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

BIG NEWS - Hot English is becoming more exclusive than ever! As of July 2009, Hot English will only be available through subscriptions (it will no longer be in shops and kiosks). However, as a reward for all our loyal kiosk buyers, we've got some fantastic

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Now, back to the current magazine. This issue began as the "ladies issue", but has quickly turned into the "inspirational issue". We've got Beyoncé, girl groups and powerful women in the world. However, we've also got a Scandinavian festival, typical US traditions and just the right amount of scandal in our other articles. We talk about Beyoncé's new movie *Obsessed*, which is likely to scare you silly. And, we've got some controversy involving Miss California from the Miss America Pageant, gay marriage and a gossip columnist... that's on page 4. But really, I felt very inspired by this issue, especially when I read Tina Turner's story. She's so amazing and has been through a lot in her life. And, she's from Tennessee - like me!

So, I hope you enjoy this month's magazine, learn some English, and are entertained! Also, if you have any suggestions/ideas/praises/complaints, please contact me at magazineeditor@hotenglishmagazine.com.

See you next month!

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Perez Hilton

The power of internet exposure.



Miss California vs. Perez Hilton

Carrie Prejean, also known as Miss California, was asked a difficult question. **Panellist** and gossip **blogger** Perez Hilton asked her if she supported gay marriage. Her response was, "I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman." Many people took offence to her answer. Perez Hilton even wrote some negative things about her on his blog. Prejean defended her answer saying that her family **brought her up** to think this way, but added that her sister is a gay rights activist.



GLOSSARY
a blogger *n* a person who keeps a blog, (an internet diary)
to bash *vb* informal to criticise someone a lot
unflattering *adj* if a photo is "unflattering", it makes you look less attractive than you are
to make fun of *exp* to laugh at someone or make jokes about them
a partnership *n* a relationship between two people or two companies that work together as a team
a panellist *n* a person who acts as a judge on a television programme
to be brought up *exp* to be educated by your parents as a child

1 Pre-reading

Make a list of society's most talked-about celebrities. For example, Paris Hilton. Now rank them in an order of your choice.

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2 Reading I

Answer these questions.
 1. Who is Perez Hilton?
 2. What does he do?
 3. What does he write about?

3 Reading II

Comment on the following.
 1. his popularity
 2. his celebrity
 3. his involvement with Warner Brothers

4 Language focus word formation

Make a sentence with each form of the word.
 1. partnership (noun, act)
 2. _____ (noun, person)
 3. _____ (verb) + with

5 Discussion

1. Do you think people like Perez Hilton have an important role in society? Why? Why not?
 2. Why are gossip magazines / programmes / blogs so popular?
 3. Do you read magazines about celebrities? Why? Why not?

Some people love him. Some people hate him. But most love to hate him. His name is Mario Lavandeira, but he's also known as gossip **blogger** Perez Hilton. Perez is famous for **bashing** celebrities on his blog by posting **unflattering** pictures of them and **making fun of** them. And people can't stop reading about it.

Perez has become so popular on the internet that Warner Brothers Records wants to give him an "imprint". This means that his blog will now have the "brand name" Warner Brothers Records on it, rather than being independent. Perez Hilton's blog has made him a part of the celebrity world. His website has a section called "Personally Perez" which has photos of him with celebrities at various parties and events.

But Perez fans are worried. They think Perez's association with Warner Brothers Records will change the content of his blog. But Perez is convinced that won't happen. "I'm upfront with Warner Brothers," he said. "They can't tell me what to do. If I hate one of their artists on their label, chances are I won't mention them on my blog at all."

Perez and his lawyer aren't giving specifics about the negotiations. But does this possible **partnership** mean Perez will eventually have to be less controversial? ☺

Seeing the Future

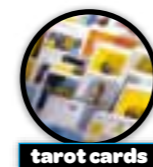
Psychics have more and more clients.



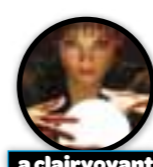
1 Pre-reading

Have you ever used any of the following to plan your future:

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tarot cards



a clairvoyant



a psychic



the horoscopes

2 Reading I

What do people ask about when they see a psychic? For example, work. Make a list of other subjects. Read the article to check your ideas.

3 Reading II

True or False?

- The most common question Matilda Fox gets asked is about romance.
- Most of Matilda Fox's customers ask about money matters.
- More people are now visiting psychics for the first time.
- Monrose gives investment advice to her customers.
- Other psychics use more practical approaches to make predictions for their clients.

4 Language focus predictions

Underline the correct word to complete the expression: **make/do** a prediction.

5 Discussion

- Are you good at making predictions? For example, about the weather?
- Do you know anyone who has seen a clairvoyant? Give details.
- Do you believe that clairvoyants can predict the future? Why? Why not?

"I rarely get asked about love these days," says Matilda Fox, a psychic with more than 30 years experience. Now, the majority of Fox's clients are **seeking** financial advice. If a **broker** can't help, why not ask a psychic?

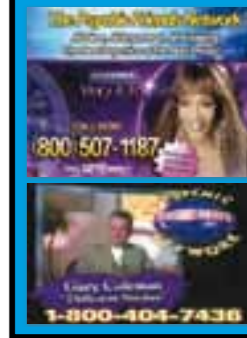
"People who have never used a psychic before are now some of our most frequent customers," says Marketing director Margaret Fielding of Psychic Source. According to Fielding, some clients pay more than six dollars a minute for **paranormal** advice.

Nina Monrose, a "seer" since she was 9, also uses her powers to give financial advice. She believes, "In times of stress, people **rely on** magic and superstition." Monrose tells her clients which **stocks** to buy and sell. However, she wouldn't answer questions about the **accuracy** of her predictions.

So, how does it work? Some offer general financial advice about the market. Others offer **common sense** solutions. And others give specific advice on which companies to **invest** in. Either way, they're working more hours and making more money. But are they helping? Only the future will tell. ☺

The Psychic Friends Network

The Psychic Friends Network is a US-based telephone psychic service. The network claims to use the "Ancient Mystic Secrets" of psychics, astrologers and Tarot to help see the future. The group began advertising themselves through **infomercials** in 1992. Since then, people have called with questions on love, sex, health, money, jobs, and business. The group has even been endorsed by several celebrities.



GLOSSARY

rarely *adv* not often
to seek *vb* if you "seek" advice, you look/ask for it
a broker *n* a person whose job is to sell shares, goods or foreign money for other people or companies
paranormal *adj* a "paranormal" event is one that cannot be explained by science
a seer *n* literary a person who predicts what will happen in the future
to rely on *phr vb* if you "rely on" someone or something, you depend on them
stocks *n* shares in the ownership of a company
accuracy *n* the quality of being correct, precise or true
common sense *n* if you have "common sense", you use judgment and make logical decisions
to invest *vb* if you "invest" money, you put money into something (a company) and hope to make a profit
an infomercial *n* a television programme in which a person (often a celebrity) gives information about a product or when a politician gives his/her opinions

The Name Game

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



Pearl Jam (American rock group)
"Jam" is a food made with fruit that is often spread on bread.
"The breakfast shop has great food; and, they make their own jam."



Queen (English rock group)
A "queen" is a woman who rules a country as its monarch.
"The Queen of England has been to many countries throughout the world."



Carole King (American singer / songwriter)
A "king" is a man who rules a country as its monarch.
"There have been many kings throughout French history."



Ice Cube (American rap artist)
An "ice cube" is a block of frozen water.
"I put five ice cubes in my tea in the summertime."



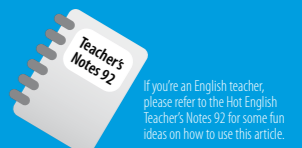
Vincent Price (American film actor)
The "price" of an item is how much it costs.
"We stayed in a youth hostel because they offered the best price."



Bob Hope (British-American comedian and actor)
If you "hope" for something, you really, really want it to happen.
"I hope to get a job before the end of March."



Kanye West (American R&B Singer)
"West" is the direction you look towards in the evening when the sun goes down.
"The sun crosses the sky from east to west."



Are you **obsessive**?

DO YOU LIKE TO PLAN EVERYTHING TO THE LAST DETAIL, OR DO YOU **GO WITH THE FLOW**? TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT... IF YOU CAN RELAX LONG ENOUGH.



Results
If you answered...

**mostly a's
Overly Obsessive**
Calm down! You are totally obsessive. Life is short, and it gets even shorter when you're constantly looking at your watch.

**mostly b's
Balanced Bee**
You aren't obsessive because you know when things are important. You're a good **balance** of obsessive and relaxed.

**mostly c's
Cool as a Cucumber**
You're completely **laid back**. But, that's OK, if your life allows for it. However, sometimes it's good to take things seriously.



- You have the day off tomorrow from work. What are you going to do?
 - Wake up early, work, clean the house, make dinner to last for an entire week, then do some more work.
 - Sleep in, **do the laundry** and **run errands**.
 - Sleep until 3pm and watch television for the rest of the day.
- You just realised your watch stopped working. What's your reaction?
 - "It's OK, I only lost ten minutes, because that's how often I'm watching the time."
 - "Oh, no, I hope I didn't **miss** any important meetings or get to work too late!"
 - "Oh, well, I'll buy another one when I can."
- Your boss gives you an appraisal at work. You get a 9 out of 10. What's your reaction?
 - That's terrible! How can I earn the 10th point?
 - OK, thanks. That sounds pretty good, but what can I do to improve?
 - 90% is better than 80%, so I can live with that.

- You're going to another country for six months! You're leaving next week. What have you done to get ready?
 - Everything! I've packed my bags, my new apartment is waiting for me, and I've calculated how long it takes to get to the airport from my house.
 - I have boxes, but they're empty. I've made a list of things to buy. I'm not ready now, but I will be.
 - Nothing. I've told people I'm leaving, and I'm probably going to have a goodbye party. But I haven't made any solid plans yet.
- All of your friends are at your house getting ready to go out to dinner. You're anxious to get to the restaurant, but no one is ready, so you'll probably be a bit late for your reservation. How do you react?
 - I'm counting the seconds until I need to leave, and am basically **freaking out**.
 - I'm watching the clock, and calmly **reminding** my friends of the reservation.
 - I'm watching a DVD series of my favourite television programme. 📺

GLOSSARY
to go with the flow *exp*
to let things happen or let people tell you what to do
to do the laundry *exp*
to wash your clothes
to run errands *exp*
to take a short trip to do / get something
to miss *vb*
if you "miss" an appointment, you don't go to it
to freak out *exp informal*
to panic
to remind *vb*
to tell someone something again
balance *n*
a situation or combination of things in which all the parts have the same strength and importance
laid back *adj informal*
relaxed; calm

USEFUL VOCABULARY

USEFUL VERBS & EXPRESSIONS

THIS IS ANOTHER PART IN OUR SECTION ON USEFUL VOCABULARY.
THIS MONTH: EXERCISING. ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

1 Match the words

Match the words below to the pictures.

- Trainers (sneakers – US English)
- A towel
- A track suit
- An athletics track
- A yoga mat
- A gym / gymnasium
- A running machine
- A membership card
- Weights
- A sauna



2 Wordsearch

Now find these words in the wordsearch.

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|-------------|----------------|
| trainers | towel |
| track suit | athletic track |
| yoga mat | gym |
| run machine | member card |
| weights | sauna |



3 Guess the word

Think of ways to describe these exercise words. See if your partner can guess the word from the list based on your clues.



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

TO GO FOR A JOG
IF YOU "GO FOR A JOG", YOU RUN AS A FORM OF EXERCISE.

"I GO FOR A JOG EVERY DAY AFTER WORK."

TO WORK OUT
TO DO PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

"SHEILA WORKS OUT AT THE GYM ON MONDAYS WITH ME."

TO DO AEROBICS
TO DO RHYTHMIC EXERCISE TO MUSIC.

"HE QUIT SMOKING AND HAS STARTED DOING AEROBICS ROUTINES - HE'S REALLY TRYING TO IMPROVE HIS HEALTH."

TO LIFT WEIGHTS
TO EXERCISE BY PUSHING UP OR RAISING HEAVY OBJECTS MADE OF METAL.

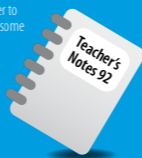
"I WENT TO THE GYM TO LIFT WEIGHTS."

TO STRETCH
TO PUT YOUR ARMS / LEGS OUT STRAIGHT IN ORDER TO TIGHTEN YOUR MUSCLES.

"IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO DO A FEW STRETCHING EXERCISES BEFORE RUNNING."

TO WARM UP / COOL DOWN
"TO WARM UP" MEANS TO DO GENTLE EXERCISES / MOVEMENTS TO PREPARE YOU FOR STRENUOUS / VIGOROUS EXERCISE. "TO COOL DOWN" MEANS TO DO A SLOW EXERCISE DIRECTLY AFTER ONE THAT IS MORE INTENSE.

"THEY RAN 13 KILOMETRES, BUT WALKED THE LAST ONE TO COOL DOWN."



Forums

Help! Help! Help!

Read the posts asking for help. Have you experienced any of these problems? What advice would you give?

IT support forum

Ninja: IT issues

Help! When I boot up, I get an error message. It tells me to shut down and start again but everytime I turn my computer on, I get the same message. Previously, I had had more problems. Programmes took ages to run, it took years for my computer to shut down... the problems didn't stop. But now, it looks serious and I'm worried. I need my computer for work so this is a disaster. Has anyone experienced anything similar? **And, if my computer is dead, will the supplier replace my hardware?**



they can advise you. If it's your hard drive and you are within your warrantee, the supplier will replace the disk. Good luck!

problem for a short period. It sounds to me like you're stressed, so you should find a way to disconnect after work. Meet some friends for a drink or read a good book on the sofa – anything that relaxes you. My general practitioner told me that herbal medication only works for minor sleeping problems and only in the short-term. She also told me to avoid any caffeine. Don't drink coffee or coke!

Shopping website

Suzy: vintage clothing?

Does anyone know where I can get vintage clothes from the fifties? My town doesn't have any second hand shops like in London and I really love fifties fashion. I want to find a cool vintage dress – any suggestions?

Post a reply

Re: vintage clothing?

Easy – eBay. Go to the American one as there's more choice. Browse what they have, make your order and hey, presto - goods are delivered within the month. I swear by eBay. ☺

Health website

Petra: Sleeping tips?

Does anyone know of any natural remedies for sleeping difficulties? I've taken on new responsibilities at work recently and I'm exhausted. However, as soon as I get into bed, I feel wide awake. I've tried herbal teas and even tablets, but they don't work. I'm so tired, it's beginning to affect my work and family life. Any tips?

Post a reply

Re: Sleeping tips?

I sympathise, Petra. I had a similar

Post a reply

Re: IT issues

That sounds familiar. If programmes take a long time to run, it normally means that the computer has a virus. Did you update your security programmes? This is so important! Otherwise, it could be your software. If you have the disks that came with the computer, you could reinstall and format your computer again. **If I were you, I'd call technical support** and

1 Pre-reading

Make a list of possible problems under the following categories:

- IT** – for example, "My computer has a virus."
- Health** – for example, "I can't sleep at night."
- Shopping** – for example, "I can't find a simple black dress anywhere."

2 Reading I

Read the problems (not the advice) in the article. Are any of your problems from the Pre-reading exercise mentioned?

3 Reading II

Before you read the replies, write down your own solutions to the problems. (No longer than 10 words.) Now, read the replies. Is the advice in the article similar to the advice you gave?

4 Language focus conditionals

Circle the conditionals which are used in the article.

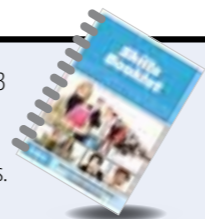
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- What are these conditionals used for?
- How do we form the conditionals from the article?

5 Discussion

Refer to page 94 in Unit 23 of your Pre-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.

- What do you do when you need advice? For example, look on the internet, talk to your friends, etc.
- Have you ever used an advice forum? Why? Why not?
- Have you experienced anything similar to these problems? When? What happened?



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Story Time

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

Dog Bite

A man walks into a shop and sees a **cute** little dog. He asks the shopkeeper, "Does your doggie bite?" The shopkeeper says, "No, my dog doesn't bite." The man tries to **pet** the dog and the dog bites him. "Ouch!" He says, "I thought you said your dog doesn't bite!" The shopkeeper replies, "That's not my dog!"

this morning. The forecaster said **on the one hand** it might be fine, but **on the other hand** there might be some rain."

Hanging by a string

A piece of string walks into a bar and asks for a drink. The barman refuses to serve him. The piece of string leaves the bar feeling sad. He walks down the road and then he sees two girls.



He asks them for help. "Please," he says to one of the girls, "Would you tie a **knot** in me?" She does. The piece of string then says to the other girl, "Please, would you mind taking your **comb** and **fluffing out** the ends of my string?" The girl says thank you and goes back into the bar. He tries to order a drink again. The barman looks at him strangely and says, "Aren't you the piece of string that was in here a moment ago?" "No," comes the answer, "I'm a **frayed knot**." ☺



GLOSSARY

cute *adj informal*
very pretty; attractive
a pet *n*
an animal that you have in your house
ouch! *interjection*
people say "ouch!" when they suddenly feel pain
to meet *vb*
if you "meet" someone, you accidentally see someone you know
a glove *n*
a piece of clothing that you put on a hand to keep it warm
to respond *vb*
to answer
on the one hand...on the other hand *exp*
"on the one hand" introduces the first of two contrasting points. "On the other hand" introduces the second of two contrasting points
a knot *n*
if you tie a "knot" in a piece of string or rope, you put one end of the rope / string through a loop and pull it very tightly
a comb *n*
a piece of plastic with little teeth used to smooth out your hair
to fluff out *phr vb*
if you "fluff out" your hair, you make it larger and lighter by adding air to it
"a frayed knot" *exp*
this expression sounds the same as "afraid not", an expression that means, "I'm sorry, but no." Literally, a "frayed knot" is a knot that is broken a bit

In the country



a flower



a mountain



a field



a barn



a bridge



a fence



hills



a horse



grass



a garden



a chicken



fishing



In the country

LISTEN AND REPEAT THESE EXPRESSIONS.

Useful expressions

- What's the best way to get to the country?
- Is there a bus from here?
- How long does it take?
- Is there any place to eat there?
- Should we take some food?
- There's a castle.
- The view from the top of the hill is breathtaking.
- The scenery around here is magnificent.
- You can visit the castle.
- Are there any good walks?
- It gets a bit touristy in August, but it's great for most of the year.
- What's a typical souvenir from here?
- Is there a guided tour?
- Do we have to tip the guide?
- How do we get to that restaurant? ☺

The dialogue

NOW LISTEN TO THIS DIALOGUE. IN THIS CONVERSATION, THOMAS CALLS A BED AND BREAKFAST.

Receptionist: Country Oaks Bed and Breakfast, how may I help you?

Thomas: Hi, I'm thinking of coming for a visit in the next few weeks. What's the best way to get there from the city?

Receptionist: Take bus 35 from Appelton Street. Then, get off at the Cherry Turnpike, exit number 16. The house is the third one on the right, with a blue and pink sign.

Thomas: Is there any sightseeing nearby?

Receptionist: Well, there's a town with a medieval castle about 20 minutes away. There are guided tours that leave in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

Thomas: Mmmm, that sounds interesting.

Receptionist: Yes, it's really charming. It's a great place to take the family.

Thomas: What about restaurants? Are there many nearby?

Receptionist: There are a few. There's a nice little place in the village that sells traditional food.

Thomas: OK. That sounds great. Do you have two rooms with twin beds for the weekend of Saturday the 12th?

Receptionist: Erm... Let me check... Yes, we have two rooms available.

Thomas: Great!

Receptionist: What's your name, please?

Thomas: Thomas Sanders.

Receptionist: All right, Mr Sanders. We'll see you in two weeks.

Thomas: Bye. ☺



FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Saying Goodbye



THIS MONTH: SAYING GOODBYE

Short-term goodbye

- See you later. / Catch you later.
- See you tomorrow. / See you next week.
- Bye for now. / Bye.
- See you soon.

