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CD Track 1



Whose Easter Tradition? 1

A: OK, we've got flour, eggs, butter, sugar. What else do we need?

B: We'll need an apple, an orange, some sultanas and... oh yes, cinnamon.

A: OK. Great. We can pick all of that up at the supermarket later. But hang on, how do we make the cross on the top?

B: Oh, that's easy. You just mix flour and water and put the cross on before they go in the oven. You bake them for about 20 minutes and they're done.

A: Ooh! We should serve them with butter, that would be nice.

B: Yes. Good idea.

CD Track 2

Whose Easter Tradition? 2

A: (groaning) Oh, I'm so hungry.

B: When can you eat again?

A: I can have one meal, so I'm waiting until the evening. But I'm not allowed any meat.

B: No meat? Really?

A: Yes.

B: No meat at all? No juicy steak? No tasty pork chops?

A: No! Stop it!

B: No roast beef? No crispy, delicious bacon?

A: (wails) Aaaaaarrrrggghhhhhhh!

CD Track 3

Whose Easter Tradition? 3

News Reporter: ...the event has taken place regularly since 1878 when it was started by President Rutherford B. Hayes. This year was no different and the children joined the president and first lady on the South Lawn of the White House, where there were stations for egg painting, a colouring wall, characters in colourful costumes and, of course, the traditional roll itself. Everybody had a lot of fun, and even the president didn't say anything bad about anybody, so I think we can say the day was a big success.

CD Track 4

Whose Easter Tradition? 4

A: They've been out there a long time.

B: Yes, it has been more than three hours now. And I think they will be out there quite a while longer...

A: But they must have nearly found them all by now. How well did you hide them?

B: Oh, very well, believe me. Very well indeed.

A: Well, it has certainly given us some peace and quiet.

B: Absolutely. Long may it last. And one more thing - I told them there are 20 to find, but I only hid 19.

A: Oh, you are evil! But I like it.

B: Thank you, thank you. Now, would you like another chocolate?

A: Don't mind if I do. Happy Easter!

CD Track 5**Whose Easter Tradition? 5**

- A:** So they get one penny for every year she's been alive?
B: Yeah, that's right.
A: I mean, I know she's pretty old, but it's still only like 90 something pence. You can't buy much with that.
B: True, but it's just a tradition. And they get to meet Her Royal Highness, that's the biggest thing.
A: I suppose so. But she's got loads of money; you think she could give them a little more.
B: Actually, they do get another purse with some more money in it.
A: Aha! That's better. How much do they get?
B: I think it's five pounds fifty.
A: (sarcastic) Oh wow! Lucky them.

CD Track 6**Whose Easter Tradition? 6**

- A:** So what candy have you got in yours?
B: Let me see. Some Peeps.
A: Me too.
B: Jelly beans, of course.
A: Of course.
B: I've also got some Reese's Pieces.
A: Oh, I love them, but I didn't get any.
B: I can swap you if you like. What can you give me?
A: What about mini-eggs?
B: No, I've got heaps of them.
A: Kit-Kat bunny ears?
B: Hmmm, I don't like them so much
A: How about this chocolate rabbit?
B: Oh OK. It's a deal!
A: Thank you
B: Don't thank me. Thank the Easter Bunny.

