

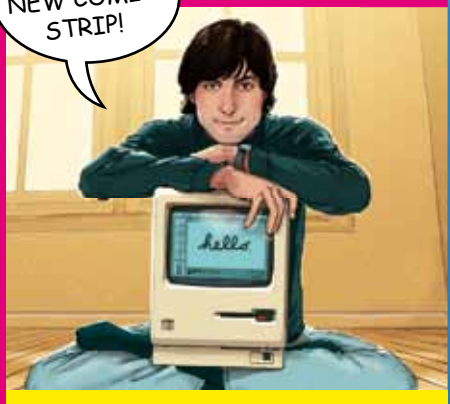
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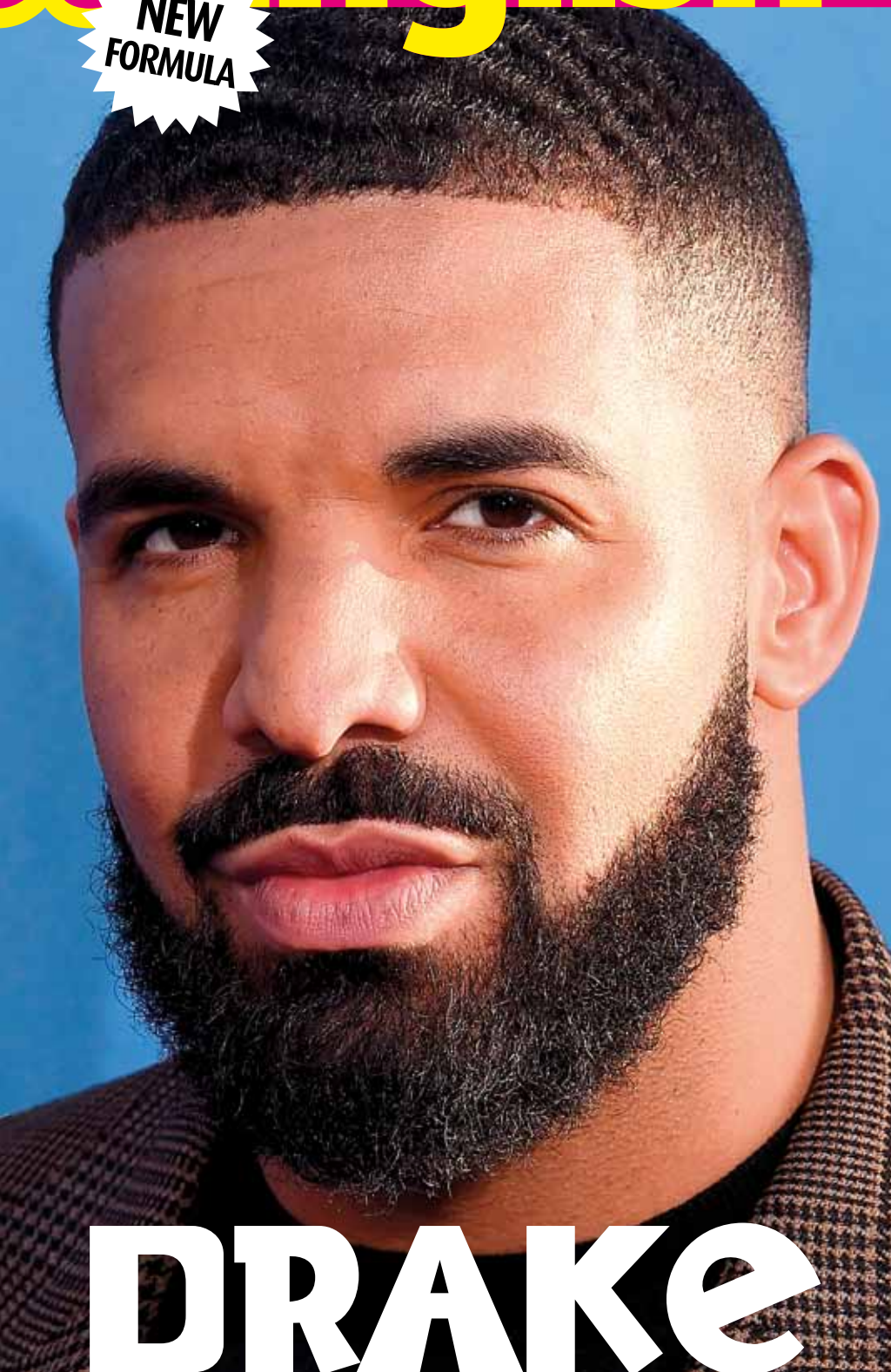
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Merry\*  
Christmas!

This is better  
than Christmas  
\_\_\_\_\_!

It's more  
\_\_\_\_\_ to run in a  
Santa \_\_\_\_\_!

I want my  
\_\_\_\_\_!

- suit\*
- medal
- shopping
- fun

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## London's Santa Run\* is lots of fun!

Answer in the next issue (page 27).

**L**ondoners love the annual Santa Run\* in England's capital city. Here, 2,000 Santas are running five kilometres in Battersea<sup>HD</sup> Park to raise\* money for charity\*. All the Santas receive a Santa suit\* at the start of the event\*... and a medal at the end!

### HELP!

"Battersea Park" is a large park located south of the River Thames opposite the London district of Chelsea. Before the area officially became a park in 1858, it was a popular place for duels! Today it has a small children's zoo, a boating lake, a bandstand, tennis courts, a running track and football and cricket pitches.



# QUIZ: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DRAKE?

Drake is Canada's most famous rapper. What else do you know?



1

**“Drake” is Aubrey Drake Graham’s middle\* name. But do you know what “drake” means?**

A. It’s the Canadian word for *cake*.  
 B. It’s the word for a male duck\*.  
 C. It’s the past tense of the verb *to drink*.



3

**Which basketball team does Drake support\*?**

A. The Toronto Maples. B. The Toronto Grizzlies<sup>TM</sup>. C. The Toronto Raptors<sup>TM</sup>.



2

**In what way\* did Drake change rap music?**

A. He mixed singing with rap music.  
 B. He mixed the Hebrew language with rap music.  
 C. He used Canadian slang\* in rap music.