Long-term goodbye

- Good-bye.
- All the best.
- Good luck in the future. / Good luck in life.
- Until next time...
- Nice knowing you.
- Keep in touch.
- Farewell.
- So long.
- Take care.

Slang / Humorous

- Godspeed.
- Keep on, keepin' on.
- Ta-ta. (British)
- Keep it real.
- Peace out.
- Cheerio.
- Have a good life.
- **A:** See you later, alligator.
- **B:** In a while, crocodile.



Written

Yours sincerely, (formal)
 *Yours faithfully, (formal)
 Yours truly,
 Best wishes,
 Regards,
 Love, (informal)
 Love from, (informal)

In formal letters, use:
 *"Yours sincerely" – when you address the letter to a specific person.
 *"Yours faithfully" – when you address the letter "Dear Sir / Madam."



Functional Conversation:

NOW LISTEN TO THE DIALOGUE. FELICIA AND MANDY ARE SAYING GOODBYE.

Felicia: I can't believe we've been working here together for five years!

Mandy: I know. It feels like only yesterday we were interns making coffee and copies.

Felicia: Yeah, and now it's time to say good-bye. I'm so sad!

Mandy: I know, I'm really gonna miss you.

Felicia: I'll miss you too. I'm glad we've got each other's addresses so we can keep in touch.

Mandy: We should visit each other once we start our new jobs.

Felicia: Most definitely. Well, it's been great working with you and it was wonderful to meet you.

Mandy: You too. So long.

Felicia: Until next time.

Mandy: Take care of yourself and call me soon.

Felicia: I will! Good luck in the future.

Mandy: And you. Good-bye... ☺



DR FINGERS' ERROR CORRECTION CLINIC

IN THIS SECTION, DR FINGERS IDENTIFIES AND CORRECTS TYPICAL ERRORS.



ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

- 1 Activity**
 Read the sentences, find the errors and correct the sentences. Then listen to the CD to check your answers. Good luck!
1. Every July we are going to Morocco for a holiday.
Every July we go to Morocco for a holiday.
 2. I'm playing the violin when I was a child.
 3. We were late because we taked the wrong turn.
 4. I think it rains soon.
 5. Wait here until I am calling you.
 6. I will read until midnight last night.

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SKILLS BOOKLET LISTENING



Company Evaluation

Rating your job.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

- 1 Pre-listening**
 Evaluate your company on a scale of 1-10 (10 is the best) based on the following:
- a. company productivity
 - b. atmosphere
 - c. general environment
 - d. benefits
- 2 Listening I**
 Listen once and put the subjects for evaluation (a-d) in the order that you hear them.
- 3 Listening II**
 Write brief notes next to each of the prompts from the Pre-listening exercise. For example, company productivity – efficient...



- 4 Language focus scoring**
 Complete the scores from the listening with the missing preposition: 8 ___ of 10
- 5 Discussion**
1. What's the best thing about your job? And the worst thing?
 2. Which benefits (from the listening) do you enjoy? For example, private health insurance.
 3. What helps contribute to a good atmosphere in an office? Give examples.

Refer to page 99 in Unit 24 of your Pre-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



THIS MONTH, WE'RE LOOKING AT SEEING VERBS.

SEEING



1 Exercise

Choose the correct answer.

- It's difficult to **look/see**. It's too far away.
- Did you **see/look** the face she made when she won the lottery?
- Watch/see** me do it, then try to copy me.
- The police are **watching/seeing** the house because it was burgled last night.
- Have you **looked/seen** the latest Spielberg film?
- I **saw/watched** Barry last night – I hadn't talked to him for ages.
- The best part about riding the bus is **watching/looking** people on the street.
- John! Stop **looking/watching** out the window and pay attention!

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61



Verbs for sight: see / look / watch

1. "See" is a sight verb. If you "see" something, you notice it with your eyes. For example:

- a) **Teacher:** Can you see the board?
Student: No, your writing is too small.
 b) I saw a very interesting documentary on TV last night.

2. "Look" is another sight verb. If you "look" in a particular direction, you direct your eyes in that direction.

- a) Look at the sky! There's a hot air balloon.
 b) Do you want to look at the photos I took in Paris?
 Remember that "look" is often used with the preposition "at".

3. If you "watch" something or someone, you look at it for a period of time and pay attention to what is happening. For example:

- a) Did you watch the horror film on TV last night?
 b) I like watching football matches in pubs.

Remember that "see" and "watch" can sometimes be interchanged. For example:

- a) I watched a documentary on TV last night.
 b) I saw a documentary on TV last night.

The following phrasal verbs are used for commands or to get people's attention.

Look out! Watch out!

Here are some useful expressions to use with seeing verbs.

See:

- We'll see.
- See you later.
- Do you see what I'm saying?
- I see your point.

Look:

- I don't know the answer, but I'll look into it.
- Look at me when I'm talking to you.
- Look at the time! I've got to go.

Watch:

- Watch out for that car!
- Can you watch my purse while I go to the toilet?
- Watch this! I can juggle while I'm running!

TELEPHONE ENGLISH



To go, please!

How to order take-out food.

1 Pre-Listening

Write a list of all the kinds of take-out food you can think of in two minutes.



2 Listening I

Listen to the conversation and note down what the caller orders.

3 Listening II

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

- The caller would like to order some **food / goods**.
- Her order is for **delivery / pick-up**.
- The caller would like the **ham / jam** pizza.
- The caller would like a burger **with / without** mayonnaise.
- The caller's name is **Hardwick / Gardwick**.

4 Language focus "will"

Turn to the tapescript on page 60 and highlight all the sentences with "will". Which sentence(s) containing "will" is to be used express...

- ...a spontaneous decision at the moment of speaking?
- ...a promise or an offer?

5 Discussion

- How often do you order take-out food?
- Do you prefer take-out food or going to eat at a restaurant? Why?
- What's your favourite take-out food? Why?



Isn't there a song that gets you excited about the summer? Come on, there has to be one song that you must listen to when you're lying on the beach, enjoying your holiday? Well, that's what we asked Hot English Staff, and here's what they came up with.

- "Rock Lobster" – The B52's
- "Over the Hills and Far Away" – Led Zeppelin
- "Bicycle" – Queen
- "Hotel California" – Gypsy Kings
- "Higher Ground" – Red Hot Chili Peppers
- "What I Got" – Sublime
- "Closer to the Sun" – Slightly Stoopid
- "To Live and Die in LA" – Tupac
- "Take it Easy" – Jackson Browne
- "Gettin' Better All the Time" – The Beatles
- "Soak up the Sun" – Sheryl Crow
- "Summer Girls" – LFO
- "Easy Like Sunday Morning" – Lionel Richie
- "Like a Rolling Stone" – Bob Dylan
- "Tenderness" – General Public
- "Venice Queen" – Red Hot Chili Peppers
- "Roam" – The B52's
- "Cruel Summer" – Bananarama
- "Dreamin'" – G-Love and the Special Sauce
- "Summertime" – Kenny Chesney
- "Give it Up" – The Format
- "Underwater Love" – Smoke City
- "The Song Remains the Same" – Led Zeppelin
- "Proud Mary" – Tina Turner
- "Everything You Want" – Vertical Horizon

So what are you waiting for? Download these songs and get ready for summer!



SKILLS BOOKLET READING

Neighbourhood watch

Reviving the Community Spirit.

When did you last speak to your neighbour? Do you even *know* your neighbour? Probably not, according to the latest studies in neighbourhood culture.

In the past, there was a clear sense of community spirit. Neighbours knew each other by their first names. People trusted each other to look after their mail, children and homes. In fact, people even left their backdoors unlocked. It seems that the neighbourhood then was one big open house. But what happened? Sociologists blame the internet for the distinct lack of neighbourly behaviour. It seems we'd rather talk to our computer screens than our neighbours. And it's making us lonelier and unhappier than ever. So, is there any hope for the future of our neighbourhoods?

In the UK, things seem to be happening. In neighbourhoods all over the country, people are sharing family responsibilities, swapping their worldly belongings, saving local shops and holding street parties. One neighborhood party that keeps growing takes place in London and is known as the *Thurloe Square Garden*



Party. At this annual event, residents get together to celebrate their neighbourhood with face painting, bouncy castles and live music.



The US is making an effort to be more neighbourly too, especially young people. And, the best part is that the people getting involved in neighbourly projects are as young as 10. Sick of seeing trash in their neighbourhood, the youth of Baxter neighbourhood in Grand Rapids, Michigan spent three weeks cleaning up their streets. They called the initiative The Baxter Youth Project. It was supervised by Marian Barerra-

Young – a crime prevention organiser. She saw a positive change in attitude towards the neighbourhood among the younger generation.

There is even a website dedicated to being more neighbourly. www.myneighbourhoods.co.uk was designed by Danny Bull, and makes it easier for people to make friends in their local area. As a registered user, you can log on, create a profile and search for friends with similar interests and hobbies. For example, if you've recently moved to a new village and would like a tennis partner, you can post a note in your profile. Users can also find plumbers and builders through their cyber neighbours. "People feel they can't just go round and ask for help," Bull says. "But they're much more willing to reach out to others online. And this facilitates real-life interaction," he adds.

So, maybe community spirit isn't completely lost. We may not be able to leave our back doors open as our grandparents did, but at least we know that some people still care. So, next time you buy a house, keep this Russian proverb in mind, "Don't buy the house, buy the neighbourhood." ☺

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

1 Pre-reading

Look at the subtitle, "Reviving the Community Spirit". What do you think this article is about? Use the keywords to help you.

- first names
- internet
- lonelier
- neighbourhood
- crime prevention
- website
- local information

2 Reading I

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

3 Reading II

Choose the best summary for the article.

- a. The article is about the total and complete loss of neighbourly spirit.
- b. The article debates whether the US or the UK has more neighbourly spirit.
- c. The article is about what communities are doing to help save the neighbourly spirit.

- d. The article is about how new technologies are responsible for the lack of support in neighbourhoods.

4 Language focus "make" versus "do".

Without looking back at the article, circle the correct word below to complete the collocation with "effort":

"The US is **making/doing** an effort to be more neighbourly too."

Now, look at the article to check your answer.

1. What are some collocations with the word "make"?
2. What are some collocations with the word "do"?

5 Discussion

1. Do you know your neighbours? Do you make an effort to get to know them? Why? Why not?
2. Do you think you are a good neighbour? Why? Why not?
3. Do you agree with the Russian proverb, "Don't buy the house, buy the neighbourhood"? Why? Why not?

Refer to page 96 of Unit 23 of your Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



FILM / TV SCRIPTS

Gone with the Wind



Gone with the Wind tells the story of the **aftermath** of the **American Civil War** from the **South's** perspective. The movie was directed by Victor Fleming and starred Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. It's based on the 1936 classic novel of the same name by Margaret Mitchell.

This is the final scene of the film when Scarlett O'Hara finally puts her **pride** aside and admits that she has been in love with Rhett Butler for a long time. Rhett has had enough of her **pettiness** and decides **to move on** without her.



1 Exercises

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

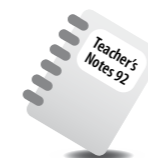
Read the dialogue and answer these questions.

1. Is Scarlett in love with Rhett?
2. Who is Ashley Wilkes?
3. What is Rhett's attitude towards Scarlett?

2 Definitions

Match the following words from the script (1-6) to their definitions below (a-f).

1. wrong
2. dignity
3. nasty
4. a handkerchief
5. charm
6. misfortune



If you are an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 92 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.

- a. the power or quality of being attractive to people
- b. mistaken; incorrect
- c. unpleasant; mean
- d. self-respect
- e. bad luck
- f. a small piece of fabric to wipe your eyes, nose, etc.

The script (US English)

Scarlett: What are you doing?

Rhett: I'm leaving you, my dear. All you need now is a divorce and your dreams of Ashley can come true.

Scarlett: Oh, no! No, you're **1) wrong**, terribly wrong! I don't want a divorce. Oh Rhett, but I knew tonight, when I... when I knew I loved you, I ran home to tell you, oh darling, darling!

Rhett: Please don't go on with this. Leave us some **2) dignity** to remember out of our marriage. Spare us this last.

Scarlett: This last? Oh Rhett, do listen to me, I must have loved you for years, only I was such a stupid **fool**, I didn't know it. Please believe me, you must care!

Rhett: I believe you. What about Ashley Wilkes?

Scarlett: I... I never really loved Ashley.

Rhett: You certainly gave a good imitation of it, up until this morning. No Scarlett, I tried everything. If you'd only **met me half way**, even when I came back from London.

Scarlett: I was so glad to see you. I was, Rhett, but you were so **3) nasty**.

Rhett: And then when you were sick, it was all my fault... I hoped against hope that you'd call for me, but you didn't.

Scarlett: I wanted you. I wanted you desperately but I didn't think you wanted me. I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry for everything.

Rhett: My darling, you're such a child. You think that by saying, "I'm sorry," all the past can be corrected. Here, take my **4) handkerchief**. Never, at any crisis of your life, have I known you to have a handkerchief.

Scarlett: Rhett! Rhett, where are you going?

Rhett: I'm going back to Charleston, back where I **belong**.

Scarlett: Please, please take me with you!

Rhett: No, I'm through with everything here. I want peace. I want to see if somewhere there isn't something left in life of **5) charm** and grace. Do you know what I'm talking about?

Scarlett: No! I only know that I love you.

Rhett: That's your **6) misfortune**.
[Rhett turns to walk down the stairs]

Scarlett: Oh, Rhett! Rhett!

Scarlett: Rhett, Rhett! Rhett, Rhett... Rhett, if you go, where shall I go? What shall I do?

Rhett: **Frankly**, my dear, I don't give a damn. ☺



GLOSSARY

the aftermath *n*
the "aftermath" of an important event is the situation that results from it

The American Civil War *n*
the war fought in the United States between the North and the South over slavery from 1861-1865

the South *n*
the southern region of the United States

to put your pride aside *exp*
to temporarily forget about your sense of dignity or self-respect

pettiness *n*
behaviour that is unnecessarily unkind or focuses on small, trivial things

to move on *phrvb*
if you "move on", you finish or stop one activity and start another one

a fool *n*
someone who lacks good judgment and is not sensible

to meet someone halfway *exp*
to compromise; to agree to 50% of someone's demands

to belong *vb*
if someone "belongs" to a place, that is where they are supposed to be

frankly *adv*
honestly; used to express and emphasize an opinion



Temporary Permanence

Why travelling nurses will always have jobs.

1 Pre-reading

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

This article is about a travelling nurse. What is a travelling nurse? Can you think of other professions that involve travelling?

2 Reading I

Before you read the article, make a list of three advantages and three disadvantages of travelling for a job. Now read the article to check your ideas.

Advantages	Disadvantages

3 Reading II Vocabulary focus.

Find the word in the article that means...

- ...a job
- ...not permanent
- ...the time you work (day or night)
- ...to expand your number of contacts
- ...a benefit you receive from a job
- ...something you sign to make something official

4 Language focus "to be cut out for something"

Look at the expression from the article and choose the correct definition: "Not everyone is cut out for this [job]."

- Anyone can do this job.
- Only certain people can do this job.

5 Discussion

- Would you be cut out for this kind of job? Why? Why not?
- What are the perks of your job? Give details.
- How much do you travel with your job? Would you like to do more / less travelling? Why? Why not?



Traveling Nurses

The field of travelling nursing began in the 1980s when the medical industry saw a **sharp** decrease in the number of registered nurses. In the past twenty years, travelling nurses have been used to fill staff **shortages** in hospitals around the US. Some hospitals have less nurses during different parts of the year, so they need travelling nurses to fill in the open positions. Most assignments last from 8-52 weeks in length, but shorter periods are available. Many hospitals eventually offer travelling nurses permanent positions.



"I love the travelling aspect. And, they pay me to go on holiday," says Annie Carter. Carter, a travelling nurse, is also relieved to know that her profession is still in demand during the **economic recession**. But what's so great about the job?

Carter, 29, has an unusual job. She's a travelling nurse. This means that she works on specific projects for a temporary time period in various parts of the US. For example, last year, she went to a teaching hospital in Alaska for six months to learn more about **prosthetic** procedures. There are agencies that partner up with hospitals to organise these shifts and coordinate their payments.

Travelling nurses **benefit** in many ways. "I know I may want to settle down someday, but this job helps me decide where," Carter explains. Travelling nurses have options of where they can work. Also, they can experience working in different hospitals, and meet lots of people, which allows them to network more easily.

There are negative parts about the job, though. "Not everyone is cut out for this," says hospital chairman Perry Richardson. He knows that constantly starting a job every few months can be very stressful.

But, for those who don't mind the stress, being a travelling nurse is a job with lots of **perks**. And, hospitals don't have to worry about **overhiring** because many of the staff are happy to have temporary contracts. It's good to know that some jobs are prospering during the economic crisis. ☺

GLOSSARY

- an economic recession** *n* a situation in which there are less jobs and people are spending and earning less money
- prosthetic** *adj* a "prosthetic" body part is an artificial replacement for a real body part
- to benefit** *vb* if you "benefit" from something, that thing helps you and improves your quality of life
- a perk** *n* a special benefit that your job offers you, such as a car or private health insurance
- to overhire** *vb* if a company "overhires", it employs too many people
- sharp** *adj* drastic; sudden
- a shortage** *n* if there is a "shortage" of something, there isn't enough of it



Compelled to help

CNN's top ten heroes of 2008.



1 Pre-reading

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

What is your definition of a hero? Write a list of three people who you would consider heroic. (Both personal and public figures) Why have you chosen these people? What "heroic" acts have they done?

2 Reading I

Read the article to find out about CNN's top heroes. Why are they considered heroes and what have they done?

3 Reading II

Which hero (Ruiz / Agoglia / both)...

- ...prepares aid in his/her own home?
- ...founded his/her own organisation?
- ...likes to see the reactions of the people they help?
- ...works with disaster victims?
- ...feels he/she could do more?
- ...doesn't feel like a hero?



4 Language focus present perfect vs. past simple

Look at the first paragraph of the article and underline an example of the present perfect and an example of the past simple.

- When do we use the past simple?
- When do we use the present perfect?
- Can you think of examples when either tense is correct?

5 Discussion

- Has anyone ever called you a hero? Why?
- Have you ever done any volunteer work for people in need? When? Where?
- Are there any national heroes in your country? What have they done?

What's your definition of a hero? CNN has released their top 10 heroes for the year 2008. Let's see what makes them so notable.

One person who made the list was Tad Agoglia. Agoglia founded the First Response Team of America, which is a self-funded, non-profit organisation for disaster relief. He has spent more than four years helping people recover from natural disasters, and is using his experience to gain more funding for his organisation. "The most critical phase of a disaster is the first few days," says Tad Agoglia. This year, people have seen **unprecedented** storms and hurricanes, so he has been staying very busy. When asked why he decided to help people, he answered, "America deserves this type of **response**."

Another hero is someone who doesn't consider herself a hero. Maria Ruiz lives thirty minutes from the US-Mexican border and drives in three times a week. She brings food and aid to children in Mexico. Her family in Mexico heard stories of children failing in school because they were hungry, and Ruiz felt that she had to do something. So, she cooked meals in her home and drove them into these areas in Mexico. She has raised enough money to be able to give clothing, toys and even **furniture** to people in need. Ruiz reflects, "When you make a child smile, it's **awesome**." Currently, she's working to build a kitchen that will have space to feed 500 people, an **orphanage** for 100 and a **trade school**. But somehow, all of this isn't enough for Ruiz. She says, "I know I can do more."

But they aren't the only ones on the list. Yohannes Gebregeorgis created a literacy program and a library for underprivileged children, Viola Vaughn opened a business school for young women, and David Puckett provides artificial **limbs** to those who can't afford them.

CNN is now taking **petitions** for this year's list. Do you know anyone who should be included? ☺

Notable CNN heroes

Viola Vaughn Viola Vaughn is the founder and Executive Director of the *Women's Health Education and Prevention Strategies Alliance*. The group develops new strategies for offering health and educational services to girls in Senegal.



David Puckett David Puckett is a US doctor whose non-profit organization *PIPO Missions: Limbs and Braces to Mexico* has supplied free artificial limbs, braces, and medical care to the disabled in Mexico.



