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PASO 1 INSTRUCTIONS

Lee la siguiente lista de palabras y escucha la pronunciación.

ALPHABETICAL

Able	ser capaz
About	sobre / acerca de
Accept	aceptar
Accident	accidente
Actor	actor
Actually	de hecho / en realidad
Add	sumar / añadir
Advert	anuncio
Advice	consejo
Affect	afectar

WORD-CHAIN

Account	cuenta
Bank	banco
Card	tarjeta
Cash	efectivo
Cash-point	cajero
Shop	tienda
Shopping	las compras
Cheap	barato
Expensive	caro
Life	vida



Today's word-chain: money!

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Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

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The Arrogant Actor

MANAGER: Hi, my name's Mrs Foo, I'm the manager of this clothes shop. I'm sorry, but we're not able to accept your credit card. Can you pay in cash?

ACTOR: What?! You're not able to accept my credit card! After a whole day of shopping, this is the first shop that's not been able to accept my card.

MANAGER: I'm sorry, and maybe it's all an accident, but until the bank authorises the transaction, my advice is that you go to the cash-point and withdraw cash.

ACTOR: Listen, my credit card is fine. I'm rich... no, actually, I'm very rich. There's lots of money in my account and I can buy all the expensive things I want. The economic crisis isn't affecting *me*.

MANAGER: Yes sir, I know; you're the actor in that Nike advert and the film about the life of Diana. But I do what the bank says. Anyway, it's better to pay in cash... credit cards are very expensive these days ... they're always adding money to *my* bill.

ACTOR: Are you listening or not? I'm rich. It's not important if something is cheap or expensive... now try my card again, this is all starting to affect me: I've got a headache now.

MANAGER: Sorry sir, but you're very rude. Even though, you're a famous actor and a good client, I want you to leave.

ACTOR: Well, actually, do you know what? I don't want these clothes. The service in this shop is terrible. Good-bye

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ALPHABETICAL

Again	otra vez
Against	contra
Ago	hace (años, días,
All	todo
Allowed	permitido
Almost	casi
Alone / Only	solo / sólo*
Already	ya
Also	también
Although	aunque

WORD-CHAIN

Agree	estar de acuerdo
Disagree	no estar de acuerdo
Angry	enfadado
Unpleasant	desagradable
Fight	pelear / luchar
Watch-out	cuidado
Dangerous	peligroso
Help	ayudar
All right	bien
Alive	vivo

Solo / sólo tiene 2 significados en inglés...

Alone - solo (solitario, sin compañía) y **only** (sólo, único).

- Yo vivo solo – I live alone.
- Sólo tengo tres minutos – I only have 3 minutes.



Today's word-chain: **disagreement**

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The Shark (El Tiburon)

The story I want to tell you is about now. Not a week ago, not 10 years ago, but now!

It's a story about India.

Although I'm not allowed to go to India (because my mother thinks it's too dangerous) I'm here anyway, and it's an incredible experience. I definitely want to come again next year. Although I have no money, I spend all day on the beach, all evening in a bar, and all night in bed with a beautiful Israeli girl called Efrat. I'm never alone because she's always with me. Yes, I already have a girlfriend in England, but Efrat's much nicer. In fact ... there's nothing unpleasant about Efrat. Even when she's angry and we disagree she's very pleasant and never starts a fight.

However, things can change. At the moment, we're swimming in the sea and I'm saying that she's put on weight. She thinks this is an unpleasant thing to say and we begin to fight. I disagree that it's an unpleasant thing to say; I'm angry, and tell her that she's also very stupid. Then, at the moment she starts shouting at me, I see a shark. Clearly, it's a very dangerous situation. The most dangerous moment of my life.

Efrat can't see the shark and continues shouting that she disagrees with me and that I'm very unpleasant and that she's angry with me.

'Watch out,' I shout. 'Danger, danger... there's a shark.' Efrat laughs and says that I'm stupid. The shark continues swimming towards her and I repeat... 'Watch out. Danger, danger... there's a shark.'

'Yes, I heard you already,' she laughs.

But it's too late. When I see that the shark's going to attack her and that nobody is going to help us, I decide there's only one solution: fight with the shark. I jump up and hit it on the mouth.

The shark swims away and leaves us alone. Efrat almost dies when she sees that the shark was real. But when she speaks, she says, 'You're great. The shark almost killed me but now I'm alright. I'm alive, you're alive, and we're alive. Thank you... I'm not going to fight or disagree with you again.'

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Efrat was an Israeli model...



This / That	esto/a/e eso/a/e *
These / Those	estos/as esos/as
Be	ser / estar
Very	muy
Well	bien
Have	tener
Have to	tener que
Must	deber (<i>verbo</i>)
There is / There are	hay**
Where	donde
When	cuando
Who	quien
What	¿qué?*/ lo que
Why	por qué
Which	cual
But	pero
And	y
Or	o
There	allí / allá
Here	aquí

WORD-CHAIN

*Otro significado de **that** = *que*:

Me dicen que pan es barato – They tell me that bread is cheap.

** Si hablas de algo en singular se usa **There is (there's)**. Si hablas de algo en plural se usa **There are (there're)**.



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Today's word-chain: Why?

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An Indecisive Wife

I hate people who can't decide anything. Every time my wife and I go to a restaurant she says, "I can't decide if I want this or that or these or those. Maybe that will be nice if I combine it with this or maybe this will be nice if I combine it with those."

It's the same when I ask her "How are you?" At first she says she's very well, but then she says she's got a headache. Then she says she has to go to the doctor and that I must drive her there. There's only one doctor in our town and it's 30 kilometers to drive there.

Her worst habit however is losing things. This morning, I ask her where my keys are and she immediately says, "Which keys?"

"Which keys do you think, you stupid woman?"

"Why are you speaking to me like that? Who do you think you're talking to?"

"But why are you always asking me which keys when it's always the same keys. When I leave the house I need the car keys."

"But maybe you need the office keys to... or to our apartment in town. There are many keys in this house."

"But they're all together with the car keys."

"It's true...sorry. Come and give me a kiss, Albert."

"Albert! Who's Albert? My name's Terry."

"I know who you are, but sometimes I like to call you Albert in my head. Or... maybe I prefer Sean."

"When did you start doing this?"

"Ages ago."

"Ages ago! You started calling me Albert ages ago?"

"Yes, Albert!"

"Stop calling me that. Honestly, sometimes I don't know who you are. You're crazy. Anyway, I have to go... there are a lot of things I have to do today."

"Okay, Sean."

"You're strange. I'm going."

"Okay...call me when you arrive at work. See you later...we'll have pasta for dinner. Or...maybe rice. Or maybe chicken. Or maybe we should go to a restaurant. Wait...come here."

As you can see my wife finds it very difficult to decide anything. She doesn't know who she wants to go out with, when she wants to go out, what to wear or which restaurant to go to. She now says she wants to eat in a restaurant and when I ask her where she says, "To MacDonald's; or... maybe that nice French restaurant."

"Which of the two?" I answer.

"I don't know. When I decide I'll tell you."

"In other words...never."

"Why do you say that?"

"Because you never decide anything."

"Yes I do. Okay, ask me again."

I look at her and say, "Which restaurant are we going to?"

"MacDonald's."

"Who are we going with?"

"Alone."

"What are we going to eat?"

"Hamburgers."

"When are we going to go?"

"7."

I look at my wife. It's incredible...she's being decisive; I'm very happy. But then I see a familiar expression on her face. "You know...maybe the French restaurant would be better."

"Oh no...not again! I'm going to work... Goodbye!"



Indecision: maybe we'll go to Paris this summer or maybe we'll go To Cambodia.

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Another	otro*
Other	otro, otra, otros, otras
Any	cualquier, alguno**
Anybody	alguien (o nadie)***
Anyone	alguien (o nadie)***
Somebody	alguien (afirmativo)****
Nobody	nadie

A.M.	por la mañana
Alarm	alarma
P.M	por la tarde
Go out	salir
Drink	beber / tomar (líquidos)
Bottle	botella
Wine	vino
Laugh	reír
Smile	sonreír
Return	volver
Sleep	dormir
Sheet	sábana
Dream	soñar

WORD-CHAIN

* *Other* es un adjetivo que significa "diferente"

1. I'm going to the other room to study.
Voy al otro cuarto a estudiar.

Another expresa cantidad, algo extra o adicional.

- I wish we had another room. Ojalá tuviéramos otro cuarto.

** *Any* tiene dos significados importantes.

1. *Cualquiera* ... Any beer is good in my opinion.
2. *Se usa 'any' como 'alguno' o 'algo de' en frases interrogativas y negativas.*
 - ¿Hay pan? Is there any bread?
 - No hay pan. There isn't any bread.
 - Are there any policemen at the concert?
 - Is there any more wine?
 - Is there any cheese in the fridge?

*** *Anyone* y *anybody* pueden significar alguien o nadie dependiendo del contexto. En frases interrogativas significan alguien, pero en frases negativas significan nadie.

- ¿Hay alguien en la casa?
Is there anybody in the house?
- No hay nadie en la casa.
There isn't anybody in the house.
- ¿Alguien quiere más vino?
Does anyone want more wine?
- No hay nadie en la lista.
There isn't anybody on the list

**** *Sólo se usa 'anybody' o 'anyone' en frases negativas o interrogativas. En afirmativas se usa 'somebody'*

- Somebody called you...
Alguien te llamó.
- I want somebody to help me...
Quiero que alguien me ayude.



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Today's word-chain: Night-life

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary.

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Class activities: Speaking – Basic use.

Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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An Experience that's Unpleasant

It's 6 AM and the waiter comes to my table. "Do you want another beer?"

I look at my friends. "Does anybody want another beer?"

Nobody wants another beer apart from Ted. However, when he asks if anyone else wants one and nobody replies he says, "Actually, I'll have some food instead. Have you got any steaks?"

"Of course." The waiter looks at our table: the bottles, the cigarettes, the phones. "Would you like to move to another table?"

"Yes please... that one there."

"I'm sorry; somebody's already sitting there."

"Okay, I'll stay here then."

The waiter goes and I look at a bottle to see if there's any wine in it. There's half a bottle.

Every time we go out we always drink wine... lots of wine. If you start drinking wine at 11 PM and drink all night you laugh a lot and smile all night; going out is the best... It's 9AM and I should be at home under the sheets sleeping, but I prefer to be here - drinking with friends.

Suddenly, I stop thinking about going out...an alarm starts ringing in my mind. One phrase is repeated in my mind... 9AM! 9AM! 9AM I know there's something at 9AM... and then I remember.... I have to go to work at 9AM.... I agreed to help my boss with a big project this weekend. I feel panic, a loud noise, and.....

...I'm in my bed. It's the alarm.

Fortunately, it was all a dream A very bad dream: can you imagine having to meet your boss at 9AM after drinking all night?

But luckily... I'm in bed...

Thank God.



...I'm in my bed. It's the alarm.

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Anyway	pero bueno...
Apartment	apartamento
Area	zona
Appointment	cita (con el dentista, etc.)
Arrange to meet	quedar (con un amigo, etc.)
Around	alrededor
Appear	aparecer
Arrive	llegar
Come	venir

Anything	algo/nada*
Something	algo**
Object	objeto
Noun	sustantivo
Thing	cosa
Nothing	nada
Hole	agujero
Dark	oscuro
Sky	cielo
Star	estrella
Space	espacio

WORD-CHAIN

*Algo/nada - sigue la misma lógica que *anybody* y *nobody* en Unit 4

** Se usa *anything* en preguntas y oraciones negativas. – “No he hecho nada” *I haven't done anything.*

Se usa *something* en oraciones afirmativas. – “Quiero comer algo” *I want to eat something.*



Today's word-chain: Sky

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Baywatch (Vigilantes de la playa)

Laura and I are walking at night when she suddenly looks up to the dark sky. “Look” she says, “There’s something in the sky... an object.”

“Yes, my friend... they’re called stars.”

“No, it’s not a star... it’s a bright light. Maybe extra terrestrials are arriving from space. They’re coming, Lynch, they’re coming.”

“Laura, you need to stop smoking again?”

“No. Look at the sky.”

Anyway, I stop and look up at the stars in the sky... “There’s nothing there. No aliens, no little green men, nothing.”

“Oh shut up.... *All you do* is talk about things: words, nouns, phrases, all stupid. Look again!”

I look again and feel embarrassed. Two people from our area walk past and look at us as we talk about aliens. They already think we’re strange because Laura is painting the windows of her apartment pink.

Anyway, the two people from our area go, and I look at the sky again. Then, suddenly, I see something that appears to be a dark hole in the sky and in its centre there’s a light.

“Look, they’re coming... the aliens are coming. They’re arriving,” shouts Laura.

It’s true: an enormous space ship flies over the park and the block of apartments opposite. I can’t believe it... but it appears to be true. I question it for another two minutes but it’s irrelevant... the space ship flies over us – fifty metres over our head – and a door opens. Small, green men appear – around 1 metre high. One of them speaks.

“Friend, do you know the way to...” he looks down at a paper in his hand “...Roswell? We’ve arranged to meet our friend there for a party.”

Laura says, “Erm...Yes, it’s in America... California.”

“California, America.... isn’t that the place where they made *Vigilantes de la Playa*?”

“*Vigilantes de la Playa*. You mean.... *Baywatch*.”

“Probably. The only earth TV we’ve got on our planet is from Mexico.”

“Oh... But you know they’ve stopped making it now?”

“Oh no, I love that programme. Anyway, we’ve got to go... see you...”

Suddenly, the sky is dark, the hole disappears and there’s no spaceship ... only stars and darkness.

I look at Laura. “I’m going to make an appointment to see the doctor: *immediately*. Actually, let’s arrange to meet your mum tomorrow so she can tell us the name of that Greek psychiatrist she knows. I think *we’re going crazy*.”

Laura doesn’t respond; she continues to look at the sky and says one word...

“Baywatch.”





WORD-CHAIN

Apparently	aparentemente
As	mientras / como*
As soon as possible	lo antes posible
As usual	como siempre
Asleep	dormido
Awake	despierto
At first	al principio
At least	al menos
Ask	preguntar
Ask for	pedir
Want	querer
Desire	desear
Need	necesitar
Bath	bañera
Bath room	cuarto de baño
Shower	ducha
Soap	jabón
Sink	lavamanos
Shampoo	champú
Shave	afeitarse

*As you drive down Oxford street, you'll see Big Ben. (Mientras)
Big Ben is as big as the Empire state building. (Tan..como)
Como tiene cuatro significados en inglés – how, like, as, what.



Today's word-chain: Bathroom

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The compulsive body hair shaver

Apparently, as soon as Tom Cruise wakes up he shaves his whole body. This desire is, say psychologists, the result of an obsession with feeling young. Apparently, the hair on his head is already grey but he can change its color artificially, but because he can't change the color of his body hair he shaves it.

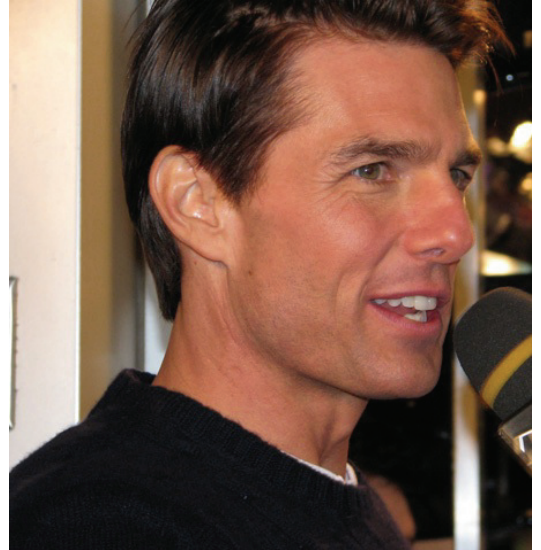
An ex-girlfriend - who was going out with Tom before Katie Holmes - is now telling the world about his obsession. She says that at first she accepted the fact that when he woke up he went to the bathroom as soon as possible. However, after a while she was angry. As she told our reporter, "Imagine living with someone who sits in the bath for an hour simply to prepare the body hair; then goes to the sink, covers himself in soap, shaves his whole body, then gets in the shower to wash it all off. The bathroom was like a river and very dirty when he finished."

The end of their relationship came one day when Tom was in the bathroom as usual. He asked her where the soap was and began putting it on his bottom. He then asked her to shave his bottom.

Tom's ex-girlfriend, April Winters, cries as she talks about the trauma of living with a compulsive body shaver; a trauma for which she is now asking seven million dollars in compensation. April says that Tom's obsession has left her with a fear of shaving, and her leg, arm and lip hair have grown, and now she can't work as a model. She says she doesn't feel needed as a human being.

"When someone asks you for help to shave their bottom, there are consequences."

Legal experts say that even though she wants seven million she won't get it. They say, however, that she will get at least one and a half million.



Tom Cruise: "I am not a compulsive body hair shaver."

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WORD-CHAIN

Available	disponible
Back	hacia atrás
Come back	volver
Be right	tener razón
Be wrong	no tener razón
Be in a hurry	tener prisa
With	con
Without	sin
At the moment	en este momento
Later	después / más tarde
Late	tarde
Early	pronto / temprano
Lunch	almuerzo
Meal	comida*
Menu	menú
Dish	plato
Delicious	delicioso
Disgusting	asqueroso
Horrible	horrible
To feel sick	sentirse mal

*Comida tiene dos significados en inglés. 1 – Meal (to sit down and eat). 2. Food – (a general word for things we eat – pasta, meat, fruit etc...)



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Today's word-chain: Lunch

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Not Available

RECEPTIONIST: "Good morning, Symons Energy Company."

JAMES JONSON: "Hi, James Jonson here, can I speak to John Metcalf please?"

RECEPTIONIST: "Hi James, I'm afraid that John's not available right now. He's ill. He should be back tomorrow."

JAMES JONSON: "Oh dear...What happened?"

RECEPTIONIST: "Well, he came back from lunch yesterday talking about a delicious meal... he was talking for ages about the menu and all the fantastic dishes and that he was going to go back there later. But after that, he started to feel sick. It was horrible, he started to go* green and then he was sick all over his desk."

JAMES JONSON: "Disgusting! Anyway, who can I talk to about the new battery you're selling? Stan Mann can probably inform me, can't he?"

RECEPTIONIST: "That's right, but he's not in the office yet...he was working late last night."

JAMES JONSON: "Well I need to speak to someone. We're in a real hurry to introduce the new products. John said that last battery would sell a lot of units but he was totally wrong."

RECEPTIONIST: "Okay, I've got an idea... call back later – after lunch, and then I'll make sure there's somebody here to give you some advice on the new battery, alright?"

JAMES JONSON: "Okay, and tell me when you're available to go out with me... I think you're very sexy."

RECEPTIONIST: "James, stop being unprofessional... but if you insist, meet me at the cinema later... screen 1. Bye."

JAMES JONSON: "Bye... see you later."

*ponerse





WORD-CHAIN

Because	porque
Before	antes
After	después
Begin	empezar
End	final
Finish	terminar
Behind	detrás
In front of	delante de
Beside	al lado de
Between	entre
Flight	vuelo
Beach	playa
Ball	pelota
Play	jugar
Game	juego
Enjoy	disfrutar
Swim	nadar
Beer	cerveza
Bag	bolsa
Carry	llevar

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Today's word-chain: Beach

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Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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The Best Summer of Lynch's Life

The best summer of my life was when I was 16: a summer with Jessica Alba (before she was famous of course.)

