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Hello everyone, and welcome to another issue of Hot English magazine – the fun magazine for learning English. This month you'll notice that Hot English is even BIGGER than ever. There are 16 MORE pages. We've also introduced a few more changes, adding more exercises to help you monitor your learning. We hope you like it all.

Last month, we had an article on the new Indiana Jones film. I went to see it recently and was somewhat disappointed. I **remember** the first one so well and so **fondly**. But this one seemed a bit like a **B-movie** joke, with **cheesy acting** and a fairly **dodgy** script. Anyway, I guess that's the problem with all these sequel films – they never quite **live up to** the first ones. This month in Hot English, we're looking at the Olympics. You can read about a famous Olympics priest, the 1936 Olympics and a few Olympics champions to watch out for. Talking about famous people, you have to check out our Celebrity Request quiz. Some of the demands that famous people make are truly incredible.

Anyway, that's all for this month. Have fun, have a great holiday (remember, there's no magazine in August), and see you again in September for the start of the new academic year.

All the best,  
*Andy*

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### GLOSSARY

- to remember something fondly** *exp*  
to have good memories of something
- a B-movie** *n*  
a film that is produced quickly and cheaply
- cheesy acting** *n*  
cheap, bad
- dodgy** *adj*  
not good
- to live up to** *exp*  
to be as good as; to be the same quality as

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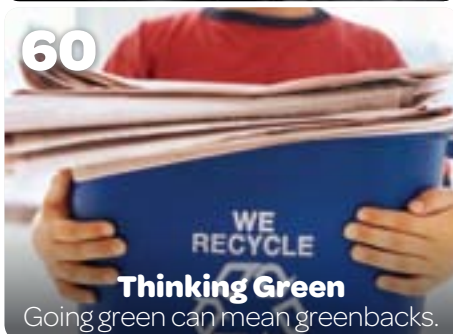
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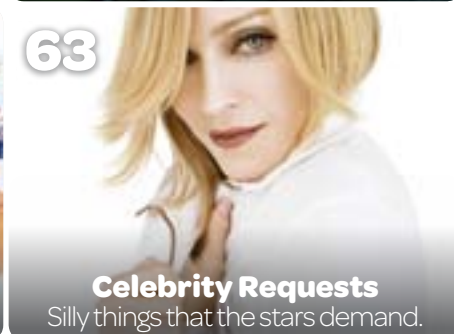
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# Desert Beauty

Camel beauty pageant.

You've heard of Miss America and Miss Universe. They're well-known beauty competitions. But Abu Dhabi recently hosted a different type of pageant: a camel beauty **pageant**. Camels were categorised on their colour and age. The camels were **judged** on their body shape, **hump** size and **facial features**. **Owners** of the lucky winners received **cash prizes** and cars. Abu Dhabi's royal family donated over \$2 million and the cars. The contest is part of a camel festival in the capital of the United Arab Emirates. The aim of the festival is to celebrate and preserve the region's **cultural heritage**. During the ceremony, the **crown prince**, Sheik Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, spent \$4.5 million on 16 camels. **Proceeds** from the competition went to an excellent cause: the preservation of the nomadic way of life of the desert people. No swimsuit competition was necessary. ✦



I'M A IO.



## 1 Pre reading: anagrams

Put the letters in the correct order to make collocations of "beauty". "Beauty"...

- ductorps **products**
- totimpeinco
- testcon
- plarour
- gapeant

## 2 Discussion

- What do the words in Exercise 1 mean?
- What do you think about beauty contests?
- Why are some beauty contests controversial?

## 3 Reading I

Read the article once. How is this beauty contest different from others?

## 4 Reading II

Read it again and answer the following questions.

- What were the two categories in the contest?
- How were the contestants judged?

- What were the two prizes awarded?
- Who made a generous donation to the contest? How much was it?

## Language Spot!

"You've heard of..."

This expression is quite common in English. We use this expression to ask if someone knows about the existence of something. "Have you heard of Miss America?" Notice the difference in meaning when we change the preposition from "of" to "about". We often use "hear about" to talk about gossip.

"Have you heard about Phil's girlfriend? Apparently, she..."



## GLOSSARY

- a (beauty) pageant** *n*  
a competition to choose the most attractive / best-looking person / thing
- to judge** *vb*  
to decide which thing / person should win
- a hump** *n*  
the object on a camel's back
- a facial feature** *n*  
your eyes, mouth, nose, etc
- an owner** *n*  
a person who possesses something
- a cash prize** *n*  
money you can win
- a cultural heritage** *n*  
the traditions, buildings, culture, etc of a country that have developed over the centuries
- a crown prince** *n*  
a prince who will be king when the current king or queen dies
- the proceeds** *n*  
the money collected from an event





# Britain's Banksy

Popular graffiti artist is a man of mystery.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?



One British graffiti artist is bringing street art to everyone's attention. Banksy, a Bristol native, is famous for his "politically **subversive**" **stencil graffiti**. Banksy is a man of mystery as no one knows his true identity. His website has his **tag** on a plain white **background**. Banksy's work is always in black and white. Pieces around London include a monkey carrying **weapons of mass destruction** and a rat **parachuting** out of a **drainpipe**. Banksy created the cover of British rock group Blur's

album 'Think Tank'. His art has also appeared in a British Council exhibit on "political design in the UK and South Africa". He has shown his art in small galleries in London. Even Nike is hoping he will do some design work for them. But no one can find him, although there are several Banksy "sightings" on YouTube. ☘



## 1 Pre reading: vocabulary

Match the words to the definitions.

1. a tag
  2. graffiti
  3. a work of art
  4. an exhibition
  5. an art gallery
- a. a controversial form of artistic expression found on public property
  - b. a place where you can buy or look at art
  - c. a collection of works of art on display in a museum / art gallery
  - d. a painting / sculpture, etc that an artist has created
  - e. a graffiti artist's signature

## 2 Discussion

1. Do you think graffiti is a form of art? Why? Why not?
2. What's your favourite work of art? Why?
3. Who is your favourite artist? Why?
4. Do you enjoy going to art galleries? Why? Why not?

## 3 Reading I

Read the article. What is special about Banksy?

## 4 Reading II

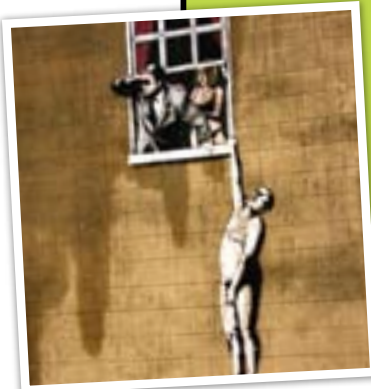
Read the article again and complete the spaces.

1. The graffiti artist, Banksy is from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Banksy's work is always in black \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Banksy last exhibition was about political design in the UK and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Banksy designed the album cover of the famous Britpop band \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He is also doing design work for the big sports brand \_\_\_\_\_.



## GLOSSARY

- subversive** *adj*  
something that is intended to destroy or weaken a political system
- stencil graffiti** *n*  
graffiti that is created with a "stencil" – a piece of paper or plastic with a design cut out of it
- a tag** *n*  
a graffiti artist's signature
- a background** *n*  
the colour / image behind a picture
- weapons of mass destruction** *n*  
nuclear bombs, etc
- to parachute** *vb*  
to jump from an aeroplane and float safely to the ground with a parachute
- a drainpipe** *n*  
a pipe at the side of a building. Rainwater flows down it



## Expression of the day!

To bring something to someone's attention

Look in the article and find this expression. What do you think it means from the context?

# The Name Game



**Deep Purple** (English rock group)

1. "Purple" is a red / blue colour.
2. Something "deep" is not shallow.  
"The lake was more than 200 metres deep."

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



**Chuck Berry** (American rock 'n' roll singer)

1. A "berry" is a little fruit.
2. If you "chuck" something, you throw it casually. "Could you chuck that book over to me, please?"



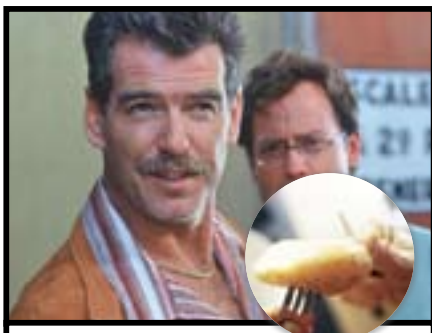
**Brian May** (guitarist with the rock group Queen)

- "May" is the month that comes after April.  
"They got married in May."



**Spiderman**

- A "spider" is a little insect with eight legs.  
"There's a spider in the bathroom."



**Pierce Brosnan** (Irish actor)

- If you "pierce" something with a sharp object, you make a hole in that object.  
"Pierce the skin of the potato a few times with a fork."



**Dumbo**

- We can use the word "dumb" to say that something or someone is stupid.  
"He's really dumb." / "She can be really dumb sometimes."



**The Eagles** (American rock group)

- "An 'eagle' is a large bird that eats small animals.  
"There's an eagle in the sky."



# Headline News

Headline News N° 1

The voice of the people

London 2008

HEADLINE NEWS

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## Into Thin Air

Chilean lake disappears.



Can a lake disappear? In Chile's southern Andes region, a lake **disappeared into thin air**. The lake was a five-acre **glacial lake** (100 metres by 200 metres approx) and 30 metres deep. Park Rangers at Bernardo O'Higgins National Park **patrolled** the lake in March. When they returned in May, the lake was **gone**. "All that was left were **chunks of ice**," says Juan Jose Romero, of Chile's National Forestry Corporation. "No one knows what happened." The area is known for **earthquakes**, which could explain the deep cracks in the ground where the lake once was. "The water could have sunk into the ground through the **cracks**," he added.



There haven't been any earthquakes lately, but last year there was one in Ayesen, a town nearby. This may explain why the lake vanished. It's not frequent that geographical features disappear. However, glacial specialist Andres Rivera says the area has changed a lot in recent **decades** – in fact, the lake wasn't even there 30 years ago. **Landscape** changes can happen very quickly, or gradually over time. Geologists are investigating the mysterious disappearance of the lake. They are certain that **global warming** has something to do with it. ⚡

### GLOSSARY

**to disappear into thin air** *n*  
to disappear completely and with no evidence  
**a glacial lake** *n*  
a lake formed by a "glacier" (a large area of ice)  
**to patrol** *vb*  
if police "patrol" an area, they check that area  
**gone** *adj*  
if something is "gone", it has disappeared and is no longer there  
**a chunk of ice** *n*  
a large piece of ice  
**an earthquake** *n*  
a situation in which the ground begins to move violently  
**a crack** *n*  
a large hole in the shape of a line  
**a decade** *n*  
ten years  
**a landscape** *n*  
everything you can see when you look across an area of land: hills, mountains, rivers, etc  
**global warming** *n*  
the increases in world temperatures as a result of pollution

# USEFUL VOCABULARY

THIS IS THE START OF A NEW SECTION ON USEFUL VOCABULARY FOR LOW LEVEL STUDENTS. THIS MONTH: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACES.

## 1 Match the words

Match the words below to the pictures.

1. church d
2. museum \_\_\_\_\_
3. sports centre \_\_\_\_\_
4. restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
5. shopping centre \_\_\_\_\_
6. cinema \_\_\_\_\_
7. swimming pool \_\_\_\_\_
8. harbour \_\_\_\_\_
9. supermarket \_\_\_\_\_
10. park \_\_\_\_\_



## 2 Wordsearch

Now find these words in the wordsearch.

- church
- museum
- restaurant
- cinema
- pool
- harbour
- supermarket
- park



## 3 Guess the word

Make a sentence with each place. Ask your partner to guess the word.



IT'S A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN EAT.



THE RESTAURANT.





# USEFUL VERBS

THIS IS THE START OF A NEW SERIES ON USEFUL VERBS.  
THIS MONTH: SOCIALISING.

**PHONE / CALL SOMEBODY**  
TO USE THE TELEPHONE / YOUR MOBILE TO  
TALK TO SOMEONE.



**TALK TO SOMEBODY**  
TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE.



**HAVE A DRINK WITH SOMEBODY**  
TO GO TO A BAR IN ORDER TO DRINK  
SOMETHING WITH SOMEONE.



**HAVE A CHAT WITH SOMEONE**  
TO TALK INFORMALLY OR CASUALLY WITH  
SOMEONE.



**MEET SOMEBODY**  
TO SEE SOMEBODY AT A SPECIFIC TIME AND  
PLACE.



**ARRANGE TO MEET SOMEBODY**  
TO ORGANISE A TIME AND A PLACE TO MEET  
SOMEONE.

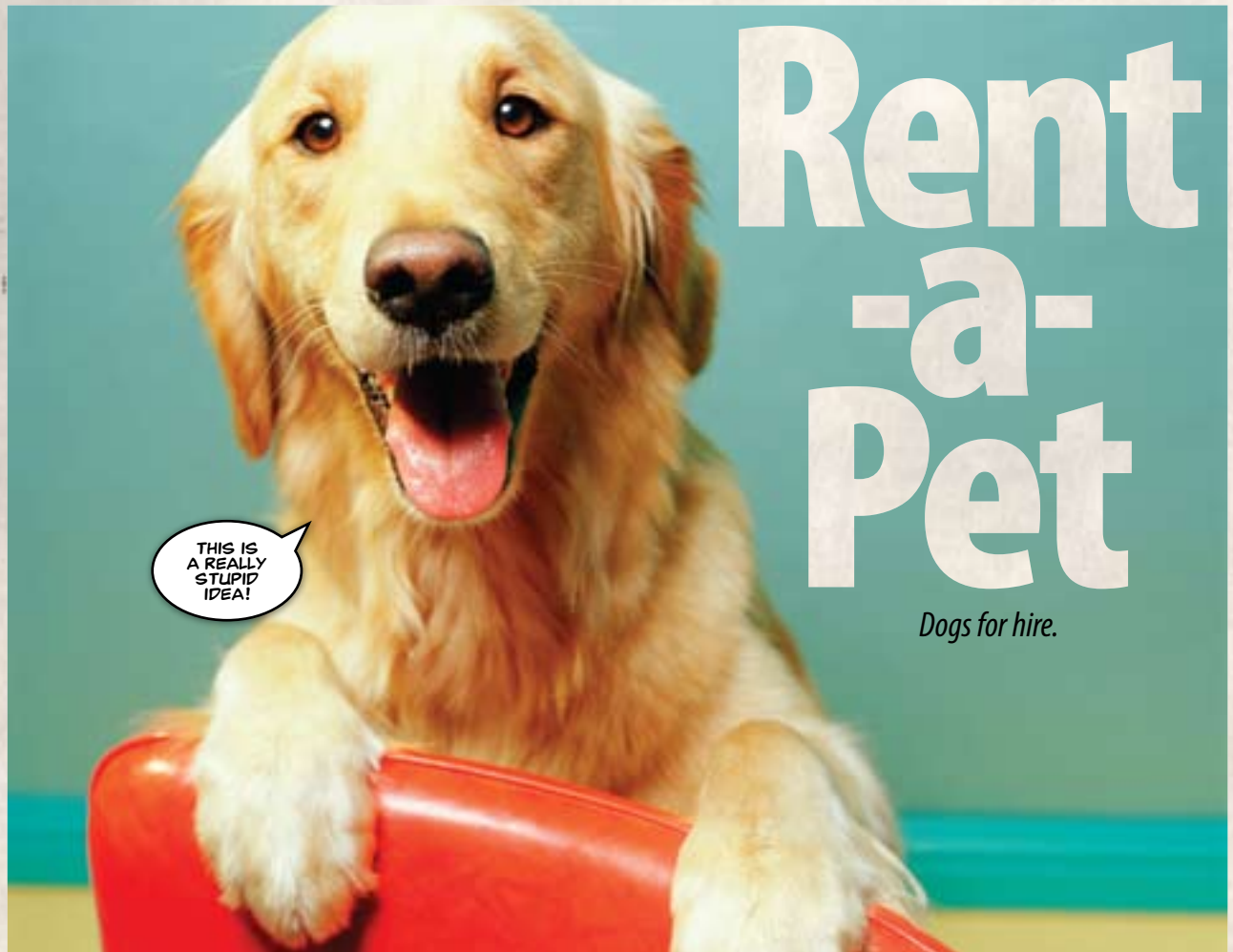


# Headline News

Headline News N° 2

The voice of the people

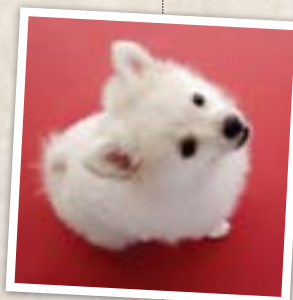
London 2008



## Rent -a- Pet

*Dogs for hire.*

Want a dog but don't have time? Rent one with Flexpetz, a dog **rental company**. It's an American company that **runs out of** New York, California and now London. You pay a monthly **fee** to **rent** a dog and spend time with it one day each week. Company policy only allows five people to share a rental dog. Flexpetz UK is not cheap. You pay £279 a month, £99 for your monthly subscription, plus £45 for each of the four days with your rental pup. Flexpetz facilitator Pippa Wollard says, "It is just so expensive in Britain to own a dog. You have to ensure the correct **vet checks** are made, which is expensive, and **pet** food is also **dear**." So far, the only dog available on Flexpetz in London is a Pomeranian named Gucci.