GLOSSARY

- funded** *adj* if a project is "funded", the government or donors finance the project
- unprecedented** *adj* if something is "unprecedented", it has never happened before
- a response** *n* a reaction
- furniture** *n* large movable objects including chairs and tables
- awesome** *adj* incredible; amazing
- an orphanage** *n* a place where children live who have no parents
- a trade school** *n* a school in which a person can learn a skill or a particular area of business
- a limb** *n* an arm or a leg
- a petition** *n* an application; a formal request for something

TRIVIA MATCHING

WEIRD TRIVIA

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 61

1. Bubble gum
2. A jaguar
3. A toilet stall
4. A dollar
5. Broccoli
6. Cauliflower
7. Honey
8. A duffel bag
9. A pumpkin
10. A bell
11. A nut
12. Rubber

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

J

K

L

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

Bubble gum has rubber in it.

Jaguars are scared of dogs.

Hot water weighs more than cold water.

Cheese is the oldest man-made food.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Married men tip better than unmarried men.

After a large earthquake, the earth rings like a bell.

A pumpkin is made of about 90% water.

Broccoli and cauliflower are the only vegetables that are flowers.

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil. Long live the bees!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Coffee is grown commercially in more than forty-five countries.

George Washington had to borrow money so he could travel to his inauguration.

The toilet stall closest to the door in a public restroom is the least likely to be used. It's also the cleanest.

Duffel bags were first made in the town of Duffel, Belgium. That's why they're called duffel bags. Carry that piece of knowledge around with you... in your duffel bag!

GLOSSARY
rubber *n* a strong, elastic substance that is used to make boots, tyres, etc.
a jaguar *n* a large animal in the cat family with dark spots
to tip *vb* to give extra money to the waiter/waitress at the end of the meal as thanks for the service
an earthquake *n* the shaking of the ground caused by movement in the Earth's crust
to spoil *vb* if food "spoils", it becomes bad and cannot be eaten anymore
zinc *n* a bluish-white metal used to make other metals such as brass. Formula: Zn
copper *n* a reddish-brown metal used to make things such as wires and coins. Formula: Cu.
to borrow *vb* to use something temporarily with the intention of returning it to the person who gave it to you
an inauguration *n* an official ceremony in which someone starts their new position / job, etc.



Dear "A Counting Crow",
I'm pleased you've written in because you've raised some very interesting questions and you're absolutely right – it isn't always clear.

1. So, you know the rules, but let's remind our readers. A "countable noun" can be preceded by "a / an" or "one" or "two". In the plural form, we add an "s". **For example:**
a) *Can you lend me a pen?*
b) *Can you lend me four of your coloured pens?*

An "uncountable noun" can NOT be preceded by "a / an" or a number or followed by an "s". Instead we have to use "some" in the affirmative. **For example:**
a) *Can I have some water?*
b) *I'd like some milk please.*

Compare the following sentences:
a) *Can you lend me two Euros?* ("Euros" are countable)
b) *Can you lend me some money?* ("Money" isn't countable)

2. Now, let's look at "advice". This is uncountable in English.

a) *Can you give me some advice?*
b) *We gave her lots of advice.*

3. Sometimes, nouns can be both countable

and uncountable. Be careful – in these cases, there's a difference in meaning.
a) *Would you like a coffee?*
b) *Have you got any coffee?*

In a) "coffee" is countable as it refers to a cup of coffee although you don't explicitly say "cup". In sentence b) "coffee" is uncountable as it refers to the granules of coffee which are impossible to count. There are more examples, such as cake and pizza. You can refer to a slice of cake, or the whole cake.

Now, compare two more sentences:
a) *I'm going to buy a paper.*
b) *We need some paper for the photocopier.*

To recap:
If you can count it, it's countable! So, add "a / an" or a number. If you can't count it, it's uncountable! So, add "some". What's considered "countable" in your language may not be in English. Look out for those nouns which can be both but with a change in meaning. I hope this helps you and our other Hot English readers,
Yours Sincerely, Dr Fingers.

"uncountable"
With "uncountable" nouns, it's easy to make these sentences countable. If you put another noun in front of the "uncountable" noun, it becomes countable.
For example,
a) There was an interesting piece of news on the TV.
b) I'm missing an important piece of information on your form.

Corny Criminals

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

It wasn't me!

Identical twins blame each other for parking tickets.

"We don't know what to do. In fact, I don't think there's anything we can do," says police officer Barry Green who was referring to the case of the Lawford twins.

Harold and Michael Lawford are identical twins. They're both 38. They both live in Nashville, Tennessee, and they have both **accumulated** hundreds of parking tickets... and they haven't paid any of them. But how?

Unfortunately for the police, the car is registered in both of their names. And when they get a ticket, they blame each other for the **offence**. This year alone, they've been given more than 40 tickets. However, the police can't **charge** them, because it's impossible to know who parked the car in the wrong place.

Green says, "It's immensely frustrating for our officers. Every time we **hand** one of them a ticket, we know they'll never pay it. But we can't do anything about it."

Wheelin' and Stealin'

Man tries to steal a television.

"There were so many loose **wires** hanging off the television. We knew there was something suspicious going on," says Harry Tweeter, who saw a man trying to steal a television set. The strange part was that the man was **making his getaway** on a bicycle.

Tweeter made a call to the police. And it didn't take them long to **spot** the thief – he was riding a ten speed bicycle with the 132cm television placed between the **handlebars**. Thirty-four year-old Albert Finnegan was forced to return the television and pay a **fine**. It isn't easy being green, not even for a thief. ☺

GLOSSARY
to accumulate *vb*
to gather or collect over a period of time
an offence *n*
a crime that requires a punishment
to charge *vb*
when the police "charge" someone with a crime, they formally accuse them of having committed that crime
to hand *vb*
if you "hand" someone something, you give it to them
a wire *n*
a thin long piece of metal used to carry electricity to an appliance
to make a getaway *exp*
if someone "makes a getaway", they leave a place in a hurry, often after committing a crime
to spot *vb*
if you "spot" someone, you notice or see that person
a handlebar *n*
a "handlebar" on a bicycle is the curved metal bar that is used for steering (changing the directions of) the bike
a fine *n*
money you have to pay to the government when you do something wrong



RECIPE

Chicken and Rice



Difficulty level: Medium

Ingredients

- olive oil
- 2 **cloves** of garlic
- 4 small chicken filets (boneless)
- 200 ml white wine
- a **bouillon cube**
- 15ml salt
- 15ml black pepper
- 15ml **cumin**
- 2-3 **pinches** of yellow artificial colouring
- 200g rice
- water

Method

First, cut your chicken into small pieces. Then, get a medium-sized pot and fill it with enough oil to cover the bottom of the pot. While the oil is heating up, chop the garlic into **tiny** pieces. Put the chopped garlic into the pot, and let it brown slightly. Then, put in the chopped chicken. Stir until the chicken turns white. After that, add the white wine and spices: salt, cumin and black pepper. Also, add the bouillon cube, but **crumble** it beforehand so that it spreads more easily. Stir the mixture again. Then, add the rice and stir again lightly. Next, put in the artificial colouring to dye the rice yellow. Add water occasionally so that the rice doesn't **stick** to the bottom. Let all the ingredients **blend** together for about 20 minutes. Stir from time to time, and taste it every now and then. Add more spices and water according to your personal taste. ☺

GLOSSARY
a clove *n*
a "clove" of garlic is a small section of the bulb
a bouillon cube *n*
a substance used for soups and sauces that is made out of the combination of boiled meat, bones or vegetables
cumin *n*
a sweet-smelling spice used to add flavour to meat dishes
a pinch *n*
if someone uses a "pinch" of something when they cook, they use a little
tiny *adj*
very, very small
to crumble *vb*
to break something into a lot of small pieces
to stick *vb*
if A "sticks" to B, A becomes attached to B and is difficult to remove
to blend *vb*
to combine; to mix them together so they become one substance



WE'LL MISS YOU, BUT WE'RE GLAD ABOUT THE PARTY!

"Goodbye, My Friend"

Planning a farewell party.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

1 Pre-listening

Brainstorm different situations in which you have to say goodbye to someone. For example, at the airport if someone is going away for a long time.

2 Listening I

Why are they saying goodbye in this conversation?

3 Listening II

Complete the memo that Shelly writes to the other members of the department.

4 Language focus "question tags"

Look at the following example of a question tag from the article, "She loves that Mexican restaurant on Broad Street, doesn't she?"

1. Which part of the sentence is the question tag?
2. How do we form a question tag?
3. Why do we use question tags?

5 Discussion

1. Have you ever organised a party for someone? When? What was the occasion?
2. If you left your company, would you appreciate a farewell party? Why? Why not?
3. Have you ever bought a farewell gift for someone? What?

Dear all,
We've finally made plans for Tabby's farewell party. Please see details below:
1. Location:
2. Venue:
3. Gifts:
-
-
-
Feel free to add your comments / suggestions in the lines above.
Thanks,
Shelly

Turn to the transcript on page 60 and find more examples of question tags. Refer to page 100 in Unit 24 of your Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



Wet Hot American Summer

BASEBALL, APPLE PIE AND BARBECUE... THESE ARE SOME OF THE UNIVERSAL SYMBOLS OF THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, IF YOU PLAN ON TRAVELING TO THE GOOD OL' US OF A IN THE SUMMER, THERE ARE A FEW MORE THINGS THAT YOU MAY WANT TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH.



1. Tailgating.

This American tradition is a fun one. Before a concert or a football game, people park nearby. They open up the

trunks of their cars, play some music and often drink alcohol that they bring from home. It's usually a big group of people, but the magic of tailgating is to make friends with everyone around you. After all, everyone there likes the same band or sports team... so you've already got that in common.



2. John Cougar Mellencamp songs.

He's from Indiana in the Midwest. His sound is true Americana. Mellencamp grew

up in a small town and his songs like "Cherry Bomb", "Pink Houses" and "Jack and Diane" talk about youth, love and life in the small town United States. He's essential for a summer road trip.



3. S'mores.

A lot of people enjoy camping in the summer. So, if you go camping, you must try the ultimate camping dessert. To make a s'more, you

need a campfire, Graham crackers, Hershey's chocolate bars and marshmallows. First, you

take a Graham cracker and put a piece of chocolate on it. Then, you find a **stick** and put the marshmallow on it to roast it. Then, you place the marshmallow on the Graham cracker and chocolate and get another Graham cracker to put on top, like a sandwich.

4. Flip-Flops.

Of course you know what flip-flops are. But, people from the States wear them all the time. No, it doesn't matter if it's a summer in Florida or a winter in Idaho.

It also doesn't matter if you're wearing a bathing suit or a suit for work. We love them. They are cheap, they come in any color and are deemed as acceptable shoe wear regardless of where you go...except for the office.



5. Drive-Thrus.

People from the United States value comfort and convenience (hence the comfortable flip-flops). Why do you think we eat so much of that ready-made fast food? Some of these fast-food places are drive-thrus. These are "restaurants" without seating areas. Instead, you drive up to the window, order your food and then someone brings it to you. Depending on where you go, they might even be wearing **roller-skates**. You eat the food in your car. If you get annoyed with the people next to you, just roll up your window.



So, put on your red, white and blue, wave your American flag and get ready for a true American summer! 🇺🇸

GLOSSARY

a stick *n*
a thin branch which has fallen off of a tree
roller-skates *n*
shoes with four small wheels on the bottom



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Female authors have been around longer than you think. But how did they get their work published? Easy... they used **fake names**.



If you thought George Sand was a man, you'll be shocked to know that her real name is Amandine Aurore Lucile. She's a French writer who used the **pseudonym** George Sand for many of her novels. Lucile was a Romantic novelist who lived from 1804-1876. She had a very conventional

childhood but soon got **bored** with her life, and later led an eccentric lifestyle and had numerous love affairs. In 1831, she moved to Paris and joined a group of distinguished artists that included the famed French novelist Honoré de Balzac. Lucile was a very powerful

writer whose works expressed a deep sympathy for human suffering and pain. Lucile's novels were widely read in her time and were a strong influence on young writers. Her most famous books include *Le Marquis de Villemer* in 1861 and *Histoire de ma vie* in 1855. With a recent interest in feminism around the world, her works are being re-examined and **praised** once again. But they're still under her pseudonym.

George Eliot is the pen name for English novelist Mary Ann Evans. Evans said that she used this

pen name because she wanted her works to be taken seriously. Her novels became very popular during her lifetime and she was quickly praised as one of the best British authors of her time. During her career,



Evans became very interested in philosophy and rational thinking which is why she often included those themes in her writing. Although Evans is mostly known for her novels, she also created a series of poems and sonnets. Some of her most famous works include *Silas Marner* of 1861, and *Middlemarch: A Tale of Provincial Life* from 1875. Famed English author Virginia Woolf later described *Middlemarch* as "one of the few English novels written for grown-up people". Many say that Evans was best known for making **complex** topics such as science and art easy to understand.

Pennames are still being used today. JK Rowling admits to using a pen name. The



"J" represents her first name, Joanne, but the publishers wanted her to use a gender-neutral pen name, because they feared boys wouldn't read a science-fiction book written by a woman. Rowling then added the "K" in honour of her grandmother Kathleen because she has no middle name. Rowling is from Yate, near Bristol, England, and says she has been a writer since the age of 6. After years of family tragedies and moving around Europe, Rowling finally got the idea for her famous Harry Potter series while on a train in 1990. When Rowling wrote the *Harry Potter* books, she was recently divorced, unemployed and on **welfare**. She used to write her books in cafés, because taking her baby out for a walk was the easiest way to get her to fall asleep. In 1996, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* became a fast success. The series was soon **picked up** by the American publisher Scholastic, and in 1998 Warner Brothers Studios secured the film rights for the entire series. With the success of her books and the films, Rowling saw *Harry Potter* mania happen before her eyes.

Female authors use pseudonyms for many reasons. In the 1800s, women used them to be taken seriously. But even now, they use them so they can appeal to a more general audience. But, do you think it really makes a difference if a man or woman wrote Harry Potter? How does the message of a book change if you know the gender of the author? 🤔

George Sand
aka **Amandine Aurore Lucile**
(1804-1876)
Famous books: *Histoire de ma vie* (1855) and *Le Marquis de Villemer* (1861)



George Eliot aka **Mary Ann Evans**
(1819-1860)
Famous books: *Silas Marner* (1861) and *Middlemarch: A Tale of Provincial Life* (1875)



Joanne Rowling
aka **JK Rowling**
(1965-)
Famous books: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (1997) and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (1998) and the other five *Harry Potter* novels



GLOSSARY

fake *adj*
false; not real
a pseudonym *n*
a name that is different from their own name. Writers often use one
bored *adj*
if you are "bored", you grow tired or impatient with someone or something
praised *adj*
if something is "praised", people say good things about it
complex *adj*
complicated; not simple
welfare *n*
money the government gives poor people so they can pay their bills
to pick up *phr vb*
if a novel is "picked up" by a publishing company, the company decides to publish it

SIMPLY THE BEST

If anyone understands the meaning of survival, it's Tina Turner. She's had a tough life. But she's also become the ultimate **underdog** and the public supports her every step of the way.

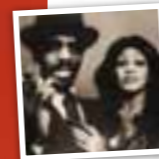


TINA TURNER QUOTES
 "I never felt sorry for myself. Once you start **self-pity**, you're dead – you're in a box. I didn't allow myself to go in that box. That's the message. Don't accept it. Keep going."
 "A good show is a good show... anywhere in the world."
 Tina to Ike on divorcing him: "You can take everything I've made in the last 16 years. I'll take my future."
 "I will never **give in** to old age until I become old. And I'm not old yet!"
 "Sometimes you've got to **let** everything go – **purge yourself**. If you are unhappy with anything... whatever is **bringing you down, get rid of it**. Because you'll find that when you're free, your true creativity, your true self comes out!"

Tina grew up in a troubled home. Her parents fought all the time, and eventually her mother moved out when young Tina was only 10. Years later, Tina moved to St. Louis with her sister, and that move changed her life forever. One night, the sisters went to the best club in St. Louis and heard The Kings of Rhythm play. Tina had never heard such lively and fun music. And that's when she discovered her destiny.



She was only 17, but had the **courage** of someone much older. After seeing the Kings of Rhythm play many times, she asked if she could sing with them. They finally let her. She loved it, and started becoming a regular with the band. And, she started getting closer to one band member in particular – Ike Turner. He called her "Little Ann" and bought her presents such as dresses, jewellery and even a gold tooth. Ike realised she was really talented, and he knew he couldn't let her **get away**. Also, he thought her real name, Anna Mae Bullock, didn't sound famous enough. So, he proposed the name change Tina Turner. And that's how Tina Turner was born.



Ike and Tina Turner were now the focus of the band. They had their first hit in 1960 with "A Fool in Love". After this first big success, The Kings of Rhythm changed their name to The Ike and Tina Revue. This was also the first time Ike physically hit Tina. She reacted by refusing to go on tour to promote the song. As time went on, they became more successful, and Ike became more controlling. In order to keep Tina with him, he proposed to her in 1962. Tina thought it would be a proper wedding with a wedding dress and guests, but Ike drove her to Mexico and married her there. Tina later said that she remembered feeling too scared to reject his proposal.



Soon after the wedding, The Ike and Tina Revue started breaking into wider audiences. Even though they were American, their music was doing better in the **charts** in the UK. This was because US "pop" radio stations said their music was too "soulful", and Motown stations said it was too "pop". So, they were famous throughout the world, but were restricted to the **R&B** charts in the US. Meanwhile, Ike started seeing other women and became more violent towards Tina. The couple was doing more television performances and interviews and Tina had to **pretend** everything was fine.

Tina was enjoying the music, but her personal life was **in a shambles**. She wanted to leave Ike but didn't know how. In 1966, she visited a psychic. The woman told Tina, "You will be among the biggest of stars, and the person with you will fall away like a leaf from a tree." For Tina, she says, that was the first time she started to believe in herself; it was the beginning of her escape from Ike Turner.



In 1973, Ike hit Tina again, but this time she **fought back**... literally. She said that her hand was "vibrating from hitting him so hard". Only two years before in 1971, Ike and Tina won a Grammy for their version of the Credence Clearwater Revival (CCR) classic "Proud Mary". And now, Tina was **breaking free** from Ike and got an offer to star in the rock musical *Tommy* with Eric Clapton and Jack Nicholson. Tina was beginning to realise that she was more than half of Ike and Tina.



Tina was emotionally strong, but she was scared of Ike. She had to keep moving from house to house because she was afraid Ike would find her. She even carried a gun. She was in a difficult situation; she walked out on him with 36 cents, had 4 kids and was living on **food stamps**. Also, Ike kept harassing her and saying she owed him half a million dollars for missed tour dates and broken **agreements**. Finally, in 1978, Tina was able to get out of the marriage. She was no longer Ike's wife; she was herself.



It was difficult, but she reinvented herself. She changed her **sound** to be more 1980s, instead of the 1950s-style music she had been doing with Ike. She **started from scratch**: she found a new manager, new dancers, new band members... everything was her choice. And it worked for her. In 1983, she was back on the charts as a solo artist with her **rendition** of the Al Greene classic "Let's Stay Together". Then, in 1984, her most successful song "What's Love Got to do With it" was #1 on the charts for 3 weeks. Tina was back on top, but this time she was **calling the shots**.

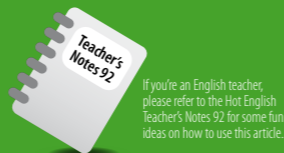


Nearly 30 years later, Tina is still making music. In fact, she recently finished a European tour. She has lived in Zurich with her long-time boyfriend since 1994. And, she says that wearing her **trademark** high heels helps her dance better, she doesn't feel old even at age 69 and she has no regrets. Now that's a survivor. ✨

TINA TURNER
 Born Anna Mae Bullock in 26th November 1939 in Nutbush, Tennessee. She is a famous singer, and sings mostly rock n' roll music. She had a very public marriage and divorce to Ike Turner, but eventually became successful on her own. Her most famous album is *Private Dancer*, released in 1984. She's won 7 Grammy Awards as a solo artist and has sold more concert tickets than any performer in history. She also donated \$50,000 to The Tina Turner Child Abuse Centre in Ripley, Tennessee in 1993.

