

POCKET GUIDE TO:

# EVERYDAY ENGLISH

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DAY BY DAY





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# INTRODUCTION

**Have you noticed that the ability to speak and understand English is no longer a luxury, but a necessity?**

Take a look around you; English is everywhere. From your mobile phone and laptop to things you'll find out shopping, we are surrounded by the English language.

Not only can a good grasp of English improve your job prospects, it will also help you to better understand what's going on around you.

In this guide, we will show you that English is a part of your life – even if you don't realise it. And we'll highlight some common words to look out for. All **bold** words are in English. Let's see how many of them you can find!





PART 1

# TECHNOLOGY



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# TECHNOLOGY

If you use technology, chances are you use English words every day.

For example, to read this guide you used your **mouse** to **click** on the **link** that brought you here. If you are surfing the internet right now you're probably using one of these **browsers**: Chrome, Explorer or Firefox.

Are we right? And once you are finished here, you can go back to our **homepage** if you want to explore our site.



# TECHNOLOGY

Do you ever use your **PC** and **webcam** to speak face-to-face with friends and family in other countries? If you are **chatting**, make sure you don't have the **caps lock** on (**caps** as in **capital**s); otherwise your friend might think you're shouting!

To use capitals only on the first letter, use **shift** (to change the command on the key you are pressing). If you would rather not chat live, send an **e-mail** instead. Even if your friend is offline, they will get your message later.

# TECHNOLOGY

Another great function of technology is sharing your photos. If you're using your mobile phone, you can use **Bluetooth**. If you want to share an old printed picture, you can **scan** it. And, with the right **software**, you can turn a sequence of images into a movie – then just press **play**, turn up the volume on your **speakers** and enjoy!

Images can also be **shared** on social networks and generate lots of **comments**, like **LOL** (laughing out loud) or **OMG** (Oh my God!).

And if you like **games**, English is even more essential. To **play, start** or realise the **game** is **over**, you definitely need to understand the language.



# TECHNOLOGY PHRASEBOOK

## Are you online?

Are you online?

## Check your inbox

Check your inbox

## Please log in

Please log in

## Please sign up

Please sign up

## Shut down/turn off your laptop

Shut down/turn off your laptop

## Put on your headphones

Put on your headphones

## Could you print this for me?

Could you print this for me?

# TECHNOLOGY GLOSSARY

## Downloading

Downloading

## Uploading

Uploading

## Gamer

Gamer

## Gadget

Gadget

## Workstation

Workstation

## Speakers

Speakers

## Printer

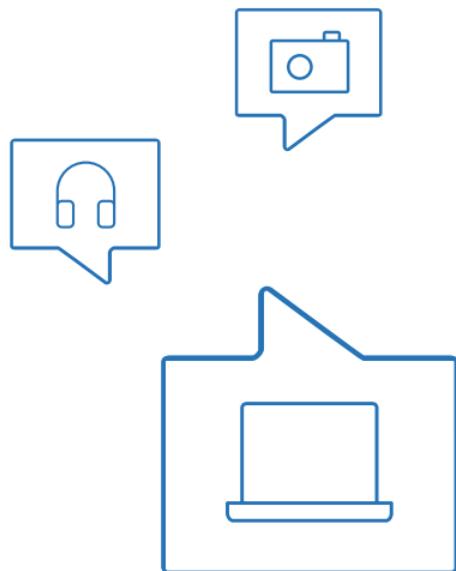
Printer

## Headphones

Headphones

## Backup

Backup



# TECHNOLOGY IDIOMS

## Don't push my buttons!

Don't annoy or upset me

## A Kodak moment

The perfect photo opportunity  
/ a moment to remember

## We are on the same wave length

We think alike

## To get your wires crossed

To misunderstand someone

## To be in tune with someone

To get along or connect with someone



PART 2

# SHOPPING



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# SHOPPING

**When you go shopping, look out for another English name: the mall.**

There you will find **jeans** (stretch or **skinny**), **shorts** or **tennis shoes**. Women might go to the **supermarket** while the men browse the latest **gadgets**.

Maybe you are going to a **black tie** party, or perhaps you want to look for a **trendy** outfit. It might be easier to find a cheap **jacket** at an outlet – a shopping centre that is permanently on **sale**. With a little bit of luck you might even find an **80% off deal**. Almost **free!**



# SHOPPING

**Megastores** are huge department stores that sell a large range of products and brands, while some specialise in a particular product. A lot of these stores have **loyalty programmes**, so their die-hard **fans** have more advantages.



# SHOPPING PHRASEBOOK

## How much does this cost?

How much does this cost?

## Do you have any special offers?

Do you have any special offers?

## Do you have a loyalty programme?

Do you have a loyalty programme?

