# 2A School days



## VOCABULARY & SPEAKING: adjectives with prepositions

- 1 Which sentences have a positive (+) meaning and which have a negative (-) meaning?
- 1 I was good at mathematics. +
- 2 I was bored with my school. -
- 3 I was afraid of the older children.
- 4 I was fond of my science teacher.
- 5 I was interested in science and technology.
- 6 I was terrible at arriving on time.
- 7 I was keen on sports and swimming.
- 8 I was worried about my grades.
- 2 Think about your experience of school. Change the sentences in exercise 1 so that they are true for you.
- 3 Work in pairs. Compare your sentences. Were your experiences similar or different?

#### LISTENING

- 1 9 1.16-1.18 Listen to three people talking about their school days. Match the speakers 1-3 to the topics a-c
- a my favourite subject
- b my favourite teacher
- c my problems at school
- 2 a 1.16-1.18 Listen to the recording again and complete column A with a phrase from column B.

A		В	
1	I never missed —	а	good grades.
2	I always got	b	my exams.
3	I was terrible at	c	my homewor
4	I failed	~ d	lessons.
5	I never did	e	most subjects
6	I was good at	f	music.
7	I didn't want to leave	22	school.

## GRAMMAR: past simple

1 Complete the table. Look at tapescripts 1.16-1.18 on page 134 to check your answers.

infinitive	past simple	infinitive	past simple
hate	(1)	study	(5)
listen	(2)	talk	(6)
leave	(3)	teach	(7)
love	(4)	try	(8)

- 2		
2	Now put the ver	bs in the table into four groups.
а	Regular verbs:	infinitive + -ed <u>listened</u>
b		infinitive + -d
C	Regular verbs:	infinitive ending in $-y \rightarrow -i + ed$
	Irregular verbs	
	We make negativ	es with didn't (did not) + infinitive.
	I didn't want	o leave school.
3	We make questio	ns with did + subject + infinitive.
	Where did you	go to school?
	Did you like s	
	SEE LANGUAGE	E REFERENCE PAGE 24
3	Complete the co	onversation. Put the verbs in brackets nple.
		ou go (you / go) to school?
B:	My father (2) _	(work) for a multinational
		re (3) (live) in lots of different
	countries, so 1 ( schools.	4) (go) to five different
A:		(you / enjoy) your school days?
		ot really. I (6) (not have) many
		we (7) (not stay) long in one
		(leave) one school after six
	months!	
A:	(9)(yo	u / do) well in your exams?
B:		use I (10) (not / go) out with
		(study) a lot in the evenings and
		s. I (12) (not / get) top grades,
		(get) a place at Cambridge
	University.	and the second s
		like? (14) (you / like) it?
B:	Yes. I (15)	(think) it was great.

4 Work in pairs. Write a similar conversation.

## PRONUNCIATION: regular past simple verbs

1 9 1.19 When we say regular past simple forms, we usually add the sound /t/ or /d/ to the infinitive. We do not need an extra syllable. Listen to these examples.

open /əopən/ → opened /əopənd/ loved /lavd/ love /lav/ → try /trai/ → tried /traid/

But if the infinitive ends in /t/ or /d/, we do need to add an extra syllable (/id/) when we say the regular past form. Listen to these examples.

want /wont/ → wanted /wontid/ decided /disaidid/ decide /disaid/ →

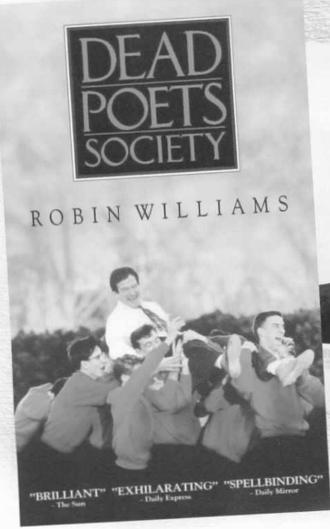
2 Put the verbs in the box into two groups: no extra syllable (NS) and extra syllable (ES).

