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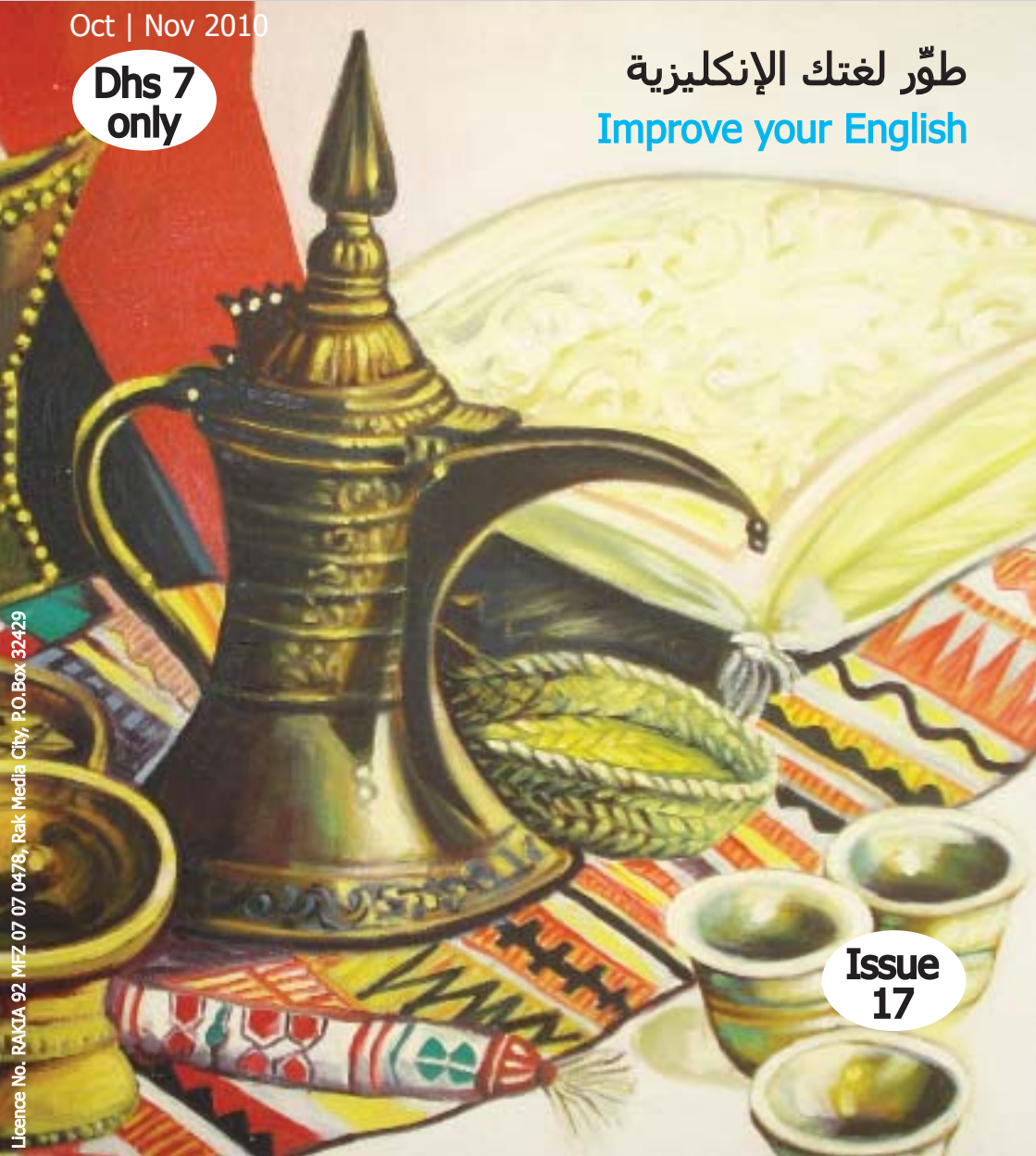
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Welcome

مرحباً

Welcome back to English 4 U. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays.

أهلاً بكم مجدداً في مجلتنا. نأمل أن تكونوا جميعاً قد استمتعتم بإجازتكم الصيفية.

Our cover story looks at Arab hospitality and the importance of **coffee** and **dates** in social occasions.

يتطرق موضوع هذا العدد إلى حسن الضيافة العربية وأهمية **القهوة** و**التمر** في المناسبات الإجتماعية.

In the intermediate section, we have articles about elephants and **ivory**. Our characters, Fadi and Shadi, are experiencing Asian culture in **Vietnam**. The grammar section deals with the **conjunctions**: because, so, but, although.

وفي المستوى المتوسط، سنلقي نظرة على الفيلة والعاج. وشادي وفادي سيتعلمان بعضاً من الثقافة الآسيوية في **فيتنام**. وفي قسم القواعد سنتحدث عن **أحرف العطف**: لأن، هكذا، لكن، على الرغم من.

Advanced learners can read a summary of **The Alchemist**, a novel by **Paulo Coelho**. We also look at dates and the **Liwa Date Festival**. **Culture Shock** features some unusual customs from around the word.

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Of course, you will also find the usual mix of **puzzles**, **jokes** and **competitions**. Please continue to send us your letters, stories and poems.

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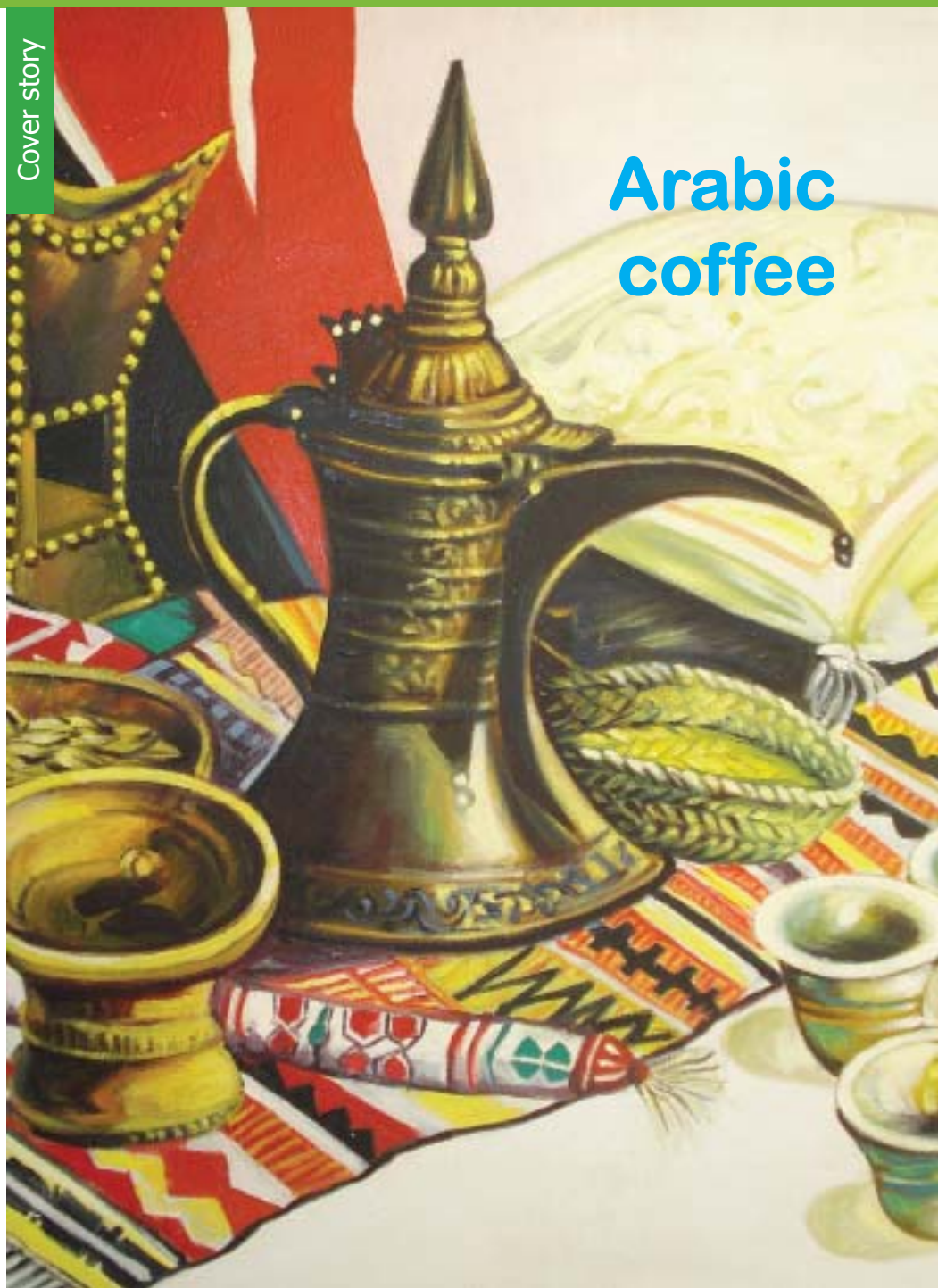


