

English

Level 5

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Small Talk

What have you been up to this week?

How's the family?

What do you fancy doing today?



Conversation

Approximately how many hours do you spend online a week? Is it time well spent?

What do you think is the best size of company?

You are a mouse. You walk into a bar filled with cats. Do you stay for a drink?

Vocabulary: Social Issues

unemployment
taxes
crime
violent crime
petty crime
white-collar crime
drug abuse
alcohol abuse
poverty
education
disease
inequality
corruption
prejudice (racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia)





Grammar: The Future Perfect Tense

How to Make The Future Perfect Tense

'will have + past participle (done/gone/eaten)' + time phrase

'is going to have + p.p.' + time phrase

Uses for the Future Perfect Tense

1. For events that haven't happened yet, but will have been finished by a time in the future.
2. To say how long something will have happened for by a time in the future.

At the Bank: review and reading

Previous Phrases

I'm wondering if/whether...

wire some money

convert

exchange rate

6rmb to the dollar

working days

maximum

minimum

savings account

interest

withdraw

deposit

Reading

According to statistics, the average person should make over a million dollars during their working life, and more still if armed with a good qualification. Yet, when I look at my bank account, I find this hard to believe. Where does all the money go? Why do I not have enough? To me, money is like sex: supposedly tons of it about, but I never get any!

1. By this time next year, I will have graduated.

1. He will have become a millionaire before he retires.

1. By the time you get this message, I will have gone.

2. By the time I leave China, I will have lived there for 6 weeks.

2. This time next week we will have been married for 7 years.

2. They will have travelled for 3 years by the time they get to New Zealand.



Simple Metaphor (review)

Complete the metaphors

example: studying English is a marathon, not a sprint

Sleep is...

Jealousy is...

My hometown is...

Unrequited love is...

The internet is...

Western Culture: Edward VIII

When did he live?

Edward David was born on June 23rd 1894. He died on May 28th 1972 in Paris.

Why was he famous?

Edward became King Edward VIII on January 20th 1936 after the death of his father George V.

326 days later, on December 11th, he abdicated, the only British king in modern history to do so.

The reason he abdicated was his wish to marry Wallis Simpson, an American socialite who had been divorced once and was looking for a second divorce. At the time both British society and the church disagreed with the idea of marrying a divorcee whose ex-spouse was still alive (both Simpson's ex-spouses would still be alive). For the king to do this was so unthinkable the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, threatened to resign.

What was his mark on history?

Abdication is a very rare event in British royal history. Despite Edward's famous example, it has not been repeated and the only royals to have left their positions since have been those who married into the family and then divorced back out.



Notes:

- More resources: www.ab51.org
- Speaking practice can be arranged: djamiewills@gmail.com
- Delicious Wednesday English Corner: wechat group 美味周三英语角

Notes

Edward served during World War I and World War II.

Although it is possible to romanticise about a king giving up his power for love, other areas of Edward's life have reduced the affection for him. During World War II he was positioned in France but, with fears he sympathised with the Nazis, he was moved to the Bahamas. He returned to France after the war, becoming a 'cafe society celebrity' and surviving on a royal allowance and illegal currency trades.

A ghost-written book in 1951 helped bring Edward money. He wrote (this time by himself) another less successful book later, as well as articles for newspapers.

After Edward abdicated his younger brother Albert became king. Albert took the 'regnal' name George VI.