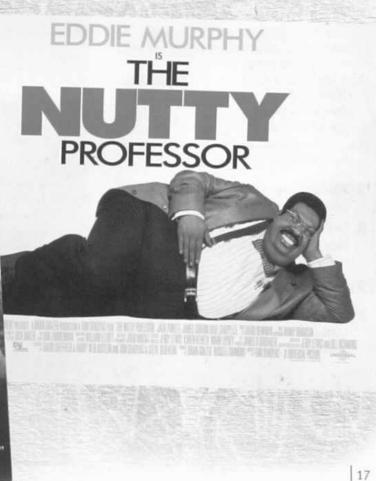
arrived NS ended hated helped needed studied waited worked

3 9 1.20 Listen to the recording to check your answers.

#### SPEAKING

- 1 Do you know any films or TV programmes about schools and teachers?
- 2 You are going to talk about a teacher that you really liked. Use these questions to help you.
- What was the teacher's name?
- What did she/he teach?
- Where did she/he teach?
- How often did you have lessons with her/him?
- What did she/he look like?
- Why did you like her/him?
- Do you remember a particular moment with this teacher?
- What happened?
- 3 Work in groups. Describe the teacher that you really liked to your group.





# 2B Irish schools

#### SPEAKING

- 1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.
- Are there any big differences between the schools in your town? Are some schools better than others? If so, why?
- · What is your idea of a good school?

#### VOCABULARY: education

 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

age certificate compulsory punishment results sex system

- 1 Some schools in England are for boys and girls and some are single \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 In the English education \_\_\_\_\_\_, there are private schools and state schools.
- 3 Some subjects, like English and maths, are \_\_\_\_ until the age of sixteen in England.
- 4 English children must sometimes stay in class at break as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The minimum leaving \_\_\_\_\_ in England is sixteen, but most students continue for another two years.
- 6 There is no leaving \_\_\_\_ in England, but many students take 'A level' exams when they are eighteen.
- 7 School students in England get their exam \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer holidays after they leave school.
- 2 \$\int\_{1.21}\$ Listen to the recording to check your answers.
- 3 Change the sentences in exercise 1 so that they are true for your country.

#### READING

 Read a magazine article about education in Ireland. Match the paragraphs 1–4 to the headings a–d below.

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- a Rich and poor, boys and girls
- b A success story
- c School subjects
- d Traditional teaching

# **Schools in Europe**

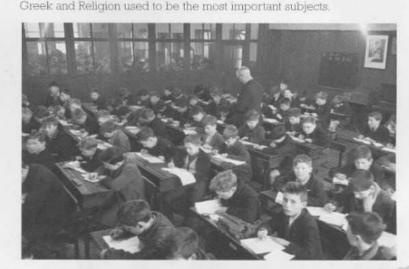
This month we take a look at schools in:

# The Republic of Ireland



Ireland now has one of the best education systems in the world. Class sizes are small, exam results are good and most children are happy to stay at school after the minimum leaving age of sixteen. It is easy to forget that the picture used to be very different.

- 5 For years, Ireland had one of the most complicated education systems in the world. There were many different kinds of school, but most of them had a lot in common. Classes were large and the teaching was very traditional. As in many countries, teachers used to hit the children if they made mistakes (the government banned corporal punishment in 1982).
- 10 Parents used to pay for their children's education and, as a result, there were schools for the rich and schools for the poor. Boys and girls went to different schools and studied different subjects. Nowadays, most schools are free and only about half the schools are single-sex. In many ways, education is now a woman's world. Girls do better than boys in their 15 exams, more girls go to university and most teachers are women.
- At the end of secondary school, students take their final exams (the 'Leaving Certificate'). Compulsory subjects are maths, history, Irish and a foreign language. In addition, they must choose two or three extra subjects. Some of these, like Business Organization, help to prepare them for the world of work. This is very different from the past when Latin,



- 2 Read the article again and find one piece of information to show that each statement is true.
- 1 The exam results are good.
- 1 Ireland has a good education system.
- 2 Teaching in Ireland used to be very traditional.
- 3 Irish boys and girls used to have very different experiences of school.
- 4 Education in Ireland is a woman's world.
- 5 Irish students study many different subjects.
- 3 Are there any similarities between education in Ireland and education in your country?