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Arabic coffee



Arabs are well-known for their hospitality and they always make their guests feel welcome. The preparation and serving of Arabic coffee is a sign that a guest is welcomed and honoured.

An English tourist is visiting an Arab home. Here is the conversation between the **visitor**, Simon, and the **host**, Abdulla.

Simon: Hello Abdulla.

Abdulla: Welcome to my home*.

Simon: You have a beautiful villa.

Abdulla: It's new. We moved here last year. Please sit down and make yourself at home.

Simon: That chest is very nice.

Abdulla: It came from my grandfather. It's about 100 years old.

Simon: Then it's a real antique.

Abdulla: Yes, it is. Here's some coffee.

Simon: Thank you. It's delicious.

Abdulla: The **coffee beans** are mixed with **cardamom** and always served from a **coffee-pot**. Please have another **cup**.

Simon: Thank you. By the way, I saw some people shake the cup gently after drinking. What does this mean?

Abdulla: It means the guest does not want to drink anymore coffee.

Simon: How many cups should a guest drink?

Abdulla: Usually two or three cups. Please have some **dates**.

Simon: These dates are very fresh. I went to the Date Festival in Liwa a few months ago.

Abdulla: I'm glad you like them. In our hospitality it is very important that we make our guests feel welcome.

Simon: Well, I really enjoyed my visit. Let's meet again at Al Sham **Cafe** on Friday evening.

Abdulla: Great. I look forward to it.

Simon: Thanks again. See you on Friday.

* home and house - see page 66 to learn about the differences.

Vocabulary builder



A container that holds coffee.

a coffee-pot



A container that you drink out of.

a cup



Sweet fruit of the date palm.

dates



cardamom

A spice that adds flavour to drinks and food.



Seeds of coffee plants.

coffee beans



cafe

A place where you can have hot and cold drinks.

How to make Arabic coffee

Ingredients

- 3 cups of water
- 2 tablespoons of Arabic coffee
- 1 tablespoon of cardamom

Recipe

Complete the column on the left with a word from the list below.
Use each word once only.

We have done the first one for you.

Stir

Turn off

Add

Serve

Boil

Put

Strain

1. Boil the water in a pot.
2. _____ the coffee to the water and boil over a low heat for 5 minutes.
3. _____ the heat.
4. _____ the cardamom in the pot.
5. _____ the mixture.
6. _____ the coffee into a cup.
7. _____ and drink.

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Do you know?

✂ Cafe can also be spelt café. The origin of the word is French.

✂ Don't confuse cafe and coffee: We drink coffee at the cafe.

Read the dialogue and find:

1) Another word that means 'old'.

.....

2) An item of furniture.

.....



3) A word that means 'very nice'.

.....

4) A name of a spice.

.....

5) A type of fruit.

.....

6) The opposite of 'visitor'.

.....



Answers on page 68



Coffee quiz

How much do you know about coffee?

A few questions to test your knowledge.

Unscramble the words to find the countries.

1. Which country produces the most coffee?

arlBiz B _ _ _ _ _ l

2. Where did coffee plant cultivation first begin?

aEiohpit E _ _ _ _ _ a

3. Mokha coffee comes from which country?

neYme Y _ _ _ _ n

4. Where do people drink the most coffee?

dFnnail F _ _ _ _ _ d

5. Where does the most expensive coffee come from?

sendnaloI I _ _ _ _ _ a

Answers on page 68

Messages 1

Student's Book

Unit 8

Grammar practice

1 *can / can't*

Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

1. Joe can play the keyboard.

2. Dolphins _____ swim.

3. Cats _____ fly.

4. A fish _____ live under water.

5. I _____ eat my lunch. I've got a stomach ache.

6. Snakes _____ talk.

7. Don't shout! I _____ hear you.

8. It's very dark. We _____ see.



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2 *Can / can't*: questions and short answers

Write answers to the questions.

1. A: Can Lisa cook?

B: ☒ No, she can't.

2. A: Can Lee and Barney play the guitar?

B: ☒

3. A: Can you ski?

B: ☒

4. A: Can Annie sing?

B: ☒

5. A: Can your brother speak English?

B: ☒

6. A: Can you ride a bike?

B: ☒

7. A: Can they drive?

B: ☒

8. A: Can I catch a bus to the station here?

B: ☒



3 **Must / mustn't**

Complete the sentences with *must* or *mustn't*.

1. My birthday party is on Saturday. You must come.

2. It's very late. You mustn't go to bed.

3. That dog is dangerous. You mustn't go near it.

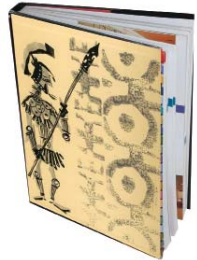
4. Your T-shirt isn't clean. You must wash it.

5. This book is fantastic! You must read it.

6. I've got a problem. You must help me.

7. It's my father's computer. You mustn't use it.

8. There are often sharks around this beach. You mustn't swim here.



Answers on page 68

4 Imperatives

Complete the instructions with the words in the box.

Go Don't be Look Don't forget Tidy Don't argue
Listen Don't stand

1. **Tidy** your room, please.
2. at the camera.
3. with your brother.
4. to bed now.
5. in front of the television!
6. silly!
7. to the teacher.
8. your keys!