However, the **RSPCA** and other animal rights groups are not happy about Flexpetz's rent-a-pet system. "There are many abandoned pets that need a lot of love at dog homes," said a member of the group. "You can spend time with a dog there, or even become a **foster dog owner** until a permanent home is found. RSPCA vet David McDowell says dogs suffer emotionally when they live in **unstable**, changing environments. "Most dogs need the security of a proper routine with one owner and without this they could become stressed and unhappy." He is also concerned that Flexpetz is not a licensed **dog shelter**. He added, "Dogs are a man's best friend, but it's not the dog that benefits from rent-a-pet companies." ❌

### GLOSSARY

**a rental company** *n*  
a company that gives you something temporarily in return for an amount of money  
**to run out of** *exp*  
to operate from  
**a fee** *n*  
an amount of money you pay for a service  
**to rent** *vb*  
to use / have something temporarily in return for an amount of money  
**vet checks** *n*  
if your pet has a "vet check", the vet examines the animal to see if it's OK  
**a pet** *n*  
an animal that lives in your house with you  
**dear** *adj*  
expensive  
**the RSPCA** *abbr*  
the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (an organisation that protects animals)  
**a foster dog owner** *n*  
a person who takes care of an animal temporarily while they look for a home for it  
**unstable** *adj*  
not constant; not consistent  
**a dog shelter** *n*  
a building where they keep dogs / cats that have no home





# Story Time

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



## Easy Solutions

**Patient:** Doctor, I have a pain in my eye whenever I drink tea.

**Doctor:** Take the **spoon** out of the **mug** before you drink.

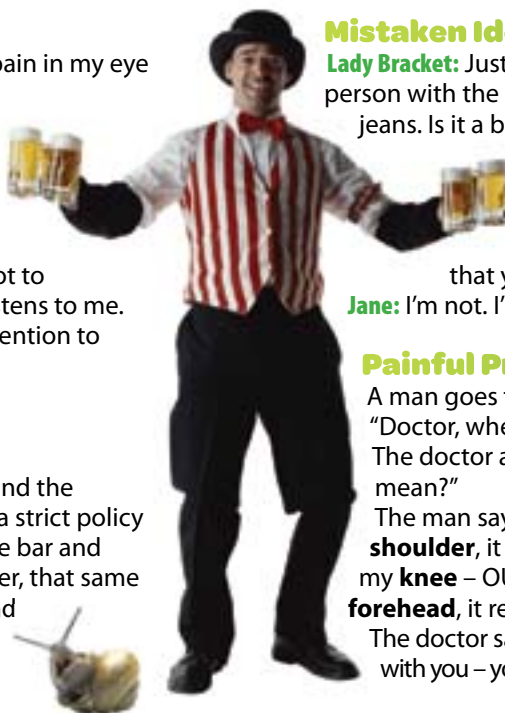
## Attention Seeker

**Patient:** Doctor! You've got to help me! Nobody ever listens to me. No one ever pays any attention to what I have to say.

**Doctor:** Next please!

## Slow Times

A **snail** walks into a bar and the barman tells him there's a strict policy about having snails in the bar and **kicks him out**. A year later, that same snail re-enters the bar and asks the barman, "What did you do that for?"



## Mistaken Identity

**Lady Bracket:** Just look at that young person with the short hair and blue jeans. Is it a boy or a girl?

**Jane:** It's a girl. She's my daughter.

**Lady Bracket:** Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that you were her father.

**Jane:** I'm not. I'm her mother.

## Painful Problems

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts." The doctor asks, "What do you mean?"

The man says, "When I touch my **shoulder**, it really hurts. If I touch my **knee** – OUCH! When I touch my **forehead**, it really, really hurts."

The doctor says, "I know what's wrong with you – you've broken your finger!" ❄️

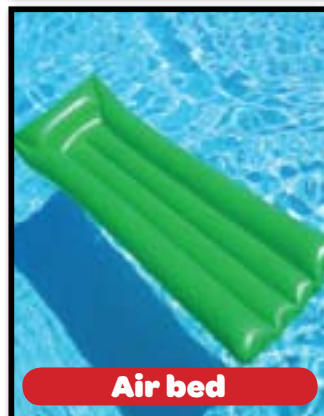
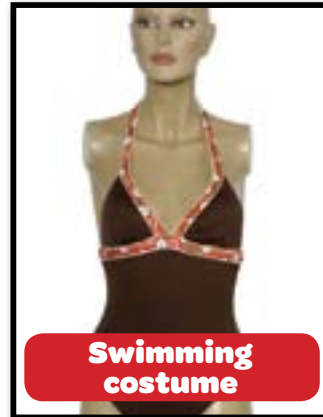
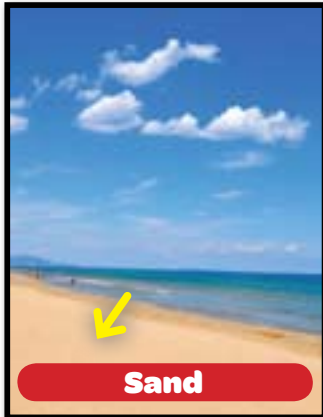


## GLOSSARY

- a spoon** *n*  
an object you use for eating soup or other liquid food
- a mug** *n*  
a cup for coffee / tea
- a snail** *n*  
a little animal with a hard shell on its back
- to kick someone out** *phr vb*  
to order someone to leave a place, often with physical force
- a shoulder** *n*  
the joint at the top of your arm
- a knee** *n*  
the joint in the middle of your leg
- a forehead** *n*  
the part of your face at the top – just below your hair

# BASIC ENGLISH

# the beach







CD track 8  
Irishwoman & Englishwoman

# SOCIAL ENGLISH

# the beach

LISTEN AND REPEAT THESE EXPRESSIONS.

## What you say

- Is the beach far from here?
- Is the sand hot?
- Is the sea **rough**?
- Are the waves big?
- Do I have to wear a swimming costume?
- Is the sun strong?
- Is there anywhere to buy a beach ball?
- We'd like to rent a snorkel and mask, please.
- Is there a diving centre near here?
- Are there any scuba diving schools near the beach?
- Is there a lifeguard on the beach?
- What time does the tide come in?
- Can we rent any deck chairs?
- Where can we buy a wind breaker?

## What you hear

- High tide is at about 4pm.
- The beach is about one kilometre from here.
- The sun is very hot at midday.
- We recommend you put on sun cream.
- The sea is quite rough.
- Beware of jelly fish.
- You can rent some beach equipment in the town centre.
- There's a diving centre just along the beach.
- You can rent deck chairs on the beach. ☆



**GLOSSARY**  
**rough** *adj*  
 if the sea is 'rough', the waves are very high and the sea is moving a lot  
**to wonder** *vb*  
 to ask yourself

**Part II**

NOW LISTEN TO THIS DIALOGUE. IN THIS CONVERSATION, THE GUEST IS ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEACH.

**Receptionist:** Good morning. How may I help you?

**Guest:** I was just **wondering** how to get to the beach.

**Receptionist:** You just follow this road to the end, and it's right in front of you.

**Guest:** Is there a lifeguard?

**Receptionist:** Yes, there is a lifeguard.

**Guest:** Is the sea rough?

**Receptionist:** Well, not really, but you have to be careful with small children.

**Guest:** Are there any dangerous currents?

**Receptionist:** Not here, but you have to be careful further down the coast.

**Guest:** And lastly, is there anywhere we can rent some snorkeling equipment?

**Receptionist:** Yes, there are some shops in the town centre, and a few places on the beach.

**Guest:** OK. Thanks very much.

**Receptionist:** You're welcome.

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# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

## Making a suggestion



What about going to the cinema?



How about going out tonight?



Shall we go to the pub tomorrow?



Let's go to the theatre.

# making suggestions

*reacting to suggestions*



Do you fancy going on a picnic?



Why don't we eat out tonight?



Do you want to rent a video later?

## Reacting to a suggestion

- That sounds like a good idea.
- That sounds great.
- That would be fantastic.
- Yes, let's do it.
- That's a good idea.
- OK.
- I'd love to.
- I'm sorry, but I really don't have the time.
- I'm afraid I'm a bit busy at the moment.
- I'm sorry but I'm not going to be able to make it.
- I'd love to but I've got a headache.
- I've got to work.
- I'm too tired.
- I'm not feeling very well. 🍷





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# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

## PRE INTERMEDIATE LISTENING

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



### 1 Exercise

Read the following sentences. Can you correct them? Then listen to check.

- Are you liking it? =  
*Do you like it?* \_\_\_\_\_
- Are they have a car? =  
\_\_\_\_\_
- She go to work by bus. =  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where does he living? =  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is she do at the weekend? =  
\_\_\_\_\_
- They often eats at home. =  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Extreme Yoga

Yoga in the air.



### 1 Pre listening

Match the words to the pictures.

- yoga c
- pilates \_\_\_\_\_
- jogging \_\_\_\_\_
- working out at the gym \_\_\_\_\_
- aerobics \_\_\_\_\_
- step \_\_\_\_\_



### 2 Discussion

- Do you do any of the activities from above? Which ones?
- What are the benefits of these activities?
- Which activities from above would you like to try? Why? Why not?

### 3 Listening I

You are going to listen to an article about a new form of physical exercise. Listen once. Which activity is it?

- a. jogging   b. yoga   c. aerobics

### 4 Listening II

Listen again. True or false?

- Slackline Yoga is a type of yoga practised in the circus.
- Slackline Yoga was invented by rock climbers.
- Acroyoga is yoga in water.
- David lives in a big house with lots of land.
- If you can't go to one of his workshops, you can buy the DVD.

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# GRAMMAR FUN

# Confusing Words

IN THIS MONTH'S GRAMMAR FUN SECTION WE'LL BE LOOKING AT SOME CONFUSING WORDS.



This month we are going to look at three sets of words that can be a little tricky: "its" versus "it's"; "your" versus "you're"; and "their" versus "they're". Each pair of words is pronounced exactly the same but they have different meanings.

## "its" versus "it's"

The first of these words is a possessive adjective. It is used to show possession. It is often followed by a noun. As you can see, it doesn't have an apostrophe. For example:

1. Where is the dog's food? / Where is **its** food?
2. I've got the cat's bowl. / I've got **its** bowl.

The second word is a contraction of "it is". For example:

1. **It's** cold today.
2. **It's** the second time I've told you that.

## "your" versus "you're"

"Your" is another possessive adjective. For example:

1. The car belongs to you – it's **your** car.
2. Where are **your** clothes?

And "you're" is a contraction of "you are". For example:

1. **You're** late.
2. **You're** talking too loudly.

## "their" versus "they're"

"Their" is also a possessive adjective. For example:

1. The bank account belongs to Sara and Todd – it is **their** bank account.
2. My money is here. Where is **their** money?

And "they're" is a contraction of "they are". For example:

1. Ben and Jim live next door. **They're** our next-door neighbours.
2. Sam and Bob are here. **They're** waiting in the living room.



## Exercise

Choose the correct word.

1. Ben and Maria are looking for their / they're keys. Have you seen them?
2. Its / it's hot outside!
3. Which one is your / you're sister?
4. I don't want to invite Clare and Alex to the party – their / they're boring.
5. My book is on the table. This is your / you're book.



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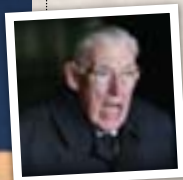
# Politicians Retire

*End of an era.*



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, has **stepped down** from his job after eleven years. The Prime Minister, also known as the Taoiseach, has been involved in politics since the age of 17. As Taoiseach (pronounced "teeshock") he was **pivotal** in the northern Irish peace process. A deal was finally

reached in the long-running **conflict** in which 3,600 people have died since 1969. Ahern has often been **praised** for his part in the negotiations. However, in recent years, he has been accused of corruption, and he has appeared before tribunals investigating corrupt politicians. He finally retired and has been replaced by Brian Cowen, who was the Finance Minister.



**Meanwhile** the First Minister of Northern Ireland, Ian Paisley has also retired. Paisley has been involved in politics since the 1950s and was a Protestant minister. He became notorious in the 1960s because of his anti-Catholic **speeches** (he once called the Pope the **Antichrist**). Many people partly blamed him for the problems in Northern Ireland. Recently he was involved in peace talks and was a part of last year's settlement. As part of this peace agreement, Ian Paisley was First Minister **while** Martin McGuinness was his **deputy**. McGuinness is a prominent member of Sinn Féin, Paisley's **arch-enemies**. Both men are well-known people in Ireland and are unique personalities who will be difficult to replace. ✪

# Space Kangaroo

A large kangaroo has appeared on the ground in Australia. Why? Well, it's all part of a scientific experiment. The kangaroo was used to test the amount of light reflected off the Earth towards the sun. The kangaroo was made of cardboard and was observed by two satellites. The experiment was **carried out** in Monash University, which is in the city of Melbourne.



Climate change is affected by the amount of light reflected back to the sun. The melting of the polar ice caps means that there is less light reflected off the Earth. In turn, this means that there are more dark areas on

Earth. And because **darkness** absorbs light, the temperature on Earth will **rise**.

The experiment was part of a world-wide test by NASA that involved 20 other locations. The Australians decided to use the image of a kangaroo because it is a shape that is instantly recognisable to everyone. The original plan was to use a giant square but scientists wanted to use an animal to make the experiment more fun. Originally they discussed using the form of a lizard or a **koala bear** before they finally agreed on the kangaroo. ✪

## GLOSSARY

- to step down** *phr vb*  
to leave your job voluntarily – often because of a scandal
- pivotal** *adj*  
very important
- a conflict** *n*  
a war
- to praise** *vb*  
to congratulate; to thank
- meanwhile** *adv*  
at the same time
- a speech** *n*  
a formal talk to an audience
- the Antichrist** *n*  
the Devil's son
- while** *conjunction*  
at the same time
- a deputy** *n*  
the second in command
- an arch-enemy** *n*  
your worst enemy
- to carry out** *phr vb*  
to do something
- darkness** *n*  
non-bright; non-light
- to rise** *vb*  
to increase; to go up
- a koala bear** *n*  
a small Australian tree-climbing mammal



# Headline News

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## Copyright

"Copyright" is a legal concept that gives the creator of an original work exclusive rights to it, usually for a limited time. Generally, it is "the right to copy", but it also gives the copyright holder the right to be credited for the work, to determine who may adapt the work to other forms, who may perform the work and who may financially benefit from it. It is the "intellectual" version of the patent (used for inventions).

# Unhappy Harry

Rowling sues fan.

Harry Potter goes to court as author J.K. Rowling **sues** a fan. A few years ago, school librarian Steven Vander Ark created a Harry Potter **lexicon** of "all things Harry." At the start, even Rowling used it as a reference. "This is such a great **site** that I have been known to **sneak into** an internet café while out writing and check a fact rather than go into a bookshop and buy a copy of Harry Potter, which is embarrassing," Rowling once admitted. For a time, Vander Ark became a celebrity, speaking at **conventions** and on television shows, including American NBC's *The Today Show*. However, things **turned ugly** when publisher RDR Books said they

were releasing a **print version** of the lexicon.



Steven Vander Ark

Now, Rowling is suing RDR Books. Apparently, the lexicon is legal as long as it is online. But Rowling says that Vander Ark's printed lexicon will interfere with a Harry Potter encyclopaedia she **intends** to write. "I never once wanted to stop Mr Vander Ark from doing his own guide. Never ever," Rowling explained. But she wants the **judge** to prohibit the printed version of the guide. Maybe Harry Potter will become a lawyer when he leaves Hogwarts. Rowling could certainly use his services. ☺

## GLOSSARY

**to sue** *vb*  
to start a legal process against someone in order to get compensation  
**a lexicon** *n*  
an alphabetical list of words or expressions (often defined) associated with a topic / subject, etc  
**a site** *n*  
a website; an online site  
**to sneak into a place** *exp*  
to enter a place secretly / quietly  
**a convention** *n*  
a large meeting of an organisation  
**to turn ugly** *exp*  
to become violent / tense / not pleasant  
**a print version** *n*  
a version of something on paper  
**to intend to do something** *exp*  
to want to do something  
**a judge** *n*  
a person whose job is to manage and direct a legal process and guide / advise the jury



# Euro Stench

Something smells bad in Europe.



I CAN'T SMELL ANYTHING.

### Manure

As you can see from the article, the word "manure" refers to animal waste (often from horses or cows). The German translation of "manure" is "mist". There was once an American company that produced a **hair curler** called the "Mist Stick". And Rolls Royce once built a car called the "Silver Mist". You can imagine the problems they had trying to sell those products in Germany, where Germans would understand them to mean "Manure Stick" and "Silver Manure". Incidentally, "mist" in English refers to tiny drops of water in the air.

Something **stinks** in the UK. In large areas of England and Wales, there is a strange smell in the air. BBC news website readers describe it as both "sulphur and **manure**," and the website has received over 1,000 e-mails about it. Sarah Holland of the UK **Met office** says the smell is most likely "agricultural or industrial works in western Europe". More precisely, they think the smell comes from the area around Holland, Germany and Belgium. They call it the "Euro **Whiff**".

"I noticed a smell rather like burning plastic during the night, about 5 am," said Marian Miller. "It's the sort of smell you can taste – it's

disgusting." A Cardiff man thought it was **due to** animals. "I thought it was our local neighbourhood dogs and cats being busy in the night in our garden – but the smell stayed **noticeable** during my three-mile bike ride to work," he says. "Various **colleagues** thought they had **trodden** in something but no, it's in the air," one worker said. "Normally, our winds are **westerly**, coming off the Atlantic Ocean, which bring little or no pollution with them," says Sarah Holland. "Unfortunately, we will probably never know the exact origin of the offensive **odour**, or what it is." It may be better that way. ☺

### GLOSSARY

**to stink** *vb*  
to smell very, very bad

**manure** *n*  
animal waste (often from horses or cows) that is sometimes mixed with chemicals. It is placed on the earth to help plants grow

**the Met office** *n*  
the UK's national weather service / organisation

**a whiff** *n*  
a smell (usually a bad one)

**due to** *exp*  
because of

**noticeable** *adj*  
that you can see / notice / hear

**a colleague** *n*  
a person who works with you

**to tread** *n (trod; trodden)*  
to walk on; to step on

**westerly** *adj*  
a "westerly" wind comes from the west

**an odour** *n*  
a smell (it can be good or bad)

**a hair curler** *n*  
an electronic device for making your hair curly (with little circles)

# Funeral Foibles

Funeral parlour disasters.

## 1 Pre reading

You are going to read three stories about incidents in **funeral parlours**. Look at the words in each column. What do you think the stories are about?

Story 1	Story 2	Story 3
taking a nap	hid	funeral
feet hanging out	broke into	phone call
drunk	play dead	ghost
damage		pleased

## 2 Reading I

Read the stories and see if your predictions were correct.

## 3 Reading II

True or false?

- In the first story the man found was a funeral director.
- In the second story the man got away with his crime.
- In the third story a man disappeared from his coffin.



## Phrasal verb alert!

**break into**

To "break into" a house or building is to enter it without authority or permission. This is the crime known as 'burglary'. The noun is a "break in". For example:

- They broke into the bank.
- There was a break-in last night.