The story begins at the end of 1999 just after Jessica started acting classes. Our parents were great friends and the two families decided to go on holiday because the Albas were moving to LA. At the end of June we took a flight to Hawaii and after a brief visit to Vegas we arrived on the island before sunset.

Before we could unpack our bags, Jessica picked up a beach ball from the balcony and ran downstairs saying she wanted to play a game. Although I didn't know which game, I knew it was a game I was going to enjoy.

As soon as we were on the beach, Jessica pulled a beer out of her bag and passed it to me.

"I'm very happy because we're finally alone," she said.

"Erm...I'm very happy too. We're going to enjoy this holiday a lot."

Jessica threw the ball away and took a photo of us with my camera. After that, we finished the beers and Jessica began to walk to the sea.

"Come on, let's go for a swim. Carry me to the water."

I did what she asked and carried her to the water.

It was almost the end of the day when Jessica and I began to swim. We were enjoying the experience a lot... and then came the magic moment. Jessica swam up behind me and touched my back. Then she swam in front of me and said, "I'm not playing, Lynch... I know that you are the love of my life."

I was so happy. I moved to kiss her... and then...

"Jessica," her mum shouted from the balcony, "you've got a call from LA... it's about the audition."

Jessica looked at me. "Oh sorry, it's really important... I'll come back in a minute."

The call was from the director of *Flipper 2*. 10 minutes later, I was carrying her bags to a taxi and she went. It was the beginning of her fame and the end of me and Jessica. Both her and her family went to LA and forgot me and my family. I, however, never forgot her; and I still have the photo of that moment... just before I almost kissed Jessica Alba.



I almost kissed Jessica.

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Good	bueno
Bad	malo
Better	mejor
Worse	peor
Than	que*
The best	el mejor
The worst	el peor
Big	grande
Small	pequeño

Body	cuerpo
Head	cabeza
Arm	brazo
Leg	pierna
Back	espalda
Foot	pie
Toe	dedo del pie
Finger	dedo de la mano
Hand	mano
Stomach	estómago
Heart	corazón

WORD-CHAIN

*Los significados más comunes de 'que' son *that* y *what*. Sin embargo, en el caso de una comparación, que = *than*.

Manchester United are better than Barça.
Ryan has got more money than Charles.



Today's word-chain: The Body

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9. Living Beside a Clinic

Hi, my name's Barbara and next year I'm going to have a lot of plastic surgery. This is *gonna** be easy for me because I live beside a clinic.

The first operation I'm going to have is between my fingers. My fingers are too close together and I want the space to be bigger. After that I'll definitely feel better about myself but then I'm going to have another operation for the worse problem of all: my head. My head is too big; I want a small head and the doctor says he can do it. I'll go from basketball head to tennis ball head he assures me. My next priority after that will be my hands and feet. I want more proportion between the two. Unfortunately, to do this the doctor says he'll have to reduce the size of my back which will probably be quite painful.

I think my love of plastic surgery began after the birth of my daughter. After she was born my body was terrible. Everything from my head to my toes looked ugly. A line of fat below my arm started to appear, hairs below my back, my stomach was very big, and my legs were worse.

Okay, maybe I'm exaggerating, but I did look worse than before. By the end of the summer, however, the operations are going to change everything, and the result will be that every part of my body will be different except my heart. My heart – both my metaphorical and physical – will always be the same.

*going to



Box	caja
Live	vivir
Below	debajo de
Bridge	punte
Under	debajo
Bright	brillante
Sun	sol
Climate	clima
Boy	chico / niño
Girl	chica / niña
Boy/girlfriend	novio/a
Shy	tímido
Youth	juventud
Connect	conectar
Kiss	beso
Wonderful	maravilloso
Complicated	complicado
Argue	discutir
Behaviour	comportamiento
Shout	gritar

WORD-CHAIN



Today's word-chain: Together

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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Life in a box under a bridge

My parents annoy me so much that next year I'm going to leave home... even if I live in a box under a bridge. Sure, it's gonna be difficult, but if I go to a state with a good climate where the sun shines brightly, I'll be fine.

The problem is my boy friend, Ricky. Ricky's the best boyfriend in the world, but in my parents' opinion he's the worst person in the world – 'a horrible youth'. We started being boyfriend and girlfriend a year ago at a party. Ricky walked up to me looking very shy and that was something I really liked about him... the other boys weren't shy... they shouted a lot, trying to impress the girls.

Anyway, he came up to me, we talked, and we connected... it was wonderful. Our first kiss was beautiful, and from that moment we became boyfriend and girlfriend. We're not like other boys and girls we know; we don't argue; our behavior is always kind and decent and even when we're angry we don't shout.

With my parents, however, it's a different story. Everything's so complicated with them. Their behavior really annoys me and the worse thing is they say *my* behavior is bad. They're always arguing with me, with each other, and with everyone. All they say is... "You think this house is a hotel." "Tidy your room." "You're lazy." "You're not wearing *that!*"

Sometimes they wake me up in the middle of the night because they're shouting. They say Ricky is bad for me but he's the only person in the world who I love. He's wonderful. And that's why, next year, we're going to leave home and go to a beautiful place with a good climate, bright sun, and wonderful people. And if we have to live in a box under a bridge... ...that's what we'll do.



The top of Pearl Bridge in Japan.

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WORD-CHAIN

Both	ambos
Bring	traer
Build	construir
By	por
Bye	adiós
Call	llamar
Can	poder
Cause	causa
House	casa
At home	en casa
Garage	garaje
Garden	jardín
Lounge	salón
Wall	pared
Toilet	lavabo
Sofa	sofá
Bed	cama
Bedroom	habitación
Window	ventana
Wardrobe	armario

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Today's word-chain: House

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11. A Call to the repair man

Frank: Frank's home repair, how can I help you?

Distressed homeowner: Yes, hi. I'm calling because I live in a recently built house and since it was finished it's one problem after another. Every time it rains water enters both the lounge and garage - a problem caused by some windows that weren't put in correctly. Then one of the pipes broke in the wall of our bedroom, destroying our new bed, as well as our wardrobe and all of our clothes inside.

Frank: That sounds terrible!

Distressed homeowner: Yes, fortunately I have a beautiful view of my garden from our living room window, so I've put the sofa there and I spend a long time every day, drinking tea and trying to forget.

Frank: Yes, disasters like this are very stressful. Can I come this afternoon? You can send me the address by SMS. Will you be at home?

Distressed homeowner: Yes, I think so.

Frank: Okay, I'll bring some of my colleagues and we'll see what we can do.

Distressed homeowner: Great. Oh, and one more thing. I forgot to mention that the sink in one of the toilets is broken.

Frank: Okay, we'll fix that too. Don't worry.

Distressed homeowner: Okay, Bye!

Frank: Oh yes, one more thing... the price. Is 1000 Euros per hour okay?

Distressed homeowner: What! 1000 Euros an hour?! That's scandalous.

Frank: Okay, I'll tell you what... because you seem like a nice person I'll give you a discount: 995 Euros an hour? You can't complain now.

Distressed homeowner: Yes I can... good bye!



Brush	cepillo
Character	personaje / personalidad
Check	comprobar

Care	importar*
Care for	cuidar
Child / Children	niño / niños
Draw	dibujar
Story	historia
Sing	cantar
Sit	sentarse
Chair	silla
Circle	círculo
Center	centro
Student	estudiante
Pupil	alumno
College	instituto
Adult	adulto
Study	estudiar
Dictionary	diccionario
Art	arte

WORD-CHAIN

* *I don't care – No me importa.*
I care for my children – Cuido a mis hijos



Today's word-chain: School

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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A day in the life of Maria

Maria is a school teacher. She is a woman of good character and everyone in the community likes her.

Everyday she wakes up at 8 O' clock, has a shower, brushes her hair, checks her clothes and goes to school. Sometimes she takes the bus and sometimes she takes the car... she doesn't care.

When she arrives at school the first thing she does is say *hello* to each child. All the children respond the same: 'Good morning Maria'. Then, they begin to draw dinosaurs or animals or people or cars. After that, all the children want to play, but they don't play they sing.

At about 11 O' clock, Maria puts the children in a circle; she sits in the center and tells them a story.

This is a very different class from her evening job. At 7 O' clock Maria teaches an evening class. Although she teaches English the students don't use dictionaries or traditional text books. They play games and use everything from art to films. This is why the students like the classes.

After the class, Maria is very tired. She doesn't do anything except watch TV, have dinner with her girlfriend, and go to bed.



Sappho: An ancient gay icon

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WORD-CHAIN

Clothes	ropa
Color	color
Wear	llevar puesto
Coat	abrigo
Pants	calzoncillos
Pajamas	pijama
Change	cambiar
Shirt	camisa
Shoes	zapatos
Skirt	falda
T-shirt	camiseta
Trousers	pantalón
Belt	cinturón
Socks	calcetines
Bra	sujetador
Dress	vestido
Get dressed	vestirse
Jeans	vaqueros
Hat	sombrero
Jacket	chaqueta



Today's word-chain: Clothes

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12. Get dressed

“Wake up and get dressed!” my girlfriend, Molly, shouted. “Come on, put some fashionable clothes on! Hurry up. It’s time to go.” I suddenly remembered that I had promised to attend fashion week with her. The problem was, I’m a guy and I even have problems selecting a t-shirt and socks in the morning, so I had no idea what was fashionable or not. Personally, I wanted to change my ticket to fashion week for a day in bed in my pajamas.

Anyway, I started to get dressed but Molly wasn’t happy that I was putting jeans on. She, of course, was well dressed as always. She was wearing a black skirt, red belt, black shoes and light blue shirt which, I noticed, was transparent and showed her bra. I wasn’t happy that her bra was visible but there was no time for discussion.

“Here, put these trousers on,” Molly said, as she threw them at me.

“Wait, I need some pants,” I said, “I can’t wear trousers without pants.” While I dressed I was still thinking about the transparent shirt and the fact that all the men were going to look at her large breasts. “Why don’t you wear that black dress?” I suggested.

“You don’t care about clothes so why are you talking about that dress?” Molly saw that I was looking at her breasts. “Oh no...I thought we’d talked about this,” she said.

“Exactly. I’m from Afghanistan... women don’t wear these clothes.”

“Sorry Abca, but we’re in South London not Kabul...bad luck. Now go and get your hat and jacket.”

Molly put on her coat and we left. We didn’t talk about the bra again.



Cut	cortar
Confirm	confirmar
Continue	continuar
Control	controlar
Correct	corregir
Count	contar
Crazy	loco
Clear	claro
Close	cerrar
Collect	coleccionar / recoger

Cook	cocinar
Kitchen	cocina
Knife	cuchillo
Fork	tenedor
Spoon	cuchara
Fry	freír
Frying pan	sartén
Fridge	nevera
Freeze	congelar
Cup	taza

WORD-CHAIN



Today's word-chain: Kitchen

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14. Extract from a novel

A man is standing in the kitchen of a restaurant speaking on the phone. A 10 year old child is sitting on the floor nearby, making loud noises with a spoon, knife and a frying pan. The man covers the phone with his hand and turns to the child.

“Gregory, stop that...and don't play with knives, you'll cut yourself!” He returns to the phone. “I'm sorry, what was I saying? Oh yes, I was calling to confirm your reservation for this Saturday. Let's see if I've counted correctly because it wasn't written clearly in the reservation book. There'll be thirty-five in your group, yeah?”

There's another pause in the conversation. He says to the child, “Gregory! You're completely out of control; I'm going crazy! If you don't stop that noise this second I'm going to collect up all of your computer games when we get home and burn them!” He returns to the phone. “Oh yes, that sounds splendid. We have a fabulous chef who makes wonderful meals. We also have beautiful knives and forks for special occasions.”

Another pause. He gives Gregory a cup of milk. Gregory takes it and walks to the fridge with his metal spoon.

“No, no, don't worry, we don't fry anything. Yes...everything is fresh... nothing frozen...Okay, so we'll see you on Saturday then. Yes, yes, yes...I repeat...we've got a brilliant chef...he's from France...he's very famous. I understand it's your daughter's wedding dinner and you only want the best. Oh, and one last thing—we'll collect the payment at the end of the evening before we close. Yes, 150 Euros per person. Bye.”

He puts the phone down.

“Okay, Gregory, take the frozen mushrooms out of the freezer and let's start frying them for this wedding dinner. We'll put them in the microwave when we need them. And let's use that pan you've been playing with... no need to wash it. I hate rich clients.”



They're going to be disappointed by the wedding dinner.

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Delay	demora
Depart	salir
Definitely	definitivamente
Deliver	entregar
Date	fecha /cita romántica
During	durante
Week	semana
Day	día
Every	cada
Clock	reloj (de pared)
Morning	mañana
Afternoon	tarde
Evening	tarde / noche*
Night	noche*
Future	futuro
Now	ahora
Today	hoy
Tomorrow	mañana
Tonight	esta noche
Yesterday	ayer

WORD-CHAIN

* En inglés sólo se usa "good night" al final de la noche, antes de irse a casa (a dormir) o la cama. Al principio de la noche se dice "good evening".



Today's word-chain: Time

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.



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13. A pathetic woman

Dear Diary,

The date is January the fourth and now I feel really depressed! It's not just about today and tomorrow, but my entire future! I don't know where my life is going; I need some kind of direction – I can't find a husband.

I was supposed to go on a date yesterday evening. But just as I was getting ready for a brilliant night, David called me to say that his flight was delayed and the plane was departing in three hours. Then he didn't call me when he arrived. Now, I've received an e-mail from him saying that his boss has asked him to deliver a package and he can't see me today.

The problem is that I'm definitely in love with him. I know I've only met him once, but he seems like Mr. Perfect, and we have so much in common. For example, he doesn't like watching television during the week, and I don't either. He also writes a diary every day, just like me, and he also likes pasta. Clearly, it's destiny.

Anyway, I'm looking at the clock now and it's only four. I have the rest of the afternoon free, so I think I'll sit here and wait for David's call. If necessary I'll wait here until tomorrow morning. That's what true love is like...



Decide	decidir
Director	director
Direct	directo
Dirty	sucio
Discover	descubrir

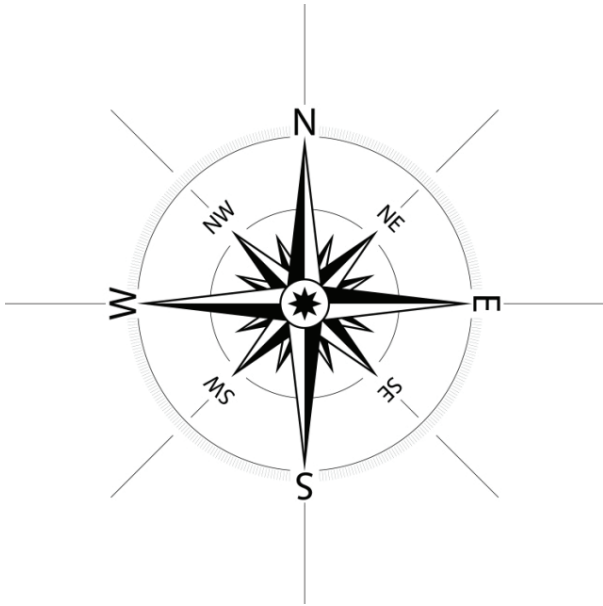
Direction	dirección*
North	norte
South	sur
West	oeste
East	este
Distance	distancia
Far	lejos
Close	cerca
What's the weather like?	¿Qué tiempo hace?
Weather	tiempo / clima
Water	agua
Wet	mojado
Hot	caliente
Cold	frío
Rain	lluvia

WORD-CHAIN

**Dirección* tiene dos significados en inglés. 1 – Direction: They were walking in a northern direction. 2 – Address: His address is 27 Riverstown.

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Today's word-chain: Navigation

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

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16. Jungle Tours

Hello, and welcome to Jungle Tours! My name's Bob, I'm the director here at JT, and I hope you're all enjoying the free drink we've decided to give you to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The most important thing I want to say today is 'thanks for coming,' and I guarantee you will soon discover all the many amazing sights here in Calamazoo. But before you do that, please listen to the following introduction.

Let me start by being direct: you're going to get dirty! And if you're asking 'What's the weather like?' I'll tell you - the weather here is impossible to predict, except that you're going to be wet. Be prepared for rain whether the temperature is hot or freezing cold.

Now, before we begin our walk through the jungle let's orientate ourselves so that we get some sense of direction. To the north, far in the distance, we have some mountains. To the south we have a lake, but it doesn't have any water right now because it's the dry season in Calamazoo. To the west we have some coconut trees, and to the east, quite close to here, we have a river. The distance of our trek will be about five kilometers. Okay, who's ready to see some animals?



Jungle tours.

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Drive	conducir
Map	mapa
Car	coche
Breakdown	avería
Wheel	rueda
Bike	bicicleta
Boat	barco
Air	aire
Fly	volar
Luggage	equipaje
Case	maleta / caso
Airplane	avión
Lorry	camión

WORD-CHAIN

Earth	Tierra
River	río
Fish	pez / pescado
Mountain	montaña
Tree	árbol
Forest	bosque
God	Dios



Today's word-chain: Transport

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

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17. Weekend Trip Gone Wrong

I've always considered myself an unlucky person, but that all changed last year. It was summertime, and my wife and I were preparing to fly to Venice for the weekend. My wife wanted to travel by boat but I prefer to travel by air. Besides, we were going to spend the weekend in a boat so going on an airplane sounded relaxing.

On the day we had to leave, I was packing the suitcases when my wife ran out of the door and got on her bike.

"I've just realized it's Friday the 13th," she shouted, "I've left my lucky rabbit's foot at Jim's house, I'll be back soon." I thought she was crazy and superstitious so I continued my preparations and put the luggage into the car.

Three hours later, we were driving to the airport. We live out in the country on a big piece of land, so the journey to the airport is beautiful: there's a forest with a big mountain behind it and a river that's full of fish in spring and summer. I was thinking about the earth's beauty when a lorry came fast round the corner. We missed the lorry but went off the road and the car stopped.

"Did you see that lorry?" my wife asked. I noticed that the car felt different and then we saw that one of the wheels had fallen off! The car didn't start. I looked at the map and saw we were very far from the nearest garage. "Just what we needed—a breakdown. When are we going to fix the wheel?!" I thought to myself, "We're not getting on that airplane." But even so, I said a quick prayer to God, asking that the flight would be delayed—I really wanted to go to Venice!

Anyway, we tried to fix the wheel ourselves and actually did quite a good job. Then we drove fast to the airport. Unfortunately, though, we were too late and we missed the flight. However, in the end, this was lucky...

...flight 67899 to Venice crashed ... killing everyone on board.



WORD-CHAIN

Drums	tambores
Each	cada *
Easy	fácil
Difficult	difícil
Embarrassed	avergonzado
Emergency	emergencia / urgencia
Enormous	enorme
Entertain	entretener
Eat	comer
Dining room	comedor
Dinner	cena
Steak	bistec
Beef	carne de vaca
Egg	huevo
Vegetable	verdura
Tomato	tomate
Soup	sopa
Sauce	salsa
Sausage	salchicha
Cream	nata

*La diferencia entre **each** y **every** es pequeña. **Every** se refiere a un grupo y **each** a los individuos en un grupo: "Cada alumno tiene que asistir – Every pupil has to attend." "Hablaré con cada alumno personalmente – I'll speak with each pupil personally."

