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# Recycling and 'Precycling' Materials

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# In this talk

the one-off lesson

strategies for  
successful  
lessons



practical  
classroom  
ideas

# What is precycling?



**CYOC**

Carry your own cutlery

**BYOU**

Bring your own utensils

# One-off lesson

What do we mean?

**one- ' off** *adjective, noun*

**adjective**

(BrE)

(NAme 'one-shot)

[**only before noun**]

made or happening only once and not regularly

◆ *a one-off payment*

**noun**

(BrE)

a thing that is made or that happens only once and not regularly

◆ *It was just a one-off; it won't happen again.*

**Oxford**  
Advanced Learner's Dictionary

# Two types of one-off lesson



Covering for colleagues:  
→ *unknown students*



Trying something different:  
→ *your own jaded students*

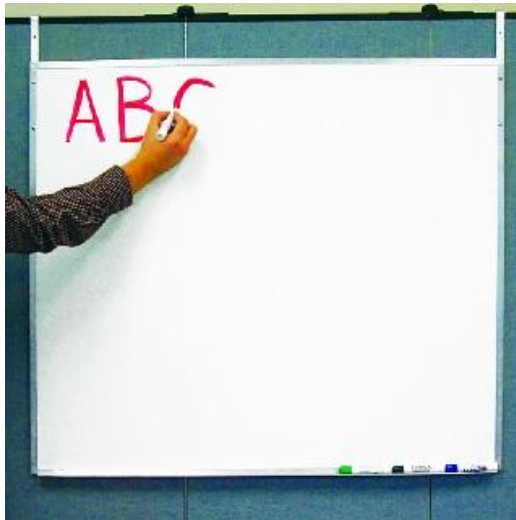


# What's cooking?

## The basic ingredients



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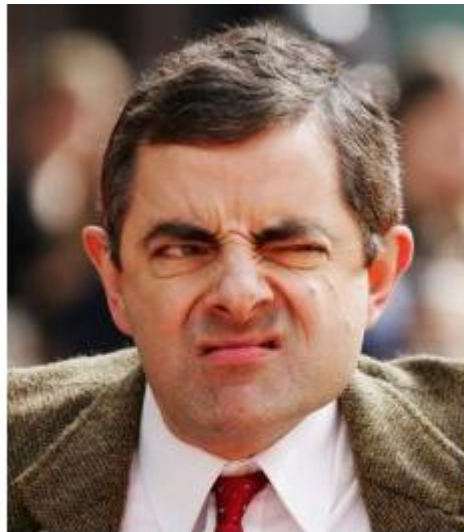


# First type of one-off lesson: Covering for a colleague

How do you feel when you have to go in unexpectedly to cover for a colleague?



**A**



**B**



**C**

# Covering for a colleague

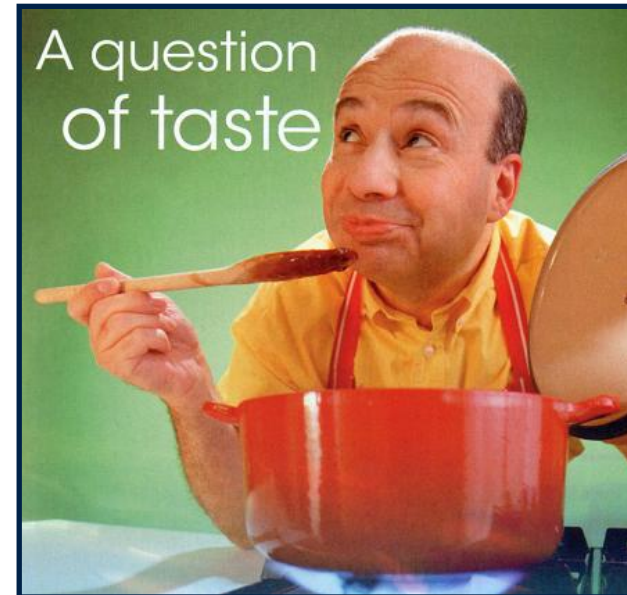
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c.) Use a 'fusion' approach





