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Dear readers,

Let me start with a small apology as you had to wait for the 8th edition of ZINGER, the English school magazine of Business Academy, Topoľčany, a bit later than usual. We decided to postpone its publishing in order to be able to cover some events and activities which were to take place either in June, during summer holidays or at the beginning of the new school-term of 2013/2014. On behalf of the whole editorial staff I hope the waiting was worth it and you will appreciate the rich contents of the edition.

After a few introductory words I am sure you are interested in what this 8th edition will be like? To start with, there will be a quartet of interesting reports: the one from the annual Day of Languages held in the middle of June to observe and support learning of foreign languages at our school; the second from Malta, a Mediterranean island where our two students took an English course during their summer holidays and will share their experience with you; the next one from the October excursion to the capital city of our country, Bratislava organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, where nearly 50 students of our school had the opportunity to take the Old Town tour with a professional guide and especially enjoy Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, the theatre performance in English language; and the last one from another working meeting of our multi-lateral project (shortly Web Radio and TV) held in Hungarian town of Paks in October and attended by the biggest team of teachers and students from our school in the project’s history.

We will also continue with the column named The Beauties of Slovakia, this time focused on experiences of our students of Tourism from their excursion of Central Slovakia. Then you should certainly have a look at a story of the month, Destined to Travel, in which Chris Barnaby contemplates on his life full of travelling.

Apart from the mentioned above, we certainly do have plenty of other articles for you to read, such as: an interview with a well-known volunteer, Eva Kernová; a couple of original works of our students; a bunch of "binomials/word pairs" in the section of idioms; a review of Stanley Kubrick’s cult dystopian movie titled A Clockwork Orange; a tasty Bacon and Mushrooms with Cheese Sauce recipe or lyrics of Pearl Jam’s Sirens.

Do not hesitate to check out the website of the Department of Foreign Languages of Business Academy, Topoľčany - www.pkcj-oato.webnode.sk for any information on our activities as well as all editions of our magazine.

Enjoy reading!
DAY OF LANGUAGES
2013

By Mgr. Martin Huba, June 30, 2013

The study of foreign languages at our school has been promoted in an untraditional way once again by holding an annual Day of Languages. This popular event organised under the patronage of the Department of Foreign Languages took place in the school’s gym on June 14, 2013.

The students of all grades demonstrated their language skills, together with their presentational and ad-lib skills in front of the audience of their classmates and teachers.

Unlike the past years, this year’s Day of Languages we decided to include some presentations on its programe so that we could support the students’ preparation for their Maturita exams as well as give them a bit different chance to practise their fight with stage fright.
The programme began with an informative, but also very interactive and amusing presentation on Turkey by a Turkish student volunteer Caner Dalar and his friend Erkan Çiftcioglu, both working for the Society of Slovak-indian friendship in Piešťany.

After that we could enjoy a mixture of performances of our students consisting of a few intriguing presentations on some Maturita exam topics, international projects we are involved in or work on ZINGER, English school magazine.

Moreover, there were plenty of sketches, songs and dancing exclusively in the four foreign languages taught at Business academy, Topoľčany (English, German, Russian and French).

All the performers showed their positive attitude to studying foreign languages and proved themselves to have high language knowledge and skills. Together with the warm crowd, they all contributed to a great atmosphere of the whole event, which we hope to be able to experience next year again.
On 7th October 2013 nearly 50 students of English language from our school accompanied by Mgr. Júlia Gálová and Mgr. Martin Huba took a trip to Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia for an excursion.

There were two main objectives of the excursion, the first – the Old Town of Bratislava’s tour with a professional travel guide and the second – Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, a theatrical adaptation of a famous novel by Robert Louis Stevenson written in 1886.

Produced by American Drama Group Europe and directed by Paul Stebbings, this nearly 2-hour 2-act performance became a unique opportunity for all the students studying English as their primary foreign language to practise their language skills. They could experience a great sample of professional acting by the members of TNT Theatre Britain, a British theatrical company. The dramatic story of a man´s fight with evil inside himself together with the precise articulation of the native-speakers and the excellent interaction with the audience earned all the actors a long applause by the satisfied youngsters.

We all believe we will get the chance to see some more of the future works of this theatrical ensemble with a high reputation all over Europe.

And here are some of the students´ opinions of the excursion:
We were on English performance in Bratislava. Its title was Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. It had two parts. We liked their amazing English accent. It was a very interesting performance. We would like to go again.

