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# Editor's intro



Hi, and welcome to another edition of Hot English Magazine, the fun magazine for learning English.

Well, I suppose I should start off by introducing myself. My name is Jenna, and I am the new editor of Hot English Magazine. I am from Tennessee in the United States. I have been writing for the magazine for a while, and am very excited to take on this new challenge.

This month's magazine centres on good and evil. To start with the good side, we have articles about charitable people and organisations and one about Thanksgiving (one of my favourite American holidays). For the "evil" side, we have bits on Charles Manson and James Bond villains. And of course, aside from good and evil, we have included lots of grammar and useful expressions for you to learn. We even have an article about the history of Adidas and Puma. I had no idea that two of the biggest sportswear companies came from the same family. It's a pretty interesting story. We hope you enjoy the good and evil themed articles as well as everything in between.

There is also an opportunity to win a free book this month. If you answer all of the questions on our opinion form, we will put your name into a prize draw. If you win the draw, we will send you the New York Times Bestseller *S is for Silence* by Sue Grafton. It is a mystery novel about a woman's curious disappearance. We really want to hear from you and we welcome your comments, suggestions and even passionate **rants**. Enjoy the magazine, and we look forward to hearing from you. See you next month for even more great ways to learn English.

Yours,

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### GLOSSARY

**a rant** *n*  
a long, angry, fiery speech

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# Home Wreckers

*Demolished by accident.*

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre reading

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

*A shop sells a left-handed Whopper*

*Farmers grow successful Swiss spaghetti harvest*

*Motorists see a UFO land in London*

*House is pulled down by contractors*

## 2 Reading I

Which of the above pranks is described in the article?

## 3 Reading II

Use the words below to retell the article.

Texas construction company

Jackson State University \$8,000

signs demolished \$30,000

compensation

## 4 Discussion

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

## 5 Language spot: Collocations

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

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

What do you think they mean?



## GLOSSARY

- to pull down** *vb*  
to destroy a building on purpose
- a joke** *n*  
something said or done to make people laugh
- to expand** *v*  
to become larger
- property** *n*  
a piece of land that is owned by someone
- a sign** *n*  
a piece of wood / metal / plastic, etc. with a message on it
- a contractor** *n*  
a person or company that does work for other people or companies
- to demolish** *vb*  
to destroy a building completely
- a prank** *n*  
a trick or joke
- to get compensation** *exp*  
to receive something (in this case, money) because something bad happened to you
- a nightmare** *n*  
a very unpleasant situation; it can also mean a bad dream
- antique** *adj*  
something made long ago; something old and often valuable
- to face** *vb*  
to deal with, to confront



# Snake Surprise

Woman gets more than she asked for.

STOP  
SLIPPING  
AWAY WHEN  
I'M TALKING  
TO YOU.



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

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

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre reading

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



snakes



the dark



heights



spiders



horror films



ghosts

## 2 Pre reading II

How good is your memory?

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

terrified package equipment hobby accident  
opened kit hoses wrong wildlife services

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

Indiana

## 3 Reading I

Read to check your ideas. Were you right?

Retell the story and use the words above to help you.

## 4 Language focus

Learn **synonyms** to expand your vocabulary.

There are lots of words for "afraid" -

- terrified
- scared
- petrified

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

## 5 Discussion

Use the synonyms above to discuss the questions.

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

## GLOSSARY

**terrified** *adj*  
extremely frightened or scared

**to get a nasty shock** *exp*  
to have an unpleasant surprise

**a package** *n*  
a container in which something is sold

**glass blowing** *n*  
making glass shapes by blowing hot glass through a long pipe or hose

**a kit** *n*  
a set of equipment or tools used for a specific purpose

**a hose** *n*  
a flexible tube or pipe

**wildlife** *n*  
wild animals, birds and plants

**a warehouse** *n*  
a large building where raw materials are kept

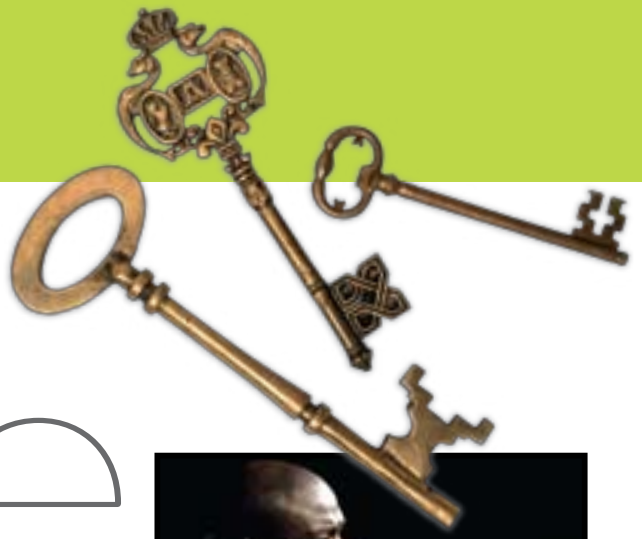
**a flood** *n*  
if there is a "flood", it rains a lot and water covers a large area

**dry** *adj*  
without water or moisture

**a spot** *n*  
a place (informal)

**to hide** *vb*  
if you "hide", you go somewhere where you cannot easily be seen

# The Name Game



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



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



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



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



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



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

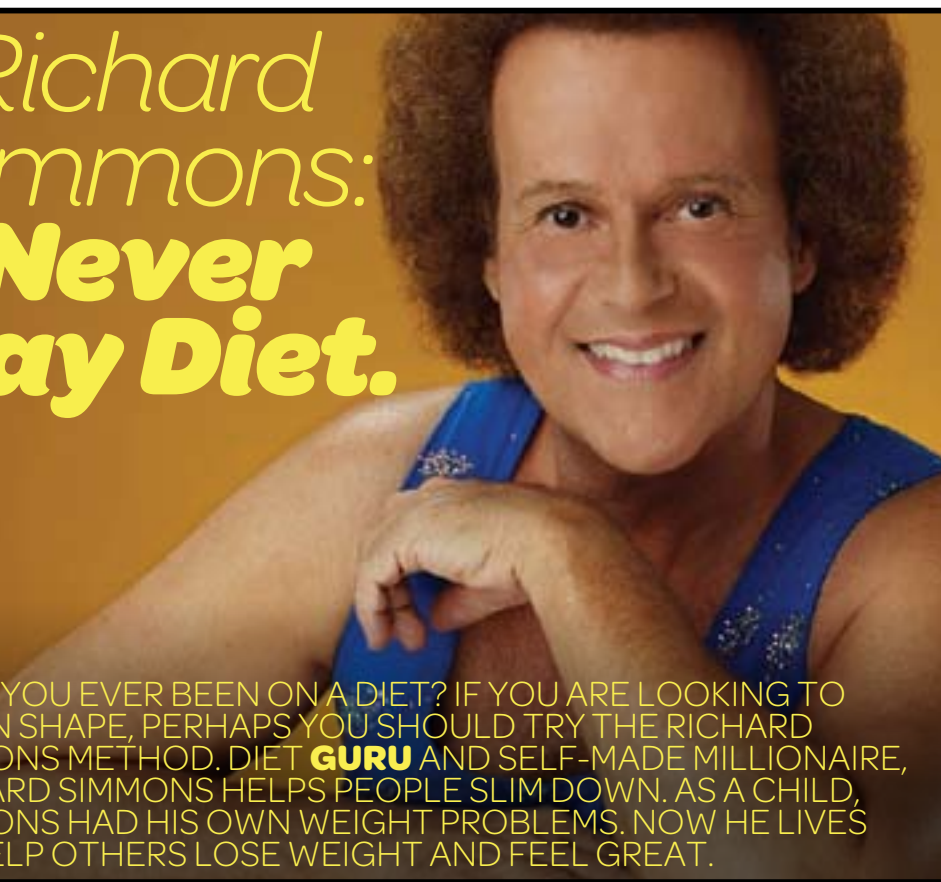


**Strawberry Shortcake** (cartoon character)  
A "strawberry" is a small red fruit with tiny seeds on the skin. "Shortcake" is a type of biscuit made from flour, sugar and butter. "Strawberry Shortcake" is a typical American dessert. It consists of a biscuit with strawberries on top. "After dinner, we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



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

# Richard Simmons: Never Say Diet.



## Richard Simmons

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### GLOSSARY

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

# USEFUL VOCABULARY

THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR SECTION ON USEFUL VOCABULARY.  
THIS MONTH: TRANSPORTATION. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Match the words

Match the words below to the pictures.

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



### 2 Wordsearch

Now find these words in the wordsearch.

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



### 3 Guess the word

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

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



A CAR!





# USEFUL VERBS & EXPRESSIONS

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

## TO MISS (A BUS / TRAIN)

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



"I MISSED THE LAST BUS HOME."

## TO DRIVE A CAR

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



"SALLY WILL DRIVE THE CHILDREN TO SCHOOL."

## TO TAKE A TRAIN

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



"WE TOOK THE TRAIN TO LONDON LAST WEEK."

## TO GO ON FOOT

TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE BY WALKING.



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

## TO ARRIVE

TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION; TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING. USUALLY, WE SAY "ARRIVE AT".  
"WE ARRIVED AT THE CINEMA AT 7:00."  
HOWEVER, WE ELIMINATE THE "AT" WITH THE WORD "HOME".



"THEY ARRIVED HOME AN HOUR EARLY."

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

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



"SHE STOPPED A TAXI."

# SKILLS BOOKLET READINGS

## Turkey Time!

*Thanksgiving: America's most delicious holiday. (US English)*

What is an important holiday in your country? Every year, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday to give thanks. On this important and traditional day in November, Americans spend time with family and eat a lot of food. This holiday is a big part of American culture.

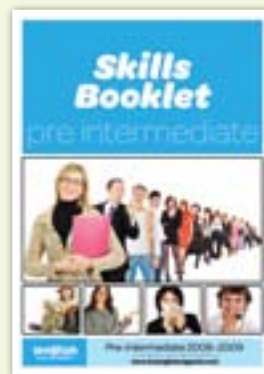
Thanksgiving officially started back in 1621. The first celebration of Thanksgiving was when the American settlers and the Wampanoag Indians shared a feast together. This meal symbolized the cultural interaction between Native Americans and English colonists. They ate venison, wild fowl and dried vegetables. Before 1621, however, Thanksgiving was celebrated to give thanks for a successful harvesting season. Many Native American groups (such as the Pueblo, Creek and Cherokee) throughout the Americas held other types of harvest festivals. These included ceremonial dances and other creative expressions of thanks.

Nowadays, Americans celebrate a little bit differently. Americans stretch out the holiday over a weekend so families can spend time together. That is why Thanksgiving is the biggest travel weekends of the year. Families also watch a lot of American football games on television, a custom very much associated with Thanksgiving. And, instead of tribal dances, they go shopping. The Friday after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday. Shops are open very early in the morning and have incredible bargains. It is a great day to do Christmas shopping. In fact, the

time from Thanksgiving up until New Year's Day (1st January) is known in America as the "holiday season". To start this holiday season, New York City hosts The Macy's Day Parade. The parade is filled with themed floats and always ends with a Santa Claus float.

Aside from family togetherness, the most essential aspect of any American Thanksgiving celebration is the food. As America has a reputation for eating a lot, Thanksgiving takes eating to a whole new level. Turkey is the centrepiece of the meal, and typical menu items include mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole (see our recipe), and pumpkin pie for dessert. People also enjoy yams, rice, and cranberry sauce. A very popular tradition on Thanksgiving Day is for each person at the table to say what they are thankful for in their lives.

Thanksgiving is a very special day in America. It has lots of traditions to be enjoyed with family and friends. So if you want to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, find the best local American restaurant, and don't forget to wear your elastic trousers. Oh, and save room for dessert. 🍷

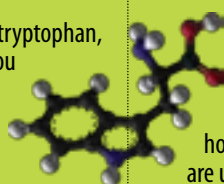


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**Skills Booklets**  
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### Here are some interesting facts about Thanksgiving.

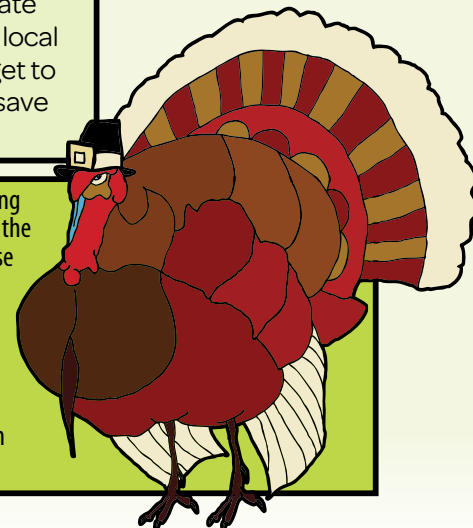
Turkey contains a special amino acid called L-tryptophan, which provides a calming effect and makes you sleepy. Of course, after any heavy meal, you will definitely feel tired.



Every Thanksgiving, American cities hold a **footrace** called the Turkey Trot. Started in 1876,

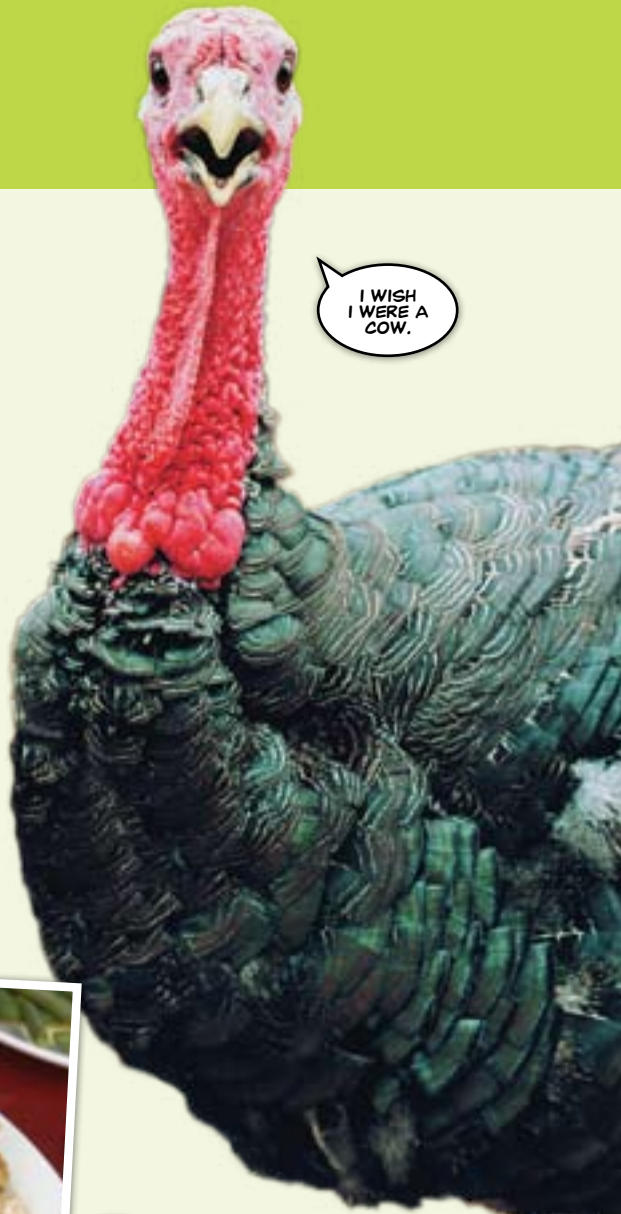
the race is great for burning off those Thanksgiving calories, but can also take place the week before the holiday. The money they raise from these races supports local charities.