# Following your colleague's recipe

Trying to teach from the book

## Pros

- Continuity
- Convenience
- Books



## Cons

- Unfamiliarity
- Tempo
- Less authority

# Covering for a colleague

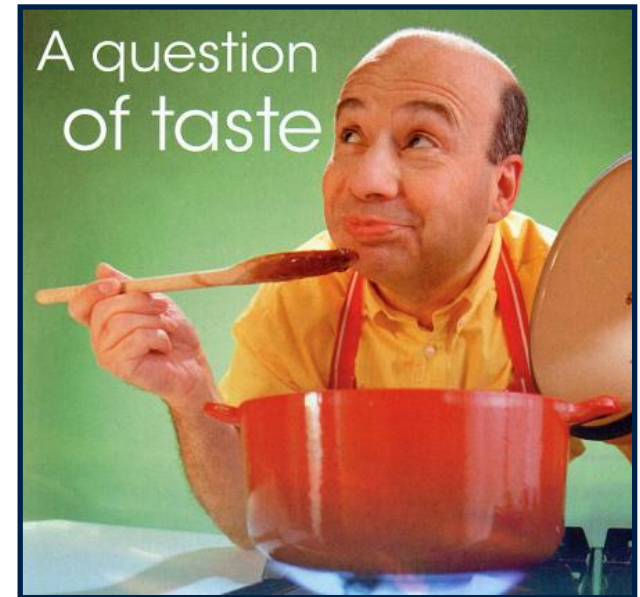
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# Creating your own dish

Close your books!

## Pros

- Freedom
- Novelty
- Communication



## Cons

- Preparation
- Unpredictability
- *Terra incognita*

# Practical ideas – no preparation

Always, sometimes, never

- I always enjoy...
- I sometimes enjoy...
- I never enjoy...





# Practical ideas – no preparation

## Snapshots



c Work with a partner.

A Show B some photos of family or friends on your phone or write their names on a piece of paper.

B Ask three questions about each person.

Who's that? She's my sister Yolanda.

How old is she?





# Practical ideas – no preparation

## Story telling

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# Practical ideas – some preparation

- Recyclable quizzes and games



# Bottle top quiz

- Students work in teams
- Distribute bottle tops
- Choose a category
- Place a stake
- Win or lose your stake



Lifestyle

Languages

History

Arts

Lifestyle

What is a **freegan**?

Lifestyle

What is a **freegan**?

→ **Someone who won't pay for food.**



Freegans never buy food. We only eat free food. I'm a freegan because I don't like the food industry and its treatment of animals and the environment. Also, when you buy food in a supermarket, only about 10% of your money goes to farmers. This isn't fair. I grow a lot of vegetables in my garden, and I find mushrooms, fruit and salad ingredients in the countryside. I also find food in bins outside big shops. Shops throw away six million tonnes of food every year in Britain and a lot of it is good to eat. A freegan diet helps stop the terrible waste of food in our modern world.



## Languages

From which language do we get the words ***cookie***, ***cruise*** and ***snack***?



## Languages

From which language do we get the words **cookie**, **cruise** and **snack**? → Dutch

**1 SPEAKING** English has taken words from lots of other languages. In pairs, discuss the meaning of words 1–6 and try to match them to their original languages a–f.

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 banana, OK, jazz      | a Caribbean languages    |
| 2 sofa, yoghurt         | b Hindi                  |
| 3 hurricane, potato     | c Spanish                |
| 4 cookie, cruise, snack | d West African languages |
| 5 jungle, pyjamas       | e Dutch                  |
| 6 guitar, tornado       | f Turkish                |

1d

2f

3a

4e

5b

6c

## History

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## History

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Martin Luther King was an American clergyman, Nobel Peace Prize winner and one of the most famous leaders of the civil rights movement.

Dr King first achieved national fame when he helped people organize a <sup>1</sup>refusal to use a product or service in Montgomery in 1955. People refused to use the buses in support of Rosa Parks. After his success in Montgomery, he went on to organize a <sup>2</sup>public protest against something in Birmingham, Alabama, where there was violent <sup>3</sup>resistance to the black civil rights movement. Civil rights protesters received <sup>4</sup>warnings of an intention to hurt someone and some were attacked. Dr King was arrested, although the protest was non-violent.