(Denisa, Dominika, Tatiana, Lucia, II. C)

An amazing trip, a great lunch, clever actors, a good story and unforgettable atmosphere.

(Miroslav and Martin, IV. C)

A good story, a great pronunciation of the actors and a good atmosphere.

(Michal and Tibor, IV. C)

The theatre was amazing because the actors were perfect and they spoke a great English language, but they were sometimes spitting at us while talking quickly. The only problem of the show was we misunderstood them at all at times.

(Martin and Jakub, IV. C)

The trip to Bratislava was good. I liked it because I caught some new experience in my English speaking. I saw British theatre first and English was very good. I understood and the story was interesting.

I think the British theatre was boring for me and the actors had hard English so I didn’t understand everything. I think it wasn’t a good performance for younger students – I prefer easier and more interesting performances in English language.

It was a superb performance. I understood quite well. We could attend such events more often. Also the Old Town tour was fairly good.

It was a nice performance – I liked it especially because of a good acting and English.

It was very good. We understood quite well. We definitely think it could be organized next year as well. It was interesting.

Quite good – I’d like to go again.

(Students of I.A)

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By Mgr. Martin Huba and students of I, A, II, C and IV. C
Business Academy in Topoľčany applied for the COMENIUS project called STUDENTS ON WEB TV and RADIO which was approved a year ago. Since then Zinger magazine has informed you about all the activities students had to do in order to participate in the project such as making videos for Web TV and audios for Web radio. Last school term students involved in the project had a chance to travel to two of the participating countries, Portugal in January and Spain in May.

This school term Business Academy in Topoľčany has entered the second year of Comenius project successfully and gave eight students a chance to travel to Paks, Hungary. Comenius meeting lasted for five days and there were almost hundred students and teachers from all the twelve participating countries (Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Sweden, Austria, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary which played host to the meeting).

After hard work on shooting videos, processing and uploading them, eight students of our school (Filip Géci, II.A; Marek Mojžíš, II.B; Dominika Bielichová and Kristián Božík, III.C; Jana Štefkovičová, Martina Bujnová and Silvia Podmanická, IV.B; Kristína Chálková, IV.C) could finally pack their suitcases and accompanied by Mgr. Terézia Škorcová and Mgr. Júlia Gálová set off for an adventurous journey to Hungary.

Two of them, Marek Mojžíš and Filip Géci would like to tell you more about the meeting.
**TUESDAY**

Our journey started at the railway station in Topoľčany on October 8th 2013. We went by train (with 70-minute delay in Nové Zámky) to Budapest where we took a subway to the bus station. It was really amazing. The following journey to Paks was absolutely exhausting but finally we came there at 8 pm. Two girls from our school stayed in the host families, the others at the Duna Hotel. The accommodation was great and modern.

**WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast was simple and good. After the breakfast we went to school to meet other students from different foreign countries. All of them were friendly but some of them were shy. After the initial introduction we went to the town hall where we met the mayor of Paks. The next stop was The Nuclear Power Plant which is situated near the town and is the school’s greatest sponsor. The guided tour took almost three hours and we can say it was interesting. Despite the rainy weather we walked to the wooden church whose interior and exterior were worth seeing. In the evening we spent our free time talking to Turkish and Bulgarian students.
Thursday was one of the best days of our stay. We were divided into three groups. The first group went to the local TV and Radio giving on air interviews, the second group visited one of the nursery schools playing with children and the third one stayed at school and enjoyed a few lessons with Hungarian students. The most fascinating were the chemistry and physics classes with some laboratory experiments. Every day we had our lunch in the school canteen where we could socialize with the rest of the participants. In the afternoon we were shooting videos in which we even tried to speak Hungarian language. In the late afternoon we went for a bus trip to Lussonium, the Roman ruins and the town museum. After having some pizza we hurried up to the hotel to rehearse for our evening performance at the international party. All the students contributed with some songs or dances presenting the culture of their countries.

