

3. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!
4. Elizabeth's birthday is on the third Thursday of this month.
5. How many cookies could a good cook if a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.

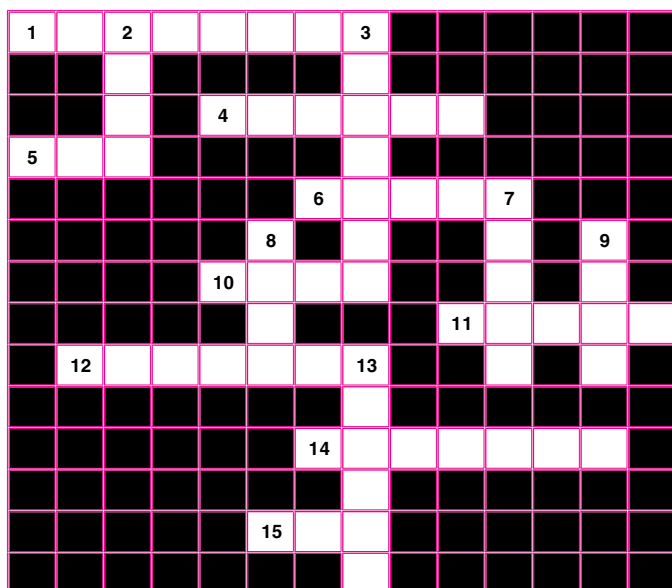
Funny Riddles

1. Where does Friday come before Monday?
2. What is black when clean, and white when dirty?
3. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
4. What comes down but never goes up?
5. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

(Check below for the answers.)

Crossword

Guess the verbs



Across

1. Look! The girls are ___ on the Internet.
4. I ___ to the radio.
5. Mary usually ___ tea for breakfast.
6. Harry ___ to write text messages.
10. Do you ___ under the shower?
11. My mum often ___ donuts.
12. Steve usually ___ his homework.
14. Peter ___ TV.
15. ___ down, please.

Down

2. Stephanie often ___ questions in the lessons.
3. It's late. I'm ___ hungry.
7. My mother can ___ three languages.
8. We ___ to school on our bikes.
9. Would you ___ the window, please?
13. My first lesson ___ at 7.40.

Answers to the Funny Riddles:

1. In the dictionary.
2. A blackboard.
3. Nothing
4. Rain
5. The letter M



References:

- Crossword:* http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises/structures/verbs_crossword.htm
Haiku: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-haiku-poems.html>
Jokes: <http://iteslj.org/c/jokes-short.html>
Quotable quotes: <http://www.talktocanada.com/blog/24-inspirational-english-quotes-to-help-you-improve-your-english-language-learning/>
Speaking Tips: <http://www.5minuteenglish.com/speak-good-english.htm>
Tongue Twisters: <http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/en.htm>

misunderstand the topic of conversation by taking the most literal translation of each phrase. As in every language, English speakers often revert to slang and clichés. Don't be afraid to ask what these mean, by understanding these phrases you will be much closer to fluency and on your way to being able to speak correct English.

D. Most importantly, remember that all the listening and reading in the world will not make you a better speaker. Many people are intimidated at first when they try to jump into conversation, but it is the only way to improve your fluency and speak fluent English. Don't be afraid! People will be more impressed at your ability to speak a second language than your accent or mispronunciation of words.

E. Use any resources you can to improve your English language skills. Doing research online and in your local library will help to strengthen your fluency, but nothing is better than getting out into the world and putting all you have learned to good use!

Haiku

Remember a few issues ago we introduced you the Haiku!? I heard that many of you like them! Read some more!

1.
A summer river being crossed
how pleasing
with sandals in my hands! (Yosa Buson, late 1700s)
2.
Light of the moon
Moves west, flowers' shadows
Creep eastward. (Yosa Buson, late 1700s)

3.
In the moonlight,
The color and scent of the wisteria
Seems far away. (Yosa Buson, late 1700s)

4.
Over the wintry
forest, winds howl in rage
with no leaves to blow. (Natsume Soseki, 1867 – 1916)

5.
The crow has flown away:
swaying in the evening sun,
a leafless tree. (Natsume Soseki, 1867 – 1916)

Tongue Twisters

Listening to tongue twisters is one way to improve your English pronunciation. It's very difficult to say tongue twisters in English, so don't worry if you can't do it very well at first, just have fun!



1. There was a fisherman named Fisher
who fished for some fish in a fissure.
Till a fish with a grin,
pulled the fisherman in.
Now they're fishing the fissure for
Fisher.
2. There those thousand thinkers were
thinking how did the other three
thieves go through?

TEACHER: Can you spell
"caterpillar?"

PUPIL: How long do I have?

TEACHER: Why?

PUPIL: I want to
wait until he changes into
a butterfly. I can spell that.



Speaking Tips

We are still waiting for your emails. You were supposed to send us your suggestions on how to teach communifectively, remember!?! Since we have decided to give you more time, for this issue, we thought it would be appropriate to check a few points regarding the speaking skill. Now that the new approach to teaching English is in place in our high schools, we need to improve our speaking as well. The following are some suggestions:

How to Speak English Fluently

Many have said that the English language is one of the hardest to learn. However, with the right training, learning English as a second language can be a funny and positive experience. The following list helps you better understand how to tackle the English language and how to speak English fluently.

A. One mistake that people often make

is putting a lot of efforts to study grammar rather than conversational English. In order to become a good English speaker, remember to focus on actually conversing rather than just memorizing grammatical rules. To speak good English you need to focus on conversing!

B. Remember to LISTEN! Sometimes, you can begin to understand other people before actually being able to speak fluently yourself. This is a step in the right direction. Being able to understand others will help you to engage in conversation. Be sure to completely immerse yourself in the language. If you continue to limit yourself to social circles that do not speak English, it will make fluency much more difficult. By submerging yourself in the language you will be forced to learn and use the English language.

C. Do not translate each and every word or phrase that you hear. Often you will

“Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers.”

- Cesar Chavez

“Language is power, life and the instrument of culture, the instrument of domination and liberation.”

- Angela Carte

No Comment!



"My teacher must be very experienced. She said she's been teaching for what feels like a thousand years."

Any idea!? Send us an email and we'll let everyone know about your idea! (azimi.hz@gmail.com)

Jokes

A: Hey, man! Please call me a taxi.

B: Yes, sir. You are a taxi.

The mother says to her daughter, "Did you enjoy your first at school?"

The daughter answers, "First day? Do you mean I have to go back again tomorrow?"

Little Johnny: Teacher, can I go to the bathroom?

Teacher: Little Johnny, MAY I go to the

bathroom?

Little Johnny: But I asked first!

Customer: Excuse me, but I saw your thumb in my soup when you were carrying it.

Waitress: Oh, that's okay. The soup isn't hot.

"I was born in California."

"Which part?"

"All of me."



English through Fun

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The Note

Hi there! How are you doing everyone? How was Nowrooz? I bet you had a great “sweet” holidays, but I hope you’ve not gained a lot of weight!

It’s time to sum up the classes, teachings, and assignments. Soon we will have to get ready for the exams with the aim of evaluating our students. Tough job! Tell me, do you consider yourself as a fair test developer!? Do you see your testing practice a fair and an ethical one? Write to us and let us know what you think a fair test is. The practice of ethical testing is one of those areas of our field that has not received much of attention. Let’s see how much we know!

Quotable Quotes

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

- **Nelson Mandela**

“The limits of my language are the limits of my world.”

- **Ludwig Wittgenstein**

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

- **Chinese Proverb**

“You can never understand one language until you understand at least two.”

- **Geoffrey Willans**