#### GRAMMAR: used to

We use used to + infinitive to talk about past states. Latin and Greek used to be important school subjects.

We also use used to + infinitive to talk about past actions that happened many times.

Teachers used to hit children.

We can always use the past simple instead of used to. Boys and girls used to go/went to different schools.

However, we cannot use used to for past actions that happened once.

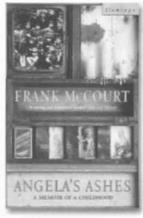
The government banned corporal punishment. (not used to ban)

- SEE LANGUAGE REFERENCE PAGE 24
- 1 Look at the sentences about a famous Irishman. Rewrite the sentences using used to + infinitive.
- 1 His family used to be very poor.
- 1 His family was very poor.
- 2 He lived with his grandparents.
- 3 He wasn't a very happy child.
- 4 The teachers at school hit him.
- 5 The other children called him 'Irish'.
- 6 He didn't like his school.
- He wanted to be an artist.

Who are the sentences about: Pierce Brosnan (the actor), Bono (the musician) or Roy Keane (the footballer)? See page 128 for the answer.



2 Look at the sentences below. Replace the past simple with used to where possible.



used to be

- The writer, Frank McCourt, was & a teacher.
- 2 He wrote a book called Angela's Ashes.
- 3 He was born in New York.
- 4 His family moved to Ireland.
- 5 His family didn't have much money.
- 6 His father told funny stories to Frank.
- Frank loved listening to his father.
- 8 Frank won the Pulitzer Prize for this book about his childhood.
- 3 Write six sentences about yourself when you were at primary school. Begin three sentences with I used to ... and three with I didn't use to ... .

# PRONUNCIATION: irregular past simple

1 Underline the word in the groups 1-4 below which has a different sound from the other words in the group.

bought caught found thought came said gave made broke drove lost spoke knew met went

1.22 Listen to the recording to check your answers.

#### SPEAKING

1 Think about schools in your country now and in the past. How are they different? Make notes, using your own ideas and the ideas in the box to help you.

computers/technology class sizes types of school the school buildings when you can leave school school subjects exams behaviour punishment

2 Work in pairs and compare your ideas. Are schools now better or worse than they used to be?

Schools in my country used to be very different. For example, ...

# 2c Red faces

#### SPEAKING & READING

- 1 Work in pairs. Look at the pictures A-C and describe what is happening in each one. Which of these situations do you think is the most embarrassing?
- 2 Read the messages from an internet discussion group for teachers and match them to the pictures.



It's the head!

I thought it was a fancy dress party ...



- 3 Read the messages again and answer the questions.
- Why did Doug's head teacher organize a party?
- 2 Why was Doug looking forward to the party?
- 3 Why did he wear witch's clothes?
- 4 Why was Tamsin in an examination room?
- What was special about Tamsin's phone?
- 6 Why didn't she turn off her phone immediately?
- Why did Kelly decide to go to work when she wasn't
- 8 Why did Kelly wake up?
- 4 Work in pairs. Describe an embarrassing experience that happened to you or someone you know.

#### GRAMMAR: past continuous

We use the past continuous to describe actions in progress at a particular time in the past.

Where were you working in October last year? I was working at a school in Cambridge.

Was she feeling ill? Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.

We use the past simple for actions that interrupt the actions in the past continuous.

I was walking up and down when my phone rang.

## SEE LANGUAGE REFERENCE PAGE 24

1 Complete the text. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

\_ (wait) for the bus with A few days ago, I (1) \_\_\_\_ my younger brother. We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home after an afternoon at the shops. A very large woman with a big shopping bag (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in front of us. After a few minutes, the bus (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive). The woman (5) \_\_\_\_ (get) on the bus when she (6) \_\_\_\_ (turn) round. 'Can you help me with my bag?' she (7) \_ (ask) us. 'Yes, of course,' (8) \_\_\_\_ (say) my brother. 'Are you going to have a baby?'

- 2 Look at the pictures A-C on page 20 for one minute. Then work in pairs. Turn to page 127 and answer the questions.
- 3 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about what you were doing at the times below.
- fifteen minutes ago
- at eleven o'clock last night
- one hour ago
- · at three o'clock last Saturday
- at six o'clock this morning
- · at this time last week

What were you doing fifteen minutes ago? I was having a cup of coffee.