Dr King carried on the <sup>5</sup>difficult fight against <sup>6</sup>the treatment of one group of people worse than others because they are different and joined a huge civil rights <sup>7</sup>walk to protest against something in Washington. It was there, in August 1963, that he delivered his famous 'I have a dream' speech. In his speech, he predicted a day when social <sup>8</sup>unfairness would end, and freedom and equality would become a reality for everyone in America. Unfortunately, he didn't live to see that day. On 4 April 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated during a visit to Memphis, Tennessee.

Arts

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## Arts

What type of performance poetry became popular in Chicago in 1986? → **Slam poetry**

### Non-defining relative clauses

- 6 Read the text. What is the difference between slam poetry and rap music?

Slam poetry became popular in Chicago in 1986. The first slam poems were performed in a club called the Greenmill Lounge, <sup>1</sup>where jazz musicians usually played. This poetry, <sup>2</sup>which can be performed by anyone, provided a new way for people to get their message across. It encouraged ordinary people, <sup>3</sup>who weren't used to expressing themselves publicly, to tell their stories or talk about social issues. In fact, slam poetry is very similar to rap. Both are examples of performance poetry, <sup>4</sup>whose aim is to tell a story. The difference is that rap uses music, whereas slam poetry relies on the power of the spoken word.

# Bottle-top quiz

## Some additional elements

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- Double your stake
- Build a bonus
- *Life's not fair*



# Where can I get quiz questions?

## Look around you!

- Vocabulary books
- SB and WB
- Newspapers
- the top of your head

## Build a collection

- Common mistakes
- Quiz books
- Online quiz questions

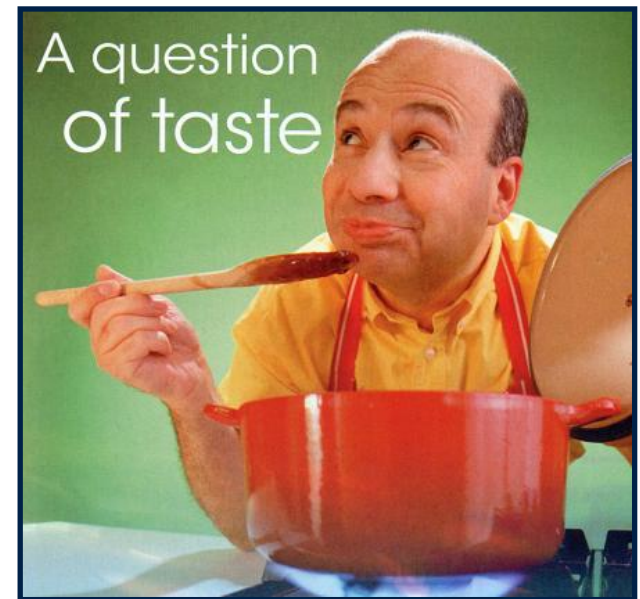


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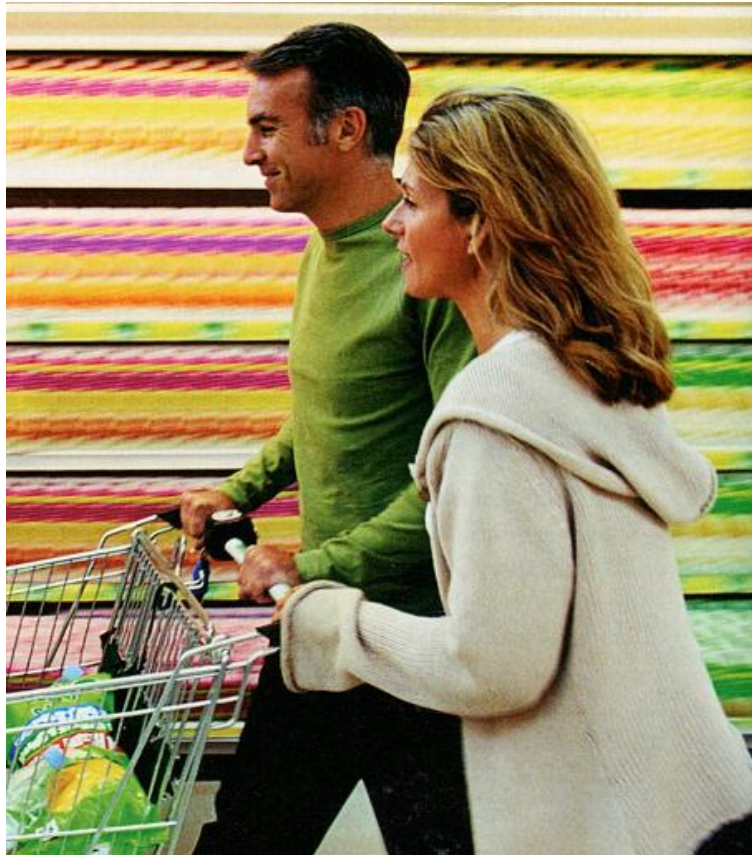
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# Using a 'fusion' approach



