50 Conversation Classes

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Introduction

The basis of a good conversation class is giving learners a reason and an opportunity to speak and scaffolding that speaking with lexis and grammatical structure, as it is needed. The most fruitful conversations arise spontaneously and there is an art to listening well and asking the right questions in order to uncover the nuggets of common interest that can provoke stimulating classroom discussion. However, stimulating conversation doesn’t always arise spontaneously, some days the learners (or the teacher) are tired or reluctant to speak up. Here it’s the teacher’s role to give learners a gentle push into areas that will hopefully spark intellectual arousal and thus opportunities for the teacher to support this output with appropriate input and explanation.

About the materials

The activities in this book are intended merely to facilitate and support rich and stimulating conversation. The material is not designed to produce standardised lessons. Each unit contains many possible branching off points which the teacher and students can choose to pursue in more depth or to accept at face value.

While these conversation activities require little preparation, they do require that the teacher works hard during the session. The output produced will be unpredictable and the areas of support needed can be wide-ranging. It may help to have a language reference book at hand and to be unafraid to openly refer to it or better still have the learners look up grammatical rules for themselves.

How to use the material

Give a copy of the activity page to each learner and have them read the quote and give their reaction to it. Then put them into pairs or small groups to try and unscramble the mixed up vocabulary items. After 10 minutes or so, go through the answers together.

Next have learners look at the idioms. Feel free to go off-track as questions arise from the presented language. Maybe they have similar idioms in their own language, maybe they find the construction unusual or funny. Make it clear that it’s not mandatory that learners are able to reproduce each of these idioms, but that understanding and inferring their meaning is the main goal. If learners have grammar questions you can address them in depth or stress that the main focus of this section is understanding and move on.
The *grammar bit* is deliberately located at the bottom of the page so it can be easily omitted from your photocopies if think it is unsuitable for the class. This section is not designed to lead into a full on grammar drill but instead to give learners exposure and repetition of a particular structure as well as reassuring learners that explicit grammar learning is being represented.

Of course, you can go into a longer more structured grammar explanation at this (or any other) point. One way to work with the *grammar bit* is to have students copy the structure but change the context, either through putting a sentence on the board and having the class make changes to it as a group, or asking learners to create their own grammatically similar sentence.

The last step is to give groups of learners a deck of shuffled question cards placed face down on the table in front of them. You may choose to pre-teach any vocabulary you think might be unfamiliar at this point, or leave it to the groups to figure out the meaning for themselves (or ask for your help).

Learners take it in turns to turn over the top card and ask their question to the other group members. The questions should be asked to each member in turn in order to give everyone a chance to speak but spontaneous group discussion shouldn’t be discouraged. Be on hand to take notes and help out where needed. Finally, when the conversations are drying up, or after a specified time limit, go over anything interesting you heard during the activity and ask groups what other information they found out during their conversations. Further discussion may well spring up again during this final stage.
1 Age

“My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the heck she is.”
— Ellen DeGeneres

Mixed up vocabulary

coddhihol - (n) the time when you were young
tenrgeae - (n) someone aged between 13 and 19
piennerso - (n) someone who has finished their working life
mldeid-adge - (adj) to be neither young nor old
mutaer - (adj) behaves like an adult, not childish
rtreteienm - (n) the period after you finish your working life
tlddore - (n) a very young child

Idioms and collocations

Ben wants to be an archaeologist when he grows __________.
He’s getting on a __________ but he’s still got a great voice.
You look good for your __________, what’s the secret?
The 1930s were the __________ age of Jazz.
Disneyland was fantastic, we had the __________ of our lives there.

\[
\text{up} \quad \text{bit} \quad \text{age} \quad \text{time} \quad \text{golden}
\]

Grammar bit

If I could retire tomorrow, I would. I would spend my time travelling the world and learning about different cultures.
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<td>What’s the best age to be?</td>
<td>In your country how old must you be to smoke, drink, drive and get married?</td>
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<td>How old were you when you left home?</td>
<td>What advice would you give to someone half your age?</td>
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<td>What do you think is the best age to have children?</td>
<td>What do you think is the best age for a political leader?</td>
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<td>What’s the retirement age in your country?</td>
<td>Have you ever lied about your age?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Would you like to live until you were 1000?</td>
<td>Do you think age difference is unimportant in a relationship?</td>
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2 Annoyances

“People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.”
— Isaac Asimov

Mixed up vocabulary

ierrtta - (v) to make someone annoyed
ptse - (n) someone or something annoying
incnnoeveti - (adj) not simple or helpful
fresatdrut - (adj) how you feel when you have trouble doing something
fiuorsu - (adj) very, very angry
bda doom - (n) the feeling you have when you are not happy
clam wond - (v) what you might say to someone who is feeling angry or annoyed

Idioms and collocations

The new traffic lights are a pain in the __________.
My supervisor is driving me __________ today.
This weatherman gets on my __________, he’s always so jolly.
My boss hit the __________ when she found out about the missing money.
it really __________ me when you eat with your mouth open.

| crazy | bugs | neck | nerves | roof |

Grammar bit

I’m so frustrated by this English homework, English grammar is very frustrating, and the lesson was so boring, I’ve never been so bored in all my life.
## 2 Annoyances

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<th>What annoys you about the English language?</th>
<th>Which celebrities annoy you?</th>
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<tr>
<td>What annoys you about the town where you live?</td>
<td>Do any of your friends or coworkers have annoying habits?</td>
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<td>Do you think you have any annoying habits?</td>
<td>When you’re getting annoyed do you bottle it up or let it out?</td>
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<td>What really makes you mad?</td>
<td>Do you ever get annoyed with yourself?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you ever get annoyed with inanimate objects?</td>
<td>What annoying things do people younger (or older) than you do?</td>
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3 Animals

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Mixed up vocabulary

vet - (n) a doctor who looks after animals
cllaor - (n) dogs often wear one of these around their necks
hteneibra - (v) some animals have a long sleep in the winter
prru - (v) cats do this when they’re happy
mlmama - (n) animals that feed milk to their young (e.g. humans, cows, cats)
reetlip - (n) animals that have cold blood and lay eggs (e.g. snakes, lizards, turtles)
bkar - (v/n) the noise a dog makes

Idioms and collocations

She crept out as quiet as a __________ but the baby woke and started crying.
John is the black __________ of the family, he’s always in some kind of trouble.
This is a tough business. It’s a dog eat __________ world.
I’m so hungry, I could eat a __________.
Who let the __________ out of the bag and told Ann about her surprise birthday party?

sheep  horse  mouse  dog  cat

Grammar bit

Ostriches can run almost as fast as lions and their kick is as powerful as a kangaroo’s. However, their brains are only as big as a walnut.
### 3 Animals

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<th>Do you like going to zoos?</th>
<th>Do you have any pets?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Have you ever been bitten or stung by an animal?</td>
<td>Are you afraid of any animals?</td>
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<td>Have you ever thought about becoming vegetarian?</td>
<td>What animals live in the wild in your country?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Would you like to go hunting?</td>
<td>Are you a cat person or a dog person?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What animals have you seen in the wild?</td>
<td>Do you think any animals are pests?</td>
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4 Art

Football is an art, like dancing is an art - but only when it’s well done does it become an art.”
— Arsene Wenger

Mixed up vocabulary
pinta - (n) colourful liquid which is used to make pictures with
daniwgr - (n) a picture made with a pencil
gayller - (n) a place you go to see art
poitrart - (n) a painting or drawing of a person (usually only their head and shoulders)
mapierstece - (n) a great piece of art, the artist’s best work
csvana - (n) the material a painting is painted on
teicnhque - (n) a special method which an artist may use

Idioms and collocations
A __________ is worth a thousand words.
Maybe he’s nice, don’t judge a __________ by it’s cover.
I’ll give him one more chance but we have to draw a __________ somewhere.
It’s my birthday so we’re going out to paint the __________ red.
The boss didn’t like it so I’m afraid it’s back to the drawing __________.

board   picture   town   book   line

Grammar bit
The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci in the 16th century. It was stolen from the Louvre in 1911 and it was another two years before the painting was recovered by police.
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<td>What pictures do you have on your walls?</td>
<td>Have you seen any famous works of art?</td>
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<td>Do you have any artistic talents?</td>
<td>Who’s your favourite artist?</td>
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<td>What kind of art do you like?</td>
<td>How often do you visit museums or art galleries?</td>
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<td>Who are the most famous artists from your country?</td>
<td>What do you think of modern art?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Describe an interesting photograph you’ve seen?</td>
<td>Do you own any original pieces of art?</td>
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5 Birthdays

You can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old.”
— George Burns

Mixed up vocabulary

perstens - (n) what you hope to receive lots of on your birthday
ckea - (n) people often eat a piece of this on their special day
cdnlaes - (n) there’s one for every year and you have to blow them out
gfti vuceohr - (n) it’s like money but you can only spend it in one shop
prtay - (n) your birthday is a good excuse to have one of these
susrripe - (n/adj) something unexpected and nice
blobanol - (n) there’s usually plenty of these around on a child’s birthday

Idioms and collocations

In the UK you come of ___________ on your 18th birthday.

Martin was the ___________ of the party, he didn’t stop dancing all night.

I hope you have a ___________ at your party tonight.

Come on Mick! It’s a party, let your ___________ down and have a drink and a dance.

The test was really easy, it was a piece of ___________.

hair      cake      age      ball      life

Grammar bit

The party was so much fun, we had such a great time. Tom was so drunk that he fell asleep on the sofa. I got such a lot of presents and later the police came because the music was so loud.
## 5 Birthdays

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<td>Have you ever been part of a surprise birthday party?</td>
<td>Do you share your birthday with anyone famous?</td>
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<td>How many people’s birthdays do you know off by heart?</td>
<td>What star sign are you? Does your personality match your star sign?</td>
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<td>What did you do for your last birthday?</td>
<td>How would you spend your perfect birthday?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have you ever celebrated your birthday in another country?</td>
<td>Have you ever had a birthday party?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What birthday traditions are there in your country?</td>
<td>Do you know anyone who has their birthday on or near another big celebration day?</td>
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6 Books

_We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading._”
— B.F. Skinner

Mixed up vocabulary

ctntnseo - (n) usually found at the front of a book, it tells you what is in the book
ctrphea - (n) books are often divided up into these
potl - (n) what happens in a book
pakberpa - (n/adj) a book with a soft cover, not a hardback
ixden - (n) usually at the back of the book, this lists, in detail, what is in the book
smki - (v) to read something quickly looking for information
nno-fniotic - (adj) a book which is about real life, not invented

Idioms and collocations

I helped her move house at the weekend so I’m in her good __________.
The team completely lost the __________ after they let in the second goal.
Moving to New York was the start of a new __________ in my life.
I couldn’t believe it either, but sometimes __________ is stranger than fiction.
Reading between the __________, I don’t think he’s enthusiastic about the idea.