#### SPEAKING



- 1 Work in groups. First, read these sentences and decide which list they belong to.
- 1 Speak in front of their friends about funny things that they did when they were younger.
- 2 Don't say hello to their friends when they visit your
- When their friends are visiting, speak with your mouth full of food.
- Tell them (in front of their friends) to wear clothes that they do not like.

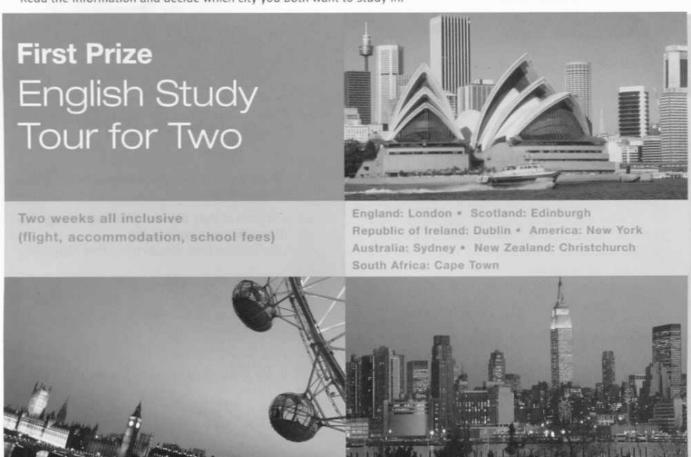
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	How to embarrass your children

- 2 Now discuss how parents can embarrass their children and how children can embarrass their parents. Add three more sentences to each list.
- 3 Present your lists to the rest of the class.

# 2D Which school?

#### SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. You and your partner win first prize in a competition. Read the information and decide which city you both want to study in.



#### VOCABULARY: school facilities

- Look at the advertisement for an English school.
   Match the words in **bold** to the definitions below.
- 1 = library
- I a place to borrow or read books
- 2 a restaurant/café in a place of work
- 3 money you pay for a professional service
- 4 place or position
- 5 teaching
- 6 that you can change
- 7 they have done this job a lot
- 8 they have professional exams/qualifications
- 2 List three important things for you in choosing a language school.
- 3 Work in pairs and compare your lists.



# VICTORIA SCHOOL OF ENGLISH SYDNEY

The Victoria School has a central location near the Opera House.

Our qualified and experienced teachers provide top quality tuition with flexible timetables. The school has an ultra-modern multi-media centre with 20 PCs, a language laboratory and a library. The school has its own cafeteria and an exciting social programme.

Special fees for international students.



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1 1.23 A man is asking for information about a course in a French language school. Listen to the conversation and <u>underline</u> the correct information.

CLASS SIZE 10/15/20 students per class

LEVEL Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced

TIMETABLE Mon & Wed / Tues & Thurs / Tues & Fri

7.30 - 9.00 / 8.00 - 9.30 / 8.30 - 9.30

COURSE LENGTH 10/12/15 weeks

FRENCH CLUB Friday mornings / Friday evenings /

Saturday evenings

PRICE £100 / £120 / £150

2 Match the words in column A with the words from column B to make phrases.

A B

1 day-time a activities
2 native b class
3 registration c courses
4 social d form
5 ten-week e speakers

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3 Mail 1.23 Listen to the conversation again to check your answers.

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: asking for information

- 1 Rearrange the words to make questions.
- 1 Please could I have some information about your school?
- 1 about could information have school I please some your?
- 2 about could courses me tell you your?
- 3 a are class how in many students?
- 4 beginners classes do for have you?
- 5 are classes the time what?
- 6 course does how last long the?
- 7 activities any are social there?
- 8 fees course the much are how?

Look at tapescript 1.23 on page 134 to check your answers.