CD Track 7**Royal Talk**

- A:** Oh my God! I can't believe Harry and Megan have left.
B: What? Who? Have left where?
A: Prince Harry. And Meghan Markle. They've left the royal family. Don't you watch the news?
B: Oh *them*. Well, I don't really care to be honest.
A: You don't care? But you are British. They are your royal family.
B: Yeah, and what do they do for me? Nothing. Just a bunch of old rich people living in castles. Who cares?
A: I care. Princes and princesses, the clothes, the beautiful palaces, the Queen...
B: Well yeah, the Queen is OK, I suppose.
A: It's so romantic.
B: For you maybe, you don't have to pay for them.
A: Do you have to pay for them? I thought they were rich.
B: Yes, they *are* rich. But we still have to pay for them. They get money from our taxes.
A: Well, I'm sure it's not much. And it's worth it, I remember watching William and Kate get married. It was so beautiful, people all around the world were watching. It was magical.
B: Magical? I don't know about that. But people all over the world watched it, you're right. That's one thing the royals are good for, I suppose: lots of people visit the UK because of them. They are good for tourism.
A: I'd definitely visit if I was invited to a royal wedding.
B: Ha! You? I don't think you'd be on the guest list. Or are you a princess?
A: I wish! Princess Madison of Indiana. Sounds pretty good actually. Now all I need is an English prince.
B: Well, it didn't end too well for the last two royals to fall in love with Americans. King George had to stop being king. And now Harry is leaving the royal family too. And anyway, I'm afraid all the princes are already taken. Unless you wait for Prince George, but he's like five years old.
A: Actually he's six. He'll be seven on the 22nd of July.
B: Wow! You really know *way* too much about them.
A: Yeah. Maybe you're right.

CD Track 8**A Whole New World Of Dumplings**

You may know dumplings from your country's cuisine. In Hong Kong, I fell in love with a whole new world of dumplings. Dumplings in Hong Kong are typically filled with different types of meat and vegetables and covered with a thin pasta-like dough. They are usually eaten as a late breakfast or lunch, a style of food called dim sum. At dim sum restaurants, over 150 items can be on the menu, and often waiters come around with different kinds of dumplings for you to choose.

One of my favorite things at dim sum restaurants is that tea is usually served with your food. In fact, the whole tradition is just known as *yum cha* in Cantonese, or "drink tea." But the food is important too, of course, and I loved the plates of steamed shrimp or vegetable dumplings, rice noodle rolls, and pork buns. For something sweet, the egg custard tarts were excellent.



Underground Messages

Chemicals in the air are just one way that plants can communicate. Some plants use a similar chemical trick but underground – they send messages between their roots. And if that wasn't cool enough, some plants do even more.

Around the roots of most plants there are loads of long, thin fungi, called mycorrhizae. They grow all through the soil, connecting the roots of different plants like internet cables. Scientists took a group of plants. Then they broke the fungal connections between some of the plants. When aphids attacked one of the plants, all of the ones still connected by the fungi started up their own defences. The ones cut out of the networks did not.

These fungi have a special relationship with the plants. They get food from the plants; in exchange, at least in some species, they carry secret messages. They are allies in the war against aphids.

No Kilts for Celts

A Did you know that the kilt was actually banned in 1746 by the English?

B What do you mean? The English didn't like this Scottish fashion?

A Well, there was more to it than that. The English had been having a lot of problems with the rebellious highlanders. The government thought that by banning what they wore and other parts of their culture, they could control them better.

B How did the Scots react to this ban? I guess they continued wearing their kilts.

A You're right. Even though the punishment for wearing the kilt was hard. Anyone who was caught wearing it went to prison for six months. If they were caught wearing it again, they were sent away from Scotland for seven years. But this didn't stop the Highlanders. On the contrary, people started wearing the kilts even more in protest.

B So did the English simply give up and let the Scots have their kilts?

A Yes, the law banning the kilt finally ended 36 years later. By then, the kilt was no longer just a highland fashion, but had become the national costume of the whole of Scotland and a symbol of rebellion.



Everyday English: Sport

I love sport, especially football. I love to be out on the *pitch* playing, watching in the stadium or even being an *armchair fan*. I watched my favourite team last week and we *thrashed* our *opponents* 6-0. It was amazing. Our new *striker* got a *hat-trick* and the fans went crazy. But even when the team doesn't play well, the fans still support the players, they have lots of songs and *chants*, and always make a lot of noise. Even at *away games* there are always lots of people and there is always a lot of *banter* between the home and away fans, but it's always in good humour. I've never seen any trouble in the *stands*. For me, football is more than just a game, it's a way of life.

