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Summer semester starts



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Contrary to the mass media, known as the Fourth Estate (czwarta władza), we have only good news for you. And even when something ends (like winter semester), the good news is that the summer semester starts. See? Always look on the bright side of life!

CAUTION - ostrożność, rozwaga
to act with due caution postępować z należytą ostrożnością;
to drive with caution jechać ostrożnie;
caution should be exercised zaleca się ostrożność

Welcome back. Are you all settled and ready for more fun this summer semester?

We can't promise you that there will be no more snow. Nor can we promise that the sun will shine every day. However, we can promise you that with your hard work and dedication, you will achieve even better results than last semester's.

Learning English can take many forms, be it listening to music and understanding the lyrics. Reading various signs can also help. With some, you can get a lot of laughter, too. You can also expand your skills by having fun with some puns, riddles, and oxymora.

So let the show begin!

On behalf of Linguaton Teachers,

Aneta Janiszewska



BEC Pretest – On 30 January some Business English students took their Cambridge Business Vantage Exam. The results received are very promising.

Linguaton has been a Live Examination Centre for a decade now offering pretests in General English (CAE, IELTS) and Professional English (ILEC and BEC). The exams are free of charge. The test papers are sent to Cambridge and the results come within 2 weeks. It is a highly motivating experience.

- **IELTS Pretest** was held on 21 February for 12 brave men and women :). Let's keep our fingers crossed. Frankly, we are bullish about the results.
- Do you follow us on **Facebook Fanpage** <http://www.facebook.com/linguaton>? Find out for yourself the likes and dislikes, preferences, and recommendations of the Linguaton community!
- **TOEFL JUNIOR EXAM** is now a standard feature in our school. Talk to your teacher about the details and read more about the exam in this newsletter!



LINGUATON TIMETABLE

| Summer semester 2014/2015 | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 16 February | Beginning of the summer semester |
| 20 February | Payment date (1 st instalment or the entire amount) |
| 17 March | St Patrick's Day (Patron Saint of Ireland) |
| 20 March | Payment date (2 nd instalment) |
| 2 – 7 April | Easter break |
| 8 – 15 April | Mid-term test - marked red on e-linguaton |
| 1 – 3 May | May weekend |
| 4 June | Corpus Christi |
| 1 – 8 June | Final Test - marked red on e-linguaton |
| 23 May | Linguaton outdoor events |
| 15 June | End of summer semester |

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



Stan Breckenridge's Inspirations



Stan Breckenridge, a long-standing friend of Linguaton has released his third Polish album called INSPIRATIONS. A beautiful tribute to all his Polish friends. Did you know that two of his memorable concerts

organised by our school are on CDs?

A short while ago *Orange County Register*, Orange County's most well-known newspaper, second to the Los Angeles Times, published an article on Stan. It is available on:

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/breckenridge-648614-poland-american.html>

For more information and his music visit the following: Official Website: <http://www.stanbreckenridge.com> Stan is planning to have big concerts with some Polish jazz musicians he befriended during his stay in Poland. We shall keep you posted!



READ SIGNS AND SMILE



RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Fill in the three blanks with the same seven letters in the same order.

The _____ physician was _____ to operate because he had _____.

(check the answer on p. 6)

IF YOU KNOW WHY, WE KNOW HOW



Can you answer the following questions? You can find the answers and explanations on the next page

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1. What is orange and sounds like a parrot?
2. What animal keeps the best time?
3. What travels all around the world and stays in a corner?
4. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
5. What has a neck but no head?
6. What gets wetter as it dries?
7. What has to be broken before you can use it?
8. Which month has 28 days?
9. What has teeth but cannot bite?
10. What is that you will break even when you name it?
11. What word begins and ends with an 'e' but only has one letter?
12. I can speak all the languages of the world. What am I?

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Tricky Question 1

You are in a cold house in the winter. It is dark. You have only one match (a stick that you can rub against something to start a fire). There is a candle and there is a wood burning stove. Which do you light first?

Tricky Question 2

A man rode into town on Tuesday. Two days later he rode home on Tuesday. How is this possible?

Tricky Question 3

There is a mute man (a man who cannot speak) who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Now, if there is a blind man (a man who cannot see) who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself?

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Ready for more riddles? Here they come! This time they are about school.

Match the questions with the answers

QUESTIONS

1. What's the difference between a train and a teacher?
2. Why did the kid eat his homework?
3. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?
4. What's the best way to make straight As?
5. What is the fruitiest lesson?
6. Why did the student take a ladder to school?

ANSWERS

- A. Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.
- B. With a ruler
- C. History, because it is full of dates
- D. She had bright students.
- E. Because he/she was going to high school!
- F. A teacher says: "Spit out your gum", a train says: "Chew chew".

4 Language jokes. You will understand them quicker when you read them out loud.

Q: What did the fish say when he hit the wall?

A: Dam!

Q: How do you spell mousetrap?

A: C-A-T.

Q: Which letter is always trying to find reasons? "y" (Why?)

Q: Which letter is not me?

A: U.

Q: What begins with T, ends with T and has T in it?

A: A teapot.

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes?

A: No idea. (No eye deer)

PUNS AND OTHER JOKES

Q: What are the 3 important rings in life?

A: Engagement ring, Wedding ring, and suffering.

Q: Which room has no doors, no windows.