Many people do community service on Thanksgiving. They give food to the homeless or visit retirement homes. They are usually part of a religious group or youth organization.





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Irishman & Englishwoman



I WISH I WERE A COW.

# Story Time

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



### Poor Offer

**Man:** My love, I offer you myself.  
**Woman:** I'm sorry but I never accept cheap **gifts**.



### Rich Offer

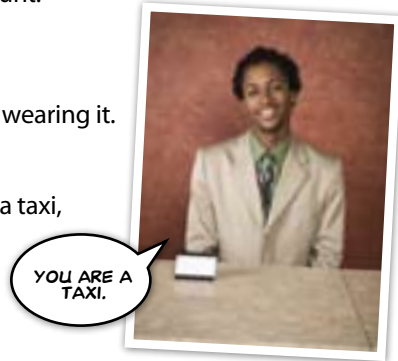
**Woman:** I want to **share** everything with you.  
**Man:** Let's start with your bank account.

### Bad Taste

**Friend 1:** You look **funny** in that belt.  
**Friend 2:** I'd look even funnier if I wasn't wearing it.

### Taxi Talk

**Guest:** Excuse me. Could you **call** me a taxi, please?  
**Receptionist:** Certainly, sir. You are a taxi.



### Idiot Time

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

### Parking Prank

A man parks his Ferrari and walks into a bank in London. He asks for the manager and is taken into her office. "What can I do for you?" asks the manager. The man replies, "I have to go to Rome on a **business trip** for a **fortnight**, so I need to **borrow** £5,000." "OK," says the manager, "But you'll have to leave some sort of **security**." "That's all right. You can keep my Ferrari for the two weeks," the man answers. So, it's agreed and the man is given the money. The car is then put into the bank's car park. Two weeks later, the man returns and repays the **loan** plus the £30 interest. The bank manager thanks him, then asks, "We've discovered that you're a millionaire. Why did you want such a small loan?" The businessman replies "Well, where else could I park my car for two weeks for only £30?"

### GLOSSARY

- a gift** *n*  
something you give someone as a present
- to share** *vb*  
to give someone part of something or to let them use it with you
- funny** *adj*  
"funny" has several meanings: a) amusing; that makes you laugh; b) strange and unusual
- to call** *vb*  
"to call" has several meanings: a) to telephone someone; b) if you "call" someone a name, you say they are that thing
- a business trip** *n*  
a journey that you take for professional reasons
- a fortnight** *n*  
two weeks
- to borrow** *vb*  
to take or use something with permission from the owner
- security** *n*  
money or a valuable object
- a loan** *n*  
a sum of money that you borrow

### 1 Pre reading

Can you guess what these words or phrases mean?

- a. celebration
- b. to give thanks
- c. a festival
- d. a dessert
- e. family togetherness

What do you think the article is about?

### 2 Reading I

Read the article. Did you guess correctly?

### 3 Reading II

According to the article, which of these are examples of Thanksgiving traditions?

Answer yes or no after each of them.

1. watching American football
2. opening presents
3. going shopping
4. eating a large meal
5. hunting for Easter eggs
6. watching the parade
7. travelling
8. having a bonfire



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# BASIC ENGLISH

# sports



**Volleyball**



**Football  
(soccer)**



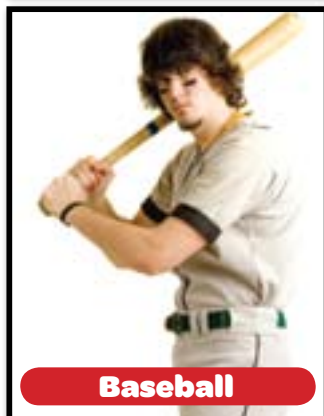
**American  
football**



**Basketball**



**Cricket**



**Baseball**



**Tennis**



**Hockey**



**Swimming**



**Golf**



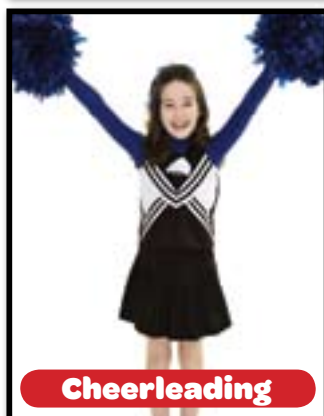
**Cycling**



**Rugby**



**Ice-skating**



**Cheerleading**



**Diving**



**Gymnastics**



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# SOCIAL ENGLISH

# sports



LISTEN AND REPEAT THESE EXPRESSIONS.

## Useful expressions

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

## GLOSSARY

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

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

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

**wicked** *adj inform*  
very good

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

## Part II

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



I CAN STILL SEE YOU...



BASKETBALL CAN BE SO RELAXING.

**Olivia:** Hey, Fran, what's your favourite sport?  
**Fran:** I like football. And yours?  
**Olivia:** I prefer basketball, actually.  
**Fran:** I'm not really into basketball.  
**Olivia:** So, do you play in a team?  
**Fran:** Yes, the Bolton Braves. We're playing in a mini-league.  
**Olivia:** What position are you in the league table?  
**Fran:** We're fourth at the moment, but we've got a difficult game ahead this week.  
**Olivia:** Why?  
**Fran:** We're playing against the top team.

**Olivia:** Oh, well. Good luck.  
**Fran:** Thanks. What about you? Do you play in any teams?  
**Olivia:** Not at the moment, but I'm in a tennis tournament.  
**Fran:** Oh, right. How are you doing?  
**Olivia:** Not too bad. We haven't been eliminated yet. It's a doubles tournament.  
**Fran:** So, who's your partner?  
**Olivia:** Sally Barnes. Do you know her?  
**Fran:** Oh, yes. She's got a **wicked** serve.  
**Olivia:** **Tell me about it.**



Useful language for successful communication.

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

# guessing



GUESS WHO??

## Asking someone to guess

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



## Guessing

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

## Functional Conversation: The Guess

- Dave:** So, what do you think it is?  
**Sally:** I'm not sure. It looks like a book.  
**Dave:** Try again.  
**Sally:** Well, it feels like a CD or a DVD.  
**Dave:** Closer.  
**Sally:** Is it a DVD?  
**Dave:** Bingo! 🎉





CD track 7



CD track 8  
Englishwoman & Irishman

# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC



## PRE INTERMEDIATE LISTENING

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



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### 1 Activity

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

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

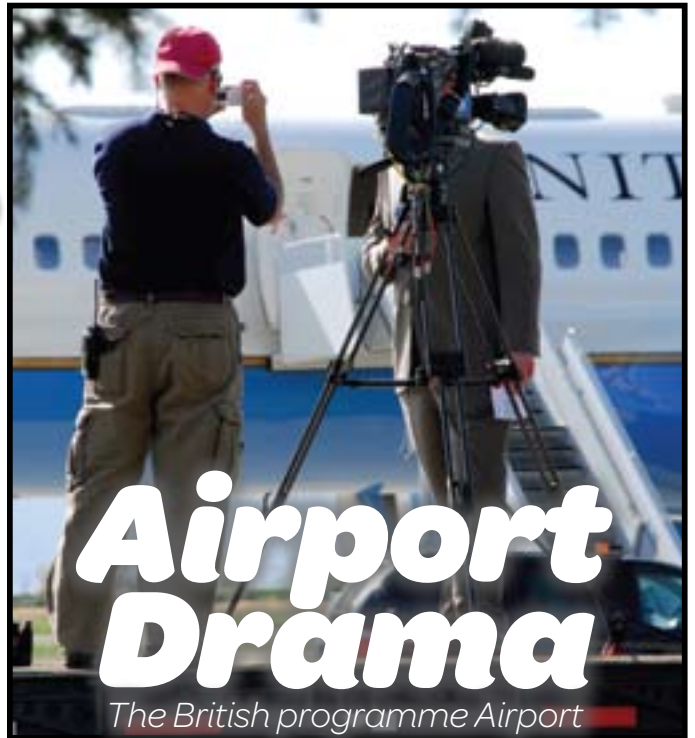
2. They not have got any money.

3. She got a red shirt button.

4. Are you of Italy?

5. He is from the France.

6. They are of the England.



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### 1 Pre listening

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

For example: Where...? = Where did you go? / Where were you travelling?

When...?

What...?

How...?

Why...?

### 2 Listening I

You're going to listen to the conversation about the reality show: *Airport*.

What types of things do you expect to hear? For example, problems with flights, passports, etc. Give details.

Now listen and check.

### 3 Listening II

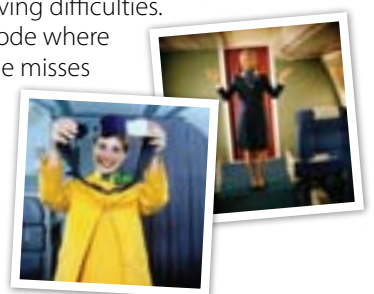
True or false?

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

### 4 Discussion

Have you ever ...

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



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**Skills Booklets**

For more exercises about airport dialogue, see page 23 of the Intermediate Skills Booklet.

The section that makes grammar easy, interesting, and fun.

# GRAMMAR FUN

## Confusing Words

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

### fun / funny

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

"Fun" is used to describe something enjoyable.

For example:

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: *What do you normally do together?*

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

### shade / shadow

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

For example:

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

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

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



### 1 Exercise

Choose the correct answer.

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

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# TELEPHONE ENGLISH



## MAKING DINNER RESERVATIONS

### 1 Pre listening

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



### 2 Listening 1

Complete these expressions from the pre-listening exercise.

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

### 3 Listening II

Correct the sentences.

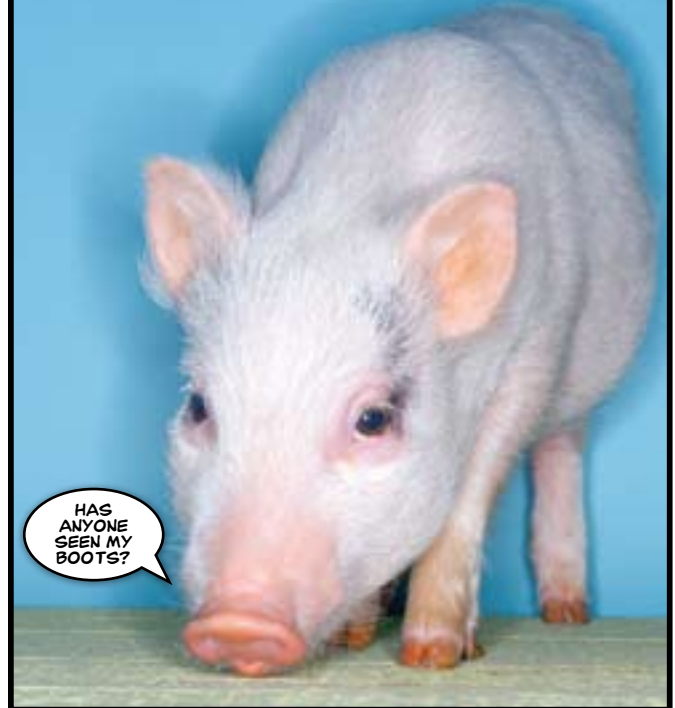
1. The name of the restaurant is Isabelle's.
2. The reservation is for 4 people.
3. Max's surname is SIDORAS.
4. Max makes the reservation for tomorrow at 21:00.
5. The address is 79 Elkhart Pike.
6. The restaurant is located outside town.

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



# Problem Piglet

*Cinders the frightened pig.*



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

Cinders wasn't able to join her brothers and sisters playing in the fields because she was too **scared**. Her owner said, "It was the strangest thing. Cinders just **stood** at the **edge** of her **sty** **shaking** while the others explored."

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

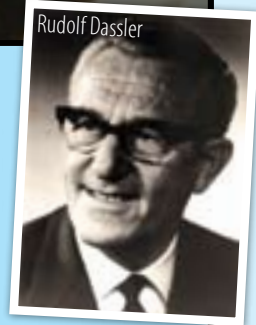
#### GLOSSARY

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

# SKILLS BOOKLET READINGS



*When business is personal.*



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

# Film / TV Scripts

THIS MONTH: *FRASIER*

**Frasier**  
Season 1, Episode 1

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

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



## The script

**Roz:** Ever heard of Lupe Vélez?

**Frasier:** Who?

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



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

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

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

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

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### 1 Pre reading

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

### 2 Reading I

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

### 3 Reading II

Answer the following questions.

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

### 4 Phrasal Verb Focus

What do these phrasal verbs mean?

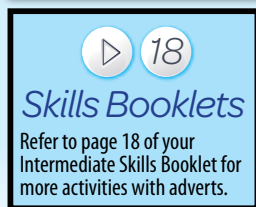
- to get along** "The brothers didn't **get along** at all."
- to switch back** "Olympian runner Armin Hary had won a gold medal wearing Pumas after being an Adidas customer, but later **switched back** to Adidas."
- to carry out** "Many visiting workmen **carrying out** maintenance on Rudolf's house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



### 5 Discussion

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

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65



### 1 Exercises

Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

- Who is Lupe Vélez?
- What was the last thing she ate?
- How did she die?