FRIDAY
The early morning we spent walking along the Danube river. Then we went to school where we took part in various activities practising and improving our English. The nearby city of Szekszárd which we visited in the afternoon offered us a possibilty of sightseeing. Décs, on the other hand, was just a small village where the folk museum is situated. The stuff of the museum were very friendly. They sang Hungarian folk songs, taught us how to dance “csardas“ (a very energetic Hungarian folk dance) and we were also served a local specialty called “milkcake“. After the tiring day we all were looking forward to another party organized by one of the Paks families in their residence. Late at night we said GOOD-BYE to everyone.
On Saturday we packed our suitcases and headed back to Topoľčany. We had to travel by coach, underground, bus and train. We arrived in Topoľčany at 8 p.m., said good-bye to our teachers and classmates.

To sum up, we had a great time, met a lot of interesting people of different nationalities, made lots of new friends who we miss a lot. We are in touch using social network and skype hoping to see them again soon. Our English and the interest in improving it have risen thanks to the project since English is the communication tool between our new friends and us.

Do not forget to visit our website:
http://www.youtube.com/user/comwebtv
where you can watch quite a wide offer of videos made by students and listen to radio clips.

By Marek Mojžiš II.B, Filip Géci II.A,
Mgr. Júlia Gálová
Interview with a volunteer

EVA KERNOVA

Young, beautiful, hardworking and committed to helping people in need — that is Eva Kernova, a woman who has been pursuing her life goal of volunteering since her childhood. We asked her a few questions about her life in youth, life experiences and mainly about her foundation — The Choice to Change in the slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

1. How would you briefly characterize you and your life before you travelled abroad?
I was always very busy and active, I studied and I worked a lot, read, exercised, ran with my dog and I loved hiking with my family and friends. I remember how I felt before – I was missing something in my life … I told to myself “this is not all I live for, there must be more to see…” – and even though I did not speak English I knew that I have to go and explore what is out there for me … And I am glad I did! Now I can do all the things I loved, plus I have added much more into my daily life than ever before in Slovakia. I love MY LIFE.

2. Which professions have you done? Which one of them have you enjoyed the most?
My first job was as a Nurse in long term care / palliative care unit followed by a job in the Pharmaceutical Industry as a Medical Representatives in Czech Republic. This position allowed me to complete my Master’s degree in the University of South Bohemia in Faculty of Health and Social Studies – with a major in rehabilitation and psychosocial care for Handicapped children, adults and seniors. Then I began to explore the world. My first job abroad was living as a nanny in San Jose in California for one year and another in Orange County close to LA. It was combined with my English studies / as I never had a chance to learn English before. My second year in the US I was exposed to a various jobs and experiences which definitely made me stronger. After two years in the USA I moved to Middle East and worked for three years in Etihad Airlines. I started as a Cabin Crew for a year and half, which I enjoyed very much. After that I was promoted to work on ground operations as the VIP Lounge Manager in charge of the Business and First Class Lounge. During this time, I was able to meet loads of important people and celebrities, which was definitely fun. At the moment I am working in the sales division for life sciences exhibitions of Informa in the Dubai office. Being exposed to many different work fields, positions and countries made me realize that it is important to do what makes you happy, which will reflect in the quality of your daily work. I must say, that all jobs I have ever tried were important stepping stones in my life to be where I am at the moment. I believe that is our responsibility to find the right place/job we want to work in instead of sitting around, complaining and waiting for a miracle to happened.

3. You travel a lot in your life. Which place/s have you liked the most?
I definitely prefer Asian countries for vacation, but there is no specific place I like the most – it is not about the place but about the company you are with … that is why I always prefer to go back to Dhaka if I can.

4. How long have you been working as a volunteer?
I was always interested in spending my free time efficiently from an early age. My first volunteering work started when I was 15 after starting my practical sessions during my Nursing studies. I began visiting a place for seniors in our neighborhood in Slovakia as well as patients in the hospital. As a volunteer in C2C I have been actively involved since July 2010.
5. Could you introduce us to Choice to Change? On what principle does it work?
The Choice to Change Foundation (C2C) is run by a team of three volunteers based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The aim of this foundation is to break the endless cycle of poverty in the slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh, by providing a primary education and basic health care to the underprivileged children. The Choice To Change (C2C) was founded by myself and Sunil Baroi in July 2010 as they chose to change the lives of poverty-stricken children in the slums of Dhaka by paving an educational pathway for them to follow. Attaining any type of formal education would not have been impossible for these underprivileged children without the help of such a non-profit organization. The first school was opened in the Lalmati slum and hosted 30 children. It was soon followed by the opening of a second school in January 2011, where an additional 26 children from the Khilkhet slum were welcomed. Right after the second school was established. In February 2011, C2C was officially endorsed by the government of Bangladesh as a 'Trusteeship', under the name of The Choice To Change Bangladesh Trust. After much persistence and hard work from C2C’s administrators, the organization was granted 'Social Welfare Status' in March 2013. The organization is now officially titled The Choice To Change Foundation, with the following Registration Number: S-116-49.