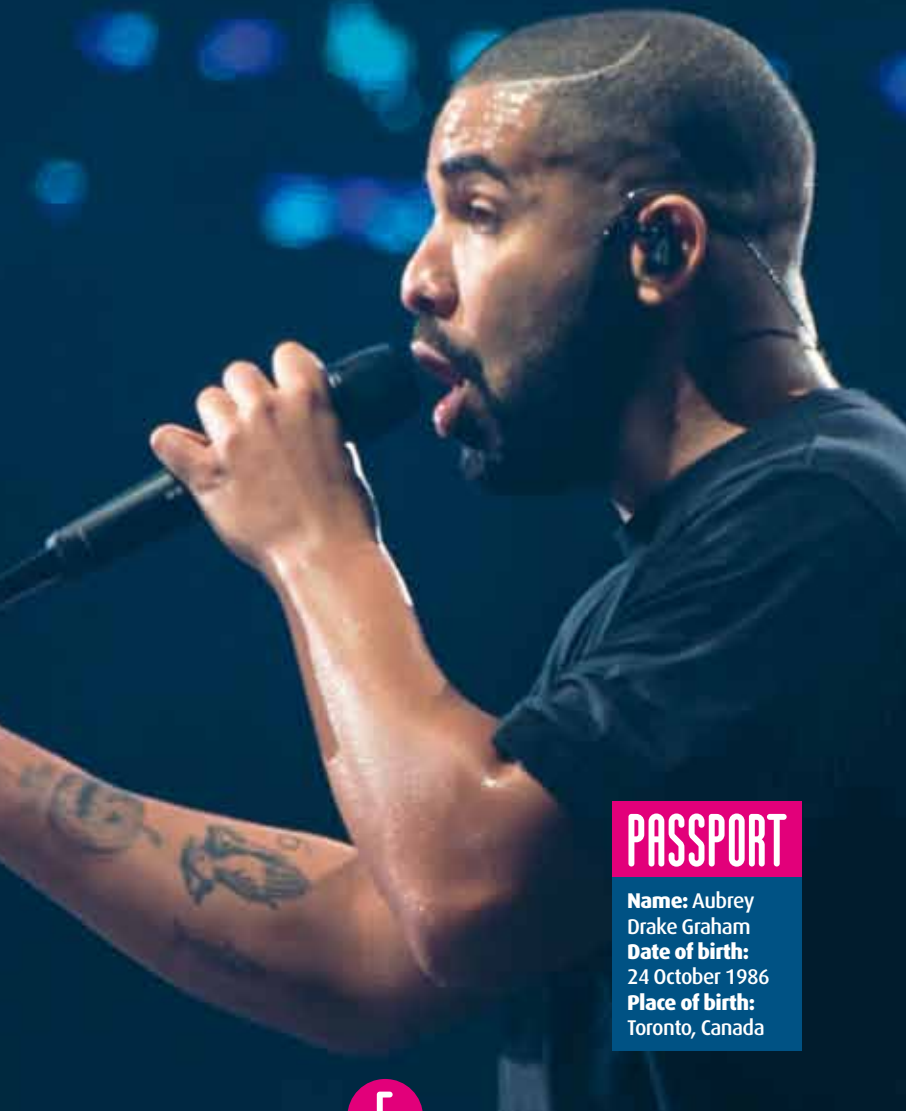


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**What is the name of Drake’s mansion in Toronto?**

A. The Parliament. B. The Palace. C. The Embassy\*.





## PASSPORT

**Name:** Aubrey Drake Graham  
**Date of birth:** 24 October 1986  
**Place of birth:** Toronto, Canada

5

What did Drake do before launching his music career?

- A. He worked as a salesperson\* for Nike.
- B. He acted in a TV series.
- C. He was a basketball coach\*.



Chris Pirzello/AP / Sipa

6



Where was the video for the Drake song "Laugh\* Now Cry Later" filmed?

- A. In the headquarters\* of Nike.
- B. In the headquarters\* of the NBA.
- C. In the headquarters\* of Apple Inc.



7

Which creature is also the title of a Drake album?

- A. Crab\* .
- B. Spider.
- C. Scorpion.

Answers on page 6.

## HELP!

**Grizzlies** is the plural of *grizzly*, the short name for the North American brown bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*!).

**Raptors** is the informal short name for *velociraptors*, rapid feathered carnivorous dinosaurs. They are well-known to the public thanks to their role in the *Jurassic Park* movies. However, although they were about 2 metres tall in the films, in real life they were about the size of a turkey!

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Picto from The Noun Project.com



Outfit Hype Co.

1

**A "drake" is a male duck\*!**

Drake likes his middle\* name. His father chose\* it but Drake doesn't know why! Drake also has a nickname\*: "Drizzy"!

**2 Singing and rap music**

Drake mixed rapping with singing to create a new sound (starting with his mixtape\* *So Far Gone*, in 2009). His unique style of rap is quite\* soft and melodic.



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Franck Gunn/Abaca

3

**Drake supports\* the Toronto Raptors**

In 2016, Drake was named\* the "global ambassador\*" of the Toronto Raptors. His role\* was to help the team change its image and redesign\* their kit\*. In 2019, the Toronto Raptors won\* their first NBA championship... Drake was there to support\* them!



Toosie Side Screenshots/YouTube

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**His mansion in Toronto: The Embassy\***

The Embassy\* is a mansion that was built\* for Drake. You can see it in the video for "Toosie Slide", which he made when he was self-isolating\* due\* to the Covid-19 pandemic. Drake dances in its luxurious rooms, all richly\* decorated.



GMV/Beverett Collection/Animages

5

**He was in a TV series**

When Drake was 15 years old, he got a role\* in a Canadian TV series called *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. He played\* Jimmy, a basketball star who has to use a wheelchair\* after being shot\* by one of his classmates\*.



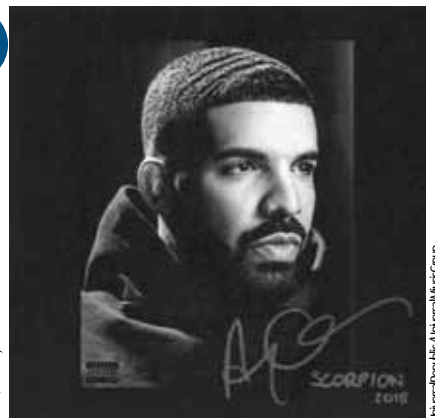
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**Drake's video**

The video for "Laugh\* Now Cry Later" was filmed in the US, at Nike's headquarters\*. In the video, he plays basketball and baseball, has\* fun on a jet\* ski and tries boxing under water. He also buys a lot of Nike products in the special store reserved for Nike employees\*!

7



Universal Music Group

**Drake's album is called Scorpion**

Released\* in 2018, *Scorpion* broke\* records. It was the first album streamed\* more than one billion times in the week of its release\*. And Drake also became the artist with the most singles (27) in the American charts\* at the same time!



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# THE **DRAKE** GAME

Six sentences about Drake have been cut in half\*. Link\* them to learn more about the Canadian singer.

1. When Drake was a child, .....
2. When he was a teenager, he moved\* to.....
3. His heritage is African-American on his father's side\* .....
4. Drake was bullied\* at school so he.....
5. He thinks that music helped him to.....
6. In the video for "God's Plan", Drake gives .....

- A. and Jewish\* on his mother's side\*.
- B. knows how it feels to be an outsider\*.
- C. he lived in a working-class\* neighbourhood\* in Toronto.
- D. almost\* one million dollars to people in Miami.
- E. reconcile\* the different influences in his childhood<sup>HI</sup>\*.
- F. a rich neighbourhood\* called Forest Hill.

Answers in the next issue (page 27).

## HELP!

**H** Here the adverb "richly" means "luxuriously" or "elaborately". In fact, the adjective *rich* has a number of different uses. We can talk about rich food, which is food that contains a lot of fat, eggs or sugar and not something that you necessarily like, e.g. *Belgian chocolate is too rich for me.*

**H** "childhood" The suffix *-hood* is used with some words to refer to a state or period in someone's life or family role, e.g. *adulthood, motherhood, manhood*. There are also some *-hood* words that don't refer to family or a period of our life, e.g. *neighbourhood, likelihood*. And, by the way, in informal American English, people often shorten *neighbourhood* to *hood*.



## THE CROODS: A New AGE

After the first Croods film and the TV series *Dawn of the Croods*, the famous cave family is back<sup>Hi\*</sup> in a new adventure. The Croods know how to survive<sup>\*</sup> danger<sup>\*</sup> and disasters, but they are disturbed<sup>\*</sup> when they meet a more modern family, the Bettermans. The “better” + “mans” are more evolved<sup>\*</sup> than the Croods. Can the two families learn to be friends?



## The Mandalorian 2

Fans of *Star Wars* love this spin-off<sup>\*</sup> series, *The Mandalorian*. In this season, the mysterious Baby Yoda (“The Child”) is back<sup>\*</sup> with his adoptive father, bounty<sup>\*</sup> hunter<sup>\*</sup> Din Djarin, who must protect him as they travel around the galaxy and face<sup>\*</sup> its dangers<sup>\*</sup>.



## Free Guy

In this science-fiction film, a man called Guy learns<sup>\*</sup> that he is living in a video game. Guy discovers that he is a NPC (non-player character<sup>\*</sup>) who works in a bank. But Guy wants to be the hero of the game! So he embarks<sup>\*</sup> on a race against<sup>\*</sup> time to achieve<sup>\*</sup> his goal<sup>\*</sup> before the game is shut<sup>\*</sup> down. Can he do it?