Sport? Ugh! I just don't understand. OK, it's a good way to *keep in shape*, but I don't understand why people get so *competitive* about it. It's just a game. I can understand *adrenaline sports* like skydiving or bungee jumping. Those must be really exciting, but most sports are so boring. One game goes on forever, and then most times at the end it's just a *draw*, nobody even wins. And do you know how much it costs? My friend has a *season ticket* and it cost him thousands of pounds. *Thousands of pounds*. To watch a stupid football team every week. Just think what else he could buy with all that money. And there are even worse sports. What is the point of golf? People wearing stupid clothes and carrying around 20 *clubs* just to hit a tiny little ball. Why do they need so many? But the worst is Formula One. Cars driving round and round, *lap* after *lap* after *lap*. Why do people watch it? If I want to see cars driving, I can go to the motorway.

Everyday English: Sport – Solutions

- 1 A situation in a sport when both teams or players have equal points or goals is a draw. It can also be called a tie.
- 2 A large structure at a stadium where people sit or stand to watch the event is called a stand.
- 3 A wooden or metal stick used for hitting a ball is called a club, in golf at least. In cricket or baseball the stick is called a bat.
- 4 Banter is the word for jokes or funny conversation between people.
- 5 If you do exercise to stay fit and healthy, it can be called keeping in shape.
- 6 A pass or ticket that can be used many times is a season ticket.
- 7 A pitch is an area painted with lines where people play a sport like cricket or football.
- 8 A word or a phrase that is repeated many times, often by sports fans, like “*Here we go, here we go, here we go*”, for example, is a chant.
- 9 A game that takes place in a different club’s stadium is an away game. The opposite is a home game.
- 10 If you really want to win or be more successful than someone else, it is called being competitive.
- 11 Someone who watches sport on television can be called an armchair fan.
- 12 To thrash is to win very easily, by a lot of goals or points.
- 13 One complete trip around a racetrack is known as a lap.
- 14 Scoring three goals, especially in football, is called a hat-trick.
- 15 The person or team you are playing against in a sporting event is your opponent.
- 16 Sports that involve high speeds and danger are known as adrenaline sports or extreme sports.
- 17 A striker is a player whose job is to score goals.

Homographs

Number one is bat. B-A-T. A bat is a small flying animal and a piece of sporting equipment used to hit a ball, here a baseball bat.

Number two is wave. W-A-V-E. A wave can be a movement of your arm and hand to say hello or goodbye. It can also be the movement of the sea.

Number three is row [rəʊ] or row [rɑʊ]. R-O-W. To row means to move a boat using paddles or oars. A row is an argument or disagreement. Row can also mean a line of things next to each other, like a row of houses in a street.

Number four is ball. B-A-L-L. A ball is, of course, the round object you kick, throw (or hit with a bat) in sport, but it is also the name for a formal dance.

Number five is letter. L-E-T-T-E-R. It can mean a letter of the alphabet, like A, B, C, etc., or it can be the thing that comes in the post.

Number six is bow [bəʊ] or bow [bəʊ]. B-O-W. When you bow, you move your body forward and your head down as a mark of respect, like people do when they meet a king or queen. It is also the name for the front part of a ship. A bow is made with two round parts and two ends and can be seen on a present, in hair or is used to tie your shoelaces.

Homophones

1 right, 2 flew, 3 our, 4 sale, 5 there, 6 wait

Homophones Solutions

- 1 Right can be R-I-G-H-T or W-R-I-T-E. The first means the opposite of left or the opposite of wrong, and the second means to use a pen on paper.
- 2 Flew can be F-L-E-W, as in the past tense of the verb to fly, or F-L-U, short for influenza, an illness common in winter.
- 3 Hour, H-O-U-R, is a period of sixty minutes. Our, O-U-R, means belonging to us.
- 4 Sale can be S-A-L-E or S-A-I-L. The first version is when things are sold more cheaply than their normal price, like after Christmas and the second is a verb meaning to travel across water, or the big piece of fabric that catches the wind and makes a boat move.
- 5 There, they’re, their. Three words, three different spellings and meanings. There, T-H-E-R-E, as in over there, or there are lots of homophones in English. Also their, T-H-E-I-R, meaning belonging to them. For example, “This is their car, not mine.” And did you get the last one? They’re, T-H-E-Y apostrophe R-E, short for they are. Try to write this sentence: “They’re over

there with their friends.” Did you put the right theres there?