6. Does your job with children make you happy?
Absolutely – there is nothing better than to feel fulfilled by helping others.

7. What does your family think about your volunteering job?
I believe that my parents are proud of me. The way how we have been raised, was always connected with helping others in many ways. I hope that one day I will be able to guide my future kids as my parents did.

8. Do you miss your life and family in Slovakia? Is living abroad easier than in Slovakia?
Sometimes I miss my home and family, that’s very natural. As I left Slovakia 12 years ago I do not really think about that anymore. My life was always very dynamic and full of changes, moves and new people. From my perspective I must say that living abroad is not easier – it is definitely more challenging in many ways but this experience is the best you can ever have in your life. I always knew that if I do not try, I will not know… it does not matter what other people say – you have to believe in yourself. Being afraid of new things will not help you to grow and gain the knowledge…lastly – you have nothing to lose. Slovakia will be there as an option for me to come back to anytime…

9. What is your biggest wish or what would you like to reach in the future?
One of my biggest dreams is to be able to buy some land in Dhaka and build our own C2C school in the Dhaka slums where we will be able to help orphans. As everyone in UAE have full time jobs it is a little bit more difficult to be 100% hands on for the foundation and I wish to be able to do work for C2C full time one day.

Eva Kernová was interviewed by Dominika Bielichová and the team of III.C class.
Hello, my name is Chris and I am an 18-year-old half-Jamaican half-Slovak man. My father, a young-looking old Jamaican man living in the heart of London and my mother, a fly young woman from Petrzalka met in London while she was working there as a Red Cross volunteer. Born in Bratislava, Slovakia on 1st October, 1995 into a family with such a cultural background, my life was destined for travelling.

Ever since I was little it has been so. As soon as I was able to fly as a baby, me and my parents flew from Slovakia to England where I was raised and schooled. I remember as a child flying back and forth from Stansted to BTS and back every freaking holiday. I was always very keen on going to Slovakia because I loved planes. I loved the sound of the 5000 hp jet turbine Rolls Royce engines lifting the metal swan into the air, the precision of the pilot landing the 50-ton beast onto the runway without a sweat, even the turbulence as if God had drawn a tunnel of wind into the air to help us go the right way.

Another reason for going to Slovakia was my family from my mother’s side. I loved them very much. You know the feeling when you want to be with someone but cannot because they are 1, 500 miles away? That was the feeling I used to wake up to every day. Slovakia was like the countryside and I loved the countryside. England was a smog palace with people breathing the exhaust fumes from cars, trains, boats and other engines.
Enough about the distant past – let us go to the present past. As I said before, travelling is a big part of my life – the size of the adventure you have while on the way is only down to you. With a bit of fantasy the possibilities are endless.

I remember going to Geneva once, to the auto salon with a couple of friends. It was the craziest 2 days in my life. The journey there was incredible, my friend Andy decided to drink a six-pack of red bull at the beginning of our trip. Since we were in a car on the motorway and the pit stops were very far apart it was not the very best of ideas. You can imagine what his bladder went through.

On the first day we all got lost in a part of the city which we had not planned to go to. My friend Rome was the navigator. His power of orientation was very strong but failed us on that day due to the lack of alcohol-free blood cells in his organism. It was not his fault we had stumbled upon a beer festival.

After countless turns and corners and locals we finally found the auto show. To our great surprise it was closed. We did not understand why. After asking a local fellow we found out that we were a month early and that the tickets we had bought were fakes. Filled with anger and disappointment we got back into the car and just sat there sadly for about an hour. After that an idea struck me in the head like a bullet. I would not let a stupid set back ruin our trip! Why not stop of at Paris on the way home?

Everyone agreed and filled with jolly joy and excitement we set off into the sunset ready for another adventure in Paris – but that is another story.

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Here comes the second part of the trip through Central Slovakia. If you have followed the ideas from Part I, Banská Bystrica was your last stop. On the first day you have had enough time to move to Demänovská valley in the late afternoon to stay there overnight in one of plenty accommodation facilities. Waking up in the morning, you will find yourself surrounded by the beautiful mountains of The Low Tatras dominated by Chopok – one of the highest peaks in Slovakia. Let us give you some tips on what to do and what to see on the second day of our route.