GLOSSARY

- an underdog** *n* the "underdog" in a situation or competition is the person who is least likely to win
- self-pity** *n* the quality of feeling sorry for yourself, or feeling depressed because something is going wrong in your life
- to give in** *phr vb* to admit you are defeated or that you can't do something
- to let go** *exp* if you "let go" of a feeling or attitude, you stop it from having an influence over you
- to purge yourself** *exp* if you "purge" yourself, you get something totally out of your life and start with something new
- to bring you down** *exp* if something is "bringing you down", it is making you less happy/less successful
- to get rid of something** *exp* if you "get rid" of something, you eliminate that thing from your life
- courage** *n* if you have "courage", you decide to do something difficult
- to get away** *exp* if someone "gets away", they escape
- the charts** *n* the official lists that show which pop records have sold the most copies
- R&B** *adj* rhythm and blues in 1960s was more like motown or soul. These days, it is closer to rap music such as the type of music by Usher and Kanye West
- to pretend** *vb* if someone "pretends" something is true, they act as if it's true, even though they know it isn't
- in a shambles** *exp* if something is "in a shambles", it is disorganised and in a bad state
- to fight back** *phr vb* if someone "fights back", they defend himself/herself
- to break free** *phr vb* if someone "breaks free" from something, they escape
- food stamps** *n* vouchers given to poor people so they can buy food
- an agreement** *n* a mutual decision on how to do something
- the sound** *n* the distinctive quality of someone's music
- to start from scratch** *exp* to do something from the very beginning without using any methods that have previously been used
- a rendition** *n* a performance of a piece of music, play or poem
- to call the shots** *exp* a person who "calls the shots" is in a dominant/superior position
- trademark** *n* if something is the "trademark" of a person or place, it is characteristic or typical of them



If you're an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 92 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.

HERSTORY IN HISTORY

Here are 10 women who have made incredible contributions to society. Can you guess which woman did what? Match the famous woman (1-10) with her achievements (a-j). Answers on page 61.

a. Not an actual person, but a powerful symbol. During World War II, many men in the US went to fight in the war, which left the factories empty. Women had to step in to **fill the gap** and this was the symbol of those new hardworking women.

b. She was the First Lady of Argentina who fought for labour rights and suffrage. She started in the entertainment business, but later became active in politics. She later ran the nation's first large scale political party.

c. She was a physicist and former NASA astronaut, and the first American woman (and youngest at the time) to travel into space. She was also an internationally-ranked tennis player. She later became a science professor and has written children's books designed for **kids** who want to travel to space.

d. This person was a feminist author and activist who rose to success in the 1960s. She founded *New York Magazine*, and wrote an investigative report on how women in *Playboy* were treated. She was also a rigorous advocate of the **Equal Rights Amendment** in the United States.

e. She was an **icon** of the Civil Rights Movement. One day in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, she changed the world. In those days, African-Americans were ordered to sit in the back of the bus. When a white man told her to move to the back, she refused. The police arrested her but she was eventually released because segregation on public transportation was **deemed** unconstitutional. This was a **landmark** moment in the segregated United States and caused more and more people to fight for the Civil Rights Movement.

f. This Mexican painter has inspired many artists around the world. She used bright colours and her works were heavily inspired by indigenous Mexican culture. She had a painful and turbulent life and expressed that in her work. She used Realism, Symbolism and Surrealism in her paintings.

g. She became the first woman ever elected to lead a democracy, being elected as the Prime Minister of India in 1966. Prior to that, she participated in the Indian Independence Movement. Towards the end of her term, she was involved

with a conflict regarding the **separatists** in the Punjab and was eventually assassinated by her own bodyguards.

h. This woman led the French army to numerous victories in the Hundred Years War (1337-1453) claiming "**divine intervention**". She was burned at the **stake** when she was only 19-years-old. Despite her short life, she is a very important figure in Western culture.

i. This person devoted her life to providing safe and effective birth control. She and her sister opened the first birth control clinic in the US. She faced **imprisonment** for her controversial beliefs. Eventually, her **efforts** led to the 1965 Supreme Court Case *Griswold vs. Connecticut* which allowed married couples in the US to use birth control.

j. This woman's whole family was involved in politics. Her sisters Adela and Silvia demanded voting rights for women in England in the early 1900s. She co-founded the WSPU (Women's Social and Political Movement), which Adela also was actively involved in. Silvia fought for peace and anti-fascism. ☺

GLOSSARY

to fill the gap *exp*
if something "fills a gap", it satisfies a need

a kid *n informal*
a child

the Equal Rights Amendment *n*
legislation that entitled males and females to the same privileges

an icon *n*
if someone or something is an "icon", they are a symbol of something

to deem *vb*
if something is "deemed" to have a particular quality, people think it has that thing

landmark *adj*
important; crucial; memorable

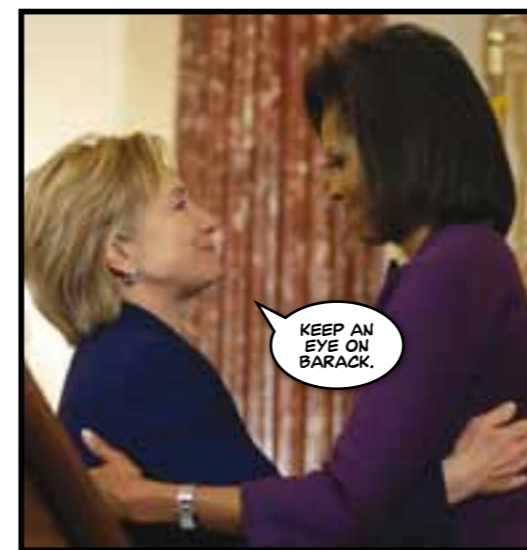
a separatist *n*
a person or group who wants an independent government for a region/area

divine intervention *exp*
influenced by a god or gods

a stake *n*
if someone is burned at the "stake", he/she is burned publicly for a crime

imprisonment *n*
the state of being in jail

an effort *n*
if you make an "effort" to do something, you use a lot of energy to do it



SECOND IN COMMAND

What do Jackie Kennedy, Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama all have in common? They're three very well-known First Ladies of the United States. However, there have been 44 presidents in US history, and they've all had First Ladies. These women have contributed to politics in important ways, so let's see how these women spent their time in the White House.

One First Lady who you may not know about is Caroline Harrison. She lived in the White House from 1889-1892 with her husband President Benjamin Harrison.



She supported noble causes which included **fundraising** for the Johns Hopkins Medical School. However, before giving her time and resources, she insisted that women be **admitted** into the school. Johns Hopkins agreed to **enrol** women, so Harrison helped them fundraise. Another notable achievement was that she founded the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and was the first President General. NSDAR is a non-profit organisation devoted to patriotism and educating America's children. Caroline Harrison also decorated the White House. She was really interested in paintings from China and made it popular among American society. She also brought a special **china collection** (elegant dishes) to the White House. And, for the first

time ever in 1889, she put up a Christmas Tree in the White House.

One First Lady who was known for her toughness was Florence Harding. Harding served as First Lady from 1921-1923. But she was showing her leadership even before she became First Lady. She was put in charge of the newspaper in her small town of Marion, Ohio called *The Daily Star*. She would **argue** with **paperboys** and make sure that "no pennies escaped her". Her husband Warren G. Harding ran for President, and Florence worked a **tireless** campaign to help get him elected. She became completely absorbed in her work and often entertained guests once they moved into the White House. In fact, the Hardings served liquor at their parties even though the **18th Amendment*** made it illegal.

Florence Harding was probably most well-known for her work with World War I veterans. She fought hard to **push through** legislation to give them more benefits, more money and more jobs. She also began the "Lest We Not Forget Week", which is an annual week-long event that gathers donations of clothing, books, toys, furniture or whatever else veterans or their families may need.

One First Lady who is admired for her courage and upfront approach to problems is Betty Ford. From 1974-1977, Betty Ford lived in the White House with her husband Gerald R. Ford. Soon after the White House became her new residence, she discovered she had breast cancer. Ford chose not to hide her illness from the media, and made her surgical operations and treatment known to the public. She said, "Maybe if I as First Lady could talk about it **candidly** and without embarrassment, many other people would be able to as well."



Betty also used her influence as First Lady to speak out on controversial issues. Some First Ladies **pick** pretty **tame causes** such as literacy or education, but not Betty. She was a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and spoke freely about her own dependency on drugs and alcohol. She publicised her own weaknesses to make America stronger. After she left the White House, she helped establish the Betty Ford Center for substance abuse.

Being a First Lady is an opportunity to use the media to your advantage. These women have created and participated in many programmes. They have advocated patriotism, equal rights and breast cancer awareness. Betty Ford said it best when she described the duties of the First Lady. She said it was "much more of a 24-hour job than anyone could guess". So, it looks like Michelle Obama is going to be **pretty busy** for the next few years. ☺



*THE 18TH AMENDMENT TO THE US CONSTITUTION

The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution prohibited importing, exporting, transporting and selling alcoholic **beverages**. Congress approved the amendment in 1919 and made it into the National Prohibition Act of 1920. Years later, in 1933, the 21st Amendment made the 18th Amendment ineffective and people could purchase and produce alcohol as before.



GLOSSARY

to fundraise *vb*
if you "fundraise", you obtain money for a cause by donating or asking others to donate

to admit *vb*
if someone is "admitted" into a school or programme, they are accepted there

to enrol *vb*
if someone "enrols" in a school or programme, they register for it and decide to attend it

a china collection *n*
a set of very elegant cups, saucers, plates and ornaments made of porcelain

to argue *vb*
to discuss or debate with someone angrily

a paperboy/girl *n*
a boy/girl who delivers/sells newspapers

tireless *adj*
if someone's efforts are "tireless", they put a lot of hard work into something

the 18th amendment *n*
a law in the US constitution that prohibited alcohol

to push through *phr vb*
if you "push through" a policy or programme, you support it and try to get others to agree

candidly *adv*
openly; honestly

to pick *vb*
to choose

a tame cause *exp*
an aim or principle that someone fights for that is not very controversial

pretty busy *exp*
with quite a lot of things to do

a beverage *n formal*
a drink

BEYONCÉ KNOWLES

ON HER WAY TO WORLD DOMINATION.

She writes her own songs. She's won seven Grammy Awards. She's married to one of the most popular rap stars around, Jay-Z. So what's left for Beyoncé Knowles?

This month, Beyoncé makes her first appearance in a motion picture thriller. She stars in *Obsession* and will play Sharon Charles, the wife of a man being harassed by his assistant. However, this isn't the first time that Beyoncé has been in a film. Beyoncé first moved to the big screen acting and singing in an opera production for MTV called *Carmen: A Hip Hopera* in 2001. Critics noticed her and so did movie executives. She later starred in *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (2002), *Pink Panther* (2006) and *Dreamgirls* (2006).

Beyoncé's latest film is super successful, but believe it or not, acting isn't her only talent. This "destiny's child" began singing at an early age. When she was 11, she formed a girl group called Girl Tyme with two friends and her cousin Kelly Rowland (who later sang with her in the trio Destiny's Child). They were very determined to become famous; they used to **jog** and sing at the same time to build up their vocal power and lung capacity.

This dedication paid off enormously for the 27-year-old tycoon. She has toured the world both with Destiny's Child and currently as a solo artist. She even has a new single "Smash Into You" which plays at the end of her film *Obsession*. It sounds like the phrases "taking a break" and "slow down" just aren't in her vocabulary. 🍀



OBSSESSED WITH BEYONCÉ

IT STARTED WITH A FLIRTATION. BUT EVOLVED INTO AN OBSESSION.

Derek Charles has what seems to be a perfect life. It's too bad it slowly crumbles to pieces.

Derek Charles (played by Idris Elba from *The Office US*) is a diligent worker who has been recently promoted. He's got a nice house, a gorgeous wife and a baby son. But with his new high-powered job, he requires an assistant. Unfortunately for everyone, that assistant turns out to be a gorgeous and flirtatious young woman, Lisa (played by Ali Larter).

The chemistry is immediate between Lisa and Derek. But somehow, Lisa feels that the relationship could go beyond a professional level. Derek tells her he is married and that she has to stop pursuing him. But Lisa won't take no for an answer and will stop at nothing to win Derek's heart, even if it means **faking** her own suicide.

Derek's wife Sharon (Beyoncé Knowles) decides to **step in** and confront Lisa. But will Derek and Sharon's marriage **withstand** the trauma?

This female-stalker film is similar to another one of its kind, *Fatal Attraction* (1987) with Glenn Close and Michael Douglas. While no one boils any bunnies in *Obsessed*, the film is still sure to entertain and intrigue audiences everywhere. But, maybe not a great film to see on a first date... 🍀



OBSSESSED

Obsessed (2009) was directed by Steve Shill and stars Beyoncé Knowles, Ali Larter and Idris Elba. The film is about a happy couple whose happiness is disrupted by a co-worker (Larter). The co-worker begins to stalk the husband (played by Elba). Beyoncé plays his wife and must put an end to the danger that the co-worker has caused her family. The film has already been released in the US and was the top film at the box office.



GLOSSARY

- to jog** *vb*
to run as a form of exercise
- a leotard** *n*
a tight piece of clothing that covers the body (but not the legs) and is often worn by women during exercise
- sassy** *adj* *informal*
stylish; fashionable; sexy
- a comedy sketch show** *n*
a television programme that has short and funny acts
- to parody** *vb*
to imitate something in an amusing way
- the centrepiece** *n*
if something is a "centrepiece" of an event or group, it is the biggest/main attraction
- a prom dress** *n*
an elegant dress that students wear when they go to a big dance in their final year of high school at age 18
- a nanny** *n*
a person who looks after children for parents who are working
- to crumble to pieces** *exp*
to fall apart; to be destroyed completely
- to fake something** *vb*
if someone "fakes something", they try to make others believe something happened when it didn't really
- to step in** *phr vb*
to get involved in a situation
- to withstand** *vb*
if someone or something "withstands" an event or action, it survives it

THE SINGLE LADIES' DANCE

The song "Single Ladies" features Beyoncé in a **leotard** doing a really **sassy** dance sequence. It has caused quite a buzz. The US **comedy sketch show** *Saturday Night Live* **parodied** the music video when Beyoncé was the musical guest. Male cast members also dressed in leotards, and even Justin Timberlake made a special appearance. More recently, 100 real single ladies in London performed the dance in Piccadilly Circus.



BEYONCÉ KNOWLES

Beyoncé was born on 4th September 1981 in Houston, Texas, in the United States. She was a member of Girl Tyme and later the **centrepiece** of Destiny's Child. She met rapper Jay-Z in 2002, and the two have recorded several tracks together. They eventually married in 2008 and are described as "an intensely private couple". Beyoncé also has a younger sister Solange who is beginning her music career as well.



DESTINY'S CHILD

Destiny's Child is a famous girl group that made records from 1990-2005. The group is made up of Michelle Williams, Kelly Rowland and Beyoncé Knowles. They have sold more than 50 million records worldwide and some of their hit singles include, "Bills, Bills, Bills", "Independent Women" and "Say My Name".



BEYONCÉ QUOTE

Beyoncé on her own special religion: "Well, you know, I grew up going to church, but I was raised by my uncle who passed away with AIDS a couple of years ago. He was my mother's best friend. And my mother's cousin. He brought me to school every day. He helped me buy my **prom dress**. He made my clothes with my mother. He was like my **nanny**. He was my favourite person in the world. And you know, I never really mixed Christianity with how I felt about him. I am about faith and spirituality more so than religion. Doing right by others and not judging."

SWINGING SISTERS

Girl groups have been popular throughout the world for more than fifty years. With their **catchy** music, **flashy** outfits, and perfect harmonies, who could resist them?

THE SUPREMES

The Supremes are the original girl group. They grew up in housing projects in Detroit, Michigan and **rose to fame** in the early 1960s. They sang Motown, which **bridged** pop and soul music. In 1965, they set a record for the most consecutive number one hits by an American group. These songs included "Stop! In the Name of Love", "Baby Love" and "I Hear a Symphony". Members Diana Ross, Florence Ballard and Mary Wilson impressively broke into a field dominated by white men.

Despite their unprecedented successes, tension was inevitable. Ballard left the group shortly before their name was changed to "Diana Ross and the Supremes". She didn't like that the group focused mainly on Ross. Ross later left the group too and became a successful solo recording artist and movie star. The Supremes had their last performance in 1977, and in the eighties their **rags-to-riches** tale was turned into the Broadway musical *Dreamgirls*.



THE SPICE GIRLS

Emma Bunton, Geri Halliwell, Melanie Brown, Melanie Chisholm, and Victoria Beckham made "Girl Power" cool. This British girl group first got together in 1993 when all five girls showed up for an audition that was advertised in a newspaper. The girls **clicked** immediately, and produced three albums. Their first CD **came out** in 1996 and became hugely popular around the world. From 1996-2006, they had several chart-topping **hits** including "Wannabe", "Say You'll Be There" and "Two Become One". **Merchandise** featuring the girls was everywhere, including dolls, sweets, **scooters**, and school equipment. In 1997, the girls produced a comedy film called *Spiceworld: The Movie*, which broke **box office** records.

The group made records and movies, but there was something else that made them special. The group's legacy was making "Girl Power" popular, which inspired adolescent girls around the world. Halliwell eventually left the group in 1998 because of differences with the other girls and had a successful solo career in England. The group reunited in 2007 for a final tour that sold out in stadiums in several countries.



TLC

TLC had a smooth girl group sound. The four-time Grammy winning **R&B** group was made up of Tionne Watkins, Lisa Lopes, and Rozonda Thomas. They first got together in 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States. The girls were more popularly known by their nicknames T-Boz, Left Eye, and Chilli. According to some entertainment news sources, they're considered one of the greatest musical **trios** of all time. Their first album *Ooooo...* on the **TLC tip** debuted in 1992 and was an instant hit. They had several other number-one hits such as "Waterfalls" and "What About Your Friends", and have won numerous awards among the R&B community.

The girls were always successful, but their career was filled with scandal. Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes often publicly argued with the group until she finally **broke away** to become a solo artist. At one point in their career, the group also went **bankrupt**. Unfortunately, Left Eye died in a car crash in Honduras in 2002.

From divas, to "Girl Power", to bankruptcy, girl groups have had a powerful impact on the music world. And, they have had an enormous influence on **empowering** females the world over. ✨



Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes

GLOSSARY

- catchy** *adj*
if a song, name or advert is "catchy", it is attractive and easy to remember
- flashy** *adj*
if something is "flashy", it is noticeable, but in a negative way
- to rise to fame** *exp*
to become famous
- to bridge** *vb*
to join or connect
- rags-to-riches** *adj*
if someone's life is a "rags-to-riches" story, they were very poor in the beginning but became very rich later in life
- to click** *vb*
if a group of people "click", they get on well with each other
- to come out** *vb*
if an album "comes out", it can be bought in shops
- a hit** *n*
a successful song
- merchandise** *n formal*
goods that are made, sold and bought
- a scooter** *n*
a small motorcycle
- the box office** *n*
if a film does well at "the box office", lots of people see it and it makes a lot of money
- R&B** *n*
a type of music that is rhythm and blues. Now, it is more similar to hip-hop, the kind of music Usher and Kanye West play
- a trio** *n*
a group of three
- to break away** *phr vb*
if someone "breaks away" from a group or a person, they leave that group
- bankrupt** *adj*
if someone is "bankrupt", they do not have enough money to pay their debts
- to empower** *vb*
if something "empowers" you, it encourages you to achieve your goals of becoming stronger or more successful

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FACE TO FACE



Michelle Obama VS Jackie Kennedy

Jackie Kennedy and Michelle Obama are two of America's most talked-about leading ladies. But who would get Hot English's vote in the First Lady election?

Jackie Kennedy was the First Lady to JFK in the 1960s. She was born in 1929 in New York and died in 1994, aged 64. She married John Kennedy in 1953. When he was elected president of the USA in 1961, she became one of America's youngest First Ladies.