## IMMORTALS FENYX RISING\*

In this video game, players take control of a young Greek\* soldier called Fenyx. Then they combat mythological enemies to save the gods from the evil\* titan Typhon. Players grow\*\* stronger as they fight with legendary weapons\*, discover secrets and solve\* puzzles\* and challenges\*. It's a fun way\* to revise your Greek\* mythology!



## Jason Derulo

The American singer had a big hit this summer with the song "Savage\* Love". But he wrote the song using music by teen TikTok star Jawsh 685, without\*\* getting his permission! That's not cool\*, Jason! Jawsh's fans were furious!



## Master KG

In 2020, the dance song champion of the year was Master KG. This South African DJ got the world dancing to his catchy\* song "Jeruselema". If you like it, listen to "Skeleton Move", another cool\* song from his debut\* album!



## Grisha: Shadow\* & Bone\* by Leigh Bardugo

There's love, war\*, secrets, and monsters in this fantasy-adventure, which is also a new TV series on Netflix! It takes you to Ravka where you meet teenager Alina Starkov. She has a secret power\* and must use it to save her best friend.

## HELP!

**📖** We use the preposition "back" to give the idea of returning. So, for instance, *to be back* means "to have returned", *to give/bring/take back* means "to return something (you have ordered, borrowed or stolen)" and *to send back* means "to return (often by post)". For example, *I've paid back the money Dad lent me;* *People often send back the things they buy online.*

**📖** "grow stronger" We often use the verbs *get* and *grow* with adjectives to mean "to become", e.g. *Put the lights on – it's getting dark;* *My sister has suddenly grown taller.*

**📖** "without getting" Remember that we use verbs in their gerund (-ing) form after prepositions, e.g. *He gets extra pocket money for doing little jobs for his neighbour.*



# SIRABA DEMBÉLÉ HANDBALL CHAMPION

Siraba Dembélé is a very talented and popular French handballer. She is also the gold-medal\* winning captain\* of the French women's team. Let's meet a world champion!



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## Meet the family

Siraba was born\* in France to parents from Mali<sup>HI</sup>. She has four brothers and three sisters. It's thanks to her sister, Kamion, that Siraba started playing handball. When Siraba was ten, Kamion, who played for a local club, took her to a training\* session. A player was absent\*, so Siraba replaced\* her!

plastic Donut from The Noun Project

## International sportswoman

Handball means a lot of travel, in France and internationally. Siraba moved\* from the Parisian region to Toulon before going to Denmark, Macedonia, Russia and back\* to Toulon! She says the years away from her family made her tougher<sup>HI</sup>. She also fell\* in love! In Macedonia, she met\* Igor Pavlovic, an ex-footballer who is now her husband!



Siraba Dembélé (sirab86) Instagram



Philippe Millereau/KNSP/DPII

## Choosing a career

Siraba's handball career began in 2004 when she was 18. Then in 2006, she was selected to play for the French national team. Siraba decided to stop studying accountancy\* and to focus<sup>HI</sup> on scoring\* goals for France instead\*!

## PASSPORT

**Name:** Siraba Dembélé-Pavlovic  
**Date of birth:** 28 June 1986  
**Place of birth:** Dreux, France  
**Gold medals for France:** World Championships 2017, in Germany; European Championships 2018, in France.

Baptiste Fernandez/Icon Sport





**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!** Siraba and the French team celebrate their victory at the EHF Women's Euro Final against\* Russia in 2018.

## Talented but humble\*

**S**iraba dislikes\* being the centre of attention. She is an exceptional but humble\* player and an excellent captain\*. Her teammates\* say that she always knows how to encourage\* them. Siraba explains that the French team are united like a group of friends.



Women's EHF Euro 2020

**Women's EHF Euro 2020**  
The European Women's Handball Championship is taking\* place in two Scandinavian countries, Norway and Denmark, from 3 to 20 December, 2020. France is in Group A with Denmark, Montenegro and Slovenia.

## Life after handball

**A**t 34, Siraba is preparing her future after handball. She wants to work in fashion. As an athlete, she has learnt foreign\* languages and how to manage\* people. But for\* now, she hopes\* to lead\* the French team to another victory!



Alain Moulic/Presssports

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## HELP!

**Mali** is a large country in West Africa, most of it in the Sahara Desert. It is one of the hottest countries in the world and it has the third-largest gold production in Africa, after South Africa and Ghana.

**“tougher”** Remember that *-gh* at the end of words is pronounced like *f*, e.g. *tough* (/tʌf/), *rough* (/rʌf/), *enough* /ɪˈnʌf/. However, in words ending with *-ght*, the *-gh* is not pronounced but simply serves to change the sound of the preceding vowels, e.g. *taught* (/tɔ:t/), *ought* (/ɔ:t/), *bought* (/bɔ:t/).

It's a good idea to always store verbs with the prepositions that follow them, e.g. **“focus on”**, *dream of*, *think of/about*, *concentrate on*.







# Steve Jobs



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## CO-FOUNDER\* OF APPLE

Steve Jobs had a talent for electronics, but he also had good marketing skills\*. And he wanted every home to have a computer...

### WHERE?



San Francisco, California, USA

### In California

Steve Jobs is from San Francisco. He grew\* up in Silicon\* Valley, the home of Apple, Inc.

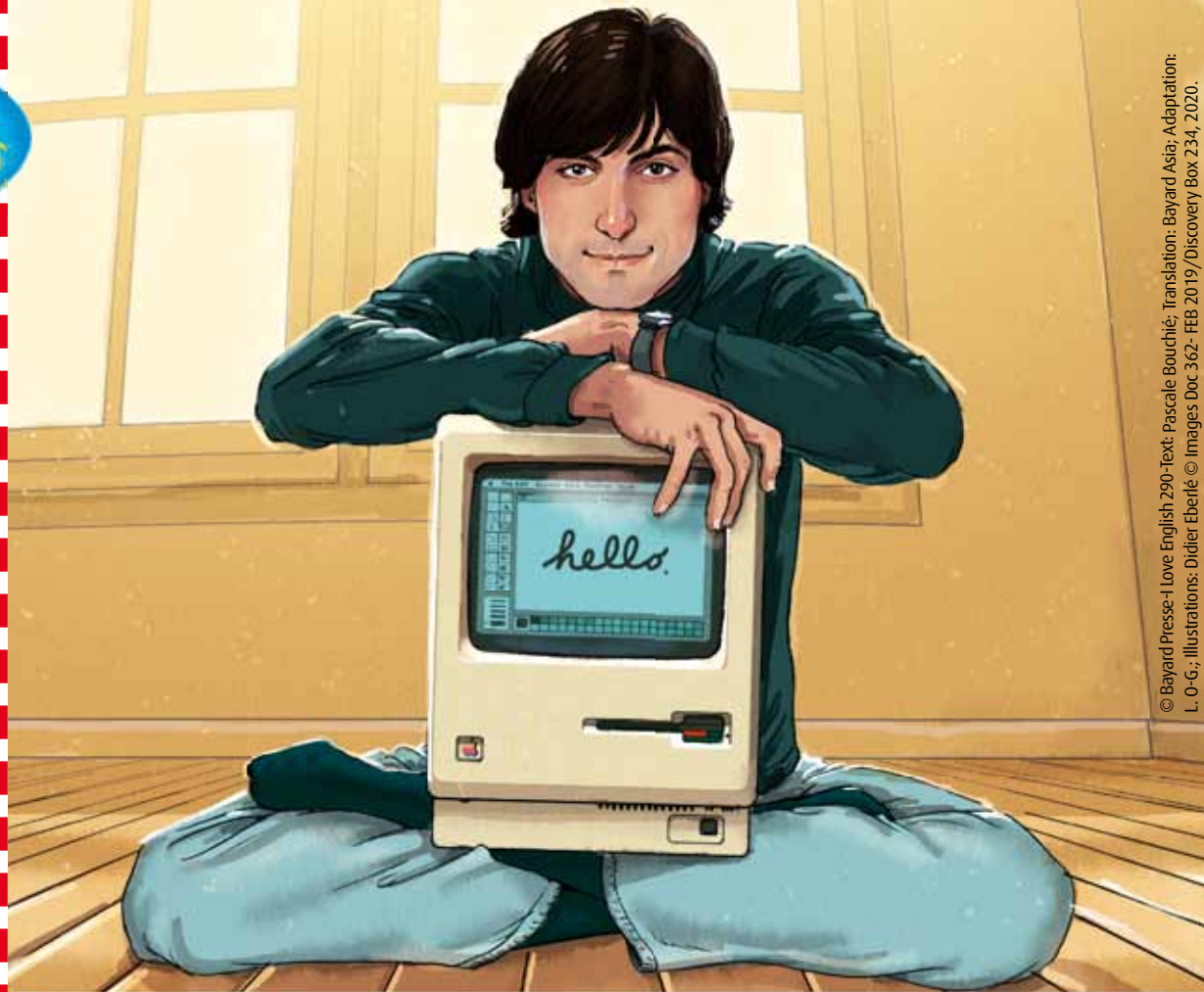
### WHEN?

