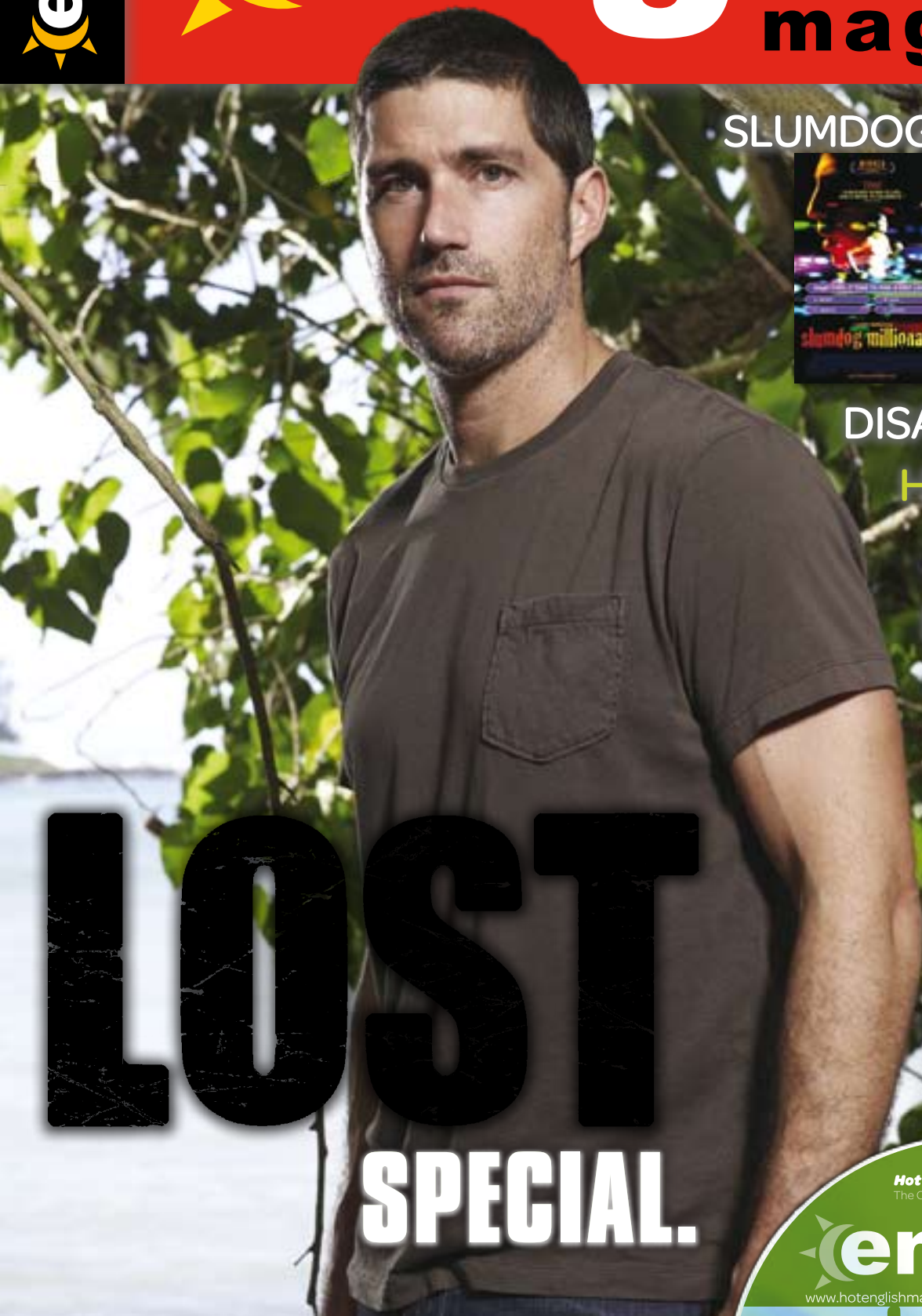


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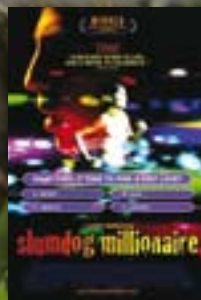
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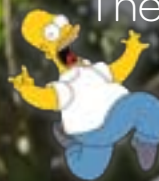
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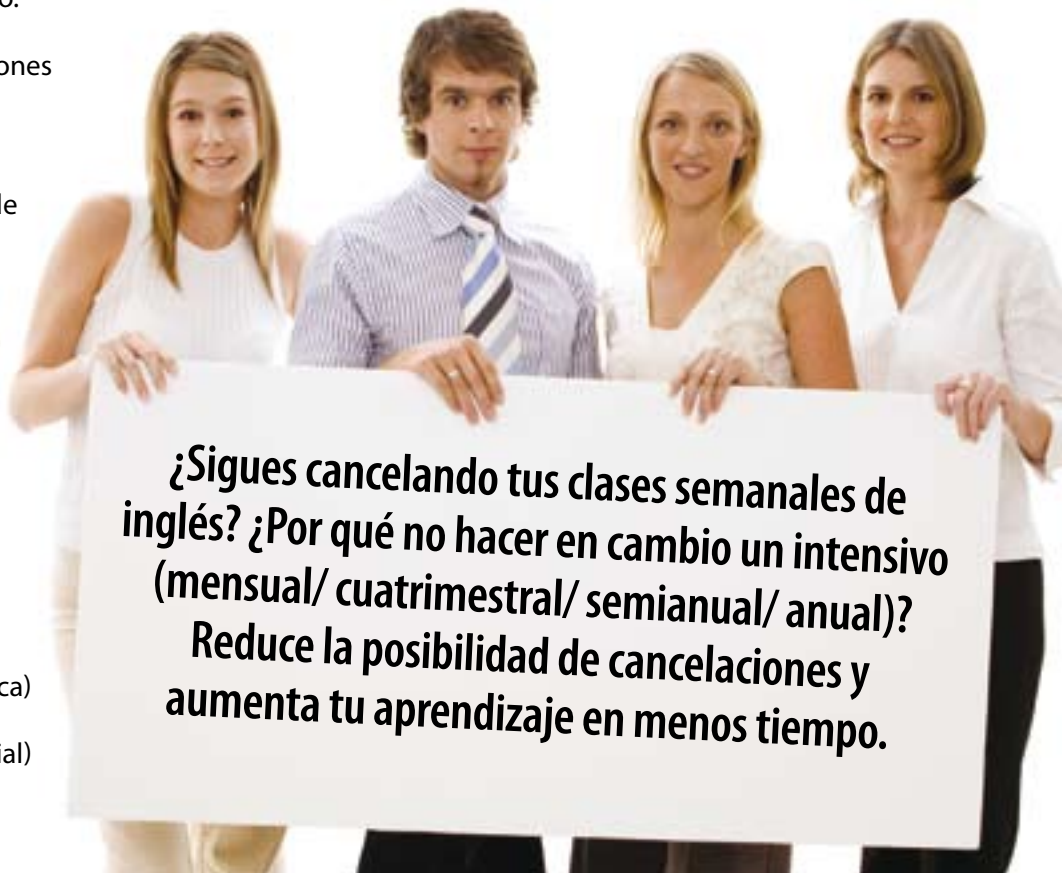
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# Editor's intro



Hello, and welcome to another issue of Hot English Magazine, the fun magazine for learning English.

This month, we've made a few colour changes! You may notice that the colours for each level are different now. We just thought we'd bring them into line with the colours in our Skills Booklets.

These are the books we use for teaching English classes. Each one has a different

colour according to its level, so we thought we'd make the colours in the magazine the same. Logical, right?

Anyway, back to the magazine. This month, we've got a special issue on islands. We've got lots of useful language for going on holiday, a Skills Booklet article with ideas for holiday getaways, delicious island recipes and a feature about Dubai's World Islands. If you haven't heard about them, they're man-made luxury islands in the shape of continents. You'll know what I mean when you check out the article.

Perhaps my favourite feature this month is the article about the Agatha Christie novel *And Then There Were None*. To me, that is one of the best but most frightening detective stories ever. I read it years ago, and I remember how I slept with the light on for about a week after that. But, I also really like the Gibraltar double feature we've got. And the Dictionary of Slang. And the Personality Quiz. OK, it's difficult to decide. I like it all, as I do every month! And I hope you do too.

So, good luck with your English and see you next month!

Yours,

*Jenna*



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# No Winning

*New rules for sports events.*

"Life is about highs and lows. To pretend that we are going to win all the time is ridiculous," a doctor from Scotland said after hearing the latest plans for sports competitions at schools.

Council officials want to **ban** competitive events at schools. This is to protect slower children from the trauma of losing. As part of this plan, they want to introduce sports with no individual winners and losers. Instead of **champions** and stars, pupils are given points for **taking part**. "This will create a more **inclusive** spirit," one councillor said.

Edinburgh council has already introduced new football rules. Now, losing football teams can have extra players. Also, if one team is winning by 5 goals or more by half-time, the score returns to 0-0. They have also decided not to have tournaments, but friendly **matches**.

But not everyone is in favour of the new rules. "For Scotland to be successful on the **international sporting stage**, we have to encourage a winning culture," said John Jeffrey, a former Scotland rugby international. "Scottish athletes won't have the **mental hardness** that comes with winning and losing. You only develop that if you've been beaten a couple of times."

Some doctors are against the plan, too. They say this could contribute to childhood obesity rates. They also said that learning to lose is vital for psychological development. "Sport allows children to play out many of the aspects of adult life," said Des Spence, a GP. "Also, lots of kids may have difficulty succeeding in academics. Playing sports allows them the opportunity to **excel** at something." ✚



## Sports Days

Sports Days are special days at school for sports competitions. They're usually held in the summer term. Children compete in athletic competitions. Fun sports day activities include the sack race, the egg and spoon race, throwing balls and bean bags, doing obstacle courses and running relay races.



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre-reading

Which activities do you remember from your school days? Which activities did you take part in? Choose from this list.

- a. sports
- b. drama
- c. music
- d. other



rugby



football



netball



swimming



drama



music

### 2 Reading I

Read the article to see which activities are mentioned from the pre-reading exercise.

### 3 Reading II

Are the following people for or against competitive sports? Why? Justify your answer.

1. council officials
2. some doctors
3. rugby international players

### 4 Language focus confusing words

"win" versus "beat"

Look at the examples:

- a. The Miami Dolphins **beat** The Green Bay Packers last night.
- b. The Miami Dolphins **won** the match against The Green Bay Packers last night.

What is the difference in meaning between "win" and "beat"?

### 5 Discussion

1. Did you take part in sports events at school? Give details.
2. Are you competitive? Do you like competitive events? Why? Why not?
3. Do you agree with doctors when they say that it's important for children to be competitive?
4. Did you win any competitions at school? Give details.

### GLOSSARY

**to ban** *vb*  
to prohibit  
**a champion** *n*  
a person who has won a competition or contest  
**to take part in** *phr vb*  
to participate in  
**inclusive** *adj*  
if an organisation is "inclusive", it allows everyone to belong to it  
**a match** *n*  
an organised game of tennis, football, or other sport  
**the international sporting stage** *exp*  
international sports competitions; situations in which athletes compete  
**mental hardness** *exp*  
psychological stability, strength or toughness  
**to excel** *vb*  
to do very well at something





# Service with a Smile?

*Tourist anger at bad service in the UK.*

"We're now in an environment where you have to do quality. Poor value for money and poor service costs jobs, especially in a **recession**," said Britain's tourism boss Christopher Rodrigues.

The situation is looking bad. Poor service and high prices are **discouraging** foreign visitors from travelling to the UK. As a result, this is **threatening** thousands of jobs during the recession. "We've had a period in which tourism agencies could **get away with** not being of the highest quality. Dirty towels, or a **grumpy** person who says, 'We don't do breakfast before 8am and we don't do it after 8.12am' is not going to create a lot of happy customers," said Mr Rodrigues. "Some people are born to be in service industries and some people are not," he added.

Tourism is big business in the UK. Thirty-two million people visit Britain each year, and tourism generated £114bn in 2008. But many visitors often **complain** that there is a lack of "service with a smile". Just recently, a consumer group found poor standards of **hygiene** at less-expensive hotels during an undercover investigation. These included filthy **lavatories** and dirty **sheets**. "We need to improve service levels and attention. A really nice English breakfast served with a smile and a comfortable bed can make all the difference," he said.

Mr Rodrigues said the UK offered fantastic arts, sport, heritage and culture. But research showed that foreign tourists disliked the lack of hospitality that they received. On service, he said, "All you have to be is professional." ☺



## VisitBritain

In an attempt to ease the decrease of tourism, VisitBritain's "value campaign" will seek to improve the UK's reputation in North America and continental Europe for being expensive. The weakening of the pound has made Britain 23 per cent cheaper for eurozone visitors, 26 per cent cheaper for Americans and 40 per cent cheaper for the Japanese. Highlighting the change, the slogan will be: "There's never been a better time to explore Britain."



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre-reading

Look at the subtitle, "Tourist anger at bad service in the UK".

Without reading the article, answer the questions.

- Why could tourists be angry at bad service in the UK? Think of examples.
- What could "bad service" consist of? Use the prompts to think of ideas.
  - in a restaurant
  - in a hotel room
  - in a language academy
  - in a shop

## 2 Reading I

Read the article to check your ideas from the Pre-reading exercise.

## 3 Reading II

True or False?

- According to the article, value for money and service are more important in times of crisis.
- Because of the poor service, fewer foreigners are visiting the UK.
- Tourism isn't an important industry in the UK.

- According to one consumer group, cheap hotels are dirtier than expensive ones.
- According to Mr Rodrigues, there is not much to do in the UK.

## 4 Language focus synonyms

Match the words from column A to their synonym in column B.

A
1. poor
2. dirty
3. grumpy
4. filthy

B
1. extremely dirty
2. unclean
3. bad
4. unhappy / rude

## 5 Discussion

Which of the following problems have you experienced abroad? Give details.

- poor service
- dirty towels
- grumpy staff
- poor standards of hygiene
- filthy sheets

## GLOSSARY

**a recession** *n*  
a period when the economy is doing badly, because industry is producing less

**to discourage** *vb*  
if you "discourage" someone, you say things to stop them from doing something

**to threaten** *vb*  
if someone "threatens" you, they say or imply that they will do something unpleasant to you

**to get away with** *phr vb*  
if you "get away with" something bad, you do not suffer any punishment or consequences for the bad action

**grumpy** *adj*  
bad-tempered; miserable

**to complain** *vb*  
to say you are not satisfied with something

**hygiene** *n*  
if you are concerned about "hygiene", you want to keep yourself and your surroundings clean, especially to prevent illness

**a lavatory** *n*  
a toilet (usually the building where you can go to the toilet)

**a sheet** *n*  
a large rectangular piece of thin material that you sleep on or cover yourself with when you sleep



If you're an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.

# The Name Game

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



**Alistair Darling** (British politician)  
If someone is a "darling", they're a very nice and lovable person.  
"Flora is such a darling; I just love her."



**Sublime** (US rock group)  
If something is "sublime", it has a wonderful quality that affects you deeply.  
"The artist drew a picture about the sublime beauty of nature."



**Guess** (clothing brand)  
If you "guess", you attempt to give an answer to something, but you aren't totally sure if it's true.  
"I didn't know the last answer on the exam, but I guessed and got it right."



**Creed** (US rock group)  
A "creed" is a set of beliefs, principles, or opinions that strongly influence the way people work or live.  
"They were devoted to their creed of self-help."



**Helen Hunt** (American actress)  
If you "hunt" for something or someone, you try to find them by searching carefully.  
"They hunted for food in preparation for the winter."



**The Pretenders** (British rock group)  
If you "pretend" that something is true, you act as if it's true, even though it isn't.  
"The child pretended to be asleep so he could hear the conversation."



**Dane Cook** (American comedian)  
When you "cook" food, you prepare food often by heating it over a fire or gas or electrical appliance.  
"He cooked her a delicious Italian meal."



# Are you a **survivor**?

WHAT KIND OF SURVIVOR ARE YOU? DO YOU LIKE TO "ROUGH IT"? OR DO YOU PREFER TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE LEAD THE WAY? TAKE THIS QUIZ AND FIND OUT.



## Results

If you answered...

### mostly a's The Scaredy-Cat

You're afraid of everything. You find danger and risk in almost all situations. If you were lost on a deserted island without your teddy bear, you wouldn't survive very long with the spiders, snakes and tropical storms.

### mostly b's The Co-dependent Character

You aren't very self-sufficient. You depend on others for ideas and help. If you were on an island with other people, they'd send you home first. You're way too **clingy**.

### mostly c's The Leader

You love to lead a group. You like to direct, and you're there to help people in need. On a deserted island, you'd be leading friends to fresh drinking water. You're the person everyone depends on to get things done.

### mostly d's The Practical Survivor

You're very rational. You use **logic** for all your decisions and actions. If you were lost on a remote island, you'd be taking care of basic needs such as finding fire wood. You wouldn't be the one looking for a tropical jungle adventure. But, if you found one, you'd survive.

## GLOSSARY

**to rough it** *exp*  
if you "rough it", you sleep outside with no bed / sleeping bag, etc.

**struggling** *adj*  
trying hard at something that is difficult for you

**stuck** *adj*  
if you are "stuck" in a place, you are trapped there

**a workout** *n*  
a period of physical exercise or training

**to faint** *vb*  
to lose consciousness for a short time, often because of hunger, pain or shock

**commitment** *n*  
something that takes up a lot of your time because of the responsibilities you have with it

**to crawl** *vb*  
if an insect "crawls", it moves slowly

**a landlord** *n*  
the person who owns and allows others to live or work in a building for payment of rent

**clingy** *adj*  
if a person is "clingy", they're very attached and dependent on other people

**logic** *n*  
the way of thinking and reasoning about things analytically

**1** What's your idea of the perfect day at the beach?

- a. I don't go to the beach. The risk of getting attacked by a shark is too high.
- b. Playing games with a friend in the sand.
- c. Saving a **struggling** swimmer.
- d. Sitting under a parasol or swimming in the ocean.

**2** If you were **stuck** on a desert island and could only bring one thing, what would it be?

- a. My teddy bear.
- b. A mobile phone to call my friends for advice.
- c. A knife to hunt and cut things.
- d. Sun cream, so I don't burn.

**3** What type of physical exercise do you like?

- a. I don't do any exercise. I'm too afraid of breaking a bone or getting hurt.
- b. Going for a run with a friend.
- c. I like hiking, kayaking, climbing or any sport where I can lead a large group.
- d. I like very basic **workouts** – just enough to keep me healthy.

**4** Your friend Will just told you that he's going to begin running marathons. What's your reaction?

- a. "You're crazy! You could **faint** from exhaustion!"
- b. "Good for you. You should probably ask a friend to do it with you."
- c. "That's great. I did a marathon once and was the first to finish in my age group."
- d. "Wow. That's a big **commitment**. Be careful, and don't tire yourself out."

**5** You're about to fall asleep, and you see a spider **crawling** on your pillow. What do you do?

- a. Scream loudly and call the **landlord** to say you're moving out of the apartment.
- b. Call a friend for advice.
- c. Catch it and make sure there aren't any more in your bedroom.
- d. Open a window to set the spider free and then fall asleep.

**6** What does it mean to be a survivor?

- a. You can survive a full day without getting a paper cut or losing your keys.
- b. You have a friend who can help you through difficult situations.
- c. You can solve your problems and everyone else's as well.
- d. You have achieved success and have learned from your experiences.

# USEFUL VOCABULARY

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

### 1 Match the words

Match the words below to the pictures.

1. The beach
2. A cliff
3. A beach hut
4. A beach resort
5. The sea
6. The sand
7. A fish
8. Sun cream
9. A barbecue
10. A sun hat



### 2 Wordsearch

Now find these words in the wordsearch.

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| the beach   | a cliff        |
| a beach hut | a beach resort |
| the sea     | the sand       |
| a fish      | sun cream      |
| a barbecue  | a sun hat      |



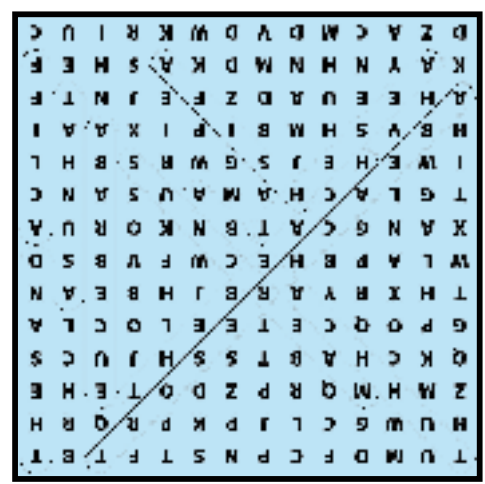
### 3 Guess the word

Think of clues to describe these island-related words.  
Ask your partner to guess the word based on your clues.

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WEAR ON YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE IN THE HEAT.



A SUN HAT!





# USEFUL VERBS & EXPRESSIONS

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

## TO TAKE A TOUR

IF YOU "TAKE A TOUR" OF A PLACE, YOU GO ON A SHORT JOURNEY OR TRIP AROUND IT.

"LAST SUMMER, WE WENT ON A TOUR AROUND THE SOUTH OF FRANCE."



## TO CATCH A FERRY

IF YOU "CATCH" A BUS, TRAIN, OR FERRY, YOU GET ON IT IN ORDER TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE.

"WE HAVE TO CATCH THE FERRY AT 5 O'CLOCK TOMORROW."



## TO STAY IN A HOTEL

TO LIVE IN A HOTEL FOR A SHORT TIME, OFTEN DURING A HOLIDAY.

"SHE DECIDED TO STAY IN A HOTEL INSTEAD OF GOING CAMPING."



## TO BOOK SOMETHING

IF YOU "BOOK" A TRIP, YOU RESERVE IT AND PAY FOR IT.

"SANDRA AND ALONSO FINALLY BOOKED THEIR TRIP TO ATHENS LAST NIGHT."



## TO GO ON A CRUISE

IF YOU "GO ON A CRUISE", YOU TRAVEL ON A SHIP OR BOAT AND VISIT A NUMBER OF PLACES.

"I WANT TO GO ON A CARIBBEAN CRUISE THIS SUMMER."



## TO STOP OFF SOMEWHERE

TO TAKE A TEMPORARY BREAK IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOURNEY.

"THE PRESIDENT STOPPED OFF IN ENGLAND ON HIS WAY TO ANKARRA."



# SKILLS BOOKLET READING

## Island Day-trippers

Special English-speaking islands around the world.

If you want to improve your English in an island setting, choose from these three islands from all over the world.



**Key West – USA**  
Enjoy Florida's best seafood and sunshine

The Florida

Keys is a collection of islands at the southernmost point of Florida. The islands offer many activities including diving, fishing, water sports and golfing. If you prefer city sightseeing, you can go to the old town by foot or rent a bike. There, you can see tiny lanes and old wooden homes, including author Ernest Hemingway's house. When the sun sets on the islands, have a drink at one of the many sidewalk cafes and soak up the atmosphere with music and street artists.

**How to get there:**

Take a ferry from Miami which takes four hours. Or, if you have a car available, you can drive to the island over one of the 42 bridges which connect the islands to the mainland.



**Fraser Island – Australia**

Drink freshwater from the island's creeks

If you like beach holidays, Fraser Island is the place for you. It's

situated on the southern coast of Queensland, approximately 300 km north of Brisbane. This world heritage site has spectacular sights including wildlife, rainforests and natural pools and lakes. In fact, in one of the fresh water creeks, the water is so clean you can drink it as you swim in it. Another feature which makes this island special is the shipwreck on the beach which has been there since 1935.

**How to get there:**

You can get to Fraser Island from the mainland quite easily by taking a ferry from Hervey Bay. The journey from the bay to Moon Point, Fraser Island, takes an hour.



**Brownsea Island – UK**

Discover Poole's hidden jewel

If you can't make it to Sydney Harbour, Australia, there's always Poole Harbour, England. It's the second largest harbour after Sydney Harbour. From there, you can take a boat to one of eight islands – one of them is Brownsea. It is only a twenty-minute ferry ride from the mainland. This hidden island is a place of natural beauty famous for its diversity of wildlife. Bring your camera and take pictures of the different species of birds and animals. Go with loved ones and enjoy a long walk through the woods.

**How to get there:**

Take a ferry from Poole Quay. The return journey takes about 30-40 minutes and is therefore more than feasible to do in one day. ✪

**1 Pre-reading**

Match the name of these islands (1-3) with their countries (a-c).



2 Fraser Island

1 Key West



3 Brownsea Island

- a. Australia
- b. USA
- c. England

**2 Reading I**

Read to check your ideas from the pre-reading exercise.

**3 Reading II**

On which island(s) can you...

1. ...do many outdoor activities?
2. ...swim in drinkable water?
3. ...enjoy wildlife?
4. ...see a wrecked ship?
5. ...visit the house of a well-known author?

**4 Language focus expressions**

Look at the sentence from the article, "If you prefer city sightseeing, you can go to the old town by foot or rent a bike." Underline the modal verb in this sentence. Which other modal verb for recommendation can

you use in its place? Refer to page 76 of your Pre-intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.

**5 Discussion**

1. Have you ever had a holiday on an island? Where did you go? If not, would you like to in the future?
2. Have you ever been on an island day-trip? Where did you go?
3. Can you visit any islands as a day-trip in your country? Where can you go? Which one would you recommend?







### The Boss

Five-year-old Kristin is on the **couch**, talking with her parents. "Daddy, you're the boss of the house, right?" she asks. And her father **proudly** replies, "Yes, honey, I'm the boss of the house." And Kristin adds, "**Cos** mummy put you in charge, right, Daddy?"