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<th>plot</th>
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<th>truth</th>
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Grammar bit

I think this book is very overrated, it’s overlong and the characters are underdeveloped.
The main character is an underachiever with an overactive imagination who is underperforming in a dead-end job.
### 6 Books

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<td>What was the last book you read?</td>
<td>Have you ever read a book that you hated but finished it anyway?</td>
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<td>Who is your favourite author?</td>
<td>What kind of books do you like to read?</td>
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<td>Have you ever read a book that had a big effect on your life?</td>
<td>Do you have an eReader?</td>
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<td>Do you sometimes reread your favourite books?</td>
<td>Can you judge a book by its cover?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have you read a book that you thought was overrated?</td>
<td>How do you decide what books to read?</td>
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7 Business

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”
— Colin Powell

Mixed up vocabulary

mernakigt - (n) making people aware of a company and its products or services
mareagn - (n) a person who is in charge of a team, project or department
airvtdese - (v) you need to do this if you want people to know about a product
pfotri - (n) the money you make after deducting your costs
lssso - (n) if you don’t make enough money, you probably made a...
baker - enev - (v) if you don’t make a profit or a loss
minegte - (n) a get-together with colleagues to discuss business matters

Idioms and collocations

I’m on holiday next week, but please keep me in the __________ while I’m away.
Joshua was late for the meeting again so he can take the __________.
I’m going to have to work all weekend in order to meet the __________.
If we release it this quarter, I’m certain we can corner the __________ in smart-wallets.
That was Tom on the phone, we’ve got the green __________ to start the Omega project.

| deadline | light | market | loop | minutes |

Grammar bit

If we lower the price by $5, I think we can increase sales two fold.
- Yes, if we sell it for $9.99, we will definitely increase sales but we won’t make as much profit.
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<th>What’s the biggest company in your country?</th>
<th>Have you ever worked for a big company?</th>
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<td>Are there any companies you would like to work for?</td>
<td>Do you have a business card?</td>
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<td>Are there any state owned businesses in your country?</td>
<td>Would you like to start your own company?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What kinds of businesses might have trouble surviving in the future?</td>
<td>Are there any companies you don’t like but have to use?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Are there any companies you wouldn’t like to work for?</td>
<td>Do many people own stocks and shares in your country?</td>
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8 Cars

*Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?*
— George Carlin

Mixed up vocabulary

tffairc jma - (n) a lot of cars on the road, all going nowhere
berka - (n/v) use this to stop the car
reserve - (n/v) use this gear to go backwards
wincsedren - (n) it’s made of glass and the driver looks through it
srepayr - (n) you should keep one of these in the boot in case you get a flat
raod snig - (n) these tell you where you’re going and how fast you can drive
egeinn - (n) the bigger this is, the faster the car

Idioms and collocations

This new log-in procedure is *driving me round the* ________.
Ok, it’s time to *change* ________ and practise some of this new grammar.
After eight hours of talks, negotiations seemed to have come to a *dead* ________.
Sandra, you’re *in the driving* ________ on this project.
*Fasten your* ________, things are about to get interesting.

| seatbelt | end | bend | seat | gear |

Grammar bit

*The bigger* the engine, *the faster* the speed; *the later* you are, *the more red traffic lights* you will meet; *the faster* you drive, *the more petrol* you will use.
## 8 Cars

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<th>Do you prefer to drive or to be a passenger?</th>
<th>Which classic car would you like to own?</th>
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<td>Do you prefer sports cars or luxury cars?</td>
<td>What’s the best car you’ve ever driven or had a ride in?</td>
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<td>What do other car drivers do that makes you angry?</td>
<td>What’s the most important factor when choosing a car?</td>
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<tr>
<td>How do you think cars will change in the next 20 years?</td>
<td>What was your first car?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you think there are too many cars on the road? What’s the solution?</td>
<td>Did you pass your driving test first time?</td>
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9 Clothes

“Expensive clothes are a waste of money.”
— Meryl Streep

Mixed up vocabulary
suti - (n) smart business clothes, usually worn by men
udnrreawe - (n) clothes which aren’t usually visible
weodbrar - (n) a type of cupboard where you hang your clothes
thtgi - (adj) the opposite of loose, maybe you should get a bigger size
bygag - (adj) another word for loose, skateboarders wear clothes like this
palin - (adj) not striped or patterned, not bright, just a single colour
hlese - on the bottom of your shoe, they can make you appear taller

Idioms and collocations
Oh, not another meeting, that new head of sales bores the _________ off me.
Wow, look at you! You’re dressed to _________ tonight.
Basically, he got the _________ from his last job because he was too lazy.
That was below the _________ , don’t talk about my family like that.
Come on, there’s still 250 to do, let’s roll up our _________ and get on with it.

| kill  | belt  | sleeves | boot  | pants |

Grammar bit
Well this jacket is smarter than the last one, but the last one was cheaper and a better fit.
- I prefer the first one, it’s the trendiest and the most comfortable.
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<td>Where do you like to shop for clothes?</td>
<td>Do you have a favourite item of clothing?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Where did you get the clothes you’re wearing now?</td>
<td>Have you ever bought something quite expensive but only worn it once or twice?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What kind of clothes suit you?</td>
<td>Do you like to wear bright, colourful clothes?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Can you judge someone by the clothes that they wear?</td>
<td>Is there a dress code at your workplace?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you ever buy clothes online?</td>
<td>What is something that you would never wear?</td>
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10 Controversial opinions

“If an individual wants to be a leader and isn't controversial, that means he never stood for anything.”
— Richard Nixon

Mixed up vocabulary

anmetrgu - (n) an emotional discussion
bna - (v/n) to forbid something or make it illegal
comipsrmoe - (n/v) to come to an agreement where neither side wins or loses
iuess - (n) the subject which is being discussed
abilosh - (v) to officially get rid of something such as a tax or a law
pinot of viwe - (n) a person’s perspective or opinion
dabtee - (v/n) a discussion where different opinions are expressed

Idioms and collocations you’re on my __________, aren’t you? You think the logo should be blue too?

I spoke to Ian, we’ve agreed to __________ on the overtime issue.

I had a heated __________ with my manager, I told him what he could do with his job.

She told me I would get her office over her dead __________.

I’m sitting on the __________ on this one, I can see both points of view.

Grammar bit

I think soft drugs should be legalised and as a result many prisoners could be released from jail.

- No, I don’t agree. All drugs must be banned or else there would be chaos.
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<td><strong>Cigarettes should be banned</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The internet should be regulated to protect children</strong></td>
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<td><strong>English Grammar is not important as long as people understand you</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Keeping animals in zoos is cruel</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Pirating movies or music isn’t a big deal</strong></td>
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11 Current affairs

“People everywhere confuse what they read in newspapers with news.”
— A. J. Liebling

Mixed up vocabulary

maedi - (n) tv, radio, the press are all examples of this diatsesr - (n) a terrible event
entcoiel - (n) when people vote for something e.g. a new political leader
desotmtnioran - (n) people marching in the street to show their feelings about an issue
awdar sowh - (n) an event where prizes are given, for example the Oscars tialrvi - (adj) the opposite of important
curto ceas - (n) a process which decides if a person is innocent or guilty

Idioms and collocations

Smith hit the __________ last month when he won the under 18s golf championship.
Miguel added fuel to the __________ by accusing his former boss of taking bribes.
The recession has hit us hard, we’re all in the same __________ in facing these cutbacks.
Only once in a blue __________ do these two teams meet in a cup game.
Is Bitcoin a flash in the __________ or the future of money?

boat      headlines      moon      pan      boat

Grammar bit

Cameron said that he expected to see an upturn in the economy and hoped to have some good news to announce soon. He promised that he would do all that he could to improve the job situation.
## 11 Current affairs

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<td>Do you think it’s important to stay up to date with current affairs?</td>
<td>In your opinion, what are the best and worst newspapers?</td>
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<td>How do you get your news?</td>
<td>What’s the biggest story in the news at the moment?</td>
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<td>Do you think there will still be newspapers in five years?</td>
<td>What annoys you about news reporting in your country?</td>
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<td>Have you ever been in a newspaper story?</td>
<td>What would you like to see more of in the news?</td>
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<td>What would you like to see less of in the news?</td>
<td>What headline do you dream about waking up and seeing?</td>
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12 Eating out

“When you go to a restaurant, the less you know about what happens in the kitchen, the more you enjoy your meal.”
— Jeffrey Wright

Mixed up vocabulary

chkec - (n) you ask for this at the end of a meal, in Britain they say bill
mnia cerusos - (n) this part of the meal follows the starter
revoretaisn - (n) you need to make one of these before visiting a popular restaurant
wiel dneo - (adj) one way of ordering your steak
vatargeeni - (n/adj) someone who doesn’t eat meat
cruelty - (n) collective name for knives, forks, spoons, etc.
nipnak - (n) something you wipe your mouth with while you’re eating

Idioms and collocations

Put your money away, it’s your birthday so dinner is my __________.
I can’t eat all the steak, please can you put it in a __________ bag for me
I shouldn’t have ordered the large portion, my eyes were bigger than my __________.
I can’t eat a single thing more, I’m completely __________.
I have a sweet __________, I can’t resist dessert.

treat   belly   tooth   doggie   stuffed

Grammar bit

If I had known the portions were so small, I would have eaten a bigger lunch.
- Yes, and if you hadn’t ordered that second bottle of wine, my head wouldn’t hurt so much this morning.
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<td>How often do you eat out?</td>
<td>How often do you get takeaway food?</td>
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<td>What’s your favourite restaurant?</td>
<td>How much do you usually tip?</td>
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<td>Have you ever worked in a restaurant?</td>
<td>Do you prefer home cooked food or restaurant food?</td>
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<td>What’s your favourite dish?</td>
<td>Do you usually have a starter and a dessert?</td>
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<td>Have you ever eaten in a very expensive restaurant?</td>
<td>When you eat in a restaurant do you try something new or something you know you like?</td>
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13 The environment

“A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.”
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mixed up vocabulary

rani ftesor - (n) a dense area of trees, usually in places with a tropical climate
botctyo - (v/n) to stop buying a product for ethical reasons
cosyundire - (n) not towns and cities
weldfili - (n) animals and vegetation in their natural environment
plnaet - (n) The Earth is one of these and so are Mars and Saturn and Jupiter
ptlleou - (v) to make the environment unclean and poisonous
sick - (n) a layer of oil floating on the surface of water

Idioms and collocations

I’ve been working on this for too long, I can’t see the ________ for the trees anymore.