My trip to Germany

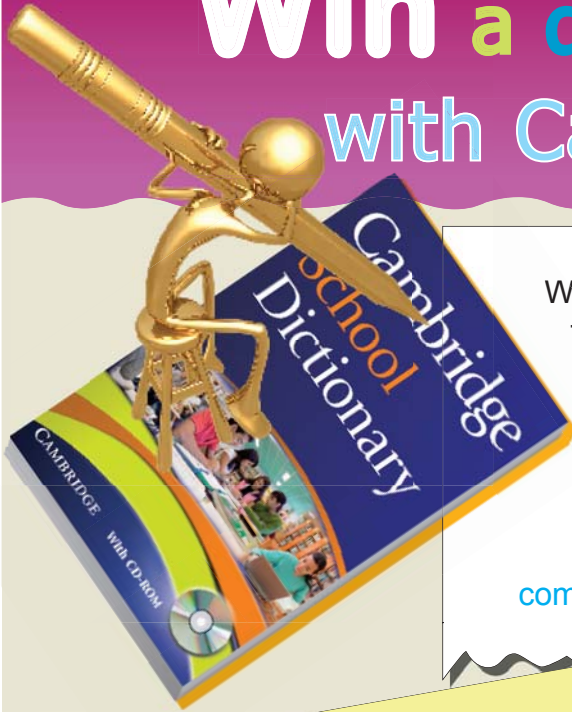
Hello,

My name is AlAhmed Ahmed. I live in The UAE. Last Summer I went to an amazing country which is called Germany. Germany is a very beautiful country. It has a beautiful nature. It is full of many other beautiful things like flowers. There are few people and cars. It is a very simple country. I will tell you about what I liked more in the trip. I liked times which I spent with my family. I discovered lots of things about this country. They have lots of big farms and colleges. The most thing I liked about this country was the weather. It was very nice. I also discovered that the people in Germany don't speak English. They only talk in German language or as they called it Deutsch. This is my story about this beautiful country. But don't forget that we will always love our country UAE.



Writer: AlAhmed Ahmed
Age: 14 years old
School: Alrayada school
RAK

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We would love to hear from our younger readers, so if you are aged 16 or under, get busy with your keyboard!

The academic year has just started and the memories of your summer holidays are already beginning to fade. Before you completely forget them, write and tell us about an interesting place you went to, or something exciting you did during your summer holidays.

Perhaps you followed in Fadi and Shadi's footsteps and visited Malaysia or just chilled in the UAE. Whatever you did, tell us about it. We would love to receive your emails and photos. Use a **maximum** of 50 words.



These words appear on pages 7 & 8.

antique (n)

شيء عتيق

beautiful (adj)

جميل

cardamom (n)

هيل

chest (n)

صندوق

coffee (n)

قهوة

coffee-pot (n)

دلة

cup (n)

فنجان

dates (n)

تمر

delicious (adj)

لذيذ

drink (v)

يشرب

enjoy (v)

يتمتع بـ

festival (n)

مهرجان

furniture (n)

أثاث

grandfather (n)

جد

guest (n)

ضيف

home (n)

وطن - منزل

hospitality (n)

حُسن الضيافة

host (n)

مُضيف

house (n)

منزل

important (adj)

مهم

month (n)

شهر

nice (adj)

جميل - لطيف

pleasure (n)

سعادة

real (adj)

حقيقي

try (v)

يحاول

villa (n)

فيلا

visit (n)

زيارة

visitor (n)

زائر

28 words

(n) = noun (v) = verb (adj) = adjective

Try to remember these words.

Now make sentences using the following words ...

coffee:

cup:

dates:

home:

nice:

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Medium Level



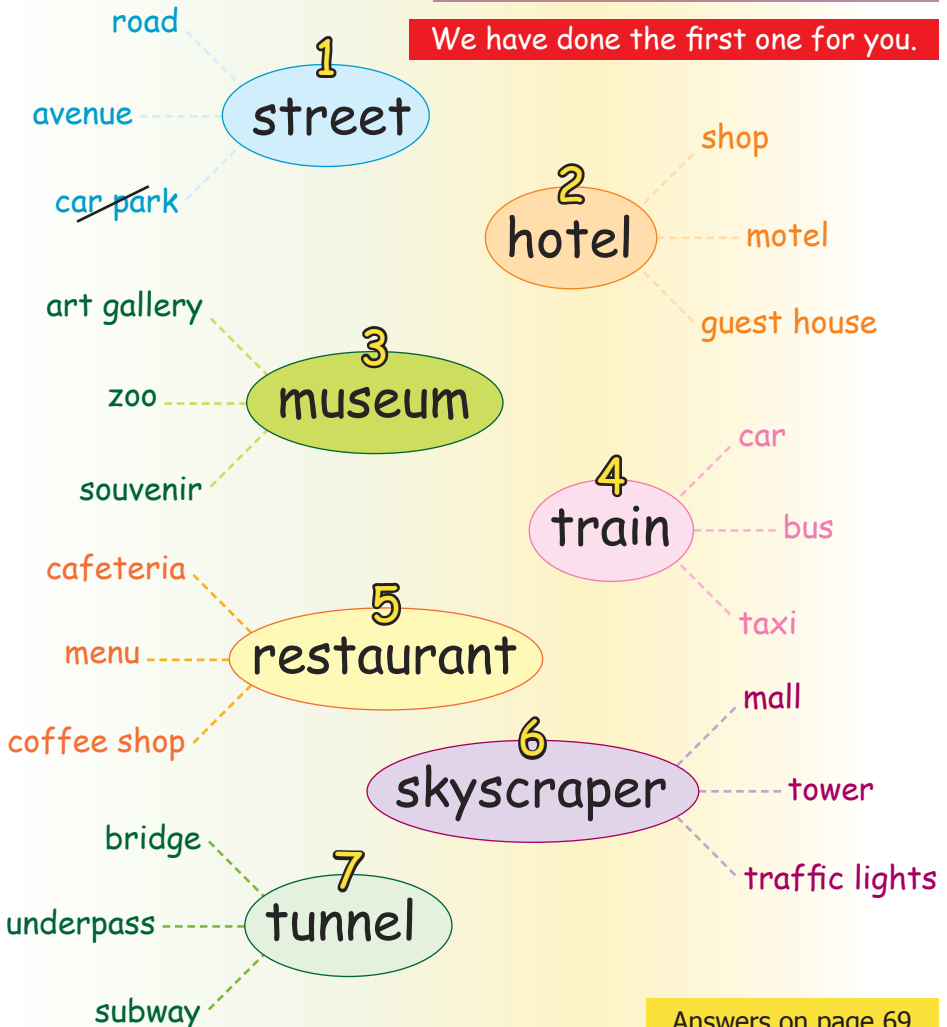
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One word bluff

Pick the one word which doesn't fit.

All these words relate to cities.

We have done the first one for you.



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Fadi & Shadi in Vietnam



*Sinad
Hawany*

Shadi: Vietnam or to use its proper name, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is only a short flight from Kuala Lumpur.

Fadi: Yes, **although** it feels stranger and more exotic. The food, the language, the scenery and the people are all different.

Shadi: **But** the weather feels the same, at least here in Ho Chi Minh City, in the south of the country. Vietnam is a huge country, both in area and population.

Fadi: The country is four times bigger than the UAE and it has a population of about 90 million.

Shadi: Did you know that Ho Chi Minh City used to be called Saigon?

Fadi: Yes, that was before North Vietnam and South Vietnam became one country following years of fighting.

Shadi: Well, it certainly has a nice mix of old and new buildings and there's a lot to see and do. This floating market, on the Mekong River, is amazing.

Fadi: It's a great place to find fresh fruit and vegetables, and it's very colourful.

Shadi: **Although** shopping in Vietnam is easy and things are cheap, you need to haggle* to get a good price. The streets are full of people and motorbikes **so** you have to walk carefully.

*bargain

Fadi: But, for bargains it's best to avoid shopping malls.

Shadi: Yes, and we can visit malls back home in the UAE.

