb*  
to say officially that someone isn't responsible for a crime
- strikingly similar** *n*  
very, very similar – almost the same
- a screenplay** *n*  
the text for a film, including instructions for the cameras/directors, etc
- to sue** *vb*  
to start a legal process against someone in order to receive compensation
- escape-proof** *adj*  
that is impossible to escape from
- to step out of line** *exp*  
to do something that is against the rules
- to dig your way out of a place** *exp*  
to escape by making a hole in the ground/wall, etc
- to drown** *vb*  
to die in water
- an exercise yard** *n*  
a place (often outside) where prisoners can do exercise
- to smuggle** *vb*  
to bring something into (or out of) a country illegally
- to row** *vb*  
to use long pieces of wood to make a boat move in the water
- a tin** *n*  
a metal container for food



CD track 25 -  
US woman & Irishwoman

# Quirky News

Unusual news stories from around the world.

## Religious Dog

A praying dog has been found in a Zen Buddhist **temple** in Japan. Conan the Chihuahua joins in the prayers by copying his master, Joei Yoshikuni. The remarkable dog prays in front of the temple's **altar** as he sits on his **hind legs** and joins his front **paws** together. The little one and a half year

old is now attracting tourists to the Shuri Kannondo temple in Naha. Conan prays twice a day before his meals and now Joei is trying to teach him to meditate, sort of. "Basically, I am just trying to get him to sit still while I meditate", the **monk** said. This should make the **debate livelier** about whether animals also have **souls**. ☘

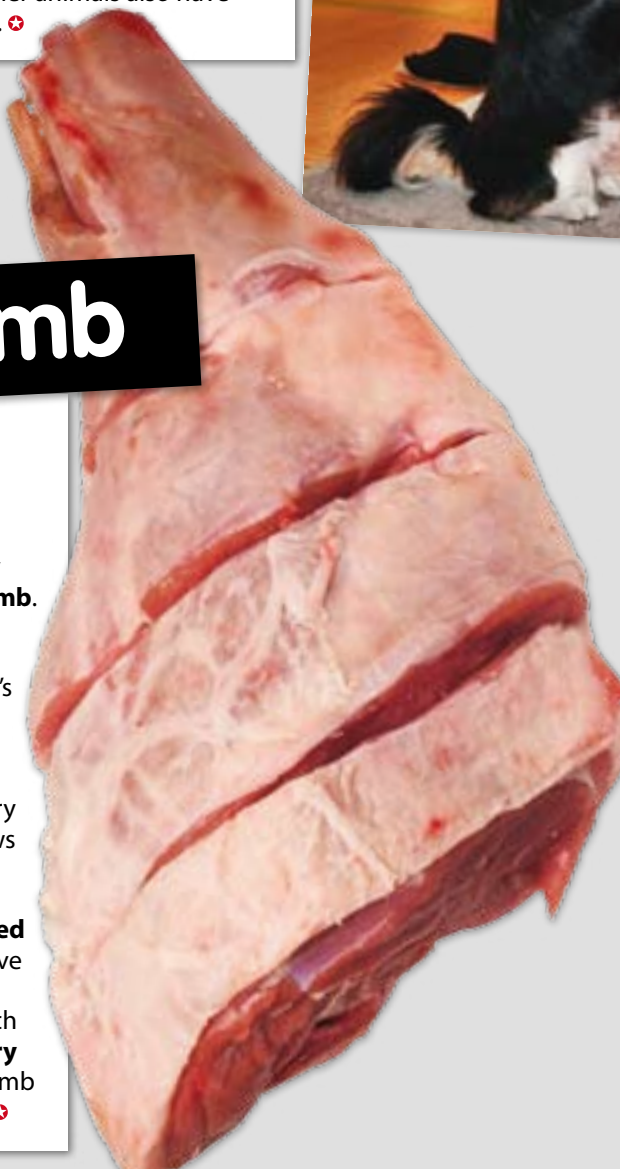


## Leg of Lamb

Angry supporters of Irish League football team Ballymena United were recently involved in **crowd** trouble. They were so **incensed** by one **referee's** decisions in a match that they threw a chair, a bottle and... a leg of **lamb**. The referee and his assistants had to be **escorted** from the **pitch** by the police.