A: A mushroom.

Q: Why don't we need a compass at the North Pole?

A: Because every direction is south.

Q: What are the two strongest days of the week?

A: They are Saturday and Sunday. All the others are weak (week) days.

Q: Which is faster, heat or cold?

A: Heat, because you can catch a cold.

Q: What's the difference between a TEACHER and a CONDUCTOR ?

A: A teacher TRAINS the MIND and a conductor MINDS the TRAIN.

Q: What do you call a witch at the beach?

A: A sandwich.

Q: What's got a head and a tail, but no body?

A: A coin.

Q: What's got a wave but no sea?

A: My hair.

Q: What a bee says when it gets in the hive?

A: Hi Honey! I'm home!

Q: What flowers have two lips?

A: Tulips

Q: What is the difference between a jeweller and a jailor?

A: A jeweller sells watches. A jailer watches cells.

OXYMORA

Remember? An oxymoron is a paradox put in words where seemingly contradictory terms appear side by side. Here's the list of the most popular in the reverse order.

25. Devout atheist
24. Act naturally
23. Found missing
22. Advanced BASIC
21. Genuine imitation
19. Good grief
18. Government organisation
17. Sanitary landfill
16. Small crowd
15. Business ethics
14. Soft rock
13. Military Intelligence
12. New classic
11. Synthetic natural gas
10. Passive aggression
9. Peace force
8. Temporary tax increase
7. Plastic glasses
6. Terribly pleased
5. Computer security
4. Political science
3. Pretty ugly
2. Diet ice cream
1. Microsoft Works



Learn English from road signs

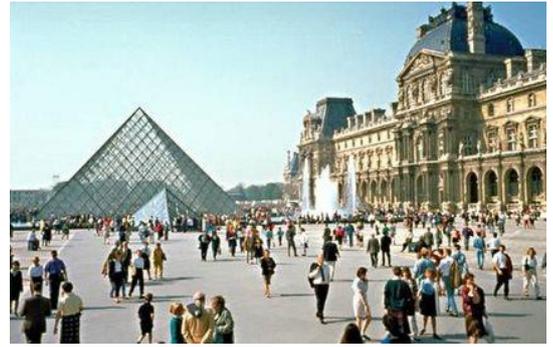
This is a tested method of learning English. You simply need to keep your eyes open. With a smile or two, you will remember words better!



Laughter is good for the soul ... so laugh !

THEFT IN PARIS

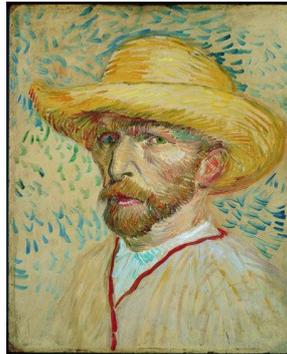
A thief in Paris planned to steal some Paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, 'Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings.'



I had no Monet



to buy Degas



To make the Van Gogh.'



See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else.



I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse

CHINESE IN 5 MINUTES

Are you tired of English? Perhaps you could consider taking up Chinese?

Stupid Man -- Dum Gai
 Small Horse -- Tai Ni Po Ni
 Did you go to the beach? -- Wai Yu So Tan?
 I bumped into a coffee table. -- Ai Bang Mai Ni
 I think you need a facelift. -- Chin Tu Fat
 It's very dark in here. -- Wai So Dim?
 Has your flight been delayed? -- Hao Long Wei Ting?
 That was an unauthorized execution. -- Lin Ching
 This is a tow away zone. -- No Pah King
 You are not very bright. -- Yu So Dum
 I got this for free. -- Ai No Pei
 I am not guilty. -- Wai Hang Mi?
 Please, stay a while longer. -- Wai Go Nao?
 Our meeting was scheduled for next week. -- Wai Yu Kum Nao
 They have arrived. -- Hia Dei Kum
 He's cleaning his automobile. -- Wa Shing Ka



Funny? Do you see that "IT" refers to the town? Someone needs a course at Linguaton!



EXPLANATIONS

More riddles here ►

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- Answer: A carrot. Explanation:** A parrot is a talking bird, so it makes a lot of noise. But a carrot is a vegetable and does not make any sounds. How can it sound like a parrot? The word "carrot" itself rhymes with (sounds like) "parrot". So, "a carrot" sounds like "a parrot"! Got it?
- Answer: A watchdog! Explanation:** The word "watch" can have two meanings. A "watchdog" is a dog that watches (verb) your home and keeps it safe. But "a watch" (noun) is something you wear on your wrist (between your hand and arm) to know the time. Got it?
- Answer: A stamp. Explanation:** An envelope can go anywhere in the world which is very big and the stamp goes everywhere with the envelope. But an envelope is very small and the stamp never moves from the corner of the envelope. Got it?
- Answer: A clock.
- Answer: A bottle.
- Answer: A towel.
- Answer: An egg.
- Answer: All of them, of course!
- Answer: A comb.
- Answer: Silence.
- Answer: An envelope.
- Answer: The echo.

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- Answer: The match!
- Answer: His horse's name is "Tuesday".
- Answer: He just has to open his mouth and ask. He's blind, not mute.

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1F 2A 3D 4B 5C 6E

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH: notable / not able / no table

EGZAMIN TOEFL JUNIOR



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