Adjusting to political life was difficult for Jackie. However, she soon became a very popular and influential figure both among important politicians and the general public. When Soviet Premier Khrushchev was asked to shake President JFK's hand for the camera, he was reported to have said, "I'd like to shake her (Jackie's) hand first."

It wasn't just Jackie's social skills that got her universal recognition. She is best remembered as a fashion icon and was known as a **trendsetter** in the 1960s. In fact, many women followed her fashion example. Why, Gucci even named a handbag, *Jackie*, in her honour.

But Jackie wasn't just a pretty face. Fluent in French, she impressed Europeans with her natural linguistic flair and style. Jackie also played an active role in JFK's presidential campaign in 1960. Even when she was pregnant and her doctor advised her to rest, Jackie answered 1,000 campaign letters and gave both televised and magazine interviews.

Then you have Michelle Obama. Her strong character makes her a **sound contender**. She was born on 17th January 1964 and is the wife of US President Barack Obama. She is also the first African-American First Lady of the United States.

She has only been in office for a short time. However, she has been described as friendly, **approachable** and down-to-earth, despite initial criticism from the press for her sarcasm and bold irony.

Obama's wardrobe has also been positively received, and

she is often compared to Jackie Kennedy for her style. Both First Ladies have been congratulated on their dress sense. Jackie was best known for her high-end designer outfits, and Michelle Obama's style has been described as modern and classy. It has been said that Obama has consciously gone for the "American working woman" look.

Like Jackie, Michelle is as **sharp** as she is **smart**. After Hillary Clinton, she is one of the First Ladies with a degree. She has also proved helpful and supportive to her husband in the political field. Michelle showed off her public speaking skills in the presidential campaign in 2008 when she gave speeches, often without the aid of notes.

It's fair to say that both Jackie and Michelle have star quality. They both represent strong role-models for women and young girls all over the world. That's why this month is a **tie**: Michelle Obama: 9 / 10; Jackie Kennedy: 9 / 10. 🗳️



GLOSSARY

- a trendsetter** *n* a person who starts a fashion
- sound** *adj* reliable; sensible; worthy
- a contender** *n* a competitor; someone who takes part in a competition
- approachable** *adj* if someone is "approachable", they are friendly and easy to talk to
- sharp** *adj* very clever and intelligent
- smart** *adj* well-dressed
- a tie** *n* if two people "tie" in a competition, they have the same number of points



Midsummer in Sweden

WHO SAYS THE FUN STARTS UP WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN? COME AND CELEBRATE SWEDEN'S CRAZIEST AND LONGEST DAYTIME FESTIVAL.

The Midsummer Festival in Sweden is a celebration of the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice. It takes place over three days in June. This year, it's happening throughout the country from 19th-21st June.

The Midsummer Festival began in Sweden in ancient times. It started out as an agricultural festival with the belief that dancing around a **bonfire** would promise a successful **harvest** in the autumn. But, since this is the time of year where it stays light for almost the entire day, the light from the fire wasn't necessary. So, they replaced the bonfire tradition with dancing around a **maypole**. The dancers do the polka, the polska, the waltz, hambo and other traditional Scandinavian dances. Children dance what is called "the frog dance".

Midsummer has some interesting traditions. The festival, with its agricultural roots, placed a lot of belief on flowers. People believed that picking flowers would produce miraculous healing powers. But, women were supposed to pick them alone and in silence. The legend also said that if a woman put seven or nine flowers (depending on the version of the legend) under her **pillow** that she would dream of her future love. But the women had to be careful of Nacken, the evil spirit that lives in the water.

Today, people in Scandinavia celebrate the festival slightly differently. The typical food they

enjoy are potatoes and **pickled herring**. They also drink **schnapps** and beer. People who live in big cities enjoy going to small towns for the festival. They often go camping or head to their summer homes to spend Midsummer with their families or in big groups.

Midsummer may have begun in Scandinavia, but it's celebrated all over the world. For instance, Lindsborg, Kansas in the United States, puts on a very elaborate Midsummer celebration every year. Known as "Little Sweden, USA", the organisers give demonstrations of traditional Swedish dances around the maypole with lots of food and craft vendors who create an authentic Scandinavian Midsummer experience.

Colorado also celebrates Midsummer. Boulder's version of Midsummer offers a very **hands-on** experience. The people who organise this festival bring in Swedish dancers who have been entertaining for more than 35 years. The festival also features the Fjellborg Vikings, who **re-enact** battles and talk about their European conquests. Other actors give insight on medieval Swedish home life.

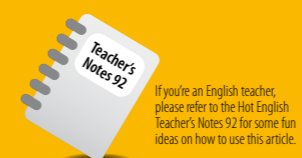
The Midsummer Festival is sure to teach you many things: how to dance the polska, the importance of staying away from the Nacken and of course, learning about the day in the life of a Viking. What better way to **kick off** the summer season? 🗳️

The Midsummer Festival

- What:** Midsummer
- When:** 19th to 21st of June, and started in Medieval times.
- Where:** In Sweden originally, but all over the world, including the US, South America and other parts of Europe.
- Why:** To celebrate the longest day of the year. Originally, it was to bring a good harvest in the autumn.

GLOSSARY

- a bonfire** *n* an outdoor fire usually for burning rubbish
- a harvest** *n* if you gather a "harvest", you collect all of the crops (food, cereal, etc.)
- a maypole** *n* a tall piece of wood or metal used for supporting things. It has ribbon on it for dance routines and decoration
- a pillow** *n* something you put your head on when you sleep
- pickled herring** *n* a long silver-coloured fish that is preserved in vinegar
- schnapps** *n* an alcoholic drink made from potatoes
- hands-on** *adj* a "hands-on" experience involves actively doing something rather than just watching it
- to re-enact** *vb* to repeat the actions or events that occurred in the past
- to kick off** *phr vb informal* if an event "kicks off", it begins



LITTLE JOKES

GRAFFITI

MATCH EACH JOKE BEGINNING (1 TO 8) WITH ITS ENDING (A-H). THEN, LISTEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS. ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

- Why did the child study in an aeroplane?
- When is a piece of wood like a king?
- What is the first thing a king or queen does when they **get to** the throne?
- Why does history keep repeating itself?
- What was **Camelot** known for?
- You know why I wish I was born 1,000 years ago?
- What did the painter say to his girlfriend?
- How do you stop your **laptop** battery from running out?



- Its **knight life**.
- Sit down.
- You hide its **sneakers**.
- I love you with **all of my art**.
- Because he wanted a **higher education**.
- When it's a **ruler**.
- Because we weren't listening the first time.
- Just think of all the history I wouldn't have to learn.

GLOSSARY
to get to *phr vb*
 if you "get to" the throne, you arrive there or you sit there
Camelot *n*
 the famous castle where King Arthur lived
a laptop *n*
 a portable computer
knight life *exp*
 this expression sounds the same as "night life", which is the social scene at night in an area or city. A "knight" was a man of noble birth during medieval times
sneakers *n US*
 sport shoes. "Trainers" in British English
with all my art *exp*
 this expression sounds like "with all my heart". If you love someone "with all of your heart", you love them completely and totally
higher education *n*
 learning after high school, which includes going to university or graduate schools
a ruler *n*
 a long piece of flat wood that has straight edges and is marked with inches or centimetres. A "ruler" is also a king/queen, etc.

HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF BRITISH TOILET GRAFFITI.

LOVE MAY BE BLIND, BUT MARRIAGE IS A REAL EYE-OPENER.

A BARGAIN: SOMETHING YOU CANNOT USE AT A PRICE YOU CANNOT RESIST.

IF YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING NICE, COME SIT BY ME!

IF AT FIRST YOU DO SUCCEED, TRY NOT TO LOOK ASTONISHED!

MEN ARE FROM EARTH. WOMEN ARE FROM EARTH. DEAL WITH IT.

GLOSSARY
an eye-opener *n informal*
 if something is an "eye-opener", you mean that it surprises you or that you learn something from it
astonished *adj*
 the phrase really says, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." The word "astonished" means pleasantly surprised or amazed

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 61



Anne Boleyn
 Anne Boleyn was King Henry VIII's second wife and was the Queen of England from 1533-1536. She was executed in 1536.

The Bible Belt
 The Bible Belt is the most socially conservative part of the United States, and is primarily located in the southeast.

GLOSSARY
a mole *n*
 a small animal with black fur that lives underneath the ground
thighs *n*
 the top parts of your legs
the land down under *exp informal*
 Australia
a rubber band *n*
 a thin circle of an elastic material (rubber) that you put around things to keep them altogether
a square *n informal*
 a person who doesn't do anything bad or break any rules
hip *adj*
 if you describe someone as "hip", they are cool
the damage is done *exp*
 it is too late now to prevent things that have already happened

1 What are the correct lyrics to Billy Idol's tune "Cradle of Love"?
 a. Well it burned like a ball of fire.
 b. Will it burn like a **mole** on fire?



5 Which are the correct lyrics to John Mellencamp's "Jack and Diane"?
 a. Let the **rubber band** come and save my soul.
 b. Let the **Bible Belt*** come down and save my soul.



2 Fill in the blank to this Jimmy Buffet American classic "Cheeseburger _____"
 a. and a pair of **thighs**.
 b. in paradise.



6 Which of the following are the correct lyrics to the Huey Lewis and The News song?
 a. Hit, hit, so hit the pink **square**.
 b. **Hip**, hip, so hip to be square.



3 Fill in the blank to this song by Men at Work. Do you come _____
 a. from the **land down under**?
 b. from Atlanta, my love?



7 Rick Springfield sings which of the following lyrics in his song "Jessie's Girl"?
 a. And she's lovin' him with that body, I just know it.
 b. And she's lovin' him with that body, obvious, I know.



4 The beginning of the Black Eyed Peas song "Let's get it started" is...
 a. **Anne Boleyn***, Boleyn, Anne Boleyn, Boleyn.
 b. And runnin' runnin', And runnin' runnin'.



8 In "Cry Me a River" by Justin Timberlake, the real lyrics are...
 a. The sandwich is done, so I guess I'll be eatin'.
 b. The **damage is done**, so I guess I'll be leavin'.



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READING I

The Facts of Life

The difficulties of job searching.

1 Pre-reading

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

Think of different examples of discrimination at a job interview. For example, sexism. Make a list. Which of these do you think is the worst?



2 Reading I

Read the article to find out which form of discrimination is under discussion.

3 Reading II

Read the article again and note down...

- ...the problems with seniority in a job.
- ...the problems older people have after being fired from their jobs.

4 Language focus nouns with "-ism"

"Ageism" is a noun with the ending "-ism". There are other nouns with "-ism" to talk about discrimination. For example, racism. Make a list of more examples.



5 Discussion

- Is ageism a problem in your country? Why? Why not?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being elderly? Consider the following points: work, free-time, family, etc.



We know it's **hard** to find a job in the current economic climate. But, for some people it's even harder.

"She told me I wasn't suitable for the position, but I have more than 20 years experience in the field," said 54-year-old George Sutterfield. Sutterfield went to an interview for a human resources position but was quickly **turned away** after only a few questions. "I definitely think it was an age situation," he said. "The woman who interviewed me was at least 10 years younger than me." However, he knows he can't **complain** because it "wouldn't have gone anywhere".

Another issue is seniority. In some cases, having worked in a company for a long time can be an advantage. However, these days, with companies looking to cut costs, more experienced workers are often the first to go. Long-term employees often have higher salaries, plus all the benefits of health care and **pension schemes** that newer workers wouldn't require.

During these difficult times, many people over the age of 45 are finding it difficult to get work; and some are even having to re-train. There are laws against **ageism*** and people have won discrimination cases; however, as one 50-year-old receptionist said, "It's out of my control. All I can do is hope for the best." ☺

Ageism
"Ageism" is the discrimination or stereotyping against a person or group because of their age. The term was coined in 1969 by US gerontologist Robert N. Butler to describe discrimination against senior citizens. Laws exist around the world to prevent discrimination against the elderly.



GLOSSARY

hard *adj*
difficult
to turn away *phr vb*
if you are "turned away" from a job, you are rejected
to complain *vb*
to say that you are not satisfied with something
pension *n*
if you receive a "pension", you receive a regular amount of money from the state or from a former employer after leaving your job (usually at 65)
a scheme *n*
a plan or arrangement developed by the government or a large organisation
a gerontologist *n*
a person who studies the process of aging (becoming older)



READING II

Couch Potato

People lie about how much television they watch.



1 Pre-reading

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

What does this picture show? Do you know the expression "couch potato"? What does it mean? Use the picture to try to guess.

2 Reading I

Read these statements about television. Do you think they are true or false?

- Researchers say that people watch more than eight hours of television a week.
- We're exposed to more than an hour of advertisements a day.
- The most popular media source is the internet.
- 18-year-olds watch more TV than someone in their 60s.
- There's a stigma attached to watching too much television.

3 Reading II

Read the article to check your predictions. Highlight any facts which you find interesting or surprising.

4 Language focus "to be considered"

Look at the sentence from the article, "If someone admits that they watch television for five or six hours, they could be considered a couch potato."

- Who considers these people "a couch potato"?
- Why is the structure "to be considered" in the passive?

5 Discussion

- Do you believe it's possible to watch too much television?
- Do you consider yourself a couch potato? Why? Why not?
- How many hours of television do you watch a day?

How much television do you watch? Did you really give an honest answer? A recent study shows that people aren't totally truthful about their television-watching habits.

The study in question was conducted at Ball State University in the US. Researchers there wanted to find out how much television people view according to their age. The study was paid for by a council associated with the Nielsen Company, which determines television **ratings**. The conclusions were that people spend more than 8 hours a day looking at a **screen**. This included cell phones and computers, but the majority were television screens.

There are three interesting things about this study. The first is that people are **exposed** to more than one hour of advertisements per day. The second is that even with access to DVDs and internet videos, television is still the most popular media **source**. The third is that the amount of screen-watching people do is relatively the same from the ages of 18-65.

So, if everyone is watching television, why lie about it? Well, if someone admits they watch television for five or six hours, they could be considered a couch potato. Michael Phillips, one of the study's main researchers, says, "There's a social **stigma** for people who watch too much television. Sometimes, however, watching the latest reality show or the funniest sitcom gives co-workers and friends fun things to talk about."

Even if you do watch a lot of television, perhaps we can use this study as a reason to be honest with ourselves about how much time we spend in front of the television. I mean, after all, everyone else is doing it... ☺

Couch Potato

Many people believe that the term "couch potato" was first used by a California man named Tom Iacino in the late 1970s. At this time, many people referred to the television as the "boob-tube", and Iacino referred to lazy people who watched TV all day as boob-tubers. "Tuber" is another name for potato, and so the phrase "couch potato" was created and caught on very quickly. It was later popularised in two books *Dr Spud's Etiquette for the Couch Potato* (1982) and *The Official Couch Potato Handbook*



GLOSSARY

ratings *n*
the statistics that show the popularity of a television programme
a screen *n*
the part of a television with a flat surface which has pictures/words on it
to expose *vb*
if you are "exposed" to something, you are shown it
a source *n*
a person or book that provides information for a story or research
a stigma *n*
if something has a "stigma" attached to it, people associate it with something negative

(NOT SO) TYPICAL DIALOGUES



Fame and Misfortune. by Emily Philp

VOCABULARY

The Mobile Phone

HERE ARE SOME COMMON WORDS OR OBJECTS THAT YOU WILL SEE OR HEAR WITH MOBILE PHONES.



Flip phone – a phone that folds.

Palm pilot – a handheld computer and telephone.

Keypad – the buttons on your telephone.

Phone book – the list of contacts in your phone.

Text message – a written message someone sends you.

Menu – the catalog of every feature/service on your phone.

Vibrate – if your phone is on “vibrate”, it shakes instead of ringing.

Welcome message – a note that appears when you turn on your phone. It might say “Hello” or “Welcome”.

Calendar – a table with all of the months of the year and days of the week.

Ringtone – the sound your phone makes when someone is calling you.

Call list – a directory of

who has called you and who you have called.

Conference call – a telephone call often used to conduct business in which a group of people participate.

Pin number – the four-digit code you have to enter when you turn your phone on.

Screen – the part of your phone that displays phone numbers, the date, the time and any messages.

Roaming – if you are “roaming”, you are outside of the geographical limits of your phone plan. For example, you’re roaming if you’re using your phone in another country.

Speed dial – if you have someone on “speed dial”, you can press one number and that person will be called immediately.

Hands-free – a headset that you attach to your phone so you can use your hands to do other things while you are talking on the phone. ☺

IN THIS DIALOGUE, MARGOT IS SHOPPING FOR A MOBILE PHONE.

Margot: Good morning.
Shop: Morning.
Margot: I'm interested in buying a mobile phone.
Shop: Yes, certainly. Here you are. *(He gives her a bone.)*
Margot: No, not a bone. A phone. A mobile phone.
Shop: Oh, I'm sorry. So, you want a phone. What kind of phone? A large one or a small one?
Margot: Erm... a large one.
Shop: OK. Here you are. *(He gives her an enormous phone.)*
Margot: It's a bit big, isn't it?
Shop: Big is good. You can talk to all sorts of people with that phone. You could even talk to someone in another room.
Margot: Well, I think most phones do that, don't they?
Shop: OK. I can see you know a lot about mobile phones. How about this one? *(Holds out palm of his hand – there's nothing visible there.)* Isn't it beautiful?
Margot: Yes, I'm sure it is, but I can barely see it.
Shop: It's the Baby-Nano. It's the world's smallest phone.
Margot: Very nice. But how does it work?
Shop: It's just like any other phone, but you have to be very careful. Here, you try it. *(He gives it to her.)* Go on, dial a number. You can make a free call.
Margot: Erm, where is it?
Shop: *(Angry)* Oh, no. You've dropped it. Can you help me look for it, please?
Margot: Where?
Shop: On the floor?
Margot: But what does it look like?
Shop: *(Knowing look)* It's a phone. I thought you knew about phones. *(The phone starts ringing.)* Ah, here it is. Answer it.
Margot: How?
Shop: Just press the button.
Margot: What button?
Shop: Here, I'll do it. *(Speaking on the phone.)* Hello, yes, oh, right. Really? I'm in the middle of a sale, mum. Can I call you later? OK. Bye. *(To the customer)* So, what do you think?
Margot: It's great. I'll take it. How much is it?
Shop: Well, it's a tiny phone for a tiny price. Just twenty-three pounds.
Margot: OK, well, I'll take two phones. That way I can call two people at once. Here's forty-six pounds. Cheers! ☺



Imagine growing up in a **dysfunctional** home with a father in and out of jail and a mother who can't take care of herself. You dream of a better life, then one day you apply for a reality television show and you're accepted as one of the **contestants**. This isn't fiction; this was the life of Jade Goody.

Jade Goody entered Britain's Big Brother house in 2001. She escaped a complicated home life, and became that year's biggest star. Jade **summed up** her success when she said, "I think I did so well because I wasn't playing a game. I was just being Jade." The Big Brother audience warmed to Jade's **no-nonsense** attitude and **down to earth** behaviour. After leaving the show, Jade continued to **rise to fame** through numerous television and magazine appearances. But her **newfound** celebrity status couldn't last forever. Or could it?

In 2007, six years after her first appearance on national television, Jade was invited back by Big Brother to appear on the “celebrity” version of the show. But this time she entered the Big Brother house with her mother, grandparents and boyfriend. She was so happy, because she was living her dream for a second time, with her family there to support her. However, her appearance on the show **took a downward turn**, when she made a racist remark about fellow contestant, Shilpa Shetty, a beautiful Bollywood actress who is very famous in her native India. Jade's racist remarks and her **bullying** behaviour in the Big Brother house made her famous across the world. But now, she was hated instead of loved and admired. The public **turned against** her very quickly.

So, she tried to apologise for her actions and win back public support. Jade even made an appearance on India's version of Big Brother. At the same time, Jade's life **took a fateful turn for the worse**, when she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. She was now battling to save her public image and her life. Her time on television began as a fairytale, but now seemed to be a nightmare. However, she refused to let the illness defeat her. In typical Jade style, she saw an opportunity to repair her image while providing money for her family. She allowed a camera crew to follow her medical progress. There was a mixed reception to this decision as many people felt her illness should remain a private issue. Jade did, however, receive sympathy and she began to be accepted again by the British public.

