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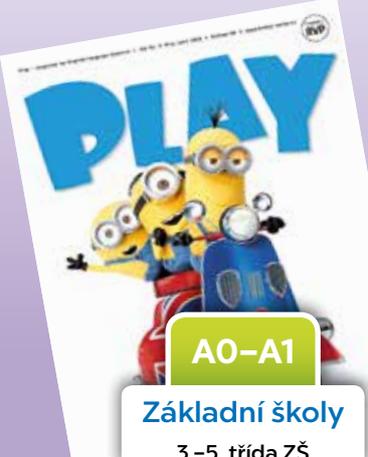
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Treat People with Kindness

HARRY STYLES

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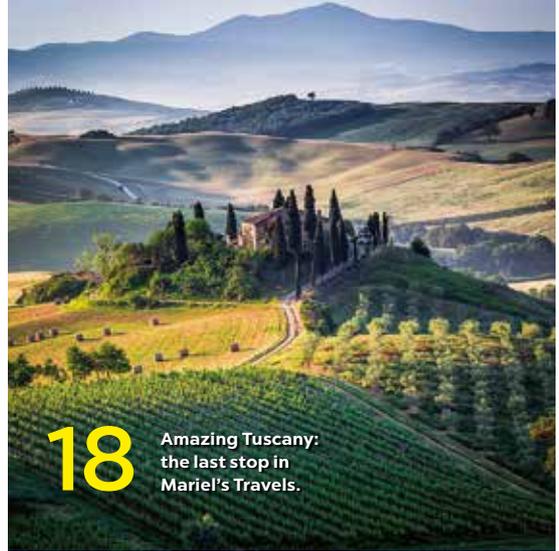


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DEAR READERS,

In between washing our hands, sewing masks and staying away from everybody, we have managed to put together a magazine for you! You can always rely on Gate to give you something to read, even in an international crisis! Of course, the world is dominated by Covid-19 at the moment, but we have tried to give you something to take your minds off it a bit. (And hopefully, by the time you read this, things will look a bit more normal). We have an article about how to take a virtual holiday, even if you can't actually go there, and we also give you some ideas of books you can read that will transport you to exotic places around the world. There's a look at e-sports, we explore the world of Photoshop and travel back in time to meet some of the characters of the Wild West too. We also spoke to a food stylist, found out all about Harry Styles and reviewed some films that you can look forward to, sometime in the (hopefully not-too-distant) future. We hope you like it.

Happy reading, and stay safe!

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MAY-JUNE BONUSES



KEY TO ICONS

Listening on CD

Extra materials in the Teachers' File (TF)

In the last month or two the world as we know it ended. All because of a tiny pathogen. Adults stopped going to work, students had to learn from home and people kept distance between each other on the streets and in shops. No matter how weird, all of these measures¹ are meant to stop the Covid-19 disease from spreading. Gate asked people from around the world to see how their countries were doing in this crisis.

Keith, Germany

Regensburg, April 1st

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, all of Germany is on **lockdown**². All schools, stores, and restaurants are closed until at least April 20th. People are only allowed to go outside alone to take care of things like buying food or going to work. You can also go outside to exercise – either alone or with family members who live with you. Where I live in Bavaria people seem to be following the rules, except when the weather is nice and then everyone just seems to be outside at the same time. The most powerful symbol of this crisis here in Germany is all the **roped off**³ playgrounds. There are playgrounds everywhere here, but because of the coronavirus, they are all closed.



Peppur, USA

Los Angeles, April 2nd

In Los Angeles, the sun is shining but it does not feel so bright. We walk the dogs in the morning and the streets are empty. There are no cars. There are no people. My neighborhood is a ghost town. Sometimes I walk down the middle of the street with our two dogs simply because I can. I am sad and scared, yet, I think this emptiness is a positive thing because people in Los Angeles are following the rules. Most people are staying at home, most people are staying safe. Currently, Californians are not **required**⁴** to wear a face mask outside, whether to walk the dogs or to go to the grocery store. Perhaps that day is coming soon. We are hoping for a safe and healthy lifestyle to return soon.