It wasn’t me! It’s not in my ________ to take people’s things without asking.

Statistics say 5% of under 14s are smokers but some fear that is the tip of the ________.

The pool cost him $100,000 to build but for him that’s a ________ in the ocean.

That’s typical of the newspapers, always trying to make a mountain out of a ________.

| trees    | drop    | iceberg | molehill | nature |

Grammar bit

In my opinion most people aren’t doing enough to reduce the amount of energy they use. They also use too much water and buy too many things that they don’t really need.
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<th>What do you recycle?</th>
<th>How worried are you about global warming?</th>
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<td>How do you try to save energy?</td>
<td>Have environmental concerns changed the way you travel?</td>
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<td>Are you worried that we might run out of oil sometime soon?</td>
<td>How do environmental concerns influence what you buy?</td>
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<td>What technologies could help to solve some environmental problems?</td>
<td>What do you think future generations will think about how we treat the environment today?</td>
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<td>What do you think about nuclear power?</td>
<td>Have you noticed changes in the climate in your lifetime?</td>
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14 Fame

"In the future everybody will be world famous for fifteen minutes."
— Andy Warhol

Mixed up vocabulary

clbteriye - (n) another word for a famous person
rde crepat - (n) this is rolled out for famous and important people to walk on
gospis - (n/v) to talk about the personal life of other people
tabdoli - (n/adj) a newspaper which has a lot of trivial stories about famous people
stra - (n/v) very famous singers and actors sometimes get called this
guoraolusm - (adj) to be attractive, often in an expensive way
pimerree - (n/v) the first showing of a new movie

Idioms and collocations

I like Jack, he seems so down to __________ for a big movie star.
My claim to __________ is that I once met Madonna at a party.
I hate speaking in public, I get terrible __________ fright.
Manchester United’s star player was back in the __________ after scoring three goals.
Amy Texas made front __________ news last year when she won a Grammy for best song.

Grammar bit

I’ve never met anyone really famous. The most famous person I’ve spoken to is my cousin Joe, he plays guitar in a rock band. They were on TV once. I haven’t been on TV either.
<table>
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<th>Who is the most famous person you’ve met or seen?</th>
<th>Who is the most famous person in the world?</th>
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<td>Who is the most famous person from your country?</td>
<td>Would you like to be famous? If yes, what for?</td>
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<td>What are the downsides of being famous?</td>
<td>What are the benefits of being famous?</td>
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<td>If you could have dinner or a drink with any living person, who would you choose?</td>
<td>Which famous people living today might still be remembered in 100 years?</td>
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<td>If you were rich and famous, how would you spend your time?</td>
<td>Which famous person would you be happy never to see again?</td>
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15 Food

“It’s easy for Americans to forget that the food they eat doesn't magically appear on a supermarket shelf.”
— Christopher Dodd

Mixed up vocabulary

nosuitrtiu - (adj) a way to describe healthy food
duoslicei - (adj) very tasty
froavlu - (n/v) vanilla, chocolate and strawberry are all different _________s of ice cream
bnadl - (adj) food which tastes boring is this
rpecie - (n) a formula for making a particular meal
truxtee - (n) - how food feels in your mouth when you eat it
pnitroo - (n) how much food you get on your plate

Idioms and collocations

Growing up is hard, life isn’t always a bowl of _________.
He walked in, as cool as a _________, and told the boss he wanted a pay rise.
We’re going to try using a _________ and stick approach with the development team.
I’m not a fan of free jazz, it’s not my cup of _________ at all.
To put it in a _________, you’re fired!

cherries  nutshell  cucumber  carrot  tea

Grammar bit

I prefer Indian food to English food. I’d rather have a good spicy curry than boring old meat and potatoes.
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<th>Are you a fussy eater?</th>
<th>Do you care where the food you eat comes from?</th>
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<td><strong>What national dishes from your country would you recommend?</strong></td>
<td><strong>What do you think of genetically-modified (GM) food?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>How has your taste in food changed over time?</strong></td>
<td><strong>What are your guilty pleasures?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>What was the last meal you cooked?</strong></td>
<td><strong>What’s your perfect breakfast?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Is anyone in your family vegetarian?</strong></td>
<td><strong>How healthy is your diet?</strong></td>
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16 The future

“I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.”
— Albert Einstein

Mixed up vocabulary

rtobo - (n) a machine which operates without human control
perinditco - (n) a guess about a future event
fotunre terell - (n) a person who claims to be able to see into the future
fecoastr - (n/v) an outlook for the future (for example weather __________)
uptioa - (n) a perfect world
apacployes - (n) the end of the world
brakergohuth - (n) an important discovery which allows progress to be made

Idioms and collocations

The iPhone was ahead of its __________ and revolutionised the industry.
If I look into my crystal __________, I see a bleak future for newspaper journalism.
If I make an educated __________, I think we’ll see driverless cars within 10 to 15 years.
In the short __________ petrol prices will continue to rise.
Time will __________ if the Prime Minister’s growth forecasts are too pessimistic.

ball  time  term  tell  guess

Grammar bit

According to some predictions, by the year 2020 mobile phones will be wafer thin, should be able to download a movie in less than a second and could have a battery which lasts for weeks.
<table>
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<th>Would you like to live for 1000 years?</th>
<th>What might your mobile phone be able to do in ten years time?</th>
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<td>Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?</td>
<td>Would you like a car that drives itself?</td>
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<td>What possible future invention do you wish existed now?</td>
<td>What do you think people will do for entertainment in the future?</td>
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<td>Do you think people will work more or less in the future?</td>
<td>What do you think will be important political issues in the next decade?</td>
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<td>What laws do you think could change in the future?</td>
<td>If it was possible to time-travel, which time period would you like to visit?</td>
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17 Getting to know each other

“There are no strangers, only friends you have not met yet.”
— W.B. Yeats

Mixed up vocabulary

seakh hsnad - (v) in some countries you do this when you first meet someone
gte toeehgtr - (n/v) a casual meeting of friends or family
itiroontcnud - (n) if two people you know meet for the first time, make an __________
bdlni dtae - (n) a romantic meeting between two people who have never met before
frisidhnp - (n) if you are friends with someone you have one of these
hgn a otu - (v) an informal way of saying spend time with someone
senlgi - (adj) people who aren’t in a relationship are this

Idioms and collocations

Let’s go to the pub after the meeting, it will help break the __________.
Wear your new tie to the job interview, it’s important to make a good first __________.
His new flatmate is as crazy as him, I think they’ll get on like a __________ on fire.
Lisa is my best friend, in fact she’s more than that, she’s my __________ mate.
I think we’ll get on fine, we seem to have a lot in __________.

| soul | house | impression | common | ice |

Grammar bit

I work in the marketing department of a large e-commerce company. I write press
releases and promote our brand through Twitter and Facebook. At the moment I’m
working on a project to increase our email mailing list.
## 17 Getting to know each other

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<th>What object would you rescue if your house was on fire?</th>
<th>What kind of music do you listen to?</th>
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<td>What do you watch on TV?</td>
<td>What was the last book you read?</td>
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<td>Do you play any sports?</td>
<td>Where did you last go on holiday?</td>
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<td>Do you have a favourite sports team?</td>
<td>What countries have you visited?</td>
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<td>Have you lived in another city or country?</td>
<td>Who would you most like to meet?</td>
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18 Halloween

“I love horror movies. I mean, who doesn’t like a good horror movie every once in a while? It’s fun to get scared.”
— Tara Reid

Mixed up vocabulary
stoknele - (n) the bone structure of an animal
nihatrgme - (n) a very bad dream
brsmtociok - (n) witches ride around on these
tdrierifei - (adj) how you would probably feel if you saw a ghost or a monster
cymeeret - (n) where dead people are buried
hrrroo miveo - (n) a film designed to make you scared
vparmie - (n) a person who sucks your blood and steals your life energy

Idioms and collocations
Don’t jump out on me like that! You nearly scared me to __________.
My neighbour gives me the __________ , he’s always peeping out of his window.
The new sales manager is too perfect, she must have some __________ in her closet.
I don’t like either candidate but I suppose Smith is the lesser of two __________.
The search for the cause of the tragedy is in danger of becoming a __________ hunt.

| evils | skeletons | witch | death | creeps |

Grammar bit

“Is anybody there?”, we asked the ouija board. There was only silence. Somebody coughed suddenly and I jumped. Just then the doorbell rang and Tommy went to answer it. He came back looking as white as a ghost. “There was nobody there”, he said.
## 18 Halloween

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<th>Do people celebrate Halloween in your country? How?</th>
<th>Do you believe in ghosts?</th>
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<td>What’s the scariest movie you’ve seen?</td>
<td>Do you like watching horror movies or reading horror novels?</td>
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<td>What were you afraid of when you were a child?</td>
<td>Have you ever experienced something you couldn’t explain?</td>
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<td>Do you have any phobias?</td>
<td>Who would you like to put a curse on?</td>
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<td>How superstitious are you?</td>
<td>Have you ever dressed up for halloween as an adult?</td>
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19 Health

“Sorry, there’s no magic bullet. You gotta eat healthy and live healthy to be healthy and look healthy. End of story.”
— Morgan Spurlock

Mixed up vocabulary

wokr otu - (n/v) a good hard session of physical activity
bladanec deti - (n) eat the right amount of everything and not too much of anything
ercesexi - (n/v) another word for physical activity
bdə habsti - (n) smoking, drinking, eating too much sugar are examples of these
jkun fodo - (n) food with no or very low nutritional value
ckehc up - (n/v) you should go to the doctor at least once a year for one of these
mnidecei - (n) if you are sick the doctor might tell you to take some of this

Idioms and collocations

My husband is such a couch __________, he just watches TV and eats cookies.
After two months in a hospital bed, it’s so great to be back on my __________.
The stress was so bad in my last job that I almost had a nervous __________.
You really should work less hours and try to get more sleep or you’ll __________ out.
I didn’t get the job. To rub __________ in the wound my ex-assistant got it.