**PART II**

Central Slovakia has plenty of treasures to show

*Day 2: Jasná (Demänovská dolina) – Pribylina – Liptovská Mara – Havránok – Topoľčany*

On the second day we woke up by bright sun shines and the breeze of fresh air in Jasná – an amazing destination in the Low Tatras and we continued our interesting journey.

The first stop was just a few kilometers away from the cabins where we had stayed. We visited the cave called Demänovská Cave of Freedom. We spent there at least an hour and we had a beautiful experience.

**Demänovská Cave of Freedom**

Demänovská Cave of Freedom is a cave situated in Demänovská valley.

It was discovered in 1921 and it is also one of the most visited caves in Slovakia.
After the construction of walkways and electric lifting this cave was available to public in 1924. Cave of Freedom is the richest cave of all the caves of Demänovská valley. This cave consists of houses, halls and corridors.
The temperature of the cave is about 6–7 °C and its humidity is 95–97 %.
Another very important fact is that this cave is over one million years old.

It takes you about an hour to get to Pribylina. If you happen to go there once in your life, do not forget to visit Museum of Liptov village.

Museum of Liptov village

Museum of Liptov Village is the most attractive landmark of the Liptov region. We could see how people from Liptov used to live in the past. It displays the typical folk architecture. You can find wooden houses from flooded part of Liptovská Mara there. The museum has its own zoo-exposition as well. Except for all those things the museum offered us a short walk to railway where we could see old trains which were used in the past. The next beautiful monument in this area is a Gothic church which we also visited.

Near Pribylina there is a beautiful place which offered us an amazing view. It is Liptovská Mara...
Liptovská Mara

Liptovská Mara is a dam in Central Slovakia, near Liptovský Mikuláš. It was built in years 1969 - 1975. Thirteen villages were flooded during its construction. Their most valuable parts were transferred to the museum in Pribylina. The main duty of Liptovská Mara is to protect the area from flooding, but electricity is also made there. Maximum depth of it is 43 metres. Due to this fact, Liptovská Mara is sometimes called also the Slovak or Liptov sea.

Havránok

Havránok is the open-air museum on top of the hill called Úložisko near Liptovská Mara. If you step on the top you can see the beautiful scenery of Liptovská Mara and the Tatras. Except the scenery, you can find there Celtic dorp and many things from the 1st century BC such as sacrificial places, shafts with altars, votives, reproductions of ancient Celtic coins and others.

Tamara Kováčová, IV. C
Sandra Stodolová, IV. C
Having siblings is great

Having siblings IS really great. Even though I have not always had siblings, now when I have my brother I cannot imagine my world without him.

Before my brother was born, I had been mostly alone. And although I did not feel like I wanted some companion, somewhere inside me I was yearning for someone to play with. I even had my very own imaginary friend that, of course, disappeared later, when my brother was born. That is the first advantage of having a sibling. You are never really alone. Your brother or sister is there to talk to, play with or help you.

I do not know if anyone else will think of this as of an advantage, but it was not just my brother that I had to play with. It was also tons of new toys. I was always getting just Barbie dolls, but now I finally could play with cars and Lego.

Not only you have more toys to play with and you are never alone, but you also have someone to help you when you are in trouble. If you break a vase, for example, it is more likely your mom will believe you if there’s someone to confirm that it was the cat and not you.

Despite all of this, having siblings naturally also has its disadvantages, for example, responsibility. This disadvantage does not affect you if you are the younger sibling. Trust me, being the older sibling sucks. You are supposed to be the clever one, and if something bad happens, it is kind of always your fault, you know, you were there to prevent the bad thing from happening.

Another disadvantage is that you cannot always agree on everything. So naturally there will always be something to argue about. Even the smallest things can be a cause of huge fights.

It might also happen that you both want the same thing, but you just cannot afford to buy the same thing twice. Or it is just not in the shop. This is also a disadvantage.

Nevertheless, it is great to have a sibling. Even when it comes with all the disadvantages and to your parents it might look like you hate each other, you know that you love your sibling more than anything. You can feel the love and no disadvantage can ruin that.