** starting on April 9th, people in LA have to wear masks in shops and businesses



Jessica, Canada

Montreal, April 4th

I'm based in Montreal in Quebec. The province has half of the cases of Covid-19 in Canada. Quebec has declared it a **health emergency**⁵. There are **strict**⁶ rules about social distancing* and what kind of businesses are allowed to be open. Schools are closed. The Canadian government will be giving money to the people who have become unemployed because of the pandemic. Generally, Quebecers seem to

be following the rules of social distancing. The **fine**⁷ for **gathering**⁸ is \$1,000. You don't have to wear a mask outside and you still see quite a lot of people walking on the streets if the weather is good.

In Montreal the rainbow has become a symbol of hope. Families staying in their homes because of school closures are drawing rainbows and putting them up in their windows. The words "*ça va bien aller*" or, "It's going to be OK" are often written below the rainbow.



Global Covid-19



Nasim, Iran

Tehran, April 5th

Maybe our reaction to Covid-19 was different from other countries. Iran is facing many challenges and people have learned to **adapt**⁹ very quickly. For the first two weeks we panicked. It was a bit **confusing**¹⁰ to figure out what the coronavirus was and how to protect ourselves against it. The media was full of fake information. After two weeks, people got back to their normal lives. There was no panic-buying*.

Schools, universities and **mosques**¹¹ were closed from the beginning and the government asked people to stay at home. However, they did not believe a quarantine was necessary, so it was only after five weeks that they started to require social distancing.

In Iran, the symbol of this pandemic could be togetherness. People are helping each other during this crisis. **Manufacturers**¹² started using their factories to **sew**¹³ masks or produce alcohol for disinfection. **Landlords**¹⁴ don't ask for rent from people who lost their businesses, or allow them to pay later. There are also collections of money for the unemployed. Due to US sanctions, Iran is in a really bad economic situation, so it's great that everyone works together. And most of all, we have to thank our medical staff for all their **sacrifices**¹⁵.

first time in months so a lot of people are still going outside and spending time together in parks. Some have closed because of this. All the **benches**¹⁷ in my local park have been covered in red **tape**¹⁸. The police are getting a lot of phone calls about people ignoring the government guidelines, even from people informing on their neighbours, but the police aren't **enforcing**¹⁹ anything yet. Most people are wearing face masks and gloves. There are very few planes overhead and less traffic on the roads. People queue outside shops 2 metres apart from each other. These queues are sometimes hundreds of metres long.

Andy, UK

London, April 6th

It's hard to say how the UK is doing. A group of people in Birmingham burned down a 5G tower because of **rumours**¹⁶ going around that 5G started the virus.

The government advice is to stay inside and "socially distance" yourself. It's a phrase I'd never heard until two weeks ago. Schools closed on Friday March 20th. It's a difficult time of year to expect people to stay inside. It's spring. The sun is shining for the

Task

According to these texts, in which country /countries:

- 1 are people wearing face masks?
- 2 are people shopping unnecessarily?
- 3 is there less traffic?
- 4 are people helping people in need?
- 5 do people believe it will end well?
- 6 can people be fined for breaking the rules?
- 7 is there fake information about the infection?
- 8 are there signs of the end of public / outdoor life? What are they?

→ SOLUTIONS IN THE TF

Discuss

What happened in your country during the pandemic? Is it similar to these reports, or different from them? Can you write your own report? Is there a symbol of the pandemic in your country?

*Glossary

social distancing – staying physically away from people
panic-buying – shopping in large quantities because you are afraid things will not be available

Vocabulary

- ¹ **measure** ['meʒə(r)] – opatření
- ² **lockdown** ['lɒkdaʊn] – zákaz vycházení
- ³ **roped off** [rəʊpt 'ɒf] – ohrazený provazem
- ⁴ **to require** [rɪ 'kwaɪə(r)] – požadovat
- ⁵ **health emergency** [helθ ɪ 'mɜːdʒənsɪ] – ohrožení zdraví
- ⁶ **strict** [strikt] – přísný
- ⁷ **fine, to fine** [faɪn] – pokuta, pokutovat
- ⁸ **gathering** ['gæðərɪŋ] – shromáždování
- ⁹ **to adapt** [ə 'dæpt] – přizpůsobit se
- ¹⁰ **confusing** [kən 'fjuːzɪŋ] – matoucí
- ¹¹ **mosque** [mɒsk] – mešita
- ¹² **manufacturer** [mænjʊ 'fæktʃərə(r)] – výrobce
- ¹³ **to sew** [səʊ] – šít
- ¹⁴ **landlord** ['lændlɔːd] – majitel bytu, domu
- ¹⁵ **sacrifice** ['sækrɪfaɪs] – obětování
- ¹⁶ **rumour** ['ruːmə(r)] – fáma
- ¹⁷ **bench** [bentʃ] – lavička
- ¹⁸ **tape** [teɪp] – páska
- ¹⁹ **to enforce** [ɪn 'fɔːs] – vynutit si dodržování