### 2 Definitions

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

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



# Sticky Situation

*Man glues himself to Prime Minister.*

What do you use **superglue** for? Dan Glass of North London used it to **glue himself to** British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Glass was at a party in Downing Street, the office and home of the Prime Minister. He is a member of Plane Stupid, an **environmental group** that campaigns against airport expansion. At the time, Glass was protesting against developments at Heathrow Airport. The "glue attack" was Glass's version of a "non-violent" **protest**. Just before the meeting, Glass brought five bottles of superglue and hid them in his **underwear**. While the Prime Minister was **giving a speech**, he put the glue on his hand. Then he went to **shake hands with** Mr. Brown. "My left hand was covered in superglue and it stuck to his **sleeve**," says Glass. "I just glued myself to him and after 20 seconds he **tore** my hand off. It really hurt!" The audience **clapped** in support. The Prime Minister had to pull several times to get his hand away. But Mr Brown had a good sense of humour, and he laughed about it. "He was just **grinning** about it. He didn't seem to take me seriously," says the 24-year-old activist. Glass was not arrested by the police. But he did try to glue himself to the **gates** of Downing Street as he left the party. Police stopped him. "I didn't have much glue left at that point," says Glass. The Prime Minister will most likely take a second look before shaking anyone's hand again. ☺



POLITICS IS SO MESSY.



LET'S STICK TO THE TOPIC.



LOOK, NO GLUE!

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## 1 Pre reading

Below are some examples of things that people protest against. Can you think of any more examples? Can you think of an example of a recent protest in either your country or abroad?

- war
- cruelty towards animals
- racism
- the environment

## 2 Reading I

Read the article. What is the man protesting against?

## 3 Reading II

True or false?

- Glass met Brown on a social occasion.
- Glass is an environmental campaigner.
- Glass's protest was violent.
- Glass had the glue concealed on his body.
- It was difficult for Brown and Glass to be separated.
- The onlookers approved of the act.
- Mr Brown was very angry about the protest.

## 4 Discussion

- What is your opinion of protesters?

- Have you ever protested against anything? What? When?
- Do people in your country protest a lot? What about?
- Have you read any interesting stories about unusual protests? What were they?

## 5 Language focus

### Word play in headlines.

If you pick up an English newspaper, you will find examples of word play. Take the example of **Sticky Situation**. Here, the word play is on the word "sticky". "Sticky" is an adjective. What happens when you get jam or glue on your hands? How does it feel? This is the physical definition of sticky, but there is also the figurative meaning. A "sticky situation" is a difficult situation. The use of "sticky" in the headline therefore is clever as it adheres to both meanings.

Can you think of other examples of word play in English? In your own language?

## GLOSSARY

- a sticky situation** *exp inform* a situation that is difficult, unpleasant or causes problems
- superglue** *n* a fast-acting strong glue (a substance for sticking things together)
- to glue yourself to** *exp* to stick yourself to something using glue
- an environmental group** *n* a group of people concerned about the natural world (plants, animals, the sea, etc)
- a protest** *n* a complaint about something in a public place
- underwear** *n* clothes you wear under your trousers, shirt, etc.
- to give a speech** *exp* to give a formal talk to an audience
- to shake hands with** *exp* a form of greeting someone, by holding someone's right hand in your own for a few moments, and slightly moving it up and down.
- a sleeve** *n* the part of a shirt, jacket or coat that covers your arms
- to tear** *vb* to pull something apart with force
- to clap** *vb* to hit your hands together repeatedly to show approval
- to grin** *vb* to smile broadly
- a gate** *n* a large metal door at the entrance to a building or house




Are you a “pescatarian”? Do you like “prosecco”? These are just some of the words in the new Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary. So, how do the editors choose the new words for the dictionary? Basically, editors watch a word for several years to see how it is used in both spoken and written language. They call this period of analysis “**floating**.”

They check to see that the word is used to express an idea clearly, and that the idea is understood. Later, when the term is seen in writing and **speech** regularly, it can go in the dictionary.

Many of the new terms are associated with **hobbies** and interests. Experts say that these days cooking is a very popular **leisure activity** in the US. As a result, there are a lot of new **entries** on food and cooking. “Edamame” is one example of this. It’s a type of immature green soybean.

Other new terms define technology or new products. An “infinity pool”, for example, is a type of swimming pool with an **edge** that makes the water appear to “flow onto the horizon.” Incidentally, a “pescatarian” is someone who doesn’t eat meat but who eats fish. And “prosecco” is a “**sparkling** Italian wine”. So, now you know. 🍷

# Word Play

*New words in the Merriam-Webster dictionary.*

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## 1 Pre reading

Can you guess what the words mean? Look at the (clues).

1. a pescatarian – (food)
2. a prosecco – (Italian- drinkable)
3. an infinity pool – (swimming)

## 2 Reading I

Read to check your answers.

## 3 Reading II

What examples of new words are given for the categories below?

1. food
2. drink
3. technological/new products

## 4 Discussion

1. Have there been any new words in your language?
2. What English words are in your language?
3. Do you have a favourite word in your own language or another? What is it?

## 5 Language focus

Here are some of the most common words in English. What are the most common words in your language?

a. the

b. get

c. year

d. people

e. but

f. most

## 6 Questions

Answer the questions with the words from above. Write the letters.

1. Which words are used in superlative sentences? **a, f**
2. Which verb has lots of different meanings?
3. Which word is a noun but is treated as a plural noun?
4. Which word is a connector?
5. Which word is an article?
6. Which word describes a period of time?



### GLOSSARY

**to float** *vb*

literally, if you “float” on water, your head and/or body are above the water

**speech** *n*

spoken language

**a hobby** *n*

an activity you like doing regularly in your free time

**a leisure activity** *n*

something you do for fun / enjoyment in your free time

**an entry** *n*

a word / expression in a dictionary plus a definition

**an edge** *n*

an “edge” of something is the line or space where it stops

**sparkling** *adj*

a “sparkling” drink has bubbles of air in it

# TRIVIA MATCHING

## 1 Exercise

SEE IF YOU CAN DO THIS MATCHING EXERCISE. LOOK AT THE LIST OF THINGS (1 TO 13), AND THE PHOTOS (A - M). WRITE A LETTER NEXT TO THE NAME OF EACH THING IN THE LIST BELOW. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

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



**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



**H**



**F**



**G**



**I**



**J**



**K**



**L**



**M**

# WEIRD TRIVIA



CD track 14  
Englishwoman & US woman

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

The oldest university in the US is Harvard.



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

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



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



HAS ANYONE SEEN MY EYEBROWS?

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



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



France has the highest per capita consumption of cheese.

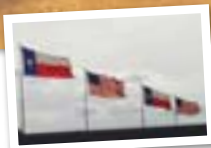
**Ferrets** were **domesticated** more than 500 years before cats.



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Are your hands feeling **itchy**? It could be a sign of your

financial situation. Experts say that if you feel an itch in your left hand, you'll have to pay a sum of money. But if it's your right hand that needs **scratching**, you'll soon be receiving some money. ✨



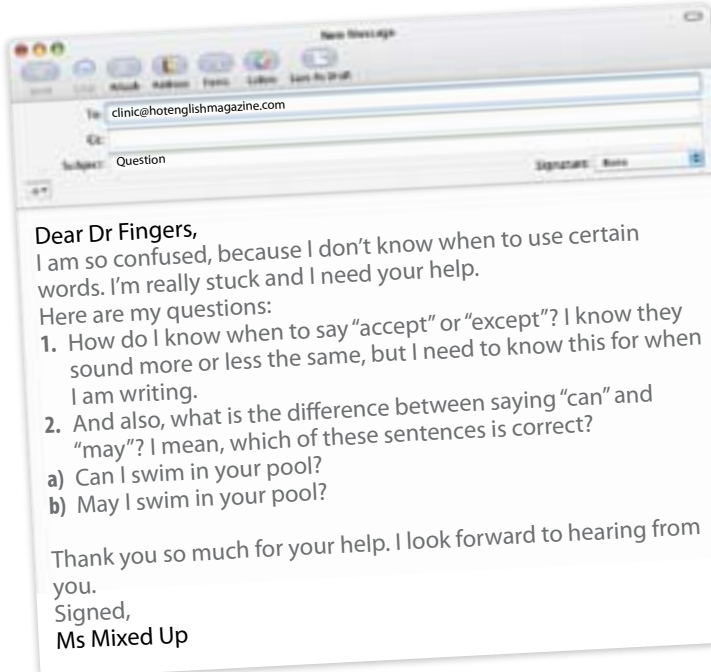
## GLOSSARY

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

## DR FINGERS' GRAMMAR



TODAY, WE'RE  
LOOKING  
AT SOME  
CONFUSING  
WORDS.



### Dear Ms Mixed Up,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, on to your next query.

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

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

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

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

"May" implies possibility. For example:

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

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

**Sincerely Yours,  
Dr Fingers.**

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# Corny Criminals

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



## Coffee Con

*Cop demands free coffee.*

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

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

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

## Dog Rules

*Police ordered to be more careful with dogs.*

"This is **political correctness gone mad**," said a police officer when he heard about new regulations regarding the **handling** of police dogs. In a new initiative, police have been ordered to be more careful when controlling their dogs around criminals. New regulations say that officers should also consider whether suspects have allergies or if they have phobias regarding dogs. In addition, they were told to make sure the dogs don't **scare** anyone unnecessarily. Police officers are **outraged** as they say it will make them look ridiculous during a **drugs bust**, for instance. One officer said, "The traditional shout of, 'Stand still or I'll **set the dog on you**,' will now become, 'Excuse me, my dog might frighten you a bit. Is that OK with you?'"

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



YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

## GLOSSARY

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



# Green Bean Casserole

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



### Ingredients

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

### Method

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

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



# Sue Crazy

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre listening

Memorise the words below.



New Yorker



court cases



123 kilo



fast food



obese



profiting



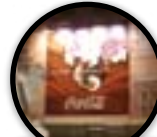
harmful



diabetic



coffee



banner



barred



burnt

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

### 2 Listening I

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

### 3 Listening II

Complete the sentences with the missing words.

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

### 4 Discussion

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



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# Giving Back

## A World of Difference

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

### OXFAM

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

#### History

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



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

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

#### Typical things they do

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

#### Ground-breaking project

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



### MARCH OF DIMES

Prematurity: The big picture.



#### Mission

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

#### From one organisation to another

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

#### Prematurity Campaign

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

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



#### GLOSSARY

- to highlight** *vb*  
to talk about the most important parts of something
- famine** *n*  
a situation in which there is an extreme shortage of food
- starving** *adj*  
very, very hungry
- stuffed animals** *n*  
a toy animal made of cloth and with material inside
- impoverished** *adj*  
very poor
- debt** *n*  
a sum of money that you owe someone
- to lobby for** *exp*  
to attempt to persuade a member of government or council to do something for you or for your company
- a disaster** *n*  
a situation in which many people are injured or killed
- to strike** *vb*  
to happen suddenly
- a trademark** *n*  
a name or symbol that a company places on its products in order to protect the product
- to campaign** *vb*  
if you "campaign" for something, you carry out planned activities over a period of time to achieve a goal
- to eliminate** *vb*  
to remove completely; to stop
- paralysis** *n*  
the loss of feeling in a part or all of the body which creates an inability to move
- polio** *n*  
a serious disease caused by a virus that can often result in paralysis
- premie** *slang*  
a shortened version of the word "premature"



# World Changers

SOME PEOPLE WAIT FOR THE WORLD TO CHANGE. OTHERS JUST START CHANGING IT. BELOW IS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT YET POSITIVE WAYS. YOU PROBABLY KNOW SOME OF THEM, BUT HAVE YOU HEARD OF ALL OF THEM? CAN YOU MATCH THE PERSON TO THEIR **ACCOMPLISHMENT**?



1 Nelson Mandela



2 Marie Curie



3 Eugene McDonald Jr.



4 Mr. Rogers



5 Mother Teresa



6 Leonardo da Vinci



7 Oprah Winfrey



8 Sacajawea



9 Homer



10 Tiger Woods

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

- a. Discovered the chemical elements polonium and radium. Doctors now use radium to treat cancer. She was also the first female professor at the University of Paris.
- b. Greek poet who wrote *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. Has a **shrine** built in his honor in Alexandria. He is described as a "divinely inspired **reservoir** of all literature".
- c. Invented the **remote control** in 1950. He was the president and founder of the technology company Zenith.
- d. Contributed to the Lewis and Clark **expedition** and walked thousands of miles from 1804 to 1806 while pregnant. She helped discover the Western United States.
- e. Broke the stereotypes of the golf world. Has won more than 60 PGA Tour events and holds 22 individual professional titles. He has the best career scoring average of any player in PGA history.
- f. America's favourite **neighbour**. Worked in educational television for 33 seasons and inspired millions to love each other as they are. He also wrote more than 200 songs and has 40 honorary degrees.
- g. She is an actress, talk show host, and a millionaire raised in **utter** poverty. She was voted CNN's most powerful woman and most influential African-American person in the world.
- h. Known for her life of charity work. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India in 1950.
- i. Inspired by Gandhi, he was an anti-**apartheid** activist. He spent 27 years in prison for fighting against apartheid, and won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- j. Important contributor to the Renaissance movement. He was a painter, mathematician, and had the ideas for the calculator, the helicopter, and even created a theory of **plate tectonics**.

## GLOSSARY

- an accomplishment** *n*  
something really great that has been done
- a shrine** *n*  
a place of worship associated with a person or object
- a reservoir** *n*  
a large quantity of something that is available when you need it
- a remote control** *n*  
a device that you use to control a TV / DVD player, etc. from a distance
- an expedition** *n*  
an organised journey for the purpose of exploring
- a neighbour** *n*  
a person who lives near you
- utter** *adj*  
complete, absolute
- apartheid** *n*  
a South African political system that divided people by racial groups
- plate tectonics** *n*  
a technical term in geology that explains the way that large pieces of the earth's surface move and interact together

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

## The possibility of invisibility.

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

The possibility of human invisibility is getting closer.

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



therefore causes invisibility. The method has recently been published in the renowned journals *Nature* and *Science*.

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

bank robberies or worse.



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

Although the

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



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

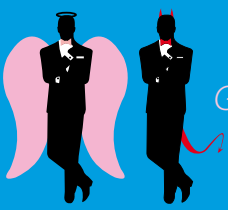
### Star Trek\*

*Star Trek* is a science fiction television series that was on television for three seasons from 1966-1969. It was created by Gene Roddenberry. The programme takes place in the 23rd century and is about the adventures of a star ship and the characters inside. The crew of the star ship includes Captain Kirk (William Shatner), Dr Spock and the medical officer Leonard McCoy. They are focused on exploring space and the galaxy and to "boldly go where no man has gone before". Cloaking devices are important subjects in the programme especially for the feared Klingons. In the series, Klingons use a cloaking device as a form of technology that can hide an entire spaceship from vision. Having the power of invisibility makes it easier for the Klingons to cause trouble for humans.