Steve was born\* in 1955.

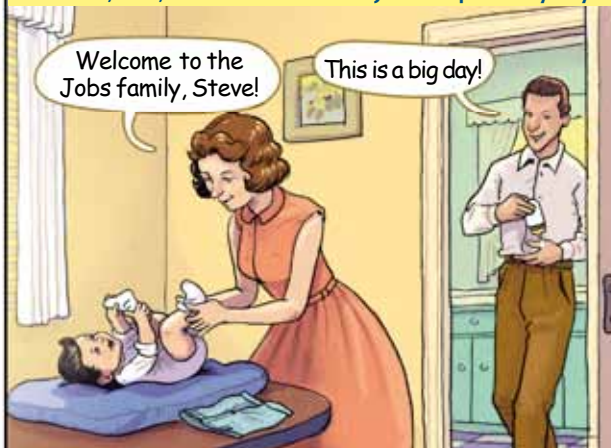
In **1976**, he co-founded\* Apple Computer Company.

### FAMILY

Steve had Syrian origins but was raised\* by his **adoptive** American parents.



California, USA, 1955. Clara and Paul Jobs adopt a baby boy.



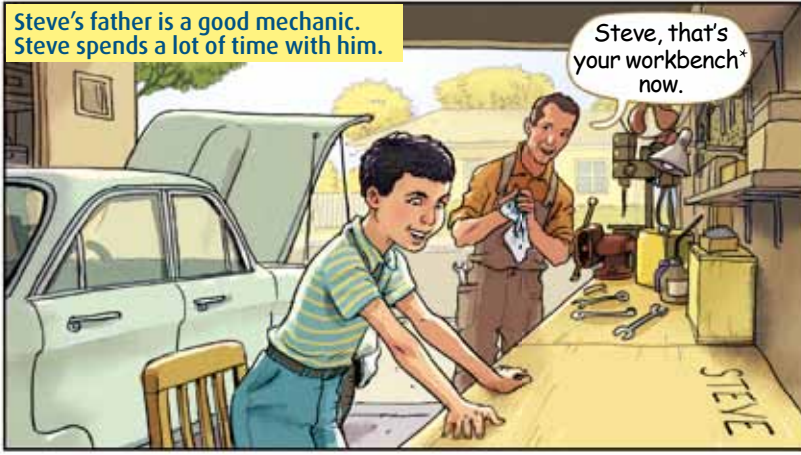
When Steve is two years old, the Jobs adopt a baby girl called Patty.



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Steve's father is a good mechanic. Steve spends a lot of time with him.



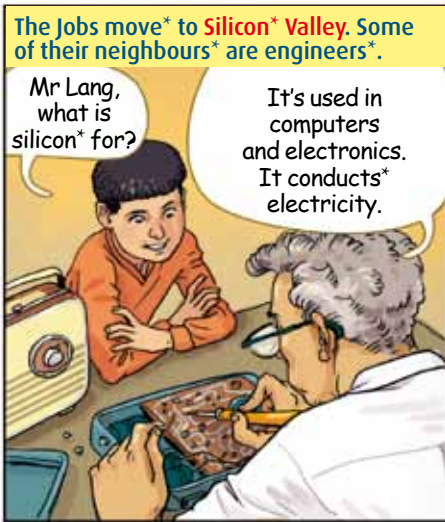
Steve, that's your workbench\* now.



Well done, Steve!

Mind\* your fingers, Patty!

The Jobs move\* to Silicon\* Valley. Some of their neighbours\* are engineers\*.



Mr Lang, what is silicon\* for?

It's used in computers and electronics. It conducts\* electricity.



Dad, Mr Lang taught\* me how to make an electronic circuit.



That's great, son!

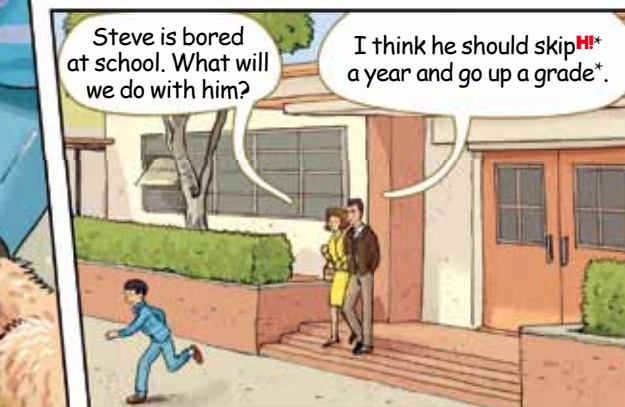
One day you will be an engineer\* at Hewlett-Packard\* like Mr Lang!

Steve is advanced for his age. He likes playing tricks\* at school...



Steve put\* up this notice\*.

This is too much! I am expelling\* him from school.



Steve is bored at school. What will we do with him?

I think he should skip\* a year and go up a grade\*.

Here the verb "skip" means "to jump" or "to intentionally miss". But it also means "to jump with a rope" and "to move by hopping on one foot and then another", e.g. The girls often play a skipping game in the playground at break; My little sister skips down the street - she's so funny!

Apart from meaning "to display", "put up" can also mean "to give accommodation to". For example, Don't bother to look for a hotel. I can put you up when you're in London.

"Hewlett-Packard" (today "HP") was founded by two graduates in electrical engineering, Bill Hewlett and David Packard, in 1947.

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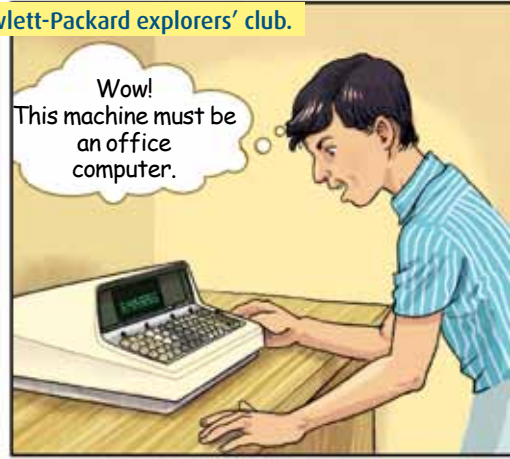
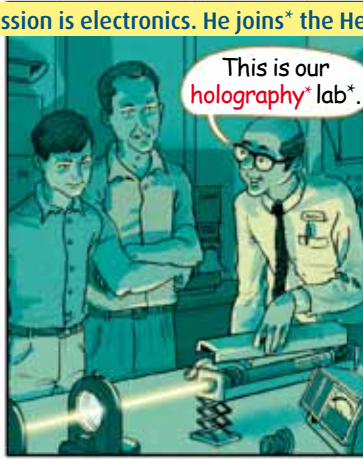
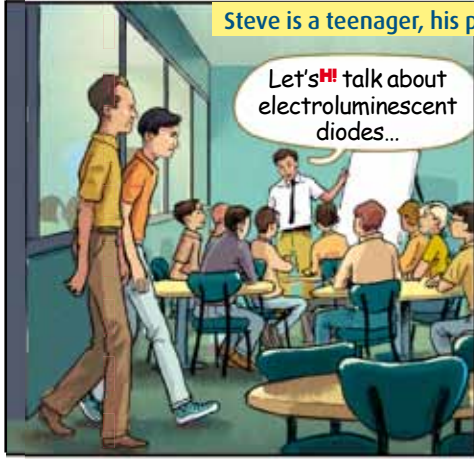
\* Silicon Valley is near San Francisco in California, USA. It gets its name from the fact that so many computer companies, such as Hewlett-Packard, are based there.