## Pros

- Flexibility
- Freedom

## Cons

- Unpredictability
- Improvisation required



# Using the book as a starting point

“We’ve already done that!”



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- 3 Complete the healthy eating questionnaire with *how much* or *how many*. Then answer the questions to find out how healthy your diet is.

- 1 ..... do you eat for breakfast?  
a nothing    b some cereal    c a lot of fruit
- 2 ..... cola do you drink a day?  
a a lot    b a little    c none
- 3 ..... portions of fruit and vegetables do you eat in a day?  
a none    b two or three    c five or more
- 4 ..... glasses of water do you drink in a day?  
a one    b three    c more than five
- 5 ..... meals do you miss in a week?  
a a lot    b a few    c none
- 6 ..... junk food do you eat in a week?  
a five or six meals    b two meals    c none

**Mostly As:** You don't eat very well. Try to eat more fruit and drink more water – you'll feel better.

**Mostly Bs:** Your diet is OK. Try to drink fewer fizzy drinks and be sure to eat all your meals.

**Mostly Cs:** You eat very well. You're a healthy person – keep it up!

Two recycling activities:

1. Who said what?

- *collect slips of paper*

2. True or false?

- *read out your answer*

- 5 **CHALLENGE!** What are your favourite foods? Are they healthy or unhealthy? Write three sentences to explain why.

I think oranges are healthy because they contain a lot of vitamins. Crisps aren't healthy because ...



# Using the book as a starting point

## Describing your favourite food...



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### 5D ■ Listening, speaking and vocabulary Delicious or disgusting?



**1 SPEAKING** label the photos (A–C) with the dishes and the countries they come from.

■ Cambodia ■ caterpillars ■ guinea pigs ■ Peru ■ South Africa ■ tarantulas

## Second type of one-off lesson

Trying something different



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Some activities I've tried with my own students:

- *Hi, I'm Anna*
- A brunch date with an attractive orthodontist
- Novelty gifts
- Electro-shock football





# Eyewitness descriptions

## Can you describe the thief?

She wore a black  
sleeved top and un  
a red T-shirt. She  
light blond hair

**Hi,  
I'm  
Anna!**



young (maybe  
the years of 20  
she was wearing  
had light brown hair.

She wear blue jeans  
and I think  
she wear black

see anything. ☹️



# Eyewitness descriptions

## Students' reactions



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It was difficult to write my opinion a personal description for something which disappeared so fast. I didn't really understand the accident "Why did she steal a pen?" It was a good challenge.

I was so so confused, that a personal <sup>description</sup> review ~~is~~ that difficult. I saw a girl and all what I'm convinced, that she was blond. The other informations was juts tipps. I didn't understand what she said. It was more difficult, than I've ever ~~the~~ thought.

- It is very strange, difficult to describe somebody, because
- when she went away I forgot everything what I saw. I know that she was una, but I don't know what was she wearing.. It is interesting.. :)

I think it was a difficult exercise, but I liked it. I ~~like~~ would like if we could do more exercises like this.

