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Music is a wonderful thing, which creates different sensations for people. I love music. It makes me feel so relaxed and I enjoy every kind of music. But not everyone thinks like me.

For example:

Diego, who is my older son, enjoys listening to Pop Music. His favourite singer is the Colombian Shakira. Shakira's music makes him feel excited. Also he thinks Shakira is so pretty.

Laura, who is my middle daughter, enjoys listening to Christian Music and her favourite singer is Marcos Will. She thinks he is a great man who spends his life singing for God. That is so wonderful. This music makes Laura feel safe and comfortable.

Sarah, who is my youngest daughter, enjoys listening to



listening to Classical Music.

She likes playing the piano and her favourite

musicians are Beethoven and Mozart. She is so young but she spends one or two hours a day playing the piano. It makes me feel so happy and proud of her. I hope she keeps on with her music.

Finally, you can see that all my kids love music but they have different feelings about it.

My children and I think that if music did not exist, the world would be so boring.



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MOTHER'S DAY AND WOMEN'S DAY IN MY COUNTRY

In my country, we don't have holidays like Mother's Day or Father's Day".



Therefore, women celebrate March 8th as International Women's Day and men don't have any holiday like Father's or Men's Day.

March 8th is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women. It was marked as International Women's Day in 1911, when Klara Zetkin started up the first "International Women's Day" in Copenhagen. Klara Zetkin was an influential socialist German woman, politician and fighter for women's

rights. Together with Rosa Luxembourg, her close friend and confidante, she was very interested in women's politics, fighting for equal opportunities and women's suffrage. She developed the social-democratic women's movement in Germany.

Started as a political event, the holiday blended in the culture of different countries. Following the tradition in my country, this holiday



is observed by men giving the women in their lives (mothers, grandmothers, wives, daughters, friends, girlfriends, colleagues, etc.) flowers and a gift. The children also give some presents to their mothers, grandmothers, and teachers.

In the past, the gift was some small thing (cheap jewelry or a souvenir), but today it has become too commercialized, especially in school. I think it looks like some competition where every child or student tries to demonstrate his family's financial position by buying a more expensive gift for his or her teacher, and also to acquire the teacher's affection.

For me, the best present is a flower, and I prefer only one red rose when I give or receive a present for this holiday. The flower is a symbol of



beauty, nature, life (in combination with Spring and March 8th is a Spring holiday) and red is a symbol of love. So, by giving a red flower to our mother, grandmother or teacher

we show her all our love, respect for her beauty and wish that she be alive. This is why I prefer a red flower more than a diamond for a gift.

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CARTAGENA – COLOMBIA

Cartagena is a beautiful city to spend a vacation in, for two reasons:

First of all, Cartagena has many wonderful places to see, where visitors can enjoy beaches, nature and historical monuments.



For example, in Playa Blanca, tourists can see a beautiful beach with white sand. It's a perfect place for snorkelling and scuba diving. Visitors can take a tour to Islas del Rosario, a group of islands where tourist can observe nature, different kinds of colorful birds, beautiful beaches and try exotic food and cocktails. Cartagena offers many tours to visit historical monuments such as Castillo de San Felipe, La India Catalina, Murallas de Cartagena, Puerta del Reloj and Museo de Oro.

Second, Cartagena has an exciting night life. For instance, visitors can take a ride in a carriage along the beach, go to many excellent restaurants that have live performances and then go to amazing night clubs.

Indeed, Cartagena is a wonderful place to go if you want to have an unforgettable vacation.

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OLD CARS = \$\$\$



Last Monday I noticed an oil stain where I parked my car at work, Since the car hadn't been checked for the last three months, I called Canadian Tire to make an appointment and have my car fixed.