| salt     | potato | feet    | breakdown | burn   |

Grammar bit

I’m so unfit these days. I used to play football twice a week and go swimming every weekend but now I hardly get any exercise at all. I used to be able to run up the stairs without stopping for a break. However, I didn’t use to smoke and drink as much as I do now.
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<td><strong>Do you have a healthy diet?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Do you get enough exercise?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>What food or drinks do you</strong></td>
<td><strong>Do you take vitamins or other</strong></td>
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<td><strong>avoid for health reasons?</strong></td>
<td><strong>supplements?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Do you try to take care of your</strong></td>
<td><strong>What’s the biggest thing you</strong></td>
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<td><strong>brain as well as your body?</strong></td>
<td><strong>could do to improve your</strong></td>
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<td><strong>How often do you go to the</strong></td>
<td><strong>Do you think people today are</strong></td>
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<td><strong>doctor for a check-up?</strong></td>
<td><strong>healthier or unhealthier than</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Are you allergic to anything?</strong></td>
<td><strong>people 50 years ago?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Do you get enough sleep?</strong></td>
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20 Holidays

“I hate vacations. I hate them. I have no fun on them. I get nothing done. People sit and relax, but I don’t want to relax. I want to see something.”
— Paul Theroux

Mixed up vocabulary
srueoinv - (n) something you bring back from your holidays to remember them by
lgeguga - (n) all the bags you take with you on holiday
exirneepc - (n) you have these on holiday, good and bad
tvrae aegtn - (n) a person who helps you to arrange a holiday
cmap seti - (n) somewhere you can pitch your tent
gddieu truo - (n) to be shown around an interesting place by an expert
go sintgseheig - (v) to take a look at a place’s most famous locations

Idioms and collocations
I’m really looking forward to the day __________ to Napoleon’s birthplace tomorrow.
We stayed in a cosy little bed and __________ by the seaside.
If you __________ in advance you can get some really good deals.
The Niagara Falls is Canada’s most visited tourist __________.
Don’t pack too much! Last time you brought everything but the kitchen __________.

breakfast  sink  attraction  trip  book

Grammar bit

Everything about the holiday was wonderful. Everyday was warm and sunny and all the activities were fun and enjoyable. Everybody had a good time and they were sorry to have to leave.
## 20 Holidays

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<th>Have you ever stayed at a really nice hotel?</th>
<th>Where did you go for your last holiday?</th>
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<td>What would be your dream holiday?</td>
<td>What kind of souvenirs do you bring back from your holidays?</td>
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<td>Have you been or would you like to go on a cruise?</td>
<td>Do you try to learn a little of the language before holidaying abroad?</td>
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<td>Would you like to live somewhere that you have visited for a holiday?</td>
<td>What tips would you give holidaymakers who came to visit your town?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What was your worst holiday?</td>
<td>Do you know where your next holiday will be?</td>
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21 Home

“Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country.”
— Margaret Thatcher

Mixed up vocabulary

datercoe - (v) to freshen up a room or change its style
fruneruti - (n) tables, chairs, sideboard, cabinet, coffee table
acitt - (n) a room in the roof of a building
bcloyna - (n) on a nice day you can sit here and enjoy some sun
sodiu - (n) an apartment with only one main room
cael - (n) a storage space under a building
monnsia - (n) a large and impressive house often in the country

Idioms and collocations

It’s so good to be back, there’s no __________ like home.

My flat is very nice, but its tiny. There isn’t __________ to swing a __________.

Be careful what you say around here, walls have __________.

At least we have __________ over our heads and food on the table.

I know it’s tough but __________ the heat get out of the __________.

| ears | kitchen | place | roof | cat |

Grammar bit

I think it will be great to move out of my parent’s house and have my own room. I will do all my own cooking and washing and I will decorate it by myself. I’ll need some help moving my stuff though, I can’t do that on my own.
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<td>Is it better to buy than to rent?</td>
<td>How would you describe the style of your home?</td>
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<td>What pictures do you have on your walls?</td>
<td>What’s more important, comfort or style?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What’s your favourite item of furniture?</td>
<td>Where and what would be your dream home?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What’s your favourite spot in your home?</td>
<td>How many different places have you lived?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you get on well with your neighbours?</td>
<td>How long have you lived in your current home?</td>
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22 Humour

“First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Mixed up vocabulary

cpeonmida - (n) a person who stands on a stage and tells jokes
soopf - (adj/n) a funny version of something serious
imirsosepn - (n) to do an i___________ is to pretend to be someone else
ggilge - (n/v) a little laugh
foilsoh - (adj) something that isn’t sensible
laaulbhge - (adj) total nonsense, completely unrealistic, hard to take seriously
cyrza - (adj) not normal, very unusual, mentally unbalanced

Idioms and collocations

It was difficult keeping a straight _________ when she told me about her incontinent cat.
When he told me he’d bought a Ferrari, I didn’t know whether to laugh or to _________.
The show was so funny, I was in _________ from the beginning to the end.
Young man, stealing a policeman’s helmet is no laughing _________!
Don’t worry, the boss doesn’t really want to see you, I was playing a__________ on you.

prank      cry      matter      stitches      face

Grammar bit

A guy says to his friend, "guess how many coins I have in my pocket."
The friends says, "if I guess right, will you give me one of them?"  The first guys says, "if you guess right, I'll give you both of them!"
<table>
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<th>What makes you laugh?</th>
<th>Can you think of a funny film you have seen?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Do you like to tell jokes?</td>
<td>Have you ever laughed at an inappropriate time?</td>
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<td>Do you ever go to stand-up comedy shows?</td>
<td>Have you ever played a prank on anyone?</td>
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<td>Have you ever read a book which made you laugh out loud?</td>
<td>Are there any English words which you find funny?</td>
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<td>Who is the funniest person you know?</td>
<td>What’s the funniest TV show?</td>
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23 The internet

"The problem with the Internet is that it gives you everything - reliable material and crazy material. So the problem becomes, how do you discriminate?"
— Umberto Eco

Mixed up vocabulary

sioalc nektwro - (n) websites like Facebook, Twitter, Orkut, MySpace
bsoerrw - (n) an application you use to surf the internet
bdbranoad - (n) high speed internet
fyeyurtelqn akdes qtoeuiinss - (n) try checking these if you’re looking for information
umrnnesea - (n) you will need this and a password to log in to some sites
cdulo - (n) a non-local storage place where you can keep data
wseriesl hootpts - (n) you can connect to the internet if you are near one of these

Internet abbreviations

Be careful what you click on, some of those images are very ________.
_______, I just want to make myself a quick coffee.
_______, Mike seems like a nice guy and has a lot of experience.
I know what you mean but ________ Sarah’s better qualified and has great references.
_______ that puppy is hilarious!

OTOH IMHO ROFL BRB NSFW

Grammar bit

Despite being less than 15 years old Google has come to dominate the internet and become one of the world’s biggest companies even though most of its best known products are free to users.
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<th>What websites do you visit the most?</th>
<th>How much time do you spend on the internet?</th>
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<tr>
<td>When did you first get on the internet?</td>
<td>How worried are you about giving websites personal information?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have you ever created your own website?</td>
<td>How has the internet affected your work?</td>
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<td>Do you think the internet should be more regulated?</td>
<td>How do you think the internet might develop in the future?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you ever shop online?</td>
<td>What annoys you about the internet?</td>
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24 Jobs

“I don’t get out of bed for less than $10,000 a day”
— Linda Evangelista

Mixed up vocabulary

traenei - (n) a person who is learning how to do a job
jbo ieetrinwv - (n) you usually have one of these before you get a job
hamun rrueossce - (n) the department which recruits staff
sefl eymdleop - (adj) if you work for yourself
fdrei - (v) to lose your job because you did something wrong
unlodempye - (adj) to be without work
craee - (n) a profession that you are in for a long time and make progress in

Idioms and collocations

It’s a __________ job but someone’s got to do it

The best thing about being a teacher is I get real job __________ from helping my students.

Why are you still working in the supermarket doing that __________ end job?

Rex, this cake you made isn’t bad but don’t give up the __________ job.

I got the __________ from my last job, it was the best thing that ever happened to me.

| satisfaction | dirty   | sack   | dead   | day    |

Grammar bit

I’ve been working at PayMate.com for three years and I’ve been in the Human Resources department for six months. Before I came here, I worked for an insurance company. I’ve worked for seven different companies in my life so far.
## 24 Jobs

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<td>What’s the worst job you’ve had?</td>
<td>What do you like about your job?</td>
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<td>How will your job change in the future?</td>
<td>Do you know anyone with an interesting or unusual job?</td>
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<td>If you won a lot of money, would you give up work?</td>
<td>How long have you had your current job?</td>
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<td>What kind of job would you hate to have?</td>
<td>What jobs did your parents have?</td>
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25 Law

“Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.”
— Honoré de Balzac

Mixed up vocabulary

jeudg - (n/v) a person who makes important legal decisions

crotu csea - (n) the process of resolving a legal issue

lawrye - (n) a person whose job it is to help with legal matters

wntsise - (n/v) a person who saw a crime happening

vdrtice - (n) a legal decision, guilty or not guilty

ecicenved - (n) this is used to help to prove guilt or innocence

pinsro - (n) if you are found guilty, you may have to spend some time here

Idioms and collocations

If I don’t get my money by Friday, I’m taking you to _________.
The evidence looks bad, but we must remember he is innocent until proven _________.
It’s difficult to get a job if you have a criminal _________.
The policeman was suspended from his job under _________ of taking bribes.
When the diamond was stolen, Lex Luthor was suspected of committing the _________.

| suspicion | court | crime | record | guilty |

Grammar bit

The judge said that as long as Jones stayed away from his former boss’s home and provided that he paid compensation for the damaged car he would avoid going to jail.
“Unless you change your ways, I fear you will be a frequent visitor to this court” said the judge.
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<th>What law(s) should be abolished?</th>
<th>Is it ok to break the law sometimes?</th>
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<td>What law would you like to introduce?</td>
<td>Have you ever got into trouble for breaking the law?</td>
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<td>How much do you agree that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor?</td>
<td>What would you do if you found out that your company was breaking the law?</td>
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<td>Would you like to be a police officer?</td>
<td>Do you think there should be more or less laws?</td>
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<td>Have you ever visited a court?</td>
<td>Have you ever needed a lawyer?</td>
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26 Love and marriage

“Men marry women with the hope they will never change. Women marry men with the hope they will change. Usually they are both disappointed.”
— Albert Einstein