Trouble started after Ballymena's 2 all **draw** against Lisburn Distillery. United fans were angered by the referee's decision not to send Distillery **goalkeeper** Phillip Matthews off. He had sent two United players off and the fans

claimed this was unfair. They also **alleged** that Distillery players had made offensive **gestures** at them. The referee had to wait 15 minutes until he got off the pitch and now the IFA is planning **disciplinary** action. Just who would bring a leg of lamb to a football match remains a mystery. ☘



### GLOSSARY

- a temple** *n*  
a place of worship for certain religions such as Buddhism
- an altar** *n*  
a ceremonial table in a church
- a hind leg** *n*  
a back leg
- a paw** *n*  
a dog's foot
- a monk** *n*  
a man who dedicates his life to a religion. Christian monks live in monasteries
- a lively debate** *n*  
a discussion with many different opinions
- a soul** *n*  
a person's spirit
- a crowd** *n*  
a large group of people
- incensed** *adj*  
very angry
- a referee** *n*  
the person who controls and regulates a sporting event
- a lamb** *n*  
a baby sheep
- to escort** *vb*  
to accompany
- a pitch** *n*  
a place where a football game is played
- a draw** *n*  
an equal score: 1-1, 2-2, etc
- a goalkeeper** *n*  
the footballer who protects the goal and tries to stop the ball going into the net
- to allege** *vb*  
to claim that something is true
- a gesture** *n*  
a signal made with the hand
- disciplinary action** *vb*  
punishment as an example to others





# British bar chat

## Deadlines

This month, Tori and Ann are talking about **deadlines**.

- Helen:** Is that your mobile phone ringing?  
**Grant:** I'm sorry. No, yeah. I'll just erm ... I'll just turn it off.  
**Helen:** Well, why are you going to turn it off?  
**Grant:** Well because we're talking now. So I can always **take** that later, it's just a friend.  
**Helen:** Yeah, but it might be an important call.  
**Grant:** No, it's just a friend ringing.  
**Helen:** Hey, but look, my phone is **going** as well. I can feel the vibration in my pocket and I might have to take that call.  
**Grant:** Well, you can take it if you like.  
**Helen:** But will you feel I am rude if I do take the call?  
**Grant:** Well, if you don't take it now, they're going to **hang up**.  
**Helen:** That's true, that's true. Do you often use mobile phones?  
**Grant:** All the time. Like everybody.  
**Helen:** But for example, this new legislation they're talking about, about using a phone on the plane. What do you think about that?  
**Grant:** Oh. It's just... it's nice to feel that there's somewhere that a phone is not ringing. You're on a plane. Normally you want to rest, maybe you want to work and one thing you'd like to be away from is phones ringing all the time.  
**Helen:** No, I know, I know. I mean the one place you can be away from phones, at the moment, is on a plane, isn't it?  
**Grant:** Yeah.  
**Helen:** I think maybe the quiet carriage in a train.  
**Grant:** Yeah.  
**Helen:** But apart from that.  
**Grant:** There's very few places to escape that. Oh, actually, I think I do need to take this call.  
**Helen:** OK, then. ☘



**GLOSSARY**  
**to take (a call)** *exp*  
 to answer a phone call  
**going** *exp*  
 ringing  
**to hang up** *phrvb*  
 to terminate the communication by phone; to press the button that stops the conversation

# US bar chat

## Scary Movies

This month, Jenna and Melissa are talking about a frightening film.

- Monica:** You'll never guess what I heard on the news last night.  
**Nina:** What did you hear?  
**Monica:** Ah, you know Britney Spears' mom. She's going to be writing a book on how to **raise children**.  
**Nina:** Are you serious? You know that family is always in the news. [I know.] I'd like to see something else.  
**Monica:** Well you know Britney always shaves her head, or gets in the psychiatric unit or... and now her sister's pregnant.  
**Nina:** I know. Why do we **delight in** these kinds of things? I just... It's sad really.  
**Monica:** Well, tell me. When you get home from work, from a long day at work, do you want to sit down on the couch, turn on CNN and see war in Iraq, **economic recession**, or **drive-by shooting**?  
**Nina:** You're right. But, like, the war in Iraq and economic problems that's actually important. You know, that's stuff we need to know. We don't need to know about Britney Spears.  
**Monica:** Or about the New York governor, who got, erm...  
**Nina:** The sex scandal. [Yeah.] I heard about that. [That one.] See that's what I mean. I heard about that too.  
**Monica:** I don't know. I just think that sometimes when you get home at night. It's just too much to... to... It's just too depressing. Real life **stinks**.  
**Nina:** You're right. I mean when you do get home you don't want to go to sleep with the image of a serial killer in your head. It's true.  
**Monica:** Jeff... **Jeffrey Dahmer** would not be my last thought before sleeping.  
**Nina:** No, I hope not! ☘



**GLOSSARY**  
**to raise children** *exp*  
 to educate and look after children until they are adults  
**to delight in something** *exp*  
 to find enjoyment/pleasure in something  
**an economic recession** *n*  
 a period of slower economic activity  
**a drive-by shooting** *n*  
 a killing that takes place when someone shoots a gun from a car  
**to stink** *vb inform*  
 to be really bad  
**Jeffrey Dahmer** *n*  
 a famous serial killer from the US