Her illness became worse, and media coverage of Jade increased. Many people still thought that it was inappropriate to **document** her rapidly **deteriorating** health, but it was at Jade's request. A friend of Jade's explained why she chose to document everything. She said, "Since she became famous, she's done everything in the public eye. It seems completely normal for her to do that." Tragically, Jade lost her battle with cancer. But her death itself wasn't documented and remained a private occasion for her close family and friends.

Everyone gets 15 minutes of fame in the world of television. Jade, however, turned her 15 minutes into 7 years full of highs and lows that ended with her tragic death. Whatever opinion people may have of her, Jade proved that you can be a celebrity by being yourself. ☺



GLOSSARY
dysfunctional *adj formal* if you describe a relationship or behaviour as “dysfunctional”, you mean it has lots of problems and doesn't work properly
a contestant *n* a person who takes part in a competition or quiz
to sum up *phr vb* to describe something using few words
no-nonsense *adj* if someone is “no-nonsense”, they are efficient and concentrate on important things
down to earth *adj* a “down to earth” person is someone who is in touch with reality and does not live in a fantasy world
to rise to fame *exp* to become famous
newfound *adj* recently discovered
to take a downward turn *exp* to get/ to become worse
bullying *adj* frightening; intimidating
to turn against *phr vb* if you “turn against” someone, you become their enemy
to take a turn for the worse *exp* if something “takes a turn for the worse”, it suddenly becomes very bad
to document *vb* to put on public record; to chronicle
deteriorating *adj* becoming worse



in and out of trouble

HERE ARE SOME MORE USEFUL AND INTERESTING EXPRESSIONS FOR YOU TO LEARN. THIS MONTH, WE HAVE SOME EXPRESSIONS TO DESCRIBE GETTING IN AND OUT OF TROUBLE.



To play with fire
TO BE INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVITY THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS.
"We'll be playing with fire if we do business with them."



To be in a scrape (US English)
IF YOU'RE "IN A SCRAPE", YOU'RE IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION—OFTEN ONE THAT YOU HAVE CAUSED. "Sandra **quit** her job and she's **behind** on her credit card payments. She's in a real scrape now."



To go belly up
IF A COMPANY GOES "BELLY UP", IT DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY ITS DEBTS. "If our business goes belly up, I can still rely on my savings until I find something else."



By the skin of your teeth
IF YOU DO SOMETHING "BY THE SKIN OF YOUR TEETH", YOU MANAGE TO DO SOMETHING, BUT ONLY JUST.
"It was a close match, but in the end, the red team scored a goal and won by the skin of their teeth."



To get off the hook
IF SOMEONE "GETS OFF THE HOOK", THEY MANAGE TO GET OUT OF AN AWKWARD OR UNPLEASANT SITUATION.
"I was speeding, but the cop let me off the hook because I didn't see the speed limit sign."



A spot of bother (British English)
IF YOU'RE IN "A SPOT OF BOTHER", YOU'RE IN A COMPLICATED / DIFFICULT / DANGEROUS SITUATION. THIS PHRASE IS OFTEN USED IRONICALLY IN BRITISH ENGLISH.
"The boat is sinking fast, the nearest rescue ship is four hours away and the water is icy cold. I think we're in a spot of bother."



Cruising for a bruising (informal / slang)
IF YOU'RE "CRUISING FOR A BRUISING", YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE IF YOU FOLLOW A PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION.
"If you buy a house that you haven't even seen, you're cruising for a bruising."

quirky news

Will you fine me?

Woman falls in love with traffic cop.

"When the police officer smiled at me, I just **fell for** him," said Holly Rogers who was stopped for **going through a red light**. "He gave me a **fine**, but we started talking, and I knew it was right," affirms the 24-year-old Cincinnati native.

The police officer in question, Aaron Harding, has a similar recollection of the story. "She smiled at me, and I knew I just couldn't let her go." Harding said he gave her the \$30 fine anyway, but also wrote his phone number on the ticket. They began **dating** shortly after.

The couple are currently **engaged** and plan to marry next summer. You could say it was **love at first red light**.



BABY, YOU STOP TRAFFIC!

Horsehair

A new internet phenomenon.

"It may be a strange idea, but people love it!" said Harold Kiss, whose idea has internet users captivated.

Kiss's new website features horses with fancy **wigs** and hair. He said the idea came to him in a dream. And now, thousands of people are visiting and enjoying the site. In fact, it's become an **odd** internet sensation. "It took about 4 hours



WERE THE "MANE" ATTRACTION.

to groom each horse," he said. Kiss employed the services of Acacio da Silva, a famous hairdresser who also liked the idea.

Da Silva said, "The horses didn't have a problem with wearing the hair extensions or being brushed, but they don't really like the bright lights and camera flashes." Who knew horses could be so **vain**?



Riddles

CAN YOU SOLVE THESE?



- 1 What question can you never answer "yes" to?
- 2 Who has married many women but has never been married?
- 3 You can't keep this until you have given it. What is it?



GLOSSARY

to fall for someone *exp*
if you "fall for someone", you begin to love them
to go through a red light *exp*
to drive through "a red light", or a traffic light that says stop
a fine *n*
money you pay if you commit a crime
a native *n*
if you are a "native" of a city or country, you are from that place
to date *vb*
if you "date" someone, you go out with them romantically
to be engaged *vb*
if you are "engaged" to someone, you have agreed to marry that person
love at first red light *exp*
this expression sounds like "love at first sight", which is what happens when you fall in love with someone the first time you see them
a wig *n*
false hair that you wear on your head
odd *adj*
strange; weird; unusual
vain *adj*
if you are "vain", you are proud of how beautiful you are

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SKILLS BOOKLET READING



The Power of the Podium

When words can warm the coldest of hearts.

They said goodbye and brought people to tears. They're both from very different backgrounds and eras. One was a politician and the other an athlete. However, their speeches had something in common – they managed to evoke emotion. The politician was Tony Blair and the athlete Lou Gehrig.

Tony Blair's speech came after a turbulent 12 years leading the Labour party. His apparent blind support of Bush in the war on Iraq cost him the affection and trust of many of his subjects. In his farewell speech, the pressure was on to have his final say and live up to his reputation as a powerful public speaker. It was 26th September 2006 when Blair took to the podium. He gave one of the most challenging speeches of his career.



with his voice quavering, he said, "Whatever you do, I'm always with you. Head and heart. You've given me all I have ever achieved, and all that we've achieved, together, for the country." Emotions were running high, and the public will likely remember this speech for years to come.

Lou Gehrig's speech was also high in emotion and significance. In his speech in 1939, Gehrig claimed to be "the luckiest man alive." This expression of gratitude was particularly

poignant as Gehrig had previously been diagnosed with a disease that would later be named after him. Gehrig had played for the legendary New York Yankees since 1923. He wowed his fans with record-breaking statistics on the field, until he was eventually overcome by the illness which forced him to step down.

Gehrig didn't have a politician's natural flair for public speaking. Nor did he have a politician's podium or rhetoric. But that didn't matter. Gehrig bid farewell from the place where he had felt most at home – a baseball stadium. Despite the enormity of the space, the intimacy between Gehrig and his fans was felt by all. He closed his speech by saying, "I may have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for." Gehrig's speech went down in history. His simple but touching farewell left the crowd standing and applauding for almost two minutes.

So, how is it that a farewell speech can be so emotional? Maybe it's because we can see a human side to people we've always considered idols. Or maybe we realise that a farewell is the sign of an end we never wanted to see. ☺

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But, a speech isn't a good speech without a touch of sentimentality. Tony Blair certainly injected enough of that in his five-minute farewell address. The peak of this sentimentality was at the end of the speech when,

1 Pre-reading

Do you know anything about the speeches made by these famous people?



2 Reading I

Read the article to find out which speeches are being described. What was special about them?

3 Reading II

Which public figure (TB=Tony Blair / LG=Lou Gehrig / B=Both)...

- ...was saying goodbye to his fans?
- ...had a difficult time maintaining his supporter's affection?
- ...fell victim to an illness?
- ...was particularly emotional during his speech?
- ...received a standing ovation?
- ...felt a sense of gratitude towards his fans?

4 Language focus a review of major grammar points

Find and highlight an example of the following:

- a modal verb
- the past perfect
- an irregular past simple form
- the present perfect

5 Discussion

- Can you think of any powerful speeches made by a politician or sports personality in your country? Who were they? What was their message?
- Have you ever had to make a farewell speech? When? Why?

Refer to page 100 in Unit 24 of your Upper-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.



Gender



HERE WE'VE GOT A LIST OF QUOTES ABOUT GENDER. SOME ARE CONTROVERSIAL, ROMANTIC OR JUST PLAIN FUNNY, BUT ALL ARE WORTHY OF DISCUSSION. TAKE THEM TO YOUR NEXT DINNER PARTY AND SEE HOW YOU GET ON.



"Sometimes I wonder if men and women really **suit** each other. Perhaps they should just live next door and just visit now and then." **Katherine Hepburn**

"The main difference between men and women is that men are **lunatics** and women are idiots." **Rebecca West**



"I'm not offended by all the **dumb blonde jokes** because I know that I'm not dumb... and I also know that I'm not blonde." **Dolly Parton**

"What would men be without women? **Scarce**, sir .. mighty scarce." **Mark Twain**



"Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry." **Gloria Steinem**

"There are three things men can do with women: love them, suffer for them, or turn them into literature." **Stephen Stills**



"Women have a wonderful instinct about things. They can discover everything except the obvious." **Oscar Wilde**

"Woman was taken out of man; not out of his head to top him, nor out of his feet to be **trampled underfoot**; but out of his side to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved." **Anonymous**

"According to a recent survey, men say the first thing they notice about a woman is their eyes, and women say the first thing they notice about men is they're a bunch of **liars**." **Anonymous**



"Every woman is wrong until she cries, and then she is right, instantly." **Thomas C. Haliburton**

"When a man gets up to speak, people listen, then look. When a woman gets up, people look; then, if they like what they see, they listen." **Anonymous**



"Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, **enmity**, worship, love, but no friendship." **Oscar Wilde**

GLOSSARY

to suit *vb*
if A "suits" B, A is good for B
a lunatic *n*
if someone is a "lunatic", they behave in a dangerous, annoying or stupid way
dumb blonde jokes *n*
jokes that say women with light hair are not as intelligent as the rest
scarce *adj*
rare; not frequent
to trample *vb*
if someone "tramples" on something, they walk on it carelessly and heavily and damage it
underfoot *adv*
if you trample something "underfoot", you step on something with your foot and damage it
a liar *n*
a person who doesn't tell the truth
enmity *n*
hatred

SKILLS BOOKLET LISTENING



1 Pre-listening

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

What is "small talk"? Think of three situations in which you might engage in "small talk". For example, in a queue in a shop.

2 Listening I

What are the three small talk scenarios in this listening?

- Scenario 1:
- Scenario 2:
- Scenario 3:

3 Listening II

In which situation (s) (1, 2 or 3) ...

- ...do the speakers know the same person?
- ...does one person comfort another?
- ...does one speaker ask another for a piece of information?
- ...does the speaker frequent the same place?

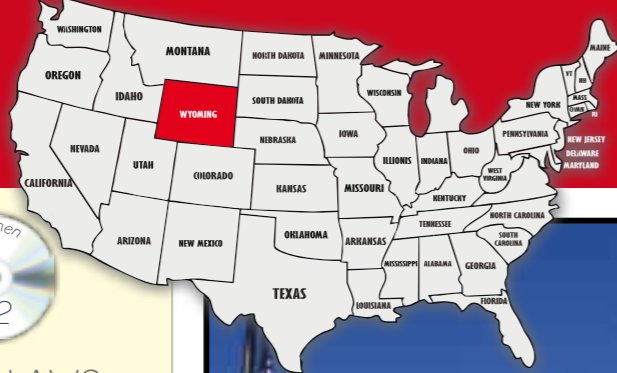
4 Language focus "conditionals"

- Which conditional is used in the first conversation?
- Which conditional is used in the second conversation?
- Which conditional is used in the third conversation?

Refer to page 96 in Unit 23 of your Upper-Intermediate Skills Booklet for more explanations and exercises.

5 Discussion

- Do you find it easy / difficult to engage in small talk? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever been stuck in an unusual situation with a stranger before? For example, you are both delayed in an airport lounge.
- Have you ever been on a flight with a very nervous traveller? What happened?



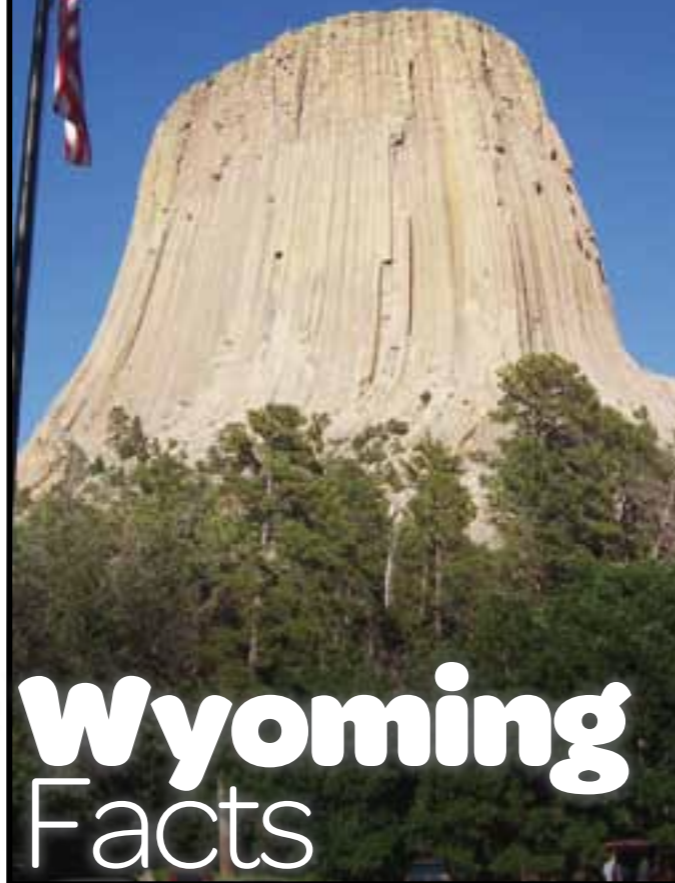
Population: 532,668 (2008)
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HERE ARE SOME MORE CRAZY LAWS FROM THE US. (US ENGLISH SPELLING) THIS MONTH: WYOMING.



- ☛ It is illegal to **spit** on or near a school.
- ☛ Using a **firearm** while fishing is strictly forbidden.
- ☛ Skiing under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.
- ☛ Citizens in Cheyenne may not take showers on Wednesdays.
- ☛ It is illegal for women to stand within five feet of a bar while drinking.
- ☛ **Junk dealers** may not make any **business transactions** with drunk persons.
- ☛ If someone is **intoxicated** in a **mine**, he or she could go to jail for up to a year.
- ☛ You may not take a picture of a rabbit from January to April without an official permit.
- ☛ It is illegal to wear a hat that obstructs people's view in a public theater or place of entertainment.
- ☛ Any person who fails to close a **fence** is subject to a **fine** of up to seven hundred and fifty dollars.
- ☛ All new buildings that cost over \$100,000 to build must have 1% of funds spent on **artwork** for the building. ☛

GLOSSARY
to spit *vb*
to force liquid out of your mouth
a firearm *n formal*
a gun
a junk dealer *n*
a person who sells old or second-hand goods
a business transaction *n formal*
the act of buying or selling something as part of a business deal
intoxicated *adj*
drunk; having consumed a lot of alcohol
a mine *n*
a tunnel in the ground. It is built to find diamonds, charcoal, gold, etc.
a fence *n*
a barrier between two areas of land, often made of wood or wire
a fine *n*
money you pay to the government if you commit a crime
artwork *n*
pictures, drawings, photographs, etc. used for decoration in a house or a building



- ☛ Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote.
- ☛ The JCPenney department stores were started in Kemmerer, Wyoming.
- ☛ Wyoming has the lowest population of all 50 United States with just 532,668 people.
- ☛ The majority of Yellowstone Park lies within the boundaries of Wyoming.
- ☛ The largest coal mine in the USA is Black Thunder located near Wright.
- ☛ Wyoming was the 44th state in the US and became a state on 10th July 1890.
- ☛ Wyoming is the 10th biggest state in the US (253,325 sq km).
- ☛ The major industries of the state are cattle and sheep farming, coal and uranium mining, oil, and natural gas.
- ☛ The name Wyoming derives from the Indian word for "large plains."
- ☛ The state motto is "Equal Rights."
- ☛ A variety of dinosaur bones and fossils have been found in Wyoming. ☛

Famous People from Wyoming:
Jackson Pollock,
famous American abstract painter, born in Cody.



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

Situation	Formal	Relaxed	Informal
A friend tells you a story and you think it is completely unbelievable.	I find the series of events you have recollectored to be utterly incredulous.	I can't believe it.	Get outta town. Shut your face. There's no way in the world that's true.
You've had a long day and want to sleep.	I'm hoping to fall into an immediate slumber once I arrive to my humble abode.	I'm tired.	I could use a kip; I need a nap.
You're going skiing and ask to borrow your friend's skis.	Would you be terribly put out if I made temporary use of your athletic equipment?	Could I borrow your things?; Could you lend me your ski stuff?	Can I use your gear?
Someone at work contributes a really bad idea in a meeting. You say:	I'm truly sorry, but your vision seems slightly foggy with respect to what we're trying to accomplish.	I don't think that's a good idea; That's probably not going to work.	That was totally off the wall; That made no sense at all; That's terrible.
You tell someone you have no money in your bank account.	My financial situation leaves something to be desired.	I haven't got any money.	I'm broke as a joke. I'm one poor chap.
A salesperson calls your house to try to sell you something. You're not interested.	To be completely sincere, I have absolutely no desire to purchase these products you are peddling.	I'm not interested.	Thanks, but no thanks; No dice; No way, José.



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If you're an English teacher, please refer to the Hot English Teacher's Notes 92 for some fun ideas on how to use this article.



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 61.

- I've been thinking at taking up skiing as a hobby.
I've been thinking about taking up skiing as a hobby. / I've been thinking of taking up skiing as a hobby.
- The area was uninhabited except a few animals.
- Suddenly, it was a loud noise down the hall.
- There has been many problems with the new employee.
- I was sick all the day yesterday.
- We went to a steakhouse for dinner on last night.



SKILLS BOOKLET LISTENING



Speak Out

1 Pre-listening ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

Below is a list of common fears people have. Do you agree with this list? Add two more things to the list. Then, think of a piece of advice for each fear. For example, if someone is scared of meeting people and there's a big social event coming up, tell them to think about how everyone else is also nervous and that it's important to be yourself.

- meeting new people
- public speaking
- starting a new job
- getting married



2 Listening I

Listen to the conversation and write down the fear that the speakers are discussing. Summarise what advice is given.



3 Listening II

Listen again and write down in more detail what the speakers say about the following.

- organisation / preparation
- cue cards
- confidence
- going blank

4 Language focus expressions

Look at the sentence from the listening: "If you mess up, keep going." What phrasal verb with "go" do we use that means "to keep going"? Refer to page 100 in Unit 23 of your Advanced Skills Booklet for more expressions with "go".



5 Discussion

- How do you feel about public speaking? Is it something you hate / don't mind / quite like? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever made a speech? Where? When?
- In what other situations can your mind go blank? Give examples. Has this ever happened to you? When? Why?

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(US English)

Chat-up Lines / Pick-Up Lines

LET'S SEE IF YOU GET LUCKY.

- If I said you had a nice body, would you hold it against me?
- Do you like raisins? No? Well, how 'bout a date?
- Well, these lips aren't gonna kiss themselves!
- If you were a tear in my eye, I would never cry for the fear of losing you!
- Excuse me. My friend over there wants to know if you think I'm cute. 😊

GLOSSARY

a raisin *n*
a dried grape

a date *n*
a small, dark-brown fruit with a stone inside. Also, a romantic evening with someone

a tear *n*
the liquid that falls from your eyes when you cry

cute *adj* *informal*
pretty; attractive



Year in Review:

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN 1992? WHERE WERE YOU? HOW OLD WERE YOU? WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER? JOIN US ON A LITTLE TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE TO 1992.