### Funny Guys

Three comedians are having a chat. They're in the **changing room** of a nightclub just after a late-night comedy show. They've heard one another's material so much that they've reached the point where they don't need to say the jokes anymore – they

just need to refer to each joke by a number. "Number 37!" says the first comic, and the others start laughing hysterically.

"Number 53!" says the second guy, and the others all start laughing **uncontrollably**. Finally, it's the third guy's turn. "44!" he says. But the other two just stand there without laughing. "What? What's wrong?" he asks. "Isn't number 44 funny?" "Yeah, sure it is," one of the comics answer. "But the way you tell it..."

### Dream Girl

Daniel finds the woman of his dreams and asks her to marry him. She accepts. So, Daniel tells

his mum. "You've got to meet her," he says. However, he wants to make a bit of a game out of it. So, he tells his mum that he'll bring the girl over with two other women. His mum has to **guess** which one he wants to marry. So, the next day, Daniel **shows up** at his mum's house with three beautiful women. They all sit down on the couch, and everyone has a wonderful evening talking and getting to know each other. At the end of the evening, Daniel asks, "OK, mum, which one is the woman I want to marry?" And without any hesitation, she replies, "The one in the middle." Daniel is **astounded**. "How did you know that?" "Easy," she says. "I don't like her." ☹️



### GLOSSARY

- a couch** *n*  
a long, comfortable seat for two or three people
- proudly** *adv*  
if you're "proud" of something, you feel good about it
- cos** *slang*  
because
- a changing room** *n*  
a little room in a shop or public place where you try on clothes
- uncontrollably** *adv*  
if you laugh "uncontrollably", you cannot stop laughing
- to guess** *vb*  
to give an answer or opinion when you are not sure if it is correct
- to show up** *phr vb*  
to arrive; to come
- astounded** *adj*  
shocked; amazed

# BASIC ENGLISH

# *The weather*



**Rainy**



**Windy**



**Sunny**



**Snowy**



**Dry**



**Wet**



**Lightning**



**A thermometer**



**Foggy**



**Icy**



**A Weather Forecast**



**Thunder**

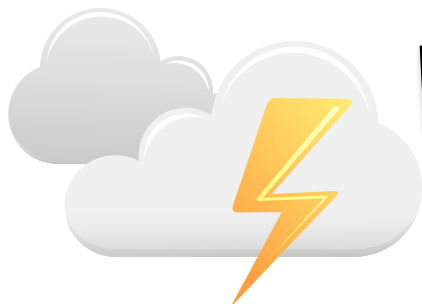




# SOCIAL ENGLISH

# The weather

LISTEN AND REPEAT THESE EXPRESSIONS. THIS MONTH: THE WEATHER



## Part II

NOW LISTEN TO THIS DIALOGUE. IN THIS CONVERSATION, PAM AND BECKY ARE DISCUSSING THE WEATHER.

### Useful expressions

- There was a terrible storm last night.
- It's really windy.
- They say it's going to be warm and sunny tomorrow.
- It was chucking it down.
- It was drizzling a bit.
- It was spitting.
- It's really cloudy.
- Be careful how you drive – it's really foggy.
- There's ice on the road.
- Did you see that lightning flash?
- The thunder made me jump.
- Temperatures are set to rise.
- Temperatures have dropped below zero.
- Watch out for that puddle! ⚡

**Pam:** What's the weather like outside?

**Becky:** It's freezing.

**Pam:** Really?

**Becky:** Yeah, the temperature has dropped, and it's really windy.

**Pam:** Oh, yes, the wind. That always makes it feel about 10° colder than it really is. Is it raining?

**Becky:** Yes, a little bit, and the clouds are looking pretty black.

**Pam:** So, do you think I should take an umbrella?

**Becky:** Oh, yes. And put on a raincoat and your wellies.

**Pam:** OK.

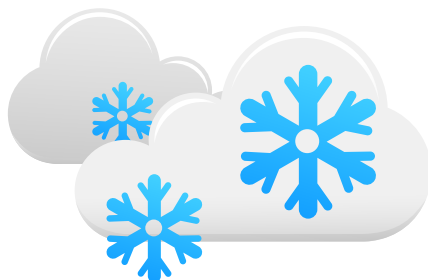
**Becky:** And put some thermals on too. They say it's going to get even colder.

**Pam:** I know. I heard it may snow later.

**Becky:** Yeah. Possibly, although that would be a bit strange for this time of year.

**Pam:** We live in strange times.

**Becky:** True. ☺



If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.



### GLOSSARY

**wellies** *n*  
long rubber boots that you wear to keep your feet dry

**thermals** *n*  
clothes especially designed to keep you warm in cold weather



# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

# Pain

THIS MONTH: TALKING ABOUT PAIN.

## Body pain

- My arm hurts.
- His leg hurts.
- Their feet hurt.
- Our backs hurt.

## It's painful

- It hurts to look at it.
- It's hurting me.
- She hurt herself when she fell down.
- He hurt himself when he jumped to the ground.
- They hurt themselves when they crashed into one another.
- I've got a terrible pain in my right shoulder.
- She's got a pain in her left leg.
- I am in a lot of pain.

## Aches

- I've got an earache.
- He's got a backache.
- We've got a headache.
- She's got a tummy ache.
- Have you still got a stomach ache?
- My head is aching.

## Language point

Notice how we use possessive pronouns ("my, your, his, her, our, their") with parts of the body. For example:

- My arm hurts.
- She hurt her leg.

## Language point II

Notice how we use the verb "to hurt". We use the object causing the pain as the subject of the sentence. For example:

- My back hurts.
- His foot hurt when he fell.



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## Functional Conversation: Aches and pains

- Max:** What's up?  
**Reece:** I've got this terrible pain in my head.  
**Max:** You mean you've got a headache.  
**Reece:** Not exactly, my head is just hurting on the right side.  
**Max:** Well, it's a little headache then.  
**Reece:** Well, no, because it really hurts.  
**Max:** Have you been to the doctor?  
**Reece:** No.  
**Max:** Did you go to work today?  
**Reece:** Yes.  
**Max:** Well, maybe you need to lie down. I get headaches when I'm tired, sometimes.  
**Reece:** OK. Yes, that's a good idea. All that coffee I drank this morning probably didn't help either.  
**Max:** How many cups did you have?  
**Reece:** Four.  
**Max:** Well, that explains it.  
**Reece:** Oh, yes, maybe. ☺







# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

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. She is more old than you.  
**She is older than you.**

2. That book is big than the previous one.

3. This is better that yours.

4. It is beautiful than the other one.

5. Which film is more funny?

6. This one is more bad than his.

# PRE-INTERMEDIATE LISTENING



# Catching up

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre-listening

You're going to listen to a conversation between two women talking at a school reunion. Write down three questions that you would expect to hear at a reunion. For example, "How have you been?"

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Listening I

Listen to the conversation and tick off any of your questions that you heard.

## 3 Listening II

Sentence completion. Complete the sentences with the missing words.

- We were at school together. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?
- So, what are you up to \_\_\_\_\_?
- But, yeah, what you're doing now sounds great! Are you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- It was great talking \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's been \_\_\_\_\_!

## 4 Language present perfect vs. past simple

Look at the sentences from the previous exercise.

Which sentences contain the past simple and which contain the present perfect? When do we use these tenses?

Refer to page 68 in Unit 16 of your Pre-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



## 5 Discussion

- Do you remember your school days? For example, the teachers / friends you had at school.
- Describe a friend / teacher you had at school.
- Have you ever been to a reunion? If not, would you like to go a reunion? Why? Why not?

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## GRAMMAR FUN

## travel

THIS MONTH, WE'RE LOOKING AT CONFUSING WORDS RELATED TO THE TOPIC OF TRAVEL.

There are lots of different words we use in English to talk about travelling. Travel, trip, journey and tour are among the most common.

"Travel" is normally used as a verb to talk about the experience of going from one place to another. For example:

**A:** Do you like travelling?

**B:** Have you ever travelled around Asia?

Remember that in American English, the participle of travel is with one "l" = "traveled / travelling".

**A:** What's your best travel experience?

**B:** I normally book my holidays with a travel agent.

**C:** I like looking at travel brochures before going on holiday.

A "trip" often refers to a specific travel experience and refers to both the journey and the time spent away. A "trip" is often for a short period of time.

"Trip" is a noun and is also used in collocations. For example:

**A:** Do you often go on business trips for work?

**B:** Where do you like going for daytrips?

**C:** When did you last take a weekend trip?

"Journey" refers to the process of getting from one place to another. It often follows an adjective and sometimes a noun. For example:

**A:** Did you have a good journey?

**B:** The outward journey was longer than the return journey.

**C:** I feel sick during car journeys.

"Journey" is also often used as a collocation to refer to the method of transport. For example:

**A:** I prefer car journeys to train journeys.

**B:** The train journey took six hours.

"Tour" can be a noun and a verb. It refers to a journey or a route around a place or an area. It doesn't only refer to the journey but also the act of "sightseeing". For example:

**A:** Last year, we toured the Greek Islands.

**B:** The guided tour of the city centre was very interesting.



## 1 Exercise

Choose the correct answer.

1. When was your last business **trip / journey**?
2. I'm really tired – it was a long **journey / travel**.
3. What's your favourite way to **travel / journey**?
4. What's the longest **travel / journey** you've ever made?
5. Was the sightseeing **tour / journey** interesting?
6. I like to make **daytrips / travels** when I have free time.
7. The **tour / trip** guide knew a lot about ancient Greek history.
8. Do you make your own **travel / journey** arrangements?

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## Hiring Out a Car

### 1 Pre-Listening

You're going to listen to a conversation about hiring a car. Write down three pieces of information that a salesperson would need for hiring out a car.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Listening I

Listen to the conversation and tick off anything you heard from the Pre-listening exercise.

### 3 Listening II

Complete the questions or sentences.

1. Napa Valley Rental Car Service, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Yes. You should have \_\_\_\_\_.
3. And what type of car \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Right, well, your total, including insurance, comes to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Just one more thing. Your driving licence number? \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4 Language focus "Would like"

Underline the correct word to complete the rule:

"Would like" in the question form is a structure used to make impolite / polite offers / demands. In short answers, we use would / like.

### 5 Discussion

1. What type of car do you have? Give details.
2. What type of car would you like to have? Describe it.
3. What other model of car do you like? Why?



## Desert Island Poll

IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, AND COULD ONLY BRING ONE ITEM, WHAT WOULD IT BE? WE ASKED THE HOT ENGLISH STAFF THE SAME QUESTION. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID.

1. A Swiss Army knife
2. A box of matches
3. A big blanket
4. Books
5. *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*
6. A television
7. Mashed potatoes and gravy
8. A sun hat
9. *The Lost* DVD collection
10. Some soap
11. Some ice cream
12. A freezer for the ice cream
13. Peter Pan crunchy peanut butter
14. A bucket and spade
15. Fishing equipment
16. A Macbook with Wi-Fi
17. Paper and pencils
18. A Rubik's cube
19. A toothbrush
20. Plastic (to collect evaporated saltwater)

NOW, ALL WE NEED IS AN ISLAND, VACATION TIME, AND WE'RE READY TO GO!

# SKILLS BOOKLET READING



**W**e've all seen reality shows and some of us watch them religiously. So, what is it about reality television that is so addictive?

One of the most popular and successful reality shows is "Survivor". The contestants are on a desert island and must survive the primitive conditions of the island. "Survivor" tests each contestant's endurance through a series of physical challenges. Two teams compete in these challenges and the losing team must vote off one of its members in each episode. Of course, the politics and dynamics of the group carry substantial weight on the group's decision, which sometimes makes it unfair. The reason this show is addictive is because viewers enjoy watching the unpleasant challenges the "survivors" are faced with. For example, in one food eating challenge, viewers watch in horror as castaways are forced to eat worms.

Another reality show where contestants

have to prove their survival skills is "The Apprentice". In "The Apprentice", contestants have to survive in the ruthless world of business. In the original "Apprentice", an American business tycoon, Donald Trump, is the host. Every week, Trump creates business-oriented tasks in which contestants have to show their imagination and business skills. In one episode, candidates had to work in teams and develop a brand-new toy for the toy manufacturer Mattel (the manufacturers of Barbie). In these tasks, all members of the team must also show good leadership and project management skills. Of course, by the end of each episode, one contender must leave. The tense build-up to Trump's catchphrase "You're fired!" keeps viewers on the edges of their seats. The lucky winner walks away with a 6-figure salary, and a job working for a world famous businessperson.

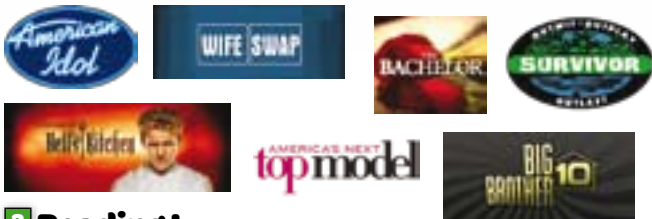
Another popular reality show, which involves the music industry, is "Pop

Idol". This time, contestants are competing for pop star status and their own record label. Each week, the wannabe pop stars take the stage, hoping to impress the judges and public with a star performance. The structure of the show is similar to other reality shows in that there is a candidate voted off by the judges and the public at the end of every episode. Each week, loyal viewers watch and hope that their favourite contender will triumph. Audience participation makes this popular, as viewers across the nation text in and vote for their favourite "pop idol". More people vote for these shows than they do for presidential elections.

Each of these reality shows is popular with the public for different reasons. The fact that there are such high television ratings show how much we love to watch live drama. We enjoy knowing what's happening behind closed doors. And reality TV shows help us turn the key. ✪

## 1 Pre-reading

Which of these reality shows are you familiar with? What are they about?



## 2 Reading I

Answer these questions before you read the article.

1. What different types of "reality shows" are there?
2. How do "reality shows" work generally?
3. Where are "reality shows" set?
4. Why do we like watching "reality shows"?

Now, read the article to check your answers.

## 3 Reading II

Which reality show (or shows) from the article...

1. ...features an important entrepreneur?
2. ...offers entertainment every week?
3. ...gives contestants physical challenges?
4. ...lets the general public decide the winner?
5. ...has a panel of judges who eliminate contestants?
6. ...has fellow team members vote off contestants?

## 5 Discussion

1. Do you watch reality shows? Why? Why not?
2. How often do you watch reality shows? Do you have a favourite reality show / reality show contestant?
3. Would you ever go on a reality show? Why? Why not?

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Refer to page 74 in Unit 18 of your Intermediate Skills Booklet for a collaborative task where you have to choose candidates for your own reality show.







# FILM / TV SCRIPTS

## The Simpsons

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**The Simpsons** (1989-present) is a satirical series that follows a very **politically-incorrect** animated family (The Simpsons). Homer Simpson, the father of the family, loves drinking beer and works in a nuclear power plant. Marge, his wife, is a **homemaker**. Their children are Bart (a **troublemaker** and **underachiever**), Lisa (an 8-year-old child **prodigy**) and a **toddler**, Maggie.

In this scene, Homer Simpson, the protagonist of the show, is talking to his **precocious** daughter, Lisa.

### The script



**Lisa:** Dad, why is the world such a 1) **cesspool of corruption**?  
**Homer** (sighs, sets Lisa on his knee): All right, what makes you say that?  
**Lisa:** Well, in Sunday School, we learned that 2) **stealing is a 3) sin**.  
**Homer** Well, duh!  
**Lisa:** But everybody does it! I mean, we're stealing **cable** as we speak.  
**Homer** Well... let me put it this way: when you had breakfast this morning, did you pay for it?  
**Lisa:** No.  
**Homer** And did you pay for those clothes you're wearing?  
**Lisa:** No, I didn't.  
**Homer** Well, **run for the hills, honey!** Before I call the 4) **Feds!**  
**Lisa:** Dad, I think that's pretty 5) **spurious**.  
**Homer** Thanks, honey!



Later when Lisa goes to church...

**Reverend Lovejoy:** Oh, come on, Lisa. You're here for a reason. (whispering:) Is your father stealing bread?  
**Lisa:** Maybe. I don't watch him every minute. ☹️



#### GLOSSARY

**politically-incorrect** *adj*  
if you say someone is "politically incorrect", you mean they reflect old-fashioned attitudes, ideas and beliefs about equality

**a homemaker** *n*  
a person who takes care of the house and children

**a troublemaker** *n*  
a person who causes fights or unpleasantness, often by encouraging people to rebel against authority

**an underachiever** *n*  
a person who does not perform as well as they could in a job or at school

**a prodigy** *n*  
someone with a great natural talent for something such as mathematics or music which shows itself at a young age

**a toddler** *n*  
a young child who is learning or has recently learned how to walk (aged 2-4)

**precocious** *adj*  
a "precocious" child is very clever, talented or mature for his / her age

**duh!** *exp informal*  
obviously!

**cable** *n*  
used to refer to television systems in which signals are sent along underground wires; cable TV

**run for the hills** *exp*  
Run! Escape! Let's go!

### 1 Exercises

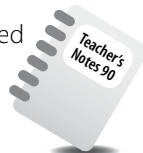
Read the dialogue and then answer these questions.

- Where did Lisa learn that stealing was a sin?
- Does Homer think stealing is a sin?
- What is the Simpson family stealing "as we speak"?

### 2 Definitions

Match the words to their definitions.

- a cesspool of corruption  
  - a place that is dishonest and morally impure
  - a place where animals swim
- to steal  
  - to make metals
  - to take something that isn't yours
- a sin  
  - an unholy act
  - a benevolent deed
- Feds  
  - a slang term for the police
  - a slang term for your parents
- spurious  
  - done without thought
  - well thought-out; meticulous



If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.



## Neighbourly Love

Two neighbours went to court after an ongoing dispute.

WHERE'S MY NEIGHBOUR? I WANT A FIGHT!

"This is very unusual for around here, as it is normally such a quiet place. That's why we are surprised to hear about the **trouble**," said **pensioner** Mavis Jones after two residents of a small village ended up in a prison cell.

The argument was over a **hedge**. One of the neighbours, Brian Stokoe, claimed that the 7-metre hedge was blocking sunlight from his home. So, Stokoe, 57, asked his neighbour, the Reverend Stuart Bennett, to **trim** it. Stokoe said, "The vicar **moved in** to the vicarage in early 2006, so we've had to live with these hedges for a long time now. They are beech hedges, and grow very fast. They are blocking all the light from my house and the elderly resident on the other side. I have discussed it with Reverend Bennett, but he just says it is not his responsibility and that the church has no money to pay for it."

For a while, Stokoe wasn't sure what to do. Initially, he contacted the **parish council**, but they refused to get

involved. So, he sent a letter of complaint to the Bishop of Durham in 2007. This resulted in a **quick fix**: the hedge was trimmed and everything was fine. But not for long. Within a few weeks, the hedge soon started to grow and things became **tense** again. Matters **came to a head** on 14th December. Just hours after Reverend Bennett had conducted his Sunday church service, the two started arguing and eventually fighting. It ended quickly, and both men returned to their homes.

But it wasn't over. Minutes later, the Reverend called the police and claimed he had been **assaulted** by his neighbour. Officers interviewed Stokoe, and he claimed that he was the victim of an attack. With no witnesses and two differing accounts of the incident, both men were arrested on suspicion of assault. They were taken to the police station and questioned. Meanwhile, the offending hedge has since been cut back, although it is not known who trimmed it. So much for neighbourly love. ☹

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre-reading

Look at the title "Neighbourly Love".  
Use the pictures and guess what the story is about.



### 2 Reading I

Read the article to check your ideas from the Pre-reading exercise. How similar is your version to the original?

### 3 Reading II

What do the following numbers refer to?

- 7
- 57
- 2006
- 2007
- 14

### 4 Language focus past passive

Look at this sentence from the article and then answer the questions. "They were taken to the police station and questioned."

- Who took the men to the police station?
- Who questioned the men?
- In this sentence, which is more important: the action or the person who did the action?

### 5 Discussion

- Do you like / dislike your neighbour? Why? Why not?
- Think of as many examples of problems with neighbours as you can.
- Have you experienced anything similar to the incident from the article?

### GLOSSARY

- trouble** *n*  
problems; difficulties
- a pensioner** *n*  
a person over 65 who receives a pension, or money from the government
- a hedge** *n*  
a row of bushes or small trees
- to trim** *vb*  
to cut small amounts off of something
- to move in** *phr vb*  
to begin to live in a different house or place
- a parish** *n*  
a village or town which has its own church and clergyman
- a council** *n*  
a group of people who are elected to govern a local area such as a city or country
- a quick fix** *exp*  
a short-term solution to a problem
- tense** *adj*  
a "tense" situation is one that makes people anxious, because they do not know what is going to happen next
- to come to a head** *exp*  
if a problem or a situation "comes to a head", it reaches a state where something must be done about it
- urgently** *adv*
- assaulted** *adj*  
physically attacked



# A Dog's Best Friend

*Brave man saves dog.*

We often hear stories of animals rescuing people. But now someone has managed to return the favour.

The event took place one **freezing** January morning. Marc Greenhall was walking his **cocker spaniel**, Jarvis, in the park. "As I was walking, I just saw Jarvis running onto the ice towards the ducks in the middle, and then he fell into the water and couldn't **climb out**", said Greenhall. He realised he had no choice but to try and rescue his dog. "Someone else told me the lake was only one-metre deep, but it was at least twice that. I had to **break my way** through the 6-cm ice. Eventually, I got Jarvis by the neck and pulled him out. I don't think I've ever felt so cold by the time we got back to dry land. And when we got there, everyone was asking if Jarvis was okay – no one was particularly worried about me!"

An **onlooker**, Julie Brown, 46, saw it all happen. "The dog went onto a frozen **lake**. All of a sudden, it started to **go under**. There were loads of people around, and they were all shouting and screaming. Before I knew it, the owner (Greenhall) was in the water forcing his way through the ice. I can't begin to imagine how cold it was. It was very traumatic for everyone watching, but he was as **cool as a cucumber** - he just crawled back out, put the dog on its **lead**, and went home."

Many consider him a hero, but Mr Greenhall is quite **laid back** about it. "Most dog owners are the same as me. They would do what I did without a second thought. But in the future, I'm going to make sure he's on a lead near any icy ponds." Would you do the same for your pet? 🐾



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## GLOSSARY

- freezing** *adj*  
very cold
- a cocker spaniel** *n*  
a breed of small dog with smooth hair and long ears
- to climb out** *exp*  
if you "climb out" of something, you get out of a place or escape from it
- to break your way** *exp*  
if you "break your way" through ice, you put a hole through it
- an onlooker** *n*  
a person who watches an event take place, but does not participate in it
- a lake** *n*  
an area of fresh water surrounded by land
- to go under** *exp*  
to sink; to go below the surface
- as cool as a cucumber** *exp*  
if someone is "as cool as a cucumber", they are very calm and relaxed
- a lead** *n*  
a long, thin chain or piece of leather you attach to a dog's collar so that you can control the dog
- laid back** *adj informal*  
calm; not worried; relaxed

## 1 Pre-reading I

Read the sentence from the article. "I had to break my way through the 6-cm ice. Eventually, I got Jarvis by the neck and pulled him out."

Try and guess the answers to these questions before you read the article.

1. Who is Jarvis?
2. Who is "I"?
3. Where was Jarvis?
4. What happened to Jarvis?

## 2 Reading I

Read to check your predictions from the Pre-reading exercise. Were you right?

## 3 Reading II

Put the events from the story in the order they appear in the article.

- a. Greenhall's dog, Jarvis, fell into the lake.

- b. He (Greenhall) crawled out of the lake.
- c. Greenhall was walking his dog in the park.
- d. The owner and his dog went home.
- e. Greenhall got into the lake to rescue Jarvis.

## 4 Language focus

### prepositions: onto / into

Look at the sentences from the article:

- a. I just saw Jarvis running onto the ice...
- b. He fell into the water.

When do we use the prepositions "onto / into"?

## 5 Discussion

1. Do you have a dog or any other pets? If not, would you like one? Why? Why not?
2. What would / wouldn't you do for your pet?
3. Do you know the expression, "a dog is a man's best friend"? What does it mean?

# TRIVIA MATCHING

## 1 Exercise

MATCH THE WORDS (1 TO 12) TO THE PHOTOS (A-L). WRITE A LETTER NEXT TO THE NAME OF EACH THING FROM THE LIST BELOW. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

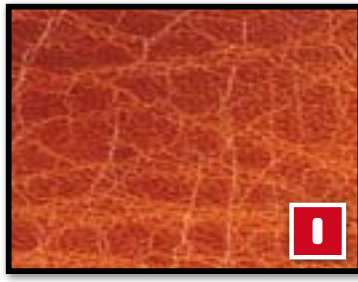
1. A porpoise
2. A saxophone
3. A beaver
4. Leather
5. An environmental activist
6. A soapstone
7. Nutritional value
8. A troll
9. Sunlight
10. A hippopotamus
11. A bone
12. A stone



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PEACE ON EARTH... GREEN PEACE!



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# WEIRD TRIVIA

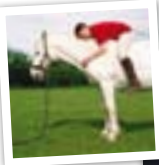


THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR MINI-SERIES ON STRANGE FACTS. WHOEVER THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS SO NOTABLE?



A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

A horse can sleep standing up.



A horse has 18 more bones than a human.



A **porpoise** swims slowly in a circle as it sleeps.



Abraham Lincoln's ghost is said to **haunt** The White House.



An average **beaver** can cut down two hundred trees a year.



According to Scandinavian folklore, **trolls** only come out at night because **sunlight** will turn them to stone.

The Finnish word "SAIPPUAKIVIKAUPPIAS" (a **soapstone** seller) is the longest known **palindrome** in any language. Try saying that word three times as fast as you can!



According to the International Labor Organisation, a member of the labour force is someone between the age of 15 and 64.