- 6 Wait can be spelt W-A-I-T or W-E-I-G-H-T. The first one is when you have to stay in place until something is ready or arrives, like “I missed the bus and had to wait 20 minutes for the next one.” The second is how heavy something is, as in “The weight of an African elephant is about the same as three cars, or more than 6,000 kilogrammes”.

CD Track 16

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Listening Part One

You will hear some sentences. You will hear each sentence twice. Choose the best reply to each sentence.

Number one. Number one.

Hello. Mrs Collins? It's Amy. Is Jo there, please?
Hello. Mrs Collins? It's Amy. Is Jo there, please?

Number two. Number two.

Hi. Did you sleep well? You look much better now.
Hi. Did you sleep well? You look much better now.

Number three. Number three.

Sorry. It'll cost more than twenty pounds to mend that.
Sorry. It'll cost more than twenty pounds to mend that.

Number four. Number four.

[boss to PA] Err... Do you think you can finish by Monday, Ms Marwin?
[boss to PA] Err... Do you think you can finish by Monday, Ms Marwin?

Number five. Number five.

So, why would you like a job with our company?
So, why would you like a job with our company?

Number six. Number six.

I think you should wear something stylish but comfortable.
I think you should wear something stylish but comfortable.

Number seven. Number seven.

Excuse me, do you have this in another colour?
Excuse me, do you have this in another colour?

That is the end of Part One.

CD Track 17

Listening Part Two

You will hear some conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. Choose the correct answers for each conversation.

Conversation One

M: OK, we can start here ... it's a nice quiet place. Ready?
F: [uncertain, sounding nervous] Well... you know, I've never driven before. My dad taught my brother, and they both wanted to teach me last year but I thought an instructor'd be better. You know... someone confident and professional.

M: I agree, it's better to keep fathers and brothers out of it, or anyone you know, actually - too easy to get into arguments, otherwise [pause] Now, don't worry. We'll start with the basics. Err... just before we change seats, make sure it's safe to open the door. What do you think you're looking for?

F: [uncertain] Ummm... perhaps other cars, cyclists...? [even more uncertain] Is it safe to get out...?

M: That's right. OK, so let's change over then I'll show you how to set the mirrors, start the car and use the brakes. *(Repeated)*

Conversation Two

F: How many languages do you speak?

M: Well, I speak French and Spanish. I can read and understand German but I can't speak it at all.

F: [impressed] Wow, and now you want to study Italian? Why did you choose it?

M: Well ..., it's similar to Spanish so it will be quite easy for me. But most importantly, I'm mad about Italy - everything, Rome, the history, the food ... [sighing contentedly] Aah. I was thinking about coming here for a six-week course but then I decided to stay longer. I'm going home at the end of the year now.

F: That's eight months, right? Where're you staying here in Rome?

M: The college offered to find a hotel or an apartment but I didn't fancy those. I'm going to stay with a host family - I'll practise the language more... *(Repeated)*

Conversation Three

F: Come on, Henry! Hurry up! A lot of snow's fallen overnight and it takes ages to clear the car!

M: [moaning] All right, all right... I've had enough of this snowy weather, you know. Why can't we just stay at home for a bit? I'd rather not risk the journey...

F: [upset] What do you mean? We promised Jane and Michael I'd look after the kids while they're out doing their shopping.

M: Well, I'm really not looking forward to the drive from their place to work on these slippery roads but I can't make excuses. The grandchildren are waiting after all, and we both know how much they love seeing you...

F: It's not that bad! And I'm sure it will melt before you leave there to go to work. Look, the sun's coming out already! *(Repeated)*

That is the end of Part Two.