Monthly trivia 1992

January

- Roberta Bondar becomes the first Canadian woman in space on board the shuttle *Discovery*.
- The Washington Redskins from Washington State defeat the Buffalo Bills from New York in Super Bowl XXVI in the United States.

February

- Twelve countries in the European Community sign the Maastricht treaty to make the European Union official.
- The Winter Olympics are held in Albertville, France.
- 22 clubs of the British First Division of the Football League **break away** and create the new Football Association Premier League.

March

- The Duke and Duchess of York officially separate.
- The British satirical magazine *Punch* stops circulation after 151 years.

April

- A universal exhibition opens in Seville, Spain entitled Expo '92 Seville.
- Disneyland Paris opens in Paris, France.

May

- The Swedish ice hockey team wins the World Championship in Prague.
- American TV personality Jay Leno becomes the new host of the TV

show *Tonight Show*, succeeding the very popular Johnny Carson.

June

- British author Andrew Morton publishes a very controversial book on Princess Diana, claiming she is a very depressed and unstable person.
- American **crime boss** John Gotti is sentenced to life in jail on charges of **racketeering**.
- Denmark beats Germany 2-0 at the European Football Championship in Sweden.

July

- The Olympic Games are held in Barcelona with all countries present for the first time in history.
- Yitzhak Rabin is elected Prime Minister of Israel.

August

- Hurricane Andrew kills several people in the southern states of the US.
- The largest shopping mall in the US, the Mall of America, is built.
- European human rights groups condemn Serbian refugee camps as "hell on earth."

September

- The Duchess of York becomes upset by the invasive paparazzi, who published lots of **tabloid gossip** after she separated from her husband.

October

- Sinéad O'Connor **rips up** a photo of Pope John Paul II on *Saturday Night Live*, causing huge controversy, leading the

switchboards at NBC to ring **off the hook**.

- Pope John Paul II **lifts** the **edict** of the Inquisition against Galileo Galilei.

November

- Bill Clinton defeats incumbent U.S. President George H. W. Bush and businessman H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd President of the US.
- The Czechoslovakia Federal Assembly votes to split the country into the Czech Republic and Slovakia. This takes effect the following year.
- The Church of England votes to allow women to become priests.

December

- UN Security Council Resolution 794 unanimously passes, approving a **coalition** of United Nations peacekeepers led by the United States to form UNITAF. This **task force** is built to ensure that humanitarian aid gets distributed and that peace is established in Somalia.

Famous films of 1992

- *Wayne's World*
- *My Cousin Vinny*
- *A Few Good Men*
- *Basic Instinct*
- *A River Runs Through It*
- *Unforgiven*

Albums released in 1992

- "*Ropin' The Wind*" by Garth Brooks
- "*Automatic for the People*" by R.E.M.
- "*Forever My Lady*" by Jodeci
- "*3 Years, 5 Months and 2 Days In the Life of*" by Arrested Development

Sports Trivia

- Andre Agassi wins Wimbledon.



- The Unified Team (formally known as the Soviet Union) wins the most medals (112, 45, of which are gold) at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.
- Germany wins the most medals (27, 10 of which are gold) at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France.

Football Trivia

- The following teams come out on top of their respective football leagues: Leeds United (England), FC Porto (Portugal), Olympique de Marseille (France), FC Barcelona (Spain), VfB Stuttgart (Germany), AC Milan (Italy).

GLOSSARY

- to break away** *phr vb*
if A "breaks away" from B, A leaves B and becomes independent
- a crime boss** *n*
a person who is in charge of a group of people who do illegal things
- racketeering** *n*
making money from illegal activities, such as threatening people or selling illegal goods
- tabloids** *n*
newspapers that publish news about celebrities' private lives, etc.
- gossip** *n*
rumours/stories about the private life of someone
- to rip up** *phr vb*
if you "rip something up", you break it into lots of small pieces
- off the hook** *exp*
if a phone rings "off the hook", it doesn't stop ringing because lots of people are calling
- to lift** *vb*
if an authority figure "lifts" a rule or law, they end it
- an edict** *n formal*
an order given by someone in authority
- a coalition** *n*
a group of people with different political opinions who work together to achieve a common goal
- a task force** *n*
a group of people working together temporarily to achieve something

SQUARE IDIOMS

THIS MONTH, WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME "SQUARE" IDIOMS.



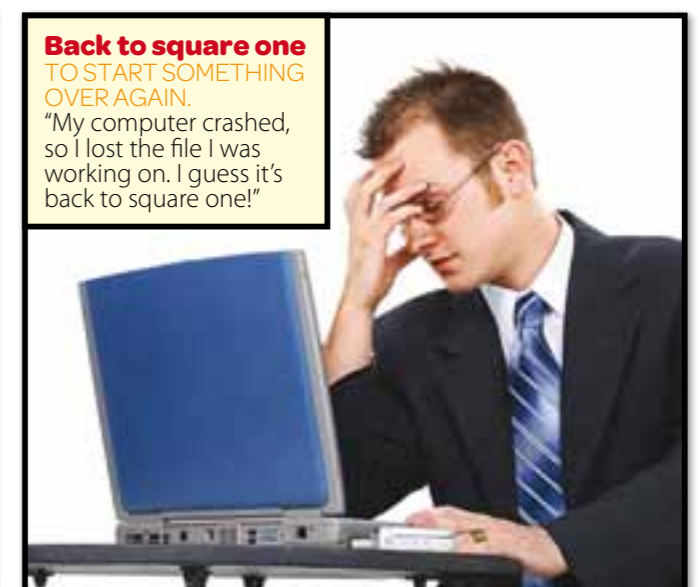
Fair and square
SOMETHING THAT IS APPROPRIATE, JUST AND WITHIN THE RULES.
"There are two of us, so let's divide the money in half – fair and square."



To square something with someone
TO MAKE SURE SOMETHING IS APPROVED BY A CERTAIN PERSON.
"When the boss comes this afternoon, I'll be sure to square the changes with her."



A square deal
A FAIR AND HONEST TRANSACTION.
"The workers want a square deal, but their company keeps underpaying them."



Back to square one
TO START SOMETHING OVER AGAIN.
"My computer crashed, so I lost the file I was working on. I guess it's back to square one!"



A square peg (in a round hole)
SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT BELONG OR FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE IN A SITUATION.
"Patty told me she feels like a square peg in a round hole – she works in accounts, but her background is in engineering."



To square something away
TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING OR TO FINISH IT.
"They had been talking about merging with the other office branch for months, but they finally squared it away last Monday."

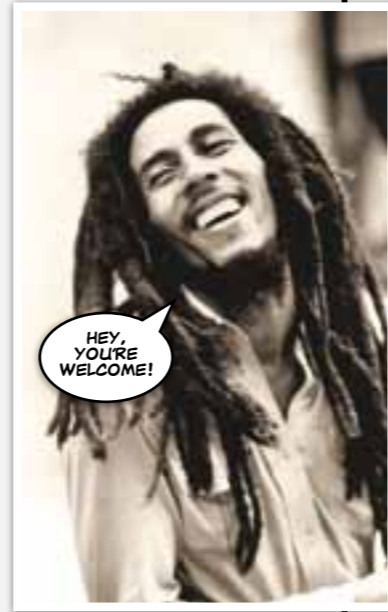
SKILLS BOOKLET READING

Gratitude is the best medicine

Grooving to the rhythm of gratitude.

We're told from an early age to mind our "Ps" and "Qs". We say thank you when a service is rendered, but how about spontaneously thanking friends, family, work colleagues, or even your favourite bands?

music genres to say thanks. The reggae band "Reggae Mistress" gave thanks to their reggae idol, Bob Marley, for



HEY, YOU'RE WELCOME!

Back in 2007, the Philippines put on a tribute concert centred around saying thanks. The idea came about after research by Dr. Robert Emmons (University of California) and Dr. Michael McCullough (University of Miami) explored the benefits of saying thank you. The results revealed that saying thank you will make you happier as well as the people you're thanking. Their study showed that the simple act of expressing gratitude resulted in "heightened liveliness, optimism and enthusiasm".

National Thank You Day Chicago

Another "National Thank You Day" sponsored by a different brand of chocolate (*Merci*) was in Chicago. The competitive event is held in September and celebrates acts of kindness. Winning contestants are nominated for their good deeds by someone close to them. If the nominee is lucky, he/she is awarded up to \$20,000. Celebrity Etiquette Expert Peggy Post and spokesperson for "National Thank You Day" says, "I encourage everyone to nominate someone whose kind deed has made a difference. This simple expression of appreciation goes a long way toward making our world a kinder place."



There was certainly enough liveliness, optimism and

enthusiasm on Philippine's "National Thank You Day". It was held in Manila on the 20th October 2007. The top chocolate brand in the Philippines, *Toblerone*, sponsored the event and the concert was organised with one goal in mind - to encourage Filipinos to express their gratitude more openly and freely. Top bands from the Philippines performed on the big day and even consented to free downloads of their music from the official Thank You Day website. "The Sweetest Thank You" by the Filipino band *True Faith* was among many songs composed especially for the occasion.

The artists and fans came together from all different

Some (ungrateful) cynics claimed that the "National Thank You Day" was no more than a marketing gimmick by *Toblerone*. Whether that's true or not, a lesson can surely still be learnt. So, don't hold back. You don't have to wait for a special occasion to say thank you to your loved ones. Just say it. Or, even better, follow in the footsteps of the people from the Philippines and throw a party!



ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

1 Pre-reading

What do you think the connection is among the following things?



2 Reading I

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

3 Reading II

What part did the following people/companies play in "National Thank You Day"?

1. Bob Marley
2. Toblerone
3. Dr. Emmons
4. Filipinos
5. True Faith

4 Language focus phrasal verbs with "back"

Circle the phrasal verb with "back" in the last paragraph of the article. Now, choose the correct definition.

- a. to stop yourself from doing something.
- b. to do something immediately without waiting.

5 Discussion

1. How often do you spontaneously thank people or your loved ones? In what kind of situations?
2. Do you agree with the studies that say gratitude increases your well-being? Why? Why not?
3. Would you go to a concert like the one in the article? Why? Why not?



Refer to page 104 of Unit 24 of your Advanced Skills Booklet for more phrasal verbs with "back".



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Pension Claim

Asking for more in times when there's less.



1 Pre-reading

What are these initials? What do they stand for?



2 Reading I

Use these words to predict the content of the article. Then, read the article to check your answers.

- excesses pension lavish spending
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- collapse expenditure shares
- treasury minister bank rescue package

3 Reading II

Who are the following people from the article and what do they do?



1 Alistair Darling



2 Sir Fred Goodwin



3 Lord Myners

Describe the jobs of person 1 and 3. Do the same positions exist in your country?

4 Language focus phrasal verbs

Look at the sentence from the article: "ordinary people are being laid off."

Now, choose the correct definition from (a-c).

- a. to be heavily taxed
- b. to be made redundant
- c. to be given the sack

Why is this phrasal verb in the passive form?

Think of three synonyms for the phrasal verb "to be laid off."

5 Discussion

1. What do you think about lavish spending among public figures? Give reasons.
2. Are you a lavish spender? Have you ever been a lavish spender? Give examples.
3. How are pensions decided in your country?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

"You cannot justify these excesses, especially when you've got a failure of this magnitude," said Alistair Darling, the UK's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He was referring to the massive pension awarded to the former chief of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), Sir Fred Goodwin. Goodwin was responsible for the record loss of more than £24 billion and the collapse of the 350-year-old bank. But the former chief is receiving £650,000 a year as a pension... and he's only 50 years old!

Many blame Goodwin's strategy of aggressive expansion for the collapse of the bank. The bank experienced severe financial problems. Ultimately RBS was forced in October 2008 to rely on a UK government bank rescue package, which resulted in the government owning a majority of the shares.

Goodwin formally left RBS on 1st January 2009. According to some, Goodwin had been regarded as among the most arrogant figures in the city. During his time as CEO, many criticised him for lavish spending, including expenditure on the construction of a £350m headquarters outside Edinburgh (opened by the Queen in 2005), and the \$500m headquarters in the US.

In February 2009, the size of Goodwin's pension became public knowledge. The treasury minister Lord Myners had previously said that there should be "no reward for failure". But Goodwin's pension is now more than £16m. As a result, he can draw an annual pension of £703,000 a year. There was some pressure for him to return this, but in late February 2009, he refused any requests to do this. The government is currently debating what to do about it. Meanwhile, ordinary people are being laid off, and anger towards the former "golden boy" of banking is growing. Just recently, his home in Edinburgh was attacked by an anti-banking group known as "Bank Bosses Are Criminals". Some think this is just the start. ☹

Sir Frederick Anderson Goodwin

Born in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland on 17th August 1958. Sir Frederick Anderson Goodwin is a chartered accountant and banker. He was the chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland for eight years. He oversaw the bank's rise in becoming the world's largest company and fifth-largest bank by stock market value. In late 2008, Goodwin officially announced his resignation as Chief Executive, a month before RBS announced the largest annual loss in UK corporate history. A few months later, RBS became the subject of widespread public, political and media criticism.



GLOSSARY

- former** *adj* previous
- a bank rescue package** *n* money that the government gives to help a failing bank
- CEO** *n* Chief Executive Officer, the person who is the boss of a major corporation
- lavish** *adj* extravagant; excessively wasteful
- to be laid off** *phr vb* if someone is "laid off", they lose their job because there is no money to pay them
- a golden boy** *n* if someone is described as a "golden boy", they can do no wrong and are seen as perfect in the eyes of others
- chartered** *adj* if you are a "chartered" accountant, you have the necessary professional qualifications to be an accountant
- widespread** *adj* if something is "widespread", it exists over a large area



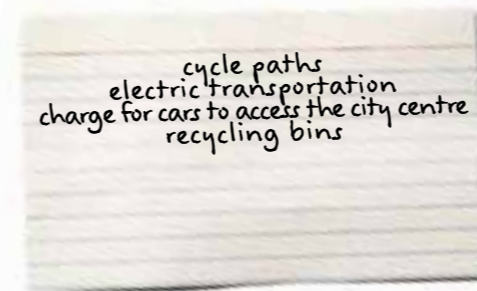
It's Electric!

An alternative energy source for our roads.



1 Pre-reading

Look at this list of "green facilities" available in a city. Then, add two more. Which ones do you have in your city?



2 Reading I

Read the article to find out which green facility is being described.

3 Reading II

Choose an alternative title for this article. Justify your choice.

- a. Boris Johnson: London's hope for a greener world
- b. Green public transport – a possible reality or an impractical dream?
- c. The pros and cons of the electric vehicle

4 Language focus expressions

Look at the following sentence from the article, "This non-polluting form of transport has been around for a long time, but many feel that now its day has come." What expression in the sentence means "to be present"?

5 Discussion

In your own words, give your opinion on the following points from the article (in relation to your city):

- a. electric cars
- b. electric buses
- c. the benefits of electric cars
- d. the inconvenience of electric buses

ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

The future of the car industry is in tatters. But some see a ray of light. The latest trend is to invest in green solutions, such as electric cars. This non-polluting form of transport has been around for a long time, but many feel that now its day has come.

The idea of converting to electric transportation is becoming more and more popular. London's mayor Boris Johnson hopes to convert his city into the "electric capital of Europe". He's working to introduce an electric car system in London. It would consist of installing a fleet of electric cars in the capital that can be rented out. Consumers would pay a small fee to use one. When they finished their journey, they would simply leave it in one of the many electric car checkpoints around the city. Government officials in Paris are hoping to start a similar scheme this year known as Autolib.

The benefits of converting to electric cars are enormous. It would lead to dramatic reductions in CO2 emissions, a decrease in inner-city pollution and urban noise levels and the creation of more environmentally-friendly cities. As part of the drive to create more energy-efficient cars, the government have also launched a scrappage scheme. This enables owners of cars that are more than ten years old to a £2,000 subsidy if they buy a newer and more energy-efficient car.

The government are also planning to introduce more electric buses to improve the public transport system. These vehicles are powered by electric battery packs. Critics say that charging bus batteries could inconvenience passengers. But Mark Houlton, an electric bus operator in the UK, said, "There could be a small inconvenience to passengers if the batteries needed recharging, but this would be outweighed by the significant environmental benefits of running on electricity." Also, with all the incentives for companies to invest more heavily in green technology, we're sure they'll find a way to improve the life of the batteries. ☺

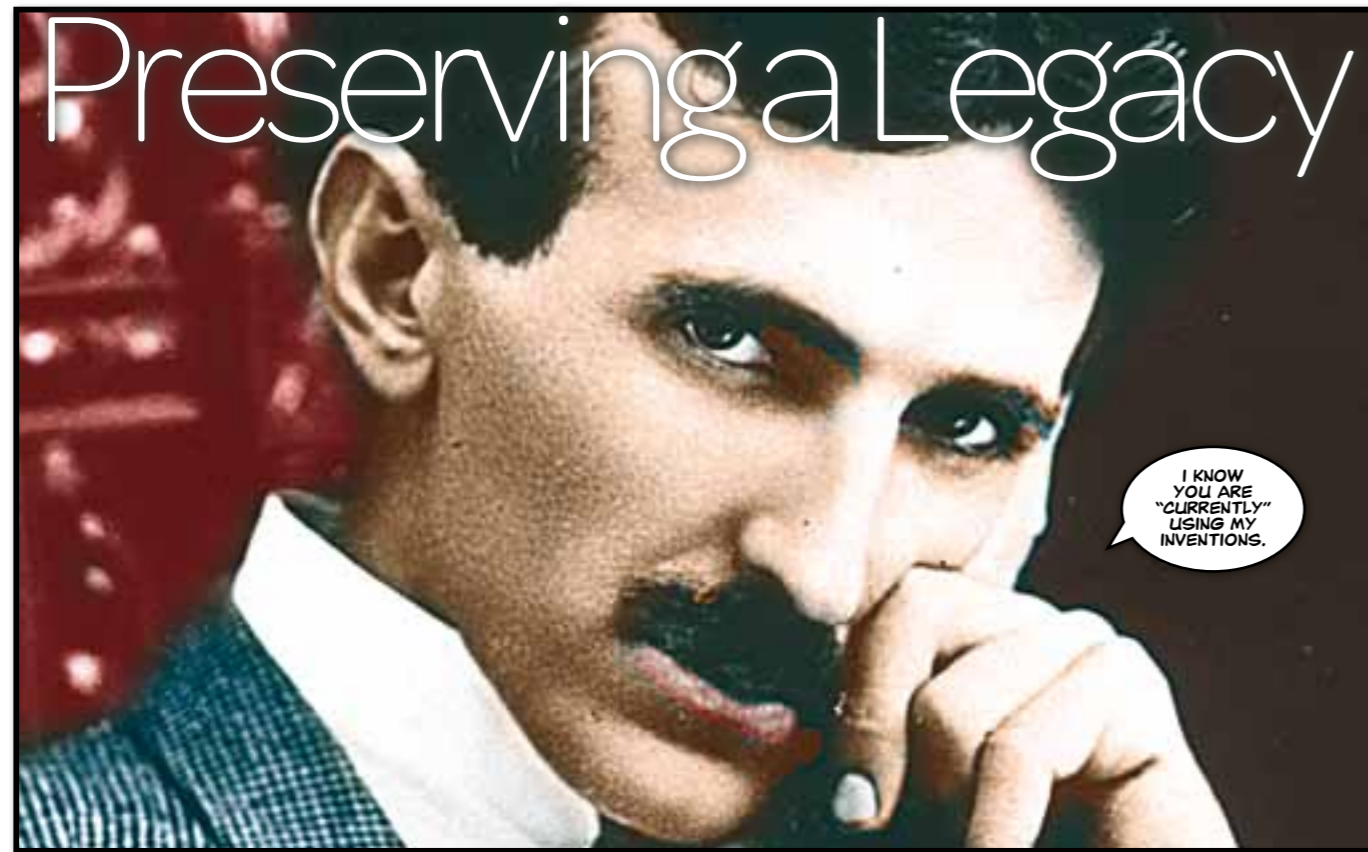
Boris Johnson

Boris Johnson was elected Mayor of London on 2 May 2008. Born in New York, Johnson describes himself as a 'one man melting-pot', with French, Turkish, and German ancestry. He was a student at the University of Oxford and later began a career in journalism. He was a writer for *The Daily Telegraph* for many years and has written several books including an autobiography. Since his election, he has been famous for banning alcohol on public transportation in London and openly endorsing Barack Obama.