The saxophone was invented in 1846 by a man called Adolphe "Sax". So *that's* where the name comes from!

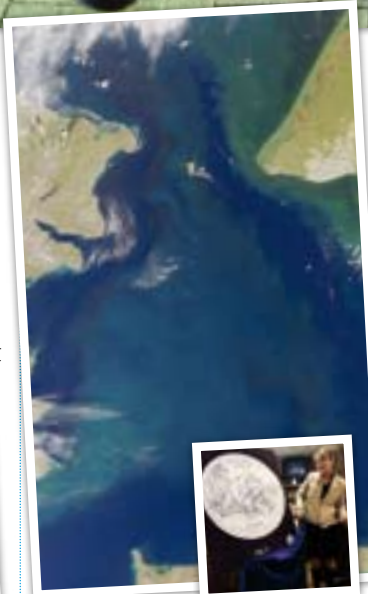


Next time you find yourself in a no-food situation, try eating your shoes. Apparently, leather has enough **nutritional value** to **sustain** life for a short time.

American environmental activist Al Gore and actor Tommy Lee Jones were once **flatmates**.



Siberia's easternmost point is just 90 kilometres from Alaska. And in the middle of the Bering Strait, Russia's Big



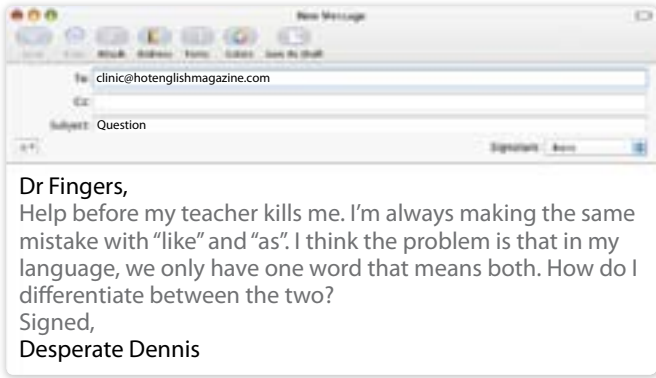
Diomedes Island and the US's Little Diomedes Island are only three kilometres apart. But you probably knew that already thanks to Alaskan **governor** Sarah Palin. 🌱

## GLOSSARY

- a porpoise** *n*  
a sea animal that looks similar to a dolphin
- to haunt** *vb*  
if a ghost or spirit "haunts" a place, it appears there regularly and frightens people
- a beaver** *n*  
a furry animal like a large rat with a big flat tail. It lives next to rivers
- a troll** *n*  
in mythology, a "troll" is an ugly creature who lives under a bridge
- sunlight** *n*  
the light that comes from the sun during the day
- a soapstone** *n*  
a soft rock used to make tabletops and ornaments
- a palindrome** *n*  
a word or phrase that is the same whether you read it backwards or forwards, e.g. "radar"
- nutritional value** *n*  
the amount of nutrients in food, such as proteins, vitamins and minerals
- to sustain** *vb*  
if something "sustains" you, it supports you by giving you help, strength or encouragement
- a flatmate** *n*  
a person who shares a flat / apartment with you
- a governor** *n*  
a person who is in charge of the political administration of a region or state



# DR FINGERS' GRAMMAR



**Dear Desperate Dennis,**  
Thank you for writing in. I think I can see the problem here, but don't worry – Doctor Fingers is here to the rescue. "Like" and "as" are confusing, and you're not the only non-native English speaker who finds it difficult. So, let's first look at the uses of "like".

- "Like" is used when we give examples. Synonyms would be "such as" or "for example". Here are some examples:
  - I enjoy doing something relaxing at the weekend, like going to the cinema, going shopping etc.
  - Stimulants, like coffee, should be consumed in moderation.

- "Like" is a very common verb used in lots of different expressions. We saw lots of them in last month's Grammar Fun. To remind you, here are a few examples:
  - Do you like strawberry flavoured ice-cream?
  - Would you like a coffee or a tea?

- "Like" is a preposition used with many verbs to talk about similarities. For example:
  - My boyfriend looks like a famous actor.
  - Your perfume smells like roses.
  - It sounds like a song I know.

- "Like" is used in similes in poetry. A "simile" is used to compare two very different things. For example:
  - The joke went down like a lead balloon.
  - He works like a dog.

**Now, let's move on to "as".**

- "As" is used in the expression "to be the same as" to talk about equal comparisons. For example:
  - My sister is the same as me – we're both stubborn.
  - Ben's level of English is the same as Bill's.

- "as" + adjective + "as" is another structure used to make equal comparisons. For example:
  - The high speed train is almost as fast as an aeroplane.
  - I'm as tall as you – we're the same height.

- "As" is often used when talking about professions. For example:
  - He worked as a stock broker for many years.
  - Pilar and Rosey began working as interns, but eventually became bosses.

- "As if" is used when talking about professions. For example:
  - He worked as if he was a stock broker for many years.
  - Pilar and Rosey began working as if they were interns, but eventually became bosses.


There are many more functions of "as" which we'll save for another month. But for now, good luck and keep writing in.

**Yours Sincerely,  
Dr Fingers.**

Have you heard the American expression "as if"? Look at the following example:

Kate: "So, after winning the lottery last week, are you a millionaire?"  
Jenna: "As if! I only won 10 euros!"

"As if" is an exclamatory remark that means "I wish!" or "That's impossible!"



# Corny Criminals

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

## Clueless Caller

*Police get angry over unnecessary call.*  
"I had finished the crossword except for this one answer and I was totally lost. I had looked all over the internet and asked friends. It was really **bothering** me," said Simone Netting, who eventually called the police to ask them about a **clue** for her crossword puzzle.



"The clue was for the full name of a police border protection unit. I thought they wouldn't mind helping, so I called the **hotline**, but they were really rude. All I wanted was a bit of help. It would only have taken them a second to tell me the answer, but instead they told me to get off the **line**."

One officer in particular was not **amused**. He told the ridiculous caller that she would be facing a charge of wasting police time if she didn't clear the line. A police spokesman said, "It is called an emergency number for a reason – **to deal with** emergencies. Crossword solutions are not an emergency."

Netting isn't facing a prison sentence, but she still doesn't know the answer to nine across.

## Snow Joke

*Burglars caught after snowy weather.*  
"This was an excellent piece of work by our colleagues. The trail of snow led us straight to the criminals," said detective superintendent Mike Willis after a pair of suspected burglars were caught.



It all started with a **break-in**. The police in Sutton, in South London, responded to a call on Monday to find a garage door open with several items missing. The officers soon noticed that two sets of footprints had been left in the snow. The footprints led away from the scene and down a side street.

At around 4.30am, the officers, accompanied by **sniffer dogs**, followed the fresh footprints across driveways and down alleys. The footprints continued for more than 1.5 kilometres. A **milkman** they passed on the route confirmed that two people had been **hurrying** down the street a few minutes earlier. Finally, the **trail** led the officers into Antrobus Close. There, they discovered a pair of teenagers, aged 16 and 17, in possession of a number of electronic items. **Subsequent** searches uncovered further goods including iPods and mobile phones that are believed to have been stolen. Police said they were grateful for the snow and that the criminals were arrested immediately. ✪

**GLOSSARY**

**to bother** *vb*  
if something "bothers" you, it worries, annoys or upsets you

**a clue** *n*  
information that helps you discover a word in a crossword

**a hotline** *n*  
a telephone line that the public can use to contact an organisation about a particular subject

**a line** *abbr*  
a telephone line

**amused** *adj*  
if you are "amused" by something, it makes you want to laugh or smile

**to deal with** *exp*  
if you "deal with" someone or something, you give your attention to it

**a break-in** *n*  
if there has been a "break-in", someone has gotten into a building illegally and by force

**a sniffer dog** *n*  
a dog used by the police or army to find explosives or drugs

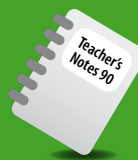
**a milkman** *n UK*  
a person who delivers milk to people's homes

**to hurry** *vb*  
if you "hurry" somewhere, you go there as quickly as you can

**a trail** *n*  
if a robber leaves a "trail", they leave clues behind them that indicate their path

**subsequent** *adj formal*  
used to describe something that happened after the time or event that has just been referred to





If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.



TRY THESE ISLAND TREATS. THEY ARE PERFECT RECIPES FOR YOUR ISLAND-RELATED THEME PARTY.

# Nojito

(Non-alcoholic Mojito) Difficulty level: Easy

### Ingredients

- crushed ice
- 8 mint leaves
- 80 ml lime juice
- 40 ml sugar syrup
- 50 ml soda water

### Method

- Fill a small glass (more or less the size of a mug) 1/3 full with ice, and then add mint leaves.
- Add the lime juice and sugar syrup.
- Gently **mash** the leaves together with the liquid using a stick or wooden masher. Be careful not to **rip** the leaves.
- Fill the glass with more ice, and then add soda water.
- **Garnish** with mint, serve and enjoy! ☺



# Grilled Tuna & Tomato Salsa

Difficulty level: Medium

### Ingredients

- 170 ml basic vinaigrette salad dressing
- zest of 1 lemon, **grated**
- 1 clove cut garlic
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 4 fresh tuna steaks, about (225 grams) each
- 2 **diced** tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) **capers**, cut
- 1 cup (225 ml) roughly chopped **arugula**

### Method

- Whisk the vinaigrette, lemon zest, garlic and oregano in a bowl.
- Arrange the tuna steaks in a dish and pour 2 / 3 of the vinaigrette over them.
- Turn the tuna in the dish, then cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- Heat a **grill** or light a barbecue to medium-high.
- Grill the tuna for about 4 minutes on each side for **medium-rare**.
- Pour the remaining 1 / 3 vinaigrette over the tomatoes, capers and arugula and mix it all together.
- Serve the tomato salsa over or alongside the tuna. ☺



### GLOSSARY

- crushed** *adj*  
if ice is "crushed", it is in very small pieces and not cubes
- ice** *n*  
frozen water
- sugar syrup** *n*  
a thick mixture of sugar and water, often used for making drinks
- a mug** *n*  
a cup with a handle for drinking coffee or tea
- to mash** *vb*  
to crush something so that it forms a soft mass
- to rip** *vb*  
to break something forcefully with your hands or with a knife
- to garnish** *vb*  
to decorate a plate of food with a small amount of salad, herbs or other food
- the zest** *n*  
the "zest" of a lemon, orange or lime is the skin that is cut to give flavour to something such as a cake or a drink
- to grate** *vb*  
if you "grate" food, you rub it over a metal tool to cut the food in small pieces
- to dice** *vb*  
to cut in very small pieces
- a caper** *n*  
a small green vegetable preserved in vinegar
- an arugula** *n*  
a Mediterranean plant with flowers and edible leaves
- a grill** *n*  
a flat frame of metal bars on which food is cooked over a fire
- medium-rare** *adj*  
meat that is cooked for a very, very short time and has a red centre



# A Taste of Luxury

## 1 Pre-listening

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

Circle which dish you would choose from each course below.

A Starters	B Main course	C Desserts

## 2 Listening I

Listen and underline the dishes you hear from each course (A-C).

## 3 Listening II

Listen again and underline the correct adjective you hear in each sentence.

1. As you can see, this salad has **crispy / crunchy** lettuce...
2. I'd have it with this **lemon / lime** butter if I were you.
3. This is my famous **sticky / creamy** chocolate pie.
4. You have made everything look so easy and **delightful / delicious**.

## 4 Language focus

Look at the examples from the cooking show.

- a) "I've made a simple garden salad"
- b. "I've just sautéed them long enough to soften them a little."

Which tense is used in these sentences? Why?

Refer to page 68 in Unit 16 of your Intermediate Skills Booklet.



## 5 Discussion

1. Do you like the dishes on this menu? Why? Why not? Which course do you like most?
2. What was the last thing you cooked? What was it like?
3. What do you like to cook? Do you have a speciality?

# Ahoy There, Matey!

DO YOU EVER WISH YOU LIVED AT SEA? PERHAPS THESE CLASSIC ISLAND-THEMED TELEVISION SHOWS WILL INSPIRE YOU.

## Gilligan's Island

This comedy is about seven **castaways** deserted on a tropical island. It was directed by Sherwood Schwartz and **aired** from 1962-1967. The first episode set the tone of the show. On what was supposed to be a three-hour tour from Hawaii, the *SS Minnow* is wrecked on an island



after a **typhoon**, and leaves seven passengers **onshore**. These people include the ship's captain, the Skipper (Alan Hale Jr.), his first-mate, Gilligan (Bob Denver), a millionaire couple named the Howells (Jim Backus and Natalie Schafer), movie star Ginger Grant (Tina Louise), a farm girl Mary Ann Summers (Dawn Wells) and a science professor known simply as The Professor (Russell Johnson). They survive on a diet of fish and **coconut** milk and have a transistor radio. The castaways are somehow frequently visited by special guests such as a movie producer, a mad scientist, a rock band and foreign spies. The plots and schemes to escape the island kept the comedy fresh and made it a classic.

## Survivor

This reality show is about sixteen people stranded on a remote island. They only have the clothes on their back, a sack of rice plus one luxury item plus a **swarm** of camera crews to watch their every move. Since 2000, this programme hosted by Jeff Probst and directed by Mark Burnett has become a favourite with viewers. Throughout the years, contestants have competed on islands all around the world, including seasons on islands in Brazil and



Australia. The sixteen contestants start off divided into two teams that compete against each other in various **challenges**. The losing team is forced to vote a member off each week. Once there are only 10 contestants, the teams disband and everyone competes for themselves. The last person standing on the island is the winner and goes home with one million dollars.

## The Love Boat

Famed producer Aaron Spelling thought of the idea for this programme, along with *Charlie's Angels* and *Beverly Hills, 90210*. *The Love Boat* is about the lives of passengers aboard the luxury cruise ship the *Pacific Princess*. The ship made its way south from California to Mexico and back each week from 1977-1986. Directed by Ray Austin and Lee Aronsohn, the show's main characters are Captain Merrill Stubing (Gavin McLeod), Cruise Director Julie McCoy (Lauren Tewes), their friends, and the many passengers who they brought together aboard the ship. The show was so popular that four TV movie specials aired after the show ended. *The Love Boat* was also very popular because of its numerous **guest stars**. The show was one of the first to include **A-list** celebrities, which was one reason it became so popular with viewers. ☺



### GLOSSARY

- a castaway** *n*  
a person who manages to float or swim to an island after their boat has been wrecked
- to air** *vb*  
if a broadcasting company "airs" a programme on television, they show it
- a typhoon** *n*  
a very violent tropical storm
- onshore** *n*  
on or near land rather than at sea
- a coconut** *n*  
a very large nut with a hairy shell, which has white skin and a sweet juice inside it
- a swarm** *n*  
a "swarm" of people is a large group of them moving around quickly
- a challenge** *n*  
something new and difficult which requires great effort and determination
- a guest star** *n*  
a famous person who appears on an episode of a television programme
- the A-list** *n*  
a list or group of the most famous or most desired people



# Saints not Sinners

MOST PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF SAINT PATRICK OF IRELAND, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY. BUT HAVE YOU HEARD OF ENGLAND'S SAINT GEORGE? OR OF SCOTLAND'S SAINT ANDREW? HOW ABOUT SAINT DAVID OF WALES? READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE.

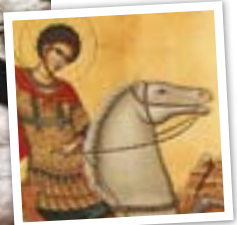


## Saint Andrew

Andrew was one of Jesus' twelve **apostles**, but very little is known about him. He was a fisherman from Galilee who, with his elder brother Simon Peter, abandoned his fishing nets to follow Jesus. He spread Christianity throughout Greece and Asia Minor, before being executed by the Romans on a diagonal **cross** (a "saltire").

Legend has it that 300 years after Andrew's death, Emperor Constantine planned to move Andrew's bones to Greece. But before that could happen, a **monk** was **warned** in a dream to move them to the "ends of the earth" for **safekeeping**. For ancient Rome, Scotland was as near to the ends of the world as could be imagined, so the bones were taken there.

Now, Andrew is Scotland's Patron Saint, his feast day is on 30th November is Scotland's official national day, and the Saltire is Scotland's national flag.



## Saint George

In England, Saint George's Day is celebrated on 23rd April. George is a military saint, who was born in Palestine between 275AD and 285AD. He **rose through the ranks** of the

Roman army until he was ordered to **reject** his Christianity. George continued to refuse despite **bribery** and then **torture**, and was eventually **beheaded** in 303AD.

However, George is more of a legendary rather than historical character. The story goes that an English kingdom was being terrorised by a fearful dragon. Their princess was to be sacrificed to the dragon. But George rode by, killed the dragon and rescued the princess.



## Saint David

Saint David is unlike the other British patron saints. He was actually born in Wales and lived there all his life – which **allegedly** lasted over a century.

David, a monk and one-time Archbishop of Wales, lived off bread and herbs and only drank water. His most famous **miracle** was

to raise a hill from flat ground, so that everybody could see and hear him preach.

David reportedly died on Tuesday 1st March (now Saint David's Day) 589 with the words, "Be joyful, and keep your faith. Do the little things that you have seen me do." "Do the little things" is now a famous Welsh saying.



## Saint Patrick

This Irish saint was reportedly born in Roman Britain. At the age of sixteen, he was abducted by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland. After six years living as a slave, he escaped. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary where he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Christian

belief of the Holy Trinity. According to Irish legend, he also **banished** all snakes from Ireland.

"Paddy's Day" is celebrated on 17th March by Christians and non-Christians, Irish and (increasingly) non-Irish. The holiday celebrates Patrick and all things connected with Ireland. In Chicago, the river is even dyed green. 🍀

## GLOSSARY

**an apostle** *n*  
a follower of Jesus Christ who travelled from place to place trying to persuade people to become Christians

**a cross** *n*  
a shape that consists of a vertical line or piece with a shorter horizontal line or piece across it – a very important Christian symbol

**a monk** *n*  
a member of a male religious community that is usually isolated from the outside world

**to warn** *vb*  
if you "warn" someone not to do something, you tell them not to do it so they can avoid danger or punishment

**safekeeping** *n*  
if something is given to you for "safekeeping", it is given to you so that you take care of it and make sure it isn't harmed

**to rise through the ranks** *exp*  
to start at the lowest position in a company and constantly increase your status

**to reject** *vb*  
if you "reject" an idea, you say it isn't good

**bribery** *n*  
the act of offering something valuable to someone in order to persuade them to do something for you (often in a position of power)

**torture** *n*  
if someone is "tortured", another person causes them pain and suffering

**to behead** *vb*  
to cut someone's head off

**allegedly** *adv formal*  
something that has been stated but not yet to be proven true

**a miracle** *n*  
a wonderful and surprising event that some people believe is caused by a god

**to banish** *vb*  
if you "banish" something unpleasant, you make it go away



# Unsolved

SOME POLICE CASES ARE SOLVED. OTHERS REMAIN A MYSTERY FOREVER. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME VERY STRANGE CASES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE DISAPPEARING. HERE ARE THEIR STORIES.



## Agatha Christie

This mysterious disappearance began on the night of 3rd December 1926. Crime author Agatha Christie went upstairs to kiss her sleeping daughter goodnight, and then **drove off**. A few hours later, her abandoned car was found down at the end of a **slope**. Christie was nowhere to be found. There was a natural spring near the abandoned car, so many people thought that she **drowned herself** there. Others suggested the incident was a **publicity stunt**. More chillingly, however, some evidence seemed to convince authorities that her **unfaithful** husband, Archie Christie, was somehow involved. Eleven days later, Christie was found alone, and using a different name. She had been living in a hotel since the day after her disappearance. The two most popular theories offered for these strange events have been that either Christie was suffering from memory loss after a car crash, or that she had planned the whole thing to prevent her husband from spending a weekend with his **mistress**. Recently, however, a new theory has emerged. Police hypothesize that Christie was in a mental condition known as a "fugue state", or a period of **out-of-body amnesia** caused by stress. In other words, the writer was in a kind of trance for several days. But who can be sure?



## Natalie Wood

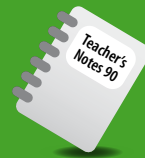
It happened one weekend in 1981. Famous actress Natalie Wood, her husband Robert Wagner, and her co-star Christopher Walken went on Wagner's yacht for a holiday. In the afternoon, they relaxed in a **cove** off Santa Catalina Island, 35 km from the Los Angeles shore. Later, they had dinner at an island restaurant, a few bottles of wine, and then returned to the boat. Onboard, it was rumoured that a heated argument took place between Wagner and Walken, supposedly over a secret love affair between Walken and Wood. During the fight, Wood went out onto the **deck** and accidentally fell overboard. The autopsy said she had **consumed** between seven and eight glasses of wine but wasn't drunk. Police and lawyers say there is no evidence that her death was a **homicide** or a suicide. But witnesses say that the emergency calls from the yacht didn't sound very **urgent**. One witness said there was no urgency or immediacy in Wagner's voice. Could it have been an accident?



## Jimmy Hoffa

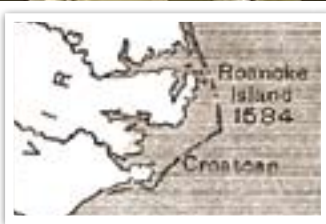
Jimmy Hoffa was the leader of a powerful **union** in the United States, the Teamsters, from 1957-1967. Hoffa is reported to have angered several organised crime figures after he was **convicted of fraud** in the 1960s. When he was released from prison in 1971, Hoffa had been trying to regain control of the Teamsters. In 1975, after supposedly meeting with a mafia boss, Hoffa disappeared. He was last seen at a restaurant in Detroit, where it is rumoured that he was killed by the mafia in order to prevent him from regaining control of the union. Shortly before entering the restaurant, Hoffa called his wife. She later recounted that he seemed nervous when talking to her. After the meeting, a **maroon** car quickly pulled out of the car park almost hitting a truck. The truck driver recognised Hoffa sitting in the **backseat**. The driver also noticed a long object covered with a blanket on the seat between Hoffa and another passenger. The truck driver said he thought it was a gun. Hoffa's car was found the next day unlocked in the car park of the restaurant, but Hoffa himself was nowhere to be found. Many theories have been developed about what happened to his body. One rumour is that his body is **buried** in the field of the Giants football stadium just outside of New York.





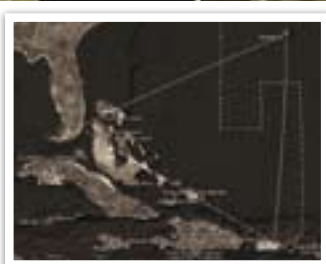
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# Mysteries Off the Radar



## Roanoke Colony

The story of the first English colony in North America is a very curious one. The tale begins over 420 years ago when a few dozen Englishmen made the journey from England to the new world. They were sent to find a good place to start a colony and they **settled** in Roanoke. For a while, things went well. But soon they encountered problems such as angered Indian **tribes** and low food supplies. When a ship finally came, the colonists decided to return to London. Fifteen men were left to manage the island. The Indians had enough of the foreigners and chose to attack the settlement. The Englishmen got into a boat and were never seen again. A few years later, a second colony of about 115 English settlers landed on Roanoke Island in 1587. John White, one of the colonists, went back to England to get more supplies. He returned a few months later, and was surprised to find an empty colony. There was no sign of where they had gone – only an ominous message. The word “Croatoan” was **carved** on a tree. This may refer to a group of friendly Indians who lived nearby that rescued the colonists, but there are still no **conclusive** answers.



## The Bermuda Triangle

Countless ships, airplanes, and other vessels have disappeared in the space between Bermuda, Florida, and Puerto Rico since 1945. This space is known as the Bermuda Triangle. The disappearances have been attributed to everything from sea monsters to aliens. Even Christopher Columbus made note of strange **compass** readings during his voyage through this area. On 5th December 1945, five Navy planes flew from their base in Florida on a routine training mission, but neither the planes nor the crew were ever seen again. The Bermuda Triangle has many mysterious qualities. It has a very strong magnetic force which can alter compasses, as well as some of the deepest sea **trenches** in the world. **Wreckage** can become lost kilometres and kilometres under the sea. It has also been the home of unpredictable hurricanes and storms, and very dangerous **reef barriers**. Although there are many logical explanations to the dangers of the Bermuda Triangle, many people find it more fun to believe in its mysterious tropical powers.