### GLOSSARY

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



# Naughty but good (for today, at least)

## The up-to-the-minute health report.

Sometimes it's hard to know what's healthy. Take the case of tea. One minute it is good for you, and the next minute it is a potentially lethal substance. So, to avoid consuming anything "lethal", here is the latest research on some **naughty** things that are OK in moderation.

**1** We all know that chocolate has lots of sugar. And eating lots of sugar can damage your teeth. However, there is good news for **chocoholics** everywhere. New studies show that chocolate can prevent cancer and that it contains **antioxidants**. Chocolate also keeps your arteries healthy and helps balance your moods. **Additionally**, certain chemicals in chocolate may prevent **dementia**. Scientists say that unsweetened dark chocolate is far better for you than milk chocolate. So, have a bit of chocolate... but not too much.

**2** For years, doctors have been warning us against drinking alcohol. But now, recent studies reveal that red wine contains cancer-preventing antioxidants and it also has "artery protecting benefits". Experts now say the benefits of red wine come from resveratrol, an antioxidant found only in the skins (the outside coverings) of red wine grapes. The studies also show that resveratrol increases your capacity for physical endurance. But why choose red instead of white? Well, red is healthier because it is produced with the skins and white wine isn't. So, if you're going to drink wine, have red...a moderate amount, of course.

**3** We've all heard that too much time in the sun may lead to skin cancer. But, actually, sunlight makes you happier, and also helps employees stay alert at the office. New studies also say that the sun's ultra-violet rays (the same rays that cause cancer) can prevent **asthma**. You will breathe easier, but just be sure to wear your sun cream.

**4** Experts have argued for years over coffee. Some say it is healthy, others say it is almost detrimental to your health. But recent research shows that coffee is also filled with antioxidants. In fact, some say your morning cup of coffee is one of the major sources of antioxidants in your diet. And, for those who may have had too much whisky the night before, coffee helps prevent liver damage. But don't drink coffee at night, because the caffeine will keep you awake.

**5** Nobody likes a **loose cannon**, but believe it or not, an argument may be a good thing. Small **bursts** of anger are better for you than frustration, repression, or irritation, according to experts. Studies say that getting angry and shouting a bit is good for your health. On the other hand, getting angry and keeping it inside, or "bottled up", is not so good. This anger can lead to long-lasting health problems, such as sleep disorders, lung damage and high blood pressure. So, next time you feel like shouting, go ahead. Just make sure your boss doesn't hear you.

**So there you have five good bad habits. You can now enjoy them with a good conscience. But check the newspapers tomorrow, because you never know... ❗**



### GLOSSARY

- naughty** *adj*  
something bad that you like
- a chocoholic** *n inform*  
someone who is addicted to chocolate
- an antioxidant** *n*  
a substance that protects cells from damage due to oxygen in the tissues
- additionally** *adv*  
used for saying "also" or to emphasise an extra fact
- dementia** *n*  
the loss of neurons in the brain that leads to a loss of intellectual capacity
- asthma** *n*  
a respiratory condition that causes difficulty in breathing
- a loose cannon** *exp*  
if someone is a "loose cannon", they behave unpredictably
- a burst** *n*  
a short, sudden intense period of activity; a small explosion



# DOING THE DEVIL'S WORK MEET THE FAMILY.

WHY ARE CRIMINALS SO FASCINATING? AND, HOW DO THEY BECOME SYMBOLS OF POP CULTURE? SINCE THE **INFAMOUS** MANSON FAMILY KILLINGS, THE ALLEGED LEADER ACHIEVED **CULT** STATUS. BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE THINK OF A CONVICTED MURDERER AS BEING COOL? HERE'S THE STORY OF CHARLES MANSON AND FAMILY.



Charles Manson had a difficult upbringing. It seems that he never knew his real father. His surname is actually that of another man who was married



who suffered from depression when she first met Manson. She would later **gain notoriety** when she attempted to assassinate the **then-President** Gerald Ford. The members' profiles fit people

for a while to his mother, Kathleen Maddox. She had Charles at the age of 16. She was apparently an alcoholic who once sold young Charlie for a **pitcher of beer**. Growing up, Charles got into a lot of trouble with the law, and had spent half his life in prison by the 1960s. His jailhouse behaviour was erratic. Sometimes he acted violently, and other times he behaved as a **model prisoner**. During his time **inside**, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, an infamous 1930's bank robber, taught Manson to play the guitar. By the time he was released in 1967, Manson had become a gifted guitarist with ambitions of **breaking into** the Los Angeles music scene. Also while in jail, Manson studied Scientology. When he arrived in LA, he used his music and his knowledge of Scientology to establish himself as a **guru** with many young female followers. It was then that the Manson Family was born.

who seemed to be in a weak mental position or looking for meaning in their lives. Manson's ideology provided this.

Manson's mixture of philosophy and music appealed to some of the big names in LA's music industry. Through a chance encounter with Dennis Wilson of The Beach Boys, Manson was able to meet some important people in the business. Songwriter Gregg Jakobson was impressed with Manson's image and he, along with Wilson, financed some recording for him. Musician/producer Terry Melcher became interested in making a movie about the Family, but trouble was **brewing**. At the Family headquarters, Melcher saw a fight involving Manson. This caused both Wilson and Melcher to sever their links with Manson.



The Manson Family was a group made up mostly of young girls in their early twenties. There were also some men generally of

a slightly older age. There were several **leading players** in the family. There was Tex Watson, a **top-class** college footballer from a **repressive** religious **upbringing**. Paul Watkins was another member from a religious family and a talented musician. Watkins would later testify about the race war scenario and composed music for a documentary film about the family. Susan Atkins, who was 22 at the time of the trial, was a child from a **broken home**. Her parents were said to be alcoholics, and her mother died when she was 15. Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, was another high-profile member

Between July and August 1969, at least eight extremely violent murders were committed by the Manson Family. On one occasion, Manson tried to kill an African-American drug dealer who had threatened the Family. Lotsapoppa Crowe, as he was known, was a **Black Panther**. Manson expected retaliation, but it didn't come. However, the Manson Family would succeed in murdering soon enough. The **highest-profile**



of the Manson killings was the murder of film director Roman Polanski's pregnant wife Sharon Tate and three of her friends. When they entered the house, Manson Family member Tex Watson said, "I'm the Devil and I'm here to do the Devil's business". In each murder, words and phrases from the Beatles' *White Album* were written on the walls in the victims' blood.





# EVIL'S BUSINESS

Around this time, The Beatles *White Album* was released, which would later have a big impact on Manson. At his trial, he claimed that a racial war would **engulf** the earth, and that whites would be **wiped out** by blacks. The Beatles' album, he believed, was a coded message warning of this. Also at the trial, the jury discovered that he used to tell his followers that they were the "chosen" people, and that they were destined to rule the blacks after the war. This supposed apocalypse was named after one of the *White Album* tracks: *Helter Skelter*.

Finally, in October 1970, the police found and arrested the killers at their headquarters in Death Valley, and the trial began on 15th June. What many people actually don't know is that

Manson didn't take part in the killings. Manson attempted to act as his own lawyer, but was not allowed to. The main prosecution witness was a former Manson Family member, Linda Kasabian. Manson was convicted and so was Linda. She was sentenced to death, but this was **lowered** to life in prison because of a brief change in Californian law. She has been in jail ever since. Manson has too.

So, how does Charles Manson manage to be both a symbol of

fear and also intrigue? There are Manson T-Shirts, his music is available on the internet and world-famous musician Marilyn Manson (no relation) even took his name for performing. Cartoon comedy *South Park* had a **Christmas Special** (entitled *Merry Christmas, Charlie Manson!*) with Manson as a character. Since the trial, his connection to rock music and hippie culture has given him appeal with **disaffected** youth. Some have suggested that his crimes were directed against the rich elite who rejected him as an **aspiring** musician. Many followers of **sub-genres** of heavy metal see him as an icon. Perhaps his rejection as a serious musical contender **strikes a chord** with other discarded musicians. And many people who occupy that dark, guitar-driven underworld have a similar world view to Manson.

Manson has always claimed that he has done nothing wrong. Maybe he's misunderstood or he's just a failed rock musician with a **chip on his shoulder**. Or, maybe he's completely innocent. One thing is for sure though, the man regarded as the "king of killers" continues to fascinate as much as terrify. ❄️

## EVEL KNEIVEL

Born 17th October 1938 in Butte, Montana - 30th November 2007 in Clearwater, Florida.

Born Robert Craig Knievel, this famous American **daredevil** Evel

Knievel was once housed in a cell next to Charlie Manson. Evel was almost as famous for his violent temper as his stunts. In fact, he once beat up one of his promoters, Shelly Saltman, with a baseball bat. He said that while he was serving in Los Angeles County Jail that Manson had been giving him **dirty looks**. Despite this, Manson didn't scare him "one bit" according to Evel Kneivel. The motorcycle maestro became infamous himself when he got into a **punch-up** with members of the Hell's Angels motorcycle club.



## SUSAN ATKINS

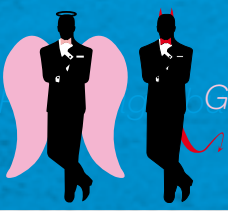
Born 7th May 1948 in San Gabriel, California.

Susan Atkins, a Manson Family member, has also been in prison since the time of the killings. Earlier this year, Atkins was hospitalised and is said to have brain cancer. It is said that she won't live much longer, so she has applied for compassionate **parole**. The prosecutor in the Family's trial Vincent Bugliosi, says that he supports her parole application. He says that she has almost paid fully for her crimes. Her hospital treatment has also cost taxpayers approximately \$1.5 million. Susan Atkins is now a Christian, and has expressed **remorse** for her actions.



## GLOSSARY

- infamous** *adj*  
famous for bad reasons
- cult** *adj*  
followed by a small but very loyal group
- a pitcher of beer** *n*  
a "pitcher" is a large container made of clay
- a model prisoner** *n*  
a very well-behaved prisoner
- inside** *adj*  
in jail
- to break into** *phr vb*  
if you "break into" a scene, you become part of the scene
- a guru** *n*  
a very wise and intelligent person, usually a leader of a personality cult
- a leading player** *exp*  
an important person in a group
- top-class** *adj*  
of a very high level
- repressive** *adj*  
a "repressive upbringing" is a childhood with very little freedom
- upbringing** *n*  
your "upbringing" is the way that your parents treat you and the things you learn when you are growing up
- a broken home** *exp*  
someone from a "broken home" comes from a divorced / separated, etc. family
- to gain notoriety** *exp*  
to gradually become famous for something bad
- the then-President** *exp*  
the president at the time you are referring to
- to brew** *vb*  
if trouble is "brewing", trouble is forming and coming soon
- the Black Panthers** *n*  
an Afro-American Marxist group formed in the 1960s
- high-profile** *adj*  
very public or famous
- to engulf** *vb*  
to cover completely, to affect someone deeply
- to wipe out** *vb*  
to eliminate, to totally destroy
- to lower** *vb*  
to lessen, to decrease
- a Christmas special** *n*  
a programme shown during the Christmas season
- disaffected** *adj*  
disillusioned; not happy
- aspiring** *adj*  
hopeful; trying to become successful
- a sub-genre** *n*  
a type of music or film followed by a limited number of people
- to strike a chord** *exp*  
if something "strikes a chord" with you, you like it and feel enthusiastic about it
- to have a chip on your shoulder** *exp*  
to have a grievance against society; to be angry about something
- a daredevil** *n*  
someone who does very dangerous things for fame and publicity
- a dirty look** *n*  
if someone gives you a "dirty look", they try to intimidate you by looking at you angrily
- a punch-up** *n*  
a fight
- parole** *n*  
early release from prison
- remorse** *adj*  
if you feel "remorse", you feel bad about something you've done



Good vs Evil

# James Bond

# 006 of 007

JAMES BOND

## Daniel Craig

Back in Action.

Daniel Craig is now the sixth actor to play James Bond. *Quantum of Solace* is his second Bond film after receiving much **acclaim** for his performance in *Casino Royale*. He was born in Chester, England and has had an impressive career in television and film.

Craig, who is 40, graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 1991. He played small parts on British television for several years until his **breakthrough role** in 1996. He starred as Geordie in the much-**lauded** series *Our Friends in the North*. This nine-part drama told the story of four friends from Newcastle, England from 1964 until 1995. The storyline was set against the backdrop of social **turmoil** and events in modern Britain.

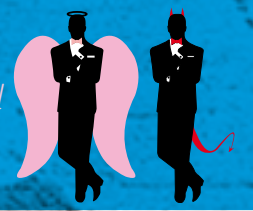
In 2001, he became an international star. He appeared alongside Angelina Jolie in *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, and followed up his success with a role in *Road to Perdition* the next year. His Hollywood parts continued, but everything changed when he landed the part of James Bond in 2005. There was much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



THE NAME'S CRAIG. DANIEL CRAIG.

### “Shaken and Stirred”★

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



## Double Trouble

### Quantam of Solace's Leading Ladies.

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

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



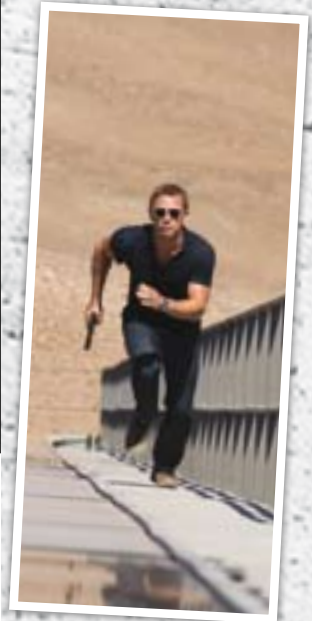
He's back and he's angry. The second James Bond **flick** starring Daniel Craig as 007 is as action-packed as its **predecessor**. It also stars Ukrainian actress and model Olga Kurylenko and English actress Gemma Arterton as the Bond Girls. *Quantam of Solace* has got the **character-driven** formula that works well.