Mixed up vocabulary

hyeononmo - (n) a holiday that couples have after getting married
rcantiom - (adj) a candlelight dinner could be described as ____________
dervciod - (adj) your marital status after you split with your partner
riaiff - (n) a secret relationship
eaggned - (adj) after deciding to get married you are ____________
meak a cottmeinmm - (n) to promise to be loyal to someone (or something)

Idioms and collocations

Our eyes met across the room, it was love at first ________.
My first wife and I ________ up after she had an affair with her boss.
Finally, he went down on one ________ and popped the ________.
The actress’s marriage is on the ________ after Brad was seen with a mystery woman.
After going out for five years, we decided to tie the ________.

| question | knee | rocks | knot | split | sight |

Grammar bit

My wife, who I met at a bus stop in Wythenshawe, has always been my best friend. Our garden, where we have recently installed a swimming pool, is the focus of our home life. Only my motorbike, which I have recently had resprayed, can drag me away from family life.
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<th>What’s the best thing about being in a relationship?</th>
<th>What’s the best thing about being single?</th>
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<td>Have you ever been on a date that didn’t go well?</td>
<td>If you have a partner, how did you meet them?</td>
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<td>Do you like weddings?</td>
<td>How romantic are you?</td>
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<td>Would you ever use an online dating site?</td>
<td>What kind of people are you attracted to?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What are weddings like in your country?</td>
<td>Do you think couples should live together before getting married?</td>
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27 Money

“Too many people spend money they earned..to buy things they don’t want..to impress people that they don’t like.”
— Will Rogers

Mixed up vocabulary

ccynrreu - (n) dollar, yen, euro, pound
wllate - (n) where men keep their money
tsrfearn - (v/n) to move money from one place to another
wtirawhd - (v) to take money out of a bank
bank accuton - (n) a place where you can keep your money
svsagni - (n) the money you don’t spend
reetpci - (n) when you buy something you’re usually given one of these

Idioms and collocations

I used to spend all my ________ money on sweets and comics.
He made a ________ selling bits of the Berlin wall to tourists.
Don’t buy that solar iPhone case, it’s a complete ________ of money.
This TV cost an arm and a ________, but it was worth every ________.
My last company went ________ after the accountant ran off with all the money.

fortune waste pocket leg bankrupt penny

Grammar bit

I should have put my money on Schubert’s Dip then I would have won more than two thousand pounds.
- Yes, we could have had a nice holiday with the money and bought a new sofa.
## 27 Money

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<th>What professions are overpaid and underpaid?</th>
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<td>What have you bought today?</td>
<td>If you won a lot of money, what would you spend it on?</td>
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<td>How many currencies can you name?</td>
<td>Do you prefer to pay by cash or credit/debit card?</td>
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<td>Did you get pocket money when you were a child?</td>
<td>What do you do with your small change?</td>
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<td>Are you a saver or a spender?</td>
<td>Do you ever gamble?</td>
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28 Movies

“I have been a film buff all my life and believe that the finest cinema is fully the equal of the best novels.”
— Salman Rushdie

Mixed up vocabulary

drtceoir - (n) the person in charge on a movie set
cats - (n/v) the actors in a movie
vnialil - (n) another word for bad guy
cosmute - (n) special clothes which the actors wear
flsakcbah - (n/v) a film scene which shows something happening in the past
telhilrr - (n) a movie with a lot of excitement and action
tarelri - (n) a preview of a film which is being released soon

Idioms and collocations

Call me old fashioned but I like a film with a happy __________.
The plot was predictable and the acting was bad but the special __________ were amazing.
The movie of the book will be coming to the big __________ sometime in September.
She’s so funny in the movies, I wonder if she’s as funny in real __________.
An action movie isn’t complete without big explosions and a car __________.

chase  ending  life  effects  screen

Grammar bit

You must see the new X-Men film, it’s really amazing and you have to see it at the cinema on a big screen. Oh, and if you go on Tuesdays you don’t have to pay full-price if you have a student card.
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<th>What was the last film you saw?</th>
<th>Who is a famous actor from your country?</th>
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<td>Can you remember the first film you saw at the cinema?</td>
<td>What film have you seen the most times?</td>
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<td>Do you like old black and white movies?</td>
<td>Have you ever cried watching a movie?</td>
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<td>What kind of films don’t you like?</td>
<td>Have you ever walked out of a movie?</td>
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<td>Do you have a film collection?</td>
<td>Who are your favourite actors?</td>
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29 Music

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”
— Bono

Mixed up vocabulary

vyiln - (n/adj) before MP3s, before CDs, before cassettes there was

csclailas - (adj) how we describe some European music from the 18th and 19th century

lisycr - (n) the words of a song

gerne - (n) pop, jazz, funk, soul, classical are all musical

esdotiu - (n) where musicians record their music

pmoeerfcnar - (n) another word for when musicians play their music

dermrum- (n) the musician who gives the music a beat

Idioms and collocations

This is such a catchy , I can’t stop singing it.

Girls on Film was a big for Duran Duran back in the 1980s.

It’s not looking good for the England team but it’s not over until the fat sings.

The new ballad from Joss Stone is a real tear .

One hit Joe Dolce spent three weeks at number one in 1981.

| lady | jerker | tune | wonder | hit |

Grammar bit

She has such a beautiful voice, she sings so beautifully on this album. The guitarist is very good and the bassist plays really well. The drummer’s great too, the drums are hard and fast on some of the tracks.
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<td>What kind of music do you like?</td>
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<td>How has your music taste changed as you’ve got older?</td>
<td>Are there any types of music you don’t enjoy?</td>
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<td>What was the first or best concert you went to?</td>
<td>Have you ever performed in a concert?</td>
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<td>What was the first single or album that you bought?</td>
<td>Do you like modern pop music? Who do you like?</td>
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<td>How often do you buy music?</td>
<td>How do you discover new music?</td>
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<td>Where do you buy it from?</td>
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30 Politics

“Anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job.”
— Douglas Adams

Mixed up vocabulary

eictonle - (n) a chance to vote for your favourite politician
pyrat - (n) a political group
opinion pllo - (n) a survey of potential voter’s opinions
ftorn reunrn - (n) the person who is winning in an election campaign
mrjioayt - (n/adj) more than 50%
debat - (n) a discussion between political candidates
plicoy - (n) what a party plans or promises to do when they are in power

Idioms and collocations

It was a long and dirty election ________ which divided the country.
The Conservatives won a landslide ________ in the last general election.
I usually cast my ________ for the candidate who is more business friendly.
The problem with two ________ systems like the USA’s, is not all views are represented.
I’m a typical floating ________, I never decide how to vote until the day of the election.

Grammar bit

If you elect me for President, I will make a difference. I will lower taxes for every citizen and I will make sure that every worker gets a fair deal. I will not stand by and watch the poor and the needy being downtrodden.
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<th>How long is a political term in your country?</th>
<th>Do you think you would be a good politician?</th>
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<td>Do you think it’s important to vote?</td>
<td>Who are the main political parties in your country?</td>
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<td>What makes a good politician?</td>
<td>Are you interested in politics?</td>
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<td>Do you have similar political views to your parents?</td>
<td>Do you think the media / press has a big influence on people’s political views?</td>
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<td>Do you have friends with different political views to you?</td>
<td>If you were elected leader of your country, what law would you change first?</td>
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31 School days

“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”
— Abraham Lincoln

Mixed up vocabulary

dae trahece - (n) the manager of a school
emiucrrulu - (n) a detailed list of what is taught in school
sooclh rluse - (n) no chatting, don’t chew gum, no mobile phones, wear grey trousers ... 
bulyl - (n) a person who physically or verbally abuses another person
jsbtceu - (n) English, Maths, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Studies
... erexcise boko - (n) what students write in at school
setsreem - (n) the school year is usually divided up into two or three of these

Idioms and collocations

I was teacher’s ________ at school, I always had my hand up first, always got a gold star.

At school there was a prize for the students who got top ________ in Maths and English.

If she’s late again, we’ll go without her. That will teach her a ________.

English was so boring! We had to learn all these old poems off by ________, I hated it.

The worst thing you could do at school was tell ________ on the other students.

| heart  | lesson | tales | marks | pet |

Grammar bit

Mr Griffin was a strange man. He was always making bad jokes and he would turn really red when he got angry.
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<th>What were your favourite subjects at school?</th>
<th>Who was your favourite teacher?</th>
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<td>Were any of your teachers a bit strange?</td>
<td>How did you get to school?</td>
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<td>Do you agree that “school days are the best days of your life”?</td>
<td>What did you use to do at break time?</td>
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<td>Were you a good school pupil or a bit naughty?</td>
<td>Did you have to wear a school uniform? What was it?</td>
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<td>Was there any bullying at your school?</td>
<td>What should children be taught at school to help prepare them for “the real world”?</td>
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32 Shopping

“The odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one.”
— Erma Bombeck

Mixed up vocabulary

dtamnerpet srteo - (n) a shop where you can buy a wide range of products
gsocrrrei - (n) everyday shopping such as food, cleaning items, cat food, etc.
chgainng romo - (n) a place to try on clothes before buying them
bganira - (n/adj/v) an item selling at a very good price
reundf - (n/v) if you take an item back to a shop, you should get one of these
gfti vcehuro - (n) similar to money but you can only spend it in one store
mnnanqiue - (n) a lifesize model of a person used for displaying clothes

Idioms and collocations

I haven’t got any money but we can go uptown and do some ________ shopping.
We’re going to Milan for the weekend and we’re going to shop until we ________.
I had buyer’s ________ after spending $300 on a pair of Italian shoes.
Don’t let the dog go in Grandma’s living room, he’s like a ________ in a china shop.
Buy now, pay later! Get interest free ________ on all purchases made in September.

credit  window  drop  remorse  bull

Grammar bit

Is that the time? I’m going to be late! I’m meeting Cheryl at the mall. We’re going to look at dresses for Kylie’s wedding. She’s getting married next month.
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<th>Do you have a favourite shop?</th>
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<td>Do you shop online?</td>
<td>Have you ever suffered from buyer’s remorse?</td>
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<td>Do you prefer to shop alone or with friends?</td>
<td>What’s the best place for shopping in your town or city?</td>
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<td>How often do you buy clothes?</td>
<td>Where do you buy your groceries?</td>
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<td>Have you ever worked in a shop?</td>
<td>What’s the worst thing about shopping?</td>
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33 Sleep

