

What is meant by the expression
“Britain’s unwritten constitution”?



What are the powers of the British monarch
and what role does the monarch play consequently?



How do you become prime minister of the UK
and what are the powers of the British prime minister?



What does the term “New Labour” mean?



What are the aims of the Conservative Party
and what kind of people support the Conservatives?



Who are the Liberals?



How important is parliament in the UK?



What role does the House of Lords play today?



What does the term “devolution” imply?



What is the difference between the British and the American voting system?



What are the main ideas of the American Constitution
and why is the Constitution still so important?



What are the powers of the American president
which make some people refer to him as “the most powerful man in the world”?



What are the powers of Congress?



How does the American system
of checks and balances work?



What are the main parties in the USA?



What does the term “Commonwealth” imply?



How has Britain changed into a multicultural society?



What role does Britain play within the European Union?



What is meant by “The Troubles”?



What role does religion play in the Northern Irish Conflict?



In what way has Britain's legislation on immigration changed over the decades?



In what way did President Monroe and President Truman decisively shape America's foreign policy?



What do we understand by “the Cold War”?



What is the main difference
between the Truman Doctrine and the Bush Doctrine?



Why do some people compare the war in Iraq to the Vietnam War?



What is the American Dream about?



What metaphors are used to describe US society?



What are the main ethnic groups in the USA?



In what way has the situation of the Native Americans changed over the centuries?



Why was the Civil Rights Movement so important for the African Americans?



What does the term NHS mean?



What is the difference between Medicare and Medicaid?



Why is the principle of self-reliance so crucial to understand the American welfare system?



Why is the British term “public school” so misleading?



In what way does the American high school
reflect the American ideal of “equal opportunities”?



Why does religion play such an important role in the USA?



What are the major differences
between quality papers and papers from the popular press?



What are at present the most important trends in the business world and what major challenges do the economies of Britain and the USA consequently have to face?



When do you use the simple form
and when must you use the progressive form?



When do you use the infinitive
and when must you use the gerund?



When do you use the past tense
and when must you use the present perfect?



Which tense do you use in an *if*-clause?



When do you use an adjective and when an adverb?



Where do you have to place which adverbs?



When do you or must you use one of the articles,
and when can or must you leave it out?



When do you use *much*, when do you use *many*?



When do you use *who* or *what*, when do you use *which*?



How do you translate German *jeder*: with **each**, **every** or **any**?
And what exactly is the difference between *each other* and *oneself*?



Which preposition must be used in a particular context?



When do you use which modal auxiliary?



Which form of the verb do you have to use
when referring to the future?



When and how do you use indirect speech?



In what respect do English punctuation rules fundamentally differ from the German ones?



How can you avoid common mistakes?



How do you answer comprehension questions?



How can you improve your style?



How do you write a speech?



How do you conduct and write an interview?



How do you write a letter?



How do you write a comment?



How do you write a book review?



How do you do a translation?



How do you write a summary?



How do you start on and complete creative writing tasks?



What exactly is the difference between a tragedy and a comedy?

What is a tragedy?

What is a comedy?



How does the plot in a classical drama develop/unfold?



What exactly is a poem?



What is the difference between a fable and a short story?



What makes a short story short?



Why is a novel so much longer than a short story?
What exactly is a novel?



What is a bestseller?

Which literary genres are most prominent among bestsellers?



Why are the narrator and the narrative perspective so important in analysing a narrative text?



What is meant by theme and motif in a literary work?



What is the difference between a flat character and a round character?



What is the difference between explicit and implicit characterisation?



How do you define the term “stream of consciousness”?



What is the difference
between the setting and the atmosphere of a piece of work?



What is meant by scenic presentation
and what by panoramic view in a literary work?



What is a flashback?



What exactly is irony?



What exactly is a pun?



What is the effect of a rhetorical question?



What exactly is a personification?



What is the difference between alliteration and an anaphora?



What exactly is an antithesis?



What is the effect of an enumeration?



What is the effect of an exaggeration?



What is the difference between skimming a text and scanning a text?
And when do you just skim a text and when is it better to scan it?



How do you interpret a metaphor?



What exactly is a symbol?



How do you analyse a simile?



How do you analyse the register of a text?



How do you comment on the tone of a text?



How do you analyse charts, graphs and tables?



How do you analyse and interpret a cartoon?



How do you use a dictionary?



When should you quote and how do you quote?



How do you prepare for an oral exam?



How do you give a presentation?



How do you conduct a debate?