# Trying something different

## Bonus phrases for essays

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Write a letter to a hotel in order to book a room.  
Include – if you can 😊 - the following phrases:

- “An air-traffic controller from Helsinki”



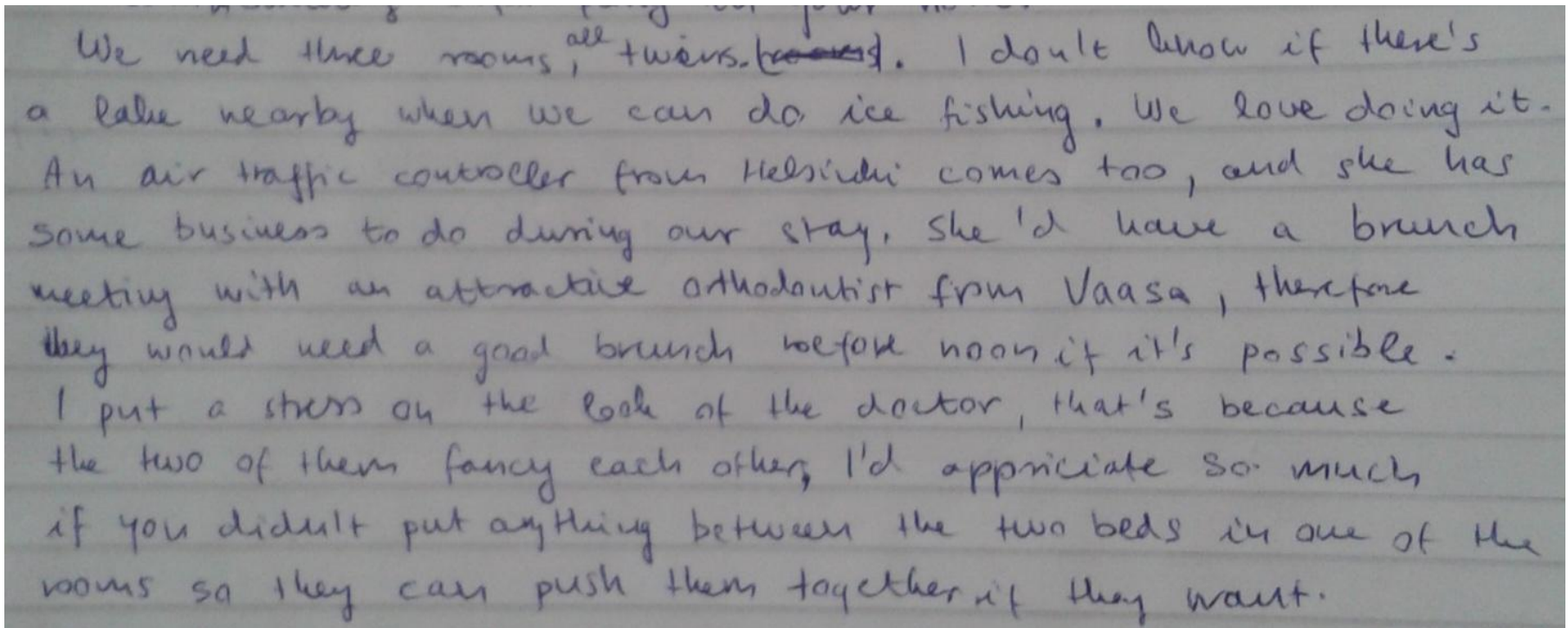
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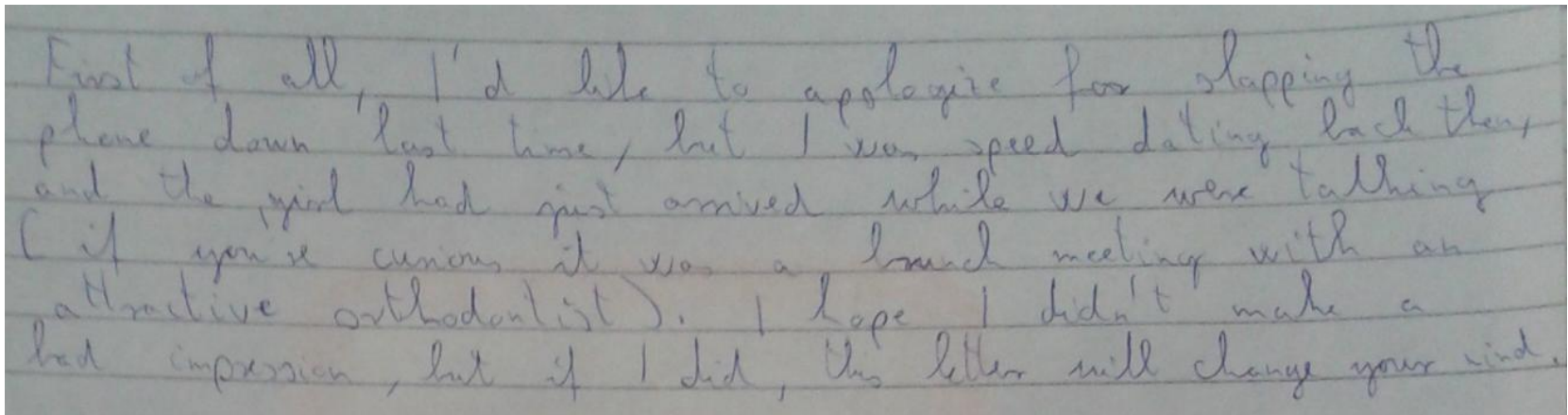
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A photograph of a piece of lined paper with handwritten text in blue ink. The text is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The paper has horizontal lines and a vertical margin line on the left. The handwriting is clear and legible, though there are some corrections and a crossed-out word.