“Have you ever noticed that the word bed looks like one.”
— Andrew Berlin

Mixed up vocabulary

negtiamrh - (n) a bad dream
pollwi - (n) what you rest your head on in bed
bnuk bde - (n) two beds stacked on top of each other
sroen - (v/n) a noise some people make while they are sleeping
beisded tbeta - (n) a piece of furniture next to the bed
sipgnele pisll - (n) a doctor might give you some to help you sleep
bkanelt - (n) put this on your bed to keep you warm at night

Idioms and collocations

Night ________ , sweet ________ , see you in the morning.
I must have been tired, I slept like a ________ last night.
I didn’t sleep well, I tossed and ________ all night.
I know it’s a big decision, ________ on it and give me an answer in the morning.
I usually have a ________ when I get home before I start preparing dinner.

| log | nap | dreams | sleep | turned | night |

Grammar bit

I was lying in bed, reading a book when I heard a noise. I went to the window and looked out and saw something large and black was moving around in my garden near the flower beds.
# 33 Sleep

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<td>Do you or your partner snore?</td>
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<td>How long does it take you to fall asleep?</td>
<td>What do you do if you can’t sleep?</td>
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<td>Can you usually remember your dreams?</td>
<td>Are you a heavy or a light sleeper?</td>
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<td>Do you spring out of bed in the morning or do you need more time to wake up?</td>
<td>What’s the first thing you do when you wake up?</td>
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<td>What position do you like to sleep in?</td>
<td>Do you read or watch TV in bed?</td>
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</table>
Football is a simple game. Twenty-two men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans always win.”
— Gary Lineker

Mixed up vocabulary
rtkcae - (n) you need one of these to play tennis
tmnrutaonen - (n) a sporting competition
seim flians - (n) the last four competitors play in this stage
tyhrop - (n) the winner(s) of a competition are presented with one of these
reeftee - (n) a person who makes sure the rules of the sport are followed
chnoiapm - (n) the winner of a sporting competition
pltaeyn - (n) a punishment for breaking the rules of a sport

Idioms and collocations
They ran out of time before it was my turn to speak, I was really saved by the ________.
The Republican candidate is ten points behind and seems to be on the ________.
Ok Sandra, can you get the ________ rolling and tell us how you got on last week.
I think it’s a safe ________ that my contract will be extended for another year.
Well, we’ve sent them our proposal, the ball’s in their ________ now.

ball  bet  bell  court  ropes

Grammar bit
Manchester haven’t been beaten at home for almost 100 games and they haven’t lost to Blackpool since 1961. In fact, these two teams haven’t met for almost two decades, not since the classic semi-final match in 1995.
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<th>What sports do you like to watch?</th>
<th>Do you play any sports?</th>
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<td>Which sportsmen and women do you admire?</td>
<td>If you could play any sport professionally, which sport would you choose?</td>
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<td>Do you ever go to watch live sporting events?</td>
<td>If you could watch any sporting event live, which event would you choose?</td>
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<td>Do you support any sports teams?</td>
<td>Are there any sports you don’t enjoy watching?</td>
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<td>What are the most popular sports in your country?</td>
<td>Do you ever gamble on sporting events?</td>
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35 Technology

*Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.*”
— Arthur C. Clarke

Mixed up vocabulary

inennovti - (n) a useful new device or machine
deplove - (v) to make something new or more advanced
geagdt - (n) a small piece of equipment that does a specific job
fetuare - (n) a special function that a piece of equipment has
obetolse - (adj) something which is no longer used e.g. Betamax, Internet Explorer
potablle - (adj) a piece of equipment which can be transported
brhoauktrgeh - (n) an important discovery which helps progress to be made

Idioms and collocations

The car has all the *bells and ________* you would expect from a top of the range BMW.
I’m an *early ________* I bought the first iPhone the day it was available.
The Sony Playstation provided a *quantum ________* forward in video game graphics.
These nifty graphics are created *on the ________* by the processor.
I’m sure you can do it Jeff, *it’s not ________ science.*

| leap | adopter | fly | rocket | whistles |

Grammar bit

So much *has changed* in my lifetime. When I was a boy *we didn’t use* to have a phone and *we used to use* the telephone box on the corner. Now I can have a video chat with friends in Australia at any time for free. *I haven’t used* a phone box for 20 years.
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<th>What’s the most advanced piece of technology that you own?</th>
<th>Are you excited by new technology?</th>
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<td>Do you think people rely too much on technology nowadays?</td>
<td>Do you find any modern gadgets frustrating to use?</td>
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<td>What modern gadget could you not live without?</td>
<td>Would you like to own a robot that did most of the housework?</td>
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<td>What do you think is the most important invention in your lifetime?</td>
<td>Do you own any technology that is now obsolete?</td>
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<td>Are you an early adopter or do you like to wait until something has been tried and tested before buying?</td>
<td>Are you concerned about any new or imminent technology?</td>
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36 Television

I have never seen a bad television program, because I refuse to. God gave me a mind, and a wrist that turns things off.”
― Jack Paar

Mixed up vocabulary

sti-cmo - (n) a funny TV series featuring the same characters every week
tkal shwo - (n) a program where the host interviews interesting guests
rmteoe ctoonlr - (n) a device for changing TV channels from the sofa
eediops - (n) a single show in a TV series
pretreens - (n) another name for a person who fronts a TV show
ftal senrec - (adj/n) most televisions today have one of these
cammcrielo - (n) a short program that tries to sell you a product or service

Idioms and collocations

Is there anything good on the __________ tonight?
I’m going camping tomorrow, so I want to see the __________ forecast.
Have a look in the TV __________ and see if there are any good films on later.
I don’t watch TV much nowadays, there’s too much __________ and violence for me.
I don’t usually go out on Friday evenings, I like to __________ out in front of the TV.

| chill | sex | guide | box | weather |

Grammar bit

I put the kettle on to make a cup of tea and turned on the TV to watch the football. Unfortunately, the match was called off because of bad weather so I turned the TV off and put on some music.
# 36 Television

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<th>What was your favourite TV show when you were a child?</th>
<th>What TV channel do you watch the most?</th>
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<td>Do you watch any reality TV shows?</td>
<td>What are the most watched shows in your country?</td>
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<td>Do you ever stream or download shows from the internet?</td>
<td>Do you watch any soap operas?</td>
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<td>In your opinion, what are some of the best TV shows ever made?</td>
<td>How do you decide what to watch on TV?</td>
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<td>Can you remember being shocked by a television programme?</td>
<td>Who are your favourite and least favourite TV presenters?</td>
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37 Time

*Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.*”
— Bil Keane

Mixed up vocabulary

hroiyts - (n) everything that has happened up to now
cunetyr - (n) one hundred years
lape yrae - (n) February 29 occurs in one of these
fgrihtont - (n) two weeks
mtghidin - (n) 00:00
dceeda - (n) ten years
mmteon - (n) a very short period of time

Idioms and collocations

Gosh, is it midnight already? How *time flies when you’re having _________.*

*In the long ________ the interest rate rise could have a major effect on the economy.*

I spent all day trying to get my printer working, it was a complete ________ of time.

I took a taxi to the venue and got there *just in ________ to see the first band.*

I hardly ever see my old school friends, *once in a blue ________ we meet up for a drink.*

| time | moon | fun | term | waste |

Grammar bit

Time goes *too fast*. There just isn’t enough time to do everything. There are *so many* interesting people to meet and *too little* time. There’s *too much* to do in *too short* a time and *too few* opportunities to learn something new.
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<th>Do you wear a watch?</th>
<th>If you could freeze time, what would you do?</th>
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<tr>
<td>If you had more free time, how would you spend it?</td>
<td>Are you good at managing your time?</td>
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<td>What do you consider to be a waste of time?</td>
<td>What time saving gadget do you wish someone would invent?</td>
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<tr>
<td>When does time go quickly or slowly for you?</td>
<td>When was the best time of your life?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Are you usually on time for events and appointments?</td>
<td>If you had a time machine which period would you visit?</td>
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38 Towns and cities

“Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.”
— George Burns

Mixed up vocabulary

sbbrsuu - (n) the housing area outside of the main city
satmidu - (n) where sporting events take place
nihtifgel - (n) evening entertainment
comalopostin - (adj) an interesting mix of cultures and lifestyles
fael makert - (n) a place where you can buy second hand things
senilyk - (n) the outline of a city, Hong Kong and New York’s are both impressive
cneltra snotati - (n) the main terminal for catching trains

Idioms and collocations

I’m thinking of moving to a more up and ________ area of the city.
I’m not a city person, I prefer the peace and ________ of the countryside.
Sorry I’m late, I got stuck in a traffic ________ on the other side of town.
It’s not a good area for children, the ________ rate is quite high.
The city has great public _________, you don’t really need a car.

jam      coming      transport      crime      quiet

Grammar bit

I have so much to do before the wedding. I have to get my hair done at the salon and then I need to get my nails manicured. I’m having my dress altered so I need to pick that up and I need to get my shoes mended too.
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<th>Question</th>
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<td>If you had to give some visitors a tour of your hometown, what would you show them?</td>
<td>What do you like to do when you visit a new town or city?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What do you like about the town or city where you live now?</td>
<td>What would improve your town or city?</td>
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<tr>
<td>If you could live in any city, where would you choose?</td>
<td>Would you prefer to live in a city or in the country?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Are there “good” and “bad” parts of your town?</td>
<td>What is your hometown famous for?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is your town changing? In what ways?</td>
<td>What’s your favourite part of town?</td>
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39 Travel

“You go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving.”
— Terry Pratchett

Mixed up vocabulary

denaostiitn - (n) the place where you are traveling to
daertp - (v) another word for leave
shulett bsu - (n) one of these will take you from the airport to the hotel
oen wya titcek - (n) buy one of these if you’re not planning on coming back
tavler irscaun - (n) this covers things like theft, cancellations and medical care
rayunw - (n) a plane takes off from and lands on this
hnad legguag - (n) you can take this onto a plane, but not too much

Idioms and collocations

We don’t like to travel to touristy places, we prefer to get off the beaten _________.
I wish I’d bought shares in Apple last year, I think I’ve missed the ________ now.
We might have to raise the price later but we’ll cross that ________ when we get to it.
I don’t know what time the flight is, Sarah makes all the ________ arrangements.
I’m in Delhi on a business ________ next week, but maybe we can meet the week after.

| trip | boat | track | bridge | travel |

Grammar bit

I’d better go or I will miss my train. I should try and get to the station early so I can buy my family some presents and I ought to get something for my colleagues too.
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<tr>
<th>What’s your favourite city or country?</th>
<th>What countries have you visited?</th>
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<tr>
<td>What kind of places do you like to visit?</td>
<td>How do you use the internet when making travel plans?</td>
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<td>What’s the best or worst hotel you’ve stayed in?</td>
<td>Do you take a lot of luggage when you travel or do you travel light?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What’s a memorable place you’ve visited?</td>
<td>Do you like traveling alone?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Which country or city would you most like to visit?</td>
<td>What do you like about traveling?</td>
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</table>
“Two possibilities exist: either we are alone in the Universe or we are not. Both are equally terrifying.”
— Arthur C. Clarke

Mixed up vocabulary

myisetuors - (adj) unusual and unexplainable
sputurnapreal - (adj/n) not explained by the laws of nature
aslogoty - (n) the belief that you can predict the future from the stars
renianatricon - (n) the idea that people are born again in another body after they die
thaetlppey - (n) the ability to read the thoughts of another person
sciltepac - (adj) to be questioning or doubtful about a claim
cpronsysiac treohy - (n) an explanation of an event which is different to the official version

Idioms and collocations

This old lady in Greece told my __________, she said I’d marry a beautiful doctor.
I thought I heard a noise downstairs and I __________ out. It was my cat.
I love pizza and pasta! I think I must have been Italian in a past __________.
That’s very interesting if it’s true, but I’ll take it with a grain of __________.
Touch __________, this time tomorrow the project will be finished and we can relax.