Fadi: Do you remember the name of the currency?

Shadi: I know it begins with the letter D and it's not dirham.

Fadi: That's true. It's called dong and there are over 5,000 dong to a dirham.

Shadi: So I'm a dong millionaire because I've just changed some dirhams!

Fadi: We both are! Come on, it's going to rain later. So, let's make hay while the sun shines* and do a bit more sightseeing.

Shadi: OK, then we can spend some of our millions on a taxi to our hotel. We shouldn't be late back because we have to get up early. Tomorrow we're off to the capital, Hanoi.

* a proverb which means you should take full advantage of an opportunity.

Destroy the incorrect sentences

about Fadi & Shadi.

Find the mistakes and correct them.
Be careful - some of the sentences are correct!

1. Ho Chi Minh City is the capital of Vietnam.

.....

2. The streets are usually quiet.

.....

3. The Vietnamese currency is called dong.

.....

4. The Mekong River flows over Ho Chi Minh City.

.....

5. About 90 million people live in Vietnam.

.....

6. Vietnam is more big than the UAE.

.....

7. Saigon is the old name for Ho Chi Minh City.

.....

8. Vietnam is a well place for shopping.

.....

Answers on page 69

GRAMMAR

Review

Conjunctions

because, so, but, although

In the dialogue on the previous pages, Fadi and Shadi use the words **because, so, but, although**. We use these words to connect two clauses.

✧ We use **because** to give the **reason** for something.

- I'm a dong millionaire **because** I've just changed some dirhams!
- We shouldn't be late back **because** we have to get up early.

✧ We use **so** to talk about the **result** of something.

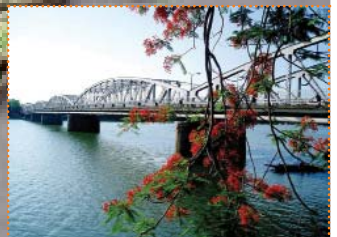
- I changed some dirhams **so** now I'm a millionaire.
- The streets are full of people and motorbikes **so** you have to walk carefully.



We use **but** and **although** to show a contrast between two ideas or situations.

- The food, the language, the scenery and the people are all different, **but** the weather feels the same.
- It is only a short flight from Kuala Lumpur **although** it feels stranger and more exotic.
- **Although** shopping in Vietnam is easy and things are cheap, you need to haggle to get a good price.

(**Although** can go at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence.)



Complete the sentences with

so
although
because
but

1. _____ it was raining, we didn't have an umbrella.
2. I live in Baniyas _____ work in Abu Dhabi.
3. The film finished, _____ I went to bed.
4. She studied hard _____ she wanted to be a doctor.
5. They went shopping _____ didn't buy anything.

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Match the sentences 1 - 5 with A - E and join them with **because**, **so**, **but**, **or** **although**.



1. I felt ill, _____
2. His English isn't very good _____
3. We went to a restaurant _____
4. She had a lot of lessons _____
5. The address was wrong _____



- A. it was her birthday.
- B. still failed her driving test.
- C. the email was returned.
- D. I went to the doctor's.
- E. he had spent six months in Australia.

A **tongue-twister** is a phrase that is designed to be difficult to pronounce properly. It's very difficult to say tongue-twisters in English so don't worry if you can't do it very well at first, just have fun!



Peter Piper

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?



She sells seashells by the seashore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore,
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.





If you want to buy, buy,
if you don't want to buy, bye bye!



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice-cream.

Zero zebras zig zagged into the zoo.



Some tongue-twisters are short phrases, which become tongue-twisters when repeated quickly. Try to say these quickly a few times. How fast can you say them?

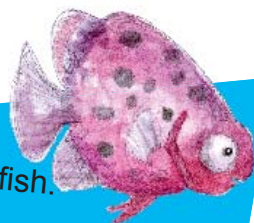
Red lorry, yellow lorry.



Red Leather, yellow leather.



Freshly-fried flying fish.



Hello, my name is Salma, I'm in grade seven. I'm (11) years old. In theme (2) we talked about rain forests, and I want to tell you about it. Rain forests are pieces of land covered with many tall trees and plants. They're located in different parts of the world and the weather is hot, sunny, humid, wet and rainy all the year. The rain forests are in danger because people are cutting down the trees to build houses, and grazing for cattle. So, the unique animals like koala, panda, lions and crocodile are in danger. I think people should protect the rain forest to keep animals safe in their natural environment.



Name: Salma, Grade: 7/1

School: Al Noaimya School - Al Manama

Short riddles to

wake up
your brain cells.



1 Why did the boy throw butter out the window?

2 What is there more of the less you see?

3 When will water stop flowing downhill?

4 What's easier to give than receive?

5 What is always coming but never arrives?

6 What's taken before you get it?

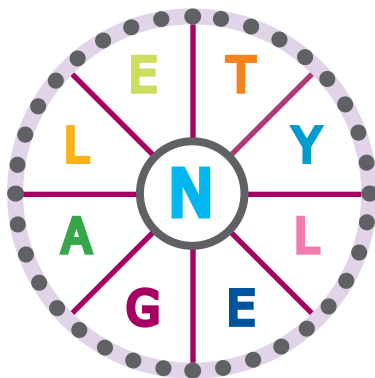
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Puzzles are a good test of your vocabulary.

1. How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter **N**.

Can you find a 9-letter word? There are at least 13 other words of four letters or more.



2. SPORTING MIX

Here are eight popular sports. Can you unscramble the letters, and find out what they are?



1. LOVELYBALL
2. GINSIK
3. STABLEBLAK
4. NISTEN
5. FOTOLABL
6. GISNMIWM
7. NNNGRUI
8. GBURY

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. |

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Match the words

In the box you can find eight things associated with the **home**. They are all compound words (words made up of two elements). Can you match them up correctly to find the eight items?

ARM MACHINE AIR BIN MICRO DISH
CHAIR CUP WASHER VISION CONDITIONER
TELE WAVE WASTE WASHING BOARD

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

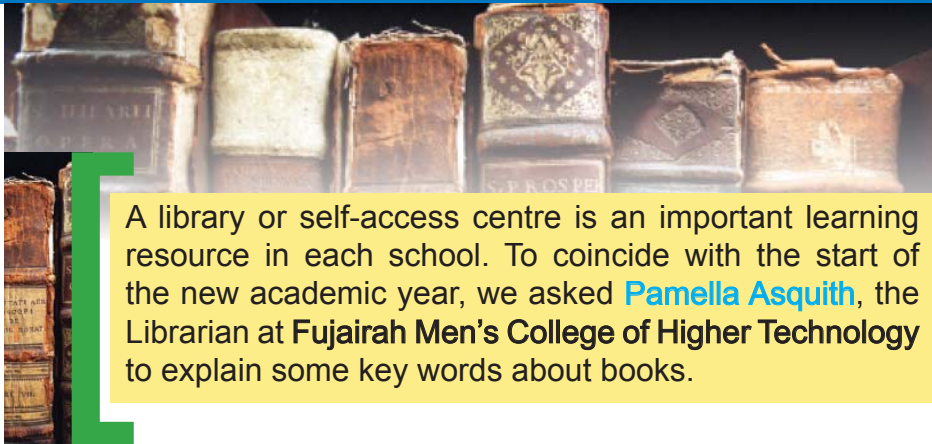
7.

8.