#### SPEAKING

#### Roleplay

- Work in pairs. You are going to plan an evening school. Use these questions to help you.
- Where is your school?
- . What is it called?
- · What kinds of courses does the school offer?
- · Who are the teachers?
- What facilities does the school have?
- · How much do the courses cost?
- . What is special about your school?
- 2 Find another pair and work in groups of four. Find out about each other's schools.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 Work in pairs. Read the facts about the English language and discuss the questions.
  - About 375,000,000 people speak English as a first language.
  - About 375,000,000 people speak English as a second language.
- About 1,000,000,000 people study English around the world.
- About 500,000 people take examinations (British or American) in English as a foreign language every year.
- About 1,000,000 people go to Britain or America to study English every year.
- When and where do people use English in your country?
- Do many people in your country study English? Why do they study?
- What English language examinations do people take in your country?
- Do you know anyone who has studied English in an English-speaking country? Did they like it?

# 2 Language reference

#### GRAMMAR

#### Past simple

We use the past simple to talk about past actions and states. The actions and states are finished.

I left school in 1999. Then I went to University. I liked rock music when I was a teenager.

We often use a time expression with the past simple, for example, yesterday, last week, in 2003.

I saw John yesterday. We lived in Brussels in 2003.

He/She/It You/We/They		found didn't find	a job.		
Question	1				
When	did	I he/she/it you/we/they	find	a job?	
Short an					
Did you	find a j	ob? Yes, I did	. / No. I d	idn't.	

With regular verbs, we usually add -ed to the infinitive in the affirmative. There are three groups of exceptions.

- When the verb ends in -e, we add -d. like  $\rightarrow$  liked love → loved
- 2 When the verb ends in -y after a consonant, we change the -y to -ied.

 $study \rightarrow studied$  $try \rightarrow tried$ 

3 With some verbs that end in a consonant, we double the

plan → planned stop → stopped

Other verbs in this group include: admit, chat, control, drop, nod, occur, refer, regret, rob, transfer and trap.

Many common verbs have irregular past forms.

 $eat \rightarrow ate$ go → went

leave → left

#### Used to

We use used to to talk about past states and past actions that happened many times.

My family used to live in Rome.

We used to go out for a meal every Saturday.

We can always use the past simple instead of used to, but we cannot use used to for actions that happened only once.

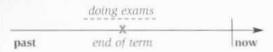
We used to live in Rome. - We lived in Rome. My family moved back to London in 1995. Not My family used to move back to London in 1995.

I He/She/It You/We/They		used to didn't use to		like walk to	school.
Question	n				
Did	1 He/sh You/w	e/it re/they	use to	like walk to	school?

#### Past continuous

We use the past continuous to describe actions in progress at a particular time in the past. We often use the past continuous to describe the background situation of a story.

It was the end of term and the students were doing their exams.



We often use the past simple and past continuous together. We use the past simple for actions that interrupt the actions in the past continuous.

I was walking into class when my phone rang. (First, I walked into class. Second, my phone rang.)

We cannot normally use stative verbs in the continuous form. See page 44 for a list of common stative verbs.

She knew that he was happy. Not She was knowing he was happy.

I He/She, You/We		was wasn't were weren't	talking	on th	ne phone.	
Questio	n					
When	was	I he/she	e/it	talking	on the phone?	
	were	you/we/they				
Short a	nswer					
Were yo	u talkin	g?	Yes, I v	vas. / No.	I wasn't.	
Were they working?			Yes, they were. / No, they weren't			

We make the past continuous with was/were + infinitive +-ing. If the infinitive ends in a consonant +-e:

live → living

With some verbs that end in a consonant, we double the consonant. See the list of verbs in group 3 in the past simple above.

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/t[u:z/

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE Asking for information

(Please) could I have some information about ...?

Could you tell me about ..., (please)?

How much is/are ...?

What time is/are ...?

How long does/do the ... last?

Do you have ...?

Is there a ...?

Are there any ...?

How many ... are there?