We use "let's" (the short form of let us) for making suggestions, e.g. Let's go and have a hamburger. We can also make suggestions using Shall we...? and What/How about + noun/gerund. For example, Shall we stay in and play video games tonight? What about pizza?; How about ordering a pizza?

"Bob Dylan" is an American singer-songwriter, author and artist. He recorded his most famous songs in the 1960s and they quickly became anthems for civil rights and anti-war movements. In 2016 he won the Nobel Prize for Literature at the age of 75.

Steve is a teenager, his passion is electronics. He joins\* the Hewlett-Packard explorers' club.

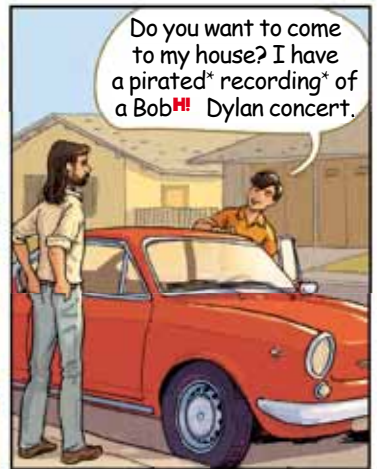


\* where 3D images are created.



Steve gets a summer job at the Hewlett-Packard factory\*.

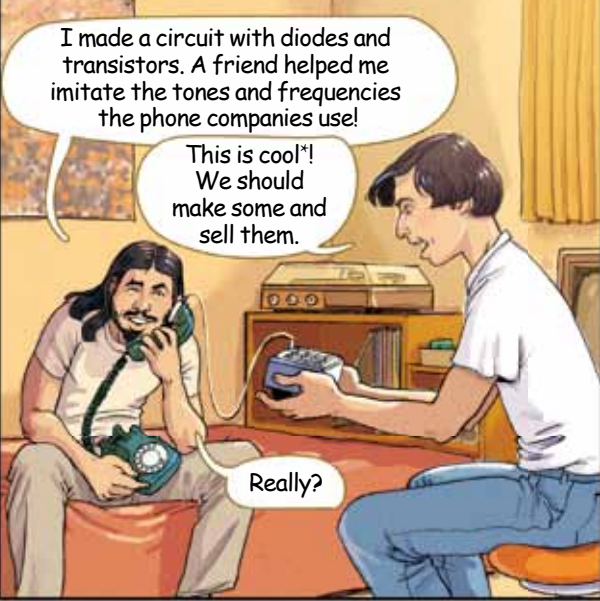
In 1970, Steve makes\* friends with Steve Wozniak, or "Woz".



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Later, Woz makes a "blue box". It can be used to make long-distance calls without paying, by hacking into the telephone lines.



I made a circuit with diodes and transistors. A friend helped me imitate the tones and frequencies the phone companies use!

This is cool!  
We should make some and sell them.

Really?



LATER...

It costs \$45 to make a box. We'll sell them for \$150 each!

But who will buy them?

Foreign\* students. They can use them to call home for free\*...

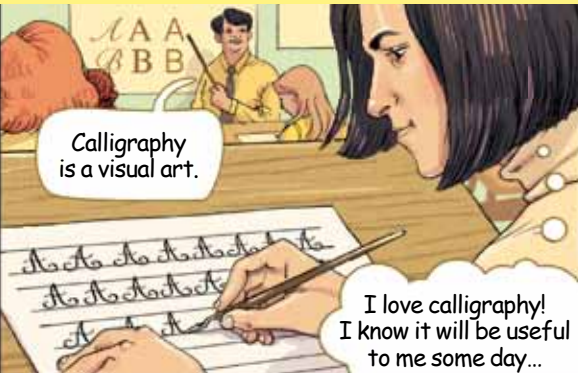
Steve and Woz sell 100 blue boxes. It is their first business project.



When Steve is 17, he goes to Reed College. But he doesn't go to many classes... He is interested in Buddhism and he works on an apple farm.



The only\* thing that interests him is calligraphy.



Calligraphy is a visual art.

I love calligraphy!  
I know it will be useful to me some day...

When Steve is 19, he gets a job at Atari<sup>!!!</sup>, a video game company.



The boss thinks that boy is wonderful, but he never washes\*! It's a good thing he likes to work at night!

"Atari", which was founded in California in 1972, was a pioneering company that made arcade games and home video consoles and home computers. It made the first commercially successful video game, Pong, which was used in arcades. The game is two-dimensional and simulates table tennis. Although it is primitive in comparison with today's games, it's quite difficult. Why don't you look on the internet and see how good you are?

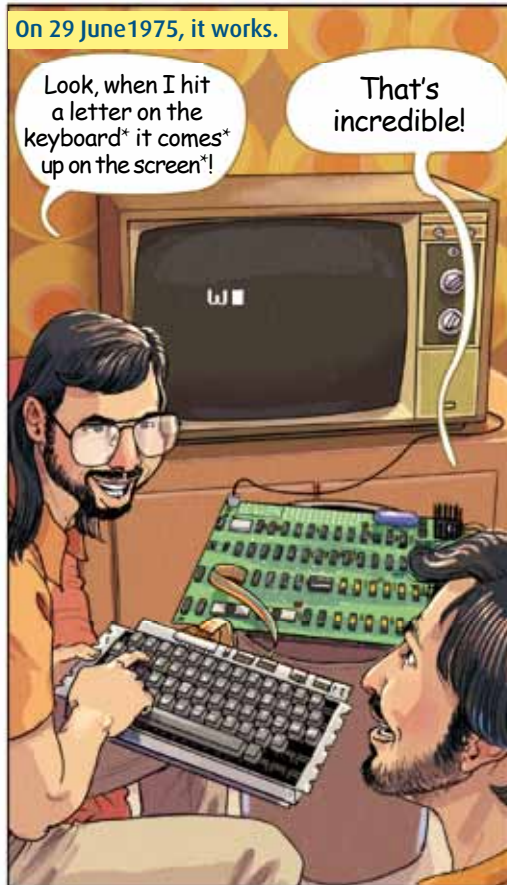
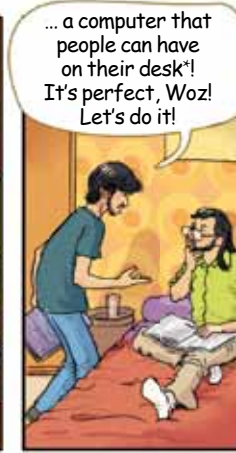
HELP!



Did you know that the noun "chip" has a variety of meanings? Apart from silicon chips, chips can be "potatoes": in British English they are fried and hot and in American English they are cold and usually sold in bags! In the UK they say *crisps* to refer to what Americans call *chips*

and in the US they say *fries* or *French fries* for what the British call *chips*!


A chip can also be a small broken or cut-off piece of wood, stone or glass. And if you are like one of your parents in appearance or character, then you are a *chip off the old block*!





A shop orders\* 50 computers. They are built\* in the Jobs' garage<sup>HI</sup>.