Some strange things are happening in the least likely places: **funeral homes**. In one incident, local authorities in upstate New York **booked** a 20-year-old man for **breaking in** and **taking a nap** in a coffin. The funeral director's wife woke up to find a pair of trousers on the floor, and feet hanging out of a **coffin**. The man was drunk, and caused more than \$4,000 in damages.

In another incident in Valencia, Spain, a thief broke into a funeral parlour. When he realised the police had arrived, he **hid** in a glass-topped coffin. He tried to **play dead**, but his breathing and dirty street clothes **gave him away**.

A third incident resulted in a happy ending. A Canadian man's family was at his funeral when his daughter got a phone call... from her dad. Thinking she was talking to a ghost, she screamed. Days earlier, the family were informed that the man had been hit by a train. However, he had been incorrectly identified as the **deceased**. Later, the man read his own **obituary** in the newspaper. Apparently, he was pleased with it and is saving it for another day. ☺

## Discussion

- Has anyone ever broken into the building where you work? What did they take?
- Where's the worst place in your country / city for break-ins? Why is it so bad?

## GLOSSARY

- a funeral parlour** *n* the place where dead people are prepared for burial
- a funeral home** *n US* the American English word for the place where dead people are prepared for burial
- to book** *vb* if the police "book" you, they officially record your name and the offence that they may charge you with
- to break in** *phr vb* to enter private property illegally
- to take a nap** *exp* to sleep for a short period, usually in the middle of the day
- a coffin** *n* a box for a dead body
- to hide** *vb* to go in a place where others can't see / find you
- to play dead** *exp* to act as if you are dead
- to give you away** *exp* if something "gives you away", it shows others what you are really doing
- the deceased** *n* the dead person
- an obituary** *n* a report / article / speech about someone (their life, character, etc) after they have died





Camilla Hempleman-Adams

A 15-year-old British girl has just got back from the **trip of a lifetime**. Camilla Hempleman-Adams joined a group of 11 on a week-long trip to the North Pole. She even had to **drag** a 35-kilo sledge on the 80-mile trip to get there. "This was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," she said. Apparently the worst part of the trip was sharing a **tent** and **putting up with** the loud **snoring** of her companions. "I've been sharing a tent with four men and two women and the snoring has been **unbearable** – despite my **earplugs**," Camilla complained. The food wasn't so good either, and she was very much looking forward to a pizza when she got home.

Maybe such a trip is easier if your dad is a famous Arctic explorer. Her father, David Hempleman-Adams, is "extremely **proud of**" his young daughter. What father wouldn't be? She went on the expedition to the North Pole to "enter the record books and highlight the effects of global warming." The journey also helped her appreciate her father's work. "Now my **eyes have been opened** as to what he has done on previous trips," she said. How many 15-year-olds can say they've had such an experience? ❄️



David Hempleman-Adams

*First British teen to ski to the North Pole.*

# Northern Exposure

## 1 Pre reading – Dream Trips

Try to imagine the ideal trip / journey. Where would it be? When would it be? Who would it be with? What would you do?

## 2 Reading I

Read the sentence below. What do you think the girl is referring to? Read the article to check.

*"This was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."*

## 3 Reading II

Read the article again. What do these numbers refer to?

1. 15 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 11 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 35 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 80 \_\_\_\_\_



### GLOSSARY

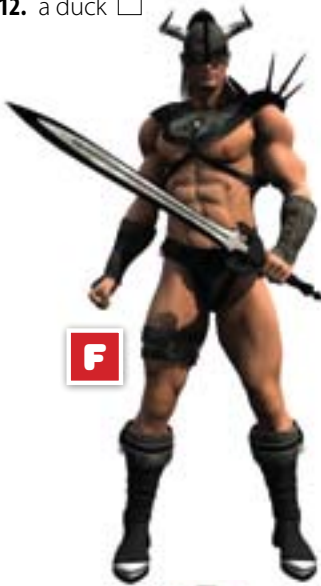
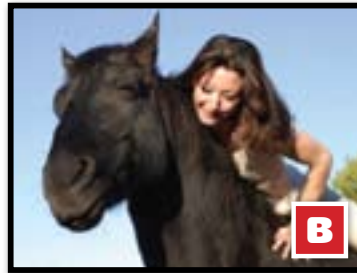
- the trip of a lifetime** *exp*  
an amazing journey somewhere
- to drag** *vb*  
to pull; to use physical force to move
- a tent** *n*  
an object made of material that you sleep in when you are in the country / mountains, etc
- to put up with something** *exp*  
to accept or tolerate something that you hate / don't like
- snoring** *n*  
a sound produced through someone's mouth / nose while they are sleeping
- unbearable** *adj*  
terrible; horrible; very difficult to tolerate
- an earplug** *n*  
a foam object you put in your ears to eliminate sound
- proud of someone** *exp*  
pleased with someone or what they have done
- to have your eyes opened** *exp*  
if this happens to you, you understand something very clearly after experiencing it

# TRIVIA MATCHING

## 1 Exercise

SEE IF YOU CAN DO THIS MATCHING EXERCISE. LOOK AT THE LIST OF THINGS (1 TO 12), AND THE PHOTOS (A-L). WRITE A LETTER NEXT TO THE NAME OF EACH THING IN THE LIST BELOW. ANSWERS ON THE WEBSITE

1. a couple
2. a human chain
3. a statue
4. on horseback
5. a battle
6. a warrior
7. a knight
8. a visor (of a knight's helmet)
9. a wound (injury)
10. a floor (of a building)
11. front legs (of an animal)
12. a duck





# WEIRD TRIVIA



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

The tallest dog in the world is a Great Dane called Gibson. He is 107 centimetres tall.



The first couple to be shown in bed together on **prime time television**

was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

A duck's **quack** doesn't echo, and no one knows why.



The longest ever human chain was



made between Tentulia and Teknaf in Bangladesh in 2004. It was 1,050 kilometres long and

there were over 5 million people in it.



John Evans once **balanced** a Mini **on his head** for 33 seconds. It weighed 159.6 kilos.

Statues of famous people on horseback actually have a meaning to them. If the front legs of the horse are both in the air, it means that the person died in battle. If the horse has only one front leg in the air, the person died from wounds **inflicted** in battle. But if the four legs of the horse are all



on the ground, it means the warrior died of natural causes.

The modern military **salute** came from the tradition of knights in armour

raising their visors when they passed the king on horseback. This was done so that the king could identify each passing knight. So, nowadays, the right-handed



salute **harks back to the medieval** warriors.

Researchers have found that, if a cat falls from the seventh floor of a building, its chances of surviving are much less than if it fell from higher up. If it fell from the twentieth floor, it would have 30% more chance of surviving. This is because apparently it takes the cat eight floors to realise what is happening to it and to correct its position. 🌟

## GLOSSARY

**prime time television** *n*  
the time when most people are watching television

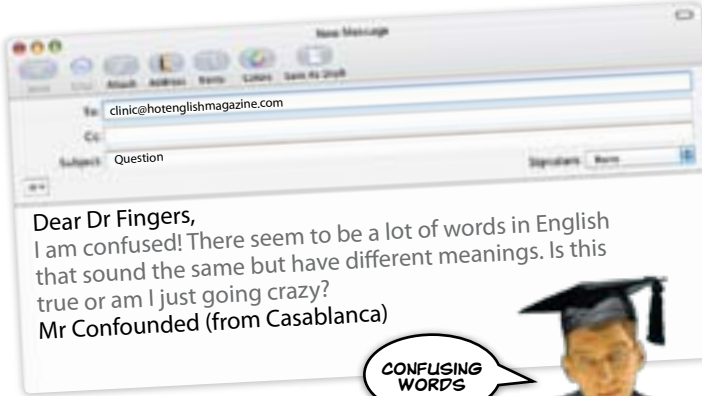
**a quack** *n*  
the sound a duck makes

**to balance something on your head** *exp*  
to put something on your head and to keep it there for a period of time even though it is unstable

**to inflict (a wound)** *v*  
to cause an injury; to cut someone

**a salute** *n*  
a movement made with the hand to the head as a sign of respect to a superior officer

**to hark back to** *exp*  
if something "harks back to" another period, it is a reminder of that period  
**medieval** *adj*  
from the Middle Ages (the 5th to the 16th century)



Dear Dr Fingers,  
I am confused! There seem to be a lot of words in English that sound the same but have different meanings. Is this true or am I just going crazy?  
Mr Confounded (from Casablanca)

CONFUSING WORDS



## Dear Confounded,

I am so glad you brought this up. Don't worry – you aren't going crazy. You are absolutely correct. This is actually quite a complicated question. These groups of words are called homophones. They have the same sound / pronunciation, but a different spelling and a different meaning. An example of words that share the same pronunciation but differ in meaning is "hole" and "whole". So, what's the difference?

"Hole" is a noun and refers to an opening in something.  
For example:

1. There is a hole in the wall we need to repair.
2. The milk leaked all over the floor because there was a hole in the bottom.

On the other hand, "whole" is an adjective. It can mean "complete" or "entire". For example:

1. He ate the whole pizza.
2. Not all the runners were able to run the whole distance.

But that's not all. There are many words in English which appear to be similar, but which have different meanings. Take the case of "affect" and "effect".

"Affect" is a verb that means to change or influence something or someone. For example:

1. The violent film really affected them.
2. The bright light temporarily affected his ability to see.

On the other hand, "effect" is a noun that refers to the result of a change. For example:

1. The effect of the performance was stunning.
2. The talk to staff had a positive effect on them.

Now it's your turn. Here is a list of word pairs. Use your dictionaries to find the differences in their meanings.

bear - bare  
piece - peace  
plain - plane  
steal - steel

Well, Mr Confounded, I hope that has helped you.

**Yours, Dr Fingers.**

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# Corny Criminals

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



## Bury the Evidence

*Teens buried speed camera.*

Two Austrian teenagers have been **fined** £75,000 for damaging a **speed camera**. The two teens cut it down and **buried** it. The 19-year-olds were filmed by the camera speeding in a town near the Alps. Realising their mistake, they used an **axe** and a **saw** they had with them in their car to cut it down and bury it in a nearby field.

But the box was found by a local farmer as he **ploughed** his land, and police who examined it found pictures of the pair on the camera inside. The two youngsters later **confessed** to pulling down the **device**. A local **court** said the fine would cover the cost of replacing the machine.

## Guard Gator

*Alligator used as guard dog.*

A Texas police officer made a very unusual discovery. Trooper Steven Stanfield pulled a car over. It was 2 am

on a Sunday morning, and Stanfield imagined it was a routine case of **drunk driving**. But when he got near the car, he was shocked to see a giant alligator lying in the back seat. Meanwhile, the driver, Bob Williamson, acted as if everything was completely normal. He said he was **lost**, and politely asked the **cop** for directions. He made no reference to the **gator**. The police officer gave Johnson an alcohol test. It turned out that Johnson had found the gator in a **ditch** next to the road and had "**wrestled**" it into his back seat. As other cops arrived on the scene, Stanfield discovered that the car **matched the description** of a **getaway vehicle** used in a recent robbery. Apparently, Johnson had picked up the gator, then headed to his

boss's house. He **broke in**, stole a Nintendo Wii and a large flat-screen TV. The TV was too heavy so he asked one of the neighbours to help him **load** it in the car, saying he was buying it from his boss. But when the neighbour saw the alligator, he dropped the TV. Johnson is currently serving time in the county jail. ♣



## GLOSSARY

- to fine** *vb*  
if someone is "fined", they must pay money because they have committed a crime
- a speed camera** *n*  
a camera that takes photos of cars and registers the speed they are travelling at
- to bury** *vb*  
to put in a hole in the ground
- an axe** *n*  
a tool with a long wooden handle and a sharp metal piece at the end – used for cutting trees
- a saw** *n*  
a tool with sharp metal teeth – often used for cutting wood
- to plough** *vb*  
if a farmer "ploughs" land, he / she turns over the earth / soil with a plough
- to confess** *vb*  
if someone "confesses" to a crime, he / she admits that they did it
- a device** *n*  
an object that has been invented for a particular purpose
- a court** *n*  
a place where trials (legal processes) take place
- drunk driving** *n*  
the crime of drinking alcohol and driving
- a cop** *n inform*  
a police officer
- a gator** *n inform*  
an alligator
- a ditch** *n*  
a long, narrow hole by the side of the road
- to wrestle** *vb*  
to fight
- to match a description** *exp*  
to be the same as a description
- a getaway vehicle** *n*  
a car / vehicle used to escape after committing a crime
- to break in** *phr vb*  
to enter private property illegally
- to load** *vb*  
if you "load" things into a vehicle, you put those things into the vehicle





HERE'S ANOTHER RECIPE FOR YOU TO TRY AT HOME. THIS MONTH: CHICKEN FAJITAS. YUMMY!

# chicken fajitas



### Ingredients

- 4 chicken breasts
- 4 tbsp oil or butter
- 1 large onion
- 1 green, red or yellow pepper (or a bit of all three)
- fajitas

### Method

- **Slice** the chicken into long **strips** and **fry** with the oil in a pan.
- For a **caramelised** effect, **stir in** a small amount of brown sugar.
- Cook until light brown.
- **Chop** the pepper and onions into strips and **sauté** in a separate pan.
- Place small amounts of the chicken and vegetables into fajitas.
- Add one (or as many as you like) of these **toppings**: sour cream, refried beans, cheese or guacamole.
- Roll up the fajitas and serve.

### Marinade

For even tastier chicken, you could make a **marinade** with the following:

- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano

Mix it all together with the chicken in a bowl or seal-proof bag. Leave in the refrigerator for 8 hours.

Delicious! ✨

### GLOSSARY

- to slice** *vb*  
to cut into thin pieces
- a strip** *n*  
a long, thin piece of something
- to fry** *cv*  
to cook in oil
- caramelised** *adj*  
if sugar "caramelises", it turns to caramel
- to stir in** *phr vb*  
to add whilst stirring (moving the food with a spoon)
- to chop** *vb*  
to cut
- to sauté** *vb*  
to cook quickly in oil
- a topping** *n*  
food that is placed on top of other food
- a marinade** *n*  
a sauce which you put over meat / fish before cooking it

# Human Billboard



### 1 Discussion

1. Look at the pictures of the tattoos? Which ones do you like? Which ones don't you like?
2. If you had a tattoo, where would you have it? Why?
3. What's your opinion of tattoos? Do you like them? Why? Why not?

### 2 Listening I

Look at the subtitle below. What do you think the conversation is about? What do the words mean? Listen and check.

*Man auctions face for ad spot.*

### 3 Listening II

What's the speaker's opinion on the following?

1. tattoo advertising
2. his family and tattoos
3. charity



# Headline News

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## Bobby Sands

Robert Gerard Sands, also known as Bobby Sands, was born on 9th March 1954. He was a Provisional Irish Republican Army volunteer and a member of the UK Parliament. He died on 5th May 1981 after a hunger strike in prison.



# Sands Film

A new film about the problems in Northern Ireland has **premiered** at the Cannes Film Festival. The film **entitled** *Hunger* is about the life and death of **republican hunger striker** Bobby Sands. The film is controversial because some people considered Sands to be a terrorist as he was a member of the **IRA**. However, others consider him a hero and say that he died an honourable death that was part of a peaceful protest. The film is directed by Steve McQueen, a British director. McQueen has won the Turner Prize before, a prize for visual art, but *Hunger* is his first time directing. Speaking about the film, McQueen said that what Bobby Sands did wasn't right or



wrong. "The film is about people's decisions and the **consequences** of those decisions," he added. Michael Fassbender (who was Stelios in the film *300*), plays the **role** of Sands. Fassbender was born in Germany but **was brought up** in Ireland. Bobby Sands was 27 years old when he died. During the hunger strikes in the Maze Prison in 1981 he was elected as a member of the British Parliament. There were world-wide protests supporting him and other prisoners refused to eat too. Eventually, ten men died while trying to get recognition as prisoners of war. Surprisingly many **Loyalists** said that they also supported the Republicans' protest. ✪

### GLOSSARY

- to premiere** *vb*  
to show a film for the first time
- entitled** *adj*  
called
- a Republican** *n*  
a person who wants a united Ireland with no rule by the UK in the north
- a hunger strike** *n*  
a protest by prisoners that consists of not eating
- the IRA** *abbr*  
the Irish Republican Army – an armed group that fought against British rule in northern Ireland
- consequences** *n*  
the results of an action or event
- a role** *n*  
a part in a film
- to be brought up** *phr vb*  
the place where you are "brought up"; is the place where you live and are educated as a child
- Loyalists** *n*  
Protestant paramilitaries who fought against the Republicans in Northern Ireland. They want Northern Ireland to remain a part of the UK





# Father Neil Horan

IN THE UPCOMING SUMMER OLYMPICS THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT: TERRORIST PLOTS, POLITICAL PROTESTS, THE WEATHER... BUT THERE IS ONE OTHER THING FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE BEIJING OLYMPICS TO BE **WARY OF**: FATHER NEIL HORAN.

Neil Cornelius Horan was born in County Kerry, Ireland in 1947. He was **ordained** as a priest in 1973 and worked as one in London, England. He first came to public attention in 2003 at the British Grand Prix in Silverstone racetrack. On this occasion, he ran onto the **track**. As Formula One cars **swerved** past him at 200 km/h he performed an **Irish jig** while holding a banner saying, "Read the Bible. The Bible is always right." A **marshal** wrestled Horan to the ground and the police arrested him. He spent two months in jail for this.

A year later, police at the Epsom Derby (a major horseracing event) caught Father Horan at the side of the racetrack. They suspected he was going to run onto the racetrack. The police warned organisers of other sporting events about him.

His most **infamous** stunt to date happened in 2004 at the Olympics in Athens. During the men's marathon, he jumped on the **frontrunner** Vanderlai de Lima from Brazil, while holding a poster saying, "The Grand Prix Priest. Israel fulfilment of prophecy says the Bible, **the Second Coming** is near". De Lima lost the race and only got a Bronze Medal but he gained much respect for reacting to the incident without anger. For this incident Horan got a **suspended sentence** while de Lima got an



award for his Olympic spirit. Neil Horan says that he does these **stunts** to warn people about the end of the world. He says that Jesus will return and rule the world from Jerusalem with the saints. Humans would each live for 900 years. Because of his views, he has been **defrocked** by the Catholic Church. He has also written several books on the subject.

His family is very worried about him and want him to get psychiatric treatment. The Church has also requested this before.