## Lost City of Atlantis

Ancient philosopher Plato was the first to write about an island paradise inhabited by an advanced civilisation. But did it really exist? Many historians say it can't possibly be true, but the story has been told for more than 2,000 years. Plato said the founders of Atlantis were half-god and half-human. They created a utopia with a very strong navy. No one is sure where it is, but Plato said that Atlantis was made up of a series of islands separated by large bodies of water connected by canals. The islands contained gold, silver and other stones as well as an exotic wildlife. Historians and researchers have said that Atlantis could have been built in several spots around the world. Some possibilities include Spain or other places in the Mediterranean, but there isn't any **proof**. Plato claimed that his story had been **passed down** by generations of poets, but there's no other record of the story besides his own. Some historians say there is some logic to the story. Floods and storms have washed away civilisations in the past, and the same could have happened to Atlantis. Plato said the inhabitants became **greedy**, and as punishment the gods sent an earthquake that drew Atlantis to the bottom of the sea. Which story do you believe? 🌱

### GLOSSARY

- to drive off** *phr vb*  
to leave a place in a car
- a slope** *n*  
the side of a mountain or hill
- to drown yourself** *vb*  
to commit suicide in water; to die in water
- a publicity stunt** *n*  
an event that is designed to receive attention from the public
- unfaithful** *adj*  
if someone is “unfaithful” to their lover or spouse, they have a relationship with someone else
- a mistress** *n*  
a married man’s “mistress” is a woman who is not his wife with whom he is having a relationship
- an out-of-body experience** *exp*  
a feeling of separation from your body
- amnesia** *n*  
if someone suffers from “amnesia”, they have lost their memory
- a cove** *n*  
a small bay on the coast
- a deck** *n*  
the “deck” of a ship is the top part where you can walk
- to consume** *vb formal*  
to eat or drink
- a homicide** *n*  
a murder; killing
- urgent** *adj*  
if something is “urgent”, it needs to be resolved immediately
- a union** *n*  
a workers’ organisation that represents and fights for the rights of workers
- to convict** *vb*  
if someone is “convicted” of a crime, they are found guilty of that crime
- fraud** *n*  
the crime of gaining money by doing something illegal or dishonest
- maroon** *adj*  
very dark red
- a backseat** *n*  
the place in a car where people can sit behind the driver
- to bury** *vb*  
if you “bury” a dead person, you put them underneath the ground and cover them with earth
- to settle** *vb*  
to start living somewhere permanently
- a tribe** *n*  
a group of people of the same race and customs
- to carve** *vb*  
if you “carve” an object, you make it by cutting it out of a substance such as wood or stone
- conclusive** *adj*  
“conclusive” evidence shows with certainty that something is true
- a compass** *n*  
an instrument that you use to find directions (north / south / east / west)
- a trench** *n*  
a long narrow channel in the ground
- wreckage** *n*  
the remains of something that is destroyed (a ship)
- a reef barrier** *n*  
a long line of rocks or sand that is just below the surface of the sea
- proof** *n*  
evidence that something exists
- to pass down** *phr vb*  
if something is “passed down” from one generation to the next, it is given to the new generation from the old generation
- greedy** *adj*  
if someone is “greedy”, they want to have more of something than is fair or necessary

# The Strait of

THE SPACE BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO IS KNOWN AS THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR. HOWEVER, ITS HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE ARE NOT SO WIDELY-KNOWN. SO, WHAT MAKES IT SO SPECIAL?

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The narrow **passage** is the gateway between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. It's one of the most important parts of Spain's coast. Gibraltar is owned by Great Britain, even though it is physically part of Spain. Spain **ceded** Gibraltar to the British after the **War of the Spanish Succession\*** in 1713. Since then, Great Britain has used the territory as a navy base. But the story of Gibraltar is much older than that, and its importance goes back hundreds of years.

It all started with the legendary Greek hero Heracles. Heracles was famous for accomplishing a set of Labours, or **tasks** too difficult for normal humans. One of the Labours involved going far to the west, where he found a great mountain. Instead of climbing it, he used his superhuman strength to **smash** the mountain in half. This created the passage between Europe and Africa. Because of this, Ancient Greeks and Romans called Gibraltar one of the **Pillars of Heracles\***. These days, the 426 meter-high mountain leftover is now called the Rock of Gibraltar.

The Rock was discovered again in 711 AD. By that time, the Romans

had left and Spain became the new home of the Moors. They were led across the narrow strait from Africa to Gibraltar by Tariq ibn Ziyad. The name Gibraltar comes from *Jebel Tariq* (Tariq's Mountain). From there, the Moors conquered a lot of the Iberian Peninsula and controlled it for almost eight hundred years. In 1501, the Spanish Monarchy reclaimed Gibraltar after **expelling** the Moors from Spain.

Just over a hundred years later, in 1607, Gibraltar became the site of a famous naval battle in the Eighty Years' War. The Dutch came and surprised a Spanish fleet anchored in the Bay of Gibraltar and destroyed the entire fleet. At the end of this war, the Spanish had lost their control over the Netherlands.

The Dutch came back in 1707 allied with Great Britain, Austria, and Portugal. This time, they were fighting to prevent Spain and France from creating an empire. After six years of battles, the countries agreed to sign the Treaty of Utrecht. This prevented the unification of France and Spain, and required both countries to give up some of their territories. Among these was Gibraltar, which Spain was forced to give to the British.

Since then, the site has continued to be important. The British used Gibraltar as a naval base during the Napoleonic Wars for the famous battle of Trafalgar, when they sank 22 French ships without losing one. During World War II, the British controlled the entrance into the Mediterranean from the **base** on Gibraltar. After the war, Franco tried to reclaim Gibraltar. But in 1967, when the residents voted 12,138 to 44 in favour of remaining under British control, Spain closed the border.

During the 1980s, the border was gradually reopened as Spain joined the EU. In 2002, a second poll showed that almost 99% of the population wanted Gibraltar to remain a British territory. Today, the population of Gibraltar is just under 29,000. Even though the land is owned by Britain, it has been a **self-governing** territory since 1969. Britain handles the defence and foreign relations, while Gibraltar's own government functions on the local level. Both residents and tourists enjoy Gibraltar's status as a **tax haven\***, or area of reduced taxes. And aside from the Mediterranean climate and historic importance, people may find themselves oddly attracted to the **handiwork** of a Greek demigod. 🍷





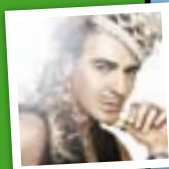
# Gibraltar

## GIBRALTAR

**Capital:** Gibraltar  
**Population:** 28,002  
**Language:** English (officially), but Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese are also used.

### Famous people:

**John Galliano**  
a famous designer born in 1960, whose collections are often inspired by historical themes.



### William George Penney

the leading scientist in the development of the world's first atomic bomb in 1945.



### Barbary Macaque

These monkeys live on Gibraltar. A legend says that when the monkeys go, Gibraltar will return to Spain.



### \*Pillars of Hercules and the Spanish coat of arms

Because the world outside of the Mediterranean was unknown to the ancient world, the Strait of Gibraltar was considered the edge of civilisation. According to legend, Heracles wrote the words "Non plus ultra" on his pillars to warn sailors that there was "nothing further beyond". However, during the time of Spanish exploration, Spanish emperor Charles V got rid of the "non" and made "Plus Ultra" the motto of Spain. Today, it's on the Spanish coat of arms and the Spanish flag.



### \*War of Spanish Succession

In 1700, King Charles II of Spain died without an heir and left his empire to his great-nephew, Philip. Philip was also the grandson of King Louis XIV of France. As Louis made plans to unite the French and Spanish empires, the rest of Europe came together to oppose such a union. The resulting war (with Spain and France fighting against the British, Dutch, Austrians, and several other European countries) lasted six years. At the end, the union was prevented and the Spanish had to give up many of their lands, including Gibraltar.



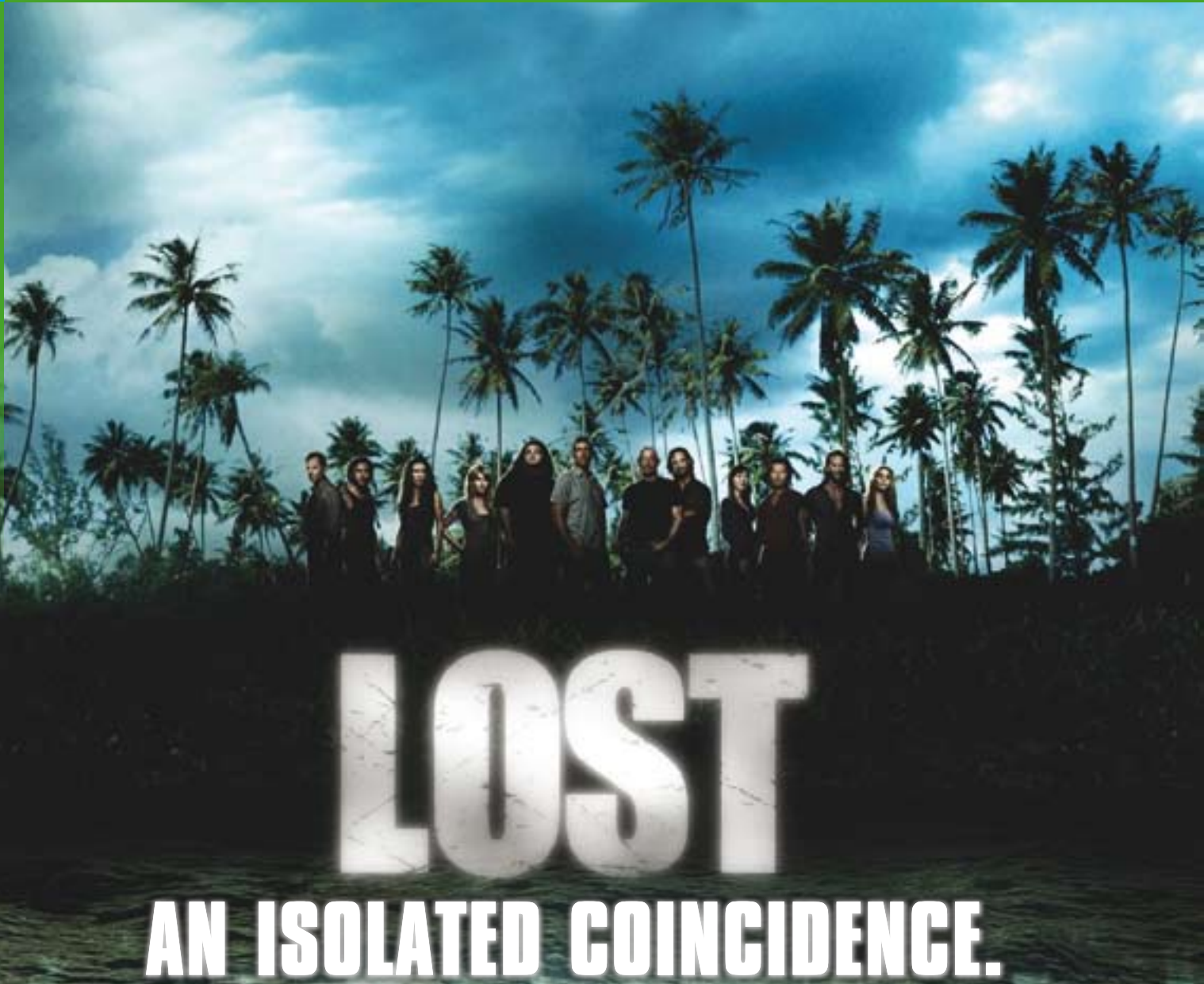
### \*Tax Havens

Many small territories, islands, and **principalities** are called tax havens. This varies in meaning, but in Gibraltar's case there is no sales tax, wealth tax, or **VAT**. There are, however, income taxes and **property taxes**, which can be quite high. Other tax havens include Andorra, Luxembourg, Monaco and Samoa. The specific tax rates vary from haven to haven. 🌱

## GLOSSARY

- passage** *n*  
a long narrow space which connects one place with another
- to cede** *vb*  
if someone "cedes" power or land to someone else, they let them have it
- a task** *n*  
an activity or piece of work that you have to do
- to smash** *vb*  
if something "smashes", it breaks into many pieces
- to expel** *vb*  
if people are "expelled" from a place, they are told to leave it, often by force
- a base** *n*  
a military "base" is a place which part of an army, navy or air force works from
- self-governing** *adj*  
if a territory is "self-governing", it is controlled by people from that country / country / territory
- a tax haven** *n*  
a country or place that has a low rate of taxation
- handiwork** *n*  
something a person has done or made by hand
- an heir** *n*  
someone who has the right to inherit another person's money or property when that person dies
- a principality** *n*  
a country that is ruled by a prince
- VAT** *abbr*  
"value-added tax", a special tax added to goods and services
- a property tax** *n*  
extra money you pay for your house or property





Imagine a tropical island totally **hidden** from the rest of the world. This same island has everything: supernatural forces, a terrifying monster and **polar bears**. For many, the idea of such a place would seem **silly**. But for the millions of viewers who tune in every week to watch the television series *Lost*, anything is possible.

The first episode of this programme begins with an airplane accident. 'Oceanic Flight 815' crashes and leaves its survivors **stranded** on a beautiful tropical island. The survivors are traumatised, but also thankful to be alive and hopeful that a rescue squad is on its way. Yet, as more and more days go by on the island, the survivors experience mystifying and supernatural events. These happenings make them question where they are and why they haven't been found.

A **prominent** theme of the show is the way that it jumps through time. The storyline often goes from the present to the past, with flashbacks and **insight** into the lives of the

characters. As time passes, the survivors build camps and find a water supply to sustain them. They also begin to hunt for food, and become suspicious of the possibility of a monster in the jungle.

Another reason for the show's widespread popularity is the supernatural element of the island. It seems to be secluded from the rest of the world, and somehow has the ability to **heal** people. Also, the more the audience learns about the characters, the more the story suggests that the characters are almost predestined to be there. These **castaways** constantly hope to be rescued and learn more about the history of this extraordinary place. They begin to find **traces** of other inhabitants and remains of other plane crashes and shipwrecks. Each episode **unravels** a new mystery raising more and more questions in the minds of both the characters and the viewers. Just when they think they're close to being rescued, they're further than ever from being saved. But will they be lost forever? 🍃







# THE CASTAWAYS



## JACK SHEPHERD (MATTHEW FOX)

Jack Shepherd is a prominent **surgeon** in Los Angeles. He's on the **doomed** Oceanic Flight 815 on his way to recover the body and **casket** of his dead father. He was supposed to return with his father's **corpse** to California for the funeral. As soon as Shepherd wakes up from the crash, he immediately **undertakes** his duty as a doctor to assist the injured people at the **crash site**. He's very capable, so others on the island look to him for **guidance** and advice. However, he has his own personal problems.



## JOHN LOCKE (TERRY O'QUINN)

John Locke is the other primary leader of the survivors on the island. He's a man of **faith** and believes the plane crash and the island were part of his **destiny**. Locke was supposed to go on a "Walk About" (a **trek** through the Australian desert) but was **denied** entrance because of his disability. Frustrated, Locke took the next flight back to Los Angeles. After regaining consciousness from the crash, he realises he can now use his legs. Locke is a hunter and outdoor expert who provides safety for the group. He believes he has a special connection to the island and doesn't want to leave as badly as the others.



## KATE AUSTEN (EVANGELINE LILLY)

Kate Austen is the primary female character in the series. She's as beautiful as she is dangerous. Austin was a **fugitive** who left Australia to hide from the FBI. However, Austin was caught, and was being escorted back aboard Oceanic Flight 815 by a US Marshal. She was supposed to be **awaiting** trial for the charge of murder and robbery. On the island, Kate **changes her ways** and helps the people around her. She feels conflicted with the wish to be rescued and dreading the fate she awaits at home.



## HUGO 'HURLEY' REYES (JORGE GARCIA)

Hugo Reyes, better known as "Hurley", serves as the **comic relief** on the program. On the island, he's constantly making people laugh. Hurley's story is one of the more intriguing ones to viewers, because much of his past is connected to the island. Hurley was a lottery winner receiving over \$100 million. He won the money based on numbers he recalls hearing when he was in a **mental institution**. Hurley finds those same numbers written on the island. This makes him wonder whether he truly is insane, or, like the other characters, if some greater force is at work.



### GLOSSARY

- hidden** *adj*  
not easy to notice or discover
- a polar bear** *n*  
a large white bear found in the North Pole
- silly** *adj*  
foolish; childish; ridiculous
- stranded** *adj*  
prevented from leaving a place; trapped; lost
- prominent** *adj*  
important; very noticeable
- insight** *n*  
if you gain "insight" into something, you gain a deep and accurate understanding of it
- to heal** *vb*  
if something "heals" you, it makes you better and normal again
- a castaway** *n*  
a person who is on a deserted island because of a shipwreck or a plane crash
- a trace** *n*  
a sign which shows you that someone or something has been in a place
- to unravel** *vb*  
if a puzzle or mystery "unravels", it becomes clearer and clearer gradually
- a surgeon** *n*  
a doctor specially trained to perform surgery or do operations
- doomed** *adj*  
certain to fail or be destroyed
- a casket** *n*  
a coffin (US English); a box for putting a dead body
- a corpse** *n*  
a dead body, especially the body of a human being
- to undertake** *vb*  
when you "undertake" a task or a job, you start doing it and accepting responsibility for it
- a crash site** *n*  
a place where an accident takes place
- guidance** *n*  
help; advice
- a fugitive** *n*  
someone who is running away or hiding, usually in order to avoid being caught by the police
- to await** *vb*  
if something "awaits" you, it is going to happen to you in the future
- to change your ways** *exp*  
to do things differently as a way to improve your behaviour permanently
- faith** *n*  
strong religious beliefs
- destiny** *n*  
the force which some people believe controls the things that happen in your life
- a trek** *n*  
a long journey, usually on foot
- to deny** *vb*  
if you "deny" someone entrance or admission, you refuse them
- a comic relief** *n*  
a humorous person intended to relieve dramatic tension
- a mental institution** *n*  
a place for people who suffer mental illnesses

# Egg-cel·lent Cuisine

(part 1)



EGGS ARE EVERYWHERE, AND ARE ESPECIALLY POPULAR DURING EASTER. HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO MAKE THEM. THIS IS THE FIRST OF A 2-PART SERIES.

## 1 Scrambled Eggs

**Crack** as many eggs as you like into a large bowl, and then put in a bit of cream. **Melt** some butter in a medium-sized frying pan, and then **pour** the eggs into the pan. **Scramble** the eggs with a wooden spoon, but don't let the eggs get dry. When the eggs have come together but are still wet, they're ready to eat.



## 2 Eggs Sunny-Side Up

Melt some butter in a medium-sized frying pan over a medium heat. When the butter is warm, add the eggs, one at a time. Be careful not to break the **yolks**. Let the eggs cook on their own until the white is set and the yolk is still **runny**. You can **season** the eggs with salt and black pepper, according to your taste.



## 3 Eggs Over Easy

Preheat a frying pan with a little bit of oil on a medium-low heat. Once the pan is hot, add some butter. When the butter is hot, add the eggs and cook them until the whites are set around the edges of the yolk. Carefully use a metal **spatula** to gently turn the eggs over and then cook them briefly on the second side. For the best taste, you should serve the eggs immediately.



## 4 Poached Eggs

First fill a medium-sized frying pan halfway with water. Over a medium heat, **simmer** the water and add white vinegar to the water. Don't let the water **boil**. Working with one egg at a time, crack the egg into a small bowl and slide it into the water. You need to simmer the eggs until the whites are cooked and the yolk is still soft. Then transfer the eggs to a plate.



## 5 Eggs Benedict

For this recipe, you'll need French croissants as well as pre-made **Hollandaise sauce**. First, slice the croissants **horizontally** and begin to prepare poached eggs. When the eggs are finished, separate the croissant halves and place an egg on each one. For the final step, **drizzle** the Hollandaise sauce on top.



So, now you have the recipes. It's time to **get crackin'**! More to come next month. 🍳

### GLOSSARY

- to crack** *vb*  
if you "crack" the shell of an egg, you break it
- to melt** *vb*  
if a solid substance "melts", it turns to liquid
- to pour** *vb*  
if you "pour" a liquid, you make it flow out of a container by holding the container at an angle
- to scramble** *vb*  
if you "scramble" eggs, you mix the whites and yolks of the eggs, then cook the mixture in a heated pan
- a yolk** *n*  
the "yolk" of an egg is the yellow part in the middle
- runny** *adj*  
something with a very liquid consistency
- to season** *vb*  
if you "season" food, you add spices to it to enhance the flavour
- a spatula** *n*  
an object similar to a knife with a wide plastic blade
- to simmer** *vb*  
to cook something just below boiling point (at about 100°C)
- to boil** *vb*  
when a hot liquid "boils", bubbles appear in it and it starts to steam or vapour (often at 100°C)
- Hollandaise sauce** *n*  
a sauce made of butter and lemon juice, often seasoned with salt and black pepper
- horizontally** *adv*  
parallel to the ground
- to drizzle** *vb*  
to pour a small quantity of a liquid on top of food
- to get cracking** *exp*  
to start to do something



One of the Most Chilling Mysteries of All Time.

TEN PEOPLE. A LUXURY RESORT. A POEM THAT PREDICTS DEATH. SOUND HORRIFYING? IT'S THE STORY OF THE 1939 AGATHA CHRISTIE THRILLER.

# And Then There Were None

ONE BY ONE, THEY WILL ALL GO MISSING. WHO'S NEXT?

**A**nd *Then There Were None* is a 1939 whodunit murder mystery. It tells the story of ten people on the seemingly peaceful Soldier Island. Eight of the guests are invited to the island by owner Mr U.N. Owen, and the other two are the resort's housekeepers. On their first night, the guests anxiously await a welcome from the host, but he never arrives. The guests soon realise that they're completely disconnected from the outside world, and that there's no way to escape the island or their mysterious **lodging**.

Several scary things happen on Soldier Island. Early on, the guests find ten glass soldier **figurines** on the dining room table. There's also a framed poem in each of their bedrooms entitled "Ten Little Soldiers". The poem describes the fate of ten people, and explains in detail the way each one dies. It ends with the line, "One little soldier boy left all alone, he went out and **hanged** himself and then there were none."

One by one, as the poem predicts, the guests die. The first one drinks **cyanide**, just as the poem said "one choked his little self". The next never wakes up, after taking a sleeping pill, following the poem's line, "one overslept himself". As each guest dies, another glass soldier is mysteriously removed from the table, which creates tension and fear among each remaining guest.

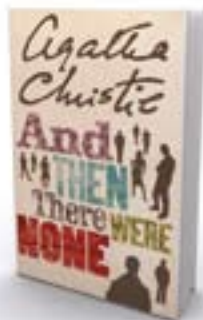
The guests are completely **mystified** by the crimes. They assume that

there's someone attacking them from outside the group, but as fewer remain, they begin to suspect each other. The constant fear and curiosity have tremendous psychological effects on the guests. The police arrive to the island but they are **baffled** too. No one can solve the crime.

But why these ten people? It **turns out** the guests aren't as random as we think. On the first night, each person reveals their disturbing past. Every member of the party has been involved in some way with the murder or death of another person, but was never held responsible or **brought to legal justice**. Many of the characters are **stricken with guilt** and **remorse** about their pasts, but others feel no moral responsibility. Will each person get what they deserve? And who is the one deciding their punishments?

*And Then There Were None* has gained incredible popularity and positive reviews from critics over the years. The book was hard to write about when it first came out because many critics were scared **to give away** too much of the plot. There have been movies based on the book, which all

**received critical acclaim**. There have also been television programmes, theatre productions, and video games based on the novel, and **rumour has it** that a **graphic novel** will be published in 2009. The ending has been adapted for several film and stage productions. But, unlike the glass soldiers on the table, the mystery and suspense of this novel has never disappeared. ✪



## AGATHA CHRISTIE

Agatha Christie is a renowned novelist, most famous for her frightening crime stories. Christie was born in Torquay, England and began her career with the novel *The Mysterious Affairs at Styles* (1920). She is known for her plot twists and surprise endings, as well as two of her most famous detective characters, Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. Christie's personal life is just as mysterious as the novels she writes. She was first married to Archibald Christie, who had numerous affairs. The two divorced in 1928. Christie later married Sir Max Mallowan, an archaeologist whose travels inspired her book *Murder in Mesopotamia* (1936) as well as others. Many of her stories have been made into films, especially those starring Poirot and Marple. In 1971, she was made a **Dame Commander** of the Order of the British Empire.



### GLOSSARY

- a whodunit** *n*  
a novel, film or play about murder and in which the identity of the murderer isn't known until the end
- lodging** *n*  
a room in someone's house where someone stays or a place someone stays temporarily, such as a resort or hotel
- a figurine** *n*  
a small ornamental model of a person
- to hang** *vb*  
to die by tying a rope around the neck and preventing someone from breathing
- cyanide** *n*  
a very poisonous substance
- to mystify** *vb*  
if you are "mystified" by something, you find it impossible to understand
- baffled** *adj*  
if something "baffles" you, you find it hard to understand or explain
- to turn out** *phr vb*  
to happen in a particular way
- brought to justice** *exp*  
to be punished for a crime by being arrested and tried in a court of law
- to be stricken with guilt** *exp*  
if someone is "stricken with guilt", they feel bad about something they did
- remorse** *n*  
a strong feeling of guilt and regret
- to give away** *phr vb*  
if you "give away" information, you reveal it to people
- to receive critical acclaim** *exp*  
if a book "receives critical acclaim", people say good things about it
- rumour has it** *exp*  
a story has been started by someone and lots of people know about it or are starting to know about it
- a graphic novel** *n*  
a novel illustrated in the style of a comic book with a very developed story
- a Dame Commander** *n*  
a title given to a woman for doing a good service to Britain

Famous islands fight it out in this month's competition.

# Face to Faces



## Ibiza VS Mykonos

GREECE AND SPAIN ARE BOTH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WITH GREAT HOLIDAY ISLANDS. BUT WHICH ISLAND WINS THE TITLE AS THE BEST PARTY ISLAND – IBIZA OR MYKONOS?

**Ibiza** is a **worthy contender**. This 570-km Spanish island is famous for its “chill-out” compilations and clubbing. It’s one of the Balearic Islands located in the Mediterranean Sea. Although Ibiza may be the **epicentre** of the electronic music scene, this party island has a lot more to offer than just **techno-blaring** clubs. There has been a massive development in the island’s “hippie-district” where **bohemian** people gather for concerts, bars and music reminiscent of the 1970s.

What’s also special about Ibiza is its diversity. Its geographical and cultural landscape is really **underrated**. The northern part of the island has farmlands, covered with **whitewashed** houses, citrus trees and sheep. The rural northern part of the island is also perfect for walking. In the south, on the other hand, you’ll find Ibiza town, home to Ibiza’s most famous clubbing venues. This is where partygoers dance the night away and enjoy

the post-clubbing **chill-out** cafés.