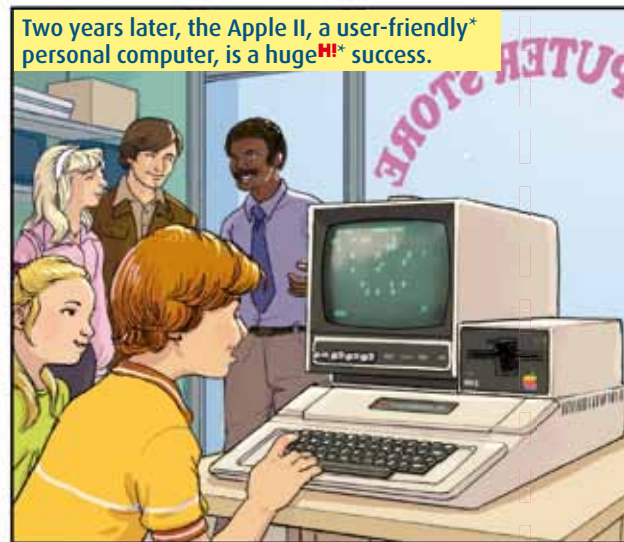
 Some synonyms of "huge" are enormous, massive, gigantic, vast and colossal.

 In English a "garage" is both a place to put your car and the place where you get your car repaired. For example, There's something wrong with the brakes on the car - I'd better take it to the garage and let an expert have a look.

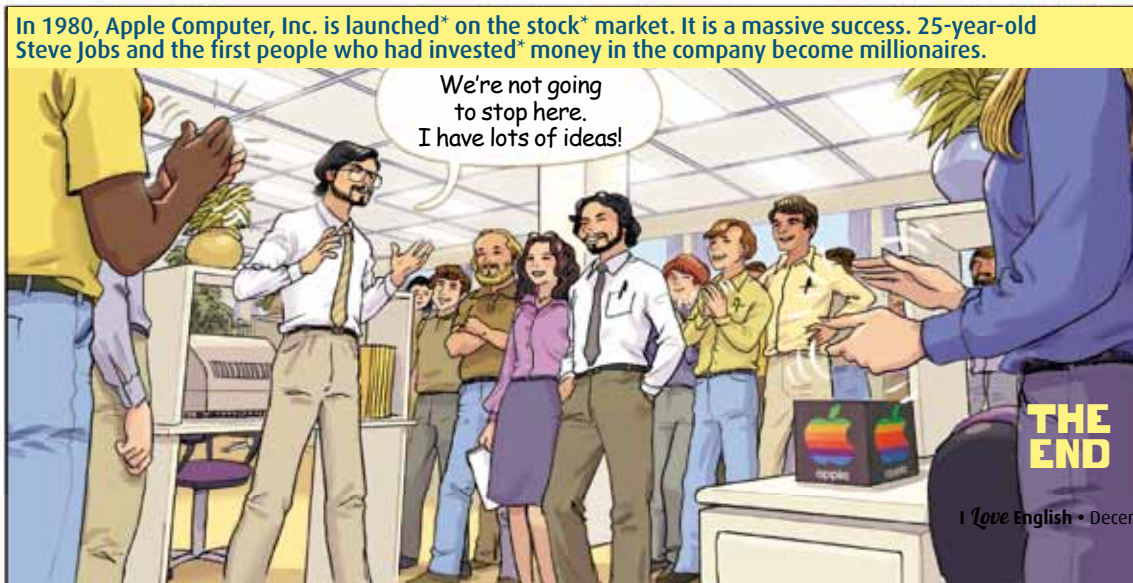
They take their Apple I to a computer show\* in 1976.



Two years later, the Apple II, a user-friendly\* personal computer, is a huge<sup>HI</sup> success.



In 1980, Apple Computer, Inc. is launched\* on the stock\* market. It is a massive success. 25-year-old Steve Jobs and the first people who had invested\* money in the company become millionaires.





## APPLE TECHNOLOGY GAME

Steve Jobs, the co-founder\* of Apple, spent<sup>HI</sup> 35 years designing technology. His name is still linked\* to the coolest\* Apple gadgets<sup>HI</sup>\* today! Match\* each gadget\* to the year it was launched\*.

A

2015

B

1984

E

2010

F

2016

C

2007

D

1998

G

2001



1

**iPad.** In \_\_\_\_\_, Apple released\* the first successful tablet aimed\* at the general public.



2

**Apple watch.** Apple introduced its smartwatch in \_\_\_\_\_. It's a mini computer you can wear\* like a watch!



3

**iPhone.** Introduced in \_\_\_\_\_, the iPhone let people zoom\* in and out of photos, maps, web pages, etc. They could also phone\* without pressing\* buttons!



4

**Macintosh computer.** In \_\_\_\_\_ Apple released\* the first successful personal computer with a built-in\* screen\*, a mouse and a "graphic user interface". Its nickname\*, "Mac", was cool\* too!



5

**Airpods.** When airpods were introduced in \_\_\_\_\_, it was strange to see people wearing\* earbuds\* without wires\*. Today, airpods are one of Apple's most popular accessories!



6

**iMac.** In \_\_\_\_\_, Apple launched\* an egg-shaped\* computer. And it wasn't the boring beige colour of computers at the time... the first iMac was translucent blue!



7

**iPod.** In \_\_\_\_\_, Steve Jobs promised people they could have "1,000 songs in your pocket". Apple also provided\* the music for the iPod via its digital shop, the iTunes Store.

Answers in the next issue (page 27).

### HELP!

Remember that we use the verb "spend, spent, spent" for both time and money. For example, *I'm broke - I spent all last week's pocket money on the day Mum gave it to me; My sister spends hours getting ready to go out. We get desperate waiting for her!*

A "gadget" is a tool, such as a machine, that is very useful for a particular purpose. The famous cartoon Inspector, who was part man and part machine, had thousands of gadgets installed in his body.





**Crazy**  
news from  
around the  
world



That's a cool<sup>H\*</sup>  
Christmas  
\_\_\_\_\_ (RTEE)!

Look at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (TARS)  
at the top of the  
Christmas tree!

Merry\*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CSRISMATH),  
everyone!

## A TREE OR NOT A TREE?

**T**his "Christmas tree" is 100% mineral! The rock formation, called the Ancient Art Tower, is in Utah<sup>H!</sup>, USA. Photographers love it and it is a popular rock-climbing\* site, too. Photographer Scott Rogers decided to combine both passions! Scott and his friends climbed\* the tower and decorated it with lights, baubles\* and a burning\* star. Scott then took a photo to immortalize their creative "tree"!



## HELP!

**📖 "cool"** Remember that in informal English the adjective *cool* can be used to mean "brilliant" or "excellent". It can also mean "fashionable" or "trendy".

**📖 "Utah"** is a state in the west of the United States. It has a variety of landscapes, from arid deserts with sand dunes to large pine forests in mountain valleys. It is a major tourist destination for outdoor recreational activities. The state capital is Salt Lake City, which is home to a large population from the Mormon religion.



# crazy



## Christmas wishes\*

This little dog doesn't look very happy. He has been forced\* to wear\* a silly\* outfit\* and hold\* a "Bad Santa" sign\*! We hope\* that Santa is GOOD to him this Christmas... and BAD to his owner\*!



## Skydiving\* Santas

Santas fall out of the sky once\* a year on Cocoa Beach, Florida, USA. They try to land\* in a big inflatable\* chair on the sand\*! The public bring presents\* to donate to poor children. It's a fun and generous event\*!



## Aquatic Santa

This crazy Santa is taking\* part in a festive event\* in Vancouver Aquarium, in Canada. Santa swims around, wearing\* flippers\* and diving\* equipment. It's a popular event\* with families... and the sharks\* seem to love it, too!

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# CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Complete these Christmas messages with the right word.

1

I hope you have  
a WONDERFUL/  
HATEFUL\*/AWFUL<sup>H!</sup>\*  
Christmas!

2

Best DISHES\*/  
FISHES/  
WISHES\*  
for 2021!

3

Have a lovely  
Christmas  
DRAKE/STEAK/  
BREAK\*!