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

It is illegal to own a **stink bomb**. (Ohio)

You may not open a soda bottle without the supervision of a licensed engineer. (Oklahoma)



Elephants are not to be taken into the downtown area. (Oklahoma)

Mules may not drink out of **bird baths**. (Oklahoma)

It is illegal to buy or sell marijuana, but it is legal to smoke it on your own property. (Oregon)



Canned corn is not to be used as **bait** for fishing. (Oregon)

Drivers must **yield** to pedestrians who are standing on the sidewalk. (Oregon)

One may not **test their physical endurance** while driving a car on a highway. (Oregon)

Babies may not be carried on the **running boards** of a car. (Oregon)



Drivers may not **pump** their own **gas**. (Oregon)



A door on a car may not be left open longer than is necessary. (Oregon)



**Juggling** is strictly prohibited without a license. (Oregon)



One may not **box** with a kangaroo. (Oregon)

Riders of **sleds** may not attach themselves to passing cars. (Oregon)



It's against the law for



a wedding ceremony to be performed at a **skating rink**. (Oregon)



People may not **whistle** underwater. (Oregon)



You cannot wear roller skates in

restrooms. (Oregon)

Women may not **wrestle** in Salem. (Oregon)

**GLOSSARY**

- a stink bomb** *n*  
a small glass container with a liquid in it that smells very bad. It is used for creating a bad smell as a joke
- a bird bath** *n*  
an object in the garden in which you put water for birds
- bait** *n*  
food used to attract animals so you can catch/kill them
- to yield** *vb*  
to give way to; to allow to pass
- to test your physical endurance** *n*  
to do something to see how strong you are
- a running board** *n*  
a piece of wood/metal at the side of the car for putting your foot on
- to pump gas** *exp*  
to put gasoline into your car
- to juggle** *vb*  
to throw balls (usually three) in the air as part of a game
- to box** *vb*  
to fight by using your fists (your closed hands)
- a sled** *n*  
a form of transport for travelling over snow. It is sometimes pulled by dogs
- a skating rink** *n*  
an area of ice where you can go ice skating
- to whistle** *vb*  
to create a sound by blowing air out of your mouth
- a restroom** *n*  
a toilet or bathroom
- to wrestle** *vb*  
"wrestling" is a sport that involves fighting. To "wrestle" is to fight

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

Situation	Formal	Relaxed	Informal
A friend is making a lot of noise.	She is creating a high level of noise pollution.	She is making a lot of noise.	She's making a real racket.
Someone is annoying you. You tell him to stop.	Stop disturbing me.	Stop annoying me.	Stop razzing me.
A friend is very funny.	He is of an amusing nature.	He's really funny.	He's a riot.
Someone tricked you into paying for something. You tell a friend.	I was deceived into parting with a sum of money.	I was tricked into buying it.	I got ripped off.
You bought a DVD player, but it broke the following day.	It was a fraudulent sale.	It was a fraud.	It was a rip off.
Mike is a teacher. You think his classes are excellent.	Mike's pedagogical seminars are of a high quality.	Mike's classes are great.	Mike's classes are rocking.



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This is a new part on a series of "home" idioms.



### Home stretch

The last part of a long or difficult activity.

"We've been working on this project for two years now, but we're in the home stretch now."



### Home is where the heart is

Your true home is with the person, people or place that you love the most.

"I don't mind moving house, as long as I have my family with me. As they say, home is where the heart is."



### Come home to somebody

If something comes home to you, you understand it clearly.

"It suddenly came home to me that I'd made the most terrible mistake."



### Keep the home fires burning

To keep your home pleasant and in good order while people are away, especially at war.

"The men marched off to war while their wives and sweethearts kept the home fires burning."



### Be close to home

If comments are close to home, they affect you in a personal way and they can upset you or make you angry because they are very personal to you.

"Those comments about not working enough were a little too close to home for me – I think he was trying to attack me subtly."



### Charity begins/starts at home

Family members should be more important than anyone else, and should be the focus of your efforts and charity.

"You should stay at home and look after your mother before going abroad to help others. Charity starts at home, you know."

# THE CHAP OLYMPICS

Now, listen up gentlemen... and ladies, of course. There is a new addition to events during the Great British Summer: The **Chap** Olympics. This annual competition has been held for the last few years, and is designed to find the perfect English gentleman and to demonstrate his obvious cultural superiority over "Johnny Foreigner".