Grammar bit

I’ve got to admit, I was pretty scared when I heard the door slam.
- Yeah, me too. I’ve got to get out of here, this house freaks me out.
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<tr>
<th>Have you ever seen or experienced something you couldn’t explain?</th>
<th>Have you ever been hypnotised?</th>
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<td>Have you ever felt that you had a telepathic link with someone?</td>
<td>What conspiracy theories do you believe could be true?</td>
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<td>Do you think humans have already made contact with extraterrestrials?</td>
<td>What mysteries are connected with your town or country?</td>
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<td>Have you ever had a dream that came true?</td>
<td>Do you think someone’s star sign can affect their personality?</td>
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<td>What do you think about alternative medicines like acupuncture or homeopathy?</td>
<td>How superstitious are you?</td>
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41 The weather

“There’s no such thing as bad weather, just soft people.”
— Bill Bowerman

Mixed up vocabulary

huiracnre - (n) a very big storm
cyodlu - (adj) when it’s like this, you can’t see the blue sky or the sun
lthninigg - (n) a bolt of electricity and light which you might see during a storm
rownabi - (n) you might see one of these when it stops raining and the sun comes out
srhoew - (n) a short, hard period of rain
hdmui - (adj) when it’s hot and the air is moist
pludde - (n) a small pool of water left after rain

Idioms and collocations

I’m going to go home now, I’m feeling a bit under the _________.
She’s been on ________ nine since she got offered a place at university.
Tomorrow will be much busier, this is the calm before the _________.
Hi honey! I’m going to be late home, I’m ________ under at the office.
Well, look on the bright ________, at least we don’t have to work at the weekend.

snowed  storm  side  cloud  weather

Grammar bit

I wish I lived somewhere warmer where it didn’t rain so much.
- Yeah, and I wish I had packed a jumper, it’s quite chilly tonight.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>What’s your favourite season?</th>
<th>What’s your favourite kind of weather?</th>
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<tr>
<td>What do you like to do on a rainy Sunday?</td>
<td>Have you ever experienced extreme weather conditions?</td>
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<td>Is it normal in your country to make small talk about the weather?</td>
<td>How many different words or phrases can you think of to describe rain in English?</td>
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<td>If you could abolish one form of weather, what would it be?</td>
<td>Have you ever thought about moving to a country with a different climate?</td>
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<td>What are the hottest and coldest temperatures you have experienced?</td>
<td>Do you prefer winter clothes or summer clothes?</td>
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42 Xmas

“The two most joyous times of the year are Christmas morning and the end of school.” — Alice Cooper

Mixed up vocabulary

sngitcok - (n) Santa fills one of these with presents if you’ve been good
trkeuy - (n) British people often eat this for Christmas dinner
agenl - (n) one of these sits on top of the Christmas tree
reedenri - (n) an animal which helps pull Santa’s sleigh
swmnona - (n) sometimes smokes a pipe and has a carrot for a nose
dcrtieasnoo - (n) things you put up to make a home feel more festive
atvend caaelrda - (n) has 24 doors which are opened one day at a time

Idioms and Christmas songs

Come on, it’s Christmas give me a kiss under the __________.
Don’t look a gift __________ in the mouth, take the money and no more questions.
I’m dreaming of a white __________ , just like the ones I used to know.
__________ roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, Rudolph
the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny __________ .

| nose | mistletoe | horse | Christmas | chestnuts |

Grammar bit

Don’t forget to tidy up your room, hang up your stocking, leave out some milk and cookies, wrap up your presents and DON’T get up too early!
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<th>What is a typical Christmas Day for you?</th>
<th>What do you like to eat at Christmas time?</th>
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<td>Do you usually go to church at Christmas time?</td>
<td>Do you like Christmas music?</td>
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<td>What do you dislike about Christmas?</td>
<td>Do you do your Christmas shopping nice and early or at the last minute?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do you wish it could be Christmas every day?</td>
<td>Do you enjoy buying presents for other people?</td>
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<td>What Christmas traditions do you enjoy?</td>
<td>Are there any special films or TV shows that you like to watch at Christmas?</td>
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43 Future with will

Use

To make predictions about the future
- I’m sure Italy will beat Belgium in the semi-final
- The new hologram TVs probably won’t be available until next year

When we make spontaneous decisions
- I’ll have the steak please
- Hold on, I’ll see if she’s in her office

To make promises or threats about future action
- I promise I’ll make it up to you
- I won’t forget this

Form

(+) subject + will (‘ll) + infinitive
(-) subject + will not (won’t) + infinitive
(?) (question word) + will + subject + infinitive?

Mixed up sentences

Perhaps be park the sunny will tomorrow to go it can and we
I a have piece steak of for nice tonight dinner I’ll think
I’ll getting Nissan a Micra up probably end
England won’t win definitely Brazil against
Maybe drivers will cars work put taxi out of self-driving
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<th>Where will you be this time tomorrow?</th>
<th>What will the world be like in 50 years?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Who will win the next football (soccer) World Cup?</td>
<td>How will you spend your time when you retire?</td>
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<td>Will people work more or less in the future?</td>
<td>What will be your next big purchase?</td>
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<td>What features will the iPhone 10 have?</td>
<td>Who will be the next President of the USA?</td>
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<td>Will people still carry cash in 20 years?</td>
<td>When will flying cars be invented?</td>
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44 & 45 Past simple

Use

To talk about completed actions which happened at a specific time in the past (although the specific time isn’t always clearly stated)

- I saw John this morning, he didn’t look very happy
- Last year we went to Vegas and had a really crazy time

Form

(+ ) subject + past form + infinitive
(-) subject + did not (didn’t) + infinitive
(?) (question word) + did + subject + infinitive?

Mixed up sentences

In we bathrooms house two my had last
I answered I home you nobody when called but got
I when was in meditation I India into got
What time last did night? home get you I to
was go because party the too I didn’t tired
<table>
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<th>What games did you play in the school playground?</th>
<th>Who were your best friends where you lived?</th>
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<td>What did you enjoy doing at school?</td>
<td>What was your favourite toy?</td>
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<td>What did you use to spend your pocket money on?</td>
<td>What TV shows did you enjoy?</td>
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<td>What pictures did you have on your bedroom walls?</td>
<td>What’s the first film you can remember seeing at the cinema?</td>
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<td>What food didn’t you use to like when you were a child?</td>
<td>What was it like where you lived?</td>
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<td>What did you have for breakfast this morning?</td>
<td>What was the last film you saw?</td>
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<td>Who did you talk to yesterday?</td>
<td>What did you last read?</td>
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<td>What time did you go to bed last night?</td>
<td>What did you watch on TV last night?</td>
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<td>What was the last photograph you took?</td>
<td>When did you last see the sea?</td>
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<td>What did you buy yesterday?</td>
<td>What was the last meal you cooked?</td>
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46 Present continuous

Use

To talk about actions which are happening at the present moment.

- I’m eating dinner can I call you back?
- What are you doing? You’re making a lot of noise.

The present moment can be extended to mean today, this week, this time in my life, etc.

- I’m reading a really good book at the moment
- I’m thinking of buying a house and moving to the country

The present continuous is also used to talk about future arrangements.

- I’m meeting Todd tomorrow
- We’re spending a week in Krakow and then driving to Budapest

Form

(+): subject + am/is/are + ‘ing’ form
(-): subject + am/is/are + not + ‘ing’ form
(?): (question word) + am/is/are + subject + ‘ing’ form

Mixed up sentences

-I’m work printer this having to getting problems
-I’m watching at brilliant the this TV moment show
Where you are these days? living
I’m to because later drinking not Munich I’m driving
We’re next moving house new into our weekend
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<td>Are you reading a good book at the moment?</td>
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<td>What are you looking forward to?</td>
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<td>What projects are you working on at home or at work right now?</td>
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<td>Where are you going after this class?</td>
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<td>How are your English classes going?</td>
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47 & 48 Present perfect

Use

Present perfect is used to talk about actions which have or haven’t happened and which have a connection with the present.

- I’ve already eaten thank you, I’m really not hungry.
- Are you going to Disneyland? We’ve been there, we had a great time.

Present perfect is also used to describe the state of things from the past until the present

- House prices have risen by 15% this year.
- I’ve lived in the same flat for 12 years.

Form

(+) subject + have/has + past participle (3rd form)
(-) subject + have/has + not + past participle
(?) (question word) + have/has + subject + past participle

Mixed up sentences

I’ve Bond never film seen a James
Have before London been to you?
I’ve seen have lost him my husband, you?
I’ve to Stephanie great and she it’s a idea thinks talked
Maria’s accepted celebrating so we’re university been to
### Present perfect: have you ever ...?

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<th>Have you ever seen or met a celebrity?</th>
<th>Have you ever ridden a horse or other animal?</th>
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<td>Have you ever locked yourself out of your house or car?</td>
<td>Have you ever got lost on holiday?</td>
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<td>Have you ever walked out of a movie before it finished?</td>
<td>Have you ever been on TV?</td>
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<td>Have you ever dreamt something that later came true?</td>
<td>Have you ever eaten an insect?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have you ever missed a plane flight?</td>
<td>Have you ever had a bad haircut?</td>
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| What’s the most disgusting thing you’ve eaten? | What’s the longest journey you’ve ever been on? |
| What’s the nicest hotel you have ever stayed at? | What’s the most exciting activity you have ever done? |
| What’s the nicest car you have ever travelled in? | What’s the most exciting sporting event you have seen? |
| Which film have you watched the most times? | What’s the worst job you have had? |
| How many places have you lived since you were born? | Have you ever bought anything and regretted it later? |
49 Present simple

Use

Present simple is mostly used to talk about general facts and routine actions. It is also used to talk about scheduled future events.