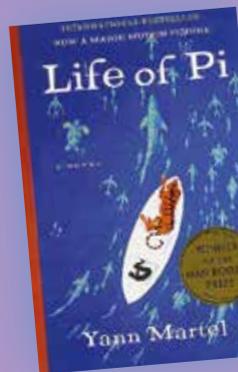
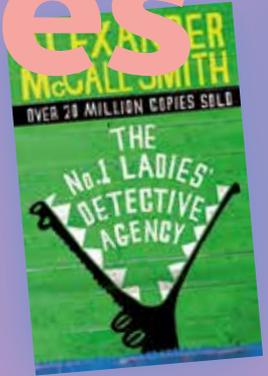


NOTE The stories were collected at the beginning of April, the situation will be different by the time you read this.

Books That Take You Places

LIAM PEACH (UK)

Travel. It broadens¹ the mind, lets you experience new places and cultures, and meet different people. It's also really expensive. And in these times of pandemic, it's probably safer to stay at home. But that doesn't mean you can't experience new, interesting places in a book. Come with us then, on a literature holiday.



EUROPE

Love & Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch

First stop, Italy. The land of pizza, fashion, football and, of course, gelato. Jenna Evans Welch's book *Love & Gelato* tells the story of a teenage girl called Lina who faces tragedy when her mother gets cancer. But it is her mum's last wish for Lina to go to Italy as she did and meet someone who has been a stranger to her – her dad.

Excerpt *"Lina, I want you to go to Italy... I mean I want you to go and live in Italy. After."*

*That got my attention. For one thing, I didn't believe in after. Yes, her cancer **was progressing**² in the way the doctors said it would, but doctors don't know everything. Just that morning I'd **bookmarked**³ a story on the internet about a woman who'd beaten cancer and gone on to climb Mt Kilimanjaro. And for another, Italy?*

"Why would I do that?" I asked lightly.

"I want you to stay with Howard. The year I spent in Italy meant so much to me, and I want you to have that same experience."

I shot my eyes at the nurse's call button. Stay with Howard in Italy? Did they give her too much morphine?*

The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency

by Alexander McCall Smith

Our next book takes us all the way to Africa, to meet Precious Ramotswe, the only lady private detective in Botswana.

Excerpt *Mma • Ramotswe had a detective agency in Africa, at the foot [bottom] of Kgale Hill. These were its **assets**⁶: a tiny white van, two desks, two chairs, a telephone, and an old **typewriter**⁷. Then there was a teapot, in which Mma Ramotswe **brewed**⁸ redbush [rooibos] tea. And three mugs – one for herself, one for her secretary, and one for the client. What else does a detective agency really need? Detective agencies rely on human intuition and intelligence, both of which Mma Ramotswe had in abundance [had lots of]. No **inventory**⁹ would ever include those, of course.*

Lina does, of course, end up in Italy, and builds a relationship with her dad. But she also starts to understand who her mum really was. **Following in her footsteps**⁴, Lina has many adventures and eventually finds romance. Will it be a holiday **fling**⁵, or something more serious? Well, you'll have to read the book to find out.

Alexander McCall Smith's book introduces us to many weird and wonderful characters, but maybe the most interesting is Botswana itself, and its wild animals. Mma Ramotswe gets involved in a series of unusual mysteries, and you won't be able to put the book down until you know how they are solved. And if you get to the end and still want more No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency adventures, don't worry, there are another 18 books. Those should keep you busy until next summer.

AFRICA



The Beach

by Alex Garland

Thailand, a backpacker's paradise... or worst nightmare? *The Beach* tells the story of Richard, a young British man who loves travelling. On a trip to Thailand, he hears about a legendary beautiful beach that is completely unknown to tourists. However, when he gets there, Richard soon finds out that it wasn't what he was expecting. Unfortunately, nothing is perfect.