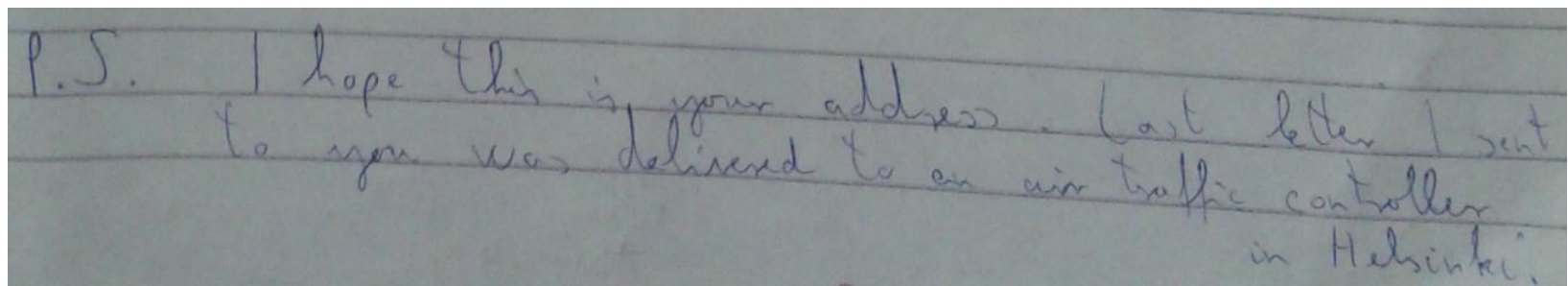
We need three rooms, <sup>all</sup> ~~twins~~ ~~rooms~~. I don't know if there's a lake nearby when we can do ice fishing. We love doing it. An air traffic controller from Helsinki comes too, and she has some business to do during our stay. She'd have a brunch meeting with an attractive orthodontist from Vaasa, therefore they would need a good brunch before noon if it's possible. I put a stress on the book of the doctor, that's because the two of them fancy each other, I'd appreciate so much if you didn't put anything between the two beds in one of the rooms so they can push them together if they want.

# Trying something different

## Bonus phrases for essays



First of all, I'd like to apologize for slapping the phone down last time, but I was speed dialing back then and the girl had just arrived while we were talking (if you're curious it was a lunch meeting with an attractive orthodontist). I hope I didn't make a bad impression, but if I did, this letter will change your mind.



P.S. I hope this is your address. Last letter I sent to you was delivered to an air traffic controller in Helsinki.

# Designing a novelty gift

SITUATION (most people think...)  
↓  
PROBLEM (most people forget...)  
↓  
SOLUTION! (what you need to do...)