This competition, which is sponsored by Hendrik's Gin, has been voted as one of the top events of the summer in a **poll** by the Sunday Times. The **bizarre** events include jumping into a sandpit while holding a gin and tonic, shouting at foreigners (this involves buying **kippers** and a **trouser press** from a shopkeeper who doesn't speak English) and "Bounders". "What?" I hear you say. "Bounders? What is that?" Well, "Bounders" is an event in which the contestants confront a line of lovely ladies and behave like total **cads** for two minutes. The winner is the chap who receives the loudest **slap**.

All competitors are dressed as typical English gentlemen with three-piece suits and tweed jackets. The prizes include **bowler hats** and **cravats**. Some competitors even have **handlebar moustaches**, the ultimate sign of a "chap". The Olympic **pipe** is lit instead of the usual Olympic torch, and **fair play** is demanded of each contestant.

The event is a chance to see the absurd side of British culture, and for the Brits to poke some

fun at themselves. Toffs and the upper class of society show what they do best: act like **buffoons**, dress strangely, be rude to foreigners and have a distinct sense of **xenophobia**.

England has a long tradition of fun sports. Games such as the sack race (jumping in sacks until the finishing line) have happened at **fairs** all over Britain and Ireland for centuries. The egg and spoon race is also popular. In this, competitors run while balancing an egg on a spoon. Probably the strangest sport though, is "shinkicking". Two contestants try to bring each other to the ground by kicking their **shins**. You are only allowed straw for protection.



Another reason for these games' popularity is that many people have become bored of modern sport. There is too much hype and corporate interference. Some want to play or watch sport for the original reasons. The word "sport" comes from the verb "to disport" which means to amuse or divert. This is certainly amusing stuff and puts some fun back into games in general. Tally-ho, chappies! 🍷

## GLOSSARY

- a chap** *n*  
a word used to refer to an English gentleman
- Johnny Foreigner** *n inform*  
an upper-class English word used to refer to foreigners (in a negative way)
- a poll** *n*  
a study; a questionnaire
- bizarre** *adj*  
very strange
- a kipper** *n*  
a type of fish
- a trouser press** *n*  
an electrical appliance for ironing trousers
- a cad** *n*  
a badly behaved upper-class man. A posh villain
- a slap** *n*  
a hit on the face with an open hand
- a bowler hat** *n*  
a round, black hat worn by some British people
- a cravat** *n*  
a short, thin scarf worn around the neck
- a handlebar moustache** *n*  
a thick moustache turned up at the ends
- a pipe** *n*  
a tube used for smoking tobacco
- fair play** *n*  
playing honestly
- a buffoon** *n*  
an idiot
- xenophobia** *n*  
a fear/hatred of foreigners
- a fair** *n*  
an outside event with games, competitions, food, etc
- a shin** *n*  
the bone in your leg between your knee and your foot



# PHRASAL VERB THEMES: SLEEPING & WAKING

This month we are looking at some phrasal verbs you can use to talk about sleeping and waking.

## WAKE UP

TO STOP SLEEPING. IF YOU "GET UP", YOU GET OUT OF THE BED.



"I WOKE UP AT 07:00, AND GOT UP AT 07:15."

## SLEEP IN

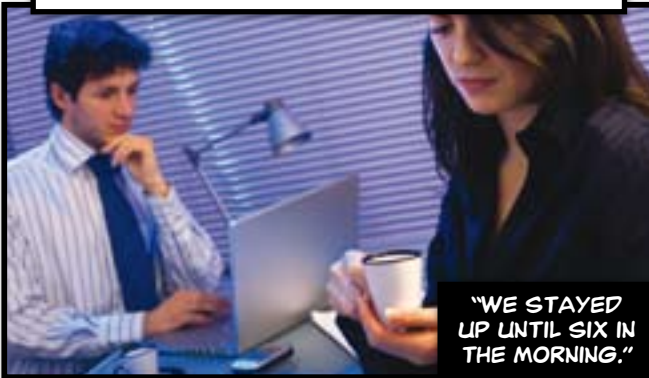
TO CONTINUE SLEEPING IN THE MORNING; TO STAY IN BED IN THE MORNING. TO "LIE IN" IS TO BE IN BED IN THE MORNING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ASLEEP.



"WE SLEPT UNTIL 11:30 ON SUNDAY MORNING. I LOVE SLEEPING IN."

## STAY UP

NOT TO GO TO BED.



"WE STAYED UP UNTIL SIX IN THE MORNING."

## WAIT UP

NOT TO GO TO BED BECAUSE YOU ARE WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO ARRIVE AT NIGHT.



"I WAITED UP UNTIL MY DAUGHTER GOT BACK FROM THE PARTY."

## PUT SOMEONE UP

TO LET SOMEONE SLEEP AT YOUR HOUSE FOR THE NIGHT.