They asked me to arrive at 8:00 in the morning just to have a summer "wise" inspection. Two hours later, oh surprise! The gentleman who was waiting for me at his desk was checking the customer report and evaluation. He said to me: "We have to fix some things in your car, but don't worry nothing major." Nothing major, ha! You know - oil and filter change, tires, brake system. Some extra recommendations like a new radiator, alternator belt, power steering belt, wiper blades and shampoo for the engine to identify where the oil is coming from. As a result \$600.00 dollars and \$40 extra for the inspection.



After that I guess you need a candy or something sweet in your mouth to continue talking. Anyway, they fixed the car, or so they said, and now they just need to take a look, again to see

if they are able to find out where the oil is coming from.

I sure hope so, because I am not very interested in looking at another bill.

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MY COUNTRY - YEMEN

My country is old. It has old buildings in all cities of the country. My country has an historic and old civilization, and is known for old houses. We have high-rise buildings from 500 years ago. Aden city is in the south of Yemen. Aden is famous for water tanks from 2000 years ago.



When you visit this place you can know how the Yemen people created the structures. They made these tanks to keep the water when rain was coming. My country is hot and dry, and there are plants that need water. Regarding the water tanks, they represent technology for Yemen people. Tourists are coming from all the world and they like it.

Yemen is blessed with beautiful coasts, and we get our national wealth from the sea.



That is all in the south of Yemen, but the capital of Yemen is Sana'a in the north of the country. This is the area with mountains and the country's agricultural areas.

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THE SEVEN WONDERS OF CANADA

The address below has the sites that were voted by participants in a CBC contest as the 'Seven Wonders of Canada'. Copy and paste the address into your address bar and click 'Enter'.

<http://www.cbc.ca/sevenwonders/results.html>

When you access the site, click 'Voting Results' and you will see pictures of the 'Seven



Wonders of Canada'. Click on any one of the 'Wonders' and it will enlarge and display information about that particular 'Wonder'.

Chose the 'Wonder' that you would like most to visit. Read the provided information, and tell your teacher about it.

Carla M.
Home Study Instructor

LEARNING BY SHARING

Learning is the key for success in this world. All of us are working on some goals. For me the most important goal is to improve my English skills because I need English to find a job as a computer trainer and because I need to help my children with their homework and education. I believe

language is very important for success.

Information technology is changing many activities in our life including learning. Today, most universities and colleges



are using technology to improve the way of learning. The Internet is creating new methods for interaction between students and teachers. Also, it is creating a new style of learning (learning by sharing and learning by action)

Three steps: learn, share what you have learned and put what you have learned into action.

For us as LINC Home Study students, we also can use this technology to improve our learning to be more interactive. This objective requires a group of students from LINC Home Study to share some ideas, useful articles and some methods to improve our English skills.

Students from LINC Home Study need to encourage each other to make the process of learning more dynamic. Students can interact with each other by using the Internet (Email, yahoo group...).



By Internet, we can transform the way of learning from traditional learning to action learning. The Internet has made the distance between people disappear; we don't need to be in the same place to share information and to learn together. We can learn together from home and we can encourage and remind each other that we are not alone in our way of learning. The Internet can help us get connected. We can

learn by doing some exercises together.



To reach this goal we need to build an online group such as a yahoo group and we can call it "LINC Home Study". The purpose of this group is to connect students from LINC Home Study together, so the process of our learning will be easier. To join this group all we need is to send invitation to students at their email; Students who are interested to join will accept this invitation. Any student can contribute and write a message to share with other members. Success for all LINC Home Students is success for all. Our success requires some real changes, some actions. We should try to think out of the box, out from the traditional thinking, and work with our teachers collectively to explore new learning style.

Editors' Note

Suha I., the writer of this article has taken the initiative to create a yahoo forum. However, due to administrative restrictions the LINC Home Study program will not actively promote this forum. Instead, the program will launch its own (site-moderated) forum on its Learning Management System in the near future.

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RECIPES

DUMPLINGS

Ingredients:
Flour
Water
Chopped vegetables
Meat
Salt

Method:

First, you start by mixing the flour with water.

