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English Level 3

Small Talk

What did you get up to for Chinese New Year?

Watched any good movies recently?

What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?

Conversation

If you were planning a surprise party for your mother, what would it involve?

Why do people enjoy sports?

In what situations is it OK to hit someone in the face?

Grammar

'Too many' and 'too much' are used to explain when there is so much of something that it is a problem.

1. Too many = countable nouns (things you can count)

2. Too much = uncountable nouns (things you can't count)

1. *This city has too many cars.*
2. *This city has too much traffic.*

1. *You bought too many cakes.*
2. *You bought too much food.*

1. *You smoke too many cigarettes.*
2. *You smoke too much.*

Punctuation: Comma (review)

Remember that in English a comma is not strong. Use conjunctions (and, but, because...) or different punctuation to connect parts of sentences.

(wrong) I went to the park, I saw a man with a pig.

(right) I went to the park, and I saw a man with a pig.

(right) I went to the park. I saw a man with a pig.

(right) I went to the park; I saw a man with a pig.

Change these sentences:

I don't have my homework, the dog ate it.

You look like a monkey, I like you.

He kissed her, she started to cry.



Vocabulary (review)

fry (fried)
 stir-fry (stir-fried)
 boil (boiled)
 bake (baked)
 roast (roast/roasted)
 steam (steamed)
 smoke (smoked)
 raw (uncooked)

How many ways can you cook:

1. an egg?
2. fish?
3. a potato?
4. bread?

Shopping for Food (part 2)

Shopkeeper: Good afternoon, **how can I be of assistance?**

Anna: Could I get 200g of **the** ham, 150g of that cheese, and a jar of olives please?

Shopkeeper: Of course. Would you like the ham **sliced?**

Anna: No, thanks.

Shopkeeper: **Can I get you anything else?**

Anna: Yes, **can I have** a punnet of the cherries too, please?

Shopkeeper: Certainly. Is that all?

Anna: Yes, thanks. **How much do I owe you?**

Shopkeeper: **That'll be** £8.23 please.

Anna: There's 10.

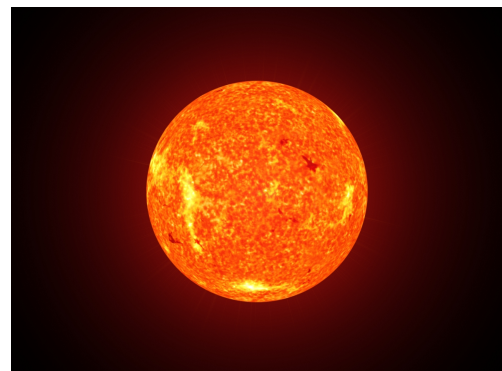
Shopkeeper: And £1.27 change.

Anna: Oh, just put that in the **charity box.**

Shopkeeper: No problem. Thanks for coming. **Have a nice day.**

Flair & Skills: IM Acronyms

IM - instant message
 brb – be right back
 lol – laugh out loud (= *that was funny*)
 lmao – laughing my ass off (= *that was very funny*)
 roflmao – rolling on the floor laughing my ass off (= *that was hilarious*)
 ttyl – talk to you later
 fyi – for your information
 fya – for your amusement
 imo – in my opinion
 imho – in my honest opinion



Western Culture: King Cnut

When did he live?

Cnut was born in either 985 or 995, probably in Denmark. He died on November 12th, 1035

Why was he famous?

Cnut was a Danish king who conquered much of England. He was named king of England in 1016 and ruled until his death in 1035.

Cnut was also the king of Norway and parts of Sweden. He therefore created a union between the British Isles and Scandinavia.

What is his place in history?

After Cnut died his children quickly followed: all died within ten years of their father. In 1066 William the Conqueror invaded from France and the England-Scandinavia union was broken. England and France remain close, and Cnut's rule is widely forgotten in the UK.

However 'Cnut and the Waves' is a famous legend. The story goes that, having been told his word was so powerful that he could stop the tide, Cnut took his throne to the beach and tried. He failed.

**a more realistic version: Cnut wanted to show he was only a man, not a god.*