



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## LEARNING STRATEGIES

### Listen and Learn English

*How can I listen and learn English if I don't understand anything I hear?*

First and foremost, do not worry about understanding everything (or anything in the beginning). This is one of the hardest stages of learning



*What should I do when I am listening to the radio in English and I do not understand anything?*



When you are frustrated and are about to give up, **do something else while listening to English**. Keep the radio on so that you can hear it while you do other things. All you have to do is to hear the English sounds. That's it. Don't try to understand everything, don't take notes and don't concentrate. Just **hear it**.

*How can I learn English just by listening?*

When you first start listening to English your goal is to let your mind get used to the sounds of English, as if you were a baby learning your first language. Hearing English is the first step to improving your listening comprehension. Devoting 15 minutes a day to listening and concentrating on what is being said, will help you to gradually improve your listening skills further. It takes a long time, but if you will see a great improvement in your listening skills.



<http://www.helping-you-learn-english.com>

**Usana**

# Culture Corner



## Proper Tipping Etiquettes



This week we will still carry on telling you about tipping. Let's read for more details.



**At a club or bar:** Tip the bartender between 10% and 15% depending on the complication of your drink order. If you just order a beer in a bottle, there's not too much effort involved in providing the service, but if you order a mixed drink that takes time and includes a lot of ingredients, then offer up a more sizable tip, somewhere closer to the 15% range.

**Transportation:** Whether you hail a cab or take a limousine, you best offer a gratuity between 10% to 15% of the fare. If the drivers are particularly rude or unhelpful, give them the minimum. But if they are attentive to your travel needs and help you in any way beyond the norm, remember and thank them with a 15% or larger gratuity. If you use valet service at a hotel, restaurant or shopping area, offer the driver 10% for the service, but never give change. Another guideline is simply offering the attendant a back or two for the parking and retrieval of your car. And if you're traveling through an airport, and utilizing the aid of skycaps, offer a dollar per bag and up that amount if the bags are particularly heavy or large.



**At a Hotel:** It is standard to leave the maid a few bucks for tidying your room. If you have additional needs such as more towels, soap, an extra toothbrush, etc. thank the maid with an additional dollar or two. When checking in and out of a hotel, remember the bellhop with a gratuity of a dollar per bag, unless, once again, you have particularly large or heavy bags.



Overall, think before you tip. You don't want to regret the decision to be stingy at a later date. Like when you're hair's a mess and you really need the stylist to squeeze you in for an appointment, but you left such a small tip last time, that she won't make the time to make you look amazing this time.

Source: [http://www.essortment.com/all/proPERTIPPINGE\\_rmuv.htm](http://www.essortment.com/all/proPERTIPPINGE_rmuv.htm)

# Here's the Answer...

## Present Perfect Continuous-When to use



I don't know when to use 'present perfect continuous' tense. Can you explain?



The **present perfect continuous** tense is formed with the present tense of the verb to **have** + **been** + **-ing** form:



★ *I/you/we/they **have been** waiting*

★ *He/she/it **has been** waiting*

We use the **present perfect continuous** tense to speak about situations which started in the past and are still continuing, or which have just finished and affect the present:

★ *I've **been living** here for 12 years.*

★ *I feel tired because I've **been working** all day.*



We can use both the **present perfect simple** and the **present perfect continuous** to speak about situations that started in the past and are still continuing and also about situations that have just finished and affect the present. The difference between the two tenses in both these situations is one of focus.

If we say:

★ *I've **been writing** letters all morning.*



We are **focusing on the action of writing** itself, and thinking of it as an extended activity that may not have finished yet.

If we say:

★ *I've **written** six letters this morning.*



We are **focusing on the idea** that the six letters have already been completed.

Another difference is that we use the **present perfect continuous** to speak about more temporary situations and actions, and the **present perfect simple** to speak about more permanent situations and actions.

★ *The television **has been playing** up lately.*

★ *That television **has never worked**, as far as I can remember.*



<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-grammar-present-perfect-continuous.htm>

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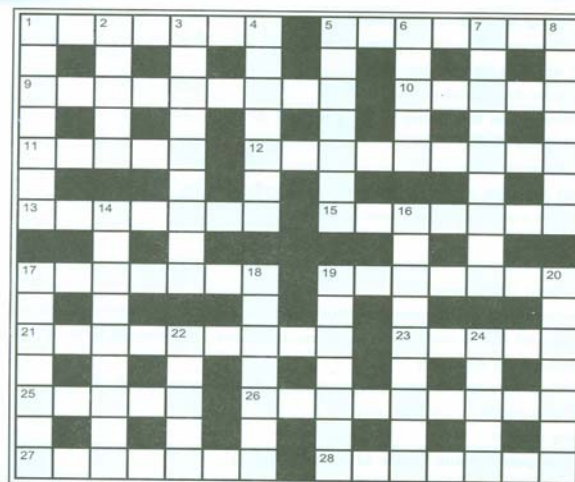
# FUN WITH ENGLISH

## No.4

### Crossword Puzzle

#### Across

- 1 Area by the sea
- 5 Thrive
- 9 Tools
- 10 Reddish-brown colour
- 11 Introduction to music
- 12 Something that is done to cure illness
- 13 Worn on the foot for swimming
- 15 Newspaper with half-size pages
- 17 Opposite of Good luck
- 19 Officially end
- 21 Person who works as an assistant of somebody
- 23 In the midst of
- 25 Measuring device
- 26 DEFINE KEG (anagram)
- 27 Wind that blows from the north
- 28 Highest degree

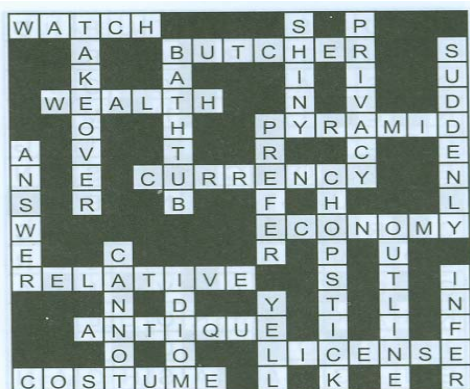


#### Down

- 1 Principal law-enforcement officer in a county
- 2 Mature
- 3 Spontaneous
- 4 One who is eligible to vote
- 5 Person who receives treatment from a doctor
- 6 Beginning
- 7 Highly seasoned beef and pork sausage
- 8 Responded (Synonym)
- 14 Device for showing the operating condition of some system
- 16 Book salesman
- 17 Male friend of the bridegroom at a wedding
- 18 Someone who buys old buildings and breaks them up to recover the materials in them
- 19 Whenever
- 20 Cleanliness to prevent disease
- 22 World (Synonym)
- 24 Song that was formerly popular

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#### Answer no.3



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