But it seems his **antics** are getting **weirder**. Outside the World Cup Final in 2006, Horan was arrested by German police. He had sent a letter to the German Chancellor Angela Merkel. He said that he planned to hold a banner saying that, "Adolf Hitler was a good leader who was following the Word of Christ". He also wanted to have a memorial for Hitler outside Gestapo **headquarters**. This time he spent two months in jail.



Neil Horan has been compared to Jimmy Jump, a Catalan **pitch invader** who has been arrested and punished on numerous occasions. Jimmy doesn't seem to want to stop and Horan is probably the same. So if you're at the Olympics in Beijing and you see a small man wearing a **kilt**, beware. He might just be the star of the show. ✪



## GLOSSARY

- wary** *adj*  
worried; nervous about something
- to ordain** *vb*  
to make someone a priest in a church service
- to swerve** *vb*  
to move / turn quickly so you don't hit something
- an Irish jig** *n*  
an Irish dance
- a marshal** *n*  
an official at a sporting event
- infamous** *adj*  
famous for something bad / negative
- a frontrunner** *n*  
the leader in a race
- The Second Coming** *n*  
the time when Jesus returns to earth
- a suspended sentence** *n*  
a jail sentence that you only serve if you commit another crime
- a stunt** *n*  
an action designed to get publicity
- to be defrocked** *vb*  
to be prohibited from practising as a priest
- antics** *n*  
funny or controversial actions
- weird** *adj*  
very strange
- the Chancellor** *n*  
the elected leader of Germany
- headquarters** *n*  
the main offices of an organisation / company, etc
- a pitch invader** *n*  
a member of the public who runs onto a playing field during an official game
- a kilt** *n*  
Scottish/Irish clothing for men. It is similar to a skirt



### Louis Vuitton

This company was founded by Monsieur Vuitton in 1854. It's a French luxury brand, especially known for their bags. LV is one of the oldest fashion houses in the world.



### The War in Darfur

This is a military conflict in the Darfur region of western Sudan. One side of the armed conflict is composed mainly of the Sudanese military and the Janjaweed, a militia group recruited mostly from the Arab tribes of the north. The other side comprises a variety of rebel groups, notably the Sudan Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement, recruited primarily from non-Arab ethnic groups. The conflict began in February of 2003. A combination of decades of drought, desertification and overpopulation are among the causes of the Darfur conflict. Tensions rose as nomads from the north went south searching for water.



# Fading Fashion

*Fashion company sues Sudan campaigner.*

An art student in Denmark is being **sued** by French **fashion house** Louis Vuitton. The student used their **logo** in a third-world **awareness campaign**. Nadia Plesner is one of a group of several artists and designers who are trying to help people in the Darfur region in western Sudan. They **came up with** a design to draw attention to the problems. The design shows a **starving** Sudanese child holding a little dog and a Louis Vuitton **handbag** – a symbol of the rich western world. She says that the design is very popular and that the awareness campaign has been more successful than she hoped. Many people have ordered T-shirts and posters with the design. She said that she wanted the fashion group to work with her. She also said that all the money **earned** from her work would go



to the campaign to save Darfur. However, Louis Vuitton see it differently. They said that they have to protect their brand.

The Sudanese government has been fighting against rebels in Darfur for many years now. The conflict has spread to Chad, which is directly west of Sudan. The people of Darfur say that the government has committed many human rights abuses. They also say that militias, called Janjaweed, attack villages and towns with the help of the government.

Many people in the west have tried to raise awareness of the situation, and famous people such as George Clooney and Steven Spielberg have **spoken out** about it. To find out more about the campaign go to [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org) \*

#### GLOSSARY

- to sue** *vb*  
to start a legal process against someone in order to get compensation
- a fashion house** *n*  
a company that designs clothes
- a logo** *n*  
a symbol that represents a company
- an awareness campaign** *n*  
publicity work that is designed to inform people about a situation
- to come up with** *exp*  
to think of
- starving** *ext adj*  
very, very hungry
- a handbag** *n*  
a bag that is carried in the hand (often for women)
- to earn** *vb*  
to get money in return for work
- to speak out** *phrvb*  
to strongly criticise in public



# Young Stars

## Taken too early



As the popular Billy Joel song goes, "Only the good die young". In Hollywood, that's partly true. And there are many entertainers who die before they have a chance to develop. Their potential is robbed at an early age, and the public is left shocked, abandoned and questioning nature's ways. Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and River Phoenix are among the most famous legends of American cinema who died young.



**Marilyn Monroe** is arguably one of the most famous American pop icons. She was an actress, a singer and a model. Born in California in 1926, her life was unstable from the start. Never knowing her father and having a **mentally-unsound** mother, young Marilyn was **tossed around** from one **foster family** to the next. She often felt lonely. But things improved as she got older. In 1944, she was working in a parachute factory. One day, photographers took her photo as part of a feature on women's contribution to the war effort. The photos were a great success, and years later, she became an A-list actress, starring in films such as *Some Like it Hot* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. At the age of 36, after winning awards and the acclamation of famous directors and fellow actors, Marilyn was at the top of her career. Unfortunately, on 5th August 1962, four days after a marriage proposal from Joe DiMaggio, Marilyn Monroe was found dead. Sedatives were found in her blood, but the **autopsy** could not determine if she had died from suicide or homicide.



**James Dean** knew sadness long before the end of his short life. His mother died when he was only nine years old. Soon after, his father sent him to live with his aunt. In high school, James met a Methodist pastor who served as his **mentor** and encouraged his interest in the theatre. When James went to college and changed his **major** from pre-law to drama, this led to **estrangement** from his father. James **held steadfast** to this dream and starred in blockbusters such as *East of Eden* and *Rebel Without a Cause*, which rebellious teenagers have identified with since the 1950s. James Dean died in a car accident at the age of 24.



**River Phoenix** lived a full life in his 23 years. Before becoming an actor, he spent his early childhood living in Venezuela under the control of a religious cult. Phoenix admitted that he endured sexual abuse from the age of 4. When he was 8, his family returned to the United States. They were very poor, and depended on money from River and his sister. With the **encouragement** of his parents, River began a career in show business and acted in movies such as *Stand By Me* and *The Thing Called Love*, in which he performed all of the songs. He was a vegetarian and an advocate of several humanitarian causes. However, he started using drugs in the late 1980s and so began his **downward spiral** until his death from a drug overdose in 1993.

These three young film actors achieved so much in their short lifetimes. But although their lives were tragically cut short, their legacies will **live on**. ☺

**Marilyn Monroe**  
(1st June 1926 –  
5th August 1962)



Two of Marilyn's most famous films were *Gentlemen*

*Prefer Blondes* and *How to Marry a Millionaire*.

**James Dean**  
(8th February 1931 – 30th  
September 1955)



James Dean is best known for his role as the troubled high

school student Jim Stark in *Rebel Without a Cause*. He was the first actor to receive a posthumous Academy Award nomination. He had a passion for car racing. He died when his Porsche 550 Spyder (called "Little Bastard") crashed.

**River Phoenix**  
(23rd August 1970 –  
31st October 1993)



River Phoenix (born River Jude Bottom), was

a promising actor in the 1980s. One of his most famous films was *Stand By Me*. He also played young Indiana Jones in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. Tragically, he died of a drug overdose.

### GLOSSARY

**an icon** *n*  
a symbol of something

**mentally-unsound** *adj*  
not mentally healthy; not completely sane

**to toss around** *phr vb*  
to "throw" from one place to another

**a foster family** *n*  
a family that takes care of a child officially

**a mentor** *n*  
someone who teaches you things and gives you advice over a period of time

**a major** *n US*  
in American English, your "major" is the subject you are studying at university

**estrangement** *n*  
if you are "estranged" from someone, you are no longer in communication with that person

**to hold steadfast** *exp*  
to continue doing what you were doing before; to be strong in a belief

**encouragement** *n*  
if you receive "encouragement", you are given confidence, praise and thanks for what you are doing

**a downward spiral** *n*  
if you are on a "downward spiral", things are getting worse and worse

**to live on** *phr vb*  
to survive; to continue to be known / popular, etc



# The Dark Knight... Why so Serious?

The summer of 2008 is no laughing matter. The latest addition to the Batman movies, *The Dark Knight*, will be released this month and this one is different. While the previous Batman movie, *Batman Begins* (2005), centred on the **fall of** a corrupt gangster, this sequel **deals with a villain** who is even more **wayward**. In this film, The Joker will be **wreaking havoc** through the crime-ridden streets of Gotham City. With Christian Bale returning as Batman, he and district attorney Harvey Dent / Two-Face (played by Aaron Eckhart), will team up in an attempt to purify the corrupt city, and **get to the root of** a series of murders. During the film, The Joker (Heath Ledger), a **sociopath** with no sense of moral decorum, and Batman meet. They are forced to confront each other while **battling their own personal demons**.

To prepare for his **portrayal** of The Joker, Heath Ledger lived by himself in a dark motel room for a month so as to create a different voice and posture than previous Joker actors have used.

Ledger wanted to make the character dark and edgy, which he achieves through the character's physical mannerisms, his laugh and his make-up. This summer, audiences will see that Heath Ledger's Joker is anything but funny. ✪



## GLOSSARY

- the fall of someone** *exp*  
if a powerful person has a "fall", they lose power
- to deal with** *phrvb*  
to be about
- a villain** *n*  
a bad / evil character in a film
- wayward** *adj*  
difficult to control
- to wreak havoc** *exp*  
to cause a lot of damage / destruction
- to get to the root of something** *exp*  
to find the cause of something
- a sociopath** *n*  
a person who acts against society and who doesn't care about people
- to battle your own personal demons** *exp*  
to try to solve your own personal problems
- a portrayal** *n*  
the way that an actor shows a character in a film



# Heath Ledger

## Too Little, Too Soon



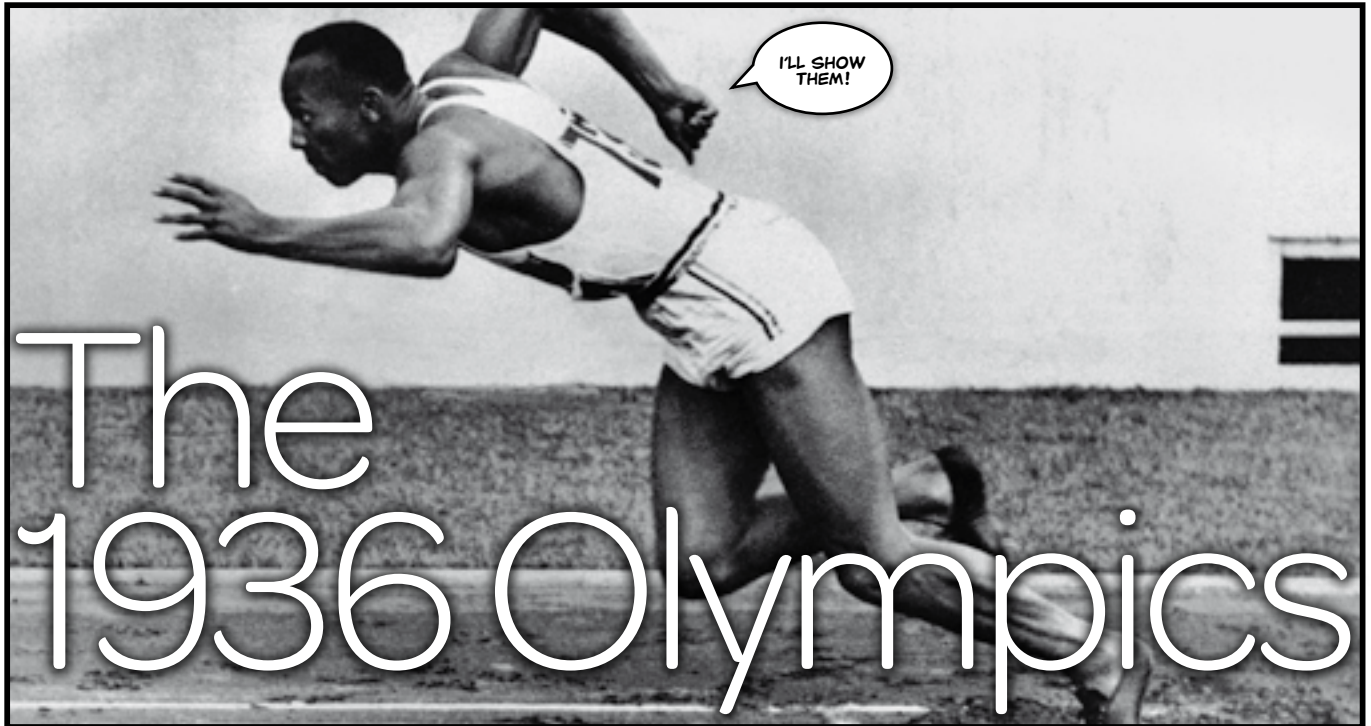
Heath Ledger is famous for his roles as a **knight** from *A Knight's Tale*, a **heartthrob** from *Ten Things I Hate About You*, a gay cowboy in *Brokeback Mountain*, and The Joker in the upcoming Batman film, *The Dark Knight*. The Australian actor has portrayed a wide range of characters in his 28 short years. He fought hard to play against his boyish good looks by choosing a varied scope of complex characters. But tragically, this actor and father **passed away** in January 2008 after an alleged prescription-drug overdose. Michelle Williams was his long-time girlfriend, and he also left behind a two-and-a-half year-old daughter, Matilda.

But before that fateful evening in January, Heath Ledger had a **thirst for life** and for new **challenges**. *Vanity Fair* quoted him as saying, "I only do this because I'm having fun. The day I stop having fun, I'll just walk away... I don't want to spend the rest of my youth doing this in this industry. There's so much I want to discover." His "live-for-the-now" outlook on life and his joy of fatherhood are qualities that Heath's friends and family undoubtedly miss. But even though he is gone, his memory will live on through his films and his daughter. ✪



### GLOSSARY

- a knight** *n*  
a medieval soldier (from the 5th to 16th centuries)
- a heartthrob** *n*  
a very attractive famous person
- to pass away** *phr vb*  
to die
- a thirst for life** *exp*  
a desire to do things in life and to enjoy life
- a challenge** *n*  
something difficult but interesting for you because it will push you to new limits



# The 1936 Olympics

In the summer of 1936, Berlin was covered with the swastika flag and the Führer, Adolf Hitler, was proclaiming the superiority of the **Aryan race** to the world. But there were some American competitors, the grandchildren of slaves, who came to **spoil** the Nazis' party. By the time the Olympics were over, Hitler's propaganda was **smashed to pieces**.

The most famous of these Olympians was Jesse Owens. Owens was the son of a farmer and was often sick as a child. He also had to work after school as his family was very poor. Despite this he practised running at school with the help of a friendly **coach** and shocked America by equalling the world record in the **100-yard dash** in the American High School Championships. He also won the long jump in these games.

In the Olympic Games of 1936, Germany won the most medals but Hitler was sent away with a **bloody nose**. Owens won four gold medals including the 100 metres, the 200 metres, the 4 x 100 metres **relay**, and the long jump. During the long jump event, Owens was having trouble when a friendly German competitor called Lutz Long gave him some advice, which helped Owens qualify and eventually win the gold medal (Long won the silver medal). Lutz Long died in World War II, but Jesse Owens became friends with his family. Owens and the 100 metres silver medallist Ralph Metcalfe, also an Afro-American, then controversially replaced two Jewish competitors on the relay team. It is said that the American team **appeased** the



wishes of the Nazis who asked them not to humiliate them by using Jewish competitors. Despite the racism of the Nazis, thousands of ordinary Germans cheered Owens and asked for his **autograph**.

After the games Owens said that he was angrier with the US president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, than Hitler because he didn't get any congratulations from the president – not even a telegram. He felt that it was ironic that while he was allowed to travel and socialise with white people in Germany, he couldn't even do that in his own country. For the rest of his life, he wasn't very rich as he was disqualified from amateur athletics after accepting an **advertising deal**. He once said that, "I have four gold medals but you can't eat a medal". He died in 1980. A street in Berlin is named after him.

Some of the other African-American athletes included Ralph Metcalfe and Cornelius Johnson, who won the gold medal for the high jump. Mack Robinson won the 200 metres silver medal. His brother Jackie was famous for becoming the first black player in the US major baseball league and also for his civil rights campaigning.

The eighteen Afro-American athletes who competed in the Berlin Olympics did so at a time when racism was **rife** across the world, including the USA and not just in Germany. They should be remembered for their contribution to the fight against racism and being a major inspiration for the American Civil Rights Movement. ☺



## GLOSSARY

- the Aryan Race** *n*  
white Europeans. Hitler thought they were superior to other races
- to spoil** *vb*  
to ruin
- to smash to pieces** *vb*  
to destroy totally
- a coach** *n*  
a sports trainer
- a yard** *n*  
a measurement – three feet (90 centimetres approximately)
- a dash** *n*  
a short run
- a bloody nose** *exp*  
if you get a "bloody nose", you are humiliated
- the relay** *n*  
a race where four runners take turns to run, one after the other
- to appease** *vb*  
to do something for someone in order to stop them being angry
- an autograph** *n*  
a famous person's signature
- advertising deal** *n*  
a publicity agreement
- a myth** *n*  
an untrue story
- rife** *adj*  
very common





# Dream Big

Sportswear corporations are famous for their advertising campaigns. These often feature high-level sportspeople, especially footballers. Advertising campaigns for Nike, Diadora and Umbro, amongst others, have featured footballing legends such as Roy Keane and Eric Cantona. Millions of euros are spent on **eye-catching** television adverts and billboard campaigns in a battle of the corporations. But this year, Adidas are **taking a totally different approach** with a series of films **entitled** *Dream Big*.

Players involved in the production include David Beckham, Patrick Viera and former Chelsea manager José Mourinho. Real Madrid Football Club were also heavily involved in the production of the films. For the film, world-class footballers went to remote locations in Europe (The Isles of Scilly in the UK, Andorra and San Marino) to coach the next generation of up-and-coming soccer players. Adidas' advertising group, 180, selected groups of boys and girls from these areas to take part in a documentary without telling them that the soccer stars were also involved. The **kids** were pleasantly surprised to discover that they were about to get coaching and advice from players like Kaká and Xabi Alonso. In this case, the two players, along



with Robin Van Persie, were in San Marino, one of the smallest countries in Europe. They have a **minimal** football presence, and their international side has only ever won a single game in their competitive history, against Liechtenstein. They are ranked 200th in the world.