But Ibiza is no longer exclusively for **party-hungry** teenagers. Ibiza has become a holiday hotspot for celebrities such as Kate Moss, Bono and Mick Jagger. Along with these celebrities, Ibiza is also the place to be for fashion. The island’s beautiful beaches have been featured in recent fashion adverts for Missoni, Gucci, and Louis Vuitton.

Another great party island is **Mykonos**. Mykonos is an island in the middle of the Aegean Sea. Although Mykonos doesn’t quite compete with Ibiza’s night life, it comes pretty close in terms of intensity. Known as one of the most expensive and cosmopolitan Greek isles, Mykonos seems to attract more **aspiring celebrities** than actual celebrities. Cruise ships have been known to **drop off** as many as 15,000 visitors a day, all looking to experience the **chic**

island lifestyle.

Like Ibiza, Mykonos attracts a bit of a **wild crowd**. It’s common to see couples swimming without bathing suits during the day, or jumping fully clothed into the water at night. Mykonos is not just about bars and clubs either; the restaurant and hotel industry have also **taken off** there. The beautiful **promenade** makes Mykonos perfect for al-fresco dining. Mykonos even has its own Little Venice where locals and holidaymakers can enjoy the Greek sunset over an **aperitif**.

The fact that Mykonos has been described by travel agents as “the Ibiza of Greece” is a clear indication that no matter how chic or **stunning** Mykonos may be, it’s almost impossible to beat the original party island. After all, Ibiza’s turquoise blue water and sandy white beaches are still **ranked** as some of the most beautiful in the world. Our results: Mykonos = 8 / 10; Ibiza = 10 / 10. 🌟

### GLOSSARY

- worthy** *adj*  
deserving; possessing the necessary qualities or abilities for something
- a contender** *n*  
someone or something that takes part in a competition
- the epicentre** *n*  
the place where there is a lot of activity
- techno-blaring** *adj*  
playing techno music very loudly
- bohemian** *adj*  
describing artistic people who live in an unconventional way
- underrated** *adj*  
if you “underrate” someone, you do not realise how clever, important or significant they are
- whitewashed** *adj*  
if something is “whitewashed”, it is painted white with a mixture of lime, chalk and water
- chill-out** *adj*  
if a café or music is described as “chill-out”, it is relaxing
- a café** *n*  
a place where you can buy drinks and snacks
- party-hungry** *adj*  
if someone is “party-hungry”, they like to go out at night, often to bars or clubs
- aspiring** *adj*  
trying to become successful at something
- a celebrity** *n*  
a person who is famous, especially in areas of entertainment such as films or television
- to drop off** *phr vb*  
to take someone to a place and leave them there, often in a car or other vehicle
- chic** *adj*  
fashionable; sophisticated
- wild** *adj*  
uncontrolled; excited; energetic
- a crowd** *n*  
a big group of people
- to take off** *phr vb*  
to become successful suddenly
- a promenade** *n*  
the road by the sea where people go for a walk
- an aperitif** *n*  
an alcoholic drink that you have before a meal
- stunning** *adj*  
extremely beautiful or impressive
- to rank** *vb*  
to consider important





EASTER IS NEARLY HERE, SO YOU'RE PROBABLY PLANNING YOUR HOLIDAY! WHY NOT SPEND IT AT THE LIVELIEST STREET PARTY AUSTRALIA HAS TO OFFER?

Where: Fremantle. What you need: your sense of humour. Why: for the fun of it. The Street Arts Festival returns for another year in the **sweltering** heat of Western Australia. This festival is the perfect way to **spread** holiday cheer, and, it's just a reason to have some fun.

The festival has become Fremantle's **claim to fame**. It started out as a celebration of Fremantle's **busking** culture. More than one hundred performers **turn up** to dazzle the crowds – and the best thing is that it's completely free! However, you might need some **spare change** to give to your favourite performer.

The Street Arts Festival is a relatively new event. It first started in 1999, and quickly became a Western Australian Easter tradition. It takes place in Fremantle (a small city along the west coast of Australia) every year during the holiday period. This year, Easter **falls on** 11th to 13th April. The festival attracts more than 100,000 visitors and **features** the best street performers from all over the world. Don't expect **half-hearted** performances and **outdated** routines, because most of these

acts have established careers in music, **stage**, **screen**, circus, **stand-up comedy** and cabaret. The festival is filled with fun and **frollicking**, and the clowns, mimes, acrobats, actors, human statues and **jugglers** are guaranteed to keep you entertained.

This year, there will be three new exciting additions to the Street Arts Festival. First, Jardu 'The Magic of India' will make a magical appearance (after immediately flying in from Delhi Airport). His acts in **sword swallowing** and traditional snake charming are sure to **astonish** crowds. Secondly, The Blackstreet Boyz (aka Alfred and Seymour) will **spice up** the festival with some comedy and dance routines. Finally, the brother and sister **duo** The Pitts are aiming to **thrill** audiences with crazy acts in acrobatics, juggling and body **contortion**.



Overall, this festival has something for the whole family. Those who need a break from the sun can relax in the shaded picnic area. There are activities for children and also a child minding service. So, pack your best party hat, **grab** a **stack** of coins and prepare for a busking bonanza! 🍀

GLOSSARY

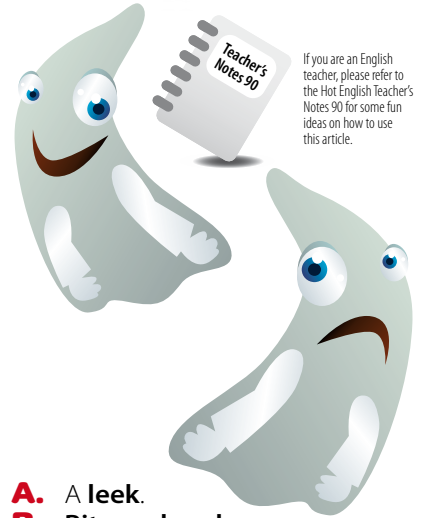
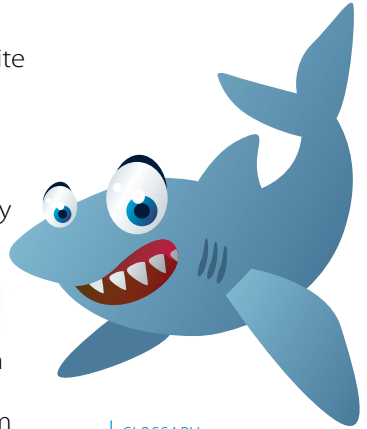
- sweltering** *adj*  
extremely and uncomfortably hot
- to spread** *vb*  
if something is "spread" by people, it gradually reaches or affects a larger area of more and more people
- a claim to fame** *exp*  
someone's or something's "claim to fame" is something important or interesting that they have done or that is associated with them
- a busker** *n*  
a person who performs in public places and accepts money from the passing audience
- to turn up** *phr vb*  
to arrive; to appear
- spare change** *n*  
extra or unneeded small coins that you often give to people on the streets
- to fall on** *vb*  
if a celebration or event "falls on" a particular day, it happens on that day
- to feature** *vb*  
when an event or exhibition "features" something or someone, they are an important part of it
- half-hearted** *adj*  
without interest or enthusiasm
- outdated** *adj*  
not modern
- the stage** *n*  
refers to acting and the production of plays
- screen** *n*  
refers to film or television
- stand-up comedy** *n*  
a type of comedy that involves a comedian standing in front of an audience and telling jokes
- to frolic** *vb*  
to move in a lively and happy way
- a juggler** *n*  
a person who entertains by throwing several things into the air quickly, catching each one and throwing them up in the air again
- a sword** *n*  
a weapon with a handle and sharp blade
- to swallow** *vb*  
to cause something to go from your mouth to your stomach
- to astonish** *vb*  
to surprise
- to spice up** *phr vb*  
to add excitement or interest to something
- a duo** *n*  
two singers, musicians or other performers who perform as a pair
- to thrill** *vb*  
if something "thrills" you, it gives you a feeling of great excitement or pleasure
- contortion** *n*  
movements of your body or face into unusual shapes or positions
- to grab** *vb*  
to take or pick something up suddenly
- a stack** *n*  
a pile of something; a number of things that are arranged



# LITTLE JOKES GRAFFITI

MATCH EACH JOKE BEGINNING (1 TO 8) WITH ITS ENDING (A-H). THEN, LISTEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

1. What's a shark's favourite game?
2. What do **devils** drink?
3. What's a monster's favourite soup?
4. What did one ghost say to another?
5. What does a **cannibal** call a phone book?
6. What's the worst vegetable to have on a boat?
7. What lies at the bottom of the ocean and **twitches**?
8. Why was the girl named Sugar?



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- A:** A leek.
- B:** Bite and seek.
- C:** Scream of tomato.
- D:** Because she was so **refined**.
- E:** A menu.
- F:** Demonade.
- G:** A nervous wreck.
- H:** "Get a life", dude!

**GLOSSARY**

**a devil** *n*  
an evil spirit

**a cannibal** *n*  
a person who eats the flesh of other human beings

**to twitch** *vb*  
to make a sudden jerking movement with your body, often it is uncontrollable

**a leek** *n*  
a long thin vegetable that smells similar to an onion

**bite and seek** *nonsense exp*  
a play-on words "hide and seek", is a children's game in which one player covers their eyes and gives the others time to hide. That person then tries to find them. The joke says "bite" because that is something that a shark would do – to cut into something with its teeth

**refined** *adj*  
if a person is "refined", they're very polite and well-mannered. "Refined" sugar is pure, and contains no other substances in it

**a menu** *n*  
a list of meals and drinks that are available in a restaurant or café

**demonade** *nonsense noun*  
a combination of "demon" and "lemonade". A demon is an evil spirit and lemonade is a drink with water, sugar and lemon juice

**a nervous wreck** *n*  
if you're a "nervous wreck", you're very agitated / worried. A "wreck" is what happens when a ship has an accident

**"get a life"** *exp*  
"stop being a loser"; "do something useful"

**dude** *n slang*  
man; mainly used in American English

HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOILET GRAFFITI.

**LIFE ISN'T SHORT, IT'S THE LONGEST THING YOU'LL EVER DO!**

**IF LOVE IS BLIND, WHY IS LINGERIE SO POPULAR?**

**A COMPUTER ONCE BEAT ME AT CHESS, BUT IT WAS NO MATCH FOR ME AT KICKBOXING.**

**I GET ENOUGH EXERCISE JUST PUSHING MY LUCK!**

**ONCE A MIND HAS BEEN STRETCHED BY A NEW IDEA, IT CAN NEVER RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL DIMENSIONS.**

**GLOSSARY**  
**to push your luck** *exp*  
if someone is "pushing their luck", they're taking a bigger risk than is sensible and may get into trouble

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# Misheard Lyrics

HERE ARE SOME MORE OF THOSE TOUGH-TO-UNDERSTAND SONG LYRICS. SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY WHICH OPTION IS THE CORRECT LYRIC. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65



## GLOSSARY

- a brow** *n*  
an eyebrow, or a line of hair that grows above your eye
- a pen pal** *n*  
someone you write friendly letters to and receive letters from, even though the two of you have never met
- a penthouse** *n*  
a luxurious apartment or suite with lots of room at the top of a tall building
- a six-string** *n slang*  
a guitar (because it has six strings)
- a seamstress** *n*  
a person who sews and makes clothes as his / her job
- spicy** *adj*  
flavourful; with lots of spices
- the spice of life** *exp*  
something you add to your life that makes it more exciting
- an anthem** *n*  
a song used to represent a society or group that is sung on special occasions
- thighs** *n*  
the top parts of your legs, between your knees and your hips

- 1** What's the correct title of the song by Whitney Houston?
- a. Climb every mountain.
  - b. I'm every woman.



- 5** What does Bryan Adams really say in the song "Summer of 69"?
- a. Got my first real **six-string**.
  - b. I got my first real **seamstress**.



- 2** In Don Henley's song "Boys of Summer", which lyrics are correct?
- a. I can see you. Your brown skin shinin' in the sun.
  - b. I can see you. Your **brow's** gettin' shiny in the sun.



- 6** Which is the correct lyric to the Dixie Chicks' song "Cowboy Take me Away"?
- a. Except for maybe you, and your simple smile.
  - b. And step on big balloons, and your simple smile.



- 3** In Celine Dion's classic ballad "My Heart Will Go On", she actually says...
- a. I believe that the heart does go on.
  - b. I believe that the hot dogs go on.



- 7** Earth, Wind and Fire's song "Let's Groove Tonight" says which of the following?
- a. Share a **spicy** light.
  - b. Share the **spice of life**.



- 4** In Elton John's song "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road", the correct line is...
- a. I really like being your **pen pal**.
  - b. You can't plant me in your **penthouse**.



- 8** Gloria Gaynor's 1970's **anthem** "I Will Survive" says, "At first I was afraid..."
- a. I grew fatter **thighs**.
  - b. I was petrified.





# READING I

UPPER INTERMEDIATE READING I

"This pub would have **gone to the wall** without the cheap meals," said Nigel Borton, a **regular** at the Four Crosses Inn, a **pub** in Staffordshire. "I come three days a week, and I've never had a bad meal here yet. It's absolutely **brilliant** and the atmosphere now is great."

In response to falling numbers of customers, the pub owner, Tony Rabbitts, **came up with** an ingenious idea: The original £1 food-menu pub. Basically, his pub is offering incredibly cheap meals. "At first it was one day a week, but it filled the place up so we went up to two, then five, and now seven days a week," Rabbitts says. "We'd been **struggling** to pay the bills and would have had to close, but we refused to be beaten."

The pub used to serve 30 lunches a day, but now Rabbitts is doing more than 300 at busy times, and bar profits have increased fourfold. "We've got regulars

who come back every day. Some people come seven days a week. One woman was having her kitchen **remodelled**, and hasn't **bothered** having her cooker put in yet." The starters and desserts are all £1; the basic main courses are also £1, but there is a homemade option for £1.50 and a **roast** for £2.50.



"Like every other pub in the area we're suffering at the moment with the **recession**," says Tony. "We had to do something. I stood outside the pub, looked at it and went, 'what is going to get me in this pub?'" That was when he decided the offer of meals at the magic price of £1. "The biggest problem is that people think there's a **catch**. They just can't believe we're doing it. We've had people come in and say, 'do we have to buy a bottle of wine with the food to get it for a pound?' People assume the food tastes bad or that we serve small portions. OK, they're not massive portions, but it's home-cooked, decent food." ☺

## Food Crunch

*Pub owner finds the answer to credit crunch difficulties.*

### What else can you buy for a pound in the UK?

- A pint of Greene King IPA or bottle of San Miguel at Wetherspoon pubs (99p).
- A 750ml bottle of Duchy Selections Royal Deeside sparkling mineral water (99p).
- Kellogg's Crunchy Nut Cornflakes at Asda.
- One Lotto ticket.
- A computer mouse from Poundland.
- A single bus fare in London, with an Oyster card.

#### GLOSSARY

**to go to the wall** *exp*  
if a person or company "goes to the wall", they lose all their money and their business fails

**a regular** *n*  
a person who visits a place frequently

**a pub** *n*  
a place where people have drinks and talk to their friends

**brilliant** *adj*  
exceptionally clever, intelligent, or skilful

**to come up with** *exp*  
to think of; to suggest

**to struggle** *vb*  
to try hard to do something, even though you have obstacles in your way

**to remodel** *vb*  
to give something a different form or shape

**to bother** *vb*  
if you "haven't bothered" to do something, you haven't done it because you're too lazy / tired / indifferent

**a roast** *n*  
a dinner that consists of meat cooked in the oven with vegetables and gravy

**a recession** *n*  
a period when the economy is doing badly

**a catch** *n*  
a hidden problem or difficulty in a plan or an offer that seems surprisingly good

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre-reading

"Food Crunch" is the title of this article. It is an example of "word play".

1. What does "to crunch" mean? What do you crunch normally? Check the meaning in the dictionary.
2. In the current economic climate, we talk about the "credit crunch". What does this mean? Where is the "word play"?

### 2 Reading I

Read to check your ideas from the Pre-reading exercise. Were you right?

### 3 Reading II

True or False?

1. Nigel Borton is the owner of the pub.
2. At first, the idea wasn't successful.
3. Profits have increased four-fold.
4. In the beginning, people were suspicious

about the low prices.

5. People are surprised by the size of the portions served in the pub.

### 4 Language focus "to have something done".

Look at the sentence from the article:

"One woman was having her kitchen **remodelled**."

1. Who remodelled the kitchen?
2. What grammatical structure is used in this sentence?

### 5 Discussion

1. Do you think the same idea would work in your country? Why? Why not?
2. Do bars and restaurants make similar offers during times of crisis in your country? How?
3. How do you cut costs when you don't have much money?





"I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member," the famous comedian Groucho Marx once joked. But Luke Johnson was hoping to be accepted at the Garrick Club, an exclusive 178-year-old gentleman's club in London. When the club was originally established, the founders decided that "it would be better that 10 **unobjectionable** men should be excluded, than one terrible **bore** should be admitted."

And so, the club decided to **deny** Johnson's petition to become a member.

Johnson is the chairman of Channel 4, one of the UK's mainstream television channels. He once owned restaurants The Ivy and Le Caprice and wrote a national newspaper column under the title The Maverick. Mr Johnson, 46, made his first fortune by building the Pizza Express restaurant chain. But he can't get into The Garrick Club.



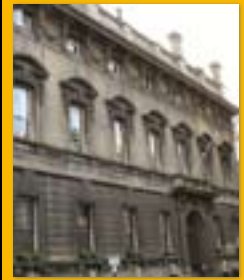
"We didn't like the look of him. There were several votes against him," said an anonymous Garrick club member source. The 20-member club committee's rejection of his application was so emphatic that the member who proposed him is rumoured to have **submitted** his **resignation**, but this was not accepted.

Some say it may have had something to do with Channel 4's alternative **Christmas Day address**. Johnson caused controversy by asking the President of Iran to deliver his own speech to rival the queen's traditional Christmas Day address. The broadcast also offended gay rights groups, due to the President

having previously claimed that there are "no homosexuals in Iran".

Luke Johnson may make bold television, but that doesn't sit well with the gentlemen in the club. Better luck next year, Luke. ☹️

## The Garrick Club



The Garrick Club, which has the slogan "All the World's a Stage", was founded by the Duke of Sussex in 1831, in order to encourage theatre in London. Named after the 18th-century thespian David Garrick, it is a club "instituted for the general patronage of drama."



Though Channel 4 has been a strong supporter of women's rights, the Garrick Club is for men only. Ladies are only permitted to accompany members to lunch or dinner as their guests and are excluded from the cocktail bar. Other famous members include composer Edward Elgar and the writers Charles Dickens and Anthony Trollope.



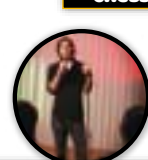
# Members Only

Private club bans television chairman.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre-reading

Look at the pictures of the different types of clubs. Can you think of any more? What happens in these clubs? What do you have to do to be accepted into these clubs?



### 2 Reading I

Read the article quickly to answer these questions.

- Who is Luke Johnson?
- What does Johnson do?
- Why is he refused entry into the club?

### 3 Reading II

What do the following statements mean?

- "I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member."
  - "...it would be better that 10 unobjectionable men should be excluded, than one terrible bore should be admitted."
- Which quote do you most agree with? Which one do you disagree with? Why?

### 4 Language focus: passive forms

Read these excerpts from the text. What structure do all these sentences contain? How are these structures formed? When are they used?

- "But Luke Johnson was hoping to be **accepted** at the Garrick Club."
- "...it would be better that 10 unobjectionable men **should be excluded**..."
- "...than one terrible bore **should be admitted**..."

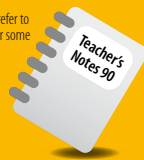
### 5 Discussion

- Would you want to join one of these clubs? Why? Why not?
- Are there any similar clubs in your country? What are they called?
- What is your opinion of these exclusive clubs?
- What is the role of the clubs in society?

### GLOSSARY

- unobjectionable** *adj*  
acceptable; appropriate
- a bore** *n*  
if a person is a "bore", they talk and act in an uninteresting way
- to deny** *vb*  
if you "deny" someone something, you refuse to let them have it
- to submit** *vb*  
if you "submit" a form or application, you send it to someone and they have the choice to accept it
- a resignation** *n*  
a formal statement of your intention to leave a job or a position
- a Christmas Day address** *n*  
a formal speech given on Christmas Day by a political figure

If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.



# VOCABULARY

# (NOT SO) TYPICAL DIALOGUES

## The Fast Food Restaurant

HERE ARE SOME COMMON WORDS OR OBJECTS THAT YOU WILL SEE OR HEAR AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT.

IN THIS DIALOGUE, FRANK IS IN A PIZZA RESTAURANT.



**A hamburger** - minced meat which has been formed into a round shape.

**A cheeseburger** - the same as a hamburger, but with cheese on top.

**Crisps** - very thin slices of potato that have been fried until they are hard, dry and crunchy ("potato chips" in US English).

**A fizzy drink** - a drink that contains small bubbles of carbonation ("a soft-drink" or "soda" in US English).

**Chicken nuggets** - pieces of chicken that are fried in butter.

**A BLT Sandwich** - a sandwich with bacon, lettuce and tomato.

**A wrap** - a thin, flat piece of bread with filling in the middle.

**Chilli** - small red or green pods that have a spicy taste and are used for cooking.

**Ketchup** - a thick red sauce made from tomatoes.

**Mustard** - a yellow or brown paste.

**Barbeque Sauce** - a spicy paste used to flavour food, especially meat

cooked on a barbecue.

**A sundae** - a tall glass of ice cream with chocolate sauce and nuts on top.

**An apple pie** - a kind of pastry made with apples.

**A milkshake** - a cold drink made by mixing milk with flavouring, ice cream or fruit and then whisking it.

**A root beer float** - a non-alcoholic drink made from herbs and plants that tastes similar to cola and with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top.

**"To eat in"** - what you say at a fast food restaurant when you want to eat the food in the restaurant.

**"To take away / out"** - what you say at a fast food restaurant when you want to take the food to another place.

**A tray** - a flat piece of wood, plastic or metal which has raised edges and is used to carry things.

**A booth** - a small area separated from a larger area or room with soft seats and screens.

**A playground** - a public area in a fast food restaurant where children can play. ☺

- Shop:** Hello, Speedy Slice. Quick pizza is our business. How may I help you?
- Frank:** Hi, I'd like a pizza, please.
- Shop:** OK. What can I get you?
- Frank:** Right. I'd like a medium-sized pizza with five ingredients.
- Shop:** What ingredients would you like?
- Frank:** I'll have bacon, green peppers, onion, spicy sausage and extra cheese.
- Shop:** Would you like anything to drink with that?
- Frank:** Yes, I'll have a coke, please. And my girlfriend wants a doner kebab.
- Shop:** OK, what's the address?
- Frank:** Oh, I'd like the glass that you're offering as a free gift with an order of chicken wings, too. So, you want chicken wings as well?
- Frank:** Ohhhh, yeah. A large **tub** to take away. And a dessert, too. Say, don't you guys have brownies that are buy one, get one free?
- Shop:** We do, but only on Fridays.
- Frank:** Well, great, today is Friday. I'm in luck.
- Shop:** Yes, I guess you are. What's your address?
- Frank:** It's 23 Central Street.
- Shop:** Erm... That's this address.
- Frank:** I know.
- Shop:** But I need to know your address.
- Frank:** No, you need to know the address of the place where I want my pizza.
- Shop:** Well, yes. Of course. So, what's the address of the place where you'd like your pizza **delivered** to?
- Frank:** I told you. 23 Central Street.
- Shop:** But that's this address. Are you calling from the same city?
- Frank:** Same city and same restaurant. I'm calling from the table in the corner. I'm the guy on the cell phone. Can you see me? Hi!
- Shop:** Oh, yes. Hello. *(He waves.)*
- Frank:** You deliver, right?
- Shop:** Yes, but you're in the restaurant. Why don't you come to the counter?
- Frank:** Why bother when you can phone?
- Shop:** Well, yes, I guess so. See you in a minute. *(Hangs up.)*  
*(Phone rings again a few minutes later.)*
- Shop:** Hello? Speedy Slice. Quick pizza is our business. How may I help you?
- Frank:** Hi, it's me again. I was just calling to remind you not to forget the extra hot chilli sauce for the chicken wings.
- Shop:** OK, no problem. Oh, and by the way, I like your shoes.
- Frank:** Really? Thanks. I got a **great deal** on them.
- Shop:** Oh! Even better! Well, your food will be ready in a minute.
- Frank:** Great, bye! ☺



### GLOSSARY

**a tub** *n*  
a deep container  
**to deliver** *vb*  
if you "deliver" something somewhere, you take it there  
**a great deal** *exp*  
if you buy something that was "a great deal", you paid a low price for something that is good quality





# Hollywood Slumdogs

IT IS WRITTEN.

Imagine your home is on the streets. You live under a piece of plastic, only metres away from an open **sewer**. But one day, you wake up, and you're a Hollywood star. You're on one of the biggest stages in the world, followed by a day with Mickey Mouse and walking along the sandy beaches of California. Is this a fairytale? No, it's the real-life journey of the young stars of *Slumdog Millionaire* from the streets of Mumbai, to the glamour of the Academy Awards.

The lives of young Azharuddin Ismail and Rubina Ali have completely changed since the movie's success. From a luxurious trip to California, to accepting an Oscar while wearing the nicest clothes they'd ever seen, Azharuddin and Rubina were treated like celebrities. They were taken to the happiest place on earth, Disneyland, as well as to the sunny California beaches. For the first time in their lives, the children slept in proper beds, and used clean, functioning bathrooms.

