

British Town Names by Angel Fourlas

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Student 2: Howard Student 3: Sarah

Basic Premise:
A group of Americans are taking British lessons. Today's lesson is on Town names.

R: Good morning everyone, I hope you had a nice weekend.

J: Yes! Wanna tell you what we did?

R: No, but as you are American, and certain words you don't seem to understand like "No" and "Don't shoot the child you are at a school", I'll wager a burger to whoever keeps his or her mouth shut.

(Everyone stays silent)

R: Excellent.

H: Does that mean that you'll get us burgers.

R: No, I just wanted you to shut up.

H: Oh.

R: Right, today we are going to be talking about British town names, how they are spelt and pronounced. But first, do you know any names?

J: England!

R: No, that's the country.

S: Amsterdam.

R: That's in the Netherlands.

S: Is the Neverlands a part of Scotland?

R: No, it's where... you know the Netherlands are. Between Germany and France.

J: I've been to France; it's where they make those brown edible half-moons.

R: That's a croissant Jenny. You what? How about we play a little game? I'll write the town names on the board and you just read them out loud. Let's get cracking, shall we?

(Howard raises his hand)

R: Yes Howard?

H: Yes.

R: That was a rhetorical question.

H: Oh.

(Robert writes "London" on the board)

R: Who can tell me this?

(Sarah raises her hand)

R: Yes, Sarah?

S: Laundry.

R: Fabulous!

S: Is that a good thing?

R: No, Sarah. That is called sarcasm.

S: Which... Is a good thing?

R: It depends. So let me move on with the next city.

(Writes Leicestershire)

R: Who can tell me this one? Howard?

H: Uh, Lestersershirer.

R: No. Let me explain how it is done.

(Writes on the board "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious")

R: That is actually a British town name. It might spell "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" but if you read it carefully and you add a bit of imagination "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" becomes "Devon".

And this "Panzerfaust", that is also a British town name, but again, with a bit of imagination and carefulness "Panzerfaust" becomes "Exeter".

I honestly gave up on British town names when I stepped foot on "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch". I almost died when I said the first time, a close call I won't be attempting to do anytime soon.

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