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About books



A library or self-access centre is an important learning resource in each school. To coincide with the start of the new academic year, we asked [Pamella Asquith](#), the Librarian at Fujairah Men's College of Higher Technology to explain some key words about books.

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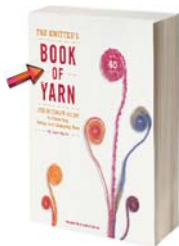
Book with a soft paper cover.

hardcover



Book with a heavy cover.

title



Name of a book.

ISBN



International Standard Book Number, a book's ID number, 10 or 13 digits long.

illustrator



Person who does the artwork for a book.

translator



Person who changes the language of a book to another language.

contents



At the beginning of a book, a list of chapters or parts of a book.

author



Person who writes books.

Finally, Pamella is a **BOOKWORM**.
If you love books and reading, you are a **bookworm**, too!
Ask your teacher or your friendly librarian if you have any questions.
HAPPY READING!



Thank you for all the contributions you sent us about "favourite animals".

We really enjoyed reading them. The two stories we liked are both about cats - one small, tame cat and the other a large, wild one. Which cat do you prefer?



I like wild animals such as lions and cheetahs. They are very beautiful and fearless. I don't like to see them in zoos and they should remain in their natural environment. I like to watch films about animals. One day I hope to see them in Africa.

Saleh Agha

My favourite animal is a cat. I have a black cat and its name is Sheba. When I am sad Sheba makes me happy. My cat is about 3 years old and plays in the trees in our garden. Sheba likes to eat fish.

Moza Mohammad

We are sending them both a Cambridge School Dictionary.

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Doctor, Doctor Jokes

Doctor, Doctor, I
swallowed a spoon.

Well try to relax and
don't stir.

Doctor, Doctor, I
swallowed a roll of
film.

Don't worry, nothing
will develop.

Doctor, Doctor,
nobody ever listens
to me.

Next.

Doctor, Doctor, I'm
turning into a trash
can.

Don't talk such
rubbish.

Doctor, Doctor, I feel
like a bell.

Well take these, and if
they don't work, give
me a ring.

Doctor, Doctor, my
eyesight is getting
worse.

You're absolutely right,
this is a post office.

Doctor, Doctor, the first
thirty minutes I'm up
every morning I feel
dizzy, what should I do?

Get up half an hour later.

Doctor, Doctor, what
does this x-ray of my
head show?

Unfortunately
nothing.



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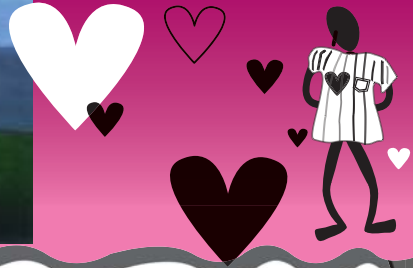
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Ask Tom



Home is where the heart is



Meaning

This means that if you are in the place you love the most, then that becomes your true home. It gives you the feeling of belonging. When you are away from this place, it is always nice to return. Your home is better than all others.

Examples

I really enjoyed staying with you but **home is where the heart is** and it's time to leave.

Although I was born in Fujairah, I study at the university in Al Ain. I go to Fujairah every weekend because I love my parents' house and **home is where the heart is**.

An idiom is a form of speech or an expression that is peculiar to itself. Grammatically it cannot be understood from the individual meanings of its elements. This month we explain a few more idioms beginning with the letter C.



How well do you know these idiomatic expressions?
Try matching them up. Good luck!

1. Cream rises to the top



A. Something rash or silly you do that ends up making things worse for you.

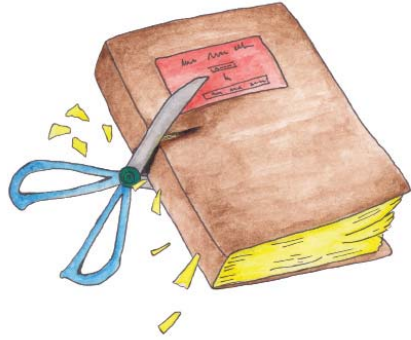
B. Something that doesn't have any effect or influence.

2. Crocodile tears

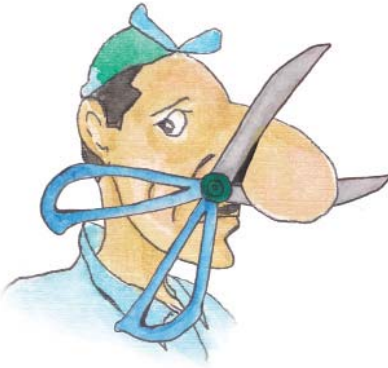


3. Cut a long story short

C. Someone pretends to be upset or affected by something.



4. Cut off your nose to spite your face



D. A good person or idea cannot go unnoticed for long.

5. Cuts no ice



E. Someone who shortens a story by getting to the end or the point.

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1. **D**
2.
3.
4.
5.



A dozen useful
words in an
article
about dates.

sugar harvest wealth trunk
fruit bunch producer ~~date~~
cultivation food seed economic

Put the right words in the gaps.

We have done the first one for you.

The¹ date palm, *Phoenix dactylifera*, is an ancient, venerable tree that has long been valued for its sweet fruit. It is believed that the trees originated in the Arabian Gulf, and some archaeological evidence has indicated that² _____ goes back over 7,000 years. The trees are mostly found in northern Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan, India and California. Dates and date palms are mentioned in the Holy Quran.

The date palm grows about 25 metres tall. Its³ _____ ends in a crown of shining, pinnate* leaves about 5 metres long.

The date contains a single⁴ _____ and is usually oblong. However, dates vary in shape, size, colour, quality, and consistency of flesh, according to the conditions of cultivation. More than 1,000 dates may appear on a single⁵ _____ weighing 8 kg or more. The dried fruit is more than 50 %⁶ _____ and contains about 2 % each of protein, fat and mineral matter.

Palms begin to bear⁷ _____ in 4 to 5 years and reach maturity at 10 to 15 years. Mature date palms can produce up to 100 kg or more each⁸ _____ season. Palms are known to live as long as 150 years.

All parts of the date palm have⁹ _____ value. The trunk furnishes timber; the leaves are used for making baskets; and the fruit stalks are used to make rope and fuel.

Dates have been a staple¹⁰ _____ in the Middle East for thousands of years and a source of¹¹ _____.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, in 2008, Egypt was the world's biggest¹² _____ of dates with 1.3 million tons. The UAE was the fourth largest producer with 755.000 tons.

*resembling a feather



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Liwa Dates galore

The Liwa Date Festival takes place every July and lasts for ten days. Liwa is a town in the Western Region, about 150 km from Abu Dhabi.

The festival is an occasion for farmers to display their dates and to win prizes for their quality, as well as learn about improvements in farming methods. Visitors have the opportunity to taste the dates and to drink date coffee. They can also learn about the local culture and traditions.

There are many different types of date, and they vary in size, texture and taste. They have names such as **dabbas**, **khallas** and **al khunaizi**. The dates must be presented in a special basket, called **mukhrafa**. The winners receive prizes.

Some of the trees in Liwa are affected by date palm weevils. These are insects which cause great damage to the trees. Farmers at the festival learn how to protect their trees from these insects. Pest control measures are important to ensure that the trees stay healthy. It is hoped that high quality dates will once again be on show at next year's festival.



Now over to you ...

Did you visit the Liwa Date Festival? If you did, we would love to see some of your photos. Please send them to us, with your name and school name, to contact@english4u.ae

We will put them in the next issue to show our readers what they missed!