## Is there a shopping centre nearby?

Is there a shopping centre nearby?

## Do you sell..?

Do you sell..?

## Have you got anything cheaper?

Have you got anything cheaper?

## That's not what I'm looking for

That's not what I'm looking for

## What times are you open?

What times are you open?

## I'm only looking

I'm only looking

# SHOPPING GLOSSARY

## Discount

Discount

## Guarantee

Guarantee

## Cheap

Cheap

## Expensive

Expensive

## Sale

Sale

## Mall

Mall

## % Off

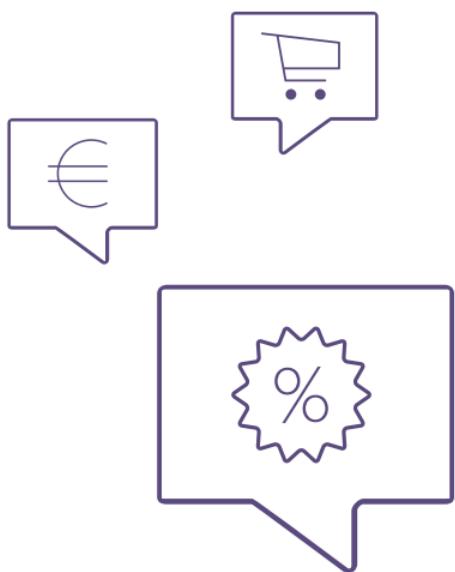
% Off

## Free

Free

## Loyalty Programme

Loyalty Programme



# SHOPPING IDIOMS

## To bag a bargain

To buy something at a good price

## To pay through the nose

To pay too much for something

## The drinks are on me

Say this if you want to pay for everyone's drinks

## To be like a bull in a china shop

To be very clumsy



PART 3

# PLAYING SPORTS



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# PLAYING SPORTS

**No matter where the game is played,  
the language of sport is English.**

Every traditional sport ending with **ball** comes from the English language: basketball, football, handball, volleyball, baseball and any other **ball**-centered game you can think of.

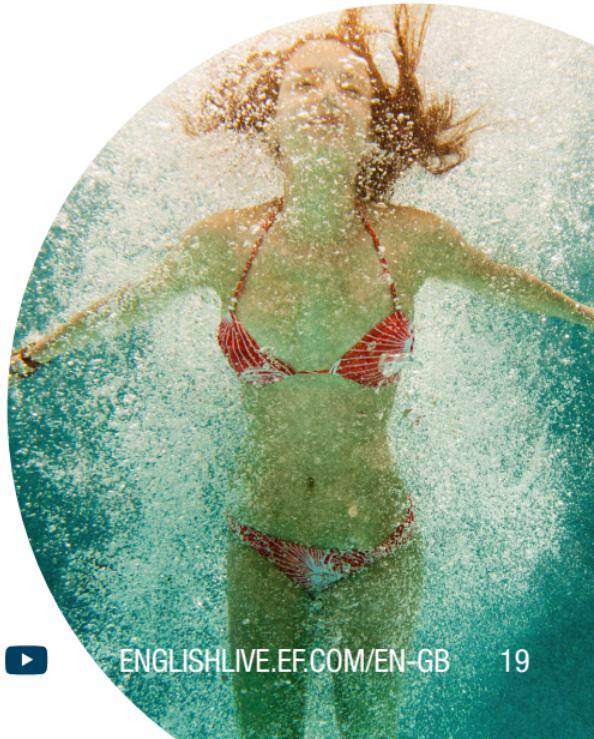
Even if your favourite sport doesn't involve balls it's highly likely that English is somehow part of it, particularly if you like **extreme sport**. When you go **surfing** you can stand out from the crowd by doing **aerial** or **carving** manoeuvres.



# PLAYING SPORTS

If you prefer skateboarding, then maybe an **Ollie** or a **kickflip** is the way to go, whether you prefer **street** skating or riding a **half-pipe**. For **motocross**, you might go **freestyle** and do a few **backflips**.

Now, that's **extreme**. If you like the outdoors, how exploring on a **mountain bike**? Or, if you're feeling really adventurous, **snowboarding** or **kite surfing** could be fun.



# PLAYING SPORTS PHRASEBOOK

## Who's winning?

Who's winning?

## Who's playing?

Who's playing?

## What's the score?

What's the score?

## I want to see the match

I want to see the match

## Are you showing the match here?

Are you showing the match here?