In the next part, in the Isles of Scilly off the south coast of England, players host a two-team competition. Steven Gerrard, Michael Ballack, Patrick Viera and David Beckham give advice and answer questions from the **wannabe** stars. The final film is about a group of young Andorran players going to Santiago Bernabéu in Madrid. José Mourinho is on hand to help before they leave, giving them a coaching session before they start their journey. Lionel Messi and Arjen Robben also turn up on their journey to help and their trip ends inside a **crowded** Bernabéu.

The campaign explores the idea that "Impossible is Nothing" – that your dreams can be achieved. "It is great to work on projects like

this. Adidas have always used top-class athletes alongside **everyday** people and this continues that tradition," said Richard Bullock, a creative director from 180. The films will be shown around the world and the concept has been **tied in with** international events such as Euro 2008. It's a very original idea and will certainly inspire people to "Achieve the Impossible".

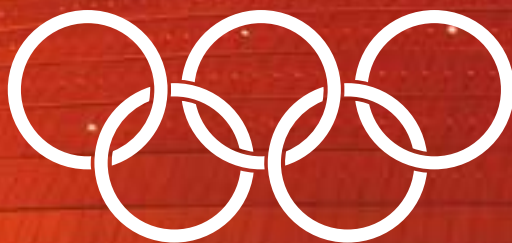


## GLOSSARY

**eye-catching** *adj*  
that makes you look at it because it is different / colourful / shocking, etc  
**to take a different approach** *exp*  
to do something differently; to deal with something in a different and novel way  
**to be entitled** *vb*  
to be called  
**a kid** *n*  
a young person; a child  
**minimal** *adj*  
not very important; insignificant  
**a wannabe** *slang*  
someone who "wants to be" something / somebody  
**crowded** *adj*  
with many people  
**everyday** *n*  
ordinary  
**to tie in with** *exp*  
to connect concepts and ideas



Beijing 2008



福娃贝贝  
Beibei

福娃晶晶  
Jingjing

福娃欢欢  
Huanhuan

福娃迎迎  
Yingying

福娃妮妮  
Nini

# the low-down

THE OLYMPICS ARE THE BIGGEST SPORTING EVENT OF THE YEAR AND FOR THE MONTH THERE ARE PLENTY OF RACES AND COMPETITIONS TO KEEP YOUR INTEREST. THE GAMES ARE ALREADY FAMOUS BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THEM. THIS HAS INCLUDED PRO-TIBETAN PROTESTS AND AN ALLEGED TERRORIST PLOT TO ATTACK THE GAMES BY ISLAMIC SEPARATISTS IN ONE OF CHINA'S PROVINCES. THE EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA HAS ALSO HIT THE **HEADLINES**. BUT AS THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES SHOULD BE THE SPORT, HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MAIN SPORTING EVENTS.





### Track Events

Running events have always been one of the most popular parts of the Olympics. The **track** section of the games has events ranging from the 100-metre sprint to the 10,000-metre long-distance run. **Relays** and **hurdling** are also a feature of the track section.

### Field Events

There is a wide range of events here. The long jump is an event where the winner jumps the longest distance. The world record for the long jump, which was set in 1968, remained unbroken for 23 years after African-American athlete Bob Beaman jumped 8.9 metres. The high jump was revolutionised during the 1968 Olympics with the invention of the Fosbury Flop. This was a technique with which the competitor jumps over the bar while looking away from the **crossbar**. This method wasn't possible before as the landing area used to be a sandpit so the invention of **foam matting** meant jumpers could experiment with new techniques. So, as the jumper didn't have to be as careful when landing, the world records began to rise dramatically.



The pole vault is a type of high jump only that there's a **pole** to raise the athlete even higher. Other events include the shot putt, which involves throwing a heavy metal ball, and the **javelin**, which involves throwing a spear.

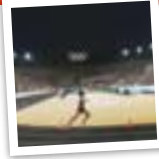
### Boxing

The world of professional boxing has always had to fight accusations of being corrupt and matches being **fixed**. But if you like real boxing done well, the Olympics are the place to be. Amateur boxing is much safer than professional boxing as the competitors wear head-guards and use padded boxing gloves. The main country to watch out for here is Cuba, where the game is totally amateur. Many boxers from other countries have **launched** successful professional careers after competing in the Olympics including Britain's Amir Khan and Irishman Wayne McCulloch.



### Football

Soccer isn't generally thought of as an Olympic sport but it has always been included. This year it is a 16-team competition in which 18 of the 23 players on each squad must be 23 years old or under.



### The Marathon

This is one of the most famous Olympic events and dates back to the stories of Ancient Greece. It is a 26-mile run through the streets of Beijing, ending up in the Olympic stadium.

Every Olympic Games has an image of the host country to show and China is no exception.

**Mascots** and an Olympic slogan have been chosen to project the significance of the games. This year the slogan is *One World, One Dream*. It was selected in an international competition which over 200,000 people entered. Action movie star and Kung Fu expert Jackie Chan has recorded a song for the games. The Olympic mascots are called *Fuwa* (good luck dolls). They are images of little animals with parts of the five **elements** from Chinese philosophy, which are earth, fire, water, wood and metal. The opening ceremony of the games will have performances by Celine Dion and Jay Chou, a Taiwanese singer.



However, the publicity campaign surrounding the Olympic Games hasn't been without controversy. Hollywood director Stephen Spielberg **pulled out** of his role as an artistic advisor to the Olympic Games in protest at China's support for the Sudanese government. The Khartoum government is accused of human rights abuses in the Darfur region of Sudan. Also, the carrying of the Olympic torch around the world became a joke after pro-Tibet protests were held everywhere the torch went. This **in turn** caused counter-protests by Chinese demonstrators.



Despite the controversy surrounding the games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has tried to keep the event **apolitical**. The idea of the games is that people forget their differences of opinion for the duration of the Olympics and that all the world has a vision of world peace. There will always be protests around large events but the main issues are sport and competition.

If you want to see people competing for the love of sport then the Olympics are the place to be. It is one of the last major sporting events of the world that is totally amateur (although this is disputed – many people think that the games aren't really amateur anymore because of **sponsorship** deals for athletes). Whatever you think of the issues surrounding the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, they are the main event of the summer and a must-see. ✪



**GLOSSARY**

- a headline** *n*  
the title / words at the top of a news report / article
- the track** *n*  
the path around the side of the Olympic field for running events
- a relay** *n*  
a running competition in which competitors take turns carrying a baton (a small stick)
- hurdling** *n*  
a running event in which you have to jump over obstacles
- a crossbar** *n*  
a horizontal bar that you have to jump over
- foam matting** *n*  
a thick, padded mat made from very soft, thick material
- a pole** *n*  
a very long metal object
- a javelin** *n*  
a sharp spear used for sport
- fixed** *adj*  
when something is fixed the result is illegally determined before the event
- to launch** *vb*  
to begin
- a host** *n*  
a country / city that is organising an event
- a mascot** *n*  
a character that symbolises an event, person or group
- the elements** *n*  
the basic materials that the earth is made of
- to pull out** *phr vb*  
to say you are no longer participating
- in turn** *exp*  
subsequently; then
- apolitical** *adj*  
without a political opinion or affiliation
- sponsorship** *n*  
money given to someone / a company / an organisation in return for advertising a company's products



People to look out for in this year's Olympics. **By Kejan Haynes**



Beijing 2008



# Olympic Champions

IT COMES ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE OLYMPICS SET THE STAGE FOR SOME OF THE MOST TALENTED ATHLETES IN THE WORLD TO STEP UP AND SHOW THEIR WORTH. HERE ARE SOME NAMES TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS YEAR. THIS YEAR'S GAMES ARE BEING HELD IN BEIJING FROM 8TH - 24TH AUGUST 2008.





**Usain Bolt, 21, JAMAICA – SPURTER (TRACK AND FIELD)**  
This relatively unknown **sprinter** lived up to his name and created a new 100-metre world record in early June. The 21-year-old speedster is now the new favourite and hopes to **run away with** the Olympic gold medals in the 100 metres and 200 metres.

**Spanish National Team – BASKETBALL**

This team of FIBA world champions is **undoubtedly** the best in Europe and ranked second in the world. But they'll need to beat a powerful US team if they want to take Olympic Gold.



**Tan Xue, 24, CHINA – FENCING**

This fencer from China is ready for a fight. She was the women's silver medal winner at the Athens Olympic Games and is now the favourite for this year's gold.

**Ky Hurst, 27, AUSTRALIA – OPEN-WATER SWIMMING**  
Ky Hurst is the only man to ever win 7 Australian "Ironman" titles. He's swimming in the men's 10 km marathon, appearing for the first time in these Olympics. Look out for his (and the sport's) **debut** on 21st August.



**Ana Ivanovic, 20, SERBIA – TENNIS**

This Serbian **heartthrob** hopes to do well in her first Olympic appearance. She's ranked number 2 in women's tennis and number 1 in her country. Her face is already on a postage stamp there. Hopefully she can bring home the gold... and the mail!



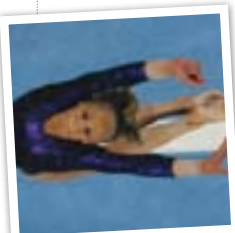
**Melanie Roach, 33, USA – WEIGHTLIFTING**

Melanie Roach is the ultimate **comeback kid**. Eight years ago she missed the Sydney Olympics due to a back injury. Afterwards, she took time off to start a family, and then started training again three years ago after a surgery to correct the problem. If she wins the gold, it'll be a tremendous weight off her shoulders... in more ways than one.



**Michael Phelps, 23, USA – SWIMMING**

Phelps made a **big splash** in the 2004 games in Athens. He won six gold medals at the 2004 Athens Olympics and could win that many – or more – in August in Beijing. If he



**Shawn Johnson, 16, USA – GYMNASTICS**

This young woman from Iowa is well on her way to being an Olympic champion. As the 2007 World All-Around Champion, as well as the 2007 US National All-

Around Champion, she is the favourite to grab the gold in Beijing. She's a regular high school girl by day and a dedicated gymnast by night. A gold medal will certainly put a little **spring in her step**.

**The Mascots: BEIBEI, JINGJING, HUANHUAN, YINGYING AND NINI.**

OK, so they're not really athletes, but expect to see these guys all over the Beijing games. Fuwa, as they're called, carry messages of peace and friendship to everyone all over the world. The mascots represent the Olympic Flame and China's most popular animals: the fish, the panda, the Tibetan antelope and the swallow. They also have rhyming two-syllable names, a traditional way of expressing affection for children in China: Beibei, Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying and Nini. When you put their names together, Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni, it translates as "Welcome to Beijing!" Very clever! ☆



**Daniel Keatings, 18, GREAT BRITAIN – GYMNASTICS**

In late May, he took the gold in the "World Stars" competition in Moscow. He participates in the all-around, team, parallel bars and pommels. Look for him **swinging into action** in August.



福娃贝贝 Beibei



福娃晶晶 Jingjing



福娃欢欢 Huanhuan



福娃迎迎 Yingying



福娃妮妮 Nini

**GLOSSARY**

- a sprinter** *n*  
a fast runner who runs short distances
- to run away with something** *exp*  
to "steal" something and run away; to take something
- undoubtedly** *adv*  
without a doubt; surely
- to make a big splash** *exp*  
to make a big impression. If you "splash" in the water, you cause a lot of water to fall out of the sea / pool, etc
- to swing into action** *exp*  
to start doing something with energy and force
- a debut** *n*  
the first time you appear somewhere or in a competition
- a heartthrob** *n*  
an attractive person who is very popular
- a comeback kid** *n*  
a person who participates in an event again after previously failing
- a spring in your step** *n*  
if you have a "spring in your step" you walk quickly because you are happy



CD track 18  
Irishwoman & Englishwoman



CD track 19  
US woman

# LITTLE JOKES

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

1. What should you do if you find a snake in your bed?
2. I always wondered why babies spend so much time sucking their **thumbs**.
3. Waitress, there's a fly in my soup.
4. Waitress, my plate is wet.
5. Waitress is there soup **on the menu**.
6. Waitress, there's a button in my soup?
7. **Customer:** Waiter, this **lobster** has only got one **claw**?  
**Waiter:** He must have been in a fight, madam.
8. What's on television tonight?



- A:** Don't worry, ma'am. The spider in the bread will get it.  
**B:** The same as always: a **vase** of flowers and a bowl of fruit.  
**C:** Thank you, ma'am. I wondered what had happened to it.  
**D:** Sleep in the wardrobe.  
**E:** No ma'am, I **wiped it all off**.  
**F:** Then I tasted baby food.  
**G:** It's not wet ma'am, that's the soup.  
**H:** Customer: Well, bring me the winner.

**GLOSSARY**

- a thumb** *n*  
the thick finger on your hand  
**a menu** *n*  
a piece of paper with a list of food that a restaurant serves  
**a lobster** *n*  
a sea creature with a hard shell, two claws and eight legs  
**a claw** *n*  
a part of a lobster / crab / scorpion that is at the end of its legs  
**a vase** *n*  
a container for flowers  
**to wipe off** *phr vb*  
to clean

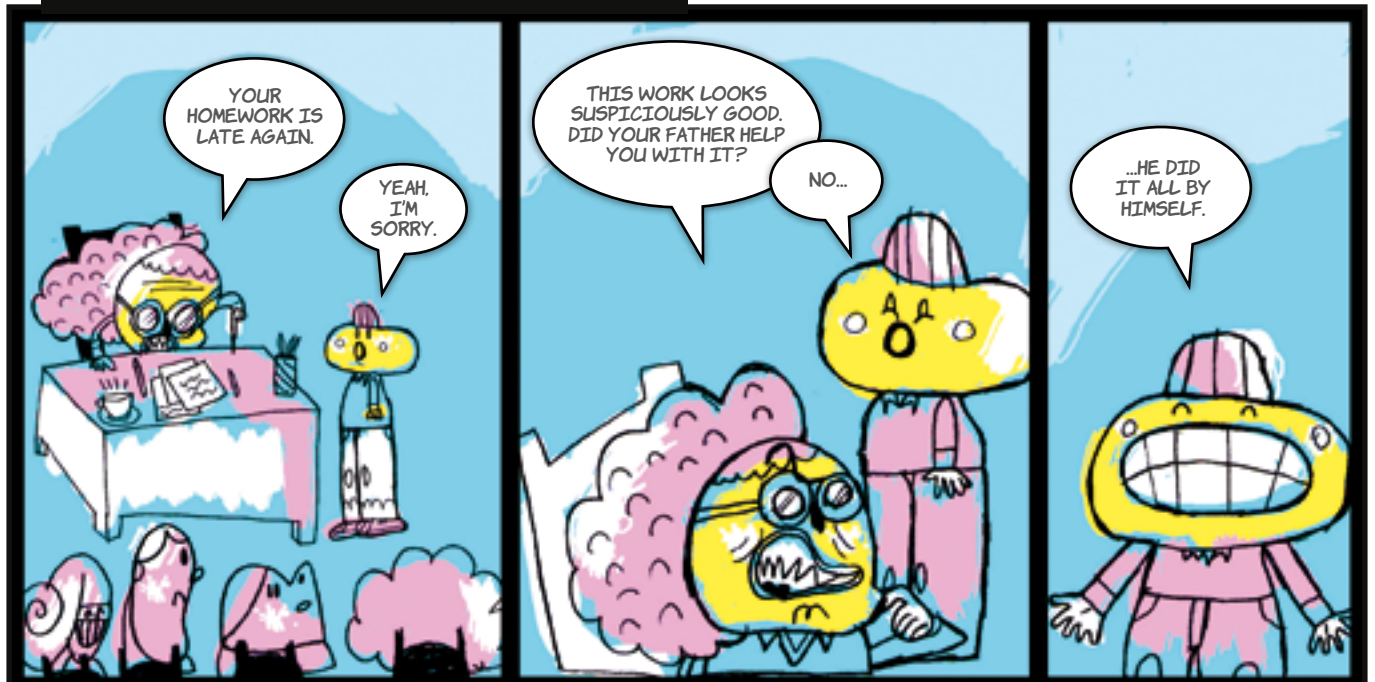
# GRAFFITI

HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOILET GRAFFITI.

**DEATH IS HEREDITARY.**  
**ALWAYS BE SINCERE ... EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T MEAN IT.**  
**THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS USUALLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**  
**I AM NOBODY. NOBODY IS PERFECT. THEREFORE, I MUST BE PERFECT!**  
**MATURITY IS KNOWING WHEN AND WHERE TO BE IMMATURE.**  
**I NEVER MET A CHOCOLATE I DIDN'T LIKE.**

**GLOSSARY**  
**hereditary** *adj*  
an illness / condition / trait that is passed on to a child by the parents  
**immature** *adj*  
childish; not adult

## HOMework BY DANIEL COLTOLINE







CD track 20  
Irishwoman & US woman

## TELEPHONE CONVERSATION



### 1 Listening I

Who says it? Write "R" (receptionist) or "C" (caller) next to each phrase. Listen once and check.

- "There will be four of us."
- "How much is each room?"
- "I just need your credit card details."
- "What is the cardholder's name, please?"

### 2 Listening II

What is the total cost of the hotel booking? Listen again to check.

- €500
- €600
- €700



### 3 Listening III

Listen again and answer the questions.

- How many people are there in the party?
- How many double rooms do they want?
- When are they arriving?
- When are they leaving?
- How much is each room?
- What is the cardholder's name, please?
- What is the credit card number?
- What is the credit card expiry date?



CD track 33  
Irishwoman & Englishwoman

## UPPER INTERMEDIATE LISTENING



### 1 Pre listening – anagrams

Rearrange the letters below to find four words that mean "intelligent".

- A T R M S
- L E E V C R
- Y A B N R I
- T H R I B G

### 2 Discussion

- Do you know anyone who you consider to be intelligent? Who? Why?
- Do you think there is a standard form of intelligence? Or are there many forms? For example: sporting, emotional, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, etc.
- What is the best way to measure intelligence?

### 3 Listening 1

One of the questions in the conversations is:

*How can you make yourself smarter in a week?*

Do you think it is possible to increase your intelligence? How? Think of as many ideas as you can. Then listen and compare your ideas to the ones in the conversation.

