



ENGLISH

Level 5



Small Talk

- What's been going on with you? Been living the dream?
- What's the plan for the weekend? Anything interesting?
- Any idea what the weather is going to be like over the next few days?

Conversation

- If somebody offered you \$1m in exchange for 50% of all your future earnings, would you accept?
- Do you think schools in your country have spent wisely on classroom technology?
- A person falling down a hole: funny?

Vocabulary: Nouns

priority
 etiquette
 situation
 curiosity
 luxury
 obsession
 addiction
 quality

Dialogue: Ordering In (part 1)

Staff: Good evening, Winos Dinner, how can I help you?

Philip: Hi. **Is it possible to** order some food?

Staff: Of course. **Can I just confirm** your contact details?
Mr. Philip Lu, Flat 3F1, 25 Woodhead Street. Telephone number is 301357680.

Philip: That's right.

Staff: OK. What would you like?

Philip: Are you guys **still running** the buy 1 pizza get 1 free offer?

Staff: I'm sorry, that offer ended at the end of last month. Currently we have one that gets you a free salad **with every** pasta dish.

Philip: Hmm, I'm not really into pasta, and **can't stand** salad: it's rabbit food. OK, we'll take 1 large pepperoni pizza. Oh, wait. Do you allow **half'n'half**?

Staff: Sure.

Philip: In that case make it a large pizza, half pepperoni and half Hawaiian. And a bottle of Dr. Pepper.

Staff: No problem. **That'll be** £12.50, and it'll **be with you** in half an hour.



Structures: **On the matter/subject of...**

since we are speaking about that, I have something more to say on it

'I totally failed that exam. A total disaster.'

'That's a shame. But on the subject of exams, I passed my driver's test last week.'

Grammar: Passive Voice (perfect continuous tenses)

The passive voice is when sentences put the object first:

I ate the cake --- The cake was eaten by me

For the perfect continuous tenses:

has been being + p.p. (by)

Past: The building **had been being built** for 6 months when the earthquake struck.

Present: This class **has been being taught** by the same teacher for 15 years.

Future: This time next month the games **will have been being shown** in India for 10 years.

Western Culture: Pandora's Box

Annoyed that men now had fire after Prometheus had given it to them, Zeus looked down and decided to punish them too. He asked Hephaestus to create a beautiful woman out of earth and water (the first woman), and Zeus called her Pandora.

Zeus presented Pandora as a gift to Prometheus's more foolish brother, Epimetheus. Although Prometheus had told Epimetheus to never accept gifts from Zeus – because there was always a catch – Epimetheus nonetheless accepted Pandora when he saw how beautiful she was. Along with the woman, Zeus also gave a box that he told Pandora never to open.

Of course, as Zeus knew, curiosity would get the better of Pandora, and once on Earth she decided to open the box. As she did, out flew all evil – disease, hunger, cruelty, greed, death, violence – which quickly spread across the human's world. Pandora rushed to close the box, but when she did only one thing was left inside: hope. It is, therefore, hope that people reach for when they meet the evils Pandora unleashed.

Idioms (review)

What do these idioms mean:

- a jack of all trades?
- join the club?
- just what the doctor ordered?

Theme: Artists' Tools

loom; sculpture's chisel; icing bag; Stanley knife;
paint pallet; mixing desk; quill; crepe paper