# PLAYING SPORTS GLOSSARY

## Score

Score

## Half-time

Half-time

## Medal

Medal

## Tournament

Tournament

## Trophy

Trophy

## Race

Race

## Match

Match



# PLAYING SPORTS IDIOMS

## Neck and neck

A close competition

## Long shot

Something very difficult to achieve

## Front runner

The competitor most likely to win

## Skate on thin ice

To do something risky

## Take a rain check

To change the date

## A hit below the belt

An unfair move



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# EATING OUT



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# EATING OUT

If you have a hunger for learning, then check out some of the **menus** in food courts or **fast food** restaurants.

Hot dogs, bacon, cookies, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sundaes and **banana splits** are just some of the treats on offer. Take **your pick!**

For the health-conscious, there are **diet** and **light** dishes. And for convenience, try a **drive-through** or **delivery** (there's no need to leave your car - or even your house!).

For those on a budget, there are also **self-service** restaurants. Countless food choices in English for everyone!



# EATING OUT PHRASEBOOK

## Do you have any free tables?

Do you have any free tables?

## I'd like to make a reservation, please.

I'd like to make a reservation, please.

## What do you recommend?

What do you recommend?

## Do you have any specials?

Do you have any specials?

## I'm allergic to...

I'm allergic to...

## Could I see the menu, please?

Could I see the menu, please?

## This is not what I ordered

This is not what I ordered

## Can we pay separately?

Can we pay separately?

## I'll get this

I'll get this

# EATING OUT GLOSSARY

## Drive-through

Drive-through

## Delivery

Delivery

## Self-Service

Self-Service

## Diet

Diet

## Light

Light

## Allergic

Allergic

## Fast Food

Fast Food



# EATING OUT IDIOMS

## A bad egg

Someone who's always in trouble

## My bread and butter

Something essential

## Cheesy

Silly

## Cream of the crop

The best

## Hot potato

A difficult or controversial topic

## To spice things up

To make things more interesting

## Piece of cake

Very easy



PART 5

# AN ORDINARY DAY



## AN ORDINARY DAY

**Do you still need to be convinced that the world around you is immersed in English? OK, let's take a look at your day-to-day life.**

Think about what you do in your spare time. Perhaps you enjoy chatting to the **bartender** during **happy hour** at your local **pub**.

Maybe you like to sit on your **sofa** watching a **reality show**, or listening to **rock** or **pop** music on the radio whilst flicking through a fashion magazine featuring **top models**.

It may take a little longer to notice these hidden foreign words when you're busy at work. After all, there's so much **feedback** and pressure to create new **slogans**.



## AN ORDINARY DAY

Then, you still have to try to get home during **rush hour**. On the other hand, who knows? Maybe you've worked from your **home office** for a few days.

That could ease your **stress** and might even mean you won't need a **babysitter** - a benefit most **freelancers** can enjoy.

When you're on holiday, even in your own country, you'll probably need **diesel** if you're going on a **road trip**. And, as soon as you get to your hotel, you will be required to check-in. If you decide to go on a **city tour**, check out any **VIP** or **premium** offers that might make it more enjoyable.

# AN ORDINARY DAY

We're sure you must be familiar with a few English words by now, especially those that are used in everyday conversation. But if you know someone who can't think of a single word in English, then maybe they're suffering a **blackout** and might need a **checkup**. Get your emergency kit!



# AN ORDINARY DAY PHRASEBOOK

## Let's get the ball rolling

Let's get the ball rolling

## Let's call it a day

Let's call it a day

## You can call the shots

You can call the shots

## That company is in the red

That company is in the red

# AN ORDINARY DAY GLOSSARY

## Feedback

Feedback

## Home Office

Home Office

## Freelancer

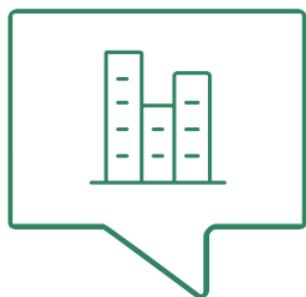
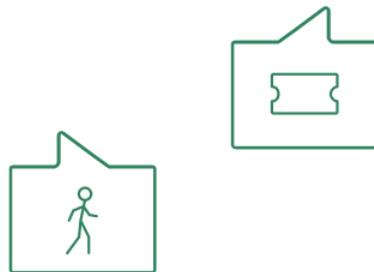
Freelancer

## Check-in

Check-in

## Cash Cow

Cash Cow



# AN ORDINARY DAY IDIOMS

## To be a happy camper

To be satisfied/happy

## To learn the ropes

To learn the basics

## To pitch in

To help, cooperate

## To pull an all-nighter

To spend all night doing something

## To set the record straight

To clarify something

# DON'T STOP HERE!

**As you can now see, English is very much ingrained in your life.**

That's a great start. But if you really want to speak English well you need the right language school to help you.

How about a school that, like the English language, can always be present in your life?

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you learn English.**



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