### 4 Listening II

Listen again. How can you become smarter? What should you do? What shouldn't you do? Complete the chart with the ideas mentioned.

Not do "X"	Do "✓"

### Grammar spot!

*Gerund versus infinitive*  
As you know, verbs in English are followed by a gerund or an infinitive. For example, "to avoid doing something" but "to promise to do something". However there are some verbs that take both, and there is often change in meaning. Compare the following sentences:

- I tried to do my homework but it was too difficult.
- A: I can't seem to make any progress in my English classes.  
B: Have you tried going on a course abroad?

The first sentence (with the infinitive) means "to make an effort to do something".  
The second sentence (with the gerund) means "to do something as an experiment". This is often expressed in a question.



# Sleeping on the Job



*Guilt-free napping for better working conditions.*

Tired? Cranky? Not productive? Why don't you take a **nap**... at work! Big companies are becoming "nap friendly" as recent studies in Britain and the US show that a nap a day keeps laziness away. Around 70% of American workers **get some z's** at the office already. But they have to do it secretly: apparently 4% of men and 8% of women nap in bathroom **cubicles** with a toilet paper **pillow**. Nap guru Bill Anthony says, "Employees are napping secretly from other employees and the employers are too tired to know that it is happening... It's an epidemic that we need to start dealing with." A study shows that companies could "improve productivity, mood and health" by letting workers **snooze** during breaks with no consequences. To **spread awareness**,

Anthony created National Sleep at Work Day, which is on 10th March. And to help promote the idea, Sheraton Hotels sponsor nationwide "napathons" on this day. Nike, Pizza Hut and Google are among the corporations to institute "pro-nap policies." Pizza Hut allows napping during breaks. Nike has installed "relaxation rooms" and Google has a massage parlour so employees can "nap and **rejuvenate**". Yelo, a New York City "naptime spa", brings sweet dreams to many executives. And for many people, "power napping" is the new coffee break. A 20-minute snooze only costs \$12 in one of Yelo's **snazzy** sleep rooms. Metronaps, another New York company, installs special nap furniture at nap-friendly companies. Could this mean the end for coffee giant Starbucks? ☺

## 1 Pre reading – Tiredness

Match the descriptive adjectives (1-4) to something that this person would say (a-d).

A	B
1. lazy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Why is he in such a bad mood today? He snapped at me twice.
2. productive <input type="checkbox"/>	b. I've done so much work today. I'm very pleased with myself.
3. tired <input type="checkbox"/>	c. He never does anything. He just sits there and watches everyone else run around.
4. cranky <input type="checkbox"/>	d. I don't know how I'm going to get through today. I hardly slept a wink last night.

## 2 Discussion

- How do you feel today? Which adjective from Exercise 1 best describes your mood?
- Do you have any lazy colleagues? Who?
- Do you get cranky at work? Why? When?
- Are you having a productive day today? Why? Why not?
- When are you most productive?

## 3 Reading I

What do you think are the main benefits of napping at work? Discuss this with a partner. Then read the article to compare your ideas.

## 4 Reading II

What do the numbers below refer to?

- 70 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 = \_\_\_\_\_



### GLOSSARY

- a nap** *n*  
a little sleep, often in the middle of the day
- to get some z's** *exp US inform*  
to sleep
- a bathroom cubicle** *n*  
a room in the bathroom with a toilet in it for sitting down
- a pillow** *n*  
a soft object that you put your head on when you sleep
- to snooze** *vb*  
to sleep lightly and for a short period of time
- to spread awareness** *exp*  
if you "spread awareness" of something, you tell / inform many people about it
- to rejuvenate** *vb*  
to make you feel fresh / awake / young again
- snazzy** *adj*  
cool



# Later, Gator!

Alligator health secrets.

LET ME THROUGH! I'M A DOCTOR.



Say good-bye to sickness, and hello to alligator antibiotics. Did you ever imagine an alligator could save your life? Alligators look pre-historic, but their **built-in** antibiotic protection is far more advanced than human resistance to many illnesses. Alligators are **territorial** and often have violent **confrontations**; but their **wounds** never become fatally infectious. Moreover, they live in **swampy environments** full of bacteria that could lead to infections, but **heal** quickly. Scientists wondered why. But now they have the answer. New research by scientists in Louisiana (home to many alligators) found that something in alligator blood works as an anti-virus. Tested against 23 different types of bacteria, alligator blood killed off all of

them. Above all, alligator blood destroyed a significant amount of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Human blood can only kill 8 different **strains of** bacteria, and cannot destroy HIV.

It is the peptides (fragments of proteins) in alligator blood that keeps them from getting infections. Other animals with the same peptides are frogs, toads and crocodiles. Within the next decade, products like pills and creams with alligator peptides will be available at the local **pharmacy**. Researchers say these products will be especially useful for "patients that need extra help preventing infections, such as diabetes patients, burn victims and people suffering from auto-immune diseases" including HIV. ✪

## 1 Pre reading – Anagrams

Rearrange the letters to find the "reptile" words.

1. grofs \_\_\_\_\_
2. dota \_\_\_\_\_
3. idroccole \_\_\_\_\_
4. aglatilor \_\_\_\_\_
5. anesk \_\_\_\_\_
6. drazil \_\_\_\_\_
7. went \_\_\_\_\_



## 2 Reading I

Before reading, look at the article title and the quote below. What do you think the article is about? Then read to check your answers.

*...their built-in "antibiotic protection is far more advanced than human resistance to many illnesses".*

HAS ANYONE GOT A GATOR?



## 3 Reading II

Read the article again and answer the questions.

1. Where do alligators live?
2. How do alligators kill off bacteria?
3. What are peptides?
4. What kind of patients will benefit from these medications with alligator peptides?

### Word Alert!

In English we have lots of words to describe the same thing. These are called synonyms. For example, an "illness", a "sickness" and a "disease" are all more or less the same. However, we tend to use "disease" for more serious conditions transmitted by bacteria or infection.

### GLOSSARY

**built-in** *adj*  
that forms part of something

**territorial** *adj*  
if an animal is "territorial", it has an area of land that it regards as its own

**a confrontation** *n*  
a fight; a conflict

**a wound** *n*  
a deep cut or injury

**swampy environments** *n*  
areas of land that are wet

**to heal** *vb*  
to cure; to become better

**a strain of something** *n*  
a type of something

**a pharmacy** *n US*  
a shop where you can buy medicines. A "chemist's" in British English

# VOCABULARY

# the swimming pool

LEARN SOME USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS TO TALK ABOUT THE SWIMMING POOL.

**Swimming pool** – the place where you swim.

**Baby pool** (also known as the wading pool) – a shallow pool for children.



and women wear a swimming costume or a bikini.

**Arm bands** – the plastic inflatable objects young swimmers wear around their arms.



**Lifeguard** – the person who is there to protect the swimmers.



**Diving board** – a high concrete or plastic board that you can jump off.

**Changing rooms** – the place where you get changed and put on your swimming costume.

**TYPES OF SWIMMING** – there are a number of swimming styles. Here are the principal ones:

**The footbath** – a little area of water designed to clean your feet.

**Crawl / front crawl** – this method of swimming consists of moving your arms over your head while kicking with your legs.



**Towel** – the object you use to dry yourself.

**Goggles** – the glasses you can use so you can see under the water.

**Goggles** – the glasses you can use

**Breaststroke** – this consists of outward movements with your arms and legs.

**Swimming caps** – tight rubber hats that you are obliged to wear in some swimming pools.



**Backstroke** – this method consists of moving your arms backwards while kicking with your legs.

**Swimwear** – clothing you wear at the swimming pool. Men generally wear swimming trunks (or simply "trunks"),



**Doggy paddling** – this consists of moving your hands and legs in the water as a dog does.

**The butterfly** – this method consists of moving your arms in circular movements. ❖







# (NOT SO) TYPICAL DIALOGUES

# Swimming Pool

IN THIS CONVERSATION, ALAN IS BUYING A TICKET TO GO SWIMMING.



**Alan:** Good morning. I'd like a ticket for the pool, please.

**Employee:** Can you swim?

**Alan:** Yes.

**Employee:** Let's see then. Do the breaststroke.

**Alan:** What? Here?

**Employee:** Yes. Come on. Show me how you do the breaststroke. *(He does.)* Well, that's not very good, is it? Move your legs a bit.

**Alan:** I can't.

**Employee:** Why? Can't you swim?

**Alan:** Well, no. Not on land.

**Employee:** Right. Show me the crawl. *(He does.)* Ah, that's better. Very fine. Now, did you bring a gun?

**Alan:** No. Do I need one?

**Employee:** Do you need one? Of course you need one. There are sharks in there.

**Alan:** Sharks?

**Employee:** No, only joking. Right, have you got a wet suit?

**Alan:** No, is it cold?

**Employee:** Of course it's cold. *(He gives him a wet suit.)* And a mask?

**Alan:** No.

**Employee:** Here you are. *(He gives him a mask.)*

**Alan:** What do I need a mask for?

**Employee:** Well, the water is very dirty. Have you got a pair of trunks?

**Alan:** Oh, yes, I've got a pair of trunks.

**Employee:** Well, that's good. OK. Now here's your ticket. *(He gives him a ticket.)* Have fun, and one last thing.

**Alan:** What?

**Employee:** Don't stop.

**Alan:** Don't stop what?

**Employee:** Don't stop swimming.

**Alan:** Why?

**Employee:** Because the crocodiles are very fast. ☺



Famous people fight it out in our monthly competition.

# Face to Face



**Mark Spitz**



**Carl Lewis**

VS

THIS MONTH WE'RE LOOKING AT TWO REMARKABLE OLYMPIANS: MARK SPITZ AND CARL LEWIS.

## Mark Spitz

Mark Spitz was an American swimmer who was born in 1950 in California. He became famous when he won seven gold medals in the Munich Olympics in 1972. It is a remarkable achievement as he won the gold medal in every event that he entered. In total he won nine gold medals between 1965 and 1972 and set 33 world records in this time. He also competed in the Maccabiah Games. This is an event for Jewish athletes from around the world although Palestinians with Israeli citizenship can also compete. These are similar to the Olympics. He won ten gold medals in two separate Maccabiah games in 1965 and 1969. During the Munich Olympics, the hostage crisis involving the Israeli team **cast a shadow over** events and Spitz decided to leave after the attack. After the games, and only aged 22, Spitz retired and attempted a career in show business. At one point, there was talk that he would be **cast** as the next James Bond after Sean Connery, but Roger

Moore got the part. He **wasn't cut out for** the job of acting so he **gave up**. Recently, he narrated a film documentary about the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

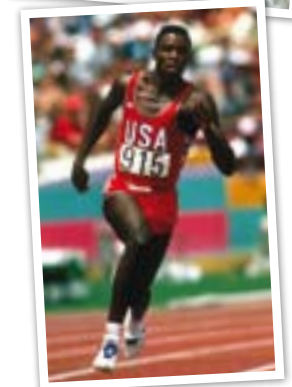
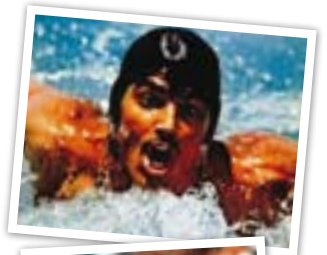
## Carl Lewis

Carl Lewis was an American runner and long jumper. He was born in 1960 in Birmingham, Alabama, (the USA) at a time of racial tensions. His father was involved with the Black Civil Rights Movement and they moved away because of racial violence. As an athlete, Lewis became famous in the early 1980s. He had qualified for the Moscow Olympics in 1980 but the US boycotted the games, so he couldn't compete. In the Los Angeles games in 1984 he won four gold medals and nine in total during his sporting career. There was controversy in the LA Games because Lewis believed that he had beaten the world record for the long jump (which had been unbeaten since 1968). However, his jump was judged a **foul** by officials. He also gained attention

after he was accused of being **big-headed**. The most famous incident occurred in 1988 at the Seoul Olympics when Canadian **sprinter** Ben Johnson smashed the 100-metre world record. Lewis and Johnson had been **duelling** for about a year and Lewis was totally defeated. But then a drug test found steroids in Ben Johnson's blood and he was disqualified, giving Lewis the medal. Lewis eventually retired in 1997 after qualifying for the Olympics five times. He is now trying to start an acting career.

## The verdict

Both men worked very hard to achieve what they did. They have an equal amount of Olympic gold medals. They also suffered for who they were: Mark Spitz for being Jewish; and Carl Lewis for being African-American. However, given that Carl Lewis is also famous for his big-headedness, our results are as follows:  
 Carl Lewis = 8 / 10;  
 Mark Spitz = 9 / 10. ❖



### GLOSSARY

- to cast a shadow over** *exp*  
to create negative publicity
- to cast** *vb*  
if you "cast" someone in a film, you give a part to them in that film
- to be cut out for** *phr vb*  
to be suitable for
- to give up** *phr vb*  
to stop doing something (often because it is too difficult)
- a foul** *n*  
an illegal or invalid action in sport
- big-headed** *adj*  
vain; egocentric; with ideas of importance and superiority
- a sprinter** *n*  
a high-speed runner who runs in short races
- to duel** *vb*  
if you are "duelling" with someone, you are in competition with them





# DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC

# being wrong

HERE ARE SOME USEFUL AND INTERESTING EXPRESSIONS FOR YOU TO LEARN. THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME EXPRESSIONS TO DESCRIBE THE ACT OF BEING WRONG.



### Be wide of the mark

**TO BE WRONG.**  
"If that's your answer then you are still very wide of the mark."



### Be on the wrong track

**TO BE DOING SOMETHING BADLY; TO HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT SOMETHING.**  
"I think the government are on the wrong **track** with their ideas on privatising the railways."



### Not be up to scratch

**NOT TO BE ACCEPTABLE.**  
"Your latest work is just not up to **scratch**."



### Be barking up the wrong tree

**TO BE WRONG ABOUT SOMETHING.**  
"If you think I'm going to help you with this, you're **barking** up the wrong tree."



### Not be your cup of tea

**NOT BE SOMETHING THAT YOU LIKE.**  
"Frank is not really my cup of tea."



### Be like a square peg in a round hole

**NOT TO BE APPROPRIATE.**  
"She's just not the right sort of person we need here; she's like a square **peg** in a round hole."



### Back the wrong horse

**TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WHO FAILS.**  
"We gave our support to the liberal politician, but he lost the election. I think we backed the wrong horse."

#### GLOSSARY

**a track** *n*  
"tracks" are long metal objects on which trains travel  
**to scratch** *vb*  
if you "scratch" yourself, you move your fingers over a part of your body because it itches  
**to bark** *vb*  
when a dog "barks", it makes a sound from its mouth  
**a peg** *n*  
a small piece of wood or metal that is used for fastening something.  
For example, a "clothes peg" is for holding clothes on the clothes line



# quirky news

## Tasty Ending

About twenty **inmates** in a maximum security jail in Hobart, Tasmania have ended their protest. The prisoners were demanding an improvement in conditions within the jail. At the beginning of the **siege**, they made 24 demands but finally agreed to end their protest after they were given 15 pizzas, 20 litres of Coca-Cola plus garlic bread. 🍕



## Unusual Punishment



A man who referred to the police as "**pigs**" has been given a very strange punishment in Auckland, New Zealand. He was ordered to spend a day at a pig farm so that he could learn the difference between police officers and the animals in question. He also had to write an **essay** on his experiences on the farm. He wrote that he was very drunk at the time and that, since then, he has given up drinking. However, in spite of his apology, he did add that the word "pig" is in the Oxford English Dictionary and is commonly used to describe the police, **albeit** in a **derogatory** way. 🐷



## Criminal Gent



A good-mannered **mugger** has been jailed in Austria. The gentleman robber grabbed the victim's bag but returned it when he noticed that she had fallen over. He then **apologised** and explained that he was desperate for money. He helped the elderly woman **search for** her keys. An **onlooker** called the police and he was arrested. The victim **pleaded with** the judge not to send him to jail saying, "When he saw me fall, he came back. Criminals just don't do that anymore." 🐷

### GLOSSARY

- an inmate** *n*  
a prisoner
- a siege** *n*  
a situation in which the police or soldiers surround a place in order to force people to come out
- a pig** *n* *inform*  
an insulting term used to refer to the police
- an essay** *n*  
a short piece of writing on one subject – written by a student
- albeit** *exp*  
although; a word used to reduce the significance of what you have just said
- derogatory** *adj*  
speaking badly / disrespectfully about someone or something
- mugger** *n*  
a person who robs people in the street – often with violence
- to apologise** *vb*  
to say sorry
- to search for** *exp*  
to look for
- an onlooker** *n*  
a person who watches something while it happens (often in the street)
- to plead with** *phr vb*  
if you "plead with" someone, you ask that person for something desperately

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# Business & Technology

## Business

# Eurotunnel Profit

*Train line looks ahead to better times.*

Eurotunnel has finally **turned a profit** for the first time in its history with a net profit of €1m last year. The hope is that it will increase this year so that a **dividend** can be paid to **shareholders** next year. The company has had problems since trains started operating through the Channel tunnel back in 1994. The company had €3.3 billion in **debts written off** and had to be restructured and refinanced. Since then, the company's fortunes have improved, and for the first quarter of 2008, sales have increased 15% to €187.6m. The Channel tunnel is regarded as an amazing **feat of engineering**. Considered one of the "Seven wonders of the modern world", the construction cost overran itself by 80% by the time it had opened in 1994. ✦



## Technology

# Online Crime

*Online crime hits all time high.*



The Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported that online crime is at the highest it has ever been. Losses from last year have totalled \$240m or €152m. **Auction fraud** is the most popular type of internet crime. This entails goods being advertised then subsequently bought but

never sent. Other forms of criminal enterprise include credit card fraud, **spam mail** and **computer hacking**. But the problem with this report, according to the assistant director of the FBI's Cyber Division, is the large amount of illegal activity that goes totally unreported. James E. Finch said that, "**Filing a complaint** is the best way to alert law enforcement authorities of internet crime, but that not many people **bother to do this**." Whether reporting these types of crime improves the situation remains to be seen. ✦



### GLOSSARY

- to turn a profit** *exp*  
to start to make money; to stop losing money
- a dividend** *n*  
money from the profits of a company that is paid to shareholders
- a shareholder** *n*  
a person who owns a percentage of a company
- a debt** *n*  
an amount of money you owe (must pay)
- to write off** *phr vb*  
if you "write off" a debt, you cancel the debt
- a feat of engineering** *n*  
an amazing construction that involves complex engineering
- an auction** *n*  
a public sale
- fraud** *n*  
the crime of gaining money by tricking someone
- spam mail** *n*  
illegal e-mails sent without the permission of the recipient (the person receiving it)
- computer hacking** *n*  
entering computer systems illegally
- to file a complaint** *exp*  
to report a crime officially
- to bother to do something** *exp*  
if you "don't bother to do something", you don't do it because you don't want to or you are too lazy to do it

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

# July

COME AND CELEBRATE JULY WITH US IN OUR SERIES ON ANNIVERSARIES. THIS MONTH: JULY.