By Patrícia Cabajová, III. C

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An idiom for a day
By Mgr. Martin Huba, June 16, 2013

BINOMIALS

This time we would like to deal with very common English idiomatic expressions called binomials or word pairs. They consist of two words joined by a conjunction (and, or, to, by, etc.) usually with fixed order. Using different linking words is not the only way according to which we can categorise binomials. Moreover, we can find the ones based alliteration / the repeated sound pattern (safe and sound – nezranený, so zdravou kožou, živý a zdravý) or rhymes (hustle and bustle – zhon, blázinec).

Furthermore, some of them are made by combining grammar words such as prepositions, adverbs or conjuctions (ins and outs – detaily; back and forth – vzad a vpred, sem a tam; ifs and buts – keby a ale, námietky).

In addition to this, the two words in many of them are either near synonyms / closely connected in meaning (neat and trim – ako zo škatuľky; law and order – zákon a poriadok, právny poriadok) or opposites (pros and cons – za a proti, výhody a nevýhody).

Finally, they can make noun phrases (rest and recreation – oddych), for example, but also adjective (fast and furious – búrlivý, hlučný, plný akcie) or verb phrases (come and go – prichádzať a odchádzať) and so on.

It is surely not possible to cover all English binomials on our pages, however, we have chosen a few more of them you might consider interesting and useful. Below you will find them in the alphabetical order, together with their definitions and Slovak equivalents.

By and large is used to introduce s. t. that is generally, but not completely, true (vcelku; väčšinou; všeobecne)

Dos and don’ts are rules that you should follow in a particular situation (pravidlá; čo sa má robiť a čo nie)

First and foremost is used for emphasizing the main point (v prvom rade)

If you give and take, especially in a relationship, you are willing to accept s. o.’s wishes and give up your own ones (robiť kompromisy)

If s. t. happens in leaps and bounds, it happens in big jumps (miľové kroky)

If you wine and dine (s. o.), you entertain (yourself/them) by enjoying good food and drinks (užívať si; hodovať; hostiť niekoho)

Odds and ends are small items that are not valuable (drobnosti, v šetko možné; haraburdy)

Part and parcel is an essential part of s. t. (neoddeliteľná súčasť)

If you are on pins and needles, you feel anxious and excited about what will happen (byť ako na ihlách)

Peace and quiet is calm and silence, especially in contrast to a noisy environment (pokoj, klid)

Rags to riches describes a change from being extremely poor to being extremely rich, usually very quickly (z bedára boháčom)

If you are / feel sick and tired, you are / feel bored with or annoyed about s. t. (otrávený; znudený)

Sooner or later means at some time in the future, although not known exactly when (nakoniec; raz; skôr, či neskôr)

Step by step means gradually or slowly (postupne; krom za krokom)

Take it or leave it means either to accept or reject s. t. unconditionally (ber alebo nechaj tak)

Through thick and thin means even when there are problems or difficulties (problémy alebo ťažkosti)

Tooth and nail means in a very determined way (zubami nechtami; stoj čo stoj)

Ups and downs are the mixture of good and bad things in life or a particular situation (šťastné a krušné chvíle; vzostupy a pády)
And here are a few sentences to be completed with one the binomials in order to practise your understanding of them. The KEY can be found on page 25.

1. How’s your business going, John? You know, it has its _____, but I still manage to make a decent living.
2. I guess this job shouldn’t be rushed through, but done _____.
3. Tim’s really _____ of working for the same company for 25 years, so he’s thinking of quitting the job.
4. All the students were on _____ having to wait for the results of their tests for the whole day.
5. Well, Mr. Johnson, this is our final offer: $15, 000, 000. _____! Take your time, however, we need your answer by tomorrow’s noon.
6. I must say that my fitness has been progressing in _____ since I hired a new personal trainer.
7. Some common _____ of how to make a good PowerPoint presentation can be found easily on the Internet, so why didn’t you do it? Your presentation was absolutely terrible.
8. What shall I do to improve my writing skills? _____ you have to improve your vocabulary.
9. Go and check out the _____ grandma’s kept in the attic. I’m planning to throw them out soon.
10. To _____ its top clients is _____ of the business strategy of the most advertising agencies.
11. Look at the Russian boxer - he’s fighting _____ to survive the last round of the match!
12. In marriage, you have to be able to _____, don’t you think? Surely, and sticking together through _____ is very important, too.
13. Juliet has no idea what an idiot her boyfriend is, but _____ she’ll find out.
14. _____, I enjoyed my university studies despite all the problems I had with one of the professors.
15. Sam’s life is a classic story of a _____ businessman.
16. Although I love hustle and bustle of the city, I prefer spending my weekends in _____ of my small mountain cabin.