4

Have a very  
FERRY/MERRY\*/  
CHERRY  
Christmas!

5

I hope\* Santa  
is RUDE/  
GOOD/BAD  
to you!

6

We wish\*  
you a HAPPY/  
BLUE<sup>H!</sup>/TRUE/  
New Year!

7

I hope\* Santa  
brings you lots  
of PRESENTS\*/  
PROMISES/  
PRUNES<sup>H!</sup>\*!

8

All the BEST/  
TEST/VEST\*  
for 2021!

9

Christmas  
MEETINGS/  
BRIEFINGS/  
GREETINGS!

10

Wishing\* you  
Christmas BEER/  
FEAR\*/CHEER\*  
at this time  
of year!


Answers in the next issue (page 27).


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## HELP!

 The opposite of "awful" is *awesome* or *lovely*.

 The adjective "blue" can be used to mean "sad" or "depressed", e.g. *You don't look very happy. Are you feeling a bit blue?* It is quite often used with this meaning in song lyrics.

 "Prunes" are dried plums which are rich in vitamin K and dietary fibre. Their dietary fibre content explains why they are often considered to be a good laxative.





# Let's discover

## A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK CITY

**Just imagine...** you're spending Christmas in New York City. Here are four things you can do to make it a very special visit!

**Cheer<sup>H!</sup>!**

### Lighting the Christmas Tree at the Rockefeller Center

The tree is a "Norway Spruce" (23 to 30 metres high) decorated with more than 50,000 lights. A star with three million crystals sits on top. Thousands of people attend the lighting ceremony, which is also broadcast on TV...

**Admire!**

### The Nutcracker Ballet

On Christmas Eve, a young girl called Clara receives a wooden nutcracker... that turns into a prince and transports her to a fairytale kingdom. The New York City Ballet company performs this festive show every year. It brings back all the magic of Christmas!

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Gene Schiavone/AP/Sipa

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Helena Giff/Stock

Wander\* about!

### In Dyker Heights

This Brooklyn neighbourhood\* is a big attraction in December. Tourists come to admire the crazy decorations. Inflatable\* cartoon\* characters\*, giant Santas and reindeer\* shine\* brightly in front of every house!

Go skating\*!

### In Bryant Park

If you like ice\* skating, don't miss\* the biggest free ice\* rink in New York City! It comes to Manhattan every winter and is just a few minutes' walk from the Empire State Building. After skating\*, you can buy a hot chocolate at the Christmas market beside\* the ice\* rink.

Stan Tess/Alamy/Hemis.fr

## HELP!

**📖** We “cheer” when we say *Hurray* and we say *Cheers!* when we raise our glasses and drink to somebody or something. We can also use the verb *to cheer* with the prepositions *on* and *up*. We *cheer on* our favourite team in a match when we say, for example, *Come on, Liverpool!* *Cheer up* means “to become or make happier or cheerful”, e.g. *Come on, cheer up!* *Things can't be that bad!*; *You've no idea how much my exam marks cheered me up!*

**📖** Notice that the verb “attend” means “to be present at” or “to go to”, e.g. *Not many people attended the political meeting on Thursday.*



## FEELING UNWELL

Claire is talking to her mum at home.

**Mum:** Are you ok, sweetie\*? You look terrible.

**Claire:** No, I'm not. I've got an upset\* stomach and I feel awful\*.

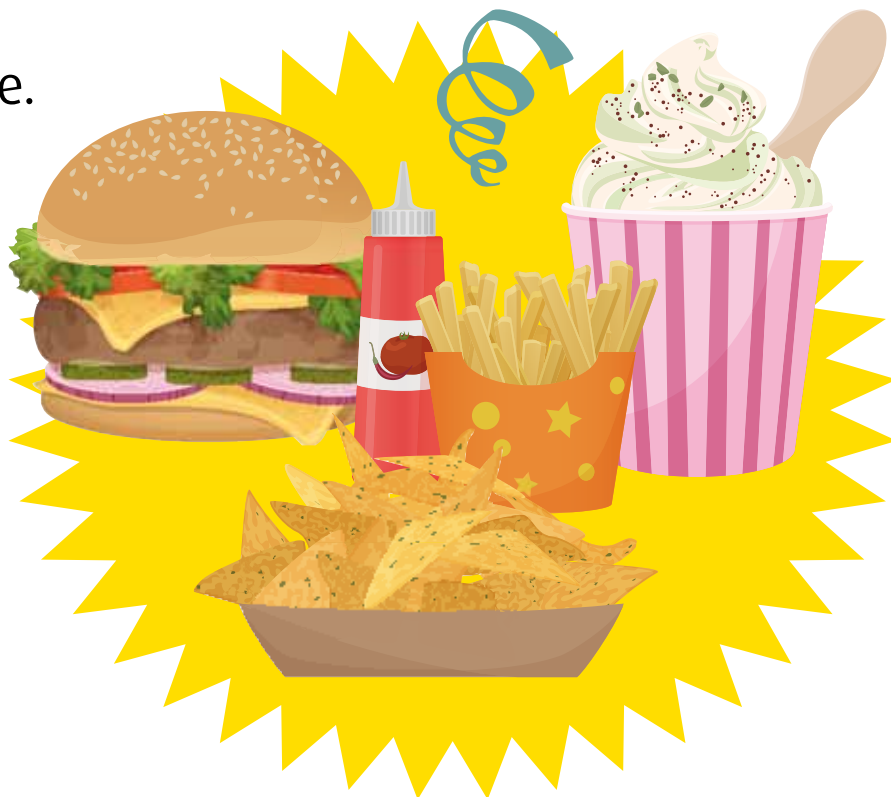
**M:** Oh, dear. Let<sup>H</sup> me take your temperature. Did you have lunch with your friends? What did you have to eat?

**C:** I just think I ate too much. We had some nachos with cheese for starters and I had a hamburger with fries for the main course\*. That was already quite\* a lot, but then we all had ice cream.

**M:** That was far too much. You shouldn't eat too<sup>H</sup> much fat, you know. It's not good for your health\* and it's not good for your stomach either\* - as you now know! And you shouldn't keep\* on eating when you're full.

**C:** I know it wasn't the best thing to do but it tasted really good, so I did it just the same.

**M:** Well, never\* mind that now. Your



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temperature is normal so it must be indigestion. Why don't you lie\* on the sofa for a while\*? Lie\* on your back and raise\* your feet so that they're a bit higher than your head. That'll help your digestion.

**C:** Ok, I will.

**M:** I'll do some rice and roast chicken for dinner. It'll be easier for your stomach to digest that. I'll come back in half an hour to see if you are feeling better, all right?

**C:** Thank you, Mum.

### POINTS TO DISCUSS

- Do you like fast food? What's your favourite fast food? How often do you have it?
- Do you sometimes eat out with your friends? Where do you usually go? What's your favourite place to eat? Why?
- Have you ever felt sick because you ate too much? If so, when was it?
- If you could have anything you wanted to eat right now, what would it be? Why?

### Roleplay

**Student A:** You don't sleep well, and you have been very tired lately. Talk to student B.

**Student B:** Your friend doesn't sleep well and has been very tired lately. Give student A some advice.

### USEFUL LANGUAGE:

**Giving advice:** You should(n't)...; It's important to...; It's necessary...; You need to...

**Making recommendations:** Why don't you...; Let's...; You could...

## HELP!

**Let me take...** We use the infinitive without to after the verbs *let* and *make*. For example, *Joel's dad never lets him borrow the car; The teacher made us repeat the homework because we all did it so badly.*

**too much fat** Remember that in English we use *much* with uncountable nouns and *many* with countable nouns. The rule is the same when we use *much* and *many* after *too* or *so*. For example, *My little brother eats too many sweets; I'm trying not to eat so much bread.*



These texts are written in colloquial register.

# INVITING FRIENDS OVER

Joel and Ellie are talking on their way home.