**2nd July 1900** The first zeppelin flight over Lake Constance near Friedrichshafen, Germany takes place.



**8th July 1889** the first issue of The Wall Street Journal, an influential international daily newspaper, is published.



**12th July 1543** King Henry VIII of England marries Catherine Parr, his sixth and last wife, at Hampton Court Palace.



**13th July 1985** Live Aid benefit concerts, which are organised to raise funds for famine relief in Ethiopia, are

held at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia.



**14th July 1789** Parisians storm the Bastille, freeing its inmates and taking the prison's large quantities of arms and ammunition. The French Revolution begins.



**15th July 1799** French soldiers discover the Rosetta Stone in the Egyptian port city of Rashid.



**17th July 1936** Nationalist rebels in Spain attempt a coup d'état against the Second Spanish Republic. The Spanish Civil War starts.

**18th July 64 AD** The Great Fire of Rome starts, destroying four of fourteen Roman



districts and severely damaging seven others.



**22nd July 1933** Wiley Post becomes the first pilot to fly a fixed-wing aircraft solo around the world.



**27th July 1865** A group of Welsh settlers arrive at Chubut Valley in Argentina's Patagonia region. Their descendants speak Welsh to this day.



**28th July 1990** Alberto Fujimori takes office as the President of Peru, becoming the first person of Japanese descent to be elected as an executive head of state of a Latin American nation. ✪

## Events for July 2008

- 1st July** Canada Day (Canada)
- 1st July** Republic Day (Ghana)
- 3rd July** Independence Day (Belarus)
- 4th July** Independence Day (United States)
- 5th July** Independence Day (Venezuela)
- 6th July** Independence Day (Malawi)
- 7th July** San Fermines (Pamplona, Spain)
- 7th July - 9th July** 34th G8 summit, in Japan
- 9th July** Independence Day (Argentina)
- 14th July** Bastille Day (France)
- 14th July** the 57th Miss Universe pageant – live from Nha Trang (Vietnam)
- 17th July - 20th July** the 137th British Open, in England.
- 20th July** Independence Day (Colombia)
- 21st July** Racial Harmony Day (Singapore)
- 28th July** Independence Day (Peru)
- 30th July - 5th August** the World Congress of Philosophy, in Seoul
- 31st July** Bill Gates will step down as the Chairman of Microsoft Corporation

## GLOSSARY

- a zeppelin** *n* a form of transport that consists of a large, long balloon
- to raise funds** *exp* to generate money for a cause
- a famine** *n* a situation in which there is no food and people are suffering
- relief** *n* money, food, clothing, etc for people in need
- to storm** *vb* to attack quickly
- to free** *vb* to liberate; to let out of prison
- the Rosetta Stone** *n* a stone which helped us understand the meaning of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics
- a coup d'état** *n* an attack against a government / ruling body
- a descendant** *n* our "descendants" are the people who are related to us in future generations
- to take office** *exp* to become president / prime minister, etc





CD tracks 2-3  
Irishwoman & US woman

# bar chats

## British

## US

### Boyfriends

THIS MONTH, CLAIRE AND SARAH ARE TALKING ABOUT BOYFRIENDS.

- Claire:** Sarah?  
**Sarah:** Yeah.  
**Claire:** Have you had many boyfriends?  
**Sarah:** Erm, a few.  
**Claire:** OK, so let's think. Have you been the one to leave them or have they left you?  
**Sarah:** Erm, mostly the **former**, I'd say.  
**Claire:** What, you've left them?  
**Sarah:** Yeah.  
**Claire:** They've left you?  
**Sarah:** No, I've left them.  
**Claire:** OK, now how have you left them?  
**Sarah:** Oh, that's a difficult one. There... there's never really a nice way to do it.  
**Claire:** Well what did you do for example?  
**Sarah:** Erm, well, it's difficult to **avoid clichés** really. I mean, erm, "You're a nice guy, but..." is usually the start of it. "It's not you, it's me." Erm, I'm sure you've been in similar situations yourself.  
**Claire:** Oh, I've had so many boyfriends. But, but how do you do it? Do you do it over the phone I mean or is it, do you think it's better to do it **face to face**? I think it's best to do it face to...  
**Sarah:** Well yeah, I'd have to agree with you there. I think it's, well, I mean it kind of depends on how long you've been with somebody. But I don't really... I mean, text message I think, for example, is a **no-go**.  
**Claire:** **Horrendous**, yeah. [Yeah.] An email, even worse!  
**Sarah:** So impersonal. I think, you know, the right thing to do is at least speak to them face to face.  
**Claire:** Yeah, because, I suppose, if you have respect for that person they'll then respect you for telling them the truth.  
**Sarah:** Exactly, exactly. I mean it's never easy but I think the more **straightforward** you are about it, the better.  
**Claire:** Agreed. OK, should we do that then, the next time we have a boyfriend break up from them?  
**Sarah:** Good plan! ✨

#### GLOSSARY

**the former** *n*  
the first of two things mentioned  
**to avoid** *vb*  
to try not to do / say / see something  
**a cliché** *n*  
a phrase that is often repeated – so much that it almost becomes meaningless  
**face to face** *adv*  
in front of someone; while talking to someone  
**a no-go** *exp*  
something you shouldn't / mustn't do  
**horrendous** *adj*  
terrible; horrible  
**straightforward** *n*  
simple, basic, non-complex

### Bugs!

THIS MONTH, TAMMY AND EVAN ARE TALKING ABOUT BUGS (INSECTS).

- Evan:** So the other day I was in my apartment and I went into the bathroom and there was a giant cockroach in the toilet.  
**Tammy:** Ewww!  
**Evan:** Yeah, **no kidding**. It started making these crazy noises and then it flew away.  
**Tammy:** Oh, that's horrible.  
**Evan:** Yes, I was... I was **devastated**. I didn't know what to do. Do you have any strange or crazy fears of bugs?  
**Tammy:** I do actually. It's kind of embarrassing to mention but I am afraid of water bugs or cockroaches or anything pretty much that **goes crunch** under your shoe.  
**Evan:** Eww, water bugs.  
**Tammy:** I know! They fly!  
**Evan:** What happens if you see a water bug?  
**Tammy:** One of two things, that whole flight or fr...erm... fight... **flight-or-fight reaction**. Either I sit there and scream and do absolutely nothing or I run out.  
**Evan:** What happened the last time you saw a water bug?  
**Tammy:** Well the last time I saw a water bug, my cousin kicked it at me and I left the building. I ran out of the apartment and I waited in the street.  
**Evan:** And you're **scarred emotionally** forever.  
**Tammy:** Yes, I am! ✨



#### GLOSSARY

**no kidding** *exp*  
I am not joking; I am being serious  
**devastated** *adj*  
shocked; very sad; emotionally destroyed  
**to go crunch** *exp*  
if something goes "crunch", it makes a breaking noise as you tread on it  
**a flight-or-fight reaction** *n*  
an automatic, instinctive reaction that occurs when you are in danger. "Flight" refers to the act of running away / escaping; "fight" refers to the act of staying and fighting the danger



HERE ARE SOME MORE CRAZY LAWS FROM THE US.  
(US ENGLISH SPELLING)

You may not sing in the bathtub. (OHIO)



Firework stores may not sell fireworks to Pennsylvania residents. (PENNSYLVANIA)

You may not catch a fish with your hands. (PENNSYLVANIA)



Dynamite is not to be used to catch fish. (PENNSYLVANIA)

One's pants may be worn no lower than five inches below the waist. (PENNSYLVANIA)



All fire hydrants must be checked one hour before all fires. (PENNSYLVANIA)



It is illegal to sleep on top of a refrigerator outdoors. (PENNSYLVANIA)

A special cleaning ordinance bans housewives from hiding dirt and dust under a rug in a dwelling. (PENNSYLVANIA)



A person is not eligible to become governor if he / she has participated in a duel. (PENNSYLVANIA)

It is contrary to Pennsylvania law to discharge a gun, cannon, revolver or other explosive weapon at a wedding. (PENNSYLVANIA)



Any motorist driving along a country road at night must stop every mile and send up a rocket signal, wait 10 minutes for the road to be cleared of livestock, and continue. (PENNSYLVANIA)



Any motorist who sights a team of horses coming toward him must pull well off the road, cover his car with a blanket or canvas that blends with the countryside, and let the horses pass. (PENNSYLVANIA)



You cannot walk backwards eating peanuts in front of the Barnstormers Auditorium during a performance. (PENNSYLVANIA)



One must make a loud noise before passing a car on the left. (RHODE ISLAND)



Ropes may not be strung across a highway. (RHODE ISLAND)

You may not sell toothpaste and a toothbrush to the same customer on a Sunday. (RHODE ISLAND)



GLOSSARY

- fireworks** *n*  
small objects that are lit to entertain people. They produce loud noises and colourful lights
- pants** *n* US  
clothing you wear to cover your legs. "Trousers" in British English
- an inch** *n*  
a measurement of about 2.5 cm
- a fire hydrant** *n*  
a pipe in the street from which fire fighters can get water
- an ordinance** *n*  
a law
- a dwelling** *n*  
a place where someone lives
- a duel** *n*  
a formal fight between two people, often with guns or swords
- to discharge a gun** *exp*  
to fire a gun
- livestock** *n*  
animals such as cows, sheep, pigs, etc that are kept on a farm
- to pull off the road** *exp*  
to stop the car and to park it at the side of the road
- to blend with** *phr* *vb*  
to mix with so it becomes similar to; to become a part of



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# DICTIONARY OF SLANG

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



## Situation



### Formal



### Relaxed



### Informal

Someone tells you something that you think is untrue.	That is not factual.	That isn't true.	That's rubbish; that's nonsense.
You are describing an <b>acquaintance</b> . You don't like this person at all.	He is absolutely despicable.	He isn't very nice.	He's scum; he's the scum of the earth.
You suggest playing some pool.	May I suggest a game of pool?	Do you want to play some pool?	Wanna shoot some pool?
You suggest playing basketball.	Would you care to engage in a game of basketball?	Do you want to play some basketball?	Wanna shoot some <b>hoops</b> ?
You are describing the weather and the recent three-days of rain.	It has rained for three consecutive days with no respite.	It's been raining for three days without stopping.	It's been chucking it down for three days solid.
You are at a party with some friends. You suggest leaving.	May I suggest that we depart?	Shall we go?	Let's <b>split</b> .



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

### GLOSSARY

**an acquaintance** *n*  
someone who you know; a friend  
**a hoop** *n*  
a circular object / ring made of wood or plastic. You can jump through the big ones  
**to split** *vb inform*  
to leave. Literally, "to divide"

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CD track 36



# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



## 1 Exercise

Read the following sentences. Can you correct them? Then listen to check.

1. This is the man which son won the competition.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The town in which the office is located in is in the north.  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Sorry, I wasn't meaning to hit you.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. I cut while I was chopping the carrots.  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. "This is fantastic," they told.  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. She told to me the story.  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## The Vatican

The Vatican, also known as “The Holy See”, refers to the central government of the Catholic Church. The leader of the Vatican (or Holy See) is the Bishop of Rome, better known as The Pope. The Holy See dates back to St. Peter, who died in 64 A.D.



## The Vatican City

The Vatican City (officially, the State of the Vatican City) is a sovereign city state located within the city of Rome, Italy. It is the smallest state in the world with a population of about 800. The Vatican City was formed in 1929 after the Lateran Treaty was signed between the Kingdom of Italy and the Holy See. The Pope and the Holy See are in the Vatican City.

# Alien Belief

SPACE ALIENS ARE OUR BROTHERS, VATICAN SAYS.

A leading Vatican Astronomer has said that belief in life in other planets and belief in God don't **contradict** each other. Reverend José Gabriel Funes, a Jesuit said that the universe is too big to deny the possibility that life didn't develop elsewhere. Reverend Funes is the chief of the Vatican Observatory which has one of the most impressive collections of meteorites in the world. He is also an advisor to the Pope on science. The priest made his comments in the Vatican's newspaper L'Osservatore Romano in an interview with the **headline** “The

**extraterrestrial** is my brother”. Funes said that if there were **aliens**, then they would also have been created by God because God created the entire universe. He also said that he believed **The Big Bang** was the beginning of the universe but that this didn't contradict his belief in God. In 1633, the Church **tried** Galileo as a **heretic** because he said that the Earth revolved around the Sun. Galileo had to **recant** his theory and the Church only admitted its error in 1992. Funes said that the Church had made a mistake but the time has come for people to discuss their ideas calmly. ✪

### GLOSSARY

**to contradict** *vb*  
to say the opposite of something  
**a headline** *n*  
the words / title at the top of a news story  
**an extraterrestrial** *n*  
a creature from another planet; an alien  
**an alien** *n*  
a creature from another planet  
**the Big Bang** *n*  
the theory that the universe was created by a massive explosion  
**to try** *vb*  
to put someone before a court and accuse them of a crime  
**a heretic** *n*  
a non-believer; a person who doesn't believe in religious teachings  
**to recant** *vb*  
to deny the truth of something you said previously





# STONE IDIOMS

THIS IS THE FIRST PART IN OUR SERIES OF "STONE" IDIOMS.

### GLOSSARY

**to sink** *vb*  
if an object "sinks" in water, it goes to the bottom of the water  
**sympathy** *n*  
if you have "sympathy" for someone or their situation, you understand / appreciate their situation and / or feel sorry for them



### A stone's throw

A VERY SHORT DISTANCE AWAY.  
"Our hotel was a stone's throw from the beach."



### Be carved / set in stone

IF AN ARRANGEMENT, PLAN OR RULES IS "SET IN STONE", IT IS FIXED AND IT CANNOT BE CHANGED..  
"The rules are set in stone and there's nothing you can do about it."



### Leave no stone unturned

TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING OR FIND SOMEONE/SOMETHING..  
"They have promised to leave no stone unturned in their search for peace."



### Sink like a stone

TO FAIL COMPLETELY.  
"She recorded six songs, all of which sank like a stone."



### Get blood out of a stone

IF MAKING SOMEONE TELL YOU SOMETHING OR DO SOMETHING IS LIKE "GETTING BLOOD OUT OF A STONE", IT IS VERY DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE..  
"Getting the truth out of him was like getting blood out of a stone."



### Have a heart of stone

BE CRUEL AND HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR PEOPLE..  
"He wouldn't even help his own mother in her time of need. He's got a heart of stone."



ALL I WANT IS A LITTLE CLASSIFICATION.

## Platypus Mystery

*The mystery of the platypus is solved.*

The mystery of one of the **oddest** animals on earth has been solved. The duck-billed platypus, a small animal native to Australia and Tasmania, has been classified as... nothing. It is neither a mammal, a bird nor a reptile. Scientists couldn't decide what the strange little creature was because it had similarities with all three animal groups.

For several years scientists have been studying the **genome** of the platypus to **figure out** which group it belonged to. But they have concluded that it is a mixture of the three. In some ways it is similar to a duck: it lays eggs, it has a **bill** (**hence** the name) and it has webbed feet. The platypus also has a feature that egg-laying mammals have: electroreception. This is the ability to **track** food with electrical signals when they are

underwater. The features that the platypus shares with reptiles include possessing a snake-like **venom**.

Scientists said that they thought that, during evolution, humans and platypuses had a common ancestor until about 170 million years ago – during the time of the dinosaurs. The platypus that scientists **carried out the research** on was nicknamed Glennie.

Australia is home to some of the strangest animals in the world. As well as the duck-billed platypus, there are also kangaroos with **pouches** for carrying their **offspring** and the mild, tree-climbing koala bears. The isolation of the island has meant that many animals have evolved differently from other animals as they lived without fear of **predators**. 🐾

### 1 Exercise

Match each Australian animal to its corresponding picture.

1. duck-billed platypus
2. koala
3. kangaroo
4. funnel-web spider
5. Tasmanian devil
6. emu
7. dingo
8. possum



### GLOSSARY

- odd** *adj*  
strange
- a genome** *n*  
DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) – the genetic information of people / things
- to figure out** *phr vb*  
to discover
- a bill** *n*  
the hard part of a bird's face that it uses to eat (also, a "beak")
- hence** *adv*  
therefore; as a result
- to track** *vb*  
to find and follow
- venom** *n*  
poison
- to carry out research** *exp*  
to do scientific experiments
- a pouch** *n*  
a type of bag in a kangaroo for holding its young / babies
- offspring** *n*  
children
- a predator** *n*  
a hunter; someone who eats / kills another animal







# Thinking Green

Going green can mean greenbacks.

## 1 Pre reading – Being Green

Match the words to the pictures.

1. a recycling bin
2. geothermal energy
3. wind power
4. a wind turbine
5. solar energy
6. biofuels
7. tidal power
8. hydro power



## 2 Discussion



1. Which form of renewable energy is popular in your country? Why?
2. Do you do your bit for the environment? What?
3. Are politicians in your country concerned about the environment? In what ways?
4. Are there any green parties in your country? Who are they? What do they do?
5. What do you understand by the term “a green home”? Would you live in one? Why? Why not?

## 3 Reading 1

Before reading. Can green policies be profitable? How? Think of at least three ways. Now read the article and check your answers.

## 4 Reading II

How are the following people contributing to the “green” projects mentioned in the article. Make short notes under each name.