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KIKA & KIKO
EXPLORING MALTA

Two of the students of our school decided to spend their summer holidays by improving their English. Have a look at their exploration of the picturesque Mediterranean Island of Malta while improving their English on the language course.

KIKA 😊

Last summer I participated in a language course in Malta. It was an unforgettable experience for me and I don’t regret anything of it. Maybe just the fact that I couldn’t stay longer than three weeks. With my classmate, Kristián, we wanted to improve our speaking skills, so we decided to try one of the language courses offered by various agencies. In the end we chose the course at EF International Language School. From my opinion it was the best choice we could make. We observed prescribed formalities and in August we finally went to Malta. I stayed in a host family for three weeks, my host mother was so kind, understanding and willing. I was amazed how wonderful it all worked. Before the trip I was a little bit afraid of what was waiting for me but I knew that it would be a great experience and opportunity for me to improve my language skills and I was right. The school was beyond my expectations, people there were friendly and teachers were native speakers so it was a big positive. We had four lessons everyday and then we had a free time. Our school offered many activities for us like boat party, boat trip, full day trip to Gozo, Comino and many more. I’ve made a lot of friends and I’m still in touch with them so that’s also way how I’m improving my English. This course helped me a lot with my speaking skills, I’m not saying that I can speak fluently now, it’s not possible after 3 weeks but I’ve learnt a lot there and I wish I could come back one day. Malta is a gorgeous place...
Last summer holiday I went on a summer English course on a small Island called Malta. I spent 3 weeks there. I stayed in a host family. My host family were so kind and friendly to me. They helped me with everything that I needed. My school was 10 minutes away by bus from the town where I was staying. I had 4 classes every day (weekends excluded). I studied in a modern school with 10 other classmates from different countries. Our teacher was so friendly and kind to us and we also had a lot of fun in class. Every day after school I went to a school beach club and I was tanning, swimming, playing sports and talking with my friends there. I also tried Malta night life (Every day like Saturday), so party, party and party...

At weekends I went to discover interesting places of Malta like Valletta, Gozo island, Comino Island, Dingli cliffs and so on. In conclusion, I can only recommend the English course on Malta to everyone. You meet new friends, discover new places and especially you learn English. I keep in touch with my “Malta” friends and I will never forget about the time spent there.

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A Clockwork Orange

Directed, produced and written by:
Stanley Kubrick

Based on: A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess

Starring: Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee,
Michael Bates, Warren Clarke, Adrienne Corri, Miriam Carlin

Music by: Walter Carlos

Released in: 1971
Running Time: 136 mins

I have chosen this British movie because it is actually kind of weird and twisted in some way and that is what makes it so interesting to me. A Clockwork Orange was directed by Stanley Kubrick and after the premiere of the movie, critics did not like it at all, and eventually even Kubrick said that the movie was bad. Yet this movie became one of the sci-fi classics. A Clockwork Orange was nominated for 4 Oscars (including Best Picture, however losing to The French Connection) and it had another 13 nominations and 11 wins.

The movie tells a story of young Alex DeLarge (starred by Malcolm McDowell) and his "Droogs", who spend their nights getting high and then terrorizing, robbing, raping rich people. After certain events Alex gets caught by the police. To lower his 14-year sentence in jail he agrees to go through an experimental therapy that is supposed to change his behaviour to better. He is forced to watch gory movies while being in pain to associate blood with pain and sickness. Later he is released from jail as being cured but his "Droogs" seek revenge.

What I liked most was the terrorizing of people and the actual experiment. Everyone who likes sci-fi would enjoy this movie, though, I am not a big sci-fi fan I find this movie amazing.