But it was soon **back to reality**. There was a celebration awaiting the two children back in Mumbai with dancing in the streets, and the flashes of the paparazzi. The celebration was pleasant, but it meant that the children would return to living in the **slums**. They had to go back to **crowded streets**, dirty water and mosquitoes. The government may provide their families with proper homes, but there has been no confirmation yet.



*Slumdog* director Danny Boyle is trying to help the young stars. In his opinion, the best way to ensure their well-being is to provide an education for them. He has also provided transportation to the school to make sure that the children attend. "We put them in school, a very good school, which they're paid for to stay in until they're 18. If they stay in school until then, a **substantial** sum of money will be given to them, enough to effectively change their lives for the better," Boyle said.

The fairytale is also continuing for 24 year-old star Freida Pinto. The Indian actress has been featured on the covers of three magazines in her home country- *Maxim*, *Vogue*, and *Cosmopolitan*- as well as the American publication, *Entertainment Weekly*. There are also rumours that say Pinto may appear in popular American director Woody Allen's next big film. Pinto is new to the silver screen, but says that her experience with **modelling** gave her the **confidence** she needed to perform in front of the camera.

Indians from around the country have had mixed opinions on the movie's portrayal of the slums. Some people say that the filmmakers were **exploiting** the poor, while others say it's an interesting and **uplifting** depiction. Either way, the film shines a light on the **harsh reality** many people in India are still facing everyday. 🌟

## SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

*Slumdog Millionaire* (2008) is the **rags-to-riches** story of a young boy's journey to find money and love. It takes place in Mumbai, India. This film is filled with colour, music and drama as it follows the life of main character Jamal. Jamal, played by Dev Patel, wins 10,000,000 Rupees on the game show *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* before he is accused of **cheating** and **removed** from the show. Police don't believe that a boy from the slums could have such success on the show, and so they take him to the station for questioning. After an **excruciating** interrogation by the Mumbai police, we see that the many horrifying experiences of Jamal's life have given him the correct answers to the show's questions. The police let him return to compete on the show, but will he know the final answer? The film is an adaptation of the book *Q & A* written by Vikas Swarup and was directed by Danny Boyle. It stars Dev Patel, Anil Kapoor and Freida Pinto.



### GLOSSARY

- a sewer** *n*  
a large underground tunnel that carries dirty water from people's houses
- back to reality** *exp*  
returning to your normal life after a very pleasant or surreal experience
- a slum** *n*  
an area of a city with really bad living conditions (no electricity, water, etc.)
- crowded streets** *exp*  
streets with lots of people or traffic
- substantial** *adj*  
formal large / great in degree or quantity
- modelling** *n*  
a profession that involves wearing designer clothes at fashion shows and in advertisements
- confidence** *n*  
if you have "confidence", you believe in yourself and feel certain about your talents and ideas
- to exploit** *vb*  
if someone "exploits" a person, they use that person for their own benefit
- uplifting** *adj*  
if something is "uplifting", it makes you feel cheerful and happy
- harsh reality** *exp*  
something that is true, but difficult to accept
- a rags-to-riches story** *exp*  
a story about someone who has become very rich after being very poor
- to cheat** *vb*  
if a person "cheats", they intentionally do not obey the rules
- to remove** *vb*  
if you "remove" someone from something, you take them out of it
- excruciating** *adj*  
extremely painful or unpleasant



DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC

# describe power

HERE ARE SOME MORE USEFUL AND INTERESTING EXPRESSIONS FOR YOU TO LEARN. THIS MONTH, WE HAVE SOME MORE EXPRESSIONS TO DESCRIBE POWER.

DR FINGERS' VOCABULARY CLINIC



**Pull the strings**  
TO BE THE PERSON WHO CONTROLS THINGS.  
"She's the one who pulls the strings in this office."



**Have somebody over a barrel**  
TO HAVE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER SOMEONE.  
"She knows that I really need that money, so she's got me over a barrel at the moment."



**Have / hold all the cards**  
BE THE PERSON IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH.  
"She holds all the cards in this court case, so we'd better not do anything to upset her."



**At the top of the ladder**  
IN THE HIGHEST POSITION IN AN ORGANISATION.  
"After a long career, she's at the top of the ladder."



**Rule the roost**  
TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON IN AN ORGANISATION.  
"Although Jeff is the president, it's Sandra who rules the roost around here."



**The top dog**  
THE PERSON WITH THE MOST POWER.  
"Make sure you keep on his good side – he's the top dog around here."



**Breathe down someone's neck**  
TO OBSERVE SOMEONE CLOSELY IN ORDER TO MONITOR THEIR WORK.  
"I've had my boss breathing down my neck all day – it's been really annoying."



**Put the screws on**  
USE FORCE, OR THE THREAT OF FORCE, TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.  
"They put the screws on him until he cracked and told them everything."





# RIDDLES & quirky news

## Fire! Fire!

The world's worst fire service.

"A fire service that can't even keep its own fire station and engines safe doesn't exactly inspire confidence," complained one local after disorganised firemen from Wales accidentally burnt their own station to the ground. All six fire engines perished in the £3 million blaze, and it took 250 firemen from nearby towns to finally get control of the inferno.



Investigators believe the fire fighters could have sparked the blaze themselves in a training exercise accident or that it could have been faulty wiring. The weekend blaze was the second time the brigade has lost all its engines in a fire. The station was recently rebuilt in 1994, and had just invested in new equipment. ✚

## The best job in the world

Tourism chiefs in Australia are offering what they say is the best job in the world – a caretaker of a paradise island. The job will take "minimal effort" for laid-back duties that work out at nearly £1,000 an HOUR.

The new post on Hamilton Island, on the Great Barrier Reef, is a relaxing job and doesn't call for much in the way of experience. It requires no academic qualifications, but applicants must be able

to swim and must have an "adventurous attitude". The six-month contract comes with a £70,000 salary package, and a free three-bedroom house.

Bosses say they want the caretaker to promote the island to a "global market". The only requirement is that the caretaker keeps a blog of what's going on – a job that should take less than three hours a week. The rest of the time they can go diving, help marine biologists or come up with ideas for new activities for visitors.

British-based Tourism Queensland spokesman said: "This is the best job in the world, there's no question about it. I'm sure we won't have any problem finding a large quantity of applicants." The job has been advertised in more than 15 countries, and the candidate will be announced next month. ✚



## Riddles



1 Which weighs more, a tonne of feathers or a tonne of gold?



2 Before Mt Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

3 A plane crashes on the US/Canada Border. Where do you bury the survivors? ✚

### GLOSSARY

- a fire station** *n* a building where fire engines are kept, and where fire fighters wait until they are called to put out a fire
- an engine** *n* the part of a car or other vehicle that produces the power to make the vehicle move
- to burn something to the ground** *exp* if a building is "burnt to the ground", it is destroyed completely by fire
- to perish** *vb* to be destroyed
- a blaze** *n* a large fire which is difficult to control and destroys a lot of things
- an inferno** *n* if you say a fire is an "inferno", you mean it is burning strongly and causing a lot of destruction
- to spark** *vb* if A "sparks" B, A causes B to happen
- faulty** *adj* if equipment is "faulty", it is not working properly
- wiring** *n* the system of wires that supply electricity to different parts of a building or machine
- a caretaker** *n* a person whose job is to look after a place or a person
- a requirement** *n* a quality or qualification that you must have in order to be able to do something or be suitable for something
- diving** *n* the activity of working or exploring underwater using special breathing equipment
- to come up with** *exp* if you "come up with" an idea, you think of it and suggest it

# SKILLS BOOKLET READING

## No Small Business

Step-by-Step guide to starting up a small business.

Thinking of setting up your own business? This process requires a lot of careful thought and planning, so where do you start?

### 1 Ideas and Inspiration

#### Think of an idea and research it

It's easy enough to have a vague idea for a business venture, but a lot harder to put it down on paper. An isolated idea isn't going to make your business, so, brainstorm lots of ideas, choose one and run with it! Once you're sure about your idea, do plenty of research and make sure you have a USP (Unique Selling Point).

#### Write a business plan

Your business plan should consist of the following:

##### Cost of product / service:

Price your product at an amount that your target market is willing to pay and is enough to cover production costs.

**Size of potential market:** Consult sources such as census data or sales data of competitors in order to estimate your potential market size.

**Evaluation of competitors:** First, look at your competitors (i.e. company size, investors, sources of revenue), then conduct a functional analysis to see what your rival businesses are doing on the web. Then, decide how to compete with them.

### 2 Money Matters

**Identify your costs.** These costs should be divided into two groups: essential and optional costs.

**Essential costs:** These will most likely be one-off start-up costs, for example, a registration fee for your business.

**Optional costs:** These might be extra costs that aren't vital at the beginning, such as paying a large staff.

Draw up a spreadsheet with all the categories of costs to help you break everything down.

#### Secure a loan

Banks don't give loans away for nothing. They'll probably ask about your credit history. You can ask for a credit report at the credit bureau. Also, your bank will be looking to see if you have a secondary income, which could be in the form of either personal or business assets.

### 3 Launching your business

#### Existing vs Brand new?

Taking over an existing business has its advantages and its disadvantages. An advantage might be that it's less risky since it already has a location, clientele and inventory. However, there might be initial purchasing costs or hidden past problems that come along

with all the factors listed above.

#### Location, Location, Location

Choosing the location can make or break your business. First you'll need to decide if you want to lease a commercial space or buy it. If you opt for a lease, make sure to ask the landlord specific questions about the rent, what the rent covers, and insurance.

#### What's in a name?

A lot if you want to impress. The name will be an integral part of your company's identity. The name will have to stand out, and you'll have to make sure that the name doesn't exist already.

Follow this guide and you might be on your way to being the next Donald Trump.

Good luck and start planning! ✨

### 1 Pre-reading

You're going to read a guide on how to set up a business. Before you read, think of a tip for each of the article headings below.

Ideas and inspiration  
Money Matters  
Launching your business

### 2 Reading I

Read the article to check your ideas.

### 3 Reading II

Answer the questions below.

1. How much should the cost of your product be?
2. What should you look at when analysing your competitors?
3. Give an example of an optional cost.
4. How should you organise your cost calculations?
5. What's a secondary income?

### 4 Language focus phrasal verbs with business

Which two phrasal verbs are used in the article to mean "to begin a business"?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

Refer to page 74 in Unit 18 of your Upper-intermediate Skills Booklet for a role-play on starting up a business.



### 5 Discussion

1. Would you like to start your own business? Why? Why not?
2. Do you know anyone who has set up a business? How did they start it up? Was it a success story?
3. What do you think are the main risks of starting up your own business? Give details.



## UPPER INTERMEDIATE LISTENING



There is a new craze sweeping through Britain, but perhaps it would be better described as an *old* craze. Farmers' markets have been part of British culture for hundreds of years, but they're currently becoming more popular. It's clear that the concept isn't new: farmers have traded goods for as long as agriculture has existed.

So what exactly is a farmers' market? In the UK, a Certified Farmers' Market is a market in which the farmers, **growers** or producers from a defined local area (usually within 80.5 kilometres of the market) sell their own produce directly to the buyers. All products sold have been grown, **reared**, caught, baked, smoked or processed by the **stallholder** directly. These markets are sometimes referred to as "greenmarkets" in the United States.

But why are people choosing to shop at farmers' markets? Why don't they just go to the supermarket? The answer, says FARMA, the organisation which monitors farmers' markets in the UK, is threefold. To begin with, farmers' markets benefit the local economy. Farmers' markets support the local farmers and producers first and thereby cut out the "**middle-man**". So, the consumer buys the products directly from the farmer who receives the full proceeds, rather than a shop or supermarket taking a percentage of the profit. Furthermore, money spent on locally-produced goods helps local farms stay in business, expand and increase their local **work force**.

Another good reason to welcome back the farmers' markets is that they're good for the environment. Products sold at farmers' markets have fewer "food miles" – the distance food travels from the farm on which it's produced to the kitchen in which it's consumed.



These days, we often buy food that has travelled thousands of miles at great environmental cost with a large **carbon footprint**, especially in terms of **greenhouse gas emissions**. Research shows that when you choose to buy locally produced foods from a farm shop or farmers' market you reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions associated with distribution by 99.8%.

More and more, people in the UK are shopping at farmers' markets. The quality is better and there is more interaction between those who grow the food and those who buy it. So, next time you go shopping, **keep an eye out** for a farmer's market near you, and make shopping a little more personal. ☺

### GLOSSARY

- a grower** *n*  
a person who raises large quantities of a particular plant or crop and then sells them
- to rear** *vb*  
if you "rear" a crop, you plant it and help it grow
- a stallholder** *n*  
a person who sells goods at a booth in a market
- a middle-man** *n*  
a person who helps in negotiations between people who are unwilling or unable to meet directly
- a work force** *n*  
the total number of people who are employed in a company
- a carbon footprint** *exp*  
the impact human activities have on the environment and climate change
- greenhouse gas** *n*  
mainly carbon dioxide, but also other harmful substances responsible for the greenhouse effect
- an emission** *n*  
an "emission" of something such as gas or a substance is the release of it into the atmosphere
- to keep an eye out for** *exp*  
to watch carefully for something



## Who's at Fault?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre-listening

You're going to hear an argument between a married couple. Before you listen, make a list of typical issues couples argue about. For example: domestic chores.

### 2 Listening I

Listen to the argument and tick off any issues you hear from your list.



### 3 Listening II

Underline the correct word in each sentence:

1. Julie tells Terry he isn't very good at **reading maps / driving / reading maps or driving**.
2. Terry is upset because he missed **the turn on the road / the football match / the wedding**.
3. Terry wants to listen to the radio to find out about **the score / the tour / the weather**.
4. The wedding is in **Birmingham / Burnley / Bradford**.
5. Terry and Julie decide **to get something to eat / to go home to watch the football match / to turn back and go to the wedding**.

### 4 Language focus third conditionals

Look at this sentence from the listening and answer the following questions.

"If you'd let me deal with it, we wouldn't be stuck in a car in the middle of nowhere."

1. How do we form the third conditional?
2. When do we use this type of conditional?

Refer to page 72 in Unit 17 of your Upper-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



### 5 Discussion

1. Are you good at navigating / giving directions? Give an example.
2. Have you ever had a similar argument with anyone? What was the outcome?
3. Do you think this is a typical argument? Why? Why not?
4. Have you ever blamed someone for something? Has anyone ever blamed you for something?



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



- ⚠ No children may attend school with their breath smelling of "wild onions".
- ⚠ Unmarried couples who live together and "lewdly associate" with one another may face up to a year in prison.
- ⚠ When a railroad passes within 1 mile of a community of 100 or more people in it, they must build a station and stop there regularly to pick up and drop off passengers.
- ⚠ Any person who commits adultery shall be fined at least twenty dollars.
- ⚠ A person may be placed in jail for up to six months for making fun of someone who does not accept a challenge.
- ⚠ It is illegal to snooze on a train.
- ⚠ A person may not hold public office if he or she has ever participated in a duel.
- ⚠ For each act of public swearing a person shall be fined one dollar.
- ⚠ According to the state constitution, it is unlawful for anyone to own a red or a black flag.
- ⚠ If you wear a hat inside a theater, you may be fined.
- ⚠ Roadkill may be taken home for supper.
- ⚠ Whistling underwater is prohibited.
- ⚠ In Anderson, West Virginia, one may not walk a lion, tiger or leopard, even on a leash.
- ⚠ Firemen may not whistle or flirt at any woman passing a firehouse in Huntington.
- ⚠ In Nicholas County, no member of the clergy is allowed to tell jokes or humorous stories from the pulpit during a church service. ⚠

**GLOSSARY**

**lewdly** *adv*  
obscenely; crudely

**to associate** *vb*  
if you "associate" yourself with something, you connect yourself to it

**adultery** *n*  
if a married person commits "adultery", they have a relationship with someone who is not their husband / wife / partner, etc.

**to fine** *vb*  
if someone is "fined", they are punished by having to pay a sum of money because they have broken a rule

**to accept** *vb*  
if you "accept" something, you agree to do it or take it

**a challenge** *n*  
something new and difficult that requires determination and a lot of effort

**to snooze** *vb inform*  
to sleep lightly for a short period of time

**to hold a public office** *exp*  
to be an elected official

**a duel** *n*  
a public fight between two people in which they use weapons to settle a disagreement

**to swear** *vb*  
to use bad or crude language

**a theater** *n*  
a building in which they show films, plays, musicals, etc.

**roadkill** *n*  
dead animals on the highway

**to whistle** *vb*  
to make a high-pitched noise by forcing air between your lips and teeth


**a leash** *n*  
a long thin chain that you attach to a dog's collar to keep it under control

**to flirt** *vb*  
to behave playfully with someone, giving them the impression you are romantically interested in them

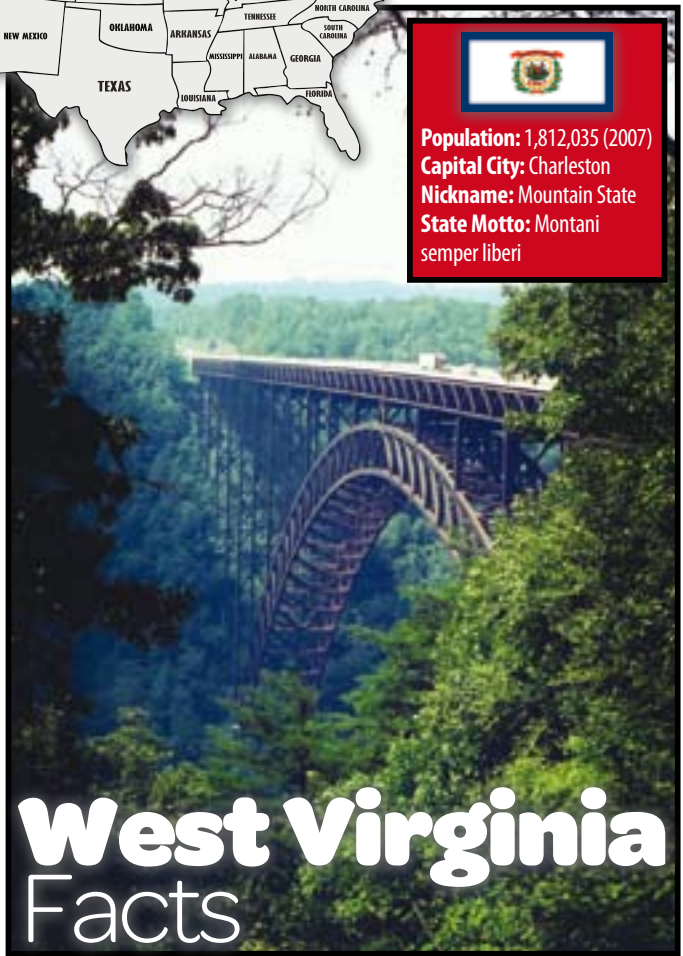
**a firehouse** *n* ("firestation" in British)  
a place where fire engines are kept and where firefighters wait to be called to put out a fire

**clergy** *n*  
officially appointed leaders of religious organisations

**a pulpit** *n*  
a small platform in a church with a railing around it where members of the clergy preach



**Population:** 1,812,035 (2007)  
**Capital City:** Charleston  
**Nickname:** Mountain State  
**State Motto:** Montani semper liberi



# West Virginia Facts

- 📅 Mother's Day was first celebrated at Andrews Church in Grafton on May 10, 1908.
- 📅 West Virginia has the oldest population of any state. The median age is 40.
- 📅 In 1782, the last battle of the American Revolution was fought at Fort Henry.
- 📅 The world's largest sycamore tree is located on the Back Fork of the Elk River in Webster Springs.
- 📅 The first state sales tax in the United States went into effect 87 years ago in West Virginia on 1st July 1921.
- 📅 Nearly 75% of West Virginia is covered by forests.
- 📅 15% of the USA's total coal production comes from West Virginia.
- 📅 The first steamboat was launched by James Rumsey in the Potomac River at New Mecklenburg (Shepherdstown) on 3rd December 1787.
- 📅 The first spa open to the public in the US was at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in 1756 (then, Bath, Virginia).
- 📅 On 9th February 1950, US Senator Joe McCarthy launched his anti-communist crusade in Wheeling, West Virginia.
- 📅 *The Deer Hunter*, a five-time Oscar-winning movie, was filmed in West Virginia in 1978. ⚠

**Famous People from West Virginia:**

**Mary Lou Retton**, a 1984 Olympic Gold Medal winner in gymnastics, from Fairmont, Marion County.

**Booker T. Washington**, a Black educational leader and the first president of Tuskegee Institute, raised in West Virginia.

**Pearl S. Buck**, a Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize winning author born in Hillsboro, Pocahontas County.







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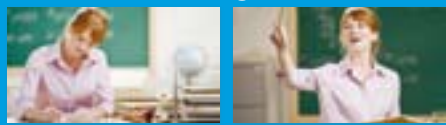
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# DICTIONARY OF SLANG

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

Situation	Formal	Relaxed	Informal
A friend did something that made you look really stupid.	They caused me to come across as a bit of an ignoramus.	They made me look really stupid.	They really stitched me up; they made me look like a right plonker.
A friend is talking in a noisy and continuous manner.	He is conversing without respite on the topic of his recent promotion.	He keeps going on about his promotion.	He's rambling on about his promotion; He keeps rabbiting on about his promotion.
You are at a party and you're talking to a man you like. All of a sudden, a friend comes and tries to steal him away. You tell your friend to stop it.	Please desist from attempting to engage in conversation with the male with whom I have developed amorous feelings for.	Stop talking to that guy I like.	Stop trying to move in on my bloke.
A friend is very funny.	He is of a comic nature.	He's really funny.	He's a real laugh; He leaves me tickled.
A friend keeps talking about the same thing. You tell him to stop.	Please cease from focusing on that story.	Stop going on about it.	Give it a rest; Give it a break.
You would like to discuss something with a friend. You invite her to sit next to you.	Please obtain an object upon which you could repose your weary legs.	Get a chair and come and sit down.	Pull up a pew; Grab a seat.



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# DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



## 1 Exercise

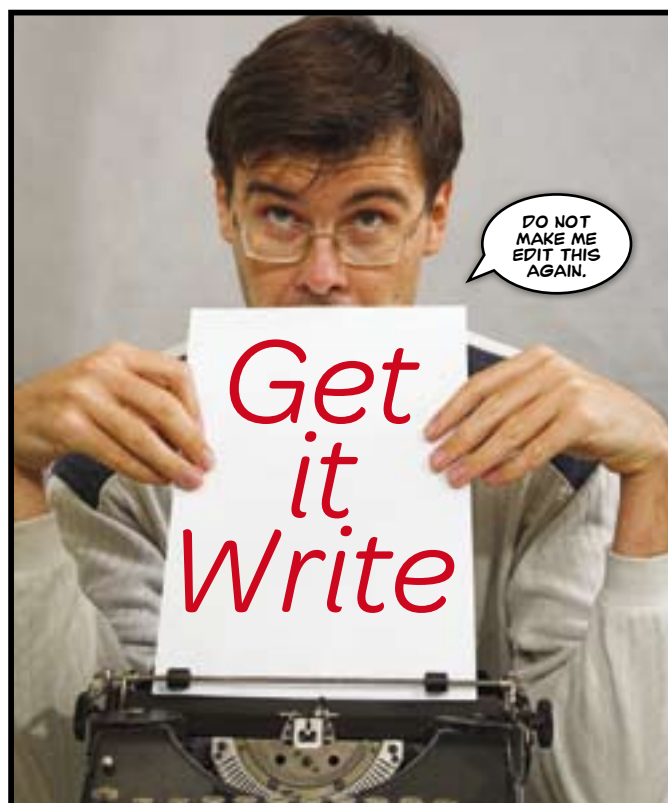
Read the sentences. Find the errors and correct the sentences. Then listen to the CD to check your answers. Good luck!

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65.

- She had avoided the rain if she had left earlier.  
***She would have avoided the rain if she had left earlier.***
- If I would understand you, I would be able to help you.
- If she will win today, she will be the champion.
- We would be grateful if you will send us a copy of the letter.
- Supposing if you don't get the job. What will you do then?
- She won't be able to go unless she doesn't pay the entrance fee.



# ADVANCED LISTENING



ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre-listening

What's a scriptwriter? What does a scriptwriter do? Imagine the day in the life of a scriptwriter. Then listen to check.

## 2 Listening I

Write down three of the tips that the scriptwriter gives for scriptwriting.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Listening II

Listen again and answer the questions according to what the scriptwriter says.

- Where do you start with a script?
- Where do you get these ideas for a script?
- How do you structure a script?
- Once you have a plot and some kind of structure, what else do you need?

## 4 Language focus homophones

"Write / right" are examples of homophones. Which is the correct definition of a homophone?

- Homophones are words that sound the same but have a very different spelling and meaning. They are often used in word play.
- Homophones are words that are spelt the same but have a different meaning and sound. They are often used in word play.

Look at the title of the article: "Get It Write." Where's the word play in this example?

## 5 Discussion

- In your opinion, how important is the script of a film?
- Have you ever written anything creative? For example, a short story / a play?
- Do you think you'd be able to write a script if you followed these tips? Why? Why not?

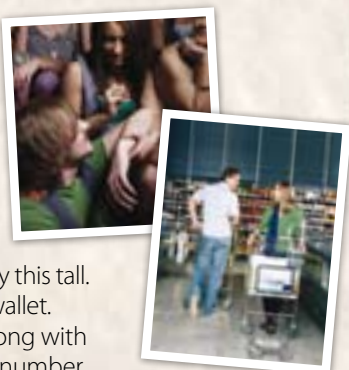


(US English)

# Chat-up Lines / Pick-Up Lines

LET'S SEE IF YOU GET LUCKY.