GLOSSARY

- in tatters** *exp* if an institution is "in tatters", it has suffered a lot of damage and will probably have worse things happen to it in the future
- a ray of light** *exp* if there is a "ray of light", there is a little bit of hope
- a fee** *n* money you pay to be allowed to do something
- a checkpoint** *n* a place to leave something that is intended for public use, such as a "bicycle checkpoint" in a park to return a public bicycle
- a scrappage scheme** *n* a scheme that gives you a discount on a new car if you give them your old one
- a subsidy** *n* money that is paid by the government in order to help a business or organisation
- to outweigh** *vb formal* if A "outweighs" B, A has more importance than B
- an incentive** *n* something that motivates you to do something
- to endorse** *vb* if you "endorse" a political candidate, you give them money and/or show your support for that person



SOME SAY NIKOLA TESLA WAS A FAILURE, AND SOME SAY HE WAS A GENIUS. BUT WHO WAS HE? AND WHAT DID HE DO?

Nikola Tesla is said to have invented many things. He is referred to as the father of modern technology. It's a **bold** statement, which is why it's so **hotly contested**. Tesla was born in Serbia in 1856, and was educated in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. He was a strange child, but incredibly intelligent. He loved science and mathematics and was always creating things around his house. He had compulsive disorders, but could speak seven languages. He eventually moved to New York in 1884, at 28, and worked with Thomas Edison.

Tesla had a lot of ideas that were very advanced for the times. He was really interested in the idea of alternating **current**. This is the concept that energy can flow in different directions, which is really good for transmitting electricity, because it becomes lighter, and, therefore, can be carried farther and faster. He also made enormous progress in the fields of wireless communication, radio transmissions and he even took the first X-ray photograph. The inventor dreamed of creating a system that transmitted energy without using wires. To test his theories, he used a huge tower that is now called Wardenclyffe.

This tower has recently become a subject for discussion. There's a debate going on right now about whether or not to preserve this symbol

of Tesla's work. A science group in Long Island wants to convert the 16-acre site into a museum and education centre. The owner, the Afga Corporation, says they need to sell the property because of the economic recession. The property has been put up for sale, so it is **in the hands of** the future buyer.

There are many people who support preserving Wardenclyffe. The Governor of New York State, David A. Paterson, wants to include this tower on the National Register of Historic Places. "It's hugely important to protect this site," says Marc Seifer, author of Tesla's biography. The President of the Tesla Science Centre, Jane Alcorn, agrees. "A lot of his work was way ahead of his time," she said. The President of the Tesla Memorial Society said that destroying Tesla's lab would be "absolutely terrible. It's a piece of history."

The story of Nikola Tesla is a sad one. While his patents made him temporarily wealthy, he spent his money frivolously. He eventually died of a heart attack in New York when he was 87. He was alone, largely forgotten and surrounded by undeveloped ideas. Larry Page, the founder of Google, said that Tesla "couldn't commercialise anything. In fact, he could **barely** fund his own **research**." Perhaps the preservation of Tesla's tower would give the inventor the **posthumous** recognition many say he deserves. +



GLOSSARY

bold *adj* controversial; noticeable
hotly contested *exp* passionately debated
a current *n* an electric "current" is a flow of electricity through a wire or circuit
in the hands of *exp* if something is "in the hands of" someone, that person has control over it
barely *adv* only just; slightly
research *n* work that involves studying something and learning facts about it
posthumous *adj* after death

PHRASAL VERB THEMES

spending and saving

THIS MONTH, WE'VE GOT SOME PHRASAL VERBS ABOUT SPENDING AND SAVING MONEY. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS BELOW. ANSWERS ON PAGE 61

broke send shop price bills flowers bargain eaten

1 TO KNOCK OFF
TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF SOMETHING BY A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

"WE TOLD HIM WE WERE STUDENTS, SO HE **KNOCKED 10% OFF THE** OF THE CAR."

2 TO RIP SOMEONE OFF
IF SOMEONE "RIPS YOU OFF", THEY CHEAT YOU BY CHARGING YOU TOO MUCH FOR SOMETHING OR BY SELLING YOU SOMETHING THAT IS DEFECTIVE.

"THIS PHONE AFTER ONLY ONE WEEK; I REALLY GOT **RIPPED OFF!**"

3 TO SNAP SOMETHING UP
IF YOU "SNAP SOMETHING UP", YOU BUY IT QUICKLY BECAUSE IT HAS A GOOD PRICE AND IT IS WHAT YOU WANT.

"THEY WERE SELLING REALLY NICE POLO SHIRTS FOR HALF PRICE, SO I **SNAPPED UP THAT** AND DIDN'T THINK TWICE!"

4 TO FORK OUT
TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON SOMETHING.

"MY PARENTS **FORKED OUT** A LOT OF MONEY TO ME TO PRIVATE SCHOOL."

5 TO RUN UP
IF YOU "RUN UP" A DEBT, YOU'VE SPENT MORE MONEY THAN YOU HAVE.

"HE **RAN UP** A HUGE DEBT BECAUSE HE NEVER PAID HIS CREDIT CARD ON TIME."

6 TO SKIMP ON
IF YOU "SKIMP ON" SOMETHING, YOU DON'T PUT IN THE NECESSARY TIME AND MONEY INTO IT AND IT TURNS OUT BADLY. OR, YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK.

"WE'VE **SKIMPED ON** PASTA FOR FIVE DAYS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO **SKIMP ON COSTS.**"

7 TO STOCK UP ON
TO BUY A LOT OF SOMETHING, IN CASE YOU CAN'T GET IT LATER.

"I **STOCKED UP ON** TABASCO SAUCE BECAUSE I CAN ONLY FIND IT IN THAT."

8 TO CLUB TOGETHER
TO PAY FOR ONE THING AS A GROUP.

"IT'S PATTY'S LAST DAY OF WORK, SO WE **CLUBBED TOGETHER** AND BOUGHT HER SOME."

TAPESCRIPTS & BARCHATS ANSWERS

Tapescripts

Company Evaluation Track 8

Kim: Hey, did you finish this company evaluation yet?

Jess: Not yet. Some of the questions are really tough.

Kim: I know! What did you put for the one about company productivity?

Jess: I gave us an 8 out of 10 on overall company productivity. I said 8 because I think that we all get our work done efficiently and work really hard, but there are some lazy days.

Kim: Yeah, that's true.

Jess: How did you rate the company on general environment?

Kim: I haven't decided yet. I think that there's a pretty good atmosphere, but the office itself is pretty dull. The furniture is old and the walls are really drab.

Jess: Plus the kitchen is so dirty!

Kim: I know! So, I think the people are great, but this office could really use brighter colours and better decoration.

Jess: I agree, I think I'm going to give my office a 6 out of 10 on environment.

Kim: Yeah, me too.

Jess: I'm also not really sure about what to put about the benefits package. I think the benefits we get, like health insurance and vacation days are great, but you have to be here a long time to be able to use them all.

Kim: Yeah, you're so right. I wasn't able to use any of the benefits until I worked here for two years. Isn't that crazy?

Jess: I know. The holiday plan definitely needs to change, especially since we all work really hard. But there's a great retirement and savings plan. So, I think I'm going to write a 9 out of 10.

Kim: You're right, that sounds good. And of course there's the child care and the taxi service from the train station to the office. The only problem is that I wish we had more vacation days.

Jess: Me too. But overall there's a good vibe in my office, and everyone works hard. We're pretty efficient, so I think my evaluation will be pretty positive.

Kim: Yeah, mine too, plus the office parties are great!

British Bar Chat Track 27

Kim: In this bar chat, Barry and Kate are talking about Wimbledon.

Barry: Oh, yeah, it's Wimbledon fortnight this week.

Kate: Yeah, I'm really looking forward to it, although I'm not gonna go this year. I actually went a couple of years ago.

Barry: Did you? Who did you see?

Kate: Erm...I saw both the Williams sisters, erm... Maria Sharapova, Andy Murray... erm... lots of people. We were on the outdoor courts, though. We couldn't get tickets for centre court.

Barry: Did you do the whole thing with strawberries and crème and champagne?

Kate: No, no. Everything costs a fortune there and you have to queue for hours just to get something to eat.

Barry: Did you stay for the whole day?

Kate: We did, and it was a lovely day for once. It didn't rain at all.

Barry: Oh, that's right, cos it always rains, doesn't it?

Kate: Yeah, well, the sun came out for us for once.

Barry: Hmm... you were very lucky then.

US Bar Chat Track 28

Kim: In this bar chat, Tara and Annie are talking about graduations.

Annie: Hey, what's up?

Tara: Oh, gosh, I'm exhausted. I just got back from North Carolina last night.

Annie: What was in North Carolina?

Tara: My cousin Jessica. She just graduated from a university there.

Annie: Oh, that's nice. So, you had a big ceremony or what?

Tara: Yeah, oh gosh, it was gorgeous. It was an outdoor ceremony, so all the graduates were out on a stage, in their white robes and the audience was out on chairs on the lawn, and we had a great day. It was really nice.

Annie: Gosh, graduations are such milestones, you know? You know, the whole family comes, everybody takes pictures...

Tara: Mm-hmm.

Annie: It's really nice, and it just something to remember your... it's just so significant, I think.

Tara: Yeah, it was really beautiful and everyone was just really excited about starting their new lives after school, their new jobs, moving to different cities. There was definitely a sense of excitement in the air.

Annie: But excitement, it's kind of a bittersweet excitement too, because, you know, you're leaving behind memories, but you're starting something new. You know what I mean?

Tara: Yeah, and it's kinda like leaving your childhood behind. Gotta move into adulthood now.

Annie: Yeah, that's kind of scary.

Tara: Well, all right, well, I gotta go, so see you this weekend?

Annie: OK, yeah.

Tara: Bye.

Story: The Shop Episode 9 Track 29

Kim: So, what are we going to do?

Carol: Look, there's a little window up there.

Jim: But it's too high.

Carol: We can use those boxes in the corner of the room.

Jim: What for?

Carol: We can put them on the table that's in the

it would be nice to get her something symbolic of the company

Shelly: I guess. We could always organise a company photo, frame it and give her a piece of small jewellery – or perhaps an album.

Jane: That's a nice idea. We could buy that tomorrow during our lunch break, couldn't we? Oooo, wait, I have another idea. We could get individual photos of the team or even in small groups and make them look like postcards. And then on the back, we can put our contact details so we don't lose touch. What do you think?

Shelly: Excellent idea. We could even do a compilation of all the music we play in the office – you know those office anthems that got us through the difficult times. Music has sentimental value, don't you think?

Jane: Good idea! She loves music. Another thing, how about this office could really use brighter colours and better decoration.

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Ordering Take-Out Food Track 9

Clerk: Silver Spoon American Dining Restaurant, this is Brian, what can I do for you?

Angela: Yes, hi, I'd like to order some food.

Clerk: OK, and will that be for delivery or pick-up?

Angela: Pick-up.

Clerk: Great, and what would you like?

Angela: I'd like the ham and mushroom pizza, the famous Silver Spoon Cheeseburger with bacon but without mayonnaise and extra French Fries. Also, I'd like a soda, a water and two pieces of peanut butter cake.

Clerk: Anything else?

Angela: Yes, I'd also like a small container of honey mustard on the side. That's it.

Clerk: OK. So, all of that adds up to \$18.92.

Angela: Can I pay with a cheque?

Clerk: You can, but if you do that, we'll need a driver's licence number.

Angela: OK, then I think I'll just pay with cash when I pick up the food. How long will it take?

Clerk: Well, it could take anywhere from 15-30 minutes. We'll call you when it's ready. What's your phone number?

Angela: 637-9821.

Clerk: OK, and what name should we put on the order?

Angela: Angela Hardwick.

Clerk: How do you spell the last name?

Angela: H-A-R-D-W-I-C-K.

Clerk: OK, Ms Hardwick, we'll call you in a few minutes. And thanks for ordering from Silver Spoon Restaurant.

Angela: Great, thanks, Bye.

"Goodbye, My Friend" Track 16

Jane: So, what shall we do for Tabby's farewell party?

Shelly: First of all, we need to pick a venue, don't you think?

Jane: Well, she loves that Mexican restaurant on Broad Street, doesn't she? Maybe we could book a table for everyone at lunch time. We could even book the back room for the whole afternoon so there's no rush. What do you think?

Shelly: Yes, that's a great idea. There are twenty of us in the department, aren't there?

Jane: Mmmm. I think there's more. Maybe 25? That's gonna be a lot of people, isn't it? And the restaurant is pretty small. How about the Thai place on George Street – it's much bigger. That's open at lunchtime, isn't it?

Shelly: Oh yeah, and it's a lovely restaurant. So, we both agree – a restaurant is the best option. I think so. Remember we did that Christmas meal in the office? It was awful.

Shelly: Mmm, I remember. A restaurant it is. Now, the next big thing to decide on is the present. Now Tabby loves jewellery, doesn't she?

Jane: True. And it's something she can keep and remember us by. But don't you think

middle of the room.

Jim: Oh, I see, and then you can climb up and out of the window.

Carol: No, you can climb up.

Jim: But I'm scared of heights.

Carol: Well, you used to be scared of heights, but you aren't scared any more.

Jim: Why am I the one who does all the difficult jobs? (They start moving the boxes.)

Carol: And when you get out, you can go to the police station.

Jim: OK. Here goes. (He starts to climb up.) It's very high.

Carol: Keep going. (He gets to the top.)

Jim: The window is stuck. It won't open.

Carol: Push.

Jim: It's no good.

Carol: Push harder.

Jim: I can't.

Carol: Do I have to come up there with you? Push!

Jim: It's no good... (Suddenly, the window opens.)

Carol: Great. Now go as fast as you can and get some help.

Jim: OK. Are you sure you'll be all right in there?

Carol: Don't worry about me.

Small Talk Track 31

Situation 1: Two people stuck in an elevator (0 conditional)

Speaker 1: This is the stuff of films: I can't believe we're stuck in here. Do you think they heard the alarm?

Speaker 2: Goodness, I hope so. Anyway, I'm Kay.

Speaker 1: Pleased to meet you, Kay, even under these circumstances! I'm Pete... I hope someone comes to let us out soon.

Speaker 2: Well, who knows how long we'll be in here? This building is rather old, and things break a lot.

Speaker 1: It seems like a very nice building though. I hear the apartments are really nice.

Speaker 2: They are. I live here. The building is more than sixty years old. It's quite quaint really for a modern apartment block. If you go up to the top of the building, you can enjoy excellent views of the city.

Speaker 1: Oh, really? Actually, I'm just visiting a friend who lives on the fourth floor. I live on the fourth floor! We must be neighbours. What's your friend's name?

Speaker 2: Her name is Jane Ryan, she's just moved in.

Speaker 1: Oh yes, I've met Jane – she's a lovely girl.

Situation 2: Two people next to each other on a plane (1st conditional)

Speaker 1: Are you alright? You look really nervous. You're shaking.

Speaker 2: I know. I'm a little bit nervous. I absolutely hate flying.

Speaker 1: Really? I don't mind it much. In fact, I kind of like it.

Speaker 2: I just can't stop thinking about how we could crash any moment.

Speaker 1: Well, I just try to focus on the place I'm going. What are you flying to Rome for?

Speaker 2: I'm going to meet a friend from university. We studied together in England and now she lives in Rome. Well, I'm sure that'll be fun. If you think about all the cool things you'll do together, you'll feel a lot better.

Speaker 1: Yeah, I guess. And what are you doing in Rome?

Speaker 2: Oh just some business for the internet company I work for. Nothing too exciting.

Situation 3: Two people waiting for the bus (2nd / 3rd Conditional)

Speaker 1: Hey, you don't know when the 44 last passed, do you?

Speaker 2: No. I don't, I'm afraid. I've just arrived myself. (Pause) Terrible weather today, huh?

Speaker 1: Yeah, I know. I had no idea it was going to rain today. If I'd looked at the weather forecast, I would've thought to bring an umbrella. I'm soaked through.

Speaker 2: Oh dear. I'm lucky that I never travel without my umbrella. I have such a long walk home from the bus stop. If I could afford it, I'd just take taxis everywhere! Do you live close by?

Speaker 1: I live quite close actually. I live on Oak Street. It's about a fifteen minute walk from the bus stop.

Speaker 2: Oh, I know Oak Street. There's a great café there called Charlie's. I go for coffee there with my friends every weekend.

Speaker 1: Oh yeah, Charlie's is great. They have excellent scones in the morning as well. You know, the owner, Charlie, is a good friend of mine.

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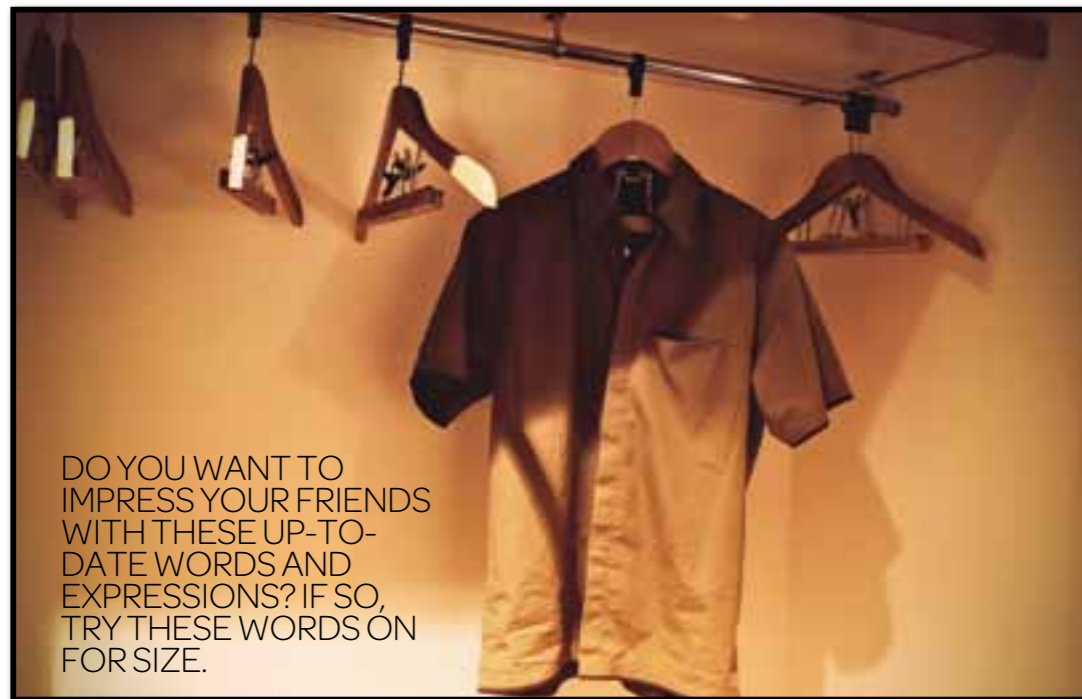
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Wordrobe

This word is formed by "wardrobe" and "word". Basically, it means the amount of vocabulary you know. Similar to a wardrobe where you keep your clothes, your "wordrobe" is your capacity to know words. So, if someone writes you an e-mail and uses big words, or someone tells you a story and includes colourful imagery, you could complement them on their large "wordrobe". For example, "Wow, that university professor

has quite an extensive wardrobe! I should read more if I want to talk like her."

Spork

This word is formed by "spoon" and "fork". And, that's exactly what it is. You know when you're eating chilli, or a solid food with



lots of liquid? You can't really use a fork, because the liquid will fall through the prongs. And you can't really use a spoon because you need the prongs of a fork to pick up the food. So, that's why sporks exist. For example, you might say, "Hey Steve, do you have an extra spork? This spaghetti has a lot of liquid." ☺

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