CD Task 1

Listen to the CD for an excerpt from the book. Decide if these statements are true or false.

- 1 The narrator tells Etienne that he went to the beach.
- 2 A dead man put the map in the narrator's room.
- 3 Etienne wants to see the map of the beach.
- 4 The police know about the map.
- 5 The narrator doesn't want to show Etienne the map and walks away.

Life of Pi [pai]

by Yann Martel

From Thailand to India, and the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Pi Patel is a young boy who has a wonderful childhood growing up in beautiful Pondicherry, where his family runs a zoo. Pi's family eventually decides to move their zoo to Canada, but on the way their ship sinks, leaving Pi stuck in a lifeboat. He does have some company though, a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a giant Bengal tiger! *Life of Pi* is an unforgettable book and one that will make you laugh, maybe make you cry, and definitely make you think.



Discuss

Do you know any other books that take place in interesting places?

Which books are connected to your country/city?

Which books take place in London/ New York City?

*Glossary

morphine – a drug used to reduce pain

Culture Point

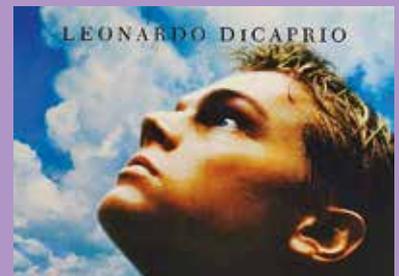
Mma – a term of respect for a woman in Botswana, similar to madam.

Vocabulary CD

- ¹ to flick away [flɪk] – odvrnknout
- ² to twitch [twɪtʃ] – cukat
- ³ humid ['hju:mɪd] – vlhký
- ⁴ shrub [ʃrʌb] – keř
- ⁵ to outdo [aʊt'du:] – překonat
- ⁶ to float [fləʊt] – plout

Vocabulary

- ¹ to broaden ['brɔ:dn] – rozšířit
- ² to progress [prə'gres] – pokročit
- ³ to bookmark sth ['bʊkma:k] – založit si něco
- ⁴ to follow in someone's footsteps – následovat v něčích stopách
- ⁵ fling [flɪŋ] – milostné vzplanutí
- ⁶ assets ['æsets] – majetek
- ⁷ typewriter ['taɪpraɪtə(r)] – psací stroj
- ⁸ to brew [bru:] – připravit
- ⁹ inventory ['ɪnvəntri] – seznam majetku



NOTE If you prefer watching to reading, *The Beach* was made into a film with Leonardo DiCaprio in 2000, *Life of Pi* was made into a film in 2012 and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* was turned into a TV series by the BBC.



CD Task 2

- 1 Listen to an excerpt and try to write down the number of plants mentioned.
- 2 Listen again and write down the animals in the zoo.

→ SOLUTIONS IN THE TF

Harry Styles A New Direction

JACKIE FOX (UK)

Harry Styles is an English singer who became famous when he was only 16 years old as a member of the boy band One Direction. The band started on the UK reality show *X-Factor* in 2010 and came third in the competition, but afterwards they became one of the biggest boy bands of all time. After they **broke up**¹ in 2016, Harry went solo. And now ten years after his X-Factor **audition**², he is 26 years old, has two successful solo albums **under his belt**³, a new acting career, and more than 50 tattoos!



Harry's Styles

While he has a successful solo career now, Harry didn't actually want One Direction to break up. He was happy in the band and said it was: "so much fun". But now he is enjoying the chance to be creative in new ways. His own style of music is different from the band. It is more influenced by rock and '70s music. He is also experimenting more with fashion. In recent years he has worn a bright yellow suit, pink **velvet**⁴ trousers, a **sheer**⁵ Gucci top and a single pearl earring. He says that this new freedom in fashion is part of a new feeling of **self-acceptance**⁶.



Helping Out

He wants everyone else to feel accepted too. On his first solo tour he often waved the **Pride*** and transgender flags. He also waved the flag of the Black Lives Matter protest movement. He does this because he wants people to feel comfortable being "whatever they want to be". He said: "Maybe at a show you can have a moment of knowing that you're not alone."

