



Learn English Through Stories.

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Vocabulary.

Nine tests.

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1. She looks as if she needs a good meal; her body is so thin and bony.
2. Martha and David are both rather tall and thin individuals.
3. Being extremely fat can have health risks.
4. A very tall, thin, bony, awkward-looking boy carried our bags for us.
5. Her new silk dress suited her thin frame.
6. A short man with broad shoulders offered to lift the stone so we could look underneath.
7. That solid-looking woman on the left of the photo is Charlie's wife.

2. Fill in the gaps in the sentences using a word or expression. The first letter of the words is given.

1. Finn looked really **u**..... after two weeks of camping – his clothes were dirty and his hair was a mess!
2. Leah always looks amazing – she never has a **h**..... out of place!
3. Alex has **b**..... **u**..... a lot – must be all that time he spends at the gym lifting weights!
4. Dan hasn't slept for three days – he looks really tired and **h**.....!

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1*He's folding his arms.*.....



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4. Complete each sentence with the appropriate form of *say*, *speak*, *talk* or *tell*.

1. Strictly, you shouldn't be here.
2. Joel..... me a secret and made me promise not to pass it on to anyone else.
3. It goes without..... that we'll invite you to our wedding.
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9. I think that, generally, it's better to use public transport than drive yourself.

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Clue words:

Protest, disseminate, impart, declare, notify, divulge, profess, pronounce

1. The victim was asked why he had not told the police sooner about the mugging.
2. The older generation has always attempted to pass its wisdom on to young people.
3. Stockman has always insisted that he is innocent.
4. Robert claimed that he knew nothing of the damage to the car.
5. The reporter had no option but to explain where she had got her information from.
6. The doctors said he was dead when they arrived at the scene of the accident.
7. The judges said that Magda Karlson had won the competition.
8. The charity does a great deal to inform people about its activities.

6. Correct these sentences.

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Jamie: Yes, he....., didn't he?

Emilio: I don't think we'll get tickets for the cup final. They're all sold and we'd have to pay a huge sum of money to buy some on the black market.

Chris: Yes, they're.....

Mark: Dr Zasta's research is incredibly original and he has made some important new discoveries.

Nuria: Yes, he's done some really.....

8. Complete the gaps with idioms given below.

give me a hard time

all sweetness and light

out-and-out

asking for trouble

getting on my nerves

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Well, when I started working with her, at first she was, but after a while she started....., and we soon began to have arguments over stupid things. If I made even a small mistake with my work, she would....., you know, and she would..... me if I smiled at or chatted with any of our male colleagues., she began to..... my honesty, and one day, when some money disappeared from someone's handbag, she told people she thought I'd stolen it. I don't think she was an.....evil person, but she was certainly....., and one day I just lost my temper and, you know, told her exactly what I thought of her and how much I disliked her. She hasn't spoken to me since that day.

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2. The last President was an in-and-out cruel monster, and the new one is not much better.
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Answers

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