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



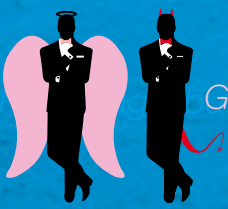
to be an eco-friendly corporation, Quantum plans to take control of Bolivia's water supply. Our hero also has to **deal with** emotional problems **stemming from** his wife's betrayal and her death in *Casino Royale*. Can our **flawed** hero and his sexy **sidekick** save the South American country?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

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



#### GLOSSARY

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



Good vs Evil

# James Bond

## Goons, Gals

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

### Goons and Supervillains\*

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



Richard Kiel

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

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



Gert Fröbe

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



Christopher Lee

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

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



Donald Pleasance

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

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



Dominic Greene

### Bond Gals\*

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

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



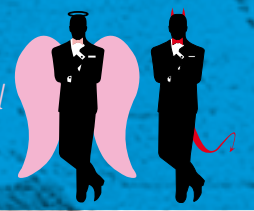
Diana Rigg

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

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



Michelle Yeoh



# and Gadgets

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



Ursula Andress

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



Eva Green

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

## Gadgets

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



Q

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



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

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

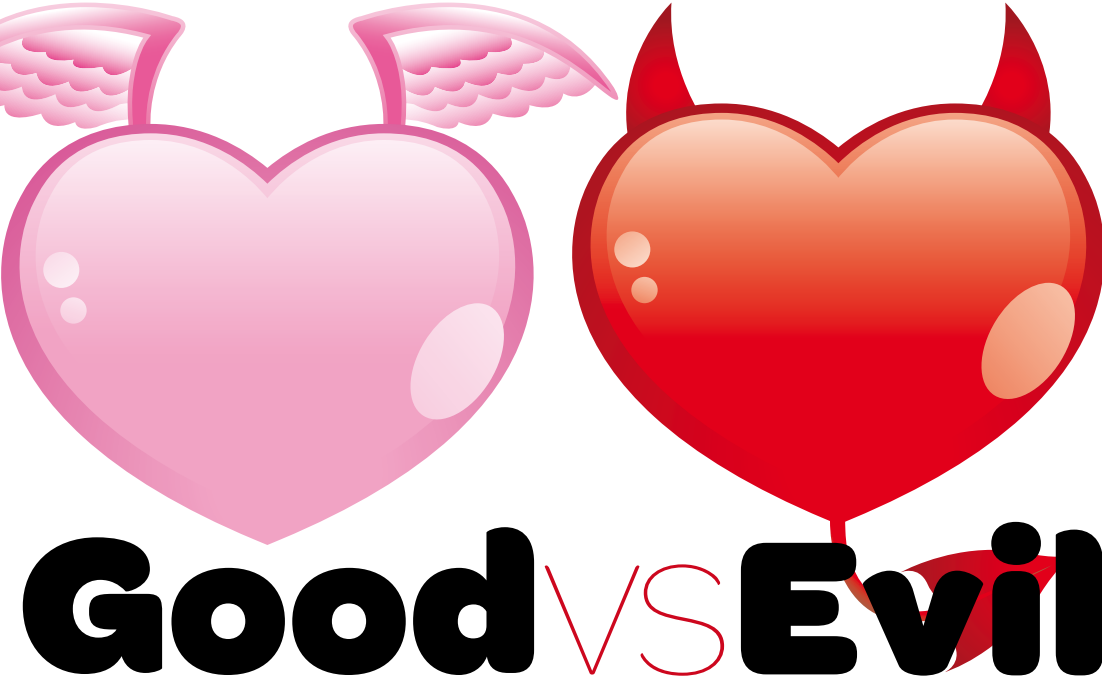


### GLOSSARY

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



# Faceless to 229|9067



## Saloth Sar AKA Pol Pot

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



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

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

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

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

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

There's really no competition

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

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

### GLOSSARY

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

# RECENT FILM PREMIERES

ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME?



## Fake war film; real comedy

Movie makes fun of Hollywood.



**Tropic Thunder** (2008) is a satirical portrayal of Hollywood. It was directed and produced

by Ben Stiller, who also stars as the main character. The film explores the **greed** in show business, the obsession with Oscar winning and exaggerates (hopefully) the **egos** of celebrities.

The film begins with three established actors: a comedian, a **thespian** and an action-movie star – who are about to **shoot** a serious war movie together. However, once production begins, the director

(Steve Coogan) doesn't believe the movie is "real" enough. So, without informing the actors of the change, he takes these privileged Hollywood actors to a **secluded** jungle. As we find out later, this jungle is a very real and very dangerous place.

The writers of *Tropic Thunder* include several controversial stereotypes. The comedian, played by Jack Black, is distracted throughout the movie as he tries to feed his drug habit. The action star (Ben Stiller) is the only one who has actually read the script. He takes his film role seriously, even though the entire film-going community views his acting career as a series of **flops**. But the winner for the most

controversial character in the film certainly goes to Robert Downey, Jr. He plays a dramatic actor who accepts extreme **body-altering** roles in hopes to obtain an Oscar. In this film, he is a Caucasian-Australian actor who undergoes a skin pigmentation surgery to play a tough African-American sergeant.

*Tropic Thunder* **pokes fun** at the greedy world of cinema. It also shows the lack of **scruples** of big-time film producers. Tom Cruise plays Les Grossman, a foul-mouthed movie **mogul**. He treats people like props and movies like paychecks. Stiller wanted Cruise's appearance as a fat, hairy and balding man to be kept a secret. He thought the audience would have a fun surprise seeing a very famous Cruise with his new **makeover**.

*Tropic Thunder* is a hilarious comedy and, oddly enough, a thought-provoking film. In fact, Stiller said he had the idea for the film five years ago, but really wanted to perfect it. The **self-deprecating humour** and the exaggerated **plot** are meant to **spark** conversation. However, it is comforting to know that a big-budget film can make fun of the business that produces it. ✨

## Ben Stiller

Born 30th November 1965 – New York City. Stiller is an Emmy-award winning American comedian. His films have earned more than \$1 billion. *The Ben Stiller Show* (1993) marked the beginning of his television career, and he later went on to star in very successful films such as *There's Something About Mary* (1998), *Meet the Parents* (1999) and *Zoolander* (2001). He is inspired by George Carlin and Jimmie Walker, and says that he is a huge fan of *Star Trek*.

## John Boyne

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



### GLOSSARY

- a satirical portrayal of** *exp* a comedy about something
- greed** *n* a desire to have more of something than you need
- an ego** *n* if you refer to someone's "ego", you refer to their sense of self or self-worth
- a thespian** *n* an old-fashioned word for an actor or actress
- to shoot** *vb* "to shoot" a film is to make a film
- secluded** *adj* deserted, quiet, private
- a flop** *n* something completely unsuccessful
- body-altering** *adj* something "body-altering" is something that changes your body
- to poke fun at** *exp* to mock, to make fun of
- scruples** *n* moral principles or values
- a mogul** *n* an important, rich and powerful businessperson
- a makeover** *n* if you get a "makeover", you change your physical appearance drastically
- self-deprecating humour** *exp* a type of comedy in which the comedians make fun of themselves or something they are a part of
- a plot** *n* the story of a book or film
- to spark** *vb* if something "sparks" conversation, it causes or generates conversation
- a regime** *n* the way that a company, government or an economy is run
- a commandant** *n* an army officer in charge of a particular place or group of people



## The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

A new look at the Holocaust.

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

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

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

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





CD track 17  
Englishwoman & US woman



CD track 18  
Englishwoman and Irishman

# LITTLE JOKES

# GRAFFITI

MATCH EACH JOKE BEGINNING (1 TO 8) WITH ITS ENDING (A-H). THEN, LISTEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.  
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1. What's worse than a giraffe with a **sore throat**?
2. What did the fire-fighter say when the church **caught fire**?
3. What do ghosts like about tall buildings?
4. Where do dogs keep their money?
5. Where would you send a **sick mule**?
6. Where would you send a sick Dalmatian?
7. What did one strawberry say to the other strawberry?
8. Why did King Kong join the army?



### GLOSSARY

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

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

**sick** *adj*  
ill

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

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

**to scare** *vb*  
to frighten someone

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

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

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

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

**sore** *adj*  
painful

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

HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOILET GRAFFITI.

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

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

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

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

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

### GLOSSARY

**to toss aside** *exp*  
to throw to one side

**to share** *vb*  
when two or more people use the same thing

**alimony** *n*  
after a divorce, "alimony" is money someone must legally pay to their former husband or wife

## RAIL TIMES BY DANIEL COULTON

**Panel 1:** A woman with red hair and a purple train conductor are on a train platform. The woman says, "THE TRAIN IS LATE AGAIN. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS." The conductor replies, "I AM SORRY MADAM, WE'RE HAVING A FEW TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES."

**Panel 2:** The woman asks, "YEAH, THAT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS SAY. TELL ME, WHAT IS THE POINT OF HAVING A TRAIN TIMETABLE IF THE TRAINS ARE ALWAYS LATE?" The conductor replies, "WELL, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE A TRAIN TIMETABLE..."

**Panel 3:** The conductor looks thoughtful and says, "...WE WOULDN'T KNOW IF THE TRAINS WERE LATE."



# Misheard Lyrics

HERE ARE SOME MORE OF THOSE DIFFICULT-TO-UNDERSTAND SONG LYRICS. SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE CORRECT ONES. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65



## GLOSSARY

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



On this month's CD, listen to a song from Garrett Wall Band's latest album, "Sky Pointing". The album is now available from [www.mondegreenrecords.com](http://www.mondegreenrecords.com)

## garrett wall band

See the band live in Madrid on 21st November at Moby Dick (21.30)

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

a higher **GDP** per capita, and access to education were much more likely to report being happy."

He said it would be possible to use these parameters to **track** changes in happiness. They would also be able to see which events, such as a war, famine or national success, might have on happiness of people in a particular country.

"There is increasing political interest in using measures of happiness as a national indicator **in conjunction with** measures of wealth. A recent BBC survey found that 81% of the population think the government should focus on making us happier rather than **wealthier**." ☺



# Happy Lands

*Denmark named the happiest place on earth.*

## 1 Pre reading

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

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

## 2 Pre reading II

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

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

## 3 Reading I

Read to check your rankings. Were your predictions correct?

## 4 Reading II

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

## 5 Discussion

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

COME ON,  
GET HAPPY!



### GLOSSARY

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

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65



# Voting for God

Is He the *supreme* politician?



While God can't **run for** president, He certainly influences voter participation. A new survey of 1,700 Americans had some very interesting findings. In the past, regular church-goers were more politically active than non-religious people. "Churches were a major force behind both political and social movements such as the **Civil Rights Movement** and, more recently, Christian Conservatism," says study leader Robin Driskell. But these days, things seem to be different. "A person's view of God is a **variable** that determines whether he or she will **donate** money to a campaign, read political news, or even vote," says the study. And what the study showed was

that those who believe God **is involved in** worldly affairs are less likely to vote. For example, Evangelical and African American Protestant groups had a lower voter **turnout in** the 2004 elections. They share the idea that the world is **in God's hands**. Their philosophy is, why **bother** voting when God is taking care of things? However, not all religious groups feel that God **has a hand in** politics. Other members of Christian, Catholic and Jewish religious organisations all view God's **involvement** to different degrees. Some see Him as entirely **hands-off**, while others think that He controls everything. So, the big question is, did God play a role in the 2008 US elections? \*

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre reading

Match the American presidents to the religious statistics.



1  Dwight D. Eisenhower



2  Abraham Lincoln



3  George Washington



4  John F. Kennedy

- He was the first Catholic president of the United States.
- He was a Jehovah's Witness.
- This US President was not aligned with any religious affiliation.
- He was the first President of the United States, and was an Episcopalian.

## 2 Reading I

According to the article, do people believe God influences a voter's decision? Why or why not? Find evidence from the text.

## 3 Reading II Vocabulary focus

Find a word in the text that means...

- ...to be a candidate for a political office.
- ...something that can change or vary in degree.
- ...superior or greater to all others.
- ...not involved; not wanting or needing to control or interfere.
- ...the number of people who attend or take part in an event.

## 4 Discussion

- Do you believe voting is important? Why or why not?
- What are some current political issues in your country?

## 5 Language focus word formation and stress.

Mark the stress on each word. The first one is done for you. What does each word mean?

politics

politician

policy

political

politically



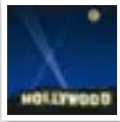
### GLOSSARY

**supreme** *adj*  
greater or superior to all others in power or authority  
**to run for** *exp*  
if someone "runs for" a position, they are a candidate for that position  
**the Civil Rights Movement** *exp*  
a movement that fought to give equal treatment to everyone in society, regardless of race, gender, or religion  
**a variable** *n*  
something that can change or vary in degree  
**to donate** *vb*  
to give  
**to be involved in something** *exp*  
to participate in something  
**turnout** *n*  
the number of people who attend or take part in an event  
**in someone's hands** *exp*  
if something is "in someone's hands", that person has control over it  
**to bother** *vb*  
to concern yourself or trouble yourself with doing something  
**to have a hand in** *exp*  
to be involved in something, to contribute to something  
**involvement** *n*  
participation  
**hands-off** *adj*  
not involved; not wanting or needing to control or interfere

# VOCABULARY



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



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



**Premiere** – the first day that a film comes out.



**Horror** – a scary film. Not for scaredy cats!



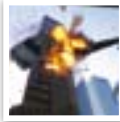
**Comedy** – a funny film. Ha, ha, ha!



**Drama** – a serious film. Watch and think!



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



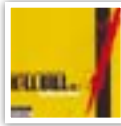
**Action** – a type of film with lots of explosions, car chases and special effects.



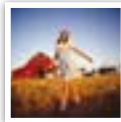
**The Oscars** – the annual award show to honour films and television. (in Britain, the equivalent is the BAFTAs.)



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



**Soundtrack** – the collection of songs from a film.



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



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



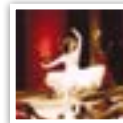
**Ticket Stub** – a small piece of paper you get after buying your cinema ticket.



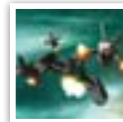
**Period Piece** – a film that is set during a certain time period that is not the present. It is usually a historical film.