In fact, he is famous for being nice. He even has a song called "**Treat**⁷ People with Kindness". He **donated**⁸ \$1.2 million to 62 different charities from ticket and **merchandise**⁹ sales of his first world tour. And he doesn't donate only money. He actually donated his own hair to a charity after he cut it in 2016. The charity makes **wigs**¹⁰ for children who lost hair after cancer **treatment**¹¹. And his famous friend Ed Sheeran said that when they had a day off together in Los Angeles Harry "...spent two or three **grand**¹² on Domino's pizza and drove around giving them out to homeless people."

Padlocks, Penguins and Pirates

Ed Sheeran gave Harry one of his 50-something tattoos, a small **padlock**¹³. He and Harry also have tattoos **in honour of**¹⁴ a children's TV character penguin named Pingu. Harry's other tattoos include a pirate ship, a star, and the words "Late Late". He actually got this one live on the television show *The Late Late Show*. It happened after he lost a game called Tattoo Roulette. It's not the only difficult thing he had to do on this show. On another episode he played a game called **Spill Your Guts**¹⁵. He had to decide between two options: to **rank**¹⁶ the solo music of his former One Direction bandmates or eat an insect. He chose the insect, a giant water scorpion. Eww!



Healthy Body & Mind

However, he is more **sensible**¹⁷ with his health. He exercises with a personal trainer and does yoga. He even loves **Brussels sprouts**¹⁸. He goes to therapy to take care of his mental health and he also does meditation, something which he says has helped him with: "... worrying about the future less, and the past less".

But he doesn't have to be worried about his future right now. His first two albums reached number



one in the United States and he did well in his first acting role. It was in the movie *Dunkirk*, a big movie by the famous director Christopher Nolan. His latest album *Fine Line* is out now, and he is going to come to Prague on tour next year. Maybe he will even have a few more tattoos by then.



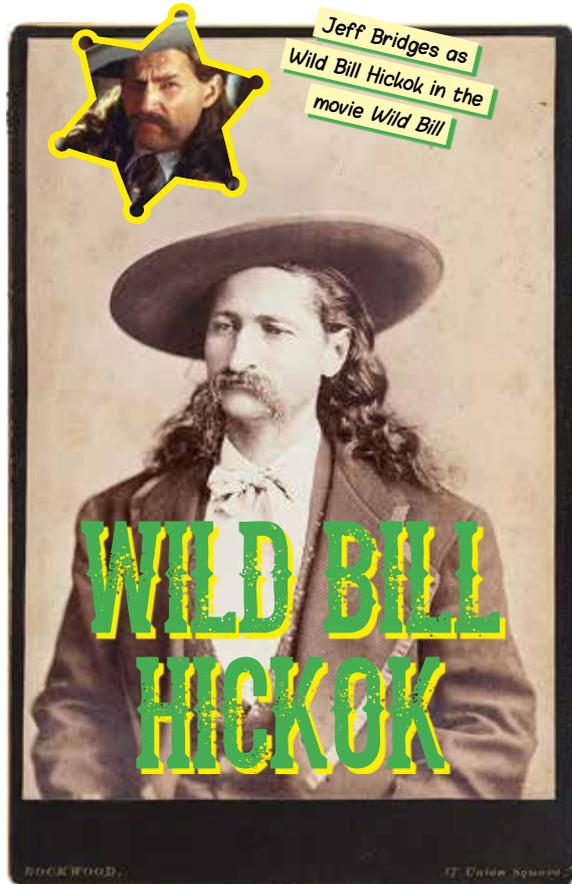
*Glossary

Pride – refers to the movement which celebrates gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender acceptance

Vocabulary

- ¹ to break up – rozpadnout se
- ² audition [ɔːˈdɪʃn] – konkurz
- ³ under his belt – za sebou
- ⁴ velvet [ˈvelvɪt] – sametový
- ⁵ sheer [ʃiə(r)] – průsvitný
- ⁶ self-acceptance [self əkˈseptəns] – sebezpříjetí
- ⁷ to treat [tri:t] – chovat se
- ⁸ to donate [dəʊˈneɪt] – darovat
- ⁹ merchandise [ˈmɜːtɪʒəndaɪs] – zboží
- ¹⁰ wig [wɪɡ] – paruka
- ¹¹ treatment [ˈtri:tmənt] – léčba
- ¹² grand [grænd] – tisíc (hovorově)
- ¹³ padlock [ˈpædlɒk] – visací zámek
- ¹⁴ in honour of [ˈɒnə(r)] – na počest
- ¹⁵ to spill one's guts [spɪl ɡʌts] – vypovídat se
- ¹⁶ to rank [ræŋk] – ohodnotit
- ¹⁷ sensible [ˈsensəbl] – rozumný
- ¹⁸ Brussels sprouts [brʌslz ˈsprəʊts] – růžičková kapusta

STARS OF THE WILD WEST



Task 1

Can you guess which verbs in the past simple are missing?