Second, you need to prepare stuffing for the dumpling.

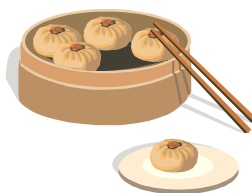
The stuffing is made by mixing chopped vegetables and meat.

Then, cut the dough into small pieces to make thin pancakes.

Next, fill the pancakes with stuffing and wrap it up.

Finally, you boil the dumpling.

When the dumpling floats, you know it is ready.



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GINGER COKE

Ginger Coke is a home remedy which can help people when they catch a flu or are a little uncomfortable.

First, peel the skin of the ginger, and cut the ginger into pieces.

Second, open a can of coke, and put it into a small pot with two or three pieces of ginger.

Then, cook the coke until it is boiling. Let it simmer for one or two minutes.

Let it cool.

Finally, you will feel better after drinking this ginger coke if you catch a flu



By:
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ALL PURPOSE TOMATO SAUCE

Hello, my name is Jose and I'm from Venezuela. I like to cook .Here is one of my favourite recipes, salsa. September is the best time to make this salsa, because it's when the tomatoes are very cheap. You can make this salsa and put it in the freezer in small bags and you have to take just one bag when you decide to use it. I prepared this salsa last year and it was very easy and delicious when I went to cook because I already had it in the freezer.

Preparation time 40 minutes
Cooking time about 45 minutes
Makes 9 cups (2.25 L) sauce

Ingredients:

6 lbs (3kg)
tomatoes,
preferably



plum
 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
 2 medium-size onions, chopped
 6 garlic cloves, minced
 1 large celery stalk, coarsely chopped
 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) each of dried leaf thyme and oregano
 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
 3/4 tsp (4 mL) freshly ground black pepper
 1 bay leaf
 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) granulated sugar (optional)
 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh basil

Method:

1. Peel and coarsely chop tomatoes.
2. Heat olive oil in a very large saucepan set over medium heat. Add onions, garlic and celery. Stir often until onions are softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, including any juice, thyme, oregano, salt, pepper and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, and stirring occasionally, until thick, about 40 minutes. (If juice and seeds are added, simmer sauce longer to thicken it.) Taste and add sugar if sauce tastes too acidic. Stir in basil and cook for 1 minute. Remove bay leaf and discard. Ladle into containers and seal tightly or put in to freezer bag as mentioned above.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

RESUME VS APPLICATION

I don't believe a resume is useful. I think an application is good enough!

I disagree with this statement. I think a resume is better than an application for several reasons. First, a resume is more organized and much neater than an application. When you write on an application, it can look messy. Next, when you create a resume, you can make multiple copies, so you can drop them off at the job positions you are looking for.

In an application, you have to either pick them up or write on them while



at the job place. The resume can also be creative, which may help the person distinguish his resume from other applicants, and also, you can produce different styles of resumes for different jobs. Furthermore, in a resume, you can explain your qualifications, experiences and history in a more detailed and organized format. You can edit a resume anytime you want on your computer, and when you are ready to drop it off to the employer, you don't have to waste any time writing on the application form, and if any errors are done, you can fix it up. Whereas, in the application form, if you make any mistakes, you have to throw it away and work on a new application form. In all I think the resume is a much more useful tool.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FROM HISTORY.....

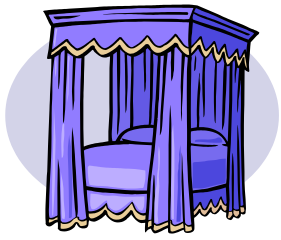
The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s.....

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water".



Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs".



There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "Dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.



Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.



Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening



these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a ...dead ringer.