Ivory is composed of dentin, a substance that forms the tusks of the elephant and other animals such as the hippopotamus and walrus.

There are two types of elephant: African and Indian. The tusk grows on the male and female African elephant and on the male Indian elephant. An elephant has two tusks. The tusk can grow up to three metres or more in length and can weigh up to 100 kilograms. The tusks on Indian elephants are smaller than those on African elephants. The tusks grow throughout an elephant's **lifetime** and grow in layers, the inside layer being the last produced.

Ivory is a very **durable** material and is not easily damaged or destroyed. Besides, it will not burn. The bark, or exterior, of a tusk is often dark. The interior is white or cream-coloured and has a nice grain. Ivory is an excellent material for hand carving into figurines.





It can be carved into a variety of shapes and objects and can be used in furniture and jewellery. Although the white piano keys, sometimes referred to as 'ivories', were formerly made of ivory, nowadays they are made of synthetic materials.



Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the trade in ivory is banned. This is because there has been a rapid decline in the population of the animals that produce it, mainly due to the activity of **poachers**. However, this prohibition is **controversial**. Some African countries claim that the ivory trade is necessary both to help their economies and to cull large numbers of elephants, which are damaging the environment.

vocabulary

Write the correct words
in the spaces.



lifetime durable controversial poachers cull

1. Most countries believe that the ivory trade should remain banned but a few countries want to trade in ivory. The issue is _____.
2. During an elephant's _____, its tusks never stop growing.
3. It is difficult to damage ivory because it is very _____.
4. To reduce elephant numbers and to stop damage to the environment, some countries would like to _____ the elephants.
5. Many elephants are killed illegally by _____ every year.

Answers on page 70

Understanding the reading.

Based on the reading, are these sentences true or false?



	True	False
1. All elephants have tusks.		
2. It is legal to buy and sell ivory.		
3. Synthetic materials have replaced ivory for piano keys.		
4. Ivory breaks easily.		
5. Tusks on African elephants are bigger than those on Indian elephants.		

Do you know?

The African elephant is the largest land animal, weighing up to 7,500 kilograms. The Indian elephant weighs about 5,500 kilograms. Other key differences are:



African



Indian

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ➤ Larger ears | ➤ Smaller ears |
| ➤ Concave back | ➤ Convex back |
| ➤ Three toenails on hind feet | ➤ Four toenails on hind feet |

Al Ain Palace Museum

It is important for all students to learn about Emirati heritage and culture to allow them to connect the present with the past. School trips to places of historical interest are useful for students so they can deepen their understanding of local traditions and living conditions of past decades.

During a visit by a group of Grade 10 students from **Al Manaseer Girls' Secondary School** in Al Ain to the Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum in Al Ain, the students were introduced to aspects of local culture that fascinated them all. The exhibits and displays ranged from the Al Nahyan family tree made from wood and stone, to a water well and ancient ways of cooking. Throughout their visit, the students made notes and took photos.

Back at school, the students used their notes, ideas and photos to plan a digital story using a storyboard organiser and then Moviemaker in the computer room to create a report about their trip. They used different English language skills such as descriptive language and past and present tenses to record details and their feelings about their trip. The result was an informative and well told story of a visit they will fondly remember for years to come.



Latifa Al Hassani 10/1

Sentence: Trip Sheikh Zayed palace museum

picture: Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

sound: None

Time: 55

Sentence: Info of Sheikh Zayed palace museum.

picture: Of Sheikh Zayed palace museum.

Sound: None

Time: 10

Sentence: Old things in the museum.

picture: a lot of old things

sound: None

Time: 15

By: Latifa al Hassani
Grade: 10/1
School: Al Manaseer
City: Al Ain

We welcome your contributions. If you have any piece of writing or photos about the culture and traditions in the UAE, please send them to us at:

letters@english4u.ae

Sentence: Al Nahyan family tree

picture: of a family tree

Sound: None

Time: 20

Sentence: The timetable of Al Nahyan Rulers

picture: The timetable

Sound: None

Time: 25

Sentence: Museum park, ending

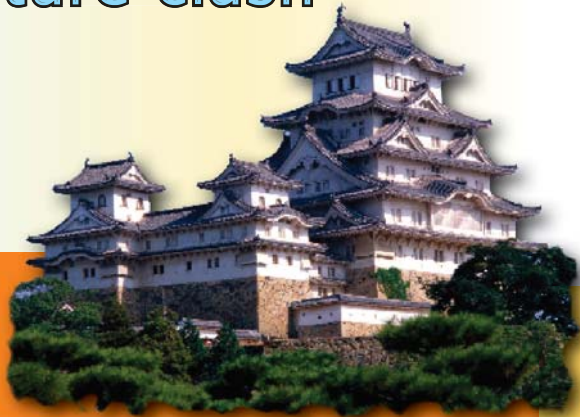
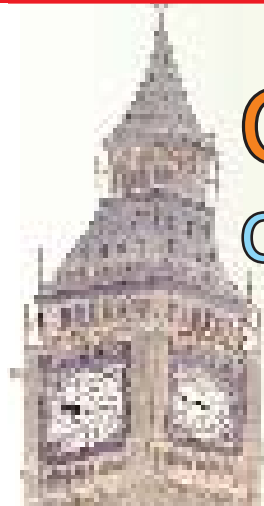
picture: park

Sound: none

Time: 30

Culture shock

Culture clash



We live in a global village and travelling has become quick and easy. We can arrive in another country or continent in a short time. But how well do we know each other? Take this simple test to find out how knowledgeable about other countries you really are.

1 In Brazil, New Year's Day is celebrated by eating what?

- ☐ a piece of cake
- ☐ a bowl of lentil soup
- ☐ a box of chocolates

2 What must you always remove before entering a Japanese home?

- ☐ shoes
- ☐ socks
- ☐ glasses

3 In Thailand, what should you not do in public?

- ☐ cross your legs
- ☐ fold your arms
- ☐ touch your ears

4 What is placed inside a bride's wedding shoes in Sweden?

- ☐ money
- ☐ gold and silver coins
- ☐ jewels

5 The world's biggest food fight takes place every August in Burol in Spain. What do people throw at each other?

- ☐ eggs
- ☐ yoghurt
- ☐ tomatoes

6 In Britain, what subject do people often talk about?

- ☐ the weather
- ☐ politics
- ☐ sport

7 What should you never give as a gift in Asia, because of their association with funerals?

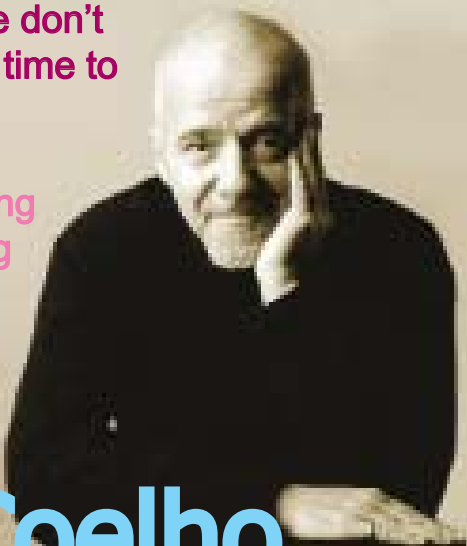
- ☐ red flowers
- ☐ white flowers
- ☐ blue flowers

8 Which number is considered unlucky in China and Japan?

- ☐ 2
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 6

For many people, reading is a great pastime. However, in our busy lives, we don't always find enough time to read.