In the Wild West there very often wasn't a lot of difference between the good guys and bad guys. That is very true about Wild Bill Hickok. He was a famous **lawman**², but before that he **was arrested**³ twice for murder. What **1** _____ Wild Bill Hickok a Wild West legend were his fast gun, big personality and good looks.

From Farm to Fame

He was born on a farm in Illinois in 1837. When he was 18, he left the farm and **2** _____ west. During the American Civil War, he was a **scout**⁴ for the Union* army and sometimes worked in the Southern states as a spy. It was dangerous work but Hickok **3** _____ the excitement.



They didn't call it the Wild West for nothing. There was lots of land and people could do whatever they wanted. Most people worked at ordinary jobs, but there were a few people who decided to work outside the law. It's these gunslingers¹ and the sheriffs who tried to stop them who we remember.

PATRICK PHILLIPS (US)

He was most famous as a lawman. People in the East loved to read about the **shootouts**⁵ Hickok had with the famous **outlaws**⁶ at the time. Each shootout ended the same way, with the criminal dead on the ground. No one shot as fast as Wild Bill Hickok.

Dead in Deadwood

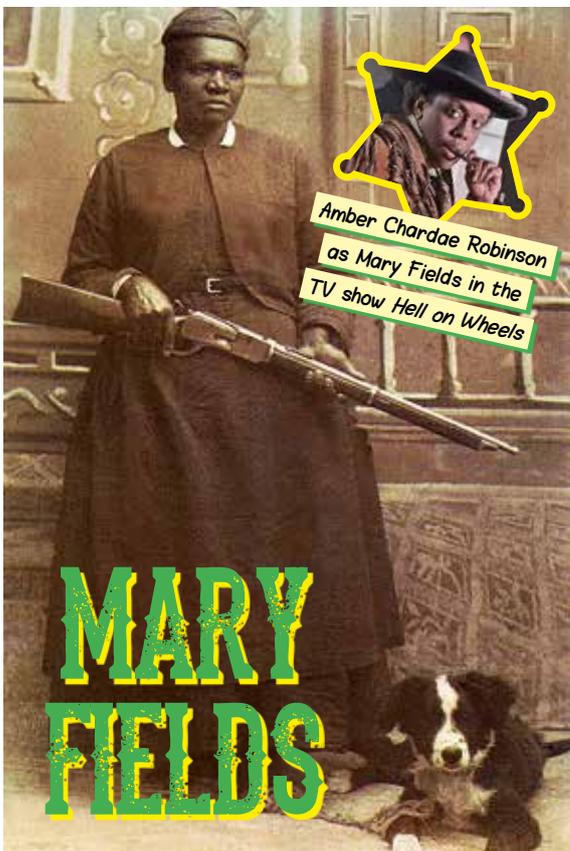
The only way to kill Wild Bill was by shooting him in the back. That is exactly what **4** _____ in Deadwood, South Dakota in 1876. Hickok was always worried that someone might try to shoot him from behind. He never sat with his back to the door of any room. But Hickok loved playing poker, and one day in the local bar he joined in a game. The only chair open was with its back to the door. Bill broke his own rule and **5** _____ down.

Soon a man named Jack McCall came into the bar. He came to kill Hickok. He pulled his pistol and shot Hickok in the back of the head. Wild Bill **6** _____ **instantly**⁷.

McCall was arrested and **put on trial**⁸ for the murder. Everyone knew Wild Bill was faster than McCall, and they all hated how McCall didn't fight fairly. McCall was hanged* a few months later and no one in Deadwood was sad about it.

Dane DeHaan as Billy the Kid in the movie The Kid





Mary Fields was the most **unlikely**¹¹ hero of the Wild West. She was born a **slave**¹² in Tennessee, around 1832. After the Civil War in 1865 she became free and went to Montana where she became the manager of a school for Native American girls.