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Today's word-chain: Vegetables

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

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18. An E-Mail to Julia

Dear Julia,

As promised, I'm writing to tell you about the party that Tom and I had last week. It was incredible, 50 guests came and ate in our small dining room, and it was very entertaining. I admit, it wasn't easy to have so many guests but it was fun, and there were no emergencies or embarrassing situations. So yes, it wasn't easy, but I suppose it wasn't difficult either. This was because Lucy was, as always, an enormous help and looked after each guest properly.

The evening began with Tom playing the drums while the rest of us enjoyed wine and ate tapas. For dinner I had prepared a tomato soup with cream, and the reactions from the guests were very positive. For the second course, there was a choice of steak (using Argentine beef of course) and vegetables, or sausage and eggs with a special sauce.

There was one slight problem, though. As usual, Brian got drunk. He then took all his clothes off, and ran round the room singing the national anthem.... But everyone's used to that now.

Bye for now,
John.



I dressed up as Marilyn to amuse the guests.*

*invitados

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WORD-CHAIN

Equal	igual
Different	diferente
Same	lo mismo
Even	incluso
Even though	aunque
Ever	nunca (en negativo)*
Ever	alguna vez**
Every day	todos los días
Everybody	todo el mundo
Everyone	todo el mundo
Everything	todo
Everywhere	por todas partes
Exact	exacto
Except	excepto
Excited	emocionado
Exercise book	libreta
Experience	experiencia
Explain	explicar
Factory	fábrica
Fall	caer

* I haven't ever been to London.

I've never been to London.

** Have you ever been to London?



Today's word-chain: The same

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.



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19. North Korean English Writing Club

Hello Everyone,

Attached is a document that explains the rules of the writing group. As I mentioned before, it's not necessary to have any writing experience to participate. You can begin your writing experience with us. Even though it's far away, we'll be meeting in the garden at my house because it's difficult for me to go anywhere since I fell and hurt my knee. The building where I live is on South Street; if you've ever been to the tractor factory then you'll know where it is. Finally, I'd like to say that I'm very excited about our first meeting next week.

The rules are...

- 1) Everyone should be given equal time to speak and all opinions should be given the same respect, even if we disagree with them.
- 2) Everybody is expected to write every day, except Sundays.
- 3) Everyone must keep my garden tidy and not leave food everywhere, or throw everything on the floor like last year.
- 4) This year we'll be using a different exercise book for our creative writing practice, so please notify me if you would like one. I can tell the book-shop the exact number we need.
- 5) Because of the danger of the authorities discovering our writing club, destroy this letter immediately. When anyone asks you where you're going on Tuesdays, say you are attending a meeting of the Kim Il Jung appreciation club.



WORD-CHAIN

Family	familia
Grandmother / father	abuela/o
Mother	madre
Daughter	hija
Father	padre
Son	hijo
Brother	hermano
Sister	hermana
Aunt	tía
Uncle	tío
Cousin	primo
Fancy	apetecer
Fast	rápido
Slow	lento
Fat	gordo
Thin	delgado
Thick	grueso
Fear	miedo
Feel	sentir
Emotion	emoción

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Today's word-chain: Family

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American Family Reunions

Everyone feels something different when they have to spend time with their family. Some feel happiness, some feel fear, some feel sad and some feel a strange mix of all these emotions. Personally, I never fancy going to *our* family reunions.

You see, I'm very close to my mother and grandmother, but not to my father, because my parents got divorced when I was six. He's an alcoholic and a fundamentalist Christian. The other problem is my father got remarried to my mother's sister, so now my aunt is also my step-mother, and their two sons and three daughters are both my cousins and brothers and sisters. I have one older brother who I usually sit with at these uncomfortable family reunions, and although we both hope that they finish fast, they usually go very slowly. One good part, though, is when we talk with our crazy Uncle Frank, a Vietnam veteran who still thinks he's in Vietnam. After a few glasses of wine he starts telling stories of how many Vietnamese soldiers he killed.

My brother and I are totally different from the rest of our American family. We're thin and we have thick brown hair, but the rest of the family is fat and blonde. Sometimes, in order to make ourselves feel better, we joke that we aren't really related to the rest of our family.



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WORD-CHAIN

Face	cara
Eye	ojo
Nose	nariz
Mouth	boca
Teeth	dientes
Lips	labios
Hair	pelo / cabello
Ear	oreja
Fascinating	fascinante
Fashion	moda
Famous	famoso
Fill in	rellenar
Final	último
First	primero
Second	segundo
Floor	suelo / planta
Corridor	pasillo
Corner	esquina / rincón
Entrance	entrada
Door	puerta



Sam says...

"Remember what I said about using the language. These books are great for gaining and retaining an intimate knowledge of English but you still need to find a means of using the language. You must take the conversation questions very seriously and avoid one word answers." NOTA 6

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Today's word-chain: Faces

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Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many of the words from today's list as possible.

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21. Corridor love

Serina and I met because she lives on the same floor of my apartment building on the same corridor. We met each other one day when she was looking for something she'd dropped on the floor.

I'd seen Serina many times before and found her fascinating. She has a very beautiful face, with big blue eyes, small nose and ears, and a pretty mouth. Her lips are like Angelina Jolie's and her teeth are very white. She could be a fashion model if she wanted to be, especially with that beautiful hair of hers.

The reason we spoke last week was because she asked if I could help her to fill in a form. Her English was very bad. The form was related with her final exam at university. We talked a bit and she told me that she worked at a clothing store on the corner. Two weeks later I went there to buy some jeans.

"This isn't the first time you've come, is it?" she asked. "It's not even the second. I've seen you across the street, looking at me."

It was true.

Serina thought it was so romantic. That's what I thought, anyway, but then she told me that if I didn't stop it she would call the police.

I'm sure she was just joking, though...I know that Serina thinks I'm handsome. I'm sure she thinks I have a beautiful face, eyes, nose and ears. I'm sure of it...absolutely sure of it.



WORD-CHAIN

Food	comida
Apple	manzana
Salt	sal
Salad	ensalada
Cheese	queso
Carrot	zanahoria
Cake	pastel
Fresh	fresco
Fruit	fruta
Grape	uva
Ham	jamón
I'm hungry	tengo hambre
Lamb	cerdo
Milk	leche
Nut	nuez
Mushroom	champiñón
Onion	cebolla
Pea	guisante
Rice	arroz
Healthy	sano

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Today's word-chain: Fruit

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22. Food habits

I'm constantly changing my habits with respect to food.

Recently I read that it's very good for your health to drink a juice made from peas, rice, onion and mushrooms. It's very healthy. Unfortunately, though, it's also disgusting. However, I suppose it's better than the Latvian milk I used to drink with nuts and flavoring made from lambs testicles. Even when I was really hungry I couldn't drink that milk.

Some days, though, I forget about being healthy and I eat lots of cake. I love cheesecake and carrot cake. I also love apple tart. Apples are the only fruit I like, though... the other day I was in a restaurant and they gave me some cake with grapes in it and I was almost sick.

Anyway, now I'm going to have a nice ham sandwich with some salad on the side. A nice, fresh salad. I can't have much salt, though...the doctor said it's bad for my health.

Anyway, I've got to go now. Sorry for mentioning the lamb's testicles. Bye.

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Film	película
Find	encontrar
Fire	fuego
Light	luz / encender
Light	ligero
Follow	seguir
For	para
From	de
Foreigner	extranjero
Forever	para siempre
Forget	olvidar
General	general
Generous	generoso

WORD-CHAIN

Fox	zorro
Animal	animal
Pet	mascota
Lion	león
Bird	pájaro
Pig	cerdo
Farm	granja

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Today's word-chain: Animals

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23. Tattoo* Man

The other day I saw a brilliant film called 'The Foreigner'. It was about a man who invited this foreign man to live with him after finding him asleep in a park. Seeing he was cold and had no place to live, he decided to help him. The man took him home and lit a big fire.

"Thank-you" the foreigner said, again and again, "I'll remember this forever... I'll never forget that you are a kind man. I tell you from the heart...you are a kind, generous man."

While the foreigner slept on the sofa, the man looked at him and saw many different tattoos of animals. There was a fox on the back of his hand, a lion on his arm and a bird on his neck. The man loved animals because he grew up on a farm with pigs and cows and lots of pets.

The foreigner woke up suddenly, "You're looking at me."

"Yes: it's your tattoos... they're incredible... the fox, the lion and the bird. They almost look like they're alive."

The foreigner smiled and closed his eyes. Bright orange lights started to fill the room and the man heard a strange noise. Suddenly, the tattoo of the bird started to move and then open its eyes and fly off the man's neck and around the room. Then the fox jumped off the man's arm and then the lion. The three animals danced and flew around the room in a circle, following the orange lights. The circle became smaller and smaller and smaller until suddenly the orange lights stopped; then the animals jumped at the man and he fell over. He fainted* and fell on the floor.

When the man woke up, the foreigner was gone. The man looked down at his arm and he shouted, "Oh my god". On his hand, his arm and his neck, he had the tattoos of the foreigner – the fox, the lion and the bird.

*Tatoo – tatuaje * Faint - desmayarse



Tattoo woman

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WORD-CHAIN

Get	conseguir
Get off	bajarse (bus)
Get up	levantarse
Have a bath	bañarse
Wash	lavar
Have breakfast	desayunar
Have lunch	almorzar
Have dinner	cenar
Have a good time	divertirse
Party	fiesta
Dance	bailar
Wake up	despertarse
Headache	dolor de cabeza
Give	dar
Give up	rendirse / dejar de
Glass	cristal / vaso
Global	global
Go	ir
Birth	nacimiento / parto
Born	nacer / nacido

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Today's word-chain: Dining

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24. Tattoo* Man 2

“Sometimes in life you get things that you didn’t ask for,” said the man as he looked in the bus window at his tattoos. “It happened three weeks ago, but I still can’t believe it.”

Five minutes later, he got up from his seat and got off the bus. He walked home and had a bath. As he washed himself, he stared at the fox and thought about his recent, strange behavior; ever since the incident with the foreigner he only wanted to eat meat. Every time he had breakfast he had meat, every time he had lunch he had meat and every time he had dinner he had meat.

“Now I’m going to have dinner in a vegetarian restaurant with Miriam, and I don’t think I’ll have a good time because I’m going to want to eat meat.”

When he met Miriam at the bus stop she gave him a kiss.

“Wow, you look really good... have you been to the gym or something?”

“No... I’ve given up smoking though. It’s strange... I’ve been trying for years and then suddenly this week, I didn’t want to smoke.”

“Wow... that’s great... I bet you’ll still have a glass of wine or 10, won’t you?”

“Some things never change.”

Miriam worked for a global communications company. She started to talk about work and her life and a party she went to where she danced all night and how she woke up with a headache. Miriam talked and talked, giving the man a headache. Until recently, the man thought Miriam was a good conversationalist, but now he thought she was really bad at making conversation.

Just at that moment, a woman shouted “Stop...stop that man...he’s stolen my bag.”

That’s when the man’s life changed forever.

But you’ll have to wait for part 3 to find out what happened.



Tattoo woman again

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Group	grupo
Grow	crecer
Guitar	guitarra
Half	mitad
Double	doble
Increase	incrementar
Decrease	disminuir
High	alto*
Handsome	guapo
Beautiful	bonito
Ugly	feo
Glamorous	glamoroso
Gold	oro
Jewel	joya
Appearance	apariencia / aspecto
Pretty	bonito/a
Tall	alto**
Short	bajo
Strong	fuerte
Weak	débil

WORD-CHAIN

* **High** – alto – para montañas, edificios etc...** **Tall** – alto – para personas.

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Today's word-chain: Beautiful, or a cliché?

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25. Britney's Blog

Hi, my name's Britney and I'm really tired of the newspaper and TV people who are outside my house at the moment. Everyday the amount seems to double... and half of them seem to live there permanently. I'm sure they never leave. I'm seriously thinking of employing* a double...someone with the same appearance as me: a tall, pretty, beautiful young model. She can leave the house and then all of them will follow her and leave me in peace.

The problem with this plan is obvious, however. What if she kills me, hides my body and assumes my identity?

Anyway, I know you're not sympathetic to my problem: the media is all part of being famous and having a glamorous life, you think. But what do you know about being famous? I know about being famous because when I grew up I worked on the Disney channel singing and playing the guitar.

Being famous is so strange: people write stories if your weight increases or decreases, they write about the jewels you're wearing, whether you have gold teeth, whether your new boyfriend is handsome or ugly or whether *you're* looking handsome or ugly. The papers are interested in everything. You have to be a very strong person; if you're weak they'll eat you alive.

Now I'm going to the top floor. It's the highest point of my house and I want to see if my private helicopter is coming. I hope that it's that tall, handsome pilot and not the short Puerto Rican one. Anyway, thanks for listening to Britney's blog... take care.

*contratando

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WORD-CHAIN

How much?	¿Cuánto?
How long?	¿Cuánto tiempo?
Huge	enorme
Hard	duro
Soft	suave
Firm	firme / empresa
Heavy	pesado
Look	mirar
See	ver
Hear	oír
Listen	escuchar

Habit	hábito
Happen	suceder
Event	evento, acontecimiento
Heat	calor
Hold	tener en la mano
Hire	alquilar
Hope	esperar*
Hour	hora**
However	por otro lado

***Esperar** tiene dos significados. 1 – Hope (esperar que) “I hope Barca win the league”. 2 – Wait (esperar a) I’m waiting for my mum.

****Hora** significa hour. Sin embargo, en el caso de “¿Qué hora es?” hora significa time. “What’s the time?”



Today's word-chain: Huge

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

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26. The real cause of the banking crisis

REPORTER: Hi, today I'm talking to one of the most important bankers in the world about the economic crisis. Hi, can you tell me how much your desire for more and more profit cost the American economy?

BANKER: Sorry, but how long are you going to continue with this illusion? The huge amount of money lost by firms and individuals has nothing to do with banks. It's a conspiracy created by Bill gates.

REPORTER: What?

BANKER: Yes. I don't want to be hard on Bill because he's a great man, but it's clear that all those windows updates* automatically downloading onto your computer were nothing to do with Windows... they were subliminal messages. If you put your ear to your computer monitor and listen, you'll hear one of them for sure. They're subtle, and designed to make you change your habits; and obviously, the habit that most annoyed Bill Gates was our love of Google.

REPORTER: Yes, but what do these messages have to do with the crisis?

BANKER: Well, Bill Gates hired scientists to download the subliminal message 'I hate google' onto all our computers back in 2003.

REPORTER: And?

BANKER: Well, the message was very soft... and difficult to hear subliminally, apparently there was a hardware error.

REPORTER: What happened?

BANKER: When the hour came to activate the download, Bill pressed *activate* and heard the error: instead of 'I hate Google,' the habit changing subliminal message was 'I hate frugal'. Frugal of course, means ... 'being careful with money.' Anyway, Bill hoped to fix it but it was too difficult and he got angry. Bill walked over to the computer which created the error holding a heavy object in his hand. He threw it at the computer and broke it ... But the message couldn't be erased. For the next five years everyone from consumers to bankers to governments was trained subliminally to hate 'frugal' causing the spending madness that created all the problems. We all hated frugal... It worked.

REPORTER: But how did it stop? Has the message been destroyed?

BANKER: Well that's the funny thing. Eventually, Google – not knowing Microsoft's plan – launched their own subliminal message which then replaced Microsoft's. "I love Google."

REPORTER: So what happened?

BANKER: Their hardware suffered from the same problem. Now, every single computer in the world is playing the same subliminal message. "I love frugal"... meaning we've woken up from the spending madness and now love being careful with money.

*actualizaciones

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Google – the prime cause?



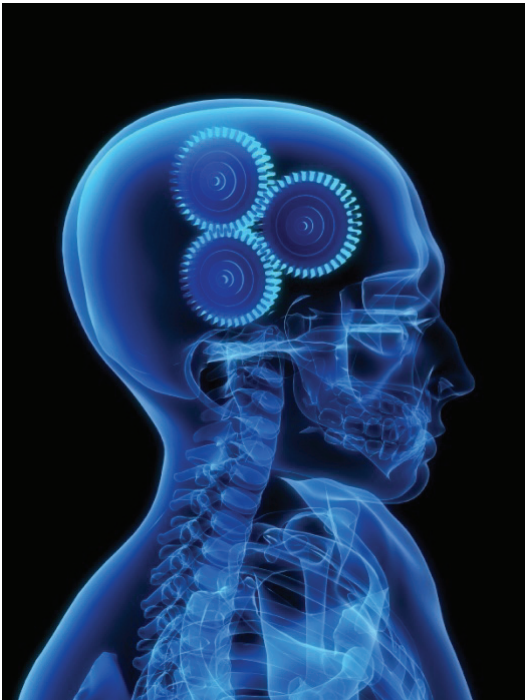
WORD-CHAIN

Injure	herir
Hit	golpear / pegar
ill	enfermo
Medicine	medicina
Mad	loco
Die	morir
Incorrect	incorrecto
Miss	echar de menos / perder*
Mistake	error
Error	error
Intelligent	inteligente
Brain	cerebro
Idiot	idiota
Interesting	interesante
Memory	memoria
Mind	mente

Intention	intención
Idea	idea
Book	libro
History	historia**

***Miss** significa **perder** sólo en el caso de **perder el tren**. Normalmente perder significa **lose**.

** **History** en inglés sólo significa el estudio del pasado. No significa **cuento**.



Today's word-chain: The mind

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Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

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27. Mind Medicine

INTERVIEWER: Doctor Wilkins, could you tell us your vision of the future of medicine, please?

DOCTOR WILKINS: In my opinion, medicine will be very different... even in 10 years time. For example, imagine a mad man hits you over the head and you're seriously injured; in fact, so seriously that you could die. Naturally, you would go to the hospital. In the future, however, people will learn that instead of using medicines they need to use their mind. The person hit over the head will know he needs to access the collective memory of humanity and travel through history. He needs to go to a time before medicine, books, and ideas about science were invented, and remember the lost art. Yes, my intention is to revive the lost art of mind medicine. I think it's a mistake to think conventional medicine is good for the body. This idea is an error of logic. As everyone knows we only use 20% of our brain; the interesting question is... What's the function of the other 80%?

INTERVIEWER: You were fired from your seat on the medical council, weren't you?

DOCTOR WILKINS: That's incorrect. It was always my intention to leave the job. It was my decision.

INTERVIEWER: Do you miss the job?

DOCTOR WILKINS: Not at all. Only an idiot would miss that job.

INTERVIEWER: Some people are suggesting the idea that you only became interested in mind-medicine because you were fired from your job in real medicine.

DOCTOR WILKINS: That's ridiculous. This interview is over. Good-bye.



