

# English for Beginners

*Learn to Speak and Write Confidently*

## Lesson 6

Talking Like a Native



# Today's Lesson

- You will master the use of **English for Travel**
  - You will learn specific **Phrases from Around the World**
  - You will explore **Spoken English - *Using Idioms***
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- Summary
  - Next Steps
  - Q & A



Agenda

# English for Travel



Welcome to Paris.

How long did it take?

- It took 4 and a half hours.
  - Only 50 minutes.
- Too long! Almost 12 hours.
- I have been travelling for 2 days.

- I came on the boat.
- I got here by train.
- I drove from Italy.
- I flew from home.
- I got the bus from Madrid.

How did you get here?

Who are you here with?

- I'm with my family.
- I'm travelling alone.
- I'm with my work colleagues.
- I'm with some friends.

- Yes, just for the weekend.
  - I'm visiting my family.
- No. Unfortunately I'm here for work.
- Yes, but I'm only passing through.

Are you here on vacation?

Have you seen the Arc de Triomphe?

How long have you been away from home?

- No, I haven't yet.
- I have. It was amazing!
- I have visited Paris before and saw it then.
- I've been here 4 days and still haven't seen it.

- I haven't been home for 6 weeks now.
- I've visited India, Egypt, and now France.
- I've seen the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, and the Eiffel Tower.



## Present Perfect

- I **haven't been** home for 6 weeks now.
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Used to talk about a duration from the past until now  
or to talk about an unspecified time in the past

### Form

Subject + have/has + verb (past participle)

gotten  
driven  
worked


### Further Examples

"Jack **has taken** 3 trains so far."  
"I **'ve met** so many nice people."  
"Man **has walked** on the Moon."  
"I **have taught** in Saudi Arabia."

### Negatives & Questions

"Jack **hasn't** taken any trains."  
"I **haven't** met any mean people."  
"**Has** your father walked on the moon?"  
"**Have** you visited Mecca?"

# Which of these sentences is incorrect?

- My brother has lived in Australia since 2012.
- I've visited him twice.
-  **Our dog hasn't see him since then.**
- The house has been very quiet without him.

 Our dog hasn't seen him since then.



# Phrases from Around the World





## The English Language

- 375 million English speakers worldwide
- 1.5 billion English learners worldwide
- Official language in +50 countries

- Mother tongue in +30 countries
- Ireland, UK, Australia, USA, etc.

# Phrases from Around the World

*(phrases)*

**what's the craic?** = *how are you?*

*/ what's happening?*

**sure look** = *anyway*

**donkey's years** = *a long time*

*(nouns)*

**craic** = *fun*

**the jacks** = *the toilet*

**a press** = *a cupboard*

**the guards** = *the police*

**an eejit** = *an idiot*

**lad** = *man / boy*

*(adjectives)*

**grand** = *ok / fine / great*

**knackered** = *tired*

**deadly** = *brilliant*

*(adverbs)*

**quare** = *very*

## usage

- *Sure look, I'll see you later.*
- *I haven't been there in donkey's years.*
- *Could you get the tea from the press?*
- *I've been working all day. I'm knackered!*
- *The weather is quare bad out there.*



# Phrases from Around the World



*(phrases)*

**all right?** = *hello / how are you?*

**Bob's your uncle!** = *There you go!*

*/ you've got it!*

**cheerio** = *bye!*

*(nouns)*

**grub** = *food*

**a kip** = *a short sleep / a nap*

**mate** = *friend*

**porkies** = *lies*

*(adjectives)*

**dodgy** = *not to be trusted*

**gobsmacked** = *amazed*

**smashing** = *brilliant*

**minted** = *rich*

**tickety-boo** = *fantastic*

## usage

- *Click on the 'Go to Webinar' button and Bob's your uncle!*
- *I'm going to have a kip after lunch.*
- *Don't tell me porkies!*
- *That dinner was absolutely smashing!*
- *Everything's tickety-boo in my life.*