- I usually start work at 8am and finish at 6pm. I never get home before 7pm
- Chelsea wear a blue strip and play at Stamford Bridge
- The train leaves at 3.30pm

Form

(+): subject + infinitive(+s)
(-): subject + do not/does not + infinitive
(?) (question word) + do/does + subject + infinitive

Mixed up sentences

I town a small in in Wales live
John butcher works for local the
What think global warming? about you do
Jenny so doesn’t flying travel by train we like
Do prefer Apple Macintosh? or use to an a you PC
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<th>Where do you live?</th>
<th>Where do you work?</th>
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<td>What do you do at the weekends?</td>
<td>Who do you talk to the most?</td>
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<td>How often do you go to the cinema?</td>
<td>How far from here do you live?</td>
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<tr>
<td>How many pairs of shoes do you have?</td>
<td>What time do you go to bed during the week?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Why do you think English is important?</td>
<td>How often do you get your hair cut?</td>
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50 Second conditional

Use

The second conditional is used to describe unlikely or impossible situations

- *If we had a bigger car, I Wouldn’t have this problem*
- *I would go and see a doctor if I were you*
- *If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in San Francisco*
- *What would you say if I told you I was getting married*

Form

if + subject + past form •••, subject + would + infinitive ••• (or)
subject + would + infinitive ••• if + subject + past form •••

Note: In second conditional sentences it is grammatically correct to use *were* instead of *was* in the *if clause*, although this rule is often ignored by native speakers.

Mixed up sentences

If to the chance, see I like Australia had I would
If probably she the she have children, take didn’t would job
If I I your ask for advice, wanted it would
If more time, could features more had we add we
I mouth your if in I that you were put wouldn’t
## 50 Second conditional

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<td>What country would you like to visit?</td>
<td>What would you do if you had more free time?</td>
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<td>What would you do if you could turn invisible?</td>
<td>Where would you live if you could live anywhere?</td>
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<td>If you could meet anyone alive or dead, who would you like to meet?</td>
<td>If you could change any law, what would you change?</td>
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<tr>
<td>If you could take a pill to live to 1000, would you take it?</td>
<td>If you had $1,000,000 to invest, how would you invest it?</td>
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<td>How would you feel if the internet stopped working?</td>
<td>If you had to change jobs, what would you do instead?</td>
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Answer key

1 childhood, teenager, pensioner, middle-aged, mature, retirement, toddler grows up, 
growing on a bit, good for your age, golden age, time of our lives

2 irritate, pest, inconvenient, frustrated, furious, bad mood, calm down pain in the neck, 
driving me crazy, gets on my nerves, hit the roof, bugs me

3 vet, collar, hibernate, purr, mammal, reptile, bark 
quiet as a mouse, black sheep, dog eat dog, eat a horse, let the cat out of the bag

4 paint, drawing, gallery, portrait, masterpiece, canvas, technique 
a picture is worth a thousand words, judge a book by its cover, draw a line, paint the town red, back to the drawing board

5 presents, cake, candles, gift voucher, party, surprise, balloon come of age, life of the party, 
have a ball, let your hair down, piece of cake

6 contents, chapter, plot, paperback, index, skim, non-fiction 
in her good books, lost the plot, new chapter, truth is stranger than fiction, reading between the lines

7 marketing, manager, advertise, profit, loss, break even, meeting 
keep me in the loop, take the minutes, meet the deadline, corner the market, got the green light

8 traffic jam, brake, reverse, windscreen, spare tyre, road sign, engine 
driving me round the bend, change gear, dead end, in the driving seat, fasten your seatbelt

9 suit, underwear, wardrobe, tight, baggy, plain, heels 
bores the pants off me, dressed to kill, got the boot, below the belt, roll up our sleeves

10 argument, ban, compromise, issue, abolish, point of view, debate on my side, agreed to 
differ, heated debate, over her dead body, sitting on the fence

11 media, disaster, election, demonstration, award show, trivial, court case 
hit the headlines, added fuel to the fire, in the same boat, once in a blue moon, a flash in the pan

12 check, main course, reservation, well done, vegetarian, cruelty, napkin my treat, doggy 
bag, bigger than my belly, completely stuffed, sweet tooth

13 rain forest, boycott, countryside, wildlife, planet, pollute, slick 
can’t see the wood for the trees, not in my nature, tip of the iceberg, drop in the ocean, make a mountain out of a molehill

14 celebrity, red carpet, gossip, tabloid, star, glamorous, premier down to earth, claim to 
fame, stage fright, in the headlines, front page news

15 nutritious, delicious, flavour, bland, recipe, texture, portion 
bowl of cherries, cool as a cucumber, carrot and stick, not my cup of tea, in a nutshell

16 robot, prediction, fortune teller, forecast, utopia, apocalypse, breakthrough ahead of its 
time, look into my crystal ball, educated guess, short term, time will tell

17 shake hands, get together, introduction, blind date, friendship, hang out, single break the 
ice, first impression, get on like a house on fire, soul mate, in common

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18 skeleton, nightmare, broomstick, terrified, horror movie, vampire
scared me to death, gives me the creeps, skeletons in her closet, the lesser of two evils, witch hunt

19 work out, balanced diet, exercise, bad habits, junk food, check up, medicine couch potato,
back on my feet, nervous breakdown, burn out, rub salt in the wound

20 souvenir, luggage, experience, travel agent, camp site, guided tour, go sightseeing day trip,
bed and breakfast, book in advance, tourist attraction, everything but the kitchen sink

21 decorate, furniture, attic, balcony, studio, cellar, mansion no place like home, isn’t enough
room to swing a cat, walls have ears, a roof over our heads, if you can’t stand the heat get
out of the kitchen

22 comedian, spoof, impression, giggle, foolish, laughable, crazy
keeping a straight face, to laugh or to cry, in stitches, no laughing matter, playing a prank

23 social network, browser, broadband, frequently asked questions, username, cloud,
wireless hotspot
Not Safe For Work, Be Right Back, In My Humble Opinion, On The Other Hand, Rolling On the Floor Laughing

24 trainee, job interview, human resources, self employed, fired, unemployed, career it’s a
dirty job, job satisfaction, dead end job, don’t give up the day job, got the sack

25 judge, court case, lawyer, witness, verdict, evidence, prison
taking you to court, innocent until proven guilty, criminal record, under suspicion, committing the crime

26 honeymoon, romantic, divorced, affair, engaged, make a commitment
love at first sight, split up, down on one knee, popped the question, on the rocks, tie the knot

27 currency, wallet, transfer, withdraw, bank account, savings, receipt
pocket money, made a fortune, waste of money, an arm and a leg, worth every penny, went bankrupt

28 director, cast, villain, costume, flashback, thriller, trailer happy ending, special effects, big
screen, real life, car chase

29 vinyl, classical, lyrics, genre, studio, performance, drummer
catchy tune, big hit, it’s not over until the fat lady sings, tear jerker, one hit wonder

30 election, party, opinion poll, front runner, majority, debate, policy election campaign,
landslide victory, cast my vote, two party system, floating voter

31 head teacher, curriculum, school rules, bully, subject, exercise book, semester teacher’s
pet, top marks, teach her a lesson, off by heart, tell tales

32 department store, groceries, changing room, bargain, refund, gift voucher, mannequin
window shopping, shop until we drop, buyer’s remorse, bull in a china shop, interest free
credit

33 nightmare, pillow, bunk bed, snore, bedside table, sleeping pills, blanket night night, sweet
dreams, slept like a log, tossed and turned, sleep on it, have a nap

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racket, tournament, semi final, trophy, referee, champion, penalty saved by the bell, on the ropes, get the ball rolling, a safe bet, the ball’s in their court invention, develop, gadget, feature, obsolete, portable, breakthrough bells and whistles, early adopter, quantum leap, on the fly, it’s not rocket science

sit-com, talk show, remote control, episode, presenter, flat screen, commercial on the box, weather forecast, TV guide, sex and violence, chill out

history, century, leap year, fortnight, midnight, decade, moment time flies when you’re having fun, in the long run, waste of time, just in time, once in a blue moon

suburbs, stadium, nightlife, cosmopolitan, flea market, skyline, central station up and coming, peace and quiet, traffic jam, crime rate, public transport

destination, depart, shuttle bus, one way ticket, travel insurance, runway, hand luggage off the beaten track, missed the boat, cross that bridge when we get to it, travel arrangements, business trip

mysterious, supernatural, astrology, reincarnation, telepathy, sceptical, conspiracy theory told me my fortune, freaked out, in a past life, take it with a grain of salt, touch wood

hurricane, cloudy, lightning, rainbow, shower, humid, puddle under the weather, cloud nine, calm before the storm, under the weather, bright side

stocking, turkey, angel, reindeer, snowman, decorations, advent calendar kiss under the mistletoe, don’t look a gift horse in the mouth, white christmas, chestnuts roasting, shiny nose

Perhaps it will be sunny tomorrow and we can go to the park I think I’ll have a nice piece of steak for dinner tonight I’ll probably end up getting a Nissan Micra England definitely won’t win against Brazil Maybe self-driving cars will put taxi drivers out of work

In my last house we had two bathrooms I called you when I got home but nobody answered I got into meditation when I was in India What time did you get home last night? I didn’t go to the party because I was too tired

I’m having problems getting this printer to work I’m watching this brilliant TV show at the moment Where are you living these days? I’m not drinking because I’m driving to Munich later We’re moving into our new house next weekend

I’ve never seen a James Bond film Have you been to London before? I’ve lost my husband, have you seen him? I’ve talked to Stephanie and she thinks it’s a great idea Maria’s been accepted to university so we’re celebrating
I live in a small town in Wales
John works for the local butcher What do you think about global warming?
Jenny doesn’t like flying so we travel by train Do you prefer to use a PC or an Apple Macintosh?

If I had the chance, I would like to see Australia
If she didn’t have children, she would probably take the job
If I wanted your advice, I would ask for it If we had more time, we could add more features
I wouldn’t put that in your mouth if I were you