And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

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ACTIVITY CENTRAL

ANNOYING PARAGRAPH

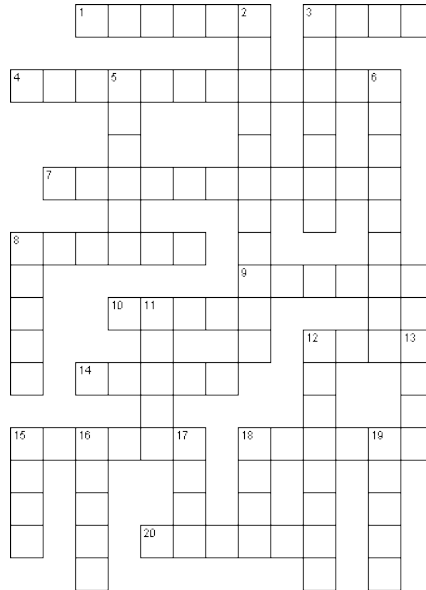
This is an annoying paragraph, in which you try and work out what is unusual about it. This paragraph has a quandary though. A solitary word has found a way to slink into this paragraph, to fox your fun, by going against all my jazzy plans. What is that word? Don't try to run a utility to assist you that would spoil all of my attempts to absorb all of your avid skills in this mind blowing prank.

BRAIN BAT

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CAPITALS CROSSWORDS



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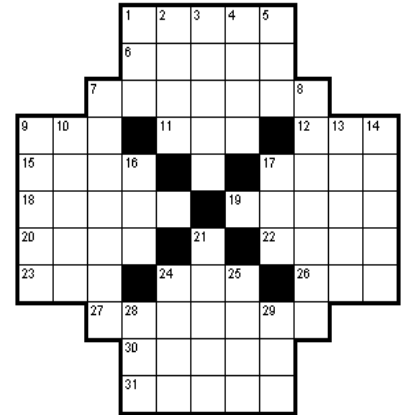
1. Spain (6)
3. Fiji (4)
4. Haiti (4,2,6)
7. Trinidad and Tobago (4,2,5)
8. Austria (6)
9. Turkey (6)
10. Cape Verde (5)
12. Qatar (4)
14. Afghanistan (5)
15. Mozambique (6)
18. Angola (6)
20. Dominica (6)

Down

2. Tanzania (3,2,6)
3. Puerto Rico (3,4)
5. Iran (6)
6. Scotland (9)
8. Liechtenstein (5)
11. Morocco (5)
12. Syria (8)
13. Western Samoa (4)
15. The Maldives (4)
16. France (5)
17. Norway (4)

18. Togo (4)
19. Senegal (5)

X-CROSSWORD



Down

1. Someone who overacts (3)
2. Not present (4)
3. Heathen (5)
4. Dainty (4)
5. Japanese currency (3)
7. Bill for goods or services (7)
8. Raise (7)
9. Hawaiian greeting (5)
10. Hesitate (5)
13. Fragrance (5)
14. Dissuade (5)
16. Atmosphere (3)
17. Be seated (3)
21. Decoration (5)
24. Sand hill (4)
25. Number (4)
28. Flange (3)
29. Golf pin (3)

Across

1. Pleased (5)
6. Mindful (5)
7. Envisage (7)
9. Beard (3)
11. Edible tuber (3)
12. Man or boy (3)
15. Molten rock (4)
17. Shrivelled (4)
18. Egg-shaped (5)
19. Swivel (5)
20. Successor (4)
22. Domesticated (4)
23. Part of a circle (3)
24. Lair (3)
26. Mariner (3)
27. Learned (7)
30. Asinine (5)
31. Noisy riotous fight (5)

ANSWER KEY

ANNOYING PARAGRAPH

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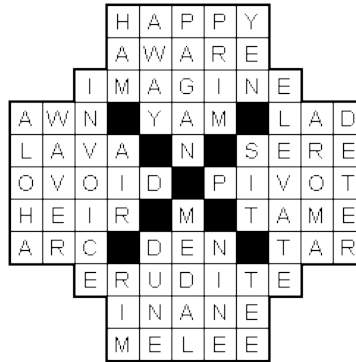
BRAIN BAT

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