Mary had to cook, clean and manage the workers at the school. One man working at the school had a problem with Mary and didn't want to do what she wanted. The problem was solved when Mary **pointed**¹³ her Winchester **rifle**¹⁴ at the man and explained why her way was the best way.

At the age of 63 Mary began a new career carrying the mail for the US Postal Service. For eight years she delivered the mail around the town of

Cascade, Montana. She got the nickname **Stagecoach**¹⁵ Mary because she was just as regular and reliable as a stagecoach. Mary was the first black woman to work for the post office.

Mary was well loved by the people of Cascade. Every year her birthday was celebrated as a public holiday by the whole town. Mary died in 1914 around the age of 82. She is the only person listed here who died of old age.



Henry McCarty, another Wild West character, is best known as Billy the Kid. He was the most famous **left-hander**⁹ in the Wild West and could **draw**¹⁰ his pistol very fast. Billy was just 16 when he killed his first man. From that time, he was always running from the law. In Arizona in 1878 he was hired as a gunman by a rancher named John Tunstall. Another rancher wanted Tunstall's land and the corrupt sheriff was also against him. In a big gunfight Billy killed the other rancher, the sheriff, and some of the rancher's gunfighters. It was good to have the Kid with you, not against you.

Billy the Kid was not only a fast shooter, he was also great at escaping from jails. He was arrested three times but escaped every time.

The end for Billy the Kid came in 1881. Billy was staying with a friend and when he came home one night sheriff Pat Garrett was waiting for him in the dark house. Garrett shot the outlaw in the chest and soon Billy the Kid lay dead on the floor.

People didn't like the way Garrett killed Billy the Kid in the dark. They said Garrett was too afraid of the Kid to fight him fairly. They were probably right.



Task 2

Find another famous character from the Wild West and write down their story.

Have you seen any westerns? Were they based on real events and real people?

Language Point

Normally the past participle of hang is hung, but we use hanged when referring to killing people.

*Glossary

Union Army – army of the United States in the Civil War that fought to keep the US together

Vocabulary

- ¹ **gunslinger** ['gʌnsliŋə(r)] – pistolník
- ² **lawman** ['lɔ:mæn] – muž zákona
- ³ **to be arrested** [ə'restɪd] – být zatčen
- ⁴ **scout** [skaʊt] – zvěď
- ⁵ **shootout** ['ʃu:t aʊt] – přestřelka
- ⁶ **outlaw** ['aʊtlɔ:] – člověk mimo zákon, zločinec
- ⁷ **instantly** ['ɪnstəntli] – okamžitě
- ⁸ **to be put on trial** ['traɪəl] – být souzen
- ⁹ **left-hander** [left 'hændə(r)] – levák
- ¹⁰ **to draw (a gun)** [drɔ:] – vytasit
- ¹¹ **unlikely** [ʌn'laɪkli] – nepravděpodobný
- ¹² **slave** [sleɪv] – otrok
- ¹³ **to point** [pɔɪnt] – namířit
- ¹⁴ **rifle** ['raɪfl] – puška
- ¹⁵ **stagecoach** ['steɪdʒkəʊtʃ] – dostavník

THE SCIENTIFIC STORY OF WHO YOU ARE

AUBURN SCALLON (US)

Understanding DNA

Have you ever heard of deoxyribonucleic acid? Most people know this scientific term¹ by its more common name: DNA.

So what exactly is DNA, and what can we learn from it?

What Is DNA?

Scientists often call DNA the building blocks of life. DNA is what makes a person different from a plant, or why two people look different from each other. Your DNA is very small, and located inside the **nucleus** of each **cell**² of your body.

To help you understand DNA and its role, here is a short explanation.