"WE PUT OUR COUSIN UP FOR TWO NIGHTS."

## TURN IN

TO GO TO BED.



"I'M REALLY TIRED. I THINK I'M GOING TO TURN IN."

## SLEEP OVER

TO SLEEP AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE FOR THE NIGHT - OFTEN AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.



"JENNY AND CLAIRE ARE SLEEPING OVER AT SAM'S HOUSE TONIGHT."

## SLEEP THROUGH (THE ALARM CLOCK)

TO CONTINUE SLEEPING EVEN THOUGH THE ALARM CLOCK IS SOUNDING.



"SHE SLEPT THROUGH THE ALARM AND ARRIVED LATE FOR WORK."

# Headline News

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## DVDs for Cubans

*Is the Cuban Revolution unravelling?*

The free market is coming to Cuba. For the first time, Cubans are now allowed to **purchase** goods and **appliances** that many in the west **take for granted**. The government of Raul Castro, brother of the **ageing** revolutionary Fidel, has lifted a ban on products such as DVD players, computers and mobile phones. It is said that Fidel isn't happy about the situation but he is powerless to do anything about it as he has **stepped down** as president.

Raul Castro has insisted that the economy has to be reformed for Cuba to be able to survive in the modern world. Since the revolution of 1959, the island's economy has been run according to the principles of socialism. Now, economic reforms will bring much-needed

money and investment but it will also create a middle-class and not everyone will benefit from the changes. This, Fidel believes, will destroy the gains that the revolution has made in people's lives. But the country is poor and has been **isolated** economically since the end of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s. This has been **aggravated** by an **embargo** ordered by Cuba's **arch-nemesis**, the USA, which is only 90 miles across the Florida Straits.

Fidel Castro has been the president of Cuba since his guerrilla movement overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959. He has survived over 600 **assassination** attempts and has outlasted nine US presidents. One **bizarre** plan to **oust** Castro was to cover his beard with poisonous powder so that it would **fall out**. His younger brother Raul has been **at his side** since his fighting days and has now **taken the reins of power** from the 81 year-old. ☪



### GLOSSARY

- to unravel** *vb*  
to undo; to separate; to come apart
- to purchase** *vb*  
to buy
- an appliance** *n*  
an electrical product
- to take for granted** *exp*  
to accept something as normal, even though for others it is special
- ageing** *adj*  
getting old
- to step down** *phr. Vb*  
to retire from a job; to stop working
- isolated** *adj*  
alone; with no company/friends/human contact, etc
- to aggravate** *vb*  
to make worse
- an embargo** *n*  
a blockade of a country in order to prevent the import or export of products
- an arch-nemesis** *n*  
your worst enemy
- an assassination** *n*  
the murder of an important person (often a politician)
- bizarre** *adj*  
very strange
- to oust** *vb*  
to remove from power
- to fall out** *phr vb*  
to become detached from; to separate from
- at someone's side** *exp.*  
near someone (physically/emotionally/spiritually, etc)
- to take the reins of power** *exp*  
to become the person who governs in a country
- a role** *n*  
a part in a film
- lauded** *adj*  
praised; glorified
- to struggle** *vb*  
to fight
- right wing** *adj*  
politically traditional and conservative
- National Rifle Association (NRA)** *n*  
a US group that promotes the rights of gun owners
- to stir controversy** *exp*  
to create controversy
- the gun lobby** *n*  
politicians, businesses, etc who campaign politically for the right to have guns
- a stage name** *n*  
the name that some actors are known by that is different from their real names
- ancestry** *n*  
the people you are descended from
- a clan** *n*  
an extended family in Scotland and Ireland
- final years** *n*  
the years before someone dies
- a dignitary** *n*  
an important person
- a filmography** *n*  
the list of films an actor has been in
- a legacy** *n*  
an image and memory of someone after they die

## Heston Dies

*End of an era for the cinema.*

The American actor Charlton Heston has passed away, aged 84. The actor was considered a Hollywood legend and played the **role** of many famous historical characters during his career. Some of his most **lauded** roles were as Moses in *The Ten Commandments*, Michelangelo in *The Agony and the Ecstasy* and *El Cid* in the movie of the same name.

Heston was well-known when he was younger as being very liberal-minded. He supported the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s when African-American people were **struggling** for equal opportunities. Later, he became increasingly **right-wing** and was president of the **National Rifle Association** from 1998 to 2003. His most controversial role was an accidental one. He was in Michael Moore's Oscar-winning documentary *Bowling for Columbine*. Moore confronted Heston in his house about his support for **the gun lobby** and the death of a young girl in a gun-



related incident at an American primary school.