Instead	en vez de
Impatient	impaciente
Impossible	imposible
Car-park	aparcamiento
Incapable	incapaz
Include	incluir
Ice	hielo
Incredible	increíble
Introduce	introducir / presentar
Invite	invitar

International	internacional
Inside	dentro
Out	fuera
Important	importante
Issue	asunto
Independent	independiente
It depends on	depende de
Influence	influir
Power	poder
Position	posición

WORD-CHAIN

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Today's word-chain: Power

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28. Anti EU rhetoric

In my opinion it's a good thing that globalization is decelerating. I like different cultures and all that, but the fact we were all becoming one huge international race wasn't good. It's impossible we all forget our distinct history and culture. So, although I want Britain to be included in international organizations like the United Nations... that's it. If anyone proposes or invites us to join* a system of world government or anything like that I will never believe it's a good thing.

Instead of more internationalization, we should introduce new laws to make us independent of the EU. We should look inside... not out. And for me, the important issue is culture. Of course, some people say culture is relative and that it all depends on your parents, and some people say that Britain should be included in and influence European culture, but I disagree. Britain is Britain: tea, the queen, fish and chips, English breakfasts.... Why do we want continental influences like pasta and wine and cold drinks and frogs' legs? And why do we want all that kissing? In my opinion two people who meet should give their hand not their mouth.

So, when I win the elections and take power, I'll be able to use this power to take Britain out of Europe. When I do this depends on the date of the elections, but I'm going to do it. The present government is incapable of stopping us. People want this... they are impatient for change.

*unirse



It's not true. Brits love the EU. Okay, maybe it's love-hate.

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WORD-CHAIN

Job	trabajo
Career	carrera*
Boss	jefe
Work	trabajar
Office	oficina
Desk	escritorio
Colleague	colega
Kind	amable
Kind	tipo / clase
Nice	agradable
Pleasant	agradable
Polite	educado / cortés
Popular	popular
Jump	saltar
Lift	levantar
Keep	guardar (¡informática no!)
Key	llave
Kill	matar
Lie	mentir
Lie down	tumbarse

***Carrera** tiene dos significados en inglés. 1 – **Career** (vida laboral)
 “Most people’s career finishes at 65.” 2. **Degree** – (Universidad)
 “Mike is studying a degree in medicine.”

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Today’s word-chain: Work

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today’s list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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29. Why Smith Was Sacked

JOHN: "Have you heard about Smith? His career is finished, they've fired him... the boss says he won't even be able to find a job in McDonalds. It wasn't pleasant."

KATE: "My God.... What happened?"

JOHN: "Apparently, the boss went into Smith's office and he wasn't at his desk. He was lying on the floor... drunk"

KATE: "Wow, I heard from one of his colleagues he liked a drink, but he's so kind and polite and popular I thought the boss didn't mind that he was a semi-alcoholic."

JOHN: "Okay, the boss didn't mind much – he's a nice guy; but what kind of boss would he be if he let people lie down on the floor?"

KATE: "True... Anyway, what did he do when the boss came in and saw him lying down?"

KATE: "He jumped in the air, left the office, and went to the lift saying he'd lost his keys. 'I was looking for them on the floor,' he said, 'and now I'm going to a local shop where I keep another set of keys'. The boss suspected it was a lie and he followed him, saying, 'If he's lying I'm going to kill him'. Anyway, after Smith left the lift, he left the building and entered a bar where he asked for a large double vodka and drank it all. The boss entered and said, "Smith, you're a pleasant chap but you've gone too far this time."

KATE: "Wow."



Know	conocer
Know	saber
Sure	seguro
I don't think so	creo que no
I think so	creo que sí
Maybe	a lo mejor / quizá
Lady	dama
Leave	salir (abandonar)
Leave	dejar
Let	permitir
Link	vínculo
Land	tierra
Flower	flor
Nature	naturaleza
Large	grande
Long	largo
Wide	amplio
Top	de arriba, parte superior
Little	pequeño
Lack	falta

WORD-CHAIN



Today's word-chain: Nature

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

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30. Hippy Road Protester

HUSBAND: “You know Jan - that girl who knows our doctor - is she coming to the party?”

WIFE: “The one who knows Jim, too?”

HUSBAND: “Yes.”

WIFE: “I don’t think so. She said she’s not leaving work until 2AM so she can’t come.”

HUSBAND: “Oh... Is she still going out with that football player?”

WIFE: “I think so, but there was a rumour he’d left her for a younger woman.”

HUSBAND: “And what about Barbara, that nice lady who lives next to the church, is she coming to the party?”

WIFE: “I don’t think so...her husband won’t let her. He’s a Hippy.”

HUSBAND: “What’s the link between him being a hippy and him not letting her come?”

WIFE: “Well, you know... the fact that he loves the land and nature and flowers and all that... and our company is building a large road on top of the hill.”

HUSBAND: “But it’s not really large, is it? I’d say it was a little road. Does he suffer from a lack of common sense...? It’s clear to all the people who work on the land in this area that we need a new road. There’s a direct link between profits and transport in farming.”

WIFE: “Well, darling, it is quite a large road... it’s 50 kms long and fifty metres wide and goes across the top of the mountain. The hippies don’t like it and say that they’ll never let us build it.”

HUSBAND: “Well, let’s invite him to the party. You leave him to me... I’ll soon persuade him.”



Hippygirl

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WORD-CHAIN

Law	ley
Letter	carta / letra
License	licencia / carnet
Jail	cárcel
Reward	recompensa
Look for	buscar
Look after	cuidar
Look like	parecerse a
Clown	payaso
Fool	tonto
Like	como
Funny	gracioso
Monkey	mono

Like	gustar
Lose	perder
Win	ganar
Last	durar
Last	último
Lazy	perezoso
Less than	menos de



Today's word-chain: The law

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31. Self-Esteem (auto-estima) Issues

'Hi, my name's Lester, and I've been suffering from low self-esteem since I divorced my first wife.

Every day she used to call me a loser. She used to say that I looked like a clown, with the intelligence of a monkey. She said that she was a fool to marry me and that she needed a man to look after her. Of course, I used to tell her that I didn't look like a clown and I looked like Brad Pitt, and that I had the intelligence of Einstein, and that the only fool was her because I looked after her well.

In the beginning I believed this, but then I lost my job as a police man. The last case I worked on was very long; it lasted for months and months; in fact it lasted for so many months we offered a reward.

The man we were looking for looked like Antonio Banderas so we called him Zorro. He was first arrested for driving without a licence, but then we discovered he'd broken the law in ten different states; no, it was less than ten ... it was eight. Anyway, my boss said that we had to catch Zorro. "And you've got less than one month." In the end, it was like a contest between me and Zorro... he knew I was looking for him and he enjoyed the game. In the end, though, it was a game he won and I lost. After looking for him for twelve months I never found him. Zorro didn't go to jail.

Anyway, when I lost my job my wife said I was lazy, even though I was writing ten letters a day to look for a new job. Then she used to say things like I *wasn't funny any more*, I looked like a monkey etc... etc... and eventually I began to believe her and my self-esteem collapsed. Then, one day.... she said she met a handsome man who looked like Antonio Banderas... he'd seduced her and they spent the night together. Zorro made me look like a total clown.

This happened less than a month ago and I can't recover. I hope this group can help me... thank you.'



Low	bajo *
Luck	suerte
Machine	máquina
Magazine	revista
Make	hacer** (crear / fabricar)
Many	muchos***
Few	pocos****
Marry	casarse
Wedding	boda
Love	amor
Marvelous	maravilloso
Man	hombre
Woman	mujer
Together	juntos
Touch	tocar
Young	joven
Old	viejo
Divorce	divorciarse
Lawyer	abogado
Apart	aparte

*Se usa **low** para hablar de objetos. ¡Personas no!

** **Hacer** tiene dos significados en inglés. 1 – **Do** (realizar – ejecutar) Do your homework. 2 – **Make** (crear / fabricar) Make me a cake, please.

*** **Mucho, Muchos**

Much con sustantivos incontables: ¡normalmente no usamos **much** en oraciones afirmativas!

Many con sustantivos contables

A lot of con sustantivos contables e incontables

We don't have much money.

There are many lions in the zoo.

We've got a lot of money. There's a lot of lions in the zoo

**** **Poco, Pocos**

Little con sustantivo en singular - generalmente incontables.
Few con sustantivos plurales contables.

There's little sense in buying a house at themoment.

There are few houses that cost less than 200,000.

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Today's word-chain: A wedding

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.



32. Wedding Blues

I'll never forget the day Maria and I got married, it was one of the two days I can honestly say I'll never forget in my life – a day that stays in my memory like it was yesterday.

We had a big wedding, which took place in an old church with a low ceiling somewhere in the middle of Transylvania. We had good luck because the weather was marvelous and we also had good luck because we had all our family with us. The two families had never been together before. Anyway, everyone there – young and old – cried during the wedding because our love was so profound and marvelous. Many of the couples there reached out and touched their spouse's hand during the ceremony. But if that was one of the high points of my life, the second day I'll never forget was one of the lowest: the day my lawyer told me that Maria wanted a divorce.

Can you believe it? Maria and I are now apart forever because of a stupid magazine. It all started six years ago when a business magazine did a story on a machine I'd invented... a machine that made liters of beer for just a few dollars. When the man from the magazine took the photos, a lot of my workers were there – including Danielle. Just when the photographer took the photo, Danielle touched my hand. What bad luck! Maria saw the photo and asked me who she was. Unfortunately, I had to tell her about our one night together and that was the end. Maria left me. Now I'm alone.



The wedding was impressive ... so was the divorce.

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Mean	significar
Mean	querer decir*
Meanwhile	mientras tanto
Meet	conocer (por primera vez)**
Metal	metal, metálico
Method	método
(Do you) mind?	¿Te importa?
Jam	mermelada
Tea	té
Oven	horno
Pork	cerdo
Orange	naranja
Minimum	mínimo
Size	tamaño
Medium	mediano
Middle	medio
Total	total
Whole	entero
Zero	cero
None	ninguno

WORD-CHAIN

* **What do you mean?** ¿Qué quieres decir?

** **Conocer** tiene dos significados. 1 – **Know**: "I know a lot of people." 2

– **Meet**: "You can meet a lot of people in the bars in Seville."



Today's word-chain: Oven

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33. Unrequited love

One day Gillian and I were eating some delicious pork just cooked in the oven. As soon as Gillian tasted it she said it was the best pork in the world. She said the fresh orange juice was delicious too. When she finished it she looked at me and said...

"Do you ever wonder about the meaning of life?"

"What do you mean?"

"You know... is life about religion... or some mathematical equation we can reduce to zero... or is humanity stuck in the middle of a lonely universe? Those kind of questions."

"Oh...you mean the big questions. No, not really."

I didn't say more at that moment because I didn't want to encourage Gillian in philosophical questions. She was a student and she always did the minimum work possible. Her method was to leave everything to the last minute. If she started thinking about these questions she would do even less work.

The waiter brought over a metal tray with desert on it. It was a cake filled with jam.

"Would you like a small, large or medium slice, sir?" I decided to have a medium slice. "Do you mind if we have tea instead of coffee?" I asked Gillian. Gillian said she didn't mind. I then talked about the need for studying and other things like that. Gillian, meanwhile, continued to look like she was thinking about the meaning of life. In the end I got curious.

"Do you think about the meaning of life?"

"Yes... I think we're in the middle of the biggest change in the history of man. Think of all the previous epochs of history. None of them have the explosive mix of factors that affect us today. I'm talking about overpopulation and climate change. Think about the size of the planet and the size of the world's population."

"Yes, but these are grand historical questions. Let's think about individuals."

"What do you mean?"

"What's the meaning of individual lives ... why do we exist?"

"Oh...that's simple, we exist to meet someone, fall in love, and pass on our genes."

"Really? and erm... when do you think I'll meet someone to pass on my genes?"

I waited, desperately hoping she would say *now*. That I was the meaning of *her* life. And those seconds while I waited for her lasted forever. Was this the moment?

Gillian put a large slice of jam cake in her mouth. "I don't know. I'm sure you'll meet someone."



WORD-CHAIN

Mirror	espejo
Seat	asiento
Room	cuarto / habitación
Ceiling	techo
Move	mover
Furniture	muebles
Shelf	estantería
Mix	mezclar
Money	dinero
More	más
Rich	rico
Poor	pobre
Price	precio
Free	gratis
Charge	cobrar
Company	empresa
Business	negocio
Receipt	tiquet (esp) / recibo
Debt	deuda
Cancel	cancelar



Today's word-chain: Lounge

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34. Height and Proportion Are Important

Hi, my name's Michael Strong, I'm an interior designer. And I'm not gay. Today, I'm here to tell you that – despite the high fees* – it's always worth it to contract an interior designer when you want to design a room.

The most important reason for this is proportion. Interior designers understand that you can't just fill a room with furniture – you have to look at the size of the room (its height from floor to ceiling) and choose carefully how to place the furniture. Furthermore, many people make classic errors; with mirrors for example – putting one either too large or small on the wall. Another good example are shelves... a shelf is easy to buy but it's more difficult to think what you're going to put on it. And when choosing the style of a room – the seats, the color scheme, the paint... it's important not to mix styles; an interior designer will make sure that your look is consistent and not a vulgar mix. Also, interior designers are experts in practical areas such as moving furniture without damaging it or the floors or ceiling.

If money is difficult, there are always different ways to pay. Firstly, you could try and negotiate the price. Obviously, no one will do the job for free but they may be willing to reduce their fee. Secondly, whether you're rich or poor, if you're self-employed** you can charge the fees of an interior designer to your business and deduct them from your tax. Just remember to keep the receipt. This is the perfect way an individual can use their company to reduce costs.

Anyway, in my opinion, it's always a good idea to contract an interior designer.... if your house or office looks good...you feel good. As long as you don't create debts, of course... a large debt would cancel the benefits of the project. Anyway, that's all for now, I've got to go... toodleoo.

*taza

**autonomo

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WORD-CHAIN

Myself	yo mismo
Name	nombre
Nationality	nacionalidad
Age	edad
Address	dirección
Place	sitio
Near	cerca
Nearly	casi
Neighbor	vecino
Neighborhood	barrio
Town	pueblo
City	ciudad
Country	país / campo
Travel	viajar
Translate	traducir
Accent	acento

Much	mucho
Neither	tampoco
Nor	ni
Necessary	necesario

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Today's word-chain: Town

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

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One day VOCATIC will manufacture pizzas.



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35. Heli-pizza

PIZZA MAN: Hello, Heli-pizza. Name please.

MOLLY: Mike Sanders.

PIZZA MAN: Nationality.

MOLLY: American.

PIZZA MAN: Age.

MOLLY: Why is that relevant?

PIZZA MAN: We're collecting data on our clients.

MOLLY: Okay. I'm 28.

PIZZA MAN: Address.

MOLLY: 567 Constitution street.

PIZZA MAN: Town.

MOLLY: Castelldefels.

PIZZA MAN: City.

MOLLY: Barcelona.

PIZZA MAN: Country... sorry, that's a silly question. How do I get to your address?

MOLLY: How are you traveling? Is it really true what it says in the publicity?

PIZZA MAN: Yes, we deliver the pizza by helicopter.

MOLLY: Well, it's close to that Italian place, you know, near the video shop. When you see the football stadium you'll know you're nearly there. It's the neighborhood where Rhonaldifo lives. In fact, he's one of my neighbors.

PIZZA MAN: Okay. And do you want tuna or prawns on your salad?

MOLLY: Neither and I don't want mushrooms or tomato.

PIZZA MAN: But isn't tomato a necessary part of pizza?

MOLLY: Okay then, but don't put much on, okay?

PIZZA MAN: Okay.

MOLLY: Is your accent Australian, by the way? ...What are you doing here in Barcelona?

PIZZA MAN: Now you're the one asking the questions. No, it's British. I'm spending a year here. I'm studying translation at the local university. Okay then, your heli-pizza will be delivered in 10 minutes...by helicopter. It might be a bit loud...but at least you'll know when it's coming.

MOLLY: Okay, thanks...bye.



Nervous	nervioso
Never	nunca
Next	siguiente
Nobody else	nadie más
Noisy	ruidoso
Quiet	silencioso
Nonsense	tonterías
Strange	raro
Stupid	estúpido
Normal	normal
Obsessed	obsesionado
Nurse	enfermera
Obviously	obviamente

New	nuevo
New year	Año Nuevo
News	noticias
Newspaper	periódico
Paper	papel
Page	página
Packet	paquete

WORD-CHAIN



Today's word-chain: Newspaper

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36. A Noisy Room Goes Quiet

The day I met my future wife I was very happy. It was new years eve, I was wearing a fantastic suit, and I'd just received news that my sister had had a baby. Despite the fact I was happy, though, I was nervous when a beautiful woman walked in the room. I'd never seen such a beautiful woman and the noisy room was suddenly quiet. I suddenly realized I'd seen her in the newspaper *and* on television: Elisa Lischen. She was often in the news because she was a nurse in a famous television program and many men were obsessed with her. They were so obsessed that millions of people watched the program even though it was stupid and complete nonsense. Apparently there was a page in the newspaper the other day advertising a packet of biscuits and each biscuit was in the shape of Elisa Lischen. I Remember because a friend took the page and folded it up and put it in his pocket. This strange, obsessive behavior was typical even in apparently normal men.

Anyway, obviously I wasn't going to try and talk to Elisa Lischen, but it seemed like nobody else was either, because she stood there alone. Incredibly, she started to look at me. I imagined it was because I looked strange or something, but when she waved at me it was obvious she wanted to talk to me.

I walked across the room and suddenly I didn't feel nervous at all. Destiny had taken control. It was at that moment that everything went quiet again. I opened my mouth to speak my first line and...

Fell over. Someone had spilt a drink on the floor and I fell so hard that I broke my arm. I looked up at Elisa but she wasn't impressed. As the others at the party helped me, she walked off. That night at the hospital, a nurse attended me called Francesca. We immediately fell in love, and that was the funny thing: I thought I was going to fall in love with a fictional nurse... but I ended up with a real nurse.



Nurses: useful for both medical and fancy dress reasons.

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Of	de
Off	apagado*
On	encendido
On	sobre
On purpose	a propósito
On the other hand	por otro lado
Ok	está bien
Once	una vez
Twice	dos veces
Often	a menudo
Always	siempre
Open	abrir
Shut	cerrar / cerrado
Library	biblioteca
Street	calle
Statue	estatua
Station	estación
Right	derecha
Left	izquierda
Road	carretera

WORD-CHAIN

*También se utiliza **off** con muchos verbos para describir movimiento: *Go off, come off, set off etc...*



Today's word-chain: Library

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37. Misdirecting me on purpose

JEN: "Alright... can you tell me the way to the station, please?"

SILLY MAN: "Yeah, sure... you've got to walk up and down this road once, walk across the bridge twice, open and shut the door of the library, sing 'the yellow submarine' by the Beatles, and then you'll find it"

JEN: "What?"

SILLY MAN: "Only joking...sorry, I thought it would be funny to give someone strange directions. It's not something I do on purpose but I love to play jokes.* I often play jokes ... especially on my wife...no, in fact, not often... I'm *always* playing jokes on her. The other day we were sitting on our terrace and I said, "The hospital called earlier about your blood test... they say they found something that they need to discuss." It was really funny because my wife's a hypochondriac so she was worrying about it all day. She went to the church twice and then I told her it was a joke. She shouted, threw me out of the door, and shut it after me. She didn't open it until the next day. Oh yes, jokes are always good to make you feel happy. On the other hand, though, I understand it can be a little annoying sometimes; but... only a little."