Try to read something each week. Reading will improve your English.



Paulo Coelho

Paulo Coelho was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 24 August, 1947.

He is a novelist and lyricist.

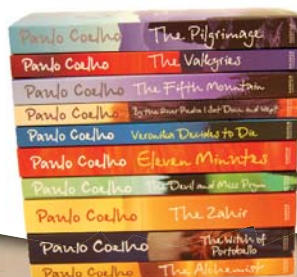
As a teenager, Coelho wanted to become a writer but faced hostility from his parents over his desired profession. After school he began a law degree but dropped out and then went travelling in South America, North Africa and Europe. Upon his return to Brazil, he worked as a songwriter.

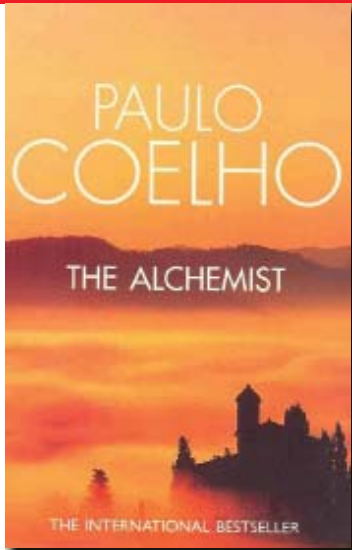
Coelho's first book, *Hells Archives*, was published in 1982 but did not sell many copies. *The Alchemist*, his most famous novel, was published in 1988 and has so far sold more than 60 million copies worldwide. It has been translated into many languages, including Arabic.



Some other books by Paulo Coelho

	The Pilgrimage	1987
	The Valkyries	1992
	By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept	1994
	Veronika Decides to Die	1998
	The Devil and Miss Prym	2000
	Eleven Minutes	2003
	The Zahir	2005
	The Witch of Portobello	2006
	The Winner Stands Alone	2008
	Aleph	2010





The Alchemist is subtitled "*A Fable About Following Your Dreams*". Fables are cautionary tales that have a point to make. The point this story makes is that everyone has a special destiny, and yet not everyone resolves to attain it because it involves hard work.

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

The Alchemist tells the story of Santiago, a young Spanish shepherd. Santiago has a recurring dream about hidden treasure at the Egyptian Pyramids and he decides to travel there to find it. On the way, he encounters love, danger, opportunity and disaster.

Santiago has difficulty in deciding what to do but after meeting Melchizedak, a strange wise man who claims he is a king from a far-off land, he decides to seek the treasure. He sells his sheep and travels to Africa to pursue his dream. Unfortunately on his first day in Africa he is robbed. He thinks about giving up and going home but decides to carry on after finding a job at a crystal shop. After working at the shop for a year, Santiago earns

enough money to buy a new flock of sheep and return home. At the last minute, though, he decides to join a caravan to Egypt.

Crossing the desert, the caravan arrives at Al Fayoum oasis, where Santiago meets a girl he falls in love with the moment he sees her. The local alchemist, a mysterious man, helps Santiago continue his journey and teaches him important life lessons along the way. Santiago is becoming wise and although he has left his true love back at the oasis, he is resolved to follow his dream to its end.

Santiago finally reaches the Pyramids. He begins to dig for the treasure, but some thieves arrive and rob him. They force him to continue digging, and then leave when no treasure is found. One of the thieves gives Santiago an important clue and he realises that he now knows where the treasure lies.

It ends up being right back where his journey began, under the same tree where he had the dream years earlier. He digs and finds a chest full of gold and gems. His next journey will be back to the desert to be reunited with the woman he loves.

The background of the bottom section is a stylized illustration of a desert. It features three golden pyramids of varying heights. Several palm trees with green fronds and brown trunks are scattered across the landscape. The ground is depicted with various shades of brown and tan, suggesting sand and rocks. The overall style is simple and graphic.

Now it's your turn!

If you have read a book that you really enjoyed, then write a summary of it in about 300 words. We will send you a **book token** if we print your story.

Natural disasters are sudden and extremely unfortunate events that affect many people. Meteorologists study weather and the earth to predict and understand natural disasters. Different parts of the world have different kinds of disasters. Avalanches are huge drifts of snow that rush downward. Volcanoes erupt hot gases and melted rock from kilometres below the earth's surface. Tornadoes, hurricanes and typhoons are caused by tremendous winds. Earthquakes result from moving plates deep in the earth. Tsunamis are huge ocean waves caused by undersea earthquakes or volcanoes. Floods appear in most areas of the world, and drought and famine occur in certain areas of the world.

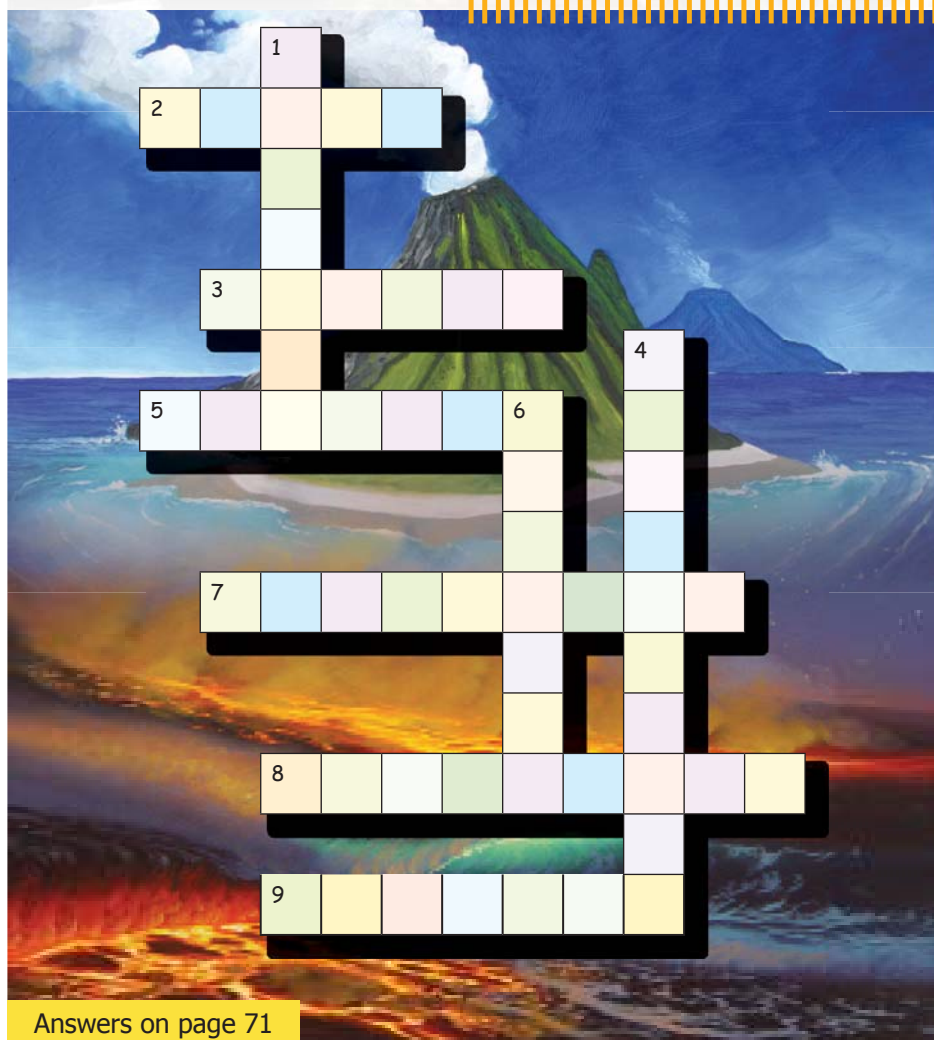


Across

2. A lot of water on land where people live caused by too much rain (5)
3. An extreme scarcity of food (6)
5. A long period of dryness that causes damage to crops (7)
7. A large mass of snow or ice that moves quickly down a mountainside (9)
8. A strong wind usually accompanied by rain (9)
9. Violent, rotating winds that form a funnel cloud than can destroy everything in its path when it touches land (7)