By Patrícia Cabajová, III.C

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BACON AND MUSHROOMS PASTA WITH CHEESE SAUCE

PREPARATION TIME: 25-30 mins
SERVES: 2-3
SKILL LEVEL: EASY

INGREDIENTS:
50 g (2 oz) Butter
2 tbsp Plain Flour
400-600 ml (2/3-1 pint) Milk
100 g (5 oz) grated mature Cheddar Cheese (Gouda or Gruyère Cheese)
Salt and White Pepper (any preferred seasonings)
Cream (if needed)
8-12 rashers bacon
12-15 Mushrooms
1 Onion
1 clove Garlic
Pasta (of your choice)

PREPARATION METHOD:

- Fry chopped onion and crushed garlic with chopped bacon and mushrooms for about 10 mins until done. Put aside, but keep warm.
- Melt butter in a saucepan and then add flour. Stir to form a roux and cook for 1-2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat.
- Gradually whisk in milk to get a smooth sauce. Add a little cream if it is necessary – for extra thickness.
- Simmer gently for 10-15 minutes till a thickened and smooth sauce, season with salt and white pepper.
- Stir in grated cheese and let it melt. Do not re-boil the sauce or it will become stringy.
- Meanwhile, cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water according to the packet instructions and drain.
- Take the sauce off the heat, mix in bacon, mushrooms, onion and garlic, pour over the drained pasta and serve.

By Denisa Kotlárová, II. C and Mgr. Martin Huba

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Lightning Bolt, the tenth studio album by an American rock band PEARL JAM, was released in October 2013 and debuted at No.1 on the Billboard 200 chart, with the first-week’s sales of 166,000 copies in the United States. The album, produced by a long-time Pearl Jam producer Brendan O’Brien, consists of 12 songs and it has been promoted by two singles, Mind Your Manners and Sirens up to now. Pearl Jam have been on tour in North America since July where they will stay till the end of the year and then they will move on to Oceania in 2014. No European tour dates have been announced yet.

Below you will find the lyrics of the second single Sirens. Try to complete them choosing the correct option. Check your answers on page 25. Enjoy listening.

**PEARL JAM – SIRENS**
(Vedder/McCready/Cameron)
5:41

Hear the sirens, hear the sirens
Hear the sirens, hear the circus so
**1. skilled / profound**
I hear the sirens, more & more in this here town

Let me **2. hold / catch** my breath to breathe
And reach across the bed
Just to know we’re safe
I am a **3. grateful / thankful** man
The slightest bit of light
And I can see you clear

Have to take your **4. arm / hand**, and feel your breath
For fear this someday will be over
I pull you close, so much to **5. lose / win**
Knowing that nothing lasts forever

I didn’t **6. see / care**, before you were here
I danced in laughter with the everafter
But all things **7. change / stay**
Let this remain

Hear the sirens
Covering distance in the **8. light / night**

The sound echoing closer
Will they **9. come / look** for me next time?

For every **10. choice / step** mistake I’ve made
It’s not my plan
To **11. get / send** you in the arms of Another man
And if you choose to stay I’ll wait
I’ll understand

It’s a **12. brittle / fragile** thing
This life we lead
If I think too much I can get over
Whelmed by the **13. beauty / grace**
By which we live our lives
With death over our shoulders
**14. Want / Need** you to know
That should I go I always loved you
Held you high above, true

I study your face
And the fear goes away

It’s a …

I study …

The fear goes away, the fear goes away

Aah ah, oh oh
Aah ah, oh oh

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By Mgr. Martin Huba, Oct 25, 2013
KEYS AND SOLUTIONS

AN IDIOM FOR A DAY: BINOMIALS, p. 17-18

1. THICK AND THIN
2. STEP BY STEP
3. SICK AND TIRED
4. PINS AND NEEDLES
5. TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
6. LEAPS AND BOUNDS
7. DOS AND DON´TS
8. FIRST AND FOREMOST
9. ODDS AND ENDS
10. WINE AND DINE...PART AND PARCEL
11. TOOTH AND NAIL
12. GIVE AND TAKE...UPS AND DOWNS
13. SOONER OR LATER
14. BY AND LARGE
15. RAGS-TO-RICHES
16. PEACE AND QUIET

PEARL JAM – SIRENS, p. 24

1. profound 8. night
2. catch 9. come
3. grateful 10. choice
4. hand 11. send
5. lose 12. fragile
6. care 13. grace
7. change 14. want

And although fall is slowly getting replaced by winter, here we have the last piece of this edition of our magazine by a famous American master of horror stories, Stephen King:

“But then fall comes, kicking summer out on its treacherous ass as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed. It settles in the way an old friend will settle into your favorite chair and take out his pipe and light it and then fill the afternoon with stories of places he has been and things he has done since last he saw you.”

― Stephen King, 'Salem's Lot

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Do not forget to check it/Them out.

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