JEN: "Erm...err...yes, fascinating, but what's the way to the station?"

SILLY MAN: "Oh yes, sorry, I forgot. I didn't forget on purpose it's just that often when I start talking I seem to forget things. Anyway, the station is close. You take the first right, go right again, go right again, follow the road and then take a left. Turn left again at the statue, left at the library, and go straight up the street and then you'll see the station."

JEN: "You're still joking, aren't you? Just forget it...I'm going. I'll find my own way."

SILLY MAN: "Okay then....Yes, I've got to go, anyway... I forgot to switch the oven off so I have to rush home. Bye"

JEN: "Bye"

SILLY MAN: "Ha ha...everytime you want to ask someone directions you'll always remember me, won't you?"

JEN: "Erm...I don't think you should talk in the middle of the street, there's a bus coming."

SILLY MAN: "Ha ha ha...good joke...but do you think you can play a joke on the master of jokes?"

JEN: "No, really, there's a bus coming."

SILLY MAN: "Ha ha ha.... Arghhh...."

*bromear



Ordinary	ordinario
Organization	organización
Organize	organizar
No-one	nadie
Over	encima*
Own	propio
Pain	dolor
Paint	pintura
Pair	par
Pardon	perdón
Sorry	lo siento
Rude	mal educado

WORD-CHAIN

Parents	los padres
Husband	marido
Wife	esposa
Twin	gemelo
Teenager	adolescente
Nephew	sobrino
Niece	sobrina
Step-father	padraastro

Over* significa **encima y, generalmente, indica movimiento (sin tocar). "The cat jumped over the wall." *On* significa **encima de** y, generalmente, indica contacto con el objeto. "The cat was sitting on the wall."



Today's word-chain: Parents

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38. Weird people

Jimbo: “Josh, You know that the Smegliks seem like the most ordinary family in the world, yeah?”

Josh: “Yeah.”

Jimbo: “Well they’re not... they belong to that weird organization...that religion... what are they called? The Moonies.”

Josh: “No way. That religion that Bob’s niece and nephew were telling us about?”

Jimbo: “Yeah. Basically, no one had been in their home before, but recently one of the neighbours – Judith’s husband – needed to borrow some paint. So he knocked on the door.”

Josh: “What happened?”

Jimbo: “When he was at the door he heard this sound that was like someone in pain... but no one came to the door so he continued ringing. Anyway, eventually two teenagers came to the door - twins - and one of them was holding a pair of scissors. “Sorry, we were just cutting up a pair of trousers to make a pair of shorts,” they said.

Josh: “Yeah?”

Jimbo: “But Judith’s husband looked past them and sees both parents on their hands and knees making a triangular hat and a long white dress. “Could I speak to your father please?” he asks. Then, one of them corrected him, “You mean...*step-father*.” Judith’s husband says “Yes, sorry, I didn’t know.” Anyway, the step-father comes and introduces himself and says sorry for never introducing himself before and how he hopes that he doesn’t seem rude but he’s been very busy etc etc...”

Josh: “Okay...”

Jimbo: “So, Judith’s husband explains that he doesn’t think he’s rude or anything...and that he was wondering if he had any paint. The husband takes him through the house, introduces him to his wife (who’s cutting up the weird white clothes) and they go to the garage. Judith’s husband is surprised at how friendly he is and laughs a lot while he hears a story about one of his nieces who won 10,000 dollars on the lottery. More importantly for Judith’s husband, he’s got lots of red paint. “Sorry I haven’t got my own paint,” he apologizes, “but I’ve run out and the shops are closed.”

Just as they entered the lounge, though, Judith’s husband stepped on a pair of roller blades and fell over. He dropped the red paint and it went all over the white robes like blood.

All the family screamed and shouted – both the twins *and* the parents, “Oh no...our clothes for the ceremony...everything was organized perfectly but now we don’t have the right clothes.”

Judith’s husband was shown the door and they’ve never spoken to him since.”

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Part	parte
Quarter	cuarto
Piece	trozo
Special	especial
Operation	operación
Opinion	opinión
Opportunity	oportunidad
Opposite	enfrente
Opposite	lo contrario
Offer	ofrecer
Oil	aceite
Passport	pasaporte

Pathetic	patético
Sad	triste
Glad	contento
Perfect	perfecto
Secret	secreto
Pregnant	embarazada
Result	resultado
Positive	positivo

WORDCHAIN



Today's word-chain: Positive feelings

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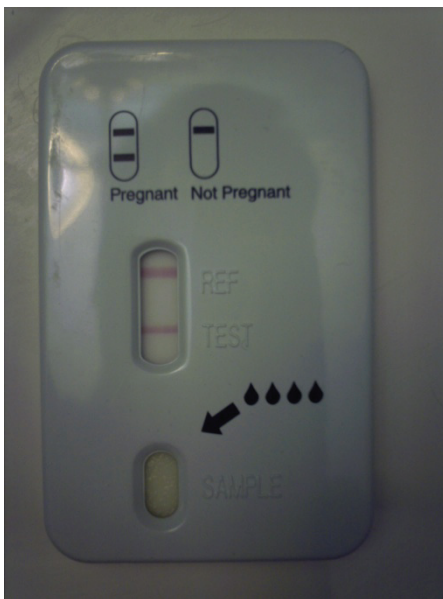
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39. Secretly Glad



How many times have you waited nervously for this?

When the result of Melinda's pregnancy test was positive I was secretly glad. I was young and I definitely didn't love Melinda so it should have been sad but... I repeat... I was glad. Why? Because it was an opportunity to stop being immature and pathetic and not spend my whole life at parties and bars. This was an opportunity to have a child...this was my passport to being a man.

However, I didn't know then a quarter of what I know now... or even a tiny part of what I know. If it happened again now my opinion would be totally different. To be honest, I probably would have an operation to cut my *you know what*.

Anyway, what happened is this...

Melinda was pregnant with triplets. And she decided to have them all. Her father then offered me a good job in the oil business but it was clear that I had to marry his daughter. Within a year his oil business collapsed, I was unemployed and living opposite a busy bus terminal. I was married to a very annoying woman, had three babies, and I became totally the opposite to how I was. I went from having a perfect, happy life to a sad and pathetic one.

So, my advice to young men is to think before you act. Unfortunately, however, young men never listen to advice.



WORD-CHAIN

Pool	piscina
Park	parque
Walk	caminar / paseo
Umbrella	paraguas
It's warm	hace calor
Shopping centre	centro comercial
Chemist /	farmacia
Sore	que duele
Skin	piel
Queue	cola / fila
People	gente
Person	persona
Ready	listo

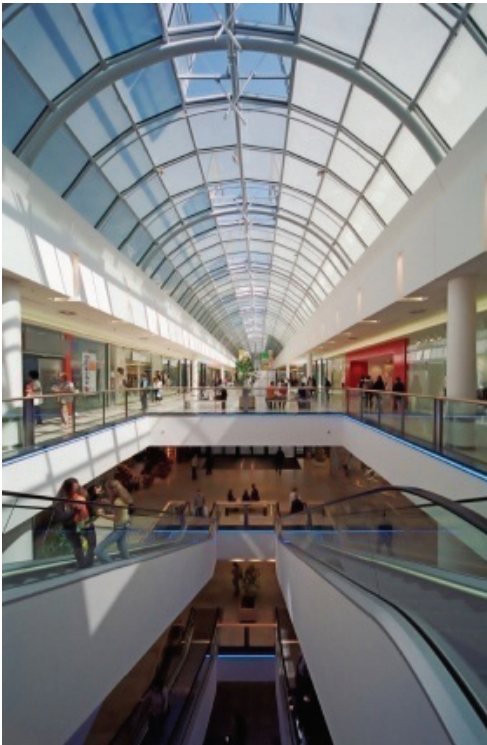
Push	empujar
Pull	tirar
Pass	pasar / dar
Perhaps	tal vez
Photo	foto
Picture	imagen
Plus	más



Sam says...

"Remember what I said about using the language. These books are great for gaining and retaining an intimate knowledge of English but you still need to find a means of using the language. You must take the conversation questions very seriously and avoid one word answers. If you are still too nervous to speak then write notes before hand. Also, you must find other sources of conversation - in or out of a language school and write a lot. Writing allows you to see and practice the construction of sentences at your own pace and without pressure. Write a diary, or your opinion on a news event of the day. IF YOU DON'T USE THE LANGUAGE, DESPITE ALL YOUR STUDIES, YOU WILL NOT REACH FLUENCY.

And don't forget the importance of copying the words down. Read note 1 again."



Today's word-chain: Shopping center

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Hooligans - Part 1

Ronnie: "Alright...how's it going? Hey, come and walk with me – I've got an umbrella. You don't want to get wet, do you?"

Ray: "Alright, cool."

Ronnie: "Man, you won't believe what just happened to me. I was at that pool in the park earlier this morning - when it was a little warmer. Then, just as I left the park and was passing the chemist a group of Japanese people came up to me holding cameras and asked me to take a photo of them by the monument. There was a queue of them each one asking me for a picture."

Ray: "So what did you do...push them out the way and steal their cameras?"

Ronnie: "No, one of them started offering a five pound note so I was nice to them. Anyway, there I am – ready to take the picture – thinking 'each persons gonna give me 5; so $5 + 5 + 5$ is 15' and thinking how I was going to spend the money. But suddenly, a bloke with red skin comes out of the chemist, holding his throat like it's sore, and he was wearing a white t-shirt with the number 4 written in red. Then he falls over with his hand out. So what do you think the Japanese do? Help him?"

Ray: "I don't know."

Ronnie: "They're in a group ready to take the photo... but then when they see the guy on the floor they start pushing and pulling and run off. 'Perhaps a bomb's exploded or something' I thought. Anyway, there's this English man standing next to me with his shopping in his hand; he picks the man up who fell over and says... "They're superstitious people."

Ray: "What do you mean?"

Ronnie: "Apparently they weren't Japanese they were Chinese. And apparently, the number 4 is bad luck and also the color red. The combination of those two things in the form of a drug addict with his hand out scared* them to death.

Ronnie and Ray laugh.

asustar*



New evidence suggests that hooliganism may be genetic.

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WORD-CHAIN

Process	proceso
Plan	plan
Produce	producir
Real	verdadero
Possibility	posibilidad
Progress	progreso
Reduce	reducir
Regular	regular / normal
Repeat	repetir
Repair	reparar
Watch	reloj (de mano. ¡Pared no!)

Prefer	preferir
Promise	prometer
Pure	puro
Put	poner
Question	pregunta
Relax	relajar
Rest	descansar
Religion	religión
Rucksack	mochila



Today's word-chain: Factory

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41. A Boring Job That's Worth It

The process of writing an English text-book is long, boring and not to be recommended. First you've got to plan the book – that's easy – but then you've got to produce it, and there's a real possibility that you're so frustrated and angry by the slow progress that you'll go crazy.

I began this book fifty years ago and I'm still here, writing it. I would prefer to be at the beach, taking regular exercise, repairing my bike and reducing the amount of time I spend in front of a computer. Instead, I'm here in front of the computer looking at my watch for the time to finish work.

However, there is one thing that makes me feel better. I know I'm creating a useful book that will help millions of people. After seeing so many vocab books with no real method to assimilate the words I feel proud to work on this book. This pure motive is the basis of a promise I make to you all. I will continue this book until it's finished. I won't put the computer to one side until then. And if you're asking yourself 'will I write more?' the answer is 'yes.'

But first I will rest, relax, fill my rucksack and go travelling. There I will pay a lot more attention to my religion – the beach.



Restaurant	restaurante
Reservation	reserva
Serve	servir
Service	servicio
Problem	problema
Serious	serio
Solve	resolver
Quick	rápido
Shoot	disparar
Run	correr
Sea	mar
Ship	barco
Terrible	terrible
Snow	nieve
Storm	tormenta
to Be afraid	tener miedo
Shock	shock
Seem	parecer
Sensible	sensato
Towel	toalla

WORD-CHAIN



Today's word-chain: Ship

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42. Shooting incident on the QE2

Three years ago, my wife and I were on a cruise ship called the QE2. We had a reservation in its restaurant and were eating our meal. On our table were many rich people – the martial arts expert Hi Wangk and the boss of Vodafone. Anyway, just as the waiter served us our wine, there was a problem. A young couple were complaining about the service and saying that if the problem wasn't solved there would be serious consequences.

What happened next happened so quickly it was difficult to comprehend. Basically, the complaining was all a tactic to stop us looking at a group of men who'd entered the restaurant. Suddenly, there was shooting... the robbers were firing a gun and shouting, "Give us your jewels...you rich pigs". The captain then announced that the ship had been attacked by Somali pirates.

The ship then began to move up and down. My wife looked outside the window and a terrible storm had begun. It even began snowing. The pirates meanwhile went round putting everyone's jewels in a big bag. I told them I wasn't going to give them my ring even though I was afraid they might shoot me, but my wife told me to 'be sensible'. Suddenly, however, there was a movement to my right... so quick I almost died of shock thinking it was another shot. But it wasn't.

Hi Wangk – the martial arts expert – took a towel from a waiter, flew through the air and attacked a pirate. There was a fight. It seemed like they were going to shoot him, but he always avoided the bullet, flew through the air and strangled another pirate with the towel.

As the last pirate fell down we all applauded. Hi wangk was a hero.

Six months later, however, it was discovered that it was all publicity arranged by Hi Wangk who wanted to revive his career. Apparently, his agent was also a shareholder* in the QE2. Anyway, my wife and I are now considering legal action for the shock caused. Thank-you.

*accionista



Tom the Traveler's Dad – martial arts expert Hi Wangk.

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WORD-CHAIN

Rule	regla
Science	ciencia
Skill	habilidad
Burn	quemar
Smoke	fumar
Silver	plata
Ring	anillo
Rubbish	basura
Safe	seguro
Save	guardar / salvar / ahorrar
Selfish	egoísta
Sensitive	sensible
Separate	separado
Share	compartir
Shake	sacudir / temblar
Should	debería
Show	enseñar / espectáculo
Sign	firmar
Silence	silencio
Similar	similar



Today's word-chain: Silver

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43. The rules of science

The rules of science are the rules of madness. Scientists think that with all their skills they can save the world and improve our lives and make society better... but they can't. Why? Because although they can show us thousands of technological developments no one can show us any similar developments in human nature. And personally, I want to see the signs of change in human behavior. Why? Because we're still selfish, we continue to separate God from our daily lives, we do not share what we have with poor countries, we burn the rainforests and send smoke and CO₂ into the atmosphere. We produce more and more rubbish everyday, we don't save water or energy, and we are shaking the moral foundations of society and the moral foundations of the earth.

I think scientists should shut up; I think industry should stop, and we should leave the world in silence except for the sound of the animals and nature. It is only when we return to nature and God that we will understand peace. When that moment comes we must all buy a silver ring with the following inscription? "Be sensitive to the world and sensitive to its people."



Society	sociedad
Since	desde
Skate	patinar
Simple	simple
So	así que
So	tan
So many	tantos
So that	para que
Someone	alguien
Sometimes	a veces
Somewhere	algún sitio
Anywhere	cualquier sitio
Song	canCIÓN
Favourite	favorito

WORD-CHAIN

Socket (plug)	toma
Electricity	electricidad
Turn off	apagar
Turn on	encender
Recharge	recargar
Energy	energía



Today's word-chain: Plug and socket

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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44. We Have Killed the Planet!

When is society going to change and people realise that electricity is a form of energy that we have to conserve? It's so simple... the more electricity we use the more pollution we create.

I've started up a campaign so that people understand this better. So many of my neighbours leave their lights turned on when they go out that I've written a song. I drive round in my car playing the song for everyone to hear on a megaphone.

The words to the song are, "Can someone, somewhere, anywhere in this street start turning off the lights when they don't need them? Can you stop using the sockets in your house all day to use energy? The planet isn't something we can recharge... Once we ruin it that's the end! So not only do I want you to turn the lights off, I want you all to stop using so much energy. Instead of driving a car ride a bike or a pair of skates. Sometimes in life you have to sacrifice your favourite hobby or luxury for the good of everyone else."

I've been singing this song since December but it doesn't seem to be working. People still leave the lights turned on. However, I have had an offer from a record company to create a disc.... so it's not all bad.



The planet

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ORD-CHAIN

Steal	robar
Buy	comprar
Pay	pagar
Bill	recibo
Salary	salario
Secretary	secretaria
Tax	impuesto
Sell	vender
Worth	valer
Spend	gastar
Stairs	escaleras
Stand	estar de pie
Start	empezar
Stay	quedarse / hospedarse
Still	aún
Suddenly	de repente
Suffer	sufrir
Suit	traje
Take off	quitar
Take	coger / tomar



Today's word-chain: Bills

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

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Gossiping Assistants 45

Gossiping Assistant 1: "Have you heard about the scandal? The vice president of the company's stolen ten million dollars over the past ten years."

Gossiping Assistant 2: "No...I don't believe you."

Gossip Assistant 1: "Yes... he used the money to buy apartments in Paris and the Bahamas."

Gossiping Assistant 2: "But his salary's already three million a year... why did he need more?"

Gossiping Assistant 1: "Apparently, he couldn't pay the bills his wife left all over the world. And then, his secretary told me he started to have problems with his taxes. He tried selling some of the apartments but with the economic problems they were worth a lot less than what he spent on them, and that's when he started to steal."

Gossiping Assistant 2: "But I just saw him an hour ago standing on the stairs with his secretary. He was saying something about staying at the Dorchester hotel when he visits London. He didn't look like a man with legal problems."

Gossiping Assistant 1: "That's because he still hadn't found out. Half an hour ago a group of federal agents suddenly appeared in the office. He had to suffer the humiliation of being taken to the police station in front of everyone."

Gossiping Assistant 2: "Can you imagine him at the police station in his Armani suit?"

Gossiping Assistant 1: "I know what'll happen, though, I bet they allow him to go for lots of money until he has to go to court; and then he'll get on a plane and take off to another country."

Gossiping Assistant 2: "There's never any justice for the rich."



WORD-CHAIN

Talk	hablar
Say	decir
Answer	responder
Conversation	conversación
Complain	quejarse
Describe	describir
Speak	hablar
Tell	contar
Language	lenguaje
Teach	enseñar
Then	después
Then	entonces
Therefore	por lo tanto
Tired	cansado
To	a
To be sick of	estar harto de
Tidy	arreglar
Toys	juguetes
Try	intentar
Too*	también / demasiado

**I love you too – Te quiero también.*

He's too stupid - Él es demasiado estúpido.



Today's word-chain: Communication

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

Class activities: Speaking – Visual Vocabulary. Talk about the photo above, identifying and using as many as the words from today's list as possible.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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Conversation is Art

Conversation is an art; but unfortunately people today are destroying that art. I'm sick of people who just talk about themselves and say the first thing that comes into their head. People these days seem to only use conversation as a vehicle to complain.... and in my opinion the only way to stop this is to tell people to their face, "you're boring, you only talk about yourself, and all you do is complain."

What also annoys me is the way people tell stories. People don't describe things any more; they just name the object or place. Speaking, by its nature, should be descriptive, but people describe nothing.

