
ENGLISH

Level 3



Small Talk

- How are things? What've you been up to this week?
- What was the last book you read?
- Have you seen the news recently?

Conversation

- What is your favourite way to travel? Why?
- How can people be persuaded to eat less meat?
- What are some clever ways to cheat at an exam?

Vocabulary: Jobs (review)

farmer
teacher
doctor
(bus/taxi) driver
pilot
singer
actor
maid
cleaner
baby-sitter
police officer

Grammar: Making Similes

...as...as...

He is as tall as a tree.

She is as strong as a gorilla.

This city is as ugly as a public toilet.

They are playing as badly as they always do.

...like...

They are fighting like cats and dogs.

They are playing like Brazil.

She is screaming like my old high school teacher used to.

He is running like a drunk giraffe.

**Dialogue: The Office (part 1)**

Dave: Good morning. I'm looking for Ms. Brannigan.

Receptionist: Do you have an appointment?

Dave: Yes. She should be expecting me, although I'm a touch early.

Receptionist: Can I ask your name?

Dave: It's David Adams.

Receptionist: Ok, hold on a second. (makes a call) Hi, Samantha, there's a gentleman here to see you, a David Adams. Ok...Ok... (puts phone down) She'll be right with you. You can take a seat for a minute. Would you like anything to drink? Tea? Coffee? Water?

Dave: Just some water is fine. Thank you.



Idioms

new blood

new people who will bring in new ideas and skills (often to replace people who have been there too long)

“This office is filled with old people waiting for their pensions. It’s time we got rid of the dead wood and brought in some new blood.”

no pain, no gain

(spoken) only through hurt can you have success

“Stop crying, you baby. No pain, no gain. If you want to be a professional footballer, you’ve got to be fitter. Now run, you fat pig!”

not my cup of tea

not what I enjoy

“You go ahead, but I am staying here. You might like paintball, but running around in the mud pretending to be a soldier is not my cup of tea.”



Structural Phrase: In short (review)

to quickly re-say a long point; to summarise

The company is going to need to downsize: reducing staff, finding a smaller office, and spending less on marketing. In short, there is going to be major change in how we manage things.



Western Culture: Nursery Rhymes

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king’s horses,
And all the king’s men,
Couldn’t put Humpty together again.

Roses are Red

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you.

Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And can’t tell where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they’ll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

Theme: Work Tools

hammer; axe; saw; power drill; chainsaw