

ENGLISH

Level 6

Small Talk

What has been going on with you this week?

Anything on the cards for this evening?

Cold, isn't it?

Conversation

Is it important to buy gifts for the one you love? Why do people do it?

'State-owned enterprises are more open to corruption than private companies'. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

You have a new friend: Doraemon. He can produce anything from his magic pocket. What do you ask for first?



Results and Consequence

so - *You shot me, so of course I'm mad.*

therefore - *My family comes first, and therefore I am resigning.*

as a result/consequence - *As a result of losing their map they got lost.*

accordingly - *He broke the rules. He was accordingly fired.*

consequently - *They lost 10 games. The manager was consequently sacked.*

because of this/that - *I added too much lemon. Because of this it was sour.*

thus - *She got Dave fired, thus becoming the boss herself.*

hence - *She just asked him on a date, hence the happy face.*

for this/that reason - *I need more money. For this reason I'm transferring.*

so that - *He sold the house so that he could buy a car made of gold.*

in that case - *She's angry with me? In that case I'm staying at yours.*

in either case - *Maybe it'll rain, maybe it won't. In either case we're going.*





Vocabulary: Religions (review)

Christianity
Judaism
Islam
Buddhism
Hinduism
Sikhism
Taoism
Shinto

For which religions do you know the following:

- (i) the name(s) of the god(s)
- (ii) the name of the holy book
- (iii) the name of a major holiday
- (iv) the day of worship
- (v) the place of worship?

Western Culture: Arachne the Weaver (review)

1. Why was Athena angry with Arachne?
2. In the weaving competition, what did picture did Arachne weave?
3. Who won the competition?
What was the loser's response?
4. What did Athena decide should be Arachne's final fate?

Grammar: People vs. Persons

Modern Usage: Generally 'person' is used for the singular. 'People' is used for the plural.

1 person, 100 people

Technical Usage: Technical, legal and formal English uses an older definition. This helps it emphasise the responsibilities of individuals, even when they are in a group.

'People' = the population/group as a whole

'Person' = an individual

'Persons' = more than one individual

Saying 'persons' means that, although acting with others, the decisions, responsibilities and legal consequences are treated independently (not as a group).

'The persons involved will be prosecuted' - each individual will be prosecuted (not prosecute the group as a whole)

'No more than 10 persons allowed' - Although the individuals are independent (they may not know each other), no more than 10 are allowed





Dialogue: Interview (conclusion)

Interviewer: And what interested you in this particular business?

Emili: Firstly, the company name is quite **enticing**: everybody knows it. **On top of this**, I know that the quality of the training here is **top notch**, meaning – if I were lucky enough to be employed here – my own skills would improve. But mostly, I believe in the philosophy and ideals you have here.

Interviewer: Interesting. So what do you think you could bring to our little project?

Emili: I think I have the expertise you are looking for, and am really interested in the areas in which you are working. I think my knowledge and enthusiasm will be my **biggest assets**. Of course, I know you already have some **supremely** talented people **on board** here, so I'd have to work hard.

Interviewer: Alright. I think I have a good idea of **what you're about**. Are there any questions you'd like to ask?

Emili: Umm, I can't think of any at the moment. But I'm sure I'll have some.

Interviewer: OK. Well, thank you for your interest in MI6. **We'll be in touch**. Thank you for coming. Do you know **your way out**?

Emili: Yes, don't worry, **I'll find my way**. **Thank you for having me**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Shakespearean Phrases (review)

A fool's paradise - *living in the belief that things are going to get better is a fool's paradise: hope doesn't hide the truth that we're all doomed!*

A foregone conclusion - *His father is the boss and his mother bankrolls the company; I think we can say his promotion is a foregone conclusion.*

All that glitters is not gold - *Although my parents repeatedly told me that all that glitters is not gold, I still threw my money at every insane business opportunity I saw.*