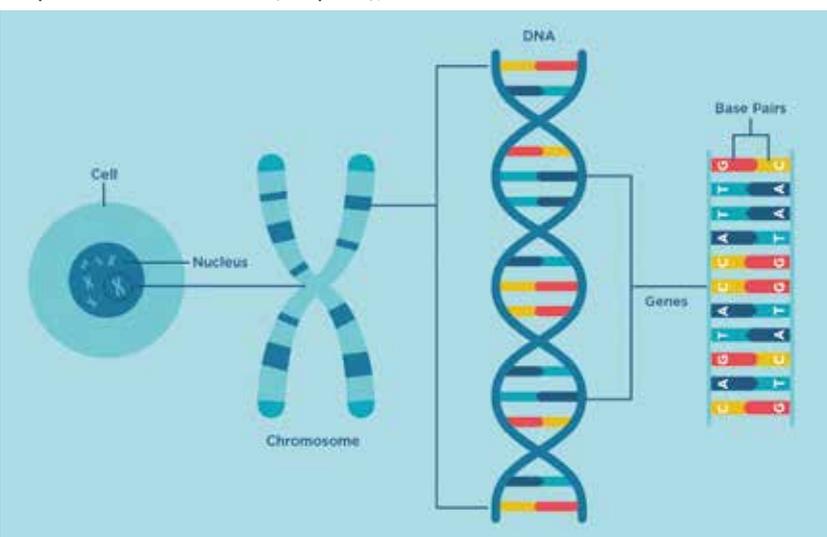
- The whole story of one person's DNA is called a genome. The genome is like a book of instructions or code that explains how to build an individual person.
- Your genome has 23 pairs of chromosomes, which are like the **chapters**³ of your book.
- The DNA inside your chromosomes comes in long **strands**⁴, like sentences that tell the story of your body.

- The individual sections of these long strands of DNA are called genes. These are like the words of your story. A gene is what **determines**⁵, for example, the color of your eyes or how tall you are.
- These genes are made using four nucleobases (= nukleové, dusíkaté báze):

adenine (A) **A**
 cytosine (C) **C**
 guanine (G) **G**
 thymine (T) **T**

One gene might have hundreds or even millions of these bases. →

→ So you can think of DNA as long strands (sentences) of genes (words) made from chemical bases (letters). The story of your body (genome) is told through 23 pairs of chromosomes (chapters), made from those strands of DNA.



Discuss

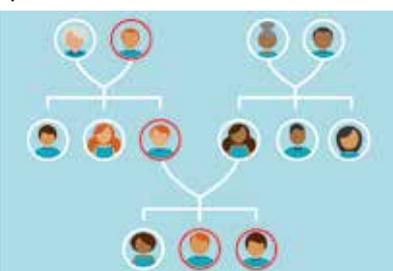
- 1 Would you like to do a DNA test? Why or why not?
- 2 Some people want to know if they are likely to get a disease one day. Others prefer not to know because it will make them worry more, but it may not happen. If you were a doctor, would you recommend that people take a medical DNA test?
- 3 Have you ever seen any shows or films about using DNA to solve a crime? How is DNA usually used in these kinds of stories?

Vocabulary

- ¹ scientific term [saɪən'tɪfɪk tɜ:m] – odborný název
- ² nucleus of a cell ['nju:kliəs sel] – jádro buňky
- ³ chapter ['tʃæptə(r)] – kapitola
- ⁴ strand [strænd] – vlákno
- ⁵ to determine [dɪ'tɜ:mɪn] – určit
- ⁶ braces ['breɪsɪz] – rovnátka
- ⁷ saliva [sə'laɪvə] – slina
- ⁸ cheek [tʃi:k] – tvář
- ⁹ warning sign ['wɔ:nɪŋ saɪn] – varovný příznak
- ¹⁰ scene of a crime [si:n əv 'kraɪm] – místo činu
- ¹¹ weapon ['wepən] – zbraň
- ¹² fingernail ['fɪŋgəneɪl] – nehet
- ¹³ to commit [kə'mɪt] – spáchat
- ¹⁴ innocence ['ɪnəsns] – nevina
- ¹⁵ wrongly convicted ['rɒŋli kən'vɪktɪd] – neprávem odsouzení

A Mixed Bag

The reason that your chromosomes come in pairs is that 23 of them come from your mother and 23 come from your father. Those chromosomes hold all kinds of genes with information about how someone looks (e.g. eye color, hair color, height) or how likely they are to need glasses or **braces**⁶. So you can thank your mom and dad (and grandparents, and great-grandparents) for the contents of your DNA.



DNA Testing

DNA testing has become a popular trend. Because every cell in your body holds DNA, scientists can use small pieces to compare your DNA story to others. It has become a big business and companies like 23andMe, AncestryDNA, and MyHeritage can analyze **saliva**⁷ or cells from the inside of your **cheek**⁸ to give you a DNA report. This might tell which ethnicities your DNA matches or your risk for certain diseases.



DNA in Medicine

Understanding DNA could help doctors cure diseases or save lives in the future