# Phrases from Around the World

*(phrases)*

**what's up?** = *how are you?*

**'sup?** = *what's up?*

*(verbs)*

**to bail** = *leave quickly*

**to screw up** = *make a mistake*

*(nouns)*

**dude** = *friend*

**garbage can / trash can** = *bin*

*(adjectives)*

**easy as pie** = *very easy*

**sweet** = *great*

**awesome** = *brilliant*

**beat** = *tired*

*(interjections)*

**shut the front door!** = *really?*

## usage

- *I finished my work and bailed.*
- *I really screwed up in that exam.*
- *What? I thought it was easy as pie!*
- *That was a long day, I'm beat.*
- *Joe - "I got the job!"*
- *Sam - "Shut the front door!"*



# Phrases from Around the World

*(phrases)*

**G'day mate!** = *hello*

**you little ripper!** = *that's great news!*

*(verbs)*

**to yabber** = *to talk*

*(nouns)*

**a sheila** = *a girl*

**barbie** = *BBQ or barbecue*

**roo** = *kangaroo*

**Aussie** = *person from Australia*

**bush / outback** = *any area that is not a town or city*

**togs** = *swim suit*

*(adjectives)*

**fair dinkum** = *true / real*

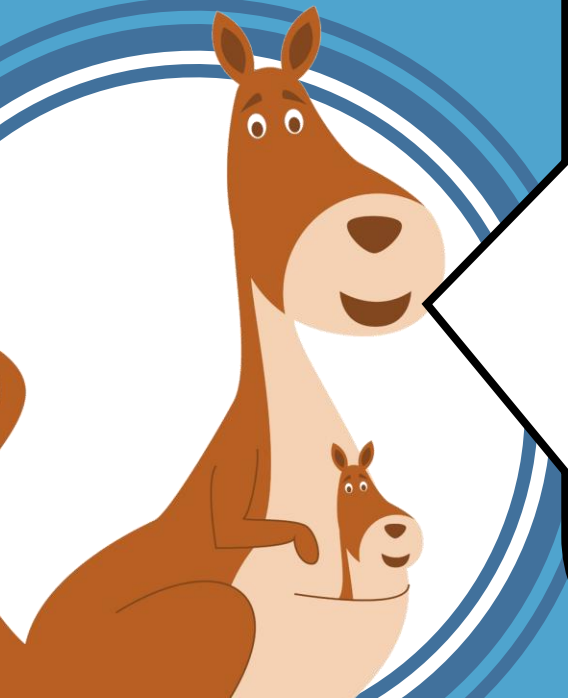
**bonzer** = *good*

*(interjections)*

**crikey!** = *expresses surprise*

## usage

- Bruce - "I bought you a present."
- Meghan - "You little ripper!"
- Who's that yabbering in class?
- Put another shrimp on the barbie.
- It's true mate, fair dinkum.
- Crikey! There's a shark in the water.



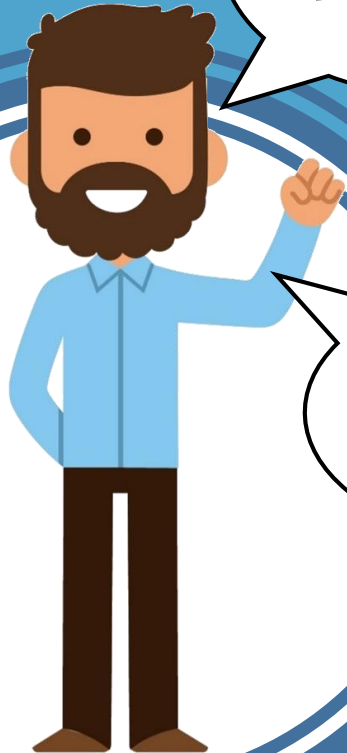
## Which of these words is not used to mean 'brilliant'?

- awesome
- smashing
- fantastic
- ~~X~~ grub
- deadly



# Spoken English *Using Idioms*

# Using Idioms



Ooh, wow.  
Look at that  
roller coaster.  
Let's go!

Oh come on.  
**Don't be a  
chicken!**

"Don't be  
afraid"



No way! It's  
making me sick  
just thinking  
about it.