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



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



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



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

# The Cinema



# (NOT SO) TYPICAL DIALOGUES

## The Cinema Ticket

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

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

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

**Brian:** What's this?

**Vendor:** A **baboon**.

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

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

**Brian:** Well, why would I want a baboon?

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

**Brian:** No, I didn't.

**Vendor:** Yes you did.

**Brian:** Oh, no...

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

**Brian:** Which film?

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

**Brian:** Is it?

**Vendor:** Yeah, it's terrible.

**Brian:** What's it about?

**Vendor:** Astronauts.

**Brian:** That sounds good.

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

**Brian:** Oh, right.

**Vendor:** And then some aliens come.

**Brian:** Oh, that sounds good.

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

**Brian:** So, what do you recommend then?



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

**Brian:** Really?

**Vendor:** Yes, and it's really frightening.

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

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

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

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

**Brian:** Is it any good?

**Vendor:** It's all right.

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

**Vendor:** Here you are.

**Brian:** What's this?

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

**Brian:** But I want to go NOW!

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

**Brian:** AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! ☹



### GLOSSARY

**a baboon** *n*  
a type of monkey that lives in Africa

**rubbish** *adj* *inform*  
not very good

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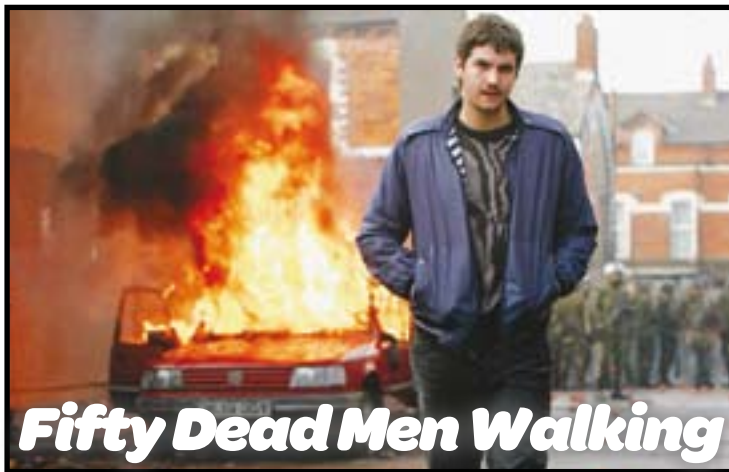
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# FILM REVIEW



## Fifty Dead Men Walking

is the latest in a long line of films about the war in Northern Ireland. It is

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

revolves around his double life.

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



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

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

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

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

## Rose McGowan

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## GLOSSARY

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



# DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC

# describe time

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



### Miss the boat

TO BE TOO LATE FOR SOMETHING.

"If you're looking for tickets I'm afraid you've missed the boat."



### The small hours

EARLY MORNING (2 AM TO 6 AM)

"She was up until the small hours trying to get the work finished."



### Donkey's years

A LONG TIME.

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



### All in good time

SOMETHING THAT YOU SAY TO TELL SOMEONE TO BE PATIENT.

"Wait until the time is right."  
"Stop being in such a hurry – we'll get it done all in good time."



### About time too

WE OFTEN USE THIS EXPRESSION WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS MUCH LATER THAN EXPECTED.

"Oh you're here at last. About time too!"



### There's a time and a place

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

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



### Take each day as it comes

TO DEAL WITH THINGS AS THEY HAPPEN, AND NOT TO MAKE PLANS OR TO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE

"Try not to get too stressed – just try and take each day as it comes."



# quirky news

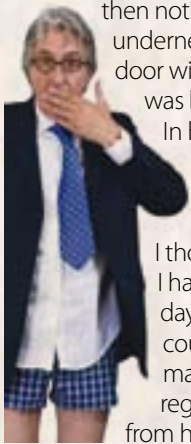
## Plane Bathing

Man in unusual airline incident.

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

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

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



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

## Walking High

Australia runs into the record books.



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



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

The world record for the

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

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



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

### GLOSSARY

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

**half-naked** *adj*  
wearing very few clothes

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

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

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

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

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

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

**mandatory** *adj*  
obligatory; something you must do

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

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

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

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

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

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

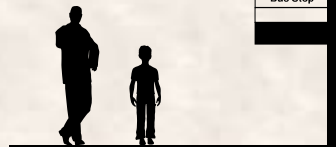
## Bus Times

The rules on how to catch a bus.

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

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

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







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Englishwoman

# Marketing

Marketing English

# Blog Boom



Got a small company? Small marketing budget too? Well, one idea is to start **blogging** your **wares**. The blog is a phenomenon that more and more businesses are **turning to** for publicity. It's free, easy and worldwide as it's on the internet. Robb Duncan, the owner of a **gelato** shop in Georgetown, **swears by it**. When he opened his second shop in July, he advertised it on his blog. What happened? He sold three hundred **gallons** of ice cream in one night! Other entrepreneurs have reported similar fantastic results. However, one major **drawback** is the **feedback boards** often found in blogs. Complaints go online for all to see. Of course, a sign of integrity in business is to leave the negative as well as the positive comments. But not everyone is prepared to do that. Saying this, the blog universe is full of angry people, so be careful. Some things in life are free but they can also have a **downside**. \*

## GLOSSARY

- to blog** *n*  
to write on an online diary
- wares** *n*  
things a person sells, usually in the street or a market
- to turn to** *exp*  
if you "turn to" something, you start using it
- gelato** *n*  
Italian ice-cream
- to swear by something** *exp inform*  
if you "swear by something", you strongly believe it has a particular effect
- a gallon** *n*  
a unit of measurements for liquids equal to eight pints (about 4 litres)
- a drawback** *n*  
a problem
- a feedback board** *n*  
a place online where people can write comments or suggestions about something
- a downside** *n*  
the "downside" of a situation is the aspect that seems less positive; similar to a drawback

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## OPINION FORM

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Englishwoman and US woman

OPINION FORM

UPPER INTERMEDIATE LISTENING

# Win a Free Book!

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

**1 Pre listening**

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

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

**2 Listening I**

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

**3 Listening II**

True or false?

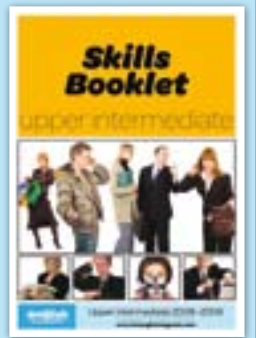
1. Margaret used to go to France for her holidays.
2. Margaret's family is from the Dordogne region.
3. When Margaret's children left home, she decided to move.
4. Margaret adjusted to her new life straightaway.
5. Margaret found it difficult to meet people.
6. Margaret says she is quite offended by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

**4 Discussion**

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

**5 Language focus**

In Unit 6 of the Upper Intermediate Skills Booklet, you see the difference between "be used to" and "get used to". Can you identify any examples from the listening? Write the sentences down, and then refer to page 28 of your Skills Booklet for further explanations.



▶ Skills Booklets 28

# SKILLS BOOKLET READINGS

# Movember USA

An unusual charity event.



Just how far would you go for a good cause? Would you donate money, run a marathon? Grow a moustache? If you like the idea of sprouting facial hair for charity, "Movember" is probably right up your alley. Movember is a charity that holds an annual, month-long event to benefit prostate cancer. Both the organisation and the event challenge men to think differently about their health in an exciting and creative way.

Back in 1999, a group of Australian males from Adelaide had a charitable idea to improve men's health. They saw a drastic increase in prostate cancer sufferers, and wanted to do something about it. So, one night in a pub, a group of Australian men came up with Movember. Since 2004, the Movember Charity Foundation has put on events to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and depression in Australia and New Zealand. They expanded beyond Australia in 2007, and held events in Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Movember participants are called Mo Bros (men) and Mo Sistas (women). The rules for men are simple. They must begin 1st November with a clean-shaven face. Then, as the month progresses, Mo Bros have to grow and groom a moustache to be judged at a later date. No goatees or beards are allowed. However, a "tickler" (a small piece of hair under the bottom lip) is acceptable. It is very easy to register for Movember and to create a team. Also, individual registration is possible. It may seem that Movember is only for men, but women (Mo Sistas) can also contribute by raising money, joining a team and attending the Gala Parté.

The Gala Parté is the ceremony where prizes are awarded. Annual accolades include the Mo Mo (the individual who raised the most money), The Platinum Club (for those who raise

more than 1,000 dollars), and Brushes With Fame (a prize for the best picture of a contestant with a famous celebrity). The Mo Bros, dressed to match their moustaches, get judged at the Gala Parté. There are different awards for the moustaches, including Best Moustache in Character, The Lame Mo (an encouragement award for a puny moustache) and the Ultimate Mo (judged solely on the style of grooming). Also, at the Gala Parté, they hold Borat, Tom Selleck and Hulk Hogan celebrity look-alike contests. And finally, the Mo Sistas can pose with their Mo Bro to win Miss Movember and Man of Movember.

Admittedly, the idea of Movember seems far-fetched, but they receive lots of corporate support and raise impressive sums of money. Since 2004, Movember has raised over \$29 million, and is connected with numerous corporate sponsors, called Mo Sponsors. To name a few, they work with Phillips Norelco, DC Shoes and Quiksilver. Their Mo Partners include PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, and of course the Prostate Cancer Foundation. During their 2007 campaign, they had over 1 million people visit their website.

Movember campaigns for earlier detection of prostate cancer and its intervention. They also finance cancer research. So far, they have countless testimonials of Movember contestants who saved friends and family members by raising awareness. Movember may be a funny idea, but hey, who knew growing a moustache could make millions? \*

## Signature moustaches

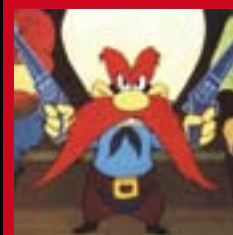
### Hercule Poirot:

Fictional Belgian detective in Agatha Christie novels. Known for being a thin man with an upward-curved moustache. He is perfectly punctual and carries a pocket watch with him wherever he goes.



### Yosemite Sam:

Introduced in 1945. Yosemite Sam is a Warner Brothers animated cartoon character in Looney Tunes and the Merrie Melodies. He is known for his hot temper and large amount of facial hair.



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Discussion

1. Are there any unusual charities in your country? What are they?
2. Have you ever volunteered to work for a charity? What did you do?

## 2 Reading I

Read the article. What is the significance of each of the following?

1. Movember
2. Mo Bros and Mo Sistas
3. Movember Charity Foundation
4. Gala Parté

## 3 Reading II

Answer the questions.

1. Why do you think the charity is so successful?
2. In what ways does Movember promote itself?

## 4 Discussion

The men who developed this charity took a lot of time to plan the event. How do you think they planned it? (Refer to page 18 of your Upper Intermediate Skills Booklet for more activities on sponsorship.)



Skills Booklets

18





CD track 33  
US women

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

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

**GLOSSARY**

**a sip** *n*  
if you take a "sip" of a liquid, you drink a small amount of it

**a buffalo** *n*  
a wild animal like a large cow with horns; also called a bison

**a storey** *n*  
a "storey" of a building is one of its different levels

**confetti** *n*  
small pieces of coloured paper that people throw over the bride and groom at a wedding

**feather dusters** *n*  
sticks with real or artificial feathers on them that people use for cleaning and dusting

**a whip** *n*  
a long piece of material made of leather or rope used to hit animals, people, etc.

**a riding crop** *n*  
a short stick used for hitting / controlling a horse

**a firecracker** *n*  
an object that makes several loud bangs when lit

**to dust** *vb*  
when cleaning, to "dust" means to remove pieces of dirt that can often be found on furniture floors or lights.

**a store** *n*  
a place where you buy things; a "shop" in British English

**a spittoon** *n*  
a container inside a bar where people may spit

**an expectoration** *n*  
the act of spitting

**to land** *vb*  
when an airplane "lands", it touches the ground after flying in the air

**trash** *n* US English  
"rubbish" in British English; old things you throw away

**an elevator** *n* US English  
a "lift" in British English; a device that carries people up and down inside a building

**tail-lights** *n*  
the two red lights at the back of a car




**Population:** 23,900,000 as of 2006  
**Capital City:** Austin  
**Largest City:** Houston  
**State Motto:** Friendship

# Texas Facts

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

Here are some famous Texans:

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



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# DICTIONARY OF SLANG

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



## Situation



### Formal



### Relaxed



### Informal

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



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# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



## 1 Exercise

Read the following sentences. Can you correct them? Then listen to check. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65.

1. I am confident to do it.

***I am confident that I can do it.***

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

3. It is my most favourite film.

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

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

6. They had always to work on Saturdays.



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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

# November

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**1st  
November  
1800**

John Adams, the President of the United States, moves to the Executive Mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington. The building is later renamed the White House.



**4th  
November  
1979**

Iranian revolutionaries storm the American Embassy in Tehran, taking 90 hostages. This marks the beginning of the year-long Iranian Hostage Crisis.



**7th  
November  
1907** Jesús García drives a **blazing** train

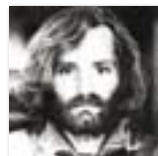
full of dynamite out of the town of Nacozari in Mexico. The train eventually explodes six kilometres away. 12 people (García included) die, but his actions save the 5,000 people of the town. The town is now called Nacozari de García in his honour.



**10th  
November  
2007**

The King of Spain tells Venezuelan president Hugo

Chavez to "shut up". Spanish-Venezuelan relations hit an **all-time low**. The king later **storms out** after another argument with Nicaraguan premier Daniel Ortega.



**12th  
November**

Crazy killer Charlie Manson's 74th birthday. Manson has been in jail since 1969. I wonder what he's doing for his birthday?



**17th  
November  
1973**

The Watergate Scandal continues in America. **Under-fire** president Richard Nixon famously declares, "I am not a **crook**".



**17th  
November  
1558**

Henry VIII's daughter Elizabeth becomes queen upon the death of her sister Mary. The famous Elizabethan era begins.



**20th  
November**

Universal Children's Day, an international day organised by **UNICEF**.



**22nd  
November  
1922**

English archaeologist Howard Carter opens the tomb of Tutankhamen. Many of the people involved die shortly afterwards, starting a rumour of an ancient **curse**.



**22nd  
November  
1963**

John F. Kennedy, the US president is assassinated. The event becomes **the mother of all** conspiracies.



**25th  
November  
1783**

The final British troops withdraw from the newly-formed United States after the revolutionary war.



**27th  
November  
1999**

Helen Clark becomes the first elected female Prime Minister of New Zealand.



**27th  
November  
2006**

The Québécois, the French-speaking people of Quebec, Canada, are recognised by the national government as a nation within the Canadian state. ❖



## GLOSSARY

**blazing** *adj*  
heavily on fire  
**an all-time low** *exp*  
at its worst state / level  
**to storm out** *phr vb*  
to leave an event angrily  
**under-fire** *adj*  
in the process of being attacked  
**crook** *n*  
a criminal, a dishonest person  
**UNICEF** *n*  
a global charity called The United Nations Children's Fund  
**a curse** *n*  
a supernatural affliction resulting in bad luck and misfortune  
**the mother of all** *exp*  
the worst / the most amazing / the most incredible, etc.