 Tom Darden	 Donald Trump	 Brad Pitt	 T. Boone Pickens

We don't normally associate green policies with profitability, but some business people are proving they can be. Cherokee Investment Partners is one such example. Cherokee, which is a **real estate investor**, buys “polluted and abandoned” properties, cleans up the chemical waste, then redevelops the land to sell. From department stores and industrial properties to abandoned oil refineries, they have 500 energy efficient and **environmentally-friendly** properties in Europe, Canada, and the US. Because these sites are usually near cities, the new developments are near public transportation, which is good for everyone, and more profitable. Cherokee **CEO** Tom Darden is working with Donald Trump to clean up a **landfill** in New Jersey. They'll build “homes, apartments, stores and a world-class golf course” on the site. Brad Pitt also works with Cherokee building “green” homes for people in New Orleans.



Meanwhile, oil tycoon T Boone Pickens is turning the **panhandle of Texas** into “the world's largest wind farm.” He has **rejuvenated** his little town of Sweetwater with wind energy. Until now, Sweetwater was a “gently **declining** railroad town, its population falling year on year and its infrastructure quietly **rotting**.” Now, business **is booming**. Famous for thinking big, Pickens plans on putting up to 2,700 wind turbines on 200,000 acres. They will generate enough wind energy to “power about one million homes.” He has even promised his neighbours between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for each turbine they allow on their property. “My business is making money, and I think this is going to make a lot of money,” Pickens says. Future plans include wind and solar energy projects from Texas to California. ♻️

### GLOSSARY

- a real estate investor** *n*  
a person / company who buys and sells property
- environmentally-friendly** *adj*  
that doesn't damage the environment (the earth, air, water, etc)
- the CEO** *abbr*  
the chief executive officer – the highest-ranking manager of a company
- a landfill** *n*  
a large hole in the land where rubbish is placed
- the panhandle of Texas** *n*  
the northern part of Texas that looks like the handle (the part you hold) of a pan
- to rejuvenate** *vb*  
to renew; to improve; make young again
- declining** *adj*  
becoming worse; nearing the end of its life cycle
- rotting** *adj*  
if something is “rotting”, it is dying
- to boom** *vb*  
if business is “booming”, things are going very well





# Texas Trauma

*Polygamist sect busts.*

Texas is home to a lot of religious cult activity. Now police are investigating a "secretive **polygamist sect**," the radical Fundamentalist **Mormons**. They separated from the Mormon Church in the 1930's when Mormons **outlawed** polygamy; there are three generations of members. Police raided their **compound** after a young girl from the sect told officers about the sexual abuse she had suffered. She is among the 400 women and 133 children **cloistered** in the compound who had never been outside its walls. Leader and "self-styled prophet", Warren Jeffs is **up for** multiple charges. According to reports, young girls from 10 years old are forced to marry men 40 or 50 years older. Jeffs is said to have over 250 kids,



and 80 wives. They believe the apocalypse is coming, and are "preparing to start again when the world is destroyed".

Waco, Texas is infamous for the Branch Dividians, a radical cult centring around leader David Koresh. A 51-day, multiple agency siege began on the ranch on 28th February 1993. On 19th April the compound burned down, ending the confrontation, also causing the deaths of over 80 members, including Koresh. He believed that he was the Second Coming of Christ. Deeply disturbed, he gave adults and children paramilitary training. Later, law enforcement agencies discovered arms that had been sent to the Davidian compound. Davidians today are waiting for Koresh to return. ☺

## 1 Pre reading – religious sects / cults

Match the sect (1 to 5) to the definition (a-e).  
For more information (plus some videos), visit [www.listverse.com/religion/top-10-cults](http://www.listverse.com/religion/top-10-cults)

1. The Manson Family
  2. Aum Shinrikyo
  3. Scientology
  4. Branch Davidians
  5. The Unification Church (Mooneyism)
- a. A Japanese religious group. They carried out a Sarin gas attack in the Tokyo subway in 1995.
  - b. This religious movement was started by Sun Myung Moon in Korea in the 1940s.
  - c. A religious sect whose centre in Waco, Texas, was burnt down in 1993 after a police siege.
  - d. A cult started by Charles Manson. Members of the cult carried out a series of killings in 1969.
  - e. A religious organisation created by L Ron Hubbard in 1952.

## 2 Discussion

1. What do you know about sects?
2. Which sects / cults are active in your country? How does the government deal with them?
3. Why do people join sects? How do sect leaders get people to join?

## 3 Reading 1

Look at the words below. What do you think the article is about? How do the words fit into the article? Discuss your ideas, then read the article to check your answers.

Texas raided Mormons outlawed  
polygamy church prophet forced  
apocalypse  
Koresh  
Branch Davidians  
compound disturbed

## 4 Reading II

What do these numbers refer to?

1. 133
2. 80
3. 250
4. 51
5. 28

### Phrasal verb alert!

Notice how some phrasal verbs are composed of two participles: to be up for. "Warren Jeffs is up for multiple charges."

If you are "up for" something, you are going to receive that thing. Notice how this expression can also be used in a positive sense. "Penelope Cruz is up for two Oscars."



### GLOSSARY

- a polygamist sect** *n*  
a sect that believes that you can be married to various people at the same time
- a Mormon** *n*  
a religious organisation based in Utah (the USA)
- to outlaw** *vb*  
to declare formally that something is illegal
- a compound** *n*  
an enclosed area of land used for a specific purpose
- cloistered** *adj*  
if you are "cloistered", you are isolated from the rest of the world
- up for something** *exp*  
if you are "up for something", you are going to receive that thing
- a siege** *n*  
a situation in which the police or military are surrounding a place waiting for the people inside to come out
- disturbed** *adj*  
mentally unstable



CD track 42  
US man & Englishwoman

ADVANCED LISTENING

NEWS STORIES



BBC to interview dead star.

1 Pre listening – Dead or alive?

What are the following people famous for? Are they still alive? If not, when did they pass away?



Frank Sinatra



Greta Garbo



James Stewart



Bob Marley



James Mason

2 Listening 1

Listen once. Which of the stars above is mentioned? What is a blooper?

3 Listening II

Answer the following questions.

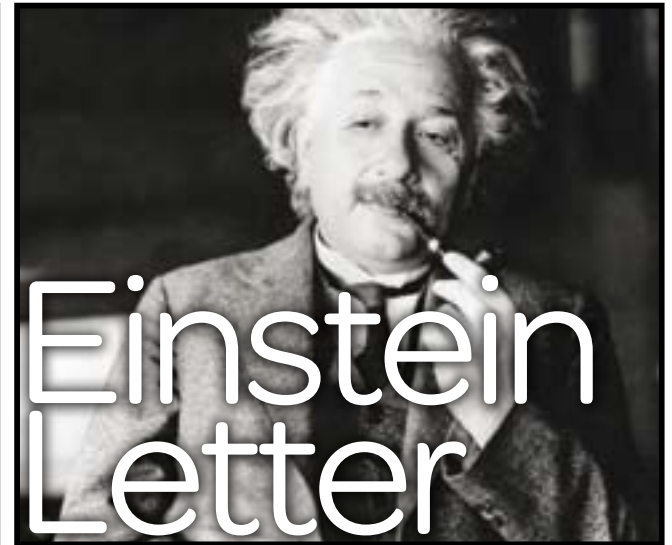
1. What was the media company requesting?
2. How did the foundation react to the request?
3. What was the outcome of the incident?

4 Discussion

1. Have there been any embarrassing media moments in your country? What were they?
2. What's your opinion of the media and the people who work for the media?

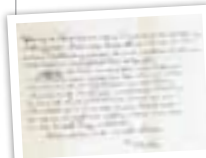
5 Language focus

A euphemism is the use of a pleasanter or less direct name for something thought to be unpleasant. For example, the use of the term "streamlining" to describe the custom of firing / sacking employees. Listen to the conversation again and find an example of a euphemism. What is it?



AN INTERESTING LETTER BY EINSTEIN SELLS FOR \$330,000.

A letter by the famous scientist Albert Einstein has sold for US\$330,000. In the letter Einstein, who was Jewish, dismissed the existence of God. He also said that he didn't think the Jews were a "chosen people", though he said that he was very proud and happy to be Jewish. In the letter, Einstein said that God was another way of describing human weakness and the Bible was "pretty childish".



The letter was written and sent in 1954 to philosopher Eric Gutkind, a friend of Einstein's. It was sold in London by Bloomsbury Auctions. The auctioneers expected the price of the letter to be much less.

Albert Einstein was famous for his scientific work. But many people have speculated about his religious and political beliefs. He was a cultural Zionist. On several occasions he said he was concerned about the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. He thought that this would bring his people into conflict with Arabs, especially the Palestinians. He publicly condemned the events surrounding the massacre in the Arab village of Deir Yassin. When the state of Israel was formed he was asked to become the president but he declined the offer. The German-born genius died in 1955. ✪

Albert Einstein

(14th March 1879 – 18th April 1955)

Albert Einstein was a Nobel Prize winning physicist. He was famous for his theory of relativity ( $E = mc^2$ ). He once sent a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt warning him that German scientists were creating an atomic bomb. Einstein urged the president to create one too. The letter sparked what would later be called the Manhattan Project. Today, the name Einstein is synonymous with genius.



GLOSSARY

- a chosen people *n*  
a group of people chosen by God as the most important
- childish *adj*  
immature; not adult
- an auction *n*  
a sale where the product is sold to the person who pays the most
- to speculate *vb*  
to suggest; to theorise
- a Zionist *n*  
someone who believes in Zionism – the creation of a homeland for Jewish people. A cultural Zionist appreciates Jewish culture, history and traditions (but not necessarily the political aspects)
- a conflict *n*  
a war
- to condemn *vb*  
to say that something is wrong
- Deir Yassin *n*  
an Arab village that was attacked during the Palestinian War of 1948. Most of the villagers were killed
- a genius *n*  
someone with great abilities and very high intelligence



# Celebrity Requests

WHAT'S THE SILLIEST REQUEST YOU'VE EVER HEARD? WHATEVER IT IS, IT PROBABLY ISN'T AS RIDICULOUS AS SOME OF THESE TRUE THINGS THAT STARS HAVE DEMANDED. TRY THIS QUIZ. CAN YOU GUESS WHO MAKES EACH REQUEST? AND CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? ANSWERS BELOW.

1 The Brown M&Ms have to be picked out of the packages.



The Backstreet Boys

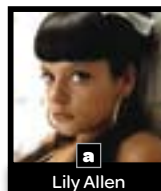


Coldplay

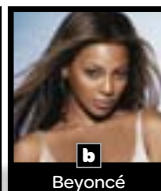


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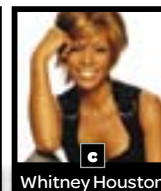
2 I demand a puppy (just for one night).



Lily Allen



Beyoncé

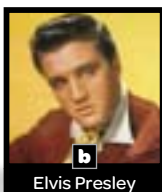


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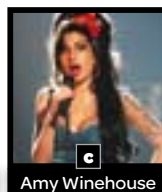
3 I need a new toilet seat for each night of my tour.



Madonna



Elvis Presley



Amy Winehouse

4 I can only drink coffee that is **stirred counter-clockwise**.



Tom Cruise



Julia Roberts



Jennifer Lopez

5 I need a personal assistant to throw away my **used** chewing gum.



Celine Dion



Aretha Franklin

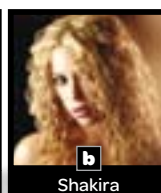


Mariah Carey

6 I demand special silk **curtains** to line my dressing room.



Lindsay Lohan



Shakira



Paulina Rubio

7 I need a **submachine gun**.



Marilyn Manson



Motley Crue



Iron Maiden

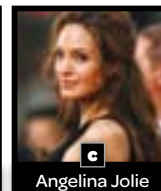
8 I won't **sign on** for the movie unless you give my husband free flying lessons.



Jennifer Aniston



Katie Holmes



Angelina Jolie

9 There must be no less than 204 towels in my dressing room.



P. Diddy



Timbaland



Justin Timberlake

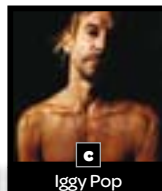
10 The **seven dwarfs** must be **backstage** with me while I am on tour.



Britney Spears



The Rolling Stones



Iggy Pop



### GLOSSARY

- to pick out** *phr vb*  
to take with your fingers
- to stir** *vb*  
to move liquids with a spoon in order to mix them
- counter-clockwise** *adv*  
"clockwise" is in the same direction as the clock; "counter-clockwise" is the opposite direction
- used** *adj*  
that has been eaten / used
- curtains** *n*  
thick material that covers the windows
- a submachine gun** *n*  
an automatic gun that shoots many bullets at the same time
- to sign on for something** *exp*  
to put your name on a contract as a way of agreeing to do something
- the seven dwarfs** *n*  
the seven "little" men from the Snow White story
- backstage** *n*  
the area behind the stage (the elevated platform) in a theatre

ANSWERS 1-2: 3-4-5-6: 7-8-9-10:



# Advertising & Marketing

## Advertising

# Controversial Vodka

*Absolut ad irritates Americans.*

Absolut Vodka has found itself in trouble over a map of Mexico from the 1830s. The advert, which was only used in Mexico, shows the southwest of the United States within the Mexican border. The **caption** on the advert read, "In an Absolut world".

The border between the USA and Mexico has been a **source of contention** between the two countries ever since the Mexican-American War of 1848. In recent times, Mexican immigration to this part of the States has **stirred controversy**. Last year, an attempt to reform laws to document 12 million, mostly Mexican, immigrants failed. Mexican people have **nicknamed** this massive economic migration the "Reconquista". Absolut has **stated** that the ad didn't mean to offend, moreover it was intended to recall a more ideal time in Mexican history. The campaign has since ended, but this hasn't given any comfort to conservative American bloggers who were furious about it. ✪



## Marketing

# Name Change

*Tradition versus commercialism in Ireland.*

An emotional battle between commercialism and tradition is about to be **waged** in Lansdowne Road, the national rugby stadium of Ireland. The stadium, which is being renovated at the moment, is the oldest international rugby ground in the world. It is



also the home of Lansdowne Road Football Club, one of the oldest rugby clubs in Ireland. The Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) is considering selling the naming rights of Lansdowne Road, a move many English Football Clubs like Arsenal have done to **generate revenue**.

Arsenal's new ground, the Emirates Stadium (named after Emirates Airlines), took over from Highbury with many fans unhappy about the corporate name change. Similar problems will probably arise with Lansdowne Road, which also hosts Ireland's international soccer matches. In the US, most teams in the National Hockey League have their stadiums named after companies. ✪



### GLOSSARY

- a caption** *n*  
the words that go with a picture / advert
- a source of contention** *n*  
something that creates conflict
- to stir controversy** *exp*  
to create many different opinions and anger
- to nickname** *vb*  
to give an informal name
- to state** *vb*  
to say formally
- to wage (a war)** *n*  
to fight a battle
- to generate revenue** *exp*  
to produce money / profit



# PHRASAL VERB THEMES

# Socialising

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

**ASK SOMEONE OVER**  
TO INVITE SOMEONE TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE.



"I'D LIKE TO ASK JIM OVER FOR LUNCH THIS WEEKEND. IS THAT OK?"

**COME OVER**  
TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE.



"WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OVER THIS FRIDAY EVENING? WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE PARTY."

**BRING SOMEONE ALONG**  
TO BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU TO A SOCIAL FUNCTION.



"YOU CAN BRING SALLY ALONG - SHE'S A LOT OF FUN."

**COME A/ROUND**  
TO VISIT SOMEONE'S HOUSE.



"WHAT TIME SHALL WE COME ROUND?"

**HAVE SOMEONE AROUND / ROUND / OVER**  
IF YOU "HAVE SOMEONE AROUND", THEY COME TO YOUR HOUSE FOR A SOCIAL VISIT.



"IT WAS NICE TO HAVE YOU AROUND."

**DROP IN / BY**  
TO VISIT SOMEONE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.



"FEEL FREE TO DROP BY ANY TIME YOU LIKE - I'M ALWAYS HERE."

**INVITE OUT**  
TO ASK SOMEONE TO GO OUT WITH YOU.



"SHE INVITED ME OUT LAST FRIDAY AND WE WENT TO THE CINEMA AND THEN TO A RESTAURANT."

**GET TOGETHER**  
WHEN PEOPLE "GET TOGETHER", THEY MEET IN ORDER TO DISCUSS SOMETHING OR SOCIALISE.



"LET'S GET TOGETHER SOMETIME THIS WEEK AND DISCUSS THIS OVER LUNCH."

# WORD OF THE MONTH

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# Jobsworth

THIS MONTH WE ARE LOOKING AT THE WORD "JOBSWORTH". BASICALLY A JOBSWORTH IS SOMEONE WHO IS UNHELPFUL AND OBSTRUCTIVE IN THEIR JOB – SOMEONE WHO USES THEIR POSITION TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS.

In general, jobsworths have unimportant jobs and **mundane** personal lives. They seek attention and the workplace is usually where they can find it. The public don't take them seriously in the outside world, so they try to be "Little Hitlers" in their place of work. Jobsworths typically "**go by the book**", and typical jobsworth expressions include the following:

- a) Oh, I'm sorry, you can't do that.
- b) Rules are rules. I can't help you there.
- c) That's more than my job's worth.

This last phrase was made famous by the BBC consumer affairs series *That's Life!* This was **aired** on British TV in the 1970s and 1980s. Each week the programme would give a prize to companies and authorities who had implemented the most ridiculous regulations and policies – particularly those that made life difficult for others.

More recently, the successful British comedy *The Office* featured the character Gareth Keenan, a fine example of a jobsworth. In the programme Gareth's job description is "Team Leader", a totally **meaningless** title. However, Gareth



acts as if he is the boss and often orders people around. The US English equivalent of a jobsworth is a "company man". The American version of the series *The Office* has its own jobsworth character, Dwight Schrute. Both these men **fancy themselves as tough guys** (Dwight's hero is Jack Bauer from the series *24*, and Gareth Keenan was in the **Territorial Army**). They particularly enjoy it when they are given small tasks that involve giving their colleagues orders. However, in the end, jobsworths are pretty sad individuals, particularly as their superiors don't respect them either. Have you come across any jobsworths recently? ☺



## GLOSSARY

**mundane** *adj*  
boring  
**to go by the book** *exp*  
to follow every single rule exactly  
**to air** *vb*  
to show on TV  
**meaningless** *adj*  
with no sense; with no meaning  
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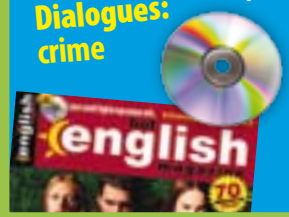
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