- I hate to see you go, but I love to watch you walk away!
- I must be lost. I thought paradise was further south.
- You know, I'm not really this tall. I'm just sitting on my wallet.
- There's something wrong with my cell phone... Your number isn't in it.
- How much does a polar bear weigh? **I dunno**, but it's enough to **break the ice**! Hey, I'm Sam. ✨

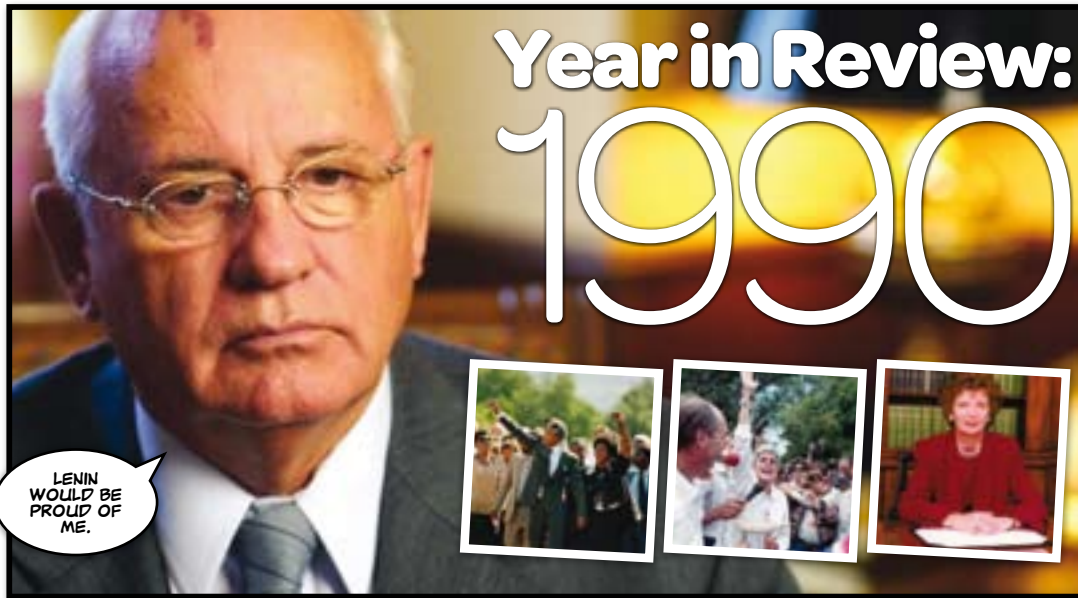


### GLOSSARY

**I dunno** *exp*  
I don't know  
**to break the ice** *exp*  
if you "break the ice" at a party or a meeting, you say or do something to make people feel relaxed and comfortable



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LENIN WOULD BE PROUD OF ME.

# Year in Review: 1990

What were you doing in 1990? Where were you? How old were you? What do you remember? Join us on a little trip down memory lane to 1990.

## Monthly trivia 1990

### January

- The Leaning Tower of Pisa closes to the public because of safety concerns.
- Strong hurricane winds kill 39 people and some children in England.

### February

- Nelson Mandela is released from a prison in South Africa after 27 years of imprisonment.
- The President of South Africa lifts the 30-year ban on the leading anti-apartheid group the African National Congress.

### March

- Mikhail Gorbachev is elected the first executive president of the Soviet Union.
- Journalists in the UK begin to face risk from The New Official Secrets Act. This law states that it's a criminal offence to **disclose information** without lawful authority.

### April

- Violeta Chamorro is elected the President of Nicaragua, making her the first female president in Latin America.
- The American space agency NASA successfully launches the space shuttle Discovery from Cape Canaveral in Florida to carry the Hubble space telescope into orbit (611.5 km) above the Earth.

### May

- Microsoft releases Windows 3.0.
- Members of the new parliament of the Soviet republic of Latvia meet to discuss independence from Moscow.

### June

- The FIFA World Cup begins in Italy.
- On June 7th France, West Germany and Italy lift a ban on British beef-on-the-bone after reaching a deal in Brussels. Is this the end for mad cows?

### July

- US President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities.
- Populist politician and president of the Russian parliament, Boris Yeltsin, resigns from the Soviet Communist Party.

### August

- Iraq invades Kuwait which begins the Gulf War.
- A weather station in Leicestershire UK records the highest temperature ever known in Britain: 37.1°C, (99°F).

### September

- On 29th - 30th September 1990 the largest gathering of world leaders in history assembles at the United Nations to attend the World Summit for Children. Led by 71 Heads of State and other government officials the World Summit adopts an action plan for protecting children around the world.

### October

- East and West Germany unify. They are reunited after 45 years of division following their defeat in World War II.
- Britain becomes a full member of the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the European

Monetary System.

### November

- Margaret Thatcher resigns as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. John Major is elected her successor by Conservative Party members.
- Ireland elects their first female president, Mary Robinson.

### December

- Meanwhile, in the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein frees a total of 100 British hostages. They land at Heathrow airport with the promise of another 400 to follow.
- On 1st December the Channel Tunnel, an underground transportation project, connects the United Kingdom and Europe. This **breakthrough** links the UK to Europe for the first time since the Ice Age, over 8,000 years ago.

### Famous films of 1990

- *Dances with Wolves*
- *GoodFellas*
- *Henry and June*
- *Reversal of Fortune*

### Albums released in 1990

- *Rhythm Nation* by Janet Jackson
- *...But Seriously* by Phil Collins
- *Soul Provider* by Michael Bolton
- *Pump* by Aerosmith
- *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em* by MC Hammer

### Football News of 1990

- The San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos 55-10 in Super Bowl XXIV.
- The German football team defeats Argentina 1-0 in the World Cup Final. ⚽

## Entertainment News

- *The Simpsons* premieres on Fox and becomes an instant hit.
- Ninety-nine percent of US households have at least one radio, with the average household possessing five.
- *Seinfeld* premieres on NBC.



- *Entertainment Weekly* hits newsstands.
- *Driving Ms. Daisy* is awarded an Oscar for Best Picture of the Year.



- Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, dies.
- Greta Garbo, an iconic American actress, dies.



- Sammy Davis Jr, a popular singer / actor and member of Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack", dies.
- The "X" rating for movies is replaced by NC-17 (no children under 17 allowed).
- British actress Emma Watson, of *Harry Potter* fame, is born in Paris.



## GLOSSARY

**to disclose information** *exp*  
if you "disclose information" that is new or secret, you tell people about it

**a breakthrough** *n*  
an important development or achievement

**to premiere** *vb*  
when a film or show "premieres", it is shown to an audience for the first time

**to hit newsstands** *exp*  
if a magazine "hits newsstands", it is available to buy in a kiosk



# KNIFE IDIOMS

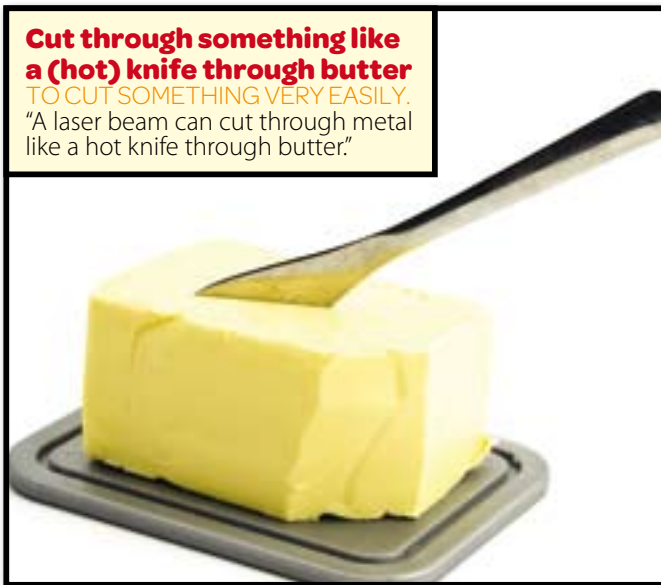
THIS MONTH WE'RE LOOKING AT SOME "KNIFE" IDIOMS.



**On a knife-edge**  
 IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION AND WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.  
 "We've been living on a knife-edge for months now, just wondering what's going to happen."



**Go under the knife**  
 TO HAVE A MEDICAL OPERATION.  
 "She wanted to go under the knife to get rid of the excess fat around her waist."



**Cut through something like a (hot) knife through butter**  
 TO CUT SOMETHING VERY EASILY.  
 "A laser beam can cut through metal like a hot knife through butter."



**Put / stick the knife in**  
 TO DO OR SAY SOMETHING UNPLEASANT TO SOMEONE.  
 "Most of the reviews of the play were really bad – not one critic could resist sticking the knife in."



**The knives are out**  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN SAY WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE ARE ANGRY WITH SOMEONE AND WANT TO CRITICISE OR ATTACK THAT PERSON.  
 "The knives are out for Mr Mitchell because he forgot to pay staff on time."



**You could cut the atmosphere with a knife**  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN SAY TO DESCRIBE A VERY TENSE SITUATION OR ONE IN WHICH MANY PEOPLE ARE ANGRY.  
 "There was a lot of tension in the meeting; you could have cut the atmosphere with a knife."

# SKILLS BOOKLET READING



**H**ow can a chain restaurant offer a real dining experience? With a growing number of chains, what are these restaurants doing to hold their own in a competitive industry? And how is the economic crisis affecting them?

At the end of last year, the National Restaurant Association reported its predictions for 2009. They concluded that American consumers will spend half of their food budget on eating out. They also predicted that nutritional concerns as well as food flavours will be given more attention. Another conclusion they came to was that environmental issues will have more relevance and consumers will be seeking "greener" restaurants.

The NRA's findings mirror the trends we're seeing in chain restaurants lately. When we look at current developments in the chain restaurant industry, we see they're competing to offer potential customers a healthier menu. Although the well-established fast-food chains still see consumers looking for good old-fashioned junk food, the health conscious can now find a balanced and nutritious meal in most chain restaurants. According to market research results, many restaurants now list the calorie and fat count on their menus, including fast-food chains Burger King and McDonald's.

Non fast-food chain restaurants are becoming healthier as well. Ruby Tuesday, a chain which offers "simple, fresh American dining", was one of the first to list the calorie content on their

menus and prides itself on using canola oil (a healthier substitute for vegetable oil) in its recipes. If you visit their website, you'll also be impressed to see that they have a green campaign in place and have dedicated a space on their website to sharing their green policies with potential customers. Amongst many environmentally friendly practices, Ruby Tuesday claims that "all their menus are printed on paper that is 10% - 30% post consumer waste."

Chain restaurants are adapting their advertising to appeal to the limited budgets of consumers. In times of financial strife, the chain restaurant industry doesn't suffer as much as other industries. The appeal of a reasonably priced meal in surroundings other than your own home becomes even more attractive for those short of cash, time and motivation to cook. In fact, there's even reference to the "crisis" in some advertising campaigns. The chain pizzeria "Pizza Hut" teamed up with British newspaper "The Mirror" to offer a 50% discount to all Mirror readers as part of an advertising campaign to beat the "credit crunch crisis". Other smaller chains, like the Catalan company "Pans & company", which sells cold and hot sandwiches, was also offering special "menus" to entice passer-by's.

The chain restaurant seems to be responding well to society's needs and wants. In a world threatened by financial and environmental devastation, and a time-pressed society, obsessed with dieting and healthy eating, the chain restaurant seems to have all the links. ✪

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

## 1 Pre-reading

Look at the pictures of these restaurants. Comment on each one comparing and contrasting them.



## 2 Reading I

What do you think are the primary concerns for restaurant owners? Rank the following factors in order of importance. (a is the most important and f is the least important.)

- the environment
- health
- cost
- menu
- decor
- waiters

Read the article to compare your ideas.

## 3 Reading II

Which of these is the best summary for the article?

- How the economic crisis is affecting the chain restaurant.

- The superficial changes of chain restaurants.
- Ways chain restaurants are adapting to fulfil consumer demands.

## 4 Language focus eating expressions

"To eat out" is an example of a food expression. Can you think of any more with the following verbs?  
to eat  
to take

## 5 Discussion

- How often do you eat out?
- What type of restaurant do you like to go to? Why?
- What is the advantage of takeaway food?



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# READING I

## INSANE NAME

School gets a new name in ridiculous new ruling.

"This is just taking things too far," said Marcus Jones of the Campaign for Plain English after a school in Sheffield decided to describe its school as a "place of learning". Watercliffe Meadow Primary in Sheffield has adopted the new **phraseology** because it thinks that the word "school" may have negative connotations for pupils and parents.

One "learning institution" named Watercliffe Meadow decided from an early stage not to use the word "school". Ms Kingdon, a teacher there, defends the decision. She said, [Watercliffe Meadow] "is a place for learning. One reason for this change was that many of the parents of the children here had very negative connotations of school. Instead, we want this to be a place for family learning, where anyone can come. We were able to **start from scratch** and create a new type of learning experience. There are no **whistles** or **bells** or **locked** doors. We wanted to de-institutionalise the place and bring the school closer to real life."

But critics **condemned** it as **political correctness** gone mad. Richard Caborn, a local MP, is unimpressed. "I'm always open to new ideas, but the reality of education is about preparing young people to live in the real world," Caborn said. "I just don't think the case has been made to drop the word 'school' and replace it with 'a place of learning'". Andrew Sangar, Sheffield City Council's Cabinet member for children's services and lifelong learning, said that as far as he was concerned, Watercliffe Meadow was a school, and that was how the council would continue to refer to it.



But other schools are following suit. Barnsley is in the process of replacing its 13 secondary schools with nine new "advanced learning centres". A spokesman said that it was part of a programme called Remaking Learning aimed at regenerating the area by "embracing all ages of learning" from preschool children to adults. But is changing the name of a school really going to change the educational institution itself? 🤔

**Posh names for ordinary activities**

- "Waste removal engineer" = **dustman / dustwoman**.
- "Domestic engineer" = housewife / househusband.
- "Knowledge navigator" = teacher.
- "Stock replenishment adviser" = **shelf stacker**.
- "Dispatch services facilitator" = postman / postwoman.
- "Leisure services administrator" = masseuse / masseur.
- "Head of verbal communications" = receptionist / secretary.
- "Environment improvement technician" = cleaner.
- "Education centre nourishment production assistant" = **dinner lady / dinner man**.

**GLOSSARY**

**phraseology** *n*  
if you use a particular type of "phraseology", you express something using words and expressions of that type

**to start from scratch** *exp*  
if you "start from scratch", you do something without making use of anything that has been done or used before

**a whistle** *n*  
a small object that produces a loud sound if you put it in your mouth and blow into it

**a bell** *n*  
a device that teachers use that makes a ringing sound and is used to attract people's attention

**locked** *adj*  
closed with a key

**to condemn** *vb*  
if you "condemn" something, you say it's very bad and unacceptable

**political correctness** *n*  
acting in a way that is never offensive to a minority group or any disadvantaged people

**posh** *adj informal*  
smart; fashionable; sophisticated

**a dustman** *n*  
a person who collects people's rubbish bins and takes it to the landfill

**a shelf stacker** *n*  
a person whose job it is to put items such as books or sweets on pieces of wood attached to a wall in a supermarket or a shop

**a dinner lady** *n*  
a woman who serves and cooks the food in a cafeteria

ANSWERS ON PAGE 75

**1 Pre-reading**

Look at this list of jobs. What do you think the normal job titles would be?

1. Waste removal engineer
2. Domestic engineer
3. Knowledge navigator
4. Head of verbal communications

Check your answers with the information box above.

**2 Reading I**

What does "political correctness gone mad" mean? Give examples. Read the article to compare your ideas.

**3 Reading II**

Who is for / against substituting the word school for "a place of learning"? What do each of the following people think about the issue?

1. Marcus Jones
2. Ms Kingdon

3. Richard Caborn
4. Andrew Sangar

**4 Language focus expressions**

Look at this sentence from the article,

"We were able to start from scratch and create a new type of learning experience".

Underline the incorrect definition for "to start from scratch".

- a. to continue doing something that has already been started
- b. to repeat a procedure
- c. to start over again

**5 Discussion**

Discuss the last sentence from the article.

"But is changing the name of a school really going to change the educational institution itself?"





# Pure Brits

A new report on Britain's **ancestors**.

Where are your ancestors from? Are they all from your country of birth? Or were they immigrants? A new report shows that more than half of Britons have immigrant ancestors.

England is a country made up of various **settlers**. Most immigrants come from Europe: a quarter from Ireland, one in ten from France and a similar number from Germany. But distant countries which featured high on the list included Canada, where one in 20 can **trace** a family member, and America, where one out of 30 **have** American **blood** in their veins. Having blood from India or the West Indies is also common, especially after heavy migrations in the 1950s and 1960s. Surprisingly, the Balkans were also well-represented, with one in 50 Britons having a relative from that region.

Many famous people have foreign ancestors – even some of the most **iconic** Britons. Winston Churchill was half American, from his mother's side of the family. Another British person, Helen Mirren, who won an Oscar for her portrayal of the queen



WELL, I'M NOT REALLY BRITISH.

in the film *Queen*, is from a long line of Russian nobility. She was born Ilyena Vasilievna Mironov. Actor Christopher Lee is of Italian **descent** on his mother's side, while Victoria Beckham comes from German immigrants who came to Britain in the 19th century. The royal family (the House of Battenberg) is German in origin, too.

Many so-called British traditions also come from abroad. The Christmas tradition of decorating the tree came from Germany, and kissing under the **mistletoe** originated in Scandinavia. The much-loved custom of drinking tea started in India, and eating turkey for Christmas is American.

It seems like the **essence** of British culture lies in its mixed influences. After all, the English language is a mixture of French, Latin and German, the national drink is Indian (tea), its music has mainly African roots, the national dish is an English corruption of something Indian (chicken Tikka), its newspapers are owned by an Australian and the National Health Service is staffed by people from all over the globe. So, does this mean that everyone could be a little bit British? ☆

## Britain

Some argue that the concept of Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) no longer exists given that Scotland and Wales now have their own parliaments. The only country without its own parliament is England!



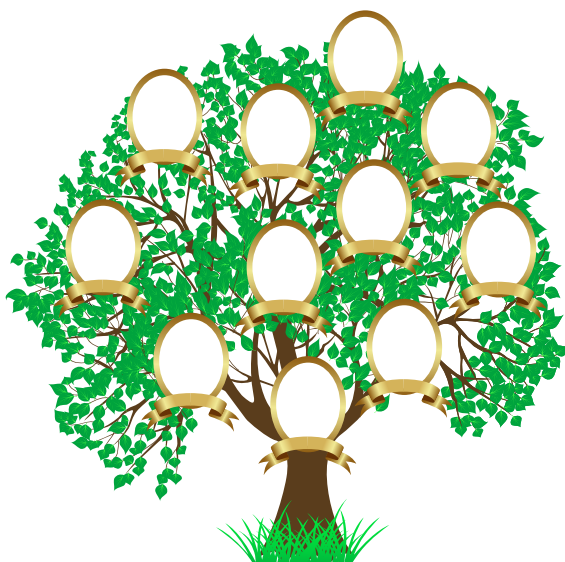
## A generation

A generation is taken to be around 25 years, meaning the people who have investigated four generations of their family have gone back at least 100 years on average. Before that time, the population was a great deal less diverse.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 65

### 1 Pre reading

Complete your family tree with as many ancestors as possible. Then, describe your family tree to your partner.



### 2 Reading I

What does the article say generally about the origins of England's ancestors? **Highlight** any interesting facts.

### 3 Reading II

Comment on what the article says using the prompts below.

1. famous people
2. British traditions
3. British food and drink
4. the English language
5. National Health Service

### 4 Language focus figures

Which words are used to talk about statistics? Highlight them in the text and check with your teacher.

Now, make up, or try to guess, similar statistics about the range of nationalities / immigrants in the United States.

### 5 Discussion

Extend and discuss the questions from the first paragraph of the article. How do you think immigration will continue to change the world?

### GLOSSARY

- an ancestor** *n*  
a person from whom you are descended
- a settler** *n*  
a person who goes to live in another country
- to trace** *vb*  
to find someone after looking for them
- to have blood** *exp*  
referring to the race or social class of someone's parents or ancestors
- iconic** *adj formal*  
impressive because it seems to symbolise something
- descent** *n formal*  
nationality or social status
- a mistletoe** *n*  
a plant with white berries that is often used in Britain and the US as a Christmas decoration
- the essence** *n*  
"the essence" of something is its basic and most important element which makes it unique



# A World's Eye View

The World Islands are a collection of 250-300 small islands just off the coast of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The islands are divided into four different categories: private homes, **resorts**, estates and community islands. The project was **drafted** by Al Nakheel Properties, one of the world's largest property developers. When viewing this impressive construction from the sky, you can see that the islands form the shapes of South America, Africa and even Antarctica. The project is costing Dubai over \$14 billion, and they're hoping to compete with other **leisure spots** such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Las Vegas.

The idea is a **big hit** with investors. In fact, many Dubai real estate firms have already sold more than 60% of the islands. These include some islands that haven't been built yet. Properties **hit the market** in May 2003, and prices have more than doubled since then. When the project is complete, there will also be highways **linking** the islands together to increase mobility and beach access. David Beckham is one famous buyer among a number of other celebrities,



musicians and politicians. Together, the islands will **house** more than 20,000 apartments and homes with some built on **stilts** above the water. There will also be over 100 hotels, theme parks, restaurants and shopping centres.

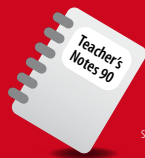
The islands seem to be "heavenly", but there are some major ecological problems. Environmentalists say that the 34 million tonnes of sand and rock being dropped into the water have damaged coral reefs and **oyster beds**. The construction is also causing a decline in the amount of wildlife in the area. Apparently, the islands will eventually alter **currents**, which will make Dubai's natural beaches **erode** faster.

But building islands isn't the only thing on Dubai's **to-do list**. The country's architects have plans to develop an underwater hotel, the world's tallest **skyscraper**, an indoor **ski slope** and a massive theme park rumoured to be the size of the city. With these plans plus the World Islands project, Dubai could transform itself into a metropolis of tourism and luxury. ✪

## GLOSSARY

- a resort** *n*  
a place by the coast or in the mountains where people spend their holidays
- to draft** *vb*  
if a project is "drafted", it is written and developed by someone
- leisure** *n*  
the time when you are not working and can relax and do things you enjoy
- a spot** *n informal*  
a place
- a big hit** *exp*  
if something is a "big hit", it is very successful and popular
- to hit the market** *exp*  
to be introduced to the public
- to link** *vb*  
to connect
- to house** *vb*  
to provide a house for someone to live in
- stilts** *n*  
long pieces of wood or metal used to support and raise buildings from the ground
- an oyster bed** *n*  
a place where flat shellfish breed, grow and are cultivated for food or pearls
- a current** *n*  
a continuous flow of movement in a river, lake or sea
- to erode** *vb*  
to be destroyed gradually by breaking or cracking
- a to-do list** *n*  
a piece of paper or a mental note of the tasks you want to complete
- a skyscraper** *n*  
a very tall building
- a ski slope** *n*  
a hill with snow that you can ski on





If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 90 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.

# PHRASAL VERB THEMES

## Work and Career

THIS IS THE FIRST PART OF OUR SECTION OF CAREER-RELATED PHRASAL VERBS. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS FROM BELOW. MORE NEXT MONTH. ANSWERS ON PAGE 65  
 market plan daughter threats else lately willing layoffs

**1. TO GET AHEAD**  
TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR JOB.

"IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD IN YOUR JOB, YOU HAVE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO WORK LONG HOURS."

**2. TO CARRY OUT**  
TO DO OR COMPLETE SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT.

"WE BELIEVE THE \_\_\_\_\_ WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PROTEST GROUP."

**3. TO GO AHEAD WITH**  
TO CONTINUE DOING OR THINKING ABOUT A PLAN OR IDEA UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED OR ACHIEVED.

"HE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS ORIGINAL \_\_\_\_\_."

**4. TO STEP DOWN**  
TO LEAVE YOUR JOB SO THAT SOMEONE ELSE CAN DO IT.

"SHE WAS ALMOST 70-YEARS-OLD; IT WAS TIME FOR HER TO STEP DOWN AND LET SOMEONE \_\_\_\_\_ DO THE JOB."

**5. TO TAKE ON**  
TO ACCEPT A PARTICULAR JOB OR RESPONSIBILITY.

"DUE TO THE \_\_\_\_\_, THE REST OF THE STAFF HAD TO TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY."

**6. TO SQUEEZE IN**  
TO MANAGE TO DO SOMETHING OR SEE SOMEONE EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE VERY BUSY AND DON'T HAVE A LOT OF AVAILABILITY.

"I'VE BEEN SO BUSY \_\_\_\_\_, BUT MAYBE WE CAN SQUEEZE IN LUNCH TOGETHER NEXT WEEK?"

**7. TO BRANCH OUT**  
TO START DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU USUALLY DO.

"THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN IS BRANCHING OUT INTO A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ - THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE CHILDREN'S TOYS."

**8. TO KEEP AT (SOMETHING)**  
TO CONTINUE WORKING HARD AT SOMETHING EVEN THOUGH IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH OR TAKES A LONG TIME.

"PHILIP'S \_\_\_\_\_ COULD BECOME A REALLY GOOD DESIGNER IF SHE KEEPS AT IT."