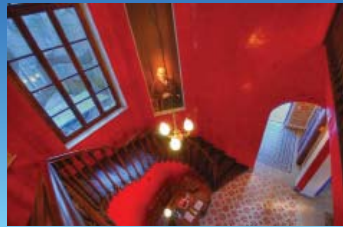
Down

1. A vent in the earth's crust from which hot rock and steam issue (7)
4. A violent movement of the earth's surface (10)
6. Huge ocean waves caused by undersea earthquakes or volcanoes (7)





This month we explain the differences between 'house' and 'home'.



- A **house** describes a particular type of building. There is no emotional attachment.

*Our **house** has five bedrooms and a swimming pool.*

- A **home** is the place where you live and feel you belong. It can express emotional attachment.

*We often stay at **home** in the evenings and relax in front of the television.*



Complete the sentences using **house(s)** or **home**.

1. We go at 4 o'clock.
2. There are a lot of old in the centre of Damascus.
3. Our is small but it's
4. They bought a for \$2 million.



Now complete these three proverbs with **house** or **home**.

5. There's no place like
6. sweet
7. is where the heart is. (see page 45)

Dear Tom

My problem is that I get confused when I speak in English with my teacher. Also when anyone asks me in English I don't know how to answer. My English is very good but I don't know why I can't speak in English with all people. Could you give me a hand?

Nihal Jamal,
Abu Dhabi



Thank you for your email.

You can write well so I think your spoken English isn't as bad as you think. It is important not to try to get everything perfect because this will restrict your fluency and affect your confidence.

Here are five tips for better speaking:

Tip 1 Practise where you can, when you can. All practice is good whether you speak to someone who is a native English speaker or not.

Tip 2 Build your confidence by using simple English sentence structures that you know are correct.

Tip 3 Don't translate into and from Arabic. This takes too much time and will make you more hesitant.

Tip 4 Don't speak too fast. Pause between sentences.

Tip 5 Try to relax when you speak.

I hope these suggestions help you.

Good luck,
Tom



Easy Level

□ Page 11

2. Add 3. Turn off 4. Put 5. Stir 6. Strain 7. Serve

□ Page 12

1. antique 2. chest 3. beautiful 4. cardamom 5. dates 6. host

□ Page 13

1. Brazil 2. Ethiopia 3. Yemen 4. Finland 5. Indonesia

□ Page 14

2. can 3. can't 4. can 5. can't 6. can't 7. can 8. can't

□ Page 15

2. Yes, they can. 3. No, I/we can't. 4. Yes, she can. 5. No, he can't.
6. Yes, I/we can. 7. No, they can't. 8. Yes, you can.

□ Page 16

2. must 3. mustn't 4. must 5. must 6. must 7. mustn't 8. mustn't

□ Page 17

2. Look 3. Don't argue 4. Go 5. Don't stand 6. Don't be 7. Listen
8. Don't forget

□ Page 19



□ Page 21

(Answers may vary.)

I drink **coffee** every morning.

My **cup** is red.

She likes **dates**.

We go **home** at 2 o'clock.

Last night he saw a **nice** film.

Medium Level

□ Page 23

1. car park - a place for parking cars
2. shop - not a place to stay at
3. souvenir - not a place to visit
4. car - not a form of public transport
5. menu - not a place to eat at
6. traffic lights - not a building
7. bridge - goes over, not under, a road

□ Page 27

1. Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam.
2. The streets are usually crowded.
3. OK.
4. The Mekong River flows through Ho Chi Minh City.
5. OK.
6. Vietnam is bigger than the UAE.
7. OK.
8. Vietnam is a good place for shopping.

□ Page 30

1. Although 2. but 3. so 4. because 5. but

□ Page 31

- 1 = D so 2 = E although 3 = A because 4 = B but 5 = C so

□ Page 35

1. Because he wanted to see a butterfly! 2. Darkness. 3. When it reaches the bottom. 4. Criticism. 5. Tomorrow. 6. Your picture.

□ Page 36

1. 9-letter word - ELEGANTLY. Some other words of four letters or more containing the hub letter N: agent, angel, angle, elegant, gene, gent, gentle, gently, gnat, neat, neatly, tangle, teen ...

2. 1 volleyball 2 skiing 3 basketball 4 tennis 5 football 6 swimming
7 running 8 rugby

□ Page 37

1. armchair 2. washing machine 3. air conditioner 4. waste bin
5. cupboard 6. television 7. dishwasher 8. microwave



Hard Level

□ Pages 46 & 47

2 = C 3 = E 4 = A 5 = B

□ Pages 48 & 49

2. cultivation 3. trunk 4. seed 5. bunch 6. sugar
7. fruit 8. harvest 9. economic 10. food 11. wealth 12. producer

□ Page 54

1. controversial 2. lifetime 3. durable 4. cull 5. poachers

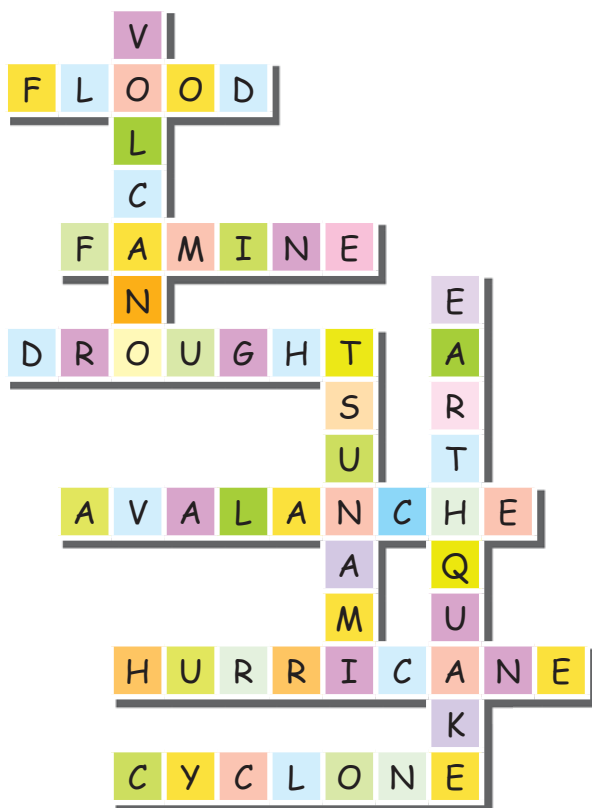
□ Page 55

1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True

□ Pages 58 & 59

1. a bowl of lentil soup
2. shoes
3. cross your legs
4. gold and silver coins
5. tomatoes
6. the weather
7. white flowers
8. 4

□ Pages 64 & 65



□ Page 66

1. home
2. houses
3. house, home
4. house
5. home
6. Home, home
7. Home

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