# CORNER IDIOMS



CD track 37  
Englishwoman & Irishman

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



## Just around the corner

IF SOMETHING IS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER", IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON.

"The end of the competition is just around the corner."



## Be backed into a corner

TO BE FORCED INTO A DIFFICULT SITUATION WHICH YOU HAVE LITTLE CONTROL OVER.

"I feel that I've been backed into a corner and I have no choice but to accept their conditions."



## Corner the market

TO HAVE A PRODUCT THAT DOMINATES A PART OF THE MARKET BECAUSE THERE IS NO COMPETITION.

"They've more or less cornered the cheap clothing market – they've got a shop in every town and city across the country."



## Fight your corner

TO DEFEND SOMETHING THAT YOU BELIEVE IN BY ARGUING.

"You'll have to be ready to fight your corner if you want them to approve this project."



## Turn the corner

IF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE TURNS THE CORNER, THEIR SITUATION STARTS TO IMPROVE AFTER A DIFFICULT PERIOD.

"The company has been through some difficult times, but I think we can safely say that we've now turned the corner."



## The four corners of the earth

EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.

"Guests arrived from the four corners of the earth."

# SKILLS BOOKLET READINGS

## A Business Miracle

*UAE's rise to riches.*

You can't help but be impressed by the development of the United Arab Emirates. Situated on the Persian Gulf, this little country has been built and modernised from a wilderness of desert in less than 40 years. Despite the turmoil of Middle East history, politics and current events, it is now a futuristic paradise.

While it may seem that oil revenues are the major factor, they're actually not as important as you might think. Surprisingly, oil only makes up about 6% of Dubai's revenue, even though it was much more before. Dubai also deals in real estate, financial services and natural gas. Their latest endeavour is something entirely different and new for the UAE. Dubai is entering the world of sports franchising.

The UAE is in an unusual situation. For one thing, it has the advantage of being perceived as a moderate Arab state by the west, but also fundamentally Islamic by Middle Eastern countries. This means that it can do trade with both the US and Iran (both sworn enemies of one another) at the same time. It also has a large, cheap foreign work force that drives the construction of the country. This, however, has led to condemnation by human rights organisations especially since many workers, particularly Asians, live in sub-human conditions.

Dubai is also famous for its architecture. Skyscrapers house IT firms and financial institutions. The Jebel Ali Port in Dubai is the biggest in the world and is totally man-made. The Jebel Ali Free Zone is an area in the city for free market incentives that drive the economy. But now, tourism is increasingly being encouraged and hotels are appearing everywhere. This ensures that foreign money continues to flow into Dubai. The beauty of the Persian Gulf and Arabic culture are alluring to tourists, which has made it a popular tourist destination.

In Abu Dhabi, the second biggest city in the UAE, business is also booming.

The city has sprung from the desert and is now prominent in international business. One example of the financial clout of Emirate businessmen is the recent takeover by Abu Dhabi investors of English football club Manchester City. The Abu Dhabi United Group completed a takeover of Man City from former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on 1st September this year. It was followed by unparalleled spending in the transfer market which included the £32.5 million signing of Robinho from Real Madrid. A £30 million attempt was made to entice Dimitar Berbatov from Tottenham Hotspur. But in the end, Berbatov went to United.

The new investment is having a noticeably positive effect on Dubai's sporting reputation. Man City has gone from an average-spending Premiership club to a major force in the world of football. The idea of Man City making players offers they can't refuse is a drastic difference from the previous year. But who knows? By this time next year, will City be competing for the Champions' League? If so, it will be all thanks to a group of Arab businessmen, led by Sulaiman Al-Fahim, AKA "the Donald Trump of Abu Dhabi".

The United Arab Emirates is developing into a powerhouse economy. Oil revenues and impressive construction have contributed to their success, but their recent interest in sports is what earns serious revenue. Their £200 million takeover has shocked the world of football but it comes from a country that has already planted its feet in wealthy soil. And, as for other businesses based in the UAE, no one knows for sure what worldwide business ventures they might get into, but they can definitely follow a great example from Dubai. 🌟



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Matching

Match each Middle Eastern country to its capital city.

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Iran         | a. Kabul     |
| 2. Saudi Arabia | b. Tehran    |
| 3. Afghanistan  | c. San'a'    |
| 4. Pakistan     | d. Islamabad |
| 5. Yemen        | e. Riyadh    |

### 2 Reading I

Read the article. What does the article say about the following?

- the rich and the poor
- tourism
- football
- international business

### 3 Reading II

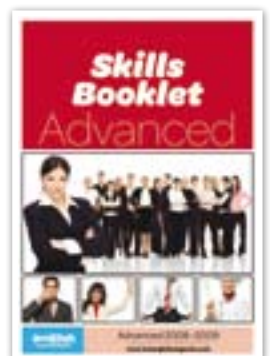
Read the article again. In the context of the article, what do these expressions mean?

- a powerhouse economy – "The United Arab Emirates is developing into a 'powerhouse economy'".
- to flow into – "This insures that foreign money continues 'to flow into' Dubai."
- to spring from – "The city has 'sprung from' the desert..."
- alluring – "The beauty... is 'alluring' to tourists."

### 4 Phrasal Verb Focus

The expressions "to get into" and "to come about" both appear in the article. What do you think they mean? (Refer to page 22 in your Advanced Skills Booklet to find further examples of these phrasal verbs.)

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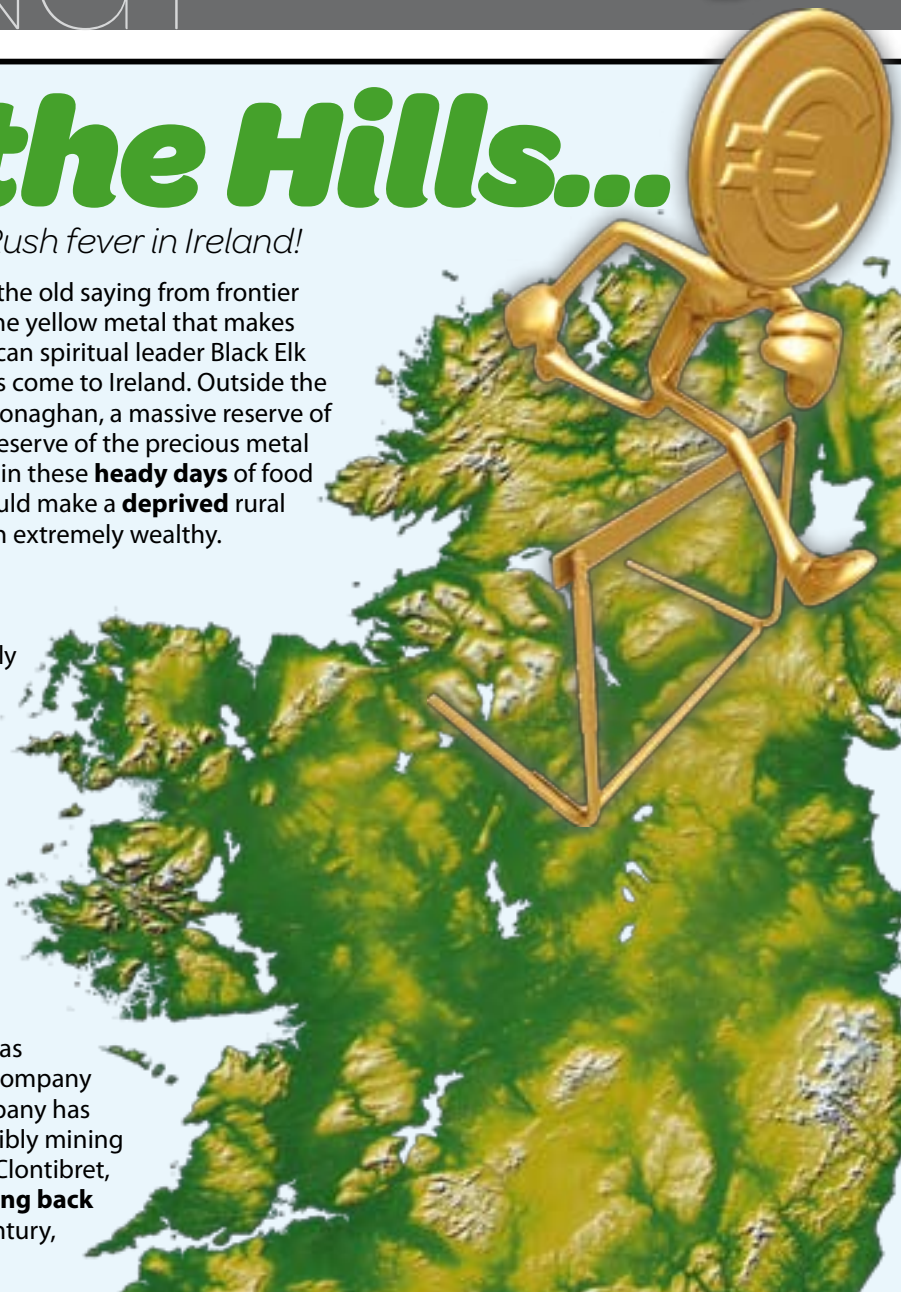
# Over the Hills...

*Gold Rush fever in Ireland!*

"There's gold in them there hills!" was the old saying from frontier America during the Gold Rush age. "The yellow metal that makes white men crazy," as the Native-American spiritual leader Black Elk once called it. But now **Gold Fever** has come to Ireland. Outside the **sleepy** village of Clontibret, County Monaghan, a massive reserve of gold has been found. It's the biggest reserve of the precious metal ever found in Ireland and the UK. And in these **heady days** of food shortages and **soaring** oil prices, it could make a **deprived** rural community such as County Monaghan extremely wealthy.

This area, next to the border with Northern Ireland, has always been associated with **smuggling** – especially of fuel and cigarettes. Illegal activity has been a large part of the area's economy. Very often, Northern Irish drivers would cross over the border to the Republic of Ireland, attracted by the chance of a cheap **fill up**.

But these days, with the discovery of gold, the local economy may not have to depend on **dodgy dealings**. One million ounces of gold have been found, with a possible value of £450 million. The London Stock Exchange has been informed of the find by mining company Conroy Diamonds and Gold. The company has launched a **feasibility** study into possibly mining the area. And for the 300 residents of Clontibret, whose village is most famous for **driving back** invading English forces in the 17th century, the future's **looking** very **bright**. ☘



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre reading

Answer the following questions about this quote from the article.

*"The yellow metal that makes white men crazy".*

1. What do you think "yellow metal" refers to?
2. Why "white men"?
3. Why does it make them crazy?

## 2 Reading I

Scan the article to check your answers.

## 3 Reading II

True or false?

1. The discovery of the gold reserve comes at a good time.
2. The area has often been linked to illegal activity in the past.
3. The London Stock Exchange is dismissive of the findings.

## 4 Reading III Vocabulary focus.

Answer the following questions about vocabulary.

1. What does the article mean by "sleepy"?
2. What does "it" refer to in this sentence? "It could make a deprived rural community such as County Monaghan wealthy."
3. How can days be described as "heady"?
4. What do you "fill up"?

## 5 Grammar focus Passives

In unit 10 of your Advanced Skills Booklet, there are some exercises on passives. Look at the following sentences from the article. Can you spot the passives? Why are they being used?

1. This area... has always been associated with smuggling.
2. One million ounces of gold have been found.
3. The London Stock Exchange has been informed.

## GLOSSARY

**Gold Fever** *n*  
an expression describing the excitement surrounding the discovery of gold

**sleepy** *adj*  
quiet, peaceful

**heady days** *exp*  
a difficult period of time

**soaring** *adj*  
increasing quickly

**deprived** *adj*  
poor; without the basic necessities

**to smuggle** *vb*  
if someone "smuggles" something, they secretly bring it into a country without paying taxes

**to fill up** *phr vb*  
to fill your car's tank with petrol

**dodgy dealings** *exp*  
illegal activities

**feasibility** *adj*  
if something is "feasible", it is possible and it can be done

**to drive back** *phr vb*  
if you "drive someone back", you repel them

**to look bright** *exp*  
if something "looks bright" it has a promising and positive future



# A Royal Cause

Ann Widdecombe speaks out against **fur**.

Buckingham Palace is a top tourist attraction in London. But now it's at the centre of a controversy.

Most tourists who visit London head off to Buckingham Palace to get their photo taken with the **stony-faced** Royal guards, with their tall Busby hats. But it's these hats that are at the centre of the controversy.

For many years, the British government has bought the hats from Canada. They're made from fur from black bears. But now, Conservative Member of Parliament Ann Widdecombe is trying to stop this. In a recent move, she **unveiled** secret video film from an **undercover investigation** into the **slaughter** of the black bears.

Widdecombe presented the blatantly-graphic **footage** to parliament. It shows hungry mother bears who are **lured**

to **bait sites**, only to be **gunned down** for their fur, leaving their cubs **orphaned**. The shocking video includes details of the **skinning** of the bears by hunters who make **crude, sexist comments** as they work. "I do believe that we have a duty to prevent suffering whenever it is unnecessary," says Widdecombe.

Ms Widdecombe and PETA are calling on the Ministry of Defence (the ones who fund the process) and Queen Elizabeth to end the use of bear fur for the Queen's Guards' caps. Over the past five years alone, the Ministry of Defence has spent more than £321,000 on bearskin caps. More than 200 MPs signed a recent **Early Day Motion calling on** the government to **switch to** a modern and more humane material for the hats. Celebrities including Sir Roger Moore, Mary McCartney (Paul McCartney's daughter) and Sadie Frost have supported the move.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre reading

Look at the pictures below. Do you know who these people are? What do you know about them? Can you guess what they have in common? Can you find their names in the article?



## 2 Reading I

Say why each person shown in the pictures is mentioned in the article.

## 3 Reading II

1. What does the article say about animal cruelty?
2. What is the British government doing about animal cruelty?

## 4 Discussion

1. Can you think of other ways that animals are used by humans? What are they?
2. What does the government in your country do to help animal protection organisations?
3. In your country, how concerned are people about animal cruelty?

## 5 Language spot "stony-faced"

There are lots of compound adjectives with parts of the body. "Stony-faced" refers to a facial expression. What do you think "stony" implies? It is the adjective form of the noun "stone". In the article, why are the guards' faces compared to stones? Here are some more compound adjectives with parts of the body. What do you think these adjectives mean?