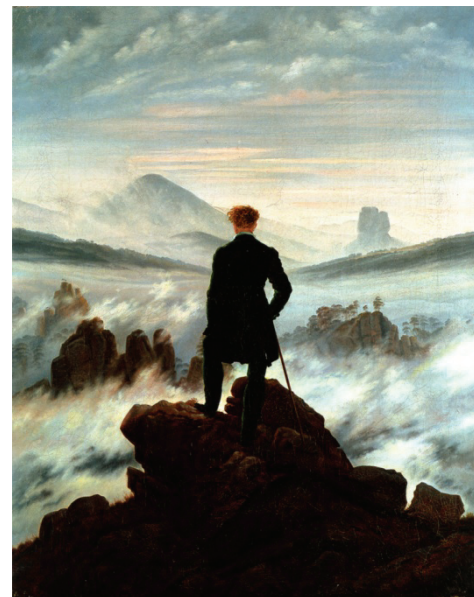
As for narrative structure, that makes me mad. Listening to someone tell a story on a bus is like listening to the language being murdered. They just list the events one after another: *this happened and then this happened, then we did this etc etc...* If people talk like that then they shouldn't expect people to be interested. And why aren't they teaching children to use the language properly?

The other day I listened to a woman talking for an hour about how her kids never tidied their toys up, and... *that was it!*

I decided I can't take anymore...

Therefore, I must inform you that I'm so tired and sick of this nonsense that I'm going to live on a desert island. Tomorrow I'm flying to Indonesia and then sailing to a small island.

I'll never talk to anyone again, so I want to leave you with my last message to humanity: think about how you speak. Ask people about their lives and don't just talk about yourself.



Conversation isn't art...this is art. Love that German romanticism.

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WORD-CHAIN

Telephone	teléfono
Message	mensaje
Send	enviar
Receive	recibir
Mail	correo
Sign	señal / signo
Signature	firma
Write	escribir
Pen	bolígrafo
List	lista

Unable	incapaz
Understand	entender
Unavoidable	inevitable
Until	hasta
Unusual	poco común
to Use	utilizar
Usually	normalmente
Visit	visitar
Relatives	parientes
Wait	esperar



Today's word-chain: E-mail

Homework: Write a 100-word story using vocabulary from the word chain.

Class activities: Speaking – The story circle. Student 1 thinks of the first line of a story using the first word. Student 2 carries on the story using the second word, and so on.

Class activities: Speaking – Basic use. Each student has to think of a sentence that uses the target word.

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47. Annoying Step-son

My step-son really annoys me because he spends his whole life on his mobile telephone either speaking, or sending and receiving messages. I sometimes wish we lived in the past when everyone had to use mail to communicate. Sometimes when I watch my son and his friends, they're all together but each one is on his telephone talking to someone else.

Once, my wife and I tried to make him sign a family contract – he could only use his mobile between six and seven after doing his homework. He put his signature to it but then he was constantly writing messages on e-mail. We then took his computer away and said he had to write with a pen but he said we didn't understand him and that we were bad parents. He then gave us a list he'd written of why we were such horrible parents.

We were unable to understand how he could think we were bad parents for taking his computer away. A psychologist told us, however, that this was unavoidable: mobile phones and computers - although they didn't exist until the eighties and nineties - have now become part of a teenager's life. It's not unusual that a teenager who is punished with the removal of his phone and computer feels like his parents have taken away his friends.

The other day we went to visit some relatives and as soon as we arrived my son was using their computer. I told him to wait until we had at least had a drink with them but he said he couldn't wait. I pulled him by his ear away from the computer. Usually, he co-operates when I pull his ear but this time he started shouting that I was abusing him.

Recently, though, we've decided to let him use his computer and mobile whenever he wants. We changed our mind when we read a story in the paper about a teenager in the States who shot his parents after they confiscated his x-box. Apparently, he was addicted to the game *Halo* and believed his parents would come back to life like in the game. That was the end. This generation are lost.... we can't change them... let's just try and save the next one.

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Way	manera / camino
Welcome	bienvenido
Whether	si
Might*	podría / quizá
the Most / Most of	lo más... / la mayoría de
Battery	pila
Wonder	preguntarse
Analyse	analizar
Worry	preocuparse

A while	un rato
Moment	momento
Year	año
Soon	pronto
Recently	recientemente
Yet	todavía / aún
On time	puntual
Just then	en ese momento**
He's <u>just</u> arrived	acaba de llegar
Just	justo / sólo / de una vez
Ages ago	hace tiempo

WORDCHAIN

***Might** siempre lleva un verbo: ... I might come.

Just es una palabra con muchos significados

Just + tiempo: just then – en ese momento, just now – ahora mismo.

Just + present perfect: I just saw him – acabo de verle.

Just + imperative: Just be quiet – cállate de una vez; just stop – ¡Para!

Just – sólo: I just want one – sólo quiero uno.

Just (para mayor énfasis) I just don't know – ¡No lo sé!



Today's word-chain: When?

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You might think this is sentimental but I don't care...

In my opinion there's only one way to be happy in life...that's to be in love. Whether you're young or old, whether the love is like a quiet whisper or a loud whistle, you must have that essential emotion.

I started to believe this about ten years ago – a time in my life when I'd just got divorced after one of those difficult relationships: can't live with you, can't live without you. Anyway, I was having a drink in a local bar hoping I might meet a nice woman... but no women came and talked to me. So I decided to leave. Just then, an old girlfriend walked in. A very beautiful ex-girlfriend. At first I just observed her as she sat down looking worried, deep in thought like she was analyzing something in intense detail. "I wonder what she's thinking about," I asked myself.

I then went up and talked to her.

She was surprised but also said... "Wow...I was thinking about you recently."

"Really?"

"Yes, I was wondering what happened to you. Unfortunately, though, I have to go now. Let's go for a drink some time."

"Yeah, good idea. Is tomorrow too soon?"

"No, that'll be fine."

"Come and pick me up. Do you remember the address?"

It was ages ago since we went out, but she still remembered.

The next day, she arrived on time. I wasn't ready yet so I invited her up to my flat.

"Have a seat for a moment...I'll be with you soon." I went into the bathroom and spent a while shaving. Finally I finished and entered the lounge. Just then, I heard a loud noise come from the floor.

Sylvia was on her knees with a ring in her hand. "I know this is crazy, but last night I had a dream... a voice whispered to me that I had to spend the rest of my life with you."

Whether it was crazy or not, I believed her, and since that day love entered my life, and although this may seem a sentimental story I repeat what I said at the beginning. Love is the only way you can be happy in life. I know because I've been happy since that day.

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Sunday is the day of God.



Sunday	domingo
Monday	lunes
Tuesday	martes
Wednesday	miércoles
Thursday	jueves
Friday	viernes
Saturday	sábado
Brown	marrón
White	blanco
Black	negro
Grey	gris
Green	verde
Pink	rosa
Purple	púrpura
Red	rojo
Blue	azul
Yellow	amarillo

WORD-CHAIN

10976: ten thousand nine hundred and seventy six.
26 – March – 89: The twenty sixth of March nineteen eighty nine.
26.9 The twenty sixth of September.

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Today's word-chain: Colour

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49. A Bad Poem About Days and Colours

Sunday is the day of God and the day of family. Life moves slowly on a Sunday and it's a day that is both sad but happy. Perhaps it is the imminent arrival of Monday that contaminates Sunday.

Monday, in my opinion, is a lot better than most people think. The best Monday is for the man who works at home or doesn't have to work; everyone else goes to school or work and he has the house and time to think.

Tuesday is a horrible day. What is it...is it a new week, the middle of a week, or close to the weekend? It's none of them. No... it's just a day.

Wednesday is the middle of the week. Right now it's the night they show *Lost* so it's very important.

Thursday is the day that *Lost* is available on e-mule so that's also important.

Friday is party day.

Brown is the colour of my hair, my mum's hair and my son's hair.

White is a clean colour.

Black is stylish and cool.

Grey is the Irish sky.

Green is nature and birth.

Pink is Barbie and girls.

Purple is royal and religious.

Red is the colour of danger and sex.

Blue is the colour of the sky and the sea.

Yellow is the colour of sunflowers.

Ten thousand nine hundred and seventy six people are watching the match in the stadium.

My brother was born on the 26th of March nineteen eighty-nine.

I'm going to Italy on the 26th of September.



WORD-CHAIN

Month	mes
Date	fecha
January	enero
February	febrero
March	marzo
April	abril
May	mayo
June	junio
July	julio
August	agosto
September	septiembre
October	octubre
November	noviembre
December	diciembre
Season	estación
Spring	primavera
Summer	verano
Autumn	otoño
Winter	invierno
Christmas	Navidad

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Today's word-chain: The 4 seasons

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50. The Compulsive liar

Boss: Hi, welcome to this year's sales strategy meeting. I'd like to start with spring and John's proposal that we stop selling Armani suits and sell Gucci ones instead. I feel that this'd be the perfect way to increase profits not only in January but in February and March too. Then, as spring finishes and we enter the month of April, the owner of the Tandy group is going to sell us his clothes shops which give us a chance to sell sports clothes. So, we have until May and June to investigate this market further.

Lying executive: Excuse me, sir, but I think we should start selling gloves in July.

Boss: Gloves in July...are you mad? ...it's summer...gloves are for December and January.

Lying executive: But our job, sir, is to see what's happening in the youth market. In the United States there's a new rapper called MC No-bend who wears gloves in all weather. He's a superstar, and he'll be arriving in this country in July... so let's get lots of gloves in now so that in August, September and October we're the only shop with MC No-bend gloves that season.

Boss: Erm.. Jan, your theory sounds great, and a fantastic way to increase sales in summer and early autumn, but...I'm familiar with US rap... I've never heard of MC No-bend.

Lying executive: Erm...that's because he's ... you know, really exclusive...really underground.

Boss: Pass me my laptop, Cheryl. Okay let's enter *MC No-bend* in Google. No, absolutely nothing.

Lying executive: He's...*really*... underground.

Boss: Jan, I thought you'd solved that little problem of yours last November.

Lying executive: What problem?

Boss: What problem do you think, Pinocchio...? Your compulsive lying!

Lying executive: What...what...what are you talking about?

Boss: Last winter, when we discovered that the company in China you recommended didn't exist, and that Yoshi wasn't a province in China but a character in Super Mario Brothers. You admitted it was a lie, and that you were suffering from stress, but promised that over Christmas you were going to look for help.

Lying executive: Oh...err...that problem.... Well...yes it's solved. Oh... is that the time?...Sorry, I've got to go.... I've got a meeting. Thanks everybody....

Boss: Jan..?

Lying executive: Yes.

Boss: Erm...don't bother coming back... you're fired. MC No-bend....!

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• Adjetivos posesivos

- **MY**, mi, mis
- **YOUR**, tu, tus, su (de usted), sus (de ustedes)
- **HIS**, su, sus; masculino (algo de él)*
- **HER**, su, sus; femenino (algo de ella)*
- **ITS**, su, sus; (de ello, una cosa o entidad)
- **OUR**, nuestro, nuestra, nuestros, nuestras
- **YOUR**, vuestro, vuestra, su, sus (de ustedes)
- **THEIR**, su, sus (de ellos)

• Pronombres posesivos

1. **MINE**, el mío, la mía, los míos, las mías
2. **YOURS**, el tuyo, la tuya, los tuyos, las tuyas; el suyo, la suya (de usted), los suyos, las suyas (de ustedes)
3. **HIS**, el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas; masculino (algo de él)
4. **HERS**, el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas; femenino (algo de ella)
5. **ITS**, el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas; (algo de ello, una cosa o entidad)
6. **OURS**, el nuestro, la nuestra, los nuestros, las nuestras
7. **YOURS**, el vuestro, la vuestra, los vuestros, las vuestras; el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas (de ustedes)
8. **THEIRS**, el suyo, la suya, los suyos, las suyas (de ellos, de ellas)

* Se utiliza *his* cuando el poseedor de un objeto es un hombre, niño o chico. *Her* cuando el poseedor de un objeto es una mujer, niña o chica. *Its* cuando el poseedor de un objeto es un animal u objeto. Cuando los poseedores son plurales (dos chicas, tres hombres, seis perros) utilizamos *their*.

My

Who's my best friend?
 Who's my worst friend?
 Who's my cleverest friend?
 Who's my oldest friend?
 Who's my newest friend?
 Who's my richest friend?
 What's my best mental characteristic?
 What's my best physical characteristic?
 What's my biggest weakness?
 What's my ambition?
 What's my philosophy?
 What's my principle responsibility?
 What's my plan for the next five years?

Our

Is China our country of origin?
 Is our objective to learn economics?
 Are we close to our objective to speak English?
 Is Paris the capital of our country?
 Is our priority to earn nothing next year?
 Are we going to buy our boss a new car for his/her birthday?
 Is our town/city the most beautiful town/city in this country?
 Are our lives now better than people's lives in the past?
 Where's our teacher?
 Is our class tidy or messy?

Their

(remember – *people* is plural in English)
 Do most people want their lives to continue for ever?
 Do most people want their house to go down in value?
 Do most people want their children to be short?
 Do most people want their wages to go down?
 Do most people want their stomach to get bigger?
 Do most people want their boss to give them extra work?
 Do most people want their birthday to be cancelled?
 Do most people want their work to end at 1PM?
 Do most people want their spouse to be very ugly?
 Do most people want their dog to bark (ladrar) all night?

Your

Where is your head?
 Who's your favourite football player?
 Is your girl-friend from Iran?
 Where's your car?
 Has your philosophy of life changed much this year?
 What's your favourite drink in the mornings?
 What's your favourite drink on a Saturday night?
 Who's your hero?
 Did you change your job last year?
 Was your university one of the best in the country?

Her

Did Madonna divorce her husband two years ago?
 Did the Queen sell her palace fifty years ago?
 Did Halle Berry have her baby on the moon?
 Did Keira Knightly meet her husband in China?
 Did your mother meet her husband in Kenya?

His

Did the king divorce his wife ten years ago?
 Did Scooby Doo eat his sandwiches with vegetarian cheese?
 Did Mick Jagger stay faithful to his first wife (*fiel*)
 Did David Bisbal meet his husband in Ibiza?
 Did the president marry his vice president?

Its

The earth... what's at its centre?
 Is a bird's brain in its feet?
 Is human society in the most important stage of its development?
 Does your computer have a problem with its hard-drive?
 Does Facebook have a face in its logo?

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The ... el, la, los, las...

The car, The cars.

A.. un, una ...

A car. A house.

An... (Antes de vocal) un, una

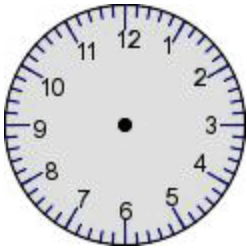
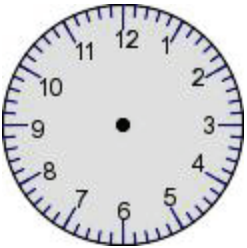
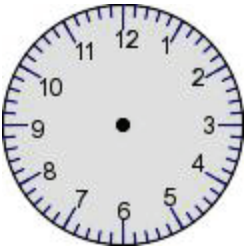
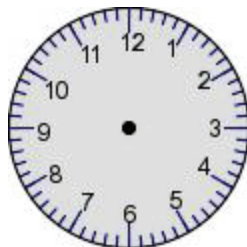
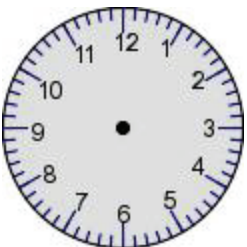
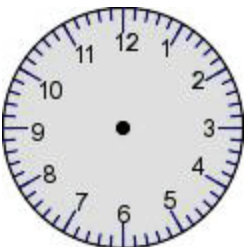
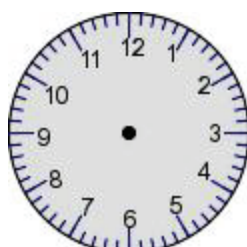
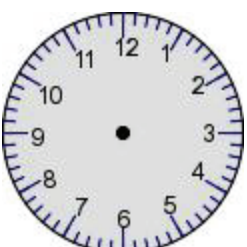
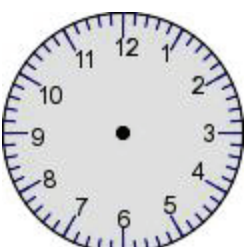
An apple. An elephant.

SOME

Algo de / algunos

Avces no se traduce some... Do you want some bread? – ¿Quieres pan?

1. **Three o'clock:** Las tres
2. **Ten past two:** Las dos y diez
3. **Twenty past one:** La una y veinte
4. **A quarter past one:** La una y cuarto
5. **Half past six:** Las seis y media
6. **Half past five:** Las cinco y media
7. **Five to three:** Las tres menos cinco
8. **Ten to one:** La una menos diez
9. **Five to six:** Las seis menos cinco
10. **A quarter to one:** La una menos cuarto
11. **Two o'clock:** Las dos

1.  eleven o'clock	 half past five	 ten past five
 half past four	 three o'clock	 one o'clock
 a quarter to eight	 Ten to twelve	 half past nine

Key vocab: It's O'clock Past Half Quarter to To

Write the following times in English...

