

# English



*The Amazon*



*The Yangtze*

## Level 3

### Small Talk

- How are things? Been busy?
- Have you eaten?
- Is there anything good on at the cinema at the moment?

### Conversation

- What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited? And the ugliest?
- Which came first: the chicken or the egg?
- Cosplay: great fun, or ridiculous?

### Vocabulary:

herb  
soil  
leaf  
branch  
root  
trunk  
germ  
bacteria  
virus



*The Nile*



*The Mississippi*



*The Colorado*

## Flair & Skills: Simple Similes

### 1. as (adj) as (noun)

as blind as a bat  
as busy as a bee  
as cold as ice  
as dead as a dodo  
as old as the hills  
as pure as snow  
as quick as lightning  
as quiet as a mouse

### 2. ... ('be') like ...

it fits like a glove  
he eats like a pig  
it stood out like a sore thumb  
she has eyes like a hawk  
it flies like a bird  
she sings like an angel  
I slept like a log  
he drinks like a fish

## Basic Modals

Modals are used to 'moderate' verbs (i.e. they change the meaning). After a modal, the basic form of the verb is used.

- a) I pay taxes. (true)
- b) I **can** pay taxes (ability)
- c) I **should** pay taxes (it is the right thing to do)
- d) I **may / might** pay taxes (I'm thinking about it)
- e) I **must** pay my taxes (I have no choice)
- f) I **will** pay my taxes (future)
- g) I **would** pay my taxes (if I could)

## Semi-colon (review)

### In a long list

*There were some great moments in Bora Bora: the trip they took on the sail boat; the evening they spent on the beach; and the afternoon they visited a waterfall and had a picnic.*

### Instead of a full-stop when ideas are connected

*Last Tuesday Dave went to the zoo for the first time in years; it gave him a great sense of nostalgia to walk around the animals once again.*



The Danube



The Congo

## Dialogue: Chores (part 2)

Philip: Dave, you **lazy good-for-nothing slob**. This place is a **sty**. Clean this house up!

Dave: What's wrong with it?

Philip: **Are you blind?** The bins **need taken out**, the dishes need cleaned, and the table still needs cleared from last night. As well as that, the floors **could do with** a mop, and the windows could do with a clean.

Dave: **Is that all?**

Philip: Is that all? No, that is not all! You need to do the laundry **otherwise** we'll have nothing to wear next week, and the fish tank is so dirty I can't see the fish. Did you feed them?

Dave: No.

Philip: **Good god**. Were you **raised in a barn?** **Honestly**, you're a pig.

Dave: **Whatever**. Anyway, I'd rather be a pig than a **nag**.

Philip: **That's it!** I want you to **move out**.

Dave: I didn't know when I moved in I was going to be your slave.

Philip: Shut up Dave. Shut up and get **the hell** out.

## Western Culture: Valentine's Day

- Valentine's Day is February 14th
- Valentine's Day is a day for lovers.
- Valentine's Day is celebrated in Europe and North America. However, some people in other countries like to enjoy Valentine's Day too.
- It is not an official holiday, so people still have to go to school and work.
- Valentine's Day is named after St. Valentine. However, there are known to be three different St. Valentines.
- On Valentine's Day, people send Valentine's cards to the person they love. It is traditional to not write the sender's name, so the person receiving has to guess who sent it. People also like to give gifts such as chocolate and flowers.
- Many people say that Valentine's Day is too commercial i.e. it is being used as a way for companies to make money by selling things.
- Although Valentine's cards are supposed to be about love, many schools in America have students make cards for everyone in their class, and their teachers. This isn't about love; it is to try and make everyone feel happy (and not have people cry if they don't get a card).
- Some schools, on the other hand, try to do nothing for Valentine's Day because they don't think children should be forced to give cards.



*The Zambezi*



*The Mekong*



*The Volga*



*The Euphrates*