ENGLISH

Level 6

Small Talk

- 'Sup. What has been going on with you?
- Heard anything from Dave recently?
- Have you heard any good music recently?





Conversation

- 'A fool and his money are easily parted'. Do you think you could ever be scammed or cheated out of money? How could you scam others?
- What do you think is the best way to solve the push/pull of illegal immigration?
- If voodoo dolls really worked, would you be tempted to use them?

Vocabulary (nouns)

gimmick	condition
principle	characteristic
spectacle	nepotism
passion	favouritism
essence	meritocracy



Grammar: Invitations (review)

What are the polite and casual ways to verbally invite someone?

What are the formal written ways?



Structure: 'Anyway...'

enough of that topic, let's talk about the next thing

A lot of you probably know me from the TV show I was on: those were some fun times, and I've got some good stories about that. Anyway, that's not the reason I'm here.

'And then she kissed me and said...'

'Anyway, that's enough of that. Who wants a drink?'

Dialogue: At the Hospital (part 2)

<u>Doctor</u>: So, Mr. Adams, <u>I hear you've</u> done something to your elbow.

<u>Dave</u>: I'm afraid so. I landed awkwardly on it while playing basketball. I feel like a bit of an idiot.

<u>Doctor</u>: Don't: we have people coming in all the time with injuries to their limbs and joints that they've picked up from sports. Anyway, let me take a look. Can you roll your sleeve up for me please? (examining the elbow) How is the pain now?

<u>Dave</u>: It's not too bad if I have it at this angle, but the second I try to extend it it gets really sore.

<u>Doctor</u>: I see. I'm just going to test the movement in the joint by straightening your arm, and I want you to tell me the moment that it begins to hurt. (Dave winces) And now the same the other way. Let me know when you feel some pain (again, Dave winces). And have you ever damaged your elbow or arm before? Any dislocations?

<u>Dave</u>: Actually I did land on it last week as well. It felt like it popped out for a second, but then it seemed fine. And I fractured my wrist when I was a kid.

<u>Doctor</u>: And there is no problem with your wrist or rotary cuff now?

Dave: No, just the elbow.

<u>Doctor</u>: Well, the preliminary examination would suggest that you have broken or fractured the joint, which isn't good. I'll have some x-rays taken to be sure, but if that is the case you'll probably need surgery and some metal put in there. Maybe a couple of pins. Either way we'll need to admit you, so if there is anyone you want to contact, now would be the time.

Dave: Man, this sucks. I was supposed to be on a date tonight.



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Western Culture: Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night, also called Bonfire Night, is celebrated on November 5th in the UK.

Guy Fawkes was a member of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Him and twelve others (led by Robert Catesby) were Catholics who wanted to kill the Protestant king of England, James I. They planted gunpowder underneath the House of Lords in London.

Guy Fawkes was the man left to light the gunpowder. However, he was caught. In the end every plotter was killed trying to escape, or caught and then killed in public, often with their head cut off and put on a stick.

Protestants in London built bonfires to celebrate. The next year an enforced public holiday was made to celebrate the king surviving. This law lasted until 1859.

In the early years of Guy Fawkes Night much of the celebrations was aimed against the Pope. People used to burn effigies (figures that look like the person) of the Pope or Guy Fawkes in the fire.

After 1859 Guy Fawkes Night continued as a community celebration. Villages and towns would meet and have a bonfire. Effigies were still placed in the fire.

In modern times some towns have replaced Guy Fawkes effigies with effigies of 'villains' in the news. Many people think this is in bad taste because these people are still alive.

Most towns and villages use Guy Fawkes as a community event. People meet around a bonfire, talk, drink, and children roast marshmallows. The religious ideas have gone.

A rhyme grew around Guy Fawkes night: '*Remember remember the 5th of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot.*'