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Preposiciones de lugar

above ...	encima de, sobre, arriba ...	<i>The king thinks he is above the law.</i>
across ...	a través de, al otro lado de ...	<i>We live across the river (on the other side).</i>
after ...	después de, tras ...	<i>Drive to the castle. After the castle, you'll see a shop.</i>
against ...	contra, en contra de ...	<i>The protesters were pushing against the door.</i>
along ...	a lo largo de ...	<i>Along the coast there's some beautiful homes.</i>
around ...	alrededor de, cerca de, por ...	<i>He lives somewhere around the city center.</i>
at ...	en ...	<i>He's at the cinema.</i>
at the bottom of	en la base de, en el fondo de ...	<i>The boat is now at the bottom of the sea.</i>
before ...	antes, delante de ...	<i>Before the castle there's a post office.</i>
behind ...	detrás, detrás de ...	<i>Behind the castle there's a pub.</i>
below ...	debajo de ...	<i>Below the ground there's a secret city.</i>
beneath ...	bajo, debajo de ...	<i>Beneath the ground there's a sacred city.</i>
beside ...	al lado de, junto a ...	<i>John's standing beside Susan.</i>
between ...	entre ...	<i>John's standing between Susan and George.</i>
by ...	al lado de, junto a ...	<i>John's standing by the door.</i>
close to ...	cerca de ...	<i>Close to the butchers there's a florist.</i>
in ...	en, dentro de ...	<i>There's a broom in the cupboard.</i>
in front of ...	delante de ...	<i>Don't stand in front of me...you're blocking the light.</i>
inside ...	dentro de, en ...	<i>There's a person inside the house waiting for you.</i>
near ...	cerca de ...	<i>The captain of the team lives near the beach.</i>
next to ...	al lado de, junto a ...	<i>Next to the cinema there's a great chip shop.</i>
on ...	sobre, en, encima de ...	<i>The book is on the table.</i>
on top of ...	encima de, sobre...	<i>The book is on top of a pile of magazines.</i>
opposite ...	enfrente de, frente a ...	<i>Directly opposite the ministry there's an Irish bar.</i>
outside ...	afuera, fuera de ...	<i>It's too cold to go outside.</i>
over ...	encima de, sobre ...	<i>There's too many planes flying over this city.</i>
under ...	debajo de, bajo ...	<i>He told me to go and look under the bed.</i>
underneath ...	bajo, debajo de ...	<i>Underneath the bed I found some magazines.</i>

Preposiciones de dirección

across ...	a través de ...	<i>We swam across the river.</i>
along ...	a lo largo de, por ...	<i>We were driving along the coast.</i>
around ...	alrededor de, por ...	<i>We drove around the roundabout a hundred times.</i>
away from ...	fuera de, alejándose de ...	<i>Walk away from here and don't come back.</i>
by ...	por, cerca de, junto a ...	<i>I was walking by the door when Jim called me.</i>
down ...	por, hacia abajo ...	<i>I was walking down the street when Jim called me.</i>
from ...	de, desde ...	<i>I once walked from London to Dover.</i>
into ...	dentro de, al...	<i>She walked into the room.</i>
off ...	de ...	<i>The cat jumped off the table and onto the floor.</i>
on / onto ...	sobre, al ...	<i>The cat jumped onto the table.</i>
out of ...	de, afuera de, fuera de ...	<i>The cat jumped out of the window.</i>
over ...	sobre, por encima de ...	<i>The cat jumped over the table to the other side.</i>
past ...	más allá de ...	<i>Make sure you walk past the church or you won't see the bar.</i>
through ...	a través de ...	<i>We walked through a dark tunnel.</i>
to ...	a, hacia ...	<i>I'm travelling to Poland at the moment.</i>
toward/s ...	hacia ...	<i>He's looking towards Mecca.</i>
under ...	debajo de, bajo ...	<i>The machine will travel under the sea at fifty miles an hour.</i>
up ...	por, hacia arriba ...	<i>Let's go for a walk up to the pub.</i>

Preposiciones in/on/at (de lugar)

... At university - En la universidad
 ... At home - En casa
 ... At school - En la escuela
 ... At work - En el trabajo

At + lugares específicos

... At Big Ben
 ... At Wembley stadium

At + direcciones

... At 86 Major street

On + medios de transporte
(EXCEPTION = CAR / In a car)

... On a plane - En un avión
 ... On a bus - En un autobús
 ... On a ship - En un barco
 ... On a train - En un tren

On + direcciones

... On the way - En el camino
 ... On the left - A la izquierda
 ... On the right - A la derecha

On + ciertas cosas y lugares

... On the radio - En la radio
 ... On television - En la TV
 ... On a website - En una página web

In + países... In Algeria

In + ciudades... In Paris

In + ciertos lugares y expresiones

... In a book - En un libro
 ... In a letter - En una carta
 ... In a queue - En una cola
 ... In bed - En la cama
 ... In hospital - En el hospital
 ... In the paper - En el diario
 ... In the sky - En el cielo

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Preposiciones de tiempo

about ...	alrededor de ...	<i>I'll see you at about six.</i>
around ...	aproximadamente, alrededor de ...	<i>I'll see you at around six.</i>
before ...	antes de ...	<i>You must come before six or they'll be no food.</i>
after ...	después de ...	<i>You must come after six or the food won't be ready.</i>
during ...	durante ...	<i>He was talking during the film.</i>
for ...	durante, por ...	<i>He was walking for twenty years.</i>
since ...	desde ...	<i>I've been working here since 1987.</i>
until ...	hasta ...	<i>I'm not going to finish work today until 3 pm.</i>
from...to .	desde...hasta... ...	<i>I'm working from 5 until 6.</i>
by ...	para, antes de ...	<i>Our teacher wants the homework done by Friday.</i>
on ...	On Monday ...	<i>I'll see you on Monday.</i>
at ...	a ...	<i>I'll see you at six.</i>
in ...	en ...	<i>I'll see you in January.</i>

Preposiciones in/on/at (de tiempo)

At + hora del día... At 7:30 - A las 7:30; At midnight - A la medianoche; At lunchtime - A la hora de comer

At + día festivo... At Christmas - En Navidad

At + ciertas expresiones... At the moment - En este momento; At the weekend - El fin de semana + At night
(*But... in the afternoon, in the morning*)

On + día... On Thursday - El jueves

On + día + parte del día... On Monday morning - El lunes por la mañana

On + fechas... On Christmas Day - El día de Navidad; On July 13th - El 13 de julio

In + partes del día... In the afternoon - Por la tarde (*but... At night*)

In + meses... In January - En enero

In + años... In 1972 - En 1972

In + estaciones del año... In summer - En verano

In + largos periodos... In the future - En el futuro

In + future... In two days - en dos días; nos vemos en seis meses - I'll see you in six months

Although / though / even though – aunque
And – y
As – como
As long as – siempre que
As ... as – tan... como
Because – porque
Besides – además
Both – ambos
But – pero
Despite / in spite of – a pesar de
Either ... or – o...o
Even if – incluso si
Furthermore – además
However – sin embargo
If – si
In case – en caso de que
In order to – para
Instead – en lugar de
Neither ... nor – no... ni
Not even if – ni siquiera si
Or – o
So – entonces
So that – para que
Still – todavía
Than – que
Then – entonces
Therefore – por lo tanto
Unless – a menos que
Whether – si
Yet – aún

Although I love him I have to divorce him.
I love fish and chips.
Don't work for someone in your family; I love him as a brother but as a boss he's terrible.
As long as you pay me back I'll lend you the money.
He's as stupid as his brother.
I love my father because he always buys me presents.
I don't want to go to the party; and besides, they haven't invited me.
I don't want one of the dogs, I want both.
I love you but I hate you.
I'll give you the job in spite of your stupidity.
Either enter or leave but keep the door closed...it's cold.
Even if the Russians concede, I'm still going to be angry.
I want you to move in with me. Furthermore, I think we should get married.
He tried to explain his theory. However, it was too difficult to understand.
If you don't call, I'll be angry.
I'm going to stay longer in case she wants me to look after her son.
I'm writing to you in order to make sure you understand my opinion.
Let's have a BBQ instead of a picnic.
Neither he nor his son wanted the job.
I wouldn't go on a date with him even if you paid me.
I'll have either a fanta or a coke.
He wouldn't give me his money so I phoned his mum.
I phoned his mum so that she would put pressure on him.
He still wants to negotiate.
You're more beautiful than your mother.
If you won't help me then I won't help you.
The police found the money in his house. Therefore, it's clear he's guilty.
She won't help you unless you offer her a job.
The president's going to offer you the job whether you want it or not.
None of the pupils have finished their homework yet.

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Basic conversation questions

Hello... Hola
How are you? ... ¿Cómo estás?
What's your name? ... ¿Cómo te llamas?
Pleased to meet you ... Encantado.
How old are you? ... ¿Cuántos años tienes?
Where are you from? ... ¿De dónde eres?
Where do you live? ... ¿Dónde vives?
What's your favourite food? ... ¿Cuál es tu comida favorita?
What's your favourite film? "...película..."
What's your favourite music? "...música..."
Do you like Spain? ... ¿Te gusta España?
What do you do? ... ¿A qué te dedicas?
Have you got a car? ... ¿Tienes coche?
Okay, I have to go now ... Tengo que irme.
See you soon ... Nos vemos.
Bye-bye ... Adiós.
Have a nice day! ... Que tengas un buen día.

Other social essentials

What's the matter? ... ¿Qué pasa?
Are you sure? ... ¿Estás seguro?
What's wrong? ... ¿Qué pasa?
Tell me ... Dime.
Welcome ... Bienvenido.
Thanks for the present ... Gracias por el regalo.
How's it going? ... ¿Cómo te va?
Where were you born? ... ¿Dónde naciste?

Answers

Hi... Hola.
Very well, thank-you... Muy bien, gracias.
My name's Juan... Me llamo Juan.
Me too... Igualmente.
I'm 25... Tengo 25 años.
I'm from Madrid... Soy de Madrid.
I live in Barcelona... Vivo en Barcelona.
My favourite food is... Mi comida favorita es...
My favourite film is... "...película..."
My favourite music is... "...música..."
Yes I do... Sí.
I'm a doctor... Soy médico.
Yes I have... Sí.
Okay... Vale.
Okay... Vale.
Bye... Adiós.
You too... Igualmente.

Nothing... Nada.
Yes... Sí.
I've got a headache... Me duele la cabeza.
Okay.
Thank-you... Gracias.
You're welcome... De nada.
Cool... Bien (argot).
I was born in Paris... Nací en París.

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A-Z index

The 1000 most common words in English

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A	un, una
Able	ser capaz
A while	un rato
A.M.	por la mañana
About	sobre / acerca de
Accent	acento
Accept	aceptar
Accident	accidente
Account	cuenta
Actor	actor
Actually	de hecho / en realidad
Add	sumar / añadir
Address	dirección
Adult	adulto
Advert	anuncio
Advice	consejo
Affect	afectar
After	después
Afternoon	tarde
Again	otra vez
Against	contra
Age	edad
Ages ago	hace mucho tiempo
Ago	hace (tiempo)
Agree	estar de acuerdo
Air	aire
Airplane	avión
Alarm	alarma
Alive	vivo
Almost	casi
Alone	solo
Already	ya
Also	también
Although	aunque
Always	siempre
All	todo
All right	bien
Allowed	permitido
Analyse	analizar
And	y
Angry	enfadado
Animal	animal
Another	otro
Answer	responder
Any	cualquier, alguno
Anybody	alguien (o nadie)
Anyone	alguien (o nadie)
Anything	algo/nada (en frases negativas)
Anyway	pero bueno...
Anywhere	cualquier sitio
Apart	aparte
Apartment	apartamento
Apparently	aparentemente
Appear	aparecer
Appearance	apariciencia /aspecto
Apple	manzana
Appointment	cita (con el dentista, etc.)
April	abril
Area	zona
Argue	discutir
Arm	brazo
Around	alrededor
Arrange to meet	quedar (con un amigo, etc.)
Arrive	llegar

Art	arte
As	mientras / como
As soon as possible	lo antes posible
As usual	como siempre
Ask	preguntar
Ask for	pedir
Asleep	dormido
At first	al principio
At home	en casa
At least	al menos
At the moment	en este momento
August	agosto
Aunt	tía
Autumn	otoño
Available	disponible
Awake	despierto
Back	hacia atrás
Back	espalda
Bad	malo
Bag	bolso
Ball	pelota
Bank	banco
Bath	bañera
Bath room	cuarto de baño
Battery	pila
Be	ser / estar
Be in a hurry	tener prisa
Be right	tener razón
Be wrong	no tener razón
Beach	playa
Beautiful	bello/a
Because	porque
Bed	cama
Bedroom	habitación
Beef	carne de vaca
Beer	cerveza
Before	antes
Begin	empezar
Behaviour	comportamiento
Behind	detrás
Below	debajo de
Belt	cinturón
Beside	al lado de
Better	mejor
Best	el/la mejor
Between	entre de
Big	grande
Bike	bicicleta
Bill	recibo
Bird	pájaro
Birth	nacimiento
Black	negro
Blue	azul
Boat	barco
Body	cuerpo
Book	libro
Born	nacido
Boss	jefe
Both	ambos
Bottle	botella
Box	caja
Boy	chico / niño
Boyfriend	novio
Bra	sujetador

Brain	cerebro	Crazy	loco
Breakdown	avería	Cream	nata
Bridge	punto	Cup	taza
Bright	brillante	Cut	cortar
Bring	traer	Chair	silla
Brother	hermano	Change	cambiar
Brown	marrón	Character	personaje / personalidad
Brush	cepillo	Charge	cobrar
Build	construir	Cheap	barato
Burn	quemar	Check	comprobar
Business	negocio	Cheese	queso
Buy	comprar	Chemist	farmacia
By	por	Child	niño
Bye	adiós	Children	niños
Cake	pastel	Christmas	Navidad
Call	llamar	Dance	bailar
Camera	cámara	Dangerous	peligroso
Can	poder	Dark	oscuro
Cancel	cancelar	Date	fecha /cita romántica
Car	coche	Daughter	hija
Card	tarjeta	Day	día
Care (for)	importar / cuidar	Debt	deuda
Career	carrera	December	diciembre
Car-park	aparcamiento	Decide	decidir
Carrot	zanahoria	Decrease	disminuir
Carry	llevar	Definitely	definitivamente
Case	maleta / caso	Delay	demora
Cash	efectivo	Delicious	delicioso
Cash-point	cajero	Deliver	entregar
Cause	causa	Depart	salir
Ceiling	techo	Describe	describir
Center	centro	Desire	desear
Circle	círculo	Desk	escritorio
City	ciudad	Dictionary	diccionario
Clear	claro	Die	morir
Climate	clima	Different	diferente
Clock	reloj (de pared)	Difficult	difícil
Close	cerrar	Dining room	comedor
Close	cerca	Dinner	cena
Clothes	ropa	Direct	directo
Clown	payaso	Direction	dirección
Coat	abrigo	Director	director
Cold	frío	Dirty	sucio
Color	color	Disagree	no estar de acuerdo
Colleague	colega	Discover	descubrir
Collect	coleccionar / recoger	Disgusting	asqueroso
College	instituto	Dish	plato
Come	venir	Distance	distancia
Come back	volver	Divorce	divorciarse
Company	empresa	(Do you) mind?	¿Te importa?
Complain	quejarse	Door	puerta
Complicated	complicado	Double	doble
Confirm	confirmar	Draw	dibujar
Connect	conectar	Dream	soñar
Continue	continuar	Dress	vestido
Control	controlar	Drink	beber / tomar (líquidos)
Conversation	conversación	Drive	conducir
Cook	cocinar	Drums	tambores
Corner	esquina / rincón	During	durante
Correct	corregir	Each	cada
Corridor	pasillo	Ear	oreja
Count	contar	Early	pronto / temprano
Country	país / campo	Earth	Tierra
Cousin	primo	East	este

Easy	fácil	Flight	vuelo
Eat	comer	Floor	suelo
Egg	huevo	Flower	flor
Electricity	electricidad	Fly	volar
Embarrassed	avergonzado	Follow	seguir
Emergency	emergencia / urgencia	Food	comida
Emotion	emoción	Fool	tonto
End	final	Foot	pie
Energy	energía	For	para
Enjoy	disfrutar	Foreigner	extranjero
Enormous	enorme	Forest	bosque
Entertain	entretener	Forever	para siempre
Entrance	entrada	Forget	olvidar
Equal	igual	Fork	tenedor
Error	error	Fox	zorro
Even	incluso	Free	gratis
Even though	aunque	Freeze	congelar
Evening	tarde / noche	Fresh	fresco
Event	evento	Friday	viernes
Ever	nunca (en negativo)	Fridge	nevera
Ever	alguna vez	From	de
Every	cada	Fruit	fruta
Every day	todos los días	Fry	freír
Everybody	todo el mundo	Frying pan	sartén
Everyone	todo el mundo	Funny	gracioso
Everything	todo	Furniture	muebles
Everywhere	por todas partes	Future	futuro
Exact	exacto	Game	juego
Except	excepto	Garage	garaje
Excited	emocionado	Garden	jardín
Exercise book	libreta	General	general
Expensive	caro	Generous	generoso
Experience	experiencia	Get	conseguir
Explain	explicar	Get dressed	vestirse
Eye	ojo	Get off	bajarse
Face	cara	Get up	levantarse
Factory	fábrica	Girl	chica / niña
Fall	caer	Girlfriend	novia
Family	familia	Give	dar
Famous	famoso	Give up	rendirse / dejar de
Fancy	apetecer	Glad	contento
Far	lejos	Glamorous	glamoroso
Farm	granja	Glass	crystal / vaso
Fascinating	fascinante	Global	global
Fashion	moda	Go	ir
Fast	rápido	Go out	salir
Fat	gordo	God	Dios
Father	padre	Gold	oro
Favourite	favorito	Good	bueno
Fear	miedo	Grandmother	abuela
February	febrero	Grape	uva
Feel	sentir	green	verde
Few	pocos	grey	gris
Fight	pelear / luchar	Group	grupo
Film	película	Grow	crecer
Fill in	rellenar	Guitar	guitarra
Final	último	Habit	hábito
Find	encontrar	Hair	pelo / cabello
Finger	dedo de la mano	Half	mitad
Finish	terminar	Ham	jamón
Fire	fuego	Hand	mano
Firm	firme / empresa	Handsome	guapo
First	primero	Happen	sucedir
Fish	pez / pescado	Happy	feliz

Hard	duro
Hat	sombrero
Have	tener
Have a bath	bañarse
Have a good time	divertirse
Have breakfast	desayunar
Have dinner	cenar
Have lunch	almorzar
Have to	tener que
He's just arrived	acaba de llegar
Head	cabeza
Headache	dolor de cabeza
Healthy	sano
Hear	oír
Heart	corazón
Heat	calor
Heavy	pesado
Help	ayudar
Here	aquí
High	alto
Hire	alquilar
History	historia
Hit	pegar
Hold	tener en la mano
Hole	agujero
Holiday	vacaciones
Hope	esperar
Horrible	horrible
Hot	caliente
Hour	hora
House	casa
How long?	¿Cuánto tiempo?
How much?	¿Cuánto?
How's it going?	¿Cómo va?
However	por otro lado
Huge	enorme
Husband	marido
I don't think so	creo que no
I think so	creo que sí
I'm hungry	tengo hambre
Ice	hielo
Idea	idea
Idiot	idiota
ill	enfermo
Impatient	impaciente
Important	importante
Impossible	imposible
Incapable	incapaz
Include	incluir
Incorrect	incorrecto
Increase	incrementar
Incredible	increíble
Independent	independiente
Influence	influir
Injure	herir
Inside	dentro
Instead	en vez de
Intelligent	inteligente
Intention	intención
Interesting	interesante
International	internacional
Introduce	introducir / presentar
Invite	invitar
Issue	asunto

It depends on	depende de
It's warm	hace calor
Jacket	chaqueta
Jail	cárcel
Jam	mermelada
January	enero
Jeans	vaqueros
Jewel	joya
Job	trabajo
July	julio
Jump	saltar
June	junio
Just then	en ese momento
Just + present perf	acabo de
Just	justo / sólo / de una vez
Keep	guardar (¡informática no!)
Key	llave
Kill	matar
Kind	amable
Kind	tipo / clase
Kiss	beso
Kitchen	cocina
Knife	cuchillo
Know	conocer
Know	saber
Lack	falta
Lady	dama
Lamb	cordero
Land	tierra
Language	lenguaje
Large	grande
Last	durar
Last	último
Late	tarde
Later	después / más tarde
Laugh	reír
Law	ley
Lawyer	abogado
Lazy	perezoso
Leave	salir (abandonar)
Leave	dejar
Left	izquierda
Leg	pierna
Less than	menos de
Let	permitir
Letter	carta / letra
Library	biblioteca
License	licencia / carnet
Lie	mentir
Lie down	tumbarse
Life	vida
Lift	levantar
Light	luz / encender
Light	ligero
Like	como
Like	gustar
Link	vínculo
Lion	león
Lips	labios
List	lista
Listen	escuchar
Little	pequeño
Live	vivir
Long	largo