John Charles Carter was born in Illinois, USA in 1923. He took the **stage name** Charlton Heston, something that

many actors do to help their careers. He had Scottish/English **ancestry** and was a member of the Fraser **clan**. In his **final years**, he suffered from Alzheimer's Disease. His funeral was attended by many **dignitaries**, including Nancy Reagan, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Oliver Stone. He leaves behind an impressive **filmography** and a controversial **legacy**. ☪





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The day that Ireland became a world-class side.

# IRISH VICTORY

**I**rish international football has, from time to time, had a high level. Northern Ireland had a successful spell in the 1950s, reaching the World Cup Quarter Finals. Then in the 1980s, they reached the World Cup Finals in 1982 and 1986. They famously defeated soccer giants Spain in the 1982 finals and their goalkeeper, Pat Jennings, is considered one of the greatest ever. The Republic of Ireland, on the

other hand, weren't as successful.

But all that changed in 1986 when former England player Jack Charlton was appointed manager. From then on, Big Jack's green and white army was on the march.



Jack Charlton

The Irish qualified for Euro '88 thanks to Scotland beating Bulgaria in the final qualifier. Ireland did well in the qualifiers but fell short of an automatic place in the finals. Charlton was known for very straightforward football, not stylish but effective. Now that they had qualified, they were drawn in the group stages against the USSR, Holland and **The Auld Enemy**, England. The English **media** didn't give Ireland much of a chance. They accused them of being a **second rate** "English" team due to the fact that many Irish players were born in England, and that England had rejected Jack Charlton as manager in 1977. England had a very strong side and were expected to **walk over** the Irish.

However, when the day came, things were very different. Thousands of Irish **turned up** for the game as it was the first time the Republic of Ireland had qualified for a major international tournament. There had been trouble with English **hooligans** before the game, so the German police were concentrated in the English end while the Irish moved freely. Early in the game, the English media was silenced by Irish striker Ray Houghton who, after six minutes, **scored** a header which flew over English keeper Peter Shilton's head. This put the Irish one goal ahead.



There were cries for **offside** but the referee allowed the goal and it was 1-0. The next 84 minutes saw England **batter** the Irish defence, but Celtic and Ireland **goalie** Pat Bonner **pulled off** some fantastic saves. The Irish had some great chances too, but when the **final whistle** blew it was still 1-0. The Irish players and fans **breathed a sigh of relief** and the party began. The fans stayed in the stadium for over an hour celebrating. The German fans **joined in** the festivities. There was no trouble with the English fans as they had already left. The partying continued into the night.



This game is seen by many Irish soccer supporters as the point when the Republic of Ireland proved itself as a serious **contender** in international football. After Euro '88, Ireland qualified for three World Cup Finals, reaching the quarter finals in Italia '90. Big Jack has been accredited with this success and the Englishman is now an **honorary Irishman**. Unfortunately, the side hasn't qualified for a major tournament since 2002. But with their new manager, former Italian national manager Giovanni Trapattoni, a **return to form** is expected. 🍀



Giovanni Trapattoni



## GLOSSARY

- the Auld Enemy** *n*  
"the Old Enemy". An Irish-Scottish name for England and the English
- the media** *n*  
newspapers, news channels etc
- second-rate** *adj*  
not as good as others; of a poor quality
- to walk over** *phr vb*  
to defeat easily
- to turn up** *phr vb*  
to arrive
- a hooligan** *n*  
a violent fan
- a header** *n*  
hitting a football with your head
- offside** *n*  
a law in football that says you can't score if the ball is passed to you while you are between the last opposing player and the net
- to batter** *vb*  
to attack repeatedly and forcefully
- the goalie** *n*  
the goalkeeper
- to pull off** *phr vb*  
to succeed at something difficult
- the final whistle** *n*  
the sound produced by a whistle that means the game has finished
- to breath a sigh of relief** *vb-exp*  
to feel happy after a difficult time or incident
- to join in** *phr vb*  
to become a part of
- a contender** *n*  
a competitor
- an honorary Irishman** *adj*  
to be considered Irish because of a great service to the country
- a return to form** *n*  
to become good again

Women on holiday.

# GETAWAY GIRLS

Women are packing up and getting away, on holiday. But not with their husbands or boyfriends. The travel industry has a brand new market: girlfriend **getaways**, or all-women holidays.



The latest **trend** for women is holidays together. These days, the market is full of women-only travel books, vacation packages, and magazines designed exclusively for female travellers. Marybeth Bond wrote *50 Best Girlfriends' Getaways in North America*, and *50 Best Girlfriends' Getaways Worldwide*. There has been a 230% increase in "women-only" travel companies over the past seven years. This represents a "cultural **shift**," according to AdventureWoman travel agency founder Susan Eckert. Now that working women have the money and independence to travel, the focus on the family vacation is over. But why?

