



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## What's happening this week?

**T**his Friday's activity, Quiz Day, has been designed as an opportunity for all trainees to work together in groups and practise some of the English skills you have learned so far. It will be a great chance for you to use your listening, writing and speaking skills in an enjoyable atmosphere, while widening your general knowledge.

This event will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Ayutthaya Road, this Friday, August 15. It will run from 9.00 until 12.00.



### NOTE:

\*Please be at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by 8.45 a.m.

\*Casual dress is NOT acceptable

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## Here's the Answer

### Hope or wish?



I get confused about when to use **hope** or **wish**. Can you explain how to use these words?



We use **hope** and **wish** to say how we would like things to be.

We use **hope** for something we think is possible.



I **hope** we can see you soon. (*We might see you.*)

We use **wish + past simple** for something which is unlikely/ impossible.

I **wish** we **could come** to London again. (*We can't come.*)



We use **wish + past perfect** when we express regret for something that happened (or didn't happen) in the past.

I **wish I had seen** the job advert. (*I didn't see the job advert.*)



We use **wish + would** to say we don't like someone's current behaviour, and that we would like them to act differently.

I **wish** you **would** let me know what you're thinking! (*You don't let me know.*)

Source: Tayfoor, S. 2004. *Common Mistakes at First Certificate and How to Avoid Them*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press



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# Culture Corner



## Quiz: Everyday Customs in Japan

- 1 Halloween is a big holiday in Japan.
- True
  - False



*False.* Even though the Japanese have absolutely perfected the art of cosplay, they still don't have as good a grasp on this costumed holiday as we do; the Halloween scenes in the movie *Cowboy Bebop* are ample proof of that. The only other country that can even compete with our Halloween festivities is the land where it originated, Britain.

- 2 Black cats are considered a good omen in Japan.
- True
  - False



*True.* Black is a symbol of royalty and age in Japan and cats are considered to be lucky. In the symbolism of maneki neko, black cats actually deter evil.

- 3 New Year's Eve is bigger than Christmas in Japan.
- True
  - False



*True.* New Year's Eve is such a big deal in Japan that no one works for three days. Honest. Cooking is done before the big day so that everyone can sit back and relax for three, stress-free days.

- 4 The Japanese like ghost stories in the summer because it helps chill them.
- True
  - False



*True.* I know – sounds weird, right? But apparently, if a ghost story is scary enough, it'll send a cooling chill down the spine. It gets really hot in Japan, so whatever helps... As an interesting coincidence, the Japanese festival of Obon, which honours the dead, is held in the summer month of July.



<http://theanimeblog.com/japanese-culture-links/customs-collide-a-very-brief-japanese-culture-quiz/>

# LEARNING STRATEGIES

## Paraphrasing

By using questions skilfully, you can control a conversation and keep it flowing smoothly. However, what happens when you forget a word? Many times, when a learner of English can't remember a word, the conversation comes to a sudden stop as he or she seeks the right word. This is totally unnecessary. All you need to do when you are stuck is to paraphrase; that is, you need to use other, simpler words to explain your meaning.

Imagine you are talking to someone from another country. They do not speak Thai, so you cannot use your mother tongue. You have forgotten the word *impossible*. Maybe you say *intentional* or *imperfect* by mistake, and the person doesn't understand you. How can you paraphrase the idea? You might say, "I mean, when something cannot be done, or there's no way to do something". You might give an example: "We can fly in an aeroplane, but there's no way we can fly by using our arms, right?" I think your partner can guess that you mean *impossible*.

Let's practise with some easy words. How could you paraphrase the words below in the simplest, most direct way? Think about each word before looking at my answers.



Here's how I would explain these words:

1. Banana: It's a long yellow fruit, often eaten by monkeys.
2. Camera: It's a little machine for taking pictures.
3. Run: We can walk slowly, but if we are in a hurry, we can pick our feet up and move very fast.
4. Hello: It's the first thing we say when we see someone; the opposite is "good-bye".