Look	mirar
Look after	cuidar
Look for	buscar
Look like	parecerse a
Lorry	camión
Lose	perder
Lounge	salón
Love	amor
Low	bajo
Luck	suerte
Luggage	equipaje
Lunch	comida / almuerzo
Machine	máquina
Mad	loco
Magazine	revista
Mail	correo
Make	hacer (crear / fabricar)
Man	hombre
Many	muchos
Map	mapa
March	marzo
Marry	casarse
Marvelous	maravilloso
May	mayo
Maybe	a lo mejor / quizá
Me too	igualmente
Meal	comida
Mean	significar
Mean	querer decir
Meanwhile	mientras tanto
Medicine	medicina
Medium	mediano
Meet	conocer (por primera vez)
Memory	memoria
Menu	menú
Message	mensaje
Metal	metal
Method	método
Middle	medio
Might	podría / quizá
Milk	leche
Mind	mente
Minimum	mínimo
Mirror	espejo
Miss	echar de menos / perder
Mistake	error
Mix	mezclar
Moment	momento
Monday	lunes
Money	dinero
Monkey	mono
Month	mes
More	más
Morning	mañana
Most of	la mayoría de
the Most	Lo ms + adjetivo
Mother	madre
Mountain	montaña
Mouth	boca
Move	mover
Much	mucho
Mushroom	champiñón
Must	deber (verbo)
Myself	yo mismo

Name	nombre
Nationality	nacionalidad
Nature	naturaleza
Near	cerca
Nearly	casi
Necessary	necesario
Need	necesitar
Neighbor	vecino
Neighborhood	barrio
Neither	tampoco
Nephew	sobrino
Nervous	nervioso
Never	nunca
New	nuevo
New year	Año Nuevo
News	noticias
Newspaper	periódico
Next	siguiente
Nice	agradable
Niece	sobrina
Night	noche
Nobody	nadie
Nobody else	nadie más
Noisy	ruidoso
None	ninguno
Nonsense	tonterías
No-one	nadie
Nor	ni
Normal	normal
North	norte
Nose	nariz
Nothing	nada
Noun	sustantivo
November	noviembre
Now	ahora
Nurse	enfermera
Nut	nuez
Object	objeto
Obsessed	obsesionado
Obviously	obviamente
October	octubre
Of	de
Off	apagado
Offer	ofrecer
Office	oficina
Often	a menudo
Oil	aceite
Ok	está bien
Old	viejo
On	encendido
On	sobre
Only	sólo
On purpose	a propósito
On the other hand	por otro lado
On time	puntual
Once	una vez
Onion	cebolla
Open	abrir
Operation	operación
Opinion	opinión
Opportunity	oportunidad
Opposite	enfrente
Opposite	lo contrario
Orange	naranja

Ordinary	ordinario	Purple	morado
Organization	organización	Push	empujar
Organize	organizar	Put	poner
Other	otro, otra, otros, otras	Quarter	cuarto
Out	fuera	Question	pregunta
Oven	horno	Queue	cola / fila
Over	encima	Quick	rápido
Own	propio	Quiet	silencioso
P.M	por la tarde	Rain	lluvia
Packet	paquete	Ready	listo
Page	página	Real	verdadero
Pain	dolor	Receipt	recibo tiquete
Paint	pintura	Receive	recibir
Pair	par	Recently	recientemente
Pajamas	pijama	Recharge	recargar
Pants	calzoncillos	Red	rojo
Paper	papel	Reduce	reducir
Pardon	perdón	Regular	regular / normal
Parents	los padres	relatives	parientes
Park	parque	Relax	relajar
Part	parte	Religion	religión
Party	fiesta	Repair	reparar
Pass	pasar /dar	Repeat	repetir
Passport	pasaporte	Reservation	reserva
Pathetic	patético	Rest	descansar
Pay	pagar	Restaurant	restaurante
Pea	guisante	Result	resultado
Pen	bolígrafo	Return	volver
People	gente	Reward	recompensa
Perfect	perfecto	Rice	arroz
Perhaps	tal vez	Rich	rico
Person	persona	Right	derecha
Pet	mascota	Ring	anillo
Photo	foto	River	río
Picture	imagen	Road	carretera
Piece	trozo	Room	cuarto / habitación
Pig	cerdo	Rubbish	basura
Pink	rosa	Rucksack	mochila
Place	sitio	Rude	mal educado
Plan	plan	Rule	regla
Play	jugar	Run	correr
Pleasant	agradable	Sad	triste
Plus	más	Safe	seguro
Polite	educado / cortés	Salad	ensalada
Pool	piscina	Salary	salario
Poor	pobre	Salt	sal
Popular	popular	Same	lo mismo
Pork	cerdo	Saturday	sábado
Position	posición	Sauce	salsa
Positive	positivo	Sausage	salchicha
Possibility	posibilidad	Save	guardar /salvar / ahorrar
Power	poder	Say	decir
Prefer	preferir	Science	ciencia
Pregnant	embarazada	Sea	mar
Pretty	bonito/a	Season	estación
Price	precio	Seat	asiento
Problem	problema	Second	segundo
Process	proceso	Secret	secreto
Produce	producir	Secretary	secretaria
Progress	progreso	See	ver
Promise	prometer	Seem	parecer
Pull	tirar	Selfish	egoísta
Pupil	alumno	Sell	vender
Pure	puro	Send	enviar

Sensible	sensato	Some	unos/as, algo de, alguno/a/s
Sensitive	sensible	Something	algo
Separate	separado	Sometimes	a veces
September	septiembre	Somewhere	algún sitio
Serious	serio	Son	hijo
Serve	servir	Song	canción
Service	servicio	Soon	pronto
Shake	sacudir / temblar	Sore	que duele
Shampoo	champú	Sorry	lo siento
Share	compartir	Soup	sopa
Shave	afeitarse	South	sur
Sheet	sábana	Space	espacio
Shelf	estantería	Speak	hablar
Ship	barco	Special	especial
Shirt	camisa	Spend	gastar
Shock	shock	Spoon	cuchara
Shoes	zapatos	Spring	primavera
Shoot	disparar	Stairs	escaleras
Shop	tienda	Stand	estar de pie
Shopping	las compras	Star	estrella
Shopping centre	centro comercial	Start	empezar
Short	bajo	Station	estación
Should	debería	Statue	estatua
Shout	gritar	Stay	quedarse
Show	enseñar / espectáculo	Steak	bistec
Shower	ducha	Steal	robar
Shut	cerrar / cerrado	Step-father	padraastro
Shy	tímido	Still	aún
Sign	firmar	Stomach	estómago
Signature	firma	Storm	tormenta
Silence	silencio	Story	historia
Silver	plata	Strange	raro
Similar	similar	Street	calle
Simple	simple	Strong	fuerte
Since	desde	Student	estudiante
Sing	cantar	Study	estudiar
Sink	lavamanos	Stupid	estúpido
Sister	hermana	Suddenly	de repente
Sit	sentarse	Suffer	sufrir
Size	tamaño	Suit	traje
Skate	patinar	Summer	verano
Skill	habilidad	Sun	sol
Skin	piel	Sunday	domingo
Skirt	falda	Sure	seguro
Sky	cielo	Swim	nadar
Sleep	dormir	Take	coger / tomar
Slow	lento	Take off	quitar
Small	pequeño	Talk	hablar
Smile	sonreír	Tall	alto
Smoke	fumar	Tax	impuesto
Snow	nieve	Tea	té
So	así que	Teach	enseñar
So	tan	Teenager	adolescente
So many/much	tantos	Teeth	dientes
So that	para que	Telephone	teléfono
Soap	jabón	Tell	contar
Society	sociedad	Terrible	terrible
Socket (plug)	toma	The	el, la, los, las
Socks	calcetines	Then	después
Sofa	sofá	Then	entonces
Soft	suave	There	allí / allá
Solve	resolver	There are	hay (plural)
Somebody	alguien (afirmativo)	There is	hay (singular)
Someone	alguien	Therefore	por lo tanto

Thick	grueso
Thin	delgado
Thing	cosa
Thursday	jueves
Tidy	arreglar
Tired	cansado
To	a
To be afraid	tener miedo
To be sick of	harto de
To feel sick	sentirse mal
To use	utilizar
Today	hoy
Toe	dedo del pie
Together	juntos
Toilet	lavabo
Tomato	tomate
Tomorrow	mañana
Tonight	esta noche
Too	también
Too	demasiado
Top	de arriba, parte superior
Total	total
Touch	tocar
Towel	toalla
Town	pueblo
Toys	juguetes
Translate	traducir
Travel	viajar
Tree	árbol
Trousers	pantalones
Try	intentar
T-shirt	camiseta
Tuesday	martes
Turn off	apagar
Turn on	encender
Twice	dos veces
Twin	gemelo
Ugly	feo
Umbrella	paraguas
Unable	incapaz
Unavoidable	inevitable
Uncle	tío
Under	debajo
Understand	entender
Unpleasant	desagradable
Until	hasta
Unusual	poco común
Usually	normalmente
Vegetable	verdura
Very	muy
Visit	visitar
Wait	esperar
Wake up	despertarse
Walk	caminar / paseo
Wall	pared
Want	querer
Wardrobe	armario
Wash	lavar
Watch	reloj (¡De mano! ¡Pared no!)
Watch-out	cuidado
Water	agua
Way	manera / camino
Weak	débil
Wear	llevar puesto

Weather	tiempo / clima
Wedding	boda
Wednesday	miércoles
Week	semana
Welcome	bienvenido
Well	bien
West	oeste
Wet	mojado
What're these?	¿Qué son estos?
What're those?	¿Qué son esos?
What's that?	¿Qué es eso?
What's the matter?	¿Qué pasa?
What's the weather like?	¿Qué tiempo hace?
What's this?	¿Qué es esto?
Wheel	rueda
When	cuando
Where	donde
Whether (if)	si
Whisper	susurrar
Whistle	silbar
White	blanco
Who	quien
Whole	entero
Why	porque
Wide	amplio
Wife	esposa
Win	ganar
Window	ventana
Wine	vino
Winter	invierno
With	con
Without	sin
Woman	mujer
Wonder	preguntarse
Wonderful	maravilloso
Work	trabajar
Worry	preocuparse
Worse	peor
Worth	valer
Write	escribir
Year	año
yellow	amarillo
Yesterday	ayer
Yet	todavía / aún
Young	joven
Youth	juventud
Zero	cero

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Nota 1. UNIT 1: Mi primer consejo consiste en transcribir las palabras. Después de dos años de pruebas en aulas de España, Rumania y Turquía, hemos descubierto que existe un 60% de probabilidad de que un alumno retenga las palabras una vez que las ha transcrito.

Hemos escuchado todas las quejas y todas las objeciones académicas que existen contra el concepto de copiar palabras; sin embargo, los hechos son los hechos: si copias el vocabulario en tu libreta tienes mucha más probabilidad de asimilar la palabra.

Entiendo que quieras divertirte y hacer tareas interesantes en vez de copiar palabras; pero siempre hemos encontrado, sobre todo en nuestras investigaciones, que el uso de juegos e interfaces interactivas resulta poco eficaz y mucho más lento para la asimilación de vocabulario. Sólo tienes que memorizar las palabras, así que hazlo de la manera más rápida y eficaz posible.



Nota 2. UNIT 2. Sam dice: "Hacer las transcripciones correctamente significa...

9. Escribir la palabra en inglés y en español. Esto refuerza la traducción.

10. Te recomiendo que lo hagas como mínimo cinco veces para cada palabra, una por una, con su traducción.

11. Después de haber hecho cinco palabras (cada una copiada cinco veces), tómate un respiro y comprueba tu progreso mediante un test rápido de las palabras. (Si escribes las veinte palabras totales, copiadas cinco veces una después de la otra, será demasiada información para ser asimilada y acabarás con dolor de cabeza y sin progreso alguno).

12. No hagas columnas. En otras palabras, no escribas la palabra inglesa cinco veces seguidas en una columna, una debajo de la otra, y después su traducción al español. Escribe la palabra inglesa y su traducción en la misma línea una vez y luego repite esto cinco veces.

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Nota 3. UNIT 2. Sam dice: "No es necesario entender todas las palabras en los ejercicios del Paso 3. Se trata de entender el contexto general y no, literalmente, palabra por palabra. Recuerda este consejo conforme avanzas por el libro".



Nota 4. UNIT 3: A partir de aquí dejamos las palabras ordenadas alfabéticamente y las cadenas de palabras, y comenzamos a trabajar con las palabras esenciales. Para los estudiantes novatos, tened en cuenta que los colores, días de la semana, meses, números y otras palabras esenciales las podéis encontrar en las unidades finales del libro (Ver *Contenidos*).

2. Esta página contiene información muy importante: vocabulario esencial que a la vez es gramática. **¡No te precipites!** Repite la lectura de esta página hasta que estés seguro de haber memorizado las palabras. Uno de los mayores errores en los cursos de idiomas modernos consiste en que los estudiantes avanzan unidades sin haber asimilado correctamente la información de unidades anteriores.

3. Y no te asustes: a partir de la unidad 5 sólo tendrás que memorizar palabras, no digerir gramática.



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Una gran parte de la gramática inglesa es relativa. El inglés se habla en muchos países y por mucha gente, por lo cual existen muchas variaciones gramaticales. Millones de hablantes nativos usan versiones incorrectas de las reglas anteriores; por ejemplo: "There ain't nobody there." A partir de ahora dividiremos las reglas gramaticales en esenciales y no esenciales. Hacemos esto porque priorizar es vital para tu correcto aprendizaje. Las reglas gramaticales de arriba son no esenciales; por lo tanto, si no las entiendes al 100% no te preocupes: cuando tengas un mayor nivel de inglés las asimilarás de forma intuitiva.



Nota 6. UNIT 7: SUPER IMPORTANTE: distintos materiales, entornos y profesores son buenos, por distintos aspectos, en el aprendizaje de idiomas. *The Tools of Fluency* de I-Ling es estupendo para la asimilación cognitiva de gramática y vocabulario. Pero todo este conocimiento no servirá de nada a no ser que lo uses de verdad, hablando. Tienes que empezar a reunir vocabulario y gramática y soltarte a hablar.

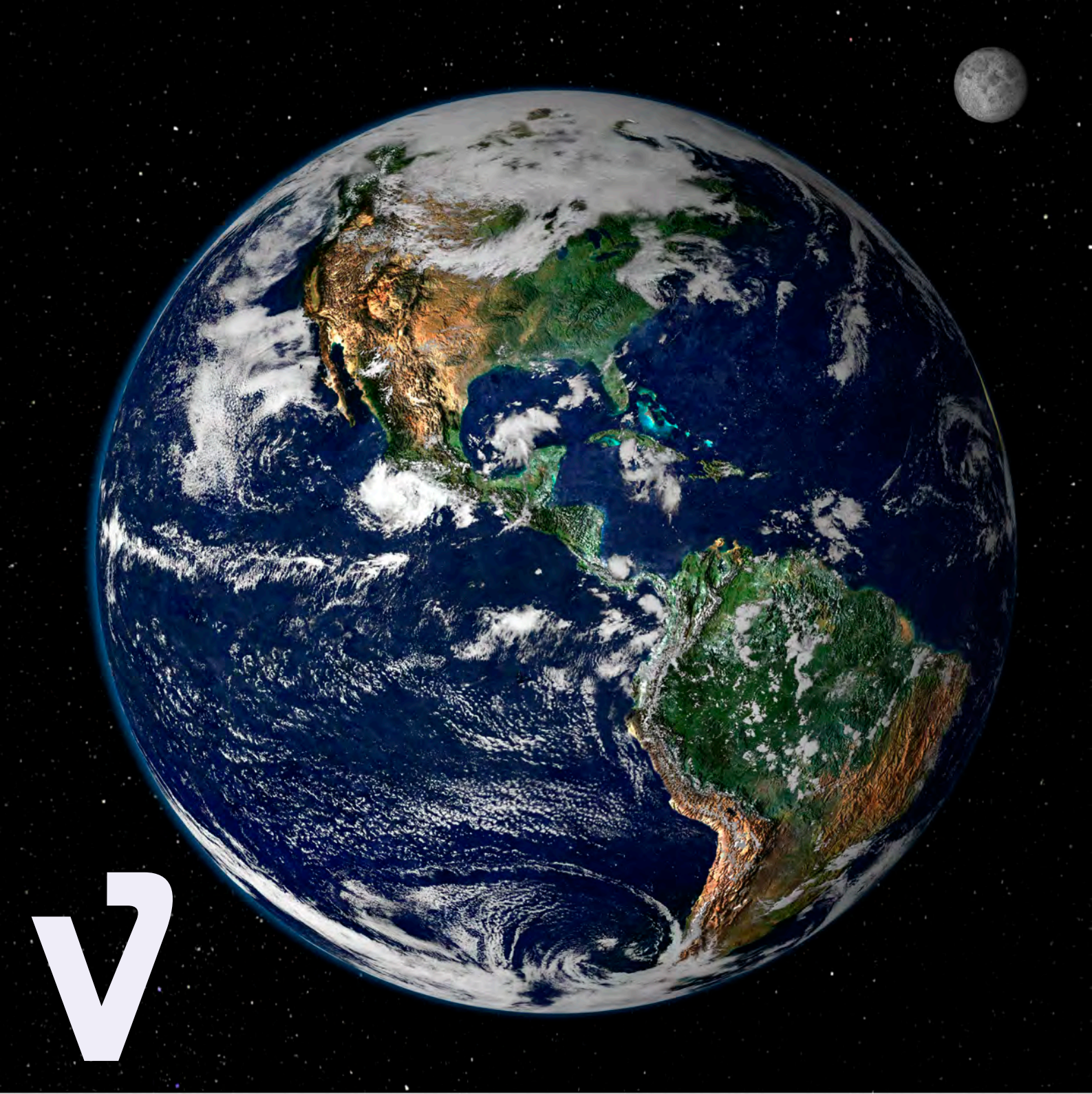
Por este motivo **¡ES IMPRESCINDIBLE QUE DESARROLLES MUY BIEN LA SECCIÓN 4, PREGUNTAS DE CONVERSACIÓN!** Esta sección no está ahí únicamente para el uso del vocabulario, sino para el uso del lenguaje oral también. Conforme avances por las unidades, comienza a dar respuestas cada vez más largas. Si no te sientes seguro, tómate un par de minutos para preparar tus respuestas tomando notas. Sin embargo, no te recomiendo que leas tu respuesta. Estas notas deben servir sólo como una guía. Habla sin mirarlas.

Si no empiezas a utilizar el lenguaje aprendido, no conseguirás fluidez. Incluso las secciones 4 de cada unidad, Preguntas de conversación (Conversation questions), no serán suficientes. Tienes que usar el inglés fuera de tu tiempo de estudio.

Si no tienes manera de practicar conversaciones en inglés, intenta, por lo menos, escribir. Ya sea un diario o cualquier otro tipo de escrito. Escribir te permite construir frases y practicar lo aprendido.

REPITO: SI NO TIENES MANERA DE CONVERSAR, POR LO MENOS ESCRIBE.

Para concluir, te recuerdo que el lenguaje fue ideado para ser hablado. Utiliza bien las preguntas de conversación en este libro y encuentra otras maneras de hablar, como en la escuela o con amigos. El inglés mal hablado es mejor que el inglés no hablado.



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