One thing is that it's no longer socially **unacceptable** for women to travel without their husbands. "Thirty years ago, women didn't vacation without their families. A woman who did travel without her husband was asked whether there was something wrong in the marriage," Eckert said. Plus, girlfriend getaways allow women to "reconnect" with college and childhood friends.

So, what's on offer? The travel industry offers a wide variety of "speciality vacations." These include **knitting** trips to Scotland, making perfumes in France, relaxing at spa resorts, **backpacking** adventure trips, big city vacations and eco-trips. But women aren't just taking off with friends. Mothers and daughters travel together more than ever, and over 60%



of women go on holiday alone, said one travel agent. Some women feel guilty about leaving their husband or boyfriend at home. However, men are increasingly encouraging their female companions to travel with other women.

Marcia Walker of South Carolina visited China with her daughter early this year. "I saw women shopping in stores while their husbands waited impatiently outside. My ex-husband wouldn't go anywhere he couldn't drive to. I really enjoy travelling now that there isn't somebody **breathing down my neck**," she explained.

But it isn't just travel companies who are making money out of this new trend. These days, many technology companies are creating travel accessories **with women in mind**. There are Wildcharger chargers which can charge multiple mobile phones at once "whether you're on a safari or at a spa". Swarovski crystals have the Active Crystals Lock Out, a mini **padlock** covered in Ceralun crystals that you can wear as a necklace. For cocktails, there is the Coleman's Road Trip Blender. You can make up to 30 **pitchers** of margaritas before you have to recharge the battery.

"The industry has rolled out the red carpet," says Stephanie Oswald, editor-in-chief of *Travelgirl* magazine. "I think that's a great sign that this is a phenomenon and not a trend. It's here to stay." Let's see. ✨



## GLOSSARY

- a getaway** *n*  
a mini holiday; a holiday on the weekend; a holiday that involves going to another country
- a trend** *n*  
a fashion
- a shift** *n*  
a change
- unacceptable** *n*  
not acceptable; not good
- knitting** *n*  
making clothes by joining pieces of wool together
- backpacking** *n*  
travelling around a country or in the mountains with a bag on your back to **breathe down someone's neck** *exp*
- if someone is doing this to you, they are constantly behind you telling you what to do
- with women in mind** *exp*  
thinking about women
- a padlock** *n*  
a little lock for closing bags securely
- a pitcher** *n*  
a large container for liquids, especially beer





# Franco-German Freeze

*Europe's closest friendship falls apart.*



STOP BEING SO  
HYPERACTIVE!

"Hyperactive. **Boastful**. And an **over-familiar** personal style." That's how colleagues of Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, have described Nicolas Sarkozy, the French President. Meanwhile, French officials suggest Sarkozy finds Merkel too cautious and too **ponderous**. In both Paris and Berlin there is talk of a serious **rift** in the single most important national partnership in Europe. There is also a suggestion that Sarkozy wants to **play down** the Paris-Berlin relationship, and concentrate on **ties** with the UK and US. But **at the heart of** the dispute, appears to be an increasingly difficult personal relationship between the two leaders.

In less than a week, two scheduled meetings between the countries have been cancelled by Paris. Initially, a Franco-German summit was **postponed** because "President Sarkozy's diary was too **busy**". Then a meeting between the French and German finance ministers was **called off** because the French minister had to "accompany Mr Sarkozy on a visit to a provincial health centre and luxury goods factory". Eckart von Klaeden, a parliamentary spokesman for Merkel's party, said the French explanation was "hardly convincing". The French and German governments have insisted officially that the **postponements** were a timetabling problem. ☺

# Ikea's Danish Doormats

*Stop naming your rubbish products after us, Danes tell Swedish retailer.*

"It couldn't be anything but intentional for a gigantic, well-organised company like Ikea to have used Danish names for its **doormats**," a reader wrote in a letter to a Danish newspaper. These comments follow a scientific analysis of the Ikea

**catalogue** conducted by the University of Copenhagen. Academics claim to have discovered a pattern whereby **high-end items** – chairs, beds, **home furnishings** – get named after Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian towns. But lesser products such as doormats and **toilet seats** are named after Danish towns. Danish academic Klaus Kjoller argues that Ikea's naming system "symbolically portrays Denmark as the doormat of neighbouring Sweden, a country with a larger



economy and population". Many Danes believe that the researchers were absolutely right to **point out** what they perceived as Ikea insults.

But officials at Ikea reject the criticism. Ikea spokesperson Charlotte Lindgren said, "It's nonsense to say that we did this on purpose. It was a pure coincidence."