#### WORD LIST

## Adjectives with prepositions

afraid of \*\*\* /a/freid av/ bored with \*\* /ford will/ fond of " /fond av/ good at \*\*\* /gud at/ interested in \*\*\* /intrastid in/ keen on \*\* /kim on/ terrible at \*\* /terabl at/z /warid about/ worried about \*

/kæfə'tiəriə/

/kəm'pʌlsəri/

/kəm'pju:tə/

/edjaker[n

sistem/

/ɪgzæmrˈneɪʃn/

/kbis/

/desk/

/sartifikat/

#### Education

cafeteria n C
certificate n C \*\*
compulsory adj \*
computer n C \*\*\*
desk n C \*\*\*
education system n C

examination
(exam) n C \*\*\*
experienced adj \*
fail (an exam) v \*\*\*
fee n C \*\*
get a place
(at university)

/ik/spierienst/ /ferl/ /fi:/ /get a pleis (at jumi'va:səti)/ /greid/ headmaster n C /hed/maistə/ headmistress n C /hed/mistros/ /hedtixfo/ headteacher n C homework n U \* /haomwask/ /længwid3 language laborat(a)ri/ laboratory n C leaving age n C /fi:vin eids/

leaving certificate n C

lesson n C \*\*\*
location n C \*\*
mixed sex adj
multi-media centre n C

native speaker n C pass (an exam) v \*\*\*

private school n C (corporal)
punishment n U \*
pupil n C \*\*\*
qualification n C \*
registration form n C

result n C \*\*\*
single sex adj
social programme/
activity n C
state school n C
subject n C \*\*\*
term n C \*\*\*
timetable n C
tuition n U
university n C \*\*\*

/living sə'ttfikət/ /lesən/ /ləu'ketfin/ /mikst seks/ /malti 'mi:diə sentə/ /neitrv 'spi:kə/ /pus (ən ig'zaem)/ /pruivət sku:l/

/pju:pl/ /kwolifrkeifn/ /red3rstreifn fo:m/ /rizalt/ /singl seks/ /saoflpraogræm /æktivati/ /steit sku:l/ /sabd3ikt/ /taim/ /toimteibl/ /tfu:ifn/ /ju:nfv3:sati/

## School subjects

art n U \*\*\*
biology n U
Greek n U
history n U \*\*\*
Irish n U
Latin n U
mathematics
(maths) n U
music n U \*\*\*
religion n U \*\*\*
science n U \*\*\*

/a:t/ /barolodzi/ /gritk/ /histri/ /airif/ /lætin/ /mæθomætiks/ /mju:zik/

/mju:zik/ /rrlidʒ(ə)n/ /sɑɪjəns/ /tekˈnɒlədʒi/

## Other words & phrases

accent n C " /æksənt/ actually adv \*\*\* /æktʃuəli/ anyway adv \*\*\* /eniwer/ artist n C \*\* /cctist/ as usual /az jurgual/ (fall) asleep adj \*\* /ə/sli:p/ ban v \* /bæn/ behaviour n U \*\*\* /brhervia/ borrow v \*\* /borau/ brilliant adj \* /briljant/ care (about sb) # \*\*\* /kea/

club n C \*\*\* choose v \*\*\* (multinational) company n C \*\*\* competition n C \*\*\* complicated adj \*\* embarrass v enjoy v \*\*\* exciting adj "" fancy dress costume/ party n C flexible adj " flight n C \*\*\* fun adi funny adj \*\*\* government n C \*\*\* great adj \*\*\* in addition in charge (of) (all) inclusive adj minimum adj/n \*\* miss (a lesson) v \*\*\* mobile phone n C of course adv \*\*\* organize v \*\* painter n C provide v \*\*\* row n C \*\*\*

rule n C \*\*\*

stupid adj \*\*

witch n C

WOTTY

shopping bag n C

sympathetic adj

ultra-modern adj

(about sb/sth) v \*\*\*

/kamp(a)ni/ /kompettfn/ /komplikeitid/ /im/bærəs/ /mdsar/ /rk/soitin/ /fænsi 'dres kostju:m/pa:ti/ /fleksəbl/ /flost/ /fan/ /fani/ /gavnmont/ /grent/ /m əˈdɪfn/ /m 't[oxd3/ /m'klusiv/ /mmmməm/ /mis/ /maubarl farun/ /ov 'koss/ /s:ganoiz/ /peinta/ /pra/void/ /rou/ /ru:l/ /fopin bæg/ /stju:pid/ /simpo/θetik/ /n(e)bam' entla/

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