**Joel:** Ellie, I wanted to ask you something. I am planning a get-together\* at my house next weekend. Are you doing anything on Friday?

**Ellie:** Friday evening?

**J:** Yes, would you like to come\* over? We can order\* some pizzas and play\* some music. Later, we can watch a movie or play video games.

**E:** Sounds really good. Oh no, wait. I can't do Friday. I'm so sorry.

**J:** What<sup>HH</sup> a shame!

**E:** It's my sister's birthday. Our parents are taking us bowling\* and then we're



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## POINTS TO DISCUSS

- Do you often meet your friends outside school? What do you usually do?
- What do you do in your free time?
- Have you ever invited friends over? How was it? What did you do?
- If you could invite anyone to spend an evening with you, who would that person be? Why? What would you do?

going to have dinner at her favourite restaurant.

**J:** Wow, that's so cool\*.

**E:** I know, right? I'm so excited\*, although it's a pity I won't be with you guys<sup>HH</sup>.

**J:** How\* about Saturday, then? Are you free?

**E:** Yes, I haven't\* got anything on Saturday. That'd be great! Thanks.

**J:** Awesome\*! Jeremy and Alice will be there as well, and I'm going to ask Tom and Anna, too.

**E:** That's great. What time shall I come\* round?

**J:** About 6.30.

**E:** Shall I bring anything?

**J:** Let me see, the others are bringing drinks and snacks, so if you could bring something for dessert, that'd be great.

**E:** No problem. I make very good brownies and I could bring some.

**J:** That'd be absolutely fantastic!

**E:** Ok, Saturday, 6.30. I'll be there... with my brownies! How exciting\*, I can't wait!

**J:** I know. It's going to be so much fun!

## Roleplay

**Student A:** You are celebrating your birthday this weekend. Invite your friend to a party. Talk to student B.

**Student B:** Your friend is going to invite you to a party. Talk to student A.

### USEFUL LANGUAGE:

**Making invitations:** Are you free on...?; Are you doing anything on...?; Would you like to come to...

**Responding to invitations:** Sorry, I can't do...; I've\* got something on...; That would be great, thanks; I haven't\* got anything on...; What time shall I come\* round?; Shall I bring anything?

## HELP!

📖 **"What a shame"** is a way of saying that you're sorry or disappointed about something. For example, A: *Jack failed his driving test.* B: *What a shame! Now he'll have to save up some more money to take the test again.*

📖 **"Guys"** is an informal way of saying *people* and is also often used by young people to refer to their friends. For example, *Hi, guys! How are you doing?* In British English, *guy* is also an informal word for a man, e.g. *I was waiting at the bus stop and this guy came up to me and asked if he could use my phone!*



# BROWNies<sup>H!</sup>

On 8 December, it's National Brownie Day in the USA. Why not make this delicious chocolate cake?




## INGREDIENTS (FOR 16 SQUARES)

- 125g chocolate
- 250g butter
- 200g sugar
- 130g flour\*
- pinch\* of salt
- 3 eggs
- 100g chopped\* nuts\*

- 1** Preheat\* the oven to 175°C.
- 2** Melt\* the butter and chocolate in a saucepan\*. Turn\* off the heat.
- 3** Add the sugar. Mix together.
- 4** Add the eggs and flour\*. Mix together. Fold\* in the nuts\*.
- 5** Put the mixture into a buttered oven dish\* (20x30cm).
- 6** Bake\* in the oven for 25 minutes.
- 7** Remove\* from the oven and let\* cool. Cut into squares.

## HELP!

 One story about the origin of “brownies” dates back to 1893. Bertha Palmer, whose husband owned the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, asked a pastry chef to make a dessert for ladies attending an exhibition. She wanted a cake that was small enough to go into boxed lunches. The result was the Palmer House brownie, made with walnuts and an apricot glaze.





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## HELP!

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## Vocabulary

**There is an asterisk\*** after every difficult word. Translations of these words, according to the context, are in our *Vocabulary* in the centre of the magazine.

## People

**Meet one of your favourite stars every month.**

**IN JANUARY:**

The brilliant Millie is already filming the fourth season of *Stranger Things*.



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## Let's discover

**Discover the symbols of the English-speaking world.**

**IN JANUARY:**

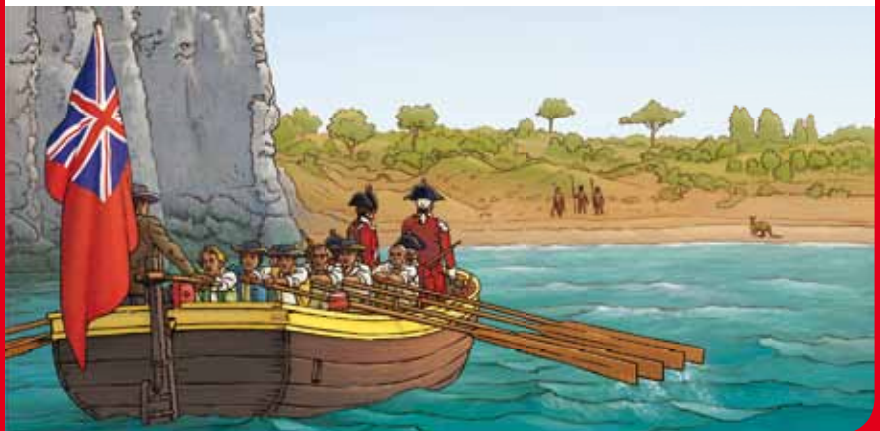
Welcome to London and Madame Tussauds, a museum packed with stars... made of wax!

## True Story

**A true story told in comic form!**

**IN JANUARY:**

In the 18th century, English ships packed with convicts landed on a vast far-away island... Australia!



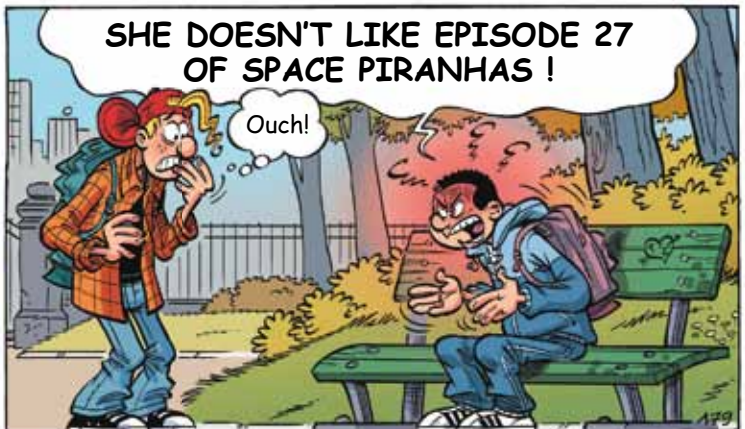
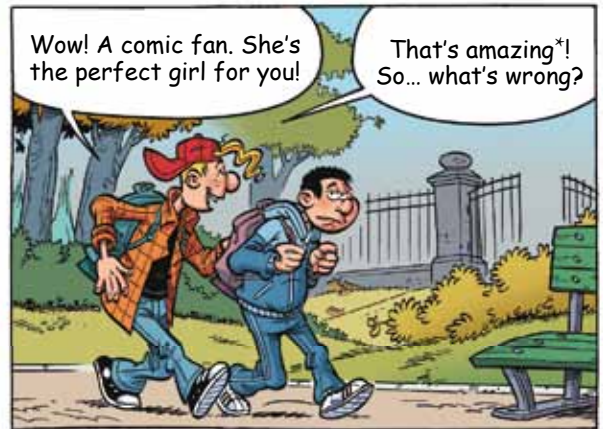
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**And, of course, films, sport, quizzes, games and a delicious recipe to try out...**

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HELP!

Remember that the adverb "ago" is only used with the simple past tense, e.g. You just missed them. They left two minutes ago. Never use it with the present perfect tense, i.e. They have left two minutes ago is wrong!