Include:  
strategy + logistics  
- price  
- availability  
- target customers  
- advertising + marketing

SALES PITCH

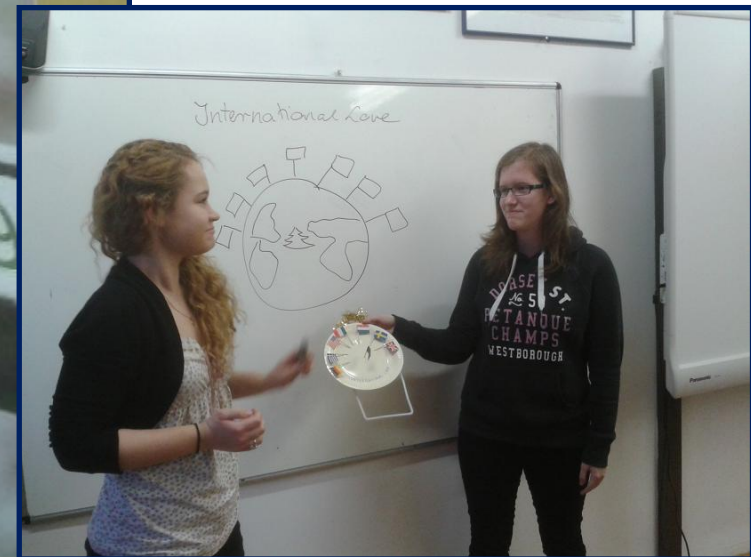
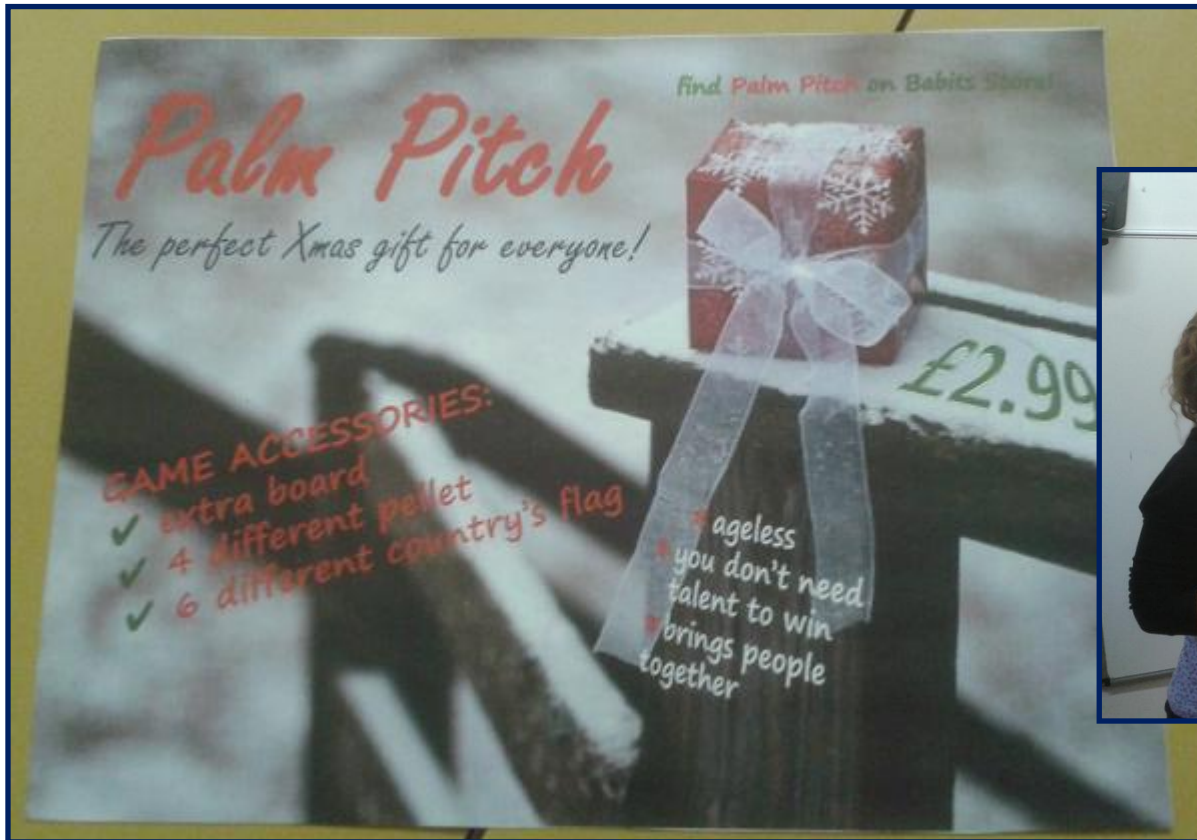
- think of a product "Novelty Xmas Gift"
- build the prototype
- practise your "pitch"
- give your short presentation

