10A Secrets

Can do (tick /)

- I can understand contrasting opinions on a radio talk show.
- I can describe a process.
- I can argue for and against a topic.
- I can change the meaning of a sentence by stressing different words.

A kind of magic

Circle the words you most associate with magic and magicians.

fake incredible skill illusion suspicious

fascinating trick entertaining

Magic tricks

Have you seen magic tricks involving any of the following?

knives fire locks animals playing cards

Describe the best magic trick you have ever seen.



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What is the secret to success in English? Do you have any 'tricks of the trade'?

Mysterious places

Match these places and things to the countries.

1 Easter Island

Egypt

2 Machu Pichu

Chile

3 Stonehenge

Peru

4 Angkor

England

5 The Sphinx

Cambodia



Write about a strange experience you have had (or someone you know has had).

Opposites

Use prefixes to form the negative of these adjectives.

probable

possible

likely

certain

definite

Your day

What was your day like today? Circle the best words.

stressful

relaxed

busy

boring

dull

50-50

exciting

routine

rewarding

up and down

Now write a sentence to describe your day.

The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.

Oscar Wilde (Irish writer, 1854-1900)

10B Mysteries

Can do (tick /)

- I can understand the order of events in a description of a film.
- I can use different forms of speculation to guess the solution to a mysterious situation.
- I can use modal verbs + have + past participle to make guesses about the past.
- I can make sentences using verb + to infinitive.

Missing

If someone you knew really well went away for eight years and then came back, do you think ...

- 1 you would definitely recognize them?
- 2 you might have some problems identifying them?
- 3 you would have real trouble being certain of their identity?

What is your opinion of the Martin Guerre story in lesson 108?

Mysteries

What is the most mysterious true story that you know from your own country?

What happened?

What is the most likely explanation for each of these situations?

A friend of yours suddenly gives you £500. When you switch on the TV there is no picture.

You come back to your home and find the front door open.

Mysterious deaths

Can you work out what happened in each of these situations? Check your ideas on page 64.

A man is found dead in a phone box. There is glass everywhere and two broken windows. How did he die?

A woman is lying face down in the middle of a desert. On her back is something that could have saved her life. What happened? Romeo and Juliet are found dead in the middle of the room. All around them is water and some broken glass. How did they die?

Date: _____

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Can do (tick /)

- I can understand the advantages and disadvantages of a plan.
- I can talk about the advantages and disadvantages of a decision.
- I can explain the reasons behind my decisions.
- I can understand and use certain idioms.

Confidential information

Put these in order according to how confidential they are from 1 (= the most private and secret) to 5.

your bank details

your personal diary

your medical history

- your political opinions
- your private correspondence

Taboos

In Britain you never ask someone how much they earn as this is generally considered to be very impolite.

Are there any similar taboos in your country?

I can't talk
about my childhood.
My parents made me sign
a confidentiality
agreement.



Diary

Look back through *Straightforward* Intermediate. Which of the lessons had the most interesting topics?