1. big-eared
2. pig-headed
3. long-legged
4. brown-eyed
5. blonde-haired

## GLOSSARY

- fur** *n*  
animal hair
- stony-faced** *adj*  
if you are "stony-faced", you have a serious expression on your face
- to unveil** *vb*  
if you "unveil" something, you introduce it to the public
- an undercover investigation** *n*  
a secret operation
- the slaughter** *n*  
the brutal killing of animals, people, etc.
- footage** *n*  
part of a film that records an event
- to lure** *vb*  
if you "lure" someone to a place, you make them go to a place by putting something they like there
- bait sites** *n*  
places that animals go to because there is something there that they like. Once there, they are killed / caught
- to gun someone down** *exp*  
to kill someone with a gun
- orphaned** *adj*  
left without parents
- skinning** *n*  
the process of removing an animal's skin
- a crude comment** *exp*  
a remark that is inappropriate and that often refers to sex or the body
- a sexist comment** *exp*  
a remark that is insulting to a particular gender
- an Early Day Motion** *n*  
a formal proposal submitted to the House of Commons for debate
- to call on** *exp*  
if you "call on" someone to do something, you say publicly that you want them to do it
- to switch to** *exp*  
to change from one thing to another

# Entertainment & Medicine

## Entertainment

# A flaming success

*Celebrity memorabilia for sale.*

Have you ever wondered what happens to rock-and-roll celebrity memorabilia? Recently, an auction in London had great success in selling some very special, one-of-a-kind rocker belongings.



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

collector and **dealer**.

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

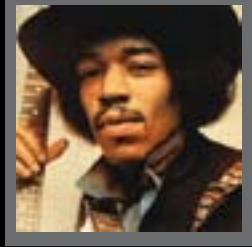
from Elvis to the State of California for a **concealed** gun permit was sold for over £50,000. But a grand piano, which The Beatles used to record the song *Hey Jude*, failed to find a buyer. This item was expected to **fetch** in the region of £300,000.

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

### Jimi Hendrix

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

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



## Medicine

# A Second Chance

*"Dead" Man Found Alive in Hospital.*

John Reneghan thought his father had been buried five years ago. But he was wrong. The bizarre case of an unidentified man living in a care home in Manchester, England has finally been solved. John Delaney, 71, (Reneghan's father) was actually found on the streets of Manchester eight years ago with complete memory loss.

Delaney's family misidentified his body back in 2003. The body, found on the **grounds** of Manchester Royal Infirmary, was the same size as Mr Delaney and had similar scars on the head. A cremation was held and the family thought their father had been **laid to rest**. That was until Mr Delaney's son, John Reneghan, started working the night **shift**. Reneghan was sitting at home watching daytime TV when, to his amazement,

there was an appeal for information about a man with amnesia. To his great **shock**, the man on television had been living in a care home in nearby Oldham. And he was sure that the man was his father. Police were sceptical at first, but DNA tests proved that Mr Reneghan's claims were correct. The police now have **guidelines** in place to ensure that this type of confusion doesn't happen again.

John Reneghan has said that meetings with his father have been quite difficult, but he is glad to see his father again. Now, as the family **comes to terms** with their resurrected relative, one important question remains. Who was the man they buried five years ago? ☆



### GLOSSARY

**whopping** *adj/inform*  
a large amount  
**to set alight** *exp*  
to burn  
**caught on camera** *exp*  
recorded on video  
**memorabilia** *n*  
collectable items  
**a dealer** *n*  
someone who buys and sells items, usually specialist items  
**concealed** *adj*  
hidden, covered  
**to fetch** *vb*  
to get a certain price at auction  
**grounds** *n*  
the area of property surrounding a large building that belongs to it  
**to lay to rest** *exp*  
to have a funeral for someone  
**a shift** *n*  
a period of work  
**a shock** *n*  
an extreme surprise or a trauma  
**a guideline** *n*  
a regulation  
**to come to terms** *exp*  
to accept that something bad has happened

# PHRASAL VERB THEMES

# Success and Failure

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

### TO BUILD ON (SOMETHING)

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCCESS IN ORDER TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS.



"LET'S BUILD ON OUR CURRENT SUCCESS AND EXPAND."

### TO WALK INTO A TRAP

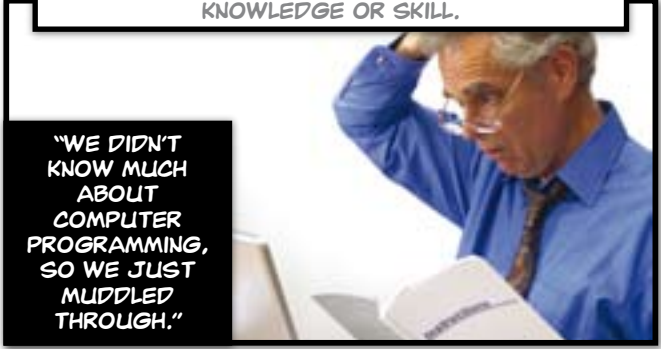
TO ENTER AN AREA WHERE THE ENEMY IS WAITING.



"THE TROOP REINFORCEMENTS HAD WALKED INTO A TRAP."

### TO MUDDLE THROUGH

TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, BUT WITHOUT MUCH KNOWLEDGE OR SKILL.



"WE DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, SO WE JUST MUDDLED THROUGH."

### TO CATCH UP

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



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

### TO PAY OFF

IF AN ACTION PAYS OFF, IT IS SUCCESSFUL OR PROFITABLE AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME.



"AFTER YEARS OF WORKING TO BECOME AN EXECUTIVE, RUDY'S PERSISTENCE FINALLY PAID OFF."

### TO KEEP UP

TO MAINTAIN A PACE / STANDARD SET BY OTHERS.



"HE TRIED TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT MUSICAL TRENDS."

### TO STAY AHEAD

TO MANAGE TO REMAIN IN A BETTER POSITION THAN OTHERS.



"IF WE WANT TO STAY AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION, IT IS GOING TO COST US MORE MONEY."

### TO FALL BEHIND

IF YOU "FALL BEHIND", YOU DO NOT MAKE PROGRESS.



"IF YOU STAY IN BED ALL WEEK, YOU WILL FALL BEHIND AT WORK."





# ANSWERS

feel if I've got a problem, that she's ready to listen to me. It's excellent.

Well, I have an aunt that's um, really really nice. Very special. She's more than 80 years old and she's in very good health. She has 4 children and at least a dozen grandchildren, and she always seemed to have time for other people, although she could easily dedicate all the time for her own family. Uh, whenever I go there in the summer, she always makes me very welcome. Invites other people to come to see us. Um, I have a, quite a young son, and of all the people that we meet when we go there, he said, "Oh, I would really like to go and stay with her." So, she has very nice qualities. Um, if anyone in the family have any problems, they always go to her. If anybody's needing somewhere to stay, she puts them up. So she, she just looks after everybody, and doesn't really ask for anything for herself.

Nicest person I've met or certainly one of them, I'd have to say is my brother. He's been through a lot in his life, and someone that's still very caring, uh, although he thinks a lot, and has his own problems, he's always there at hand, to-to think if someone else has a problem. I-he puts other people before himself, which I think's a great natural trait. Uh, he's also very thoughtful in actually doing things for people, so not only caring for you when you need them, he comes up with ideas to try and make you happy consciously. Which a lot of people don't, they get on with their own lives and they they don't tend to think about so much the people around them. Umm, in many other ways, uh, in the fact that, uh, obviously, he's my brother, we have a connection there that maybe we wouldn't have if we'd met each other just as friends. But, uh, if I think objectively, still, I think I'd met my brother, Chris, umm, and he wasn't my brother, I still think I'd share, uh, a similar concept of him as I do now. Um, he's uh, he's certainly a very very good friend to me and-and my brother and obviously I love him very much.

Hmmm... the nicest person that I know? That's easy, I'd have to say my sister, because she's so thoughtful, I mean, every single birthday, holiday, anything that can possibly happen to someone, she always sends a card and a gift. Um, she always keeps in touch with me. I live far away from her, but she's just so nice and always thinking of me. She spends lots of money on other people, which is really nice. Um, she's generous, she gives too, donations. She helps people if they need something... the girl can't say no. And-and also, she just really treats people with a lot of respect. I mean, family, friends, strangers, it doesn't matter. She's just so nice and sometimes I wish that I could be a little more like her.

## Answers

**page 4 Home Wreckers**  
Reading 1  
House is pulled down by contractors

**page 5 Snake Surprise**  
Language Focus  
preposition: of

**page 8 Useful Vocabulary**  
1d 2f 3h 4i 5j 6g 7a 8c 9e 10b

**page 11 Turkey Time**  
Pre reading  
a. a party b. to express gratitude c. a special type of celebration that is often more specific and with a cultural aspect d. sweet food you eat after a meal e. spending time with your whole family  
Reading II  
1 yes 2 no 3 yes 4 yes 5 no 6 yes 7 yes 8 no

**page 15 Dr. Fingers' Error Correction**  
1. Have you got a car? 2. They have not got any money. 3. She has got a red shirt button. 4. Are you from Italy? 5. He is from France. 6. They are from England.

**page 15 Airport Drama**  
Listening II  
1F 2T 3F 4F 5T

**page 16 Grammar Fun**  
1 shade 2 shadow 3 funny 4 fun 5 fun 6 shadow 7 funny 8 shade

**page 17 Telephone English**  
Listening I  
1 reservation 2 spell 3 where  
Listening II

1 Annabelle's Bistro 2 five 3 Sedaris 4 20:00 5 97 Elkhart Pike 6 just off the main square

**page 19 Family Feud Reading II**  
1. Because during the war, Rudolf accused Adi of turning him in to the government. Also, Rudolf thought that Adi made a comment about Rudolf's family  
2. In their town, people could not wear both brands of shoe. They had to choose one or the other.  
3. When Pele tied his shoelaces on the football, all the cameras were on him. Millions of people then saw that Pele was wearing Pumas.

**Phrasal Verb Focus**  
1. to get along- to be friendly with someone  
2. to switch back- changed back to the previous  
3. to carry out- to do, to execute  
4. to take off- to remove  
5. to turn in- to submit  
If you turn someone in to the authorities, you tell the police that person's name and let the police capture them

**page 19 Film / TV Scripts Exercises**  
1. a movie star in the 1930s.  
2. an enchilada combo plate  
3. she drowned in her toilet  
**Definitions**  
1a 2b 3b 4a 5a 6b 7b

**page 20 Sticky Situation Reading II**  
1T 2T 3F 4T 5T 6T 7F

**page 21 Word Play Pre reading**  
1. a person who doesn't eat any meat except fish  
2. an Italian, sparkling white wine  
3. a swimming pool that gives a visual effect that water extends to the horizon  
**Reading II**  
1. pescatarian  
2. prosecco  
3. infinity pool  
**Questions**  
1f 2b 3d 4e 5a 6c

**Page 22 Trivia Matching**  
1h 2e 3j 4d 5g 6m 7a 8c 9f 10k 11b 12l 13i

**page 27 Sue Crazy**  
1. court cases  
2. their rights  
3. middle-aged gentleman called  
4. lawsuit  
5. barred

**page 29 World Changers**  
1i 2a 3c 4f 5h 6j 7g 8d 9b 10e

**page 40 Jokes**  
1h 2a 3b 4c 5d 6e 7f 8g

**page 41 Misheard Lyrics**  
1b 2a 3b 4b 5a 6b 7a 8a

**page 42 Happy Lands Reading II**  
1. good health care, a higher GDP per capita, and access to education  
2. making people happier rather than wealthier.

**page 43 Voting for God Pre reading**  
1b 2c 3d 4a  
**Reading II**  
1. to run for  
2. a variable  
3. supreme  
4. hands-off  
5. turnout

**page 50 A Big Change Listening II**  
1T 2T 3T 4F 5F 6F

**Page 51 November USA Reading I**  
1. The charity event that raises money and awareness for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and depression  
2. Mo Bros are the male participants of the event. Mo Sistas are the female participants.  
3. corporate sponsors such as Phillips Norelco, DC Shoes and Quiksilver.  
4. the ceremony where prizes are awarded.

**page 55 Dr Fingers' Error Correction**  
1. I am confident that I can do it.  
2. I find it amazing that she can think like that.  
3. It is my favourite film.  
4. They were not sufficiently informed of the changes. / They were not informed enough of the changes.  
5. Prices have risen by as much as 25% in some places.  
6. They always had to work on Saturdays.

**page 58 A Business Miracle Matching**  
1b 2e 3a 4d 5c  
**Reading I**

1. the country is becoming very rich through deals with natural gas, financial services and real estate. Many people become rich through these things but there are workers who live in sub-human conditions.  
2. The beauty of the Persian Gulf and Arabic culture are alluring to tourists.  
3. Dubai is beginning to buy football teams and many investors are very interested in this endeavour.  
4. The purchasing of sports teams in Abu Dhabi has generated a lot of international business for the UAE.

**Reading II**  
1. a very strong economy  
2. to come in; to reach  
3. to come from; to originate  
4. attractive, fascinating

**page 60 Over the Hills Reading II**  
1T 2T 3F  
**Reading III**  
1. quiet, peaceful  
2. a reserve of gold  
3. difficult days  
4. your petrol tank

**Page 61 A Royal Cause Reading II**  
1. The article talks about a secret video which was released. The video had footage of black bears being slaughtered and that the imagery is elaborate and horrifying.  
2. MP Ann Widdecombe and PETA are calling on the Ministry of Defense to lobby against using black bear fur for the Queen's Guards' caps.

**page 65 Business Ethics Listening II**  
1. Preparation is essential in negotiating and it will help you avoid simple errors.  
2. We have two ears and one mouth and we should use them in that ratio. Listening to people can provide key information to closing a deal.

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



# Business Ethics

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

**1 Pre listening**  
Think of three strategies for negotiating.  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**3 Listening II**  
What does the expert say about the following?  
1. preparation for the negotiation  
2. listening skills during the negotiation

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

**5 Phrasal verbs**  
Use the tape script on page 64 to find a phrasal verb that matches the following definitions.  
1. occupied / consumed by  
2. to embark on a project  
3. to find the answer or solution to something  
4. to be absorbed in something, (for example, a problem at work or at home)

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# WORD OF THE MONTH

# Wicked

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

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

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

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

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

**Employee B:** Wicked!

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

WE'RE TOTALLY WICKED, MAN!



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

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

## GLOSSARY

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

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