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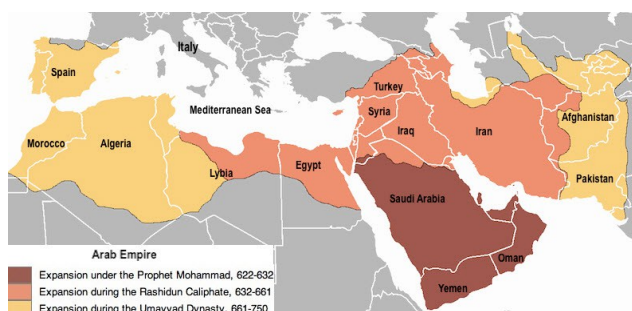
LEVEL 6

Small Talk

- How long has it been since we last spoke?
What have you been doing with yourself?
- I'm feeling peckish. Where can I get something to eat?
- I haven't caught the news recently.
Anything of note going on in the world?

Conversation

- If you were transported a thousand years into the past how would you use your knowledge of the future to become famous?
- 'Those who cannot do, teach.' Is teaching a good career choice? How can education boards attract the best people to the teaching profession?
- 'The best comedians should not be afraid to offend people'. Do you agree or disagree?



Linking Structures: Expressing an Alternative

alternatively - One option tonight is to go drinking with my boss. Alternatively I could stay home and get shouted at by my wife. Decisions, decisions...

rather - It's raining. Why don't we go to the cinema rather than going to the park?

on the other hand - I could buy this sofa. On the other hand I could buy a new 44-inch TV.

the alternative is - My boss wants me to go drinking with him, which I really don't want to do. However, the alternative is saying no and then getting fired on Monday, so I guess I have to go.

another possibility would be - He could get some food after the game. The other possibility is to pick up some KFC on the way to the stadium.



Western Culture: 1997 General Election (review)

- Who won the 1997 election? Was it close?
- Why was it such big news?
- How many cabinet ministers lost their seats?
- What happened afterwards?

Grammar: Spoken and Written Invitations

Fancy (noun)? (very informal)

Fancy ...ing? (very informal)

Do you fancy (noun)? (very informal)

Do you fancy ...ing? (very informal)

Do you want (noun)? (informal)

Do you want (to...)? (informal)

Would you like (noun)? (polite)

Would you like (to...)? (polite)

How would you like (noun)? (polite, but also suggesting)

How would you like (to...)? (polite, but also suggesting)

Would you be interested in (noun)? (very polite)

Would you be interested in (...ing)? (very polite)

Written Invitations

****Whilst spoken English becomes more polite by asking questions, polite written English generally tries to avoid questions.****

Dave and Polly request the pleasure of your company at their mid-summer barbecue on June 21st, starting at 3pm.

Please join us to wish Philip Jones a happy retirement at The Savoy Hotel on Friday August 8th.

You are cordially invited to the wedding of Dave and Polly, taking place on March 16th, at Westminster Abbey.

Idioms

Make a killing

make a great deal of money from an idea or project

He made a killing on some business idea out east, then came home looking to find the girl he left behind.

"If everything goes to plan, and with a little bit of luck, we should make a killing off this."

Make a pig's ear of (something)

to make a big mess of an easy task

Anna has never asked Dave to help her with DIY since he made a pig's ear out of decorating the nursery.

"Can you have a look at this for me? I'm afraid I'm making a pig's ear out of it."

Make ends meet

to survive; to make sure the money coming in equals the money being spent

They have been struggling to make ends meet ever since Dave lost his job at the shoe factory.

"I'm not sure if I will be able to make ends meet next month. So if you know of any work, let me know. I'll do anything."

Dialogue: At the Hospital (part 1)

Doctor: Hi there, Mr Lu. The operation on your father seems to have gone well. He was **under** for 3 hours. We're moving him to the **ward** now, so you will be able to see him soon.

Philip: Thank you Doctor. Thank you. So **what comes next**?

Doctor: Well, we'll **monitor** him for the rest of the day, and I'd like to keep him in overnight for **observation** as well. Then you can take him home, but he'll need an **intensive course** of physiotherapy for a few weeks. **On top of that** he'll need an appointment with the orthopaedist next week, and again in 3 months time.

Philip: Ok, sure. How about medication?

Doctor: We'll put him on a course of anti-inflammatories, and give him some codeine for if the pain gets too bad. **Can I also recommend** he stops smoking? I don't want his next appointment to be with the cardiologist.

Philip: **I get you**, but I don't see him quitting his **cancer sticks**: he's pretty **entrenched in his ways**. You might have to prize his cigarettes **out of his cold dead hands**. **Literally**.

Doctor: **Let's hope it doesn't come to that**. Anyway, I have to get back to my patients. A nurse can help **escort** you to your father.

Philip: Thanks again, Doctor.



Vocabulary: University (review)

Dean
Director of Studies
faculty
scholarship
degree
major
outside course
union
fraternity
sorority
halls
dorms (dormitories)
lecture
lecturer
tutorial
tutor
lab
essay
dissertation
thesis

Theme: Umayyad Caliphate (Umayyad Empire) (661 - 750 AD)

Umayyad Mosque, Dome of the Rock, Islamic Pottery, Islamic Art