Listening Part Three

You will hear someone talking. You will hear the person twice. Complete the information. Write short answers of one to three words. (pause of 30 seconds for reading the notes)

Hello everyone, – welcome to our room-escape game: it's called 'Magic Books'. I'm sure you know what it's all about. In about five minutes time, you're going to be locked in a room and the aim of the game is to solve puzzles, find objects and get out of the room. You'll have a maximum time of one hour to do it in. First, let me tell you a bit about the history of escape-rooms. Well... it's not very long: the most famous room opened in Silicon Valley in two-thousand-and-six, but the very first room was actually created in two-thousand-and-four. Some computer programmers got the idea from the works of Agatha Christie. I'm sure you know her; she published a lot of novels but she's most famous for her crime stories. But not all escape-rooms are inspired by crime. There are various designs from hospital rooms to ancient castles. This one looks like a library. Now, don't worry, there's nothing frightening in the room, and nothing dangerous. You'll only have to use your brains, in other words, this is a game for the mind. Err... What else d'you need to know? Well, no personal belongings allowed, so put them in the lockers – over there – next to the entrance, on the left. In case of emergency, there's a panic button – it's big and red so easy to notice – beside the door. This'll open the door if you press it. When the game starts, go in and look for hidden pictures or notes in books. If you need some ideas, ask the game manager – he's outside but can hear you, but you can only ask for his help three times. Ready to start? The door will open for you in thirty seconds – remember: only sixty minutes to get out. Good luck!
(Repeated)

You now have thirty seconds to read through and check your answers.

That is the end of Part Three.

Listening Part Four

You will hear a conversation. You will hear the conversation twice. Choose the correct answers. (pause of 20 seconds for reading the questions)

F: [enthusiastic] Wow! Peter, look at this! I think I've found the ideal gift for your parents' anniversary!
M: [sounding curious] Great – err ... What've you found? I've been wondering for a while but couldn't come up with anything.
F: [showing an advert] Here... look at this advert ... perfect, isn't it?
M: [shocked] Are you serious, Tanya? This thing costs loads of money! And I'm not sure they'd even be able to turn it on! You know my mum, she's old-fashioned and...
F: [interrupting] Come on! It's an awesome gift. I'm sure your mum gets tired cleaning their house, and a cleaning

robot is something she could use every day to keep the floor clean. It would help her a lot, and I think that's important in a gift. [as an afterthought] And even your father'd be pleased with a robot vacuum cleaner! He could have his own house cleaning robot, like in a science fiction film!

M: [agreeing] Well, you're probably right about my father, he's always loved new technology, but d'you think my mum would be OK with a robot cleaning her house? She doesn't even like you or the kids, or even any of her friends helping her, remember! She's never satisfied with the way other people clean.

F: [laughing] That's very true, Peter... she can be difficult about cleaning – but believe me, this is different. It's not a person who doesn't do things the way she likes to do them. She'll just have to switch this on and forget all about it... as easy as that.

M: Hmm... I don't know... Is it really only pushing the start button? Does it really save time compared to traditional hoovers? Is it easy for older people to use? I have so many questions...

F: Well, what they say here in the advert is:[reading out] it's much smaller and lighter than other hoovers, it goes under low furniture easily, and is also much quieter.

M: OK, you're persuading me, it sounds like there're a lot of advantages, but are these all true? And what about the disadvantages?

F: Obviously they haven't mentioned those, but you could go online and read some reviews yourself.

M: I'll definitely do that. I think we should read what somebody who's bought it thinks, and only buy it if we believe it really would be a benefit. I don't want to buy my parents something useless. Think about all the useless, expensive electrical equipment we've spent hundreds on over the past few years!

F: All right, all right...While you're checking the reviews, d'you want me to call your sister to ask what she's planning to get?

M: Oh, yes, please. Could you agree where we're having dinner with her, and say we'll get the flowers? And, Tanya...perhaps you could ask her what she thinks about a robot cleaner. It would be cheaper to get it from all of us...

F: Ha-ha, you still think it's too much, don't you? OK, I'll do my best. It is expensive, I agree.

(Repeated)

That is the end of Part Four.