# Using Idioms

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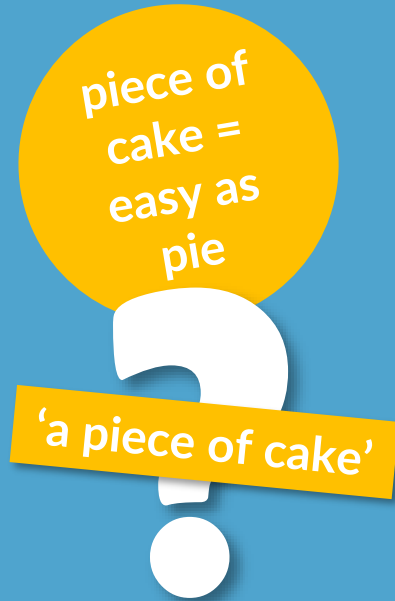
A commonly used expression whose meaning does not relate exactly to the meaning of each word

'to be broke'



- "I wish I could go to the cinema but I'm broke!"
- "I'm going to be broke after my vacation."

# Using Idioms



- "That exam really was a piece of cake."
- "I'm sure it would have been easy as pie if I studied."

# Using Idioms

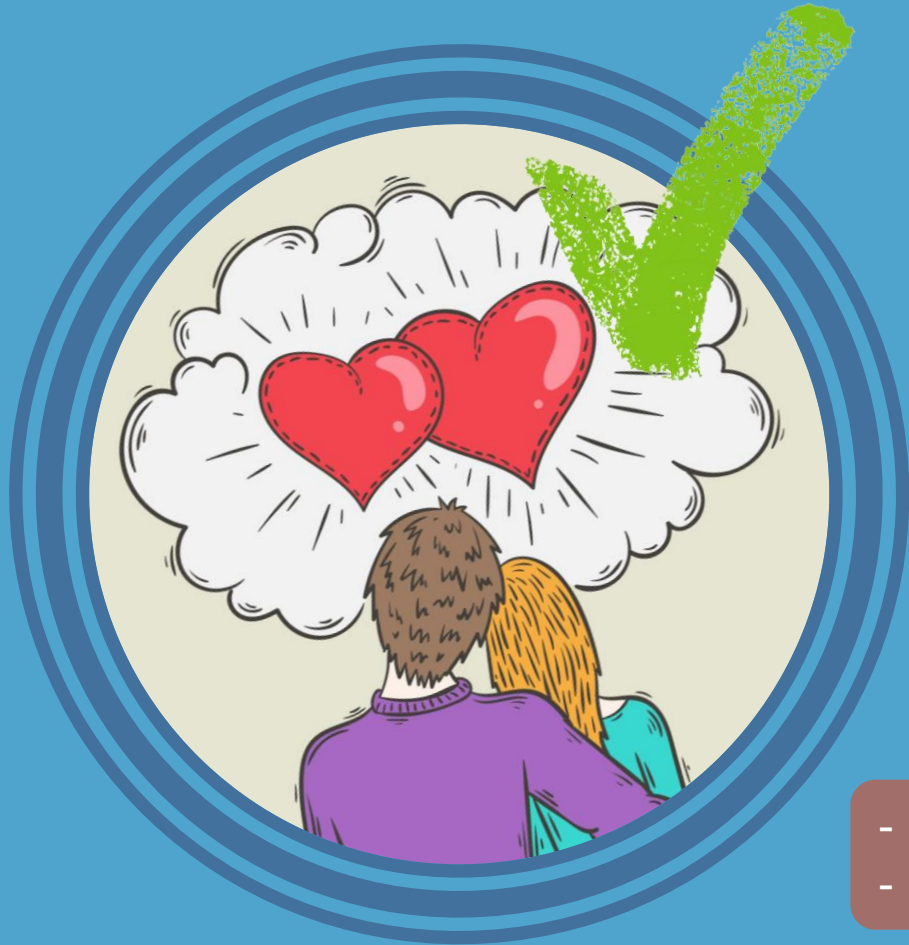






- "You can't go out there it's raining cats and dogs!"

# Using Idioms



  
'head over heels'



- "I met my husband 20 years ago and am still head over heels for him."
- "You should only get married if you're head over heels."

# Using Idioms



'bun in the oven'

- "We're so happy that Lisa has a bun in the oven."
- "No wine for me thanks. I've a bun in the oven."



'pregnant'

## Which of these expressions means to have no money?

- chicken
- ✓ broke
- pregnant
- head over heels
- easy as pie





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