Sweden and Denmark have not been the best of friends throughout history. Norway was once Danish until Sweden annexed it before granting it independence a century ago. And many Danes **smart at** the sign at Stockholm Airport welcoming visitors to the "Capital of Scandinavia". Copenhageners like to claim that title for themselves! ☺

## GLOSSARY

- boastful** *adj*  
a "boastful" person likes to talk about how good he/she is
- over-familiar** *adj*  
being too friendly and informal
- ponderous** *adj*  
a "ponderous" person takes very long to answer and thinks a lot
- a rift** *n*  
a disagreement; a serious problem in a relationship
- to play down** *phr vb*  
to say that something is less important than it is or others say it is
- a tie** *n*  
a connection
- at the heart of** *exp*  
at the centre of
- to postpone** *vb*  
to delay; to make happen later
- busy** *adj*  
with too many things to do and not enough time
- to call off** *phr vb*  
to cancel
- a postponement** *n*  
a cancellation; a delay
- a doormat** *n*  
a piece of material by the door on which people can clean their shoes
- a catalogue** *n*  
a mini book with information about products, etc
- a high-end item** *n*  
an expensive, quality product
- home furnishings** *n*  
things for the home: furniture, curtains, carpets, etc
- a toilet seat** *n*  
a cover for a toilet
- to point out** *phr vb*  
to mention
- to smart at something** *exp*  
to feel anger about something every time you see/hear it

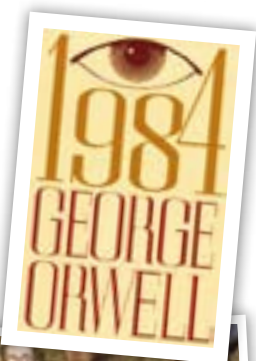
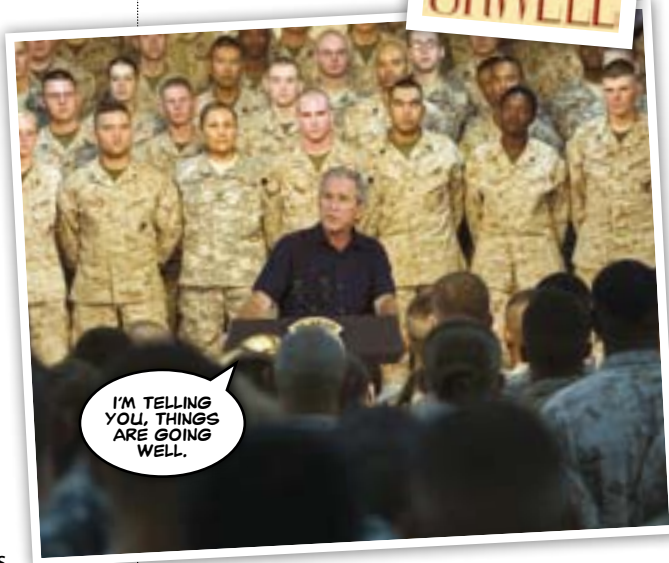
# Word of the month:

# Spin

This month we're looking at the word "spin".

Politicians use "spin" to change our perception of events. Basically, "spin" is a term used in politics to describe language that changes the truth. For example, a politician will use spin to turn a crisis to their advantage. It is similar to "doublespeak", a word used to describe author George Orwell's depiction of language manipulation in his **dystopian** novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. In the book, English was changed and **abridged** to distort the true meaning of what the government was telling people. An example of spin would be if a government or political party used a national crisis to its advantage by blaming it on political enemies. For example, during the Iraq War, George Bush was constantly accused of spin after claiming that he was making the world a safer place. He based his claim on the fact that he was fighting terrorists in Iraq. His political opponents, on the other hand said that the war that Bush started was making people become terrorists.

someone whose job it is to present a positive image of the person in question. Quite



Euphemisms are used quite a lot with spin as they can be used to make a negative situation sound more positive and "putting a spin on things" is a common phrase. This means that you tell facts in a way that is either positive or negative, depending on how you would like people to think about those facts.

often, these spin doctors are given titles such as Director of Communications or Public Relations Manager. Major corporations also employ people like this, particularly companies who have had much negative publicity in the past. These are like public relations departments, and work hard to promote a positive image of the company. They are also used to **deflect** attention away from negative publicity. ✪

Politicians regularly employ spin doctors when they are **running for election**. A spin doctor is

### GLOSSARY

**dystopian** *adj*  
referring to a society that is negative and oppressive

**abridged** *adj*  
shortened and simplified

**running for election** *exp*  
if a politician is "running for election", he/she is trying to become president

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