Adapted from: <http://www.teacherjoe.us/LearnEnglish03.html>

# FUN WITH ENGLISH

## No.7

### Eye is to See as Ear is to Hear

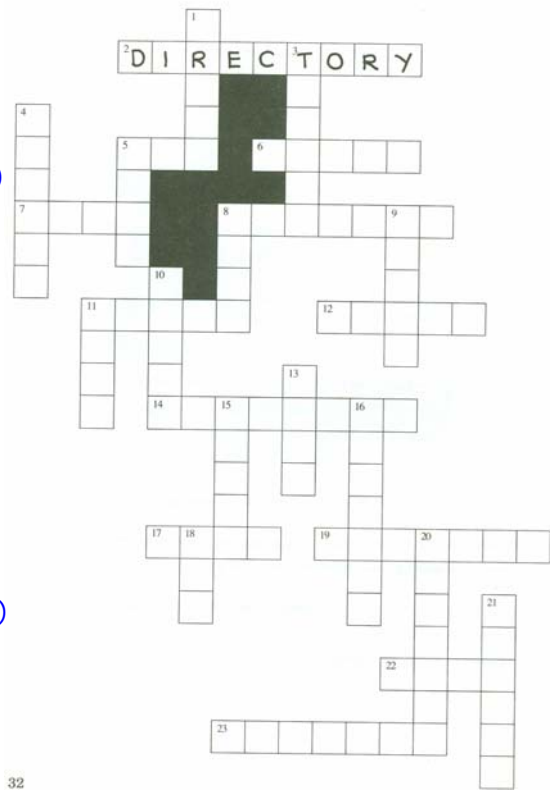
Complete the crossword by filling in the missing words in the sentences. (See example.)

#### Across

- 2 DICTIONARY is to WORD as ..... is to TELEPHONE NUMBER. (9)  
 5 ..... is to HIVE as SPIDER is to WEB. (3)  
 6 STEM is to FLOWER as ..... is to TREE. (5)  
 7 ..... is to AUDIBLE as SEE is to VISIBLE. (4)  
 8 ..... is to MEAT as GREENGROCER is to VEGETABLES. (7)  
 11 ..... is to SHEEP as HERD is to CATTLE. (5)  
 12 ..... are to LEOPARD as STRIPES are to ZEBRA. (5)  
 14 ..... is to IN as EXIT is to OUT. (8)  
 17 ..... is to ORANGE as SHELL is to NUT. (4)  
 19 VICTORY is to DEFEAT as ..... is to FAILURE. (7)  
 22 MUTTON is to SHEEP as ..... is to CALF. (4)  
 23 ..... is to HOUSE as FUNNEL is to SHIP. (7)

#### Down

- 1 ..... is to GROOM as WIFE is to HUSBAND. (5)  
 3 FOOD is to HUNGER as DRINK is to ..... (6)  
 4 NIECE is to ..... as AUNT is to UNCLE. (6)  
 5 FIN is to FISH as WING is to ..... (4)  
 8 MOUTH is to PERSON as ..... is to BIRD. (4)  
 9 ..... is to ARM as KNEE is to LEG. (5)  
 10 ..... is to NEIGH as PIG is to GRUNT. (5)  
 11 OPTICIAN is to EYES as CHIROPODIST is to ..... (4)  
 13 DAY is to NIGHT as ..... is to DUSK. (4)  
 15 NOSE is to SMELL as TONGUE is to ..... (5)  
 16 TEN is to DECADE as HUNDRED is to ..... (7)  
 18 TURKEY is to CHRISTMAS as ..... is to EASTER. (3)  
 20 PLATE is to CROCKERY as SPOON is to ..... (7)  
 21 CUFF is to ARM as ..... is to NECK. (6)



From: Test Your Vocabulary, It's crossword time!, Peter Watcyn-Jones

### Answers No.6 One Word Only

#### Across

- 2 neighbours  
 5 niece  
 8 crew  
 9 exit  
 11 apologised/apologized  
 14 escalators  
 15 audience  
 17 famine  
 18 arrested  
 20 gradually

#### Down

- 1 shrink  
 3 emigrate  
 4 fortnight  
 6 escape  
 7 applicants  
 10 improved  
 12 decided  
 13 voluntary  
 16 refused  
 19 decade

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