# TAPESCRIPPTS & BAR CHATS

## Tapescripts

### Catching up Track 8

**Bella:** Alice, is that you? It's me, Bella. We were at school together, do you remember me?  
**Alice:** Of course, Bella! Hi! How are you? It's been a while.  
**Bella:** It really has. So, what are you up to these days? Did you become a famous actress as you always said you would?  
**Alice:** No, that didn't work out. I tried, but it's too difficult, too much competition out there. Instead, I've trained as a teacher. I'm actually working at Rydell High now, our old school. The good thing is that I'm teaching drama, so at least it's not all lost. It's funny, because when I was a student, I thought the teachers were all so old and so scary.  
**Bella:** Yes, there were some strange characters, weren't there? Do you remember Mr. Goodhall? He used to come into class with his lunch. He was funny. But, yeah, what you're doing now sounds great. Are you enjoying it?  
**Alice:** Yes, I am, thank you. Oh, and something else I heard which might be of interest to you. Do you remember Danny, your boyfriend when we were at school?  
**Bella:** How could I forget?  
**Alice:** I met his parents the other day. Danny's working at a bank down in London now. He's earning £500,000 a year!  
**Bella:** Oh no. I knew breaking up with him was a mistake. Hey, have you heard about Eleanor?  
**Alice:** Mmm, Eleanor? ...Oh yes, I remember her. Eleanor with the braces and the big glasses. She was always really shy in class.  
**Bella:** That's right. Well, now she's a model. I saw her in a magazine I was reading the other day.  
**Alice:** No way!  
**Bella:** It's true. Anyway, I'd love to talk to you some more, but I have to meet someone. It was great talking to you.  
**Alice:** Yes, great talking to you too. Let's try and catch up one day.  
**Bella:** Yes, let's do that. I'll write down my number, that way you can call or text me.  
**Alice:** Great. It's been too long!  
**Bella:** It sure has!

### Telephone English Track 9

**Receptionist:** Napa Valley Rental Car Service, how may I help you?  
**Herbert:** Yes, hi, I'd like to rent a car.  
**Receptionist:** OK, I just need some basic information first.  
**Herbert:** Sure.  
**Receptionist:** What's your name?  
**Herbert:** Herbert Shumley. And this is going to be charged through American Credit — we're a financial firm based in San Diego.  
**Receptionist:** OK, so you'll need a receipt, right?  
**Herbert:** Yes. You should have our address on file.  
**Receptionist:** Is it American Credit Financial, Houston Circle, Office 212, 86701?  
**Herbert:** Almost, except the office building is 222, not 212.  
**Receptionist:** Oh, OK. And what type of car would you like?  
**Herbert:** I'd like a Dodge Stratus 4-door saloon. I need something fairly big because I'll be driving a lot of people around.  
**Receptionist:** Right, and how many days will you be needing the car for?  
**Herbert:** 5 days.  
**Receptionist:** Would you like to get third-party insurance for 25% more?  
**Herbert:** Yes, I would.  
**Receptionist:** Right, well, then your total, including insurance, comes to \$438.25.  
**Herbert:** OK, fax the invoice to my company and they'll take care of it.  
**Receptionist:** No problem.  
**Herbert:** Do you need any more information from me?  
**Receptionist:** Just one more thing. Your driving licence number?  
**Herbert:** G612953S.  
**Receptionist:** Let me make sure I've got that correct. Did you say G-6-1-2-9-5-3-S?  
**Herbert:** You've got it. Is there anything else you need?  
**Receptionist:** No. That's all for now. But when you come to pick up the car, we'll need to swipe a credit card.  
**Herbert:** OK. That's no problem. Bye.

### A Taste of Luxury Track 16

**Christina:** Hello, everybody, and welcome to "A Taste of Luxury", the number one cooking show. I'm your host, Christina Jackson, and on today's show we have guest chef, Tony Bertolli.  
**Tony:** Hello there.  
**Christina:** So, what have you cooked for us today, Tony?  
**Tony:** Well, for the starter, I've made a simple garden salad. It's very healthy, and very tasty. As you can see, this salad has crispy lettuce, some juicy cherry tomatoes, red peppers, yellow peppers, carrot and some crunchy sugarsnap peas. All of these

greens have been locally produced, so they're lovely and fresh.  
**Christina:** Mmm, lovely. That looks great, and so colourful! And what about this main course? It smells delicious.  
**Tony:** Well, I've prepared some salmon for you. You must try some while it's still hot. I'd have it with this lemon butter if I were you.  
**Christina:** Wow, that tastes really good.  
**Tony:** Thank you. The salmon is accompanied by tiny new potatoes and more fresh vegetables, lightly sautéed in lemon butter. You wouldn't want to overcook them because then they'd lose all their natural goodness. I've just sautéed them long enough to soften them a little.  
**Christina:** Fantastic, I'll remember that. Now, what about the pudding? It looks mouth-watering.  
**Tony:** Ha ha, well this is the perfect contrast to the very healthy first two courses. This is my famous sticky chocolate pie. Please, try some.  
**Christina:** Oh my gosh, that's incredible! What's in it?  
**Tony:** Chocolate, cream, more chocolate, more cream — and of course my secret ingredient.  
**Christina:** And what is your secret ingredient?  
**Tony:** Now that would be telling!  
**Christina:** So, Tony, you have made everything look so easy and delicious. I don't think it would be easy if I was left to do this. Do you have any top tips for a perfect gourmet meal?  
**Tony:** Certainly. The first thing is preparation. Plan your courses carefully so they complement each other. Consider how heavy each course is. You don't want your guests to feel too full after they've eaten — there's nothing worse.  
**Christina:** I see. Actually, I've often felt uncomfortable after a meal, so I know what you're talking about.  
**Tony:** Oh, and one last point I'd like to make. Keep it simple and buy fruit and vegetables that are in season. This is so easy to do and very important. You'll taste the difference straightaway if the ingredients are in season.  
**Christina:** OK. Good tip! Well, I'm afraid that's all we've got time for, but thank you so much for joining us today.

### British Bar Chat Track 27

**Nicole:** Thank goodness it's Friday!  
**Danielle:** Oh, tell me about it.  
**Nicole:** It's been so stressful, don't you think?  
**Danielle:** Absolutely, this week as has been so, so long.  
**Nicole:** At least it's over now, and another thing is, I guess at least it goes quickly when it's that busy. But I'm so tired.  
**Danielle:** Oh I know, talk about a Friday feeling. When I was young, Friday was about going out and having fun, but now I just want to go to bed.  
**Nicole:** Tell me about it. I think when I get home, I'm just going to put me feet up and put on a good film, and not move for twenty-four hours, at the very least.  
**Danielle:** That sounds like heaven, and a big pile of chocolates.  
**Nicole:** Oh, and a bottle of wine.  
**Danielle:** Oh yeah.

### US Bar Chat Track 28

**Daniel:** Hey!  
**Emily:** Hey! What are you doing this weekend?  
**Daniel:** Erm, actually I'm going camping.  
**Emily:** No you're not, what, why, where?  
**Daniel:** Erm, the Sierras.  
**Emily:** Oh really, okay, I mean, do you go camping a lot, what's the deal?  
**Daniel:** Erm, no, just, me and my friends, erm, like to go camping, about, I don't know, every three months or so.  
**Emily:** Okay, you go in the cold?  
**Daniel:** Yeah, rain, shine, it doesn't matter.  
**Emily:** I don't know, I mean this month it's pretty unpredictable, it could be cold it could be warm, you don't know.  
**Daniel:** Yeah yeah, you know, you just bring a lot of blankets.  
**Emily:** Okay, well, what kind of things do you do typically on a camping trip?  
**Daniel:** Oh, you know, the typical. S'mores, and frying eggs in the morning on a tiny little grill, erm... hiking.  
**Emily:** Yeah, I like hiking a lot! Do you have a hiking stick?  
**Daniel:** Erm, I usually find one on the spot.  
**Emily:** Oh, okay a nature man! Okay, do you have hiking boots, like do you have gear, I mean what do you...?  
**Daniel:** Yeah, everything.  
**Emily:** How intense are you of a camper is my question.  
**Daniel:** Okay, we're mediocre campers, we're not, erm...  
**Emily:** That's fair.  
**Daniel:** Yeah. Did you ever go camping as a kid, or...

**Emily:** Yeah, I went camping, I used to love that. Although one time I found a spider in the tent, and that was pretty scary, so, it was actually a tarantula, a baby tarantula, but I'm sure they bite and it hurts just as much.  
**Daniel:** No way!  
**Emily:** But that won't happen to you I'm sure, so have a good weekend!

### Story: The Shop Episode 7 Track 29

**Carol:** Quick! Give me those scissors.  
**Jim:** Here you are.  
**Carol:** (She opens one of the boxes.) Wow!  
**Jim:** What is it?  
**Carol:** It's a painting. (She shows it to him.)  
**Jim:** So, Mr Burns is an artist.  
**Carol:** No, Mr Burns isn't an artist. These are probably stolen paintings. Mr Burns has stolen them. He probably stole them from an art museum a long time ago. And now he wants to sell them.  
**Jim:** Stolen paintings? You think Mr Burns is an art thief!  
**Carol:** Well, we don't know for sure.  
**Jim:** That's terrible.  
**Carol:** Look, it's simple. He steals the paintings. Then, he sells them. Probably to rich people in other countries.  
**Jim:** But what about the boxes downstairs?  
**Carol:** They're probably full of paintings, too. But we can't look at them now. Mr Burns has taken the key. He took it when he left the other day.  
**Jim:** So, what's this painting?  
**Carol:** I don't know. Has it got a name on it? (She opens the box a bit more and starts looking for a name.)  
**Jim:** Let's see. Yes, it says Ziebens. Henrik Ziebens. Who's he?  
**Carol:** I don't know, but we're going to find out.  
**Jim:** How?  
**Carol:** Turn on the computer.

### Who's at Fault Track 31

**Julie:** Right, right! I said turn right here!  
**Julie:** You can't tell me to turn right after we've passed the turn-off. I need some warning, you know!  
**Terry:** It wasn't my fault. You know I'm not very good at reading maps.  
**Julie:** You're not very good at driving either.  
**Terry:** Hey, that's not fair. You're the one who was in charge of all this. I don't even want to go to this stupid wedding. Why couldn't we stay at home and watch football? It's a really important match today — I can't believe you're making me miss it.  
**Julie:** It's got nothing to do with me. We're going to this "stupid" wedding because you promised that we would go, and it's your cousin who's getting married. If anyone's to blame for this it's you, not me. If you'd let me deal with it, we wouldn't be —  
**Left! Turn left!**  
**Julie:** Are you sure?  
**Terry:** Yes.  
**Julie:** And that will get us back in the right direction?  
**Terry:** It should do...  
**Julie:** OK then... Anyway, if you'd let me deal with this, we wouldn't be stuck in a car in the middle of nowhere. I could've thought of a good excuse for us.  
**Terry:** We do have a good excuse. The football's on. And it's the cup qualifier. Can't I just switch the radio on and find out the score...?  
**Julie:** No.  
**Terry:** Oh, come on, Julie.  
**Julie:** I said no.  
**Terry:** But Julie...  
**Julie:** Can't you just be quiet and read the map? Do you even know which way we're going?  
**Terry:** Of course I do. You need to turn off at the next junction, and then we just follow the signs for Birmingham.  
**Julie:** Birmingham?  
**Terry:** Yes. It's easy. Julie, what are you doing? Wait, why are you pulling over? Julie, could you please tell me what you're doing?  
**Julie:** The wedding's not in Birmingham, Terry. It's in Burnley. Didn't you even read the invitation?  
**Terry:** Of course I didn't! You're the one who was in charge of all this.  
**Julie:** And you were the one giving us instructions! I asked you if you wanted me to write down a list of directions, and you said, 'No, I'm not an idiot, Julie! Well, it looks like you are an idiot after all. Give me the map.'  
**Terry:** Look Julie, there's no point wasting time blaming one another. OK, so I made a small mistake with the directions...  
**Julie:** Oh sure, I mean it's an easy enough mistake to make. After all, there's only a hundred and twenty miles between Birmingham and Burnley. No big deal.  
**Terry:** Sorry, Well, now that we're lost, what should we do?  
**Julie:** I don't know, I guess we could go get something to eat.  
**Terry:** Or we could watch the game.  
**Julie:** TERRY!

### Get it Write Track 36

**Interviewer:** For all you wannabe writers out there, we have a treat in store for you today. Here in the studio, we have acclaimed scriptwriter Ben Porter with some insider tips on scriptwriting so, fetch that note pad and start writing them down. Welcome Ben, thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us today.  
**Ben:** No trouble at all.  
**Interviewer:** So, where do you start with a script? I can't possibly imagine how difficult it would be to come up with an idea for a script worthy of Hollywood. How do you do it?  
**Ben:** Well, you've just hit the nail on the head there. It all starts with an idea. First of all, remember that you're in for a long process, so you need to be patient and take each day as it comes. Your idea is your first building block — it's the foundation of the script. Of course, you've got a whole lot of work to do after that.  
**Interviewer:** But where do you get these ideas?  
**Ben:** Ideas can come from anything — an observation, a funny incident that happened to you, even a political statement. This is your seed, if you like. Now, it needs to grow!  
**Interviewer:** That's it? To me, that sounds too easy to be true.  
**Ben:** Well, no. You have to start jotting down ideas; a vague description / outline of the story. These ideas, at this stage, are raw. Then, they need to be worked into a script. This is the hardest part as it requires structure.  
**Interviewer:** If you're starting out, structuring a script might be a bit overwhelming, don't you think? I mean, how do you structure a script?  
**Ben:** Yes, it is. That's why there are so many books out there to help guide you. You can also consult an endless number of websites or writing organisations. After referring to lots of sources for advice, you need to give your piece the technical touch.  
**Interviewer:** Technical?  
**Ben:** Of course. Writing is technical, as it requires structure and drafting as I mentioned before. This is something the writer needs to research, learn and practice. You need a format on which to develop your ideas. You'll have hundreds of drafts before you're satisfied.  
**Interviewer:** So, once you have a plot and some kind of structure, what else is there?  
**Ben:** The most important thing! The essential ingredient to any story...  
**Interviewer:** People?  
**Ben:** Exactly; characters — characters that your viewers will love, hate, pity, in short, characters who are believable. Every character in every scene needs an identity, a history, a reason for being. I like to describe it as "breathing life into characters".  
**Interviewer:** I see. Well, you must know what you're talking about, as you recently won an award for best screen-play at Cannes — congratulations!  
**Ben:** Thank you.  
**Interviewer:** Well, it looks as though we've just run out of time. Thanks for stopping by.  
**Ben:** Thank-you for having me.

### Off the Cuff Track 42

Off the Cuff  
So, what's your ideal vacation?

### Off the Cuff A

Erm, I think somewhere that's near a beach but not a beach for lying all day in the sun. Somewhere where you can walk, that's, perhaps, not too busy, definitely not Benidorm or anywhere like that. That perhaps has a reasonable sized town that you can walk to, where you can go shopping, and look at the, the sites, yeah, perhaps some historical, old historical buildings, erm... with nice restaurants that you can-can visit. Somewhere that has some local traditions, perhaps in the evenings, that you can walk around and see different things, take pictures, and perhaps go somewhere quiet to have supper. Also, a good climate, so that even late at night, you can walk around and enjoy the atmosphere.

### Off the Cuff B

My ideal vacation... mmm... right now, because it's so busy at work, I think it would have to be, erm... on a desert island, in the middle of nowhere, obviously, being a desert island, erm... where I wouldn't have contact with anybody, erm... it would just be me, and the beach, and-and maybe a few good books. That's really my idea of a perfect holiday right now. Erm, oh yes, and of course good food. That would have to also feature in this perfect holiday. And it would have to be seafood, obviously, being near the sea, yeah, I'd like maybe lobster, crab, that kind of stuff.



# ANSWERS

## Off the Cuff C

Erm, my ideal vacation is skiing somewhere. Erm, I love to ski, it's... you're being active, but then you're also outside in the mountains, fresh air. Erm... my favorite time to go is probably about spring, but when it's towards the end of the season, because there are fewer people, erm... Most important part of skiing, I'd say, the snow, but also, not being too cold. I like to go to Colorado. I'm going in March and looking forward to it.

## Off the Cuff D

Ideal vacation... erm... I guess, more important than location, I guess would be the fact that I would need to just be able to be totally cut off from the rest of the world, and not have

access to internet and email and Facebook and everything like that that just is constantly taking my attention. But, if that's the case, then I love to go to the river. I usually go with my family two or three times a year. We've got a boat, we get to the river and we just do water sports, erm, all weekend. Erm, we do wakeboarding and water skiing and tubing and just have a really really good time on the water. It's super hot, erm, so jumping in the water for a nice cool dip is really awesome. And erm, it's just really relaxing to have the wind blowing in your face as you're racing down the river with everyone else, and we always have a really good time. So that's my-that's my idea of a perfect vacation.

## Answers

### No Winning page 4

#### 2 Reading II

- Council officials- against because they want to protect slower children from the trauma of losing.
  - Some doctors- for because they are afraid the new law will lead to childhood obesity.
  - Rugby International players- for because he believes that in order for Scotland to be successful on the international sporting stage, we have to encourage a winning culture
- 4 Language Focus**  
Win is to be the winner in a contest, to be victorious  
Beat is to come out better than a competitor in a competition or race

### Service with a Smile? Page 5

#### 3 Reading II

- True
  - True
  - False
  - False
  - False
- 4 Language Focus with synonyms**  
1C 2B 3D 4A

### Useful Vocabulary page 8

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

### Island Day-trippers page 10

#### 2 Reading I

- 1b 2a 3c  
**3 Reading II**  
1 Key West 2 Frasier Island 3 Brownsea Island 4 Frasier Island 5 Key West  
**4 Language Focus**  
Can; should

### Dr Fingers' Error Correction page 15

- That book is bigger than the previous one.
- This is better than yours.
- It is more beautiful than the other one.
- Which film is funnier?
- This one is worse than his.

### Catching Up page 15

#### 3 Listening II

- remember
  - these days?
  - enjoying
  - to you.
  - too long!
- 4 Language Focus**  
1. past simple 2. present perfect 3. present simple 4. past simple 5. past simple Past Simple is for things that happened in the past and are completed. Present perfect is things that started in the past but went on for a long time or are still going on.

### Grammar Fun page 16

#### Exercise

- business trip 2. journey 3. travel
- journey 5. tour 6. daytrips 7. tour 8. travel

### Telephone English page 17

#### 3 Reading II

- how may I help you?
- our address on file.
- would you like?
- \$438.25.
- G6129535

### Reality Shows Page 18

- shows about business, the music business and shows on deserted islands
- there is often competition involved, and people get eliminated
- in several places - on islands, in the business world
- because we love drama that involves other people

### Film Scripts page 19

- Sunday School 2. yes 3. cable (for television)
- 1a 2b 3a 4a 5a

### Neighbourly Love page 20

#### 3 Reading II

- 7- the length of the hedge in metres.
- 57- the age of Brian Stokoe
- 2006- the year the vicar moved into the vicarage
- 2007- the year Stokoe wrote a letter of complaint
- 14- the day in December that the two men started fighting

#### 4 Language Focus

- The police 2. The police 3. The action

### Dog's Best Friend page 21

#### 3 Reading II

- c. Greenhall was walking his dog in the park.  
a. Greenhall's dog, Jarvis, fell into the lake.  
e. Greenhall got into the lake to rescue Jarvis.  
b. He (Greenhall) crawled out of the lake.  
d. The owner and his dog went home.

#### 4 Language Focus

The prepositions onto and into are used to designate location or place.

### Trivia Matching page 22

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

### A Taste of Luxury page 25

#### 3 Listening II

- crispy 2. lemon 3. sticky 4. delicious
- 4 Language Focus**  
Present Perfect, because it is something that happened in the very recent past.

### Jokes page 38

- 1B 2F 3C 4H 5E 6A 7G 8D

### Misheard Lyrics page 39

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

### Food Crunch page 40

#### 3 Reading II

- False 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. True

### Members Only page 41

#### 2 Reading I

- Luke Johnson wanted to be accepted into the Garrick Club.
  - Johnson is the chairman of Channel 4.
  - The members didn't like the look of him.
- 4 Language Focus**  
Passive forms. They are used to express rules.

### Riddles page 45

- they weight the same; they are both one tonne.
- It always was the highest - it just hadn't been discovered.
- The survivors didn't die, so you don't need to bury them.

### No Small Business page 46

#### 3 Reading II

- a price customers are willing to pay and that covers your overhead costs.
- company size, investors, sources of

#### revenue

- paying a large staff
- Draw up a spreadsheet
- personal or business assets

#### 4 Language focus

to set up; to start up

### Who's At Fault? Page 47

#### 3 Listening II

- Both reading maps and driving
- The football match
- The score
- Burnley
- To get something to eat

#### 4 Language Focus

- let; wouldn't
- let; wouldn't
- We use the third conditional to talk about imaginary situations in the past
- We form the third conditional with two clauses 1) "if" + subject + past perfect 2) subject + "would have" + past participle

### Dr Fingers' Errors Correction page 51

- If I understood you, I would be able to help you.
- If she wins today, she will be the champion.
- We would be grateful if you sent us a copy of the letter.
- Supposing you don't get the job. What will you do then?
- She won't be able to go unless she pays the entrance fee.

### Get it Write page 51

#### 3 Listening II

- You start with an idea.
  - Ideas can come from anything.
  - Start jotting down ideas, and create a vague outline of the story.
  - Characters
- 4 Language Focus**  
The correct definition is a).

### Eating Out page 54

#### 3 Reading II

C

#### 4 Language focus

to eat in to take away

### Insane Name page 56

#### 3 Reading II

- Against 2. For 3. Against 4. Against
- 4 Language focus**  
The incorrect definition is a).

### Pure Brits page 57

#### 3 Reading II

- Famous people- most of them have foreign ancestors
- British traditions- many of them come from abroad
- British food and drink- has many international roots
- The English language- is a mixture of French, Latin, and German
- National Health Service- is staffed by people from all over the globe

#### 4 Language Focus

Statistic words- more than half, a quarter, one in ten, one in 20, one in 30

### Phrasal Verb Themes page 59

- willing 2. threat 3. plan 4. else 5. layoffs 6. lately 7. market 8. daughter

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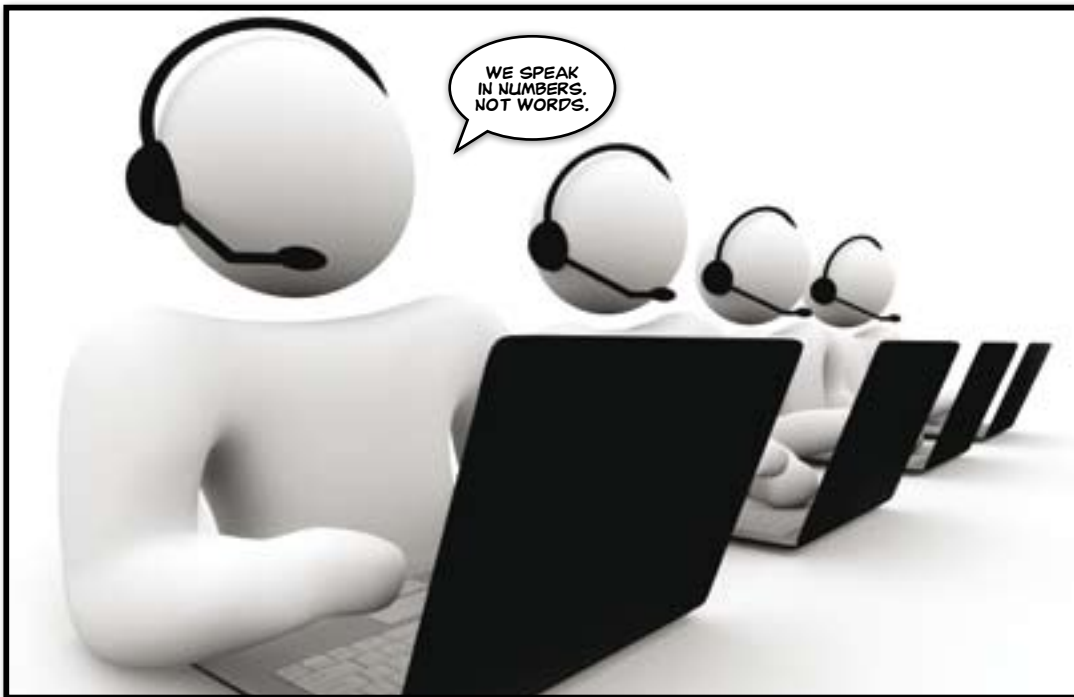
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# PHRASE OF THE MONTH



WE NORMALLY FOCUS ON ONE WORD, BUT THIS TIME WE'RE LOOKING AT SOME THEMED EXPRESSIONS. THIS MONTH, NUMBERS.

**4-1-1** Someone might say, "Give me the 411 on the situation." If this happens, they're asking for more information or details about something. In the United States, dialling 4-1-1, puts you in contact with a call centre. This centre has phone numbers and addresses for people, restaurants, companies, etc. But you can use this in everyday language as well. For example:

**a.** I've got the 4-1-1 on the new girl in town.  
**b.** He gave me the 4-1-1 on how to download that software program.

**10-4** If someone responds to you with a "10-4", it means they've received and understood your message. This comes from codes that police use to communicate with one another. Some people use this to mean, "I am confirming that I have received your message." For example:

**a.** **Andy:** I'll meet you on Wednesday at 4 pm.

**Jessica:** 10-4. Don't be late.  
**b. Thomas:** So, you said the bank is the 3rd street on the left?  
**Tammy:** I sure did.  
**Thomas:** 10-4. See you there.

**24-7** If you do something "24-7", it means you do that thing all the time without taking a break. This is an abbreviation for "24 hours a day, 7 days a week". For example, if you say, "My girlfriend was calling me 24 / 7," you mean that she was calling you non-stop. "24 / 7" can have both a positive and negative meaning. Here are some more examples:

**a.** I'm here for you anytime you need me. Feel free to call 24 / 7.  
**b.** Suzy is so annoying. She complains 24 / 7.

See you next month when we'll give you the 411 on some more words. Take care 24 / 7. 10-4! ☆

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