Homework:  
⇒ Make a poster to go with your pitch (A4 paper / digital infographic)

Design a novelty gift







# Electro-shock football

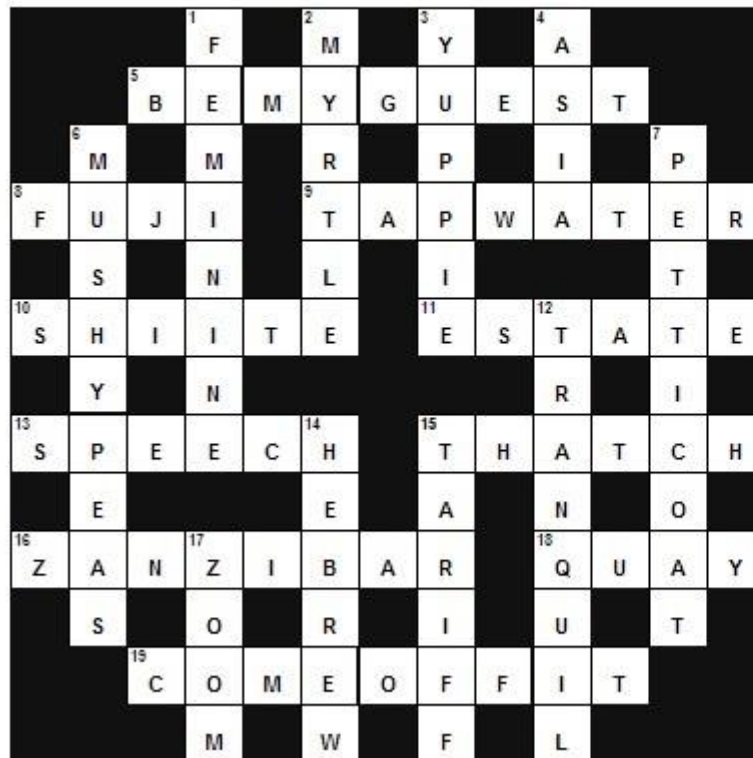






<http://www.theguardian.com/crosswords>

## Quick crossword No 13,537



### Across

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- 11 Extensive landed property (6)
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- 18 Wharf (4)
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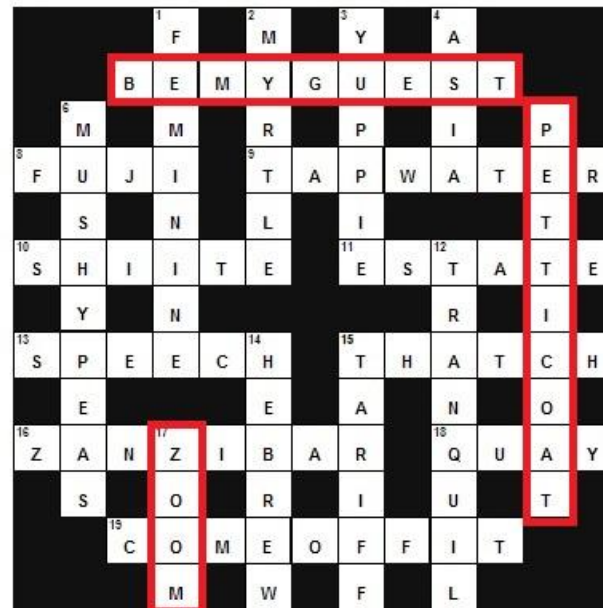
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- 7 Underskirt (9)
- 12 Peaceful (8)
- 14 Official language of Israel (6)
- 15 List of duties on imports or exports (6)
- 17 Type of camera lens (4)



Have you ever seen the youtube video called *Elektrosidklotball?*  
If you haven't, be my guest.

What is it about? Two teams  
other, with a special ~~face~~  
telling you. It's a zipper collar  
the hands of the other team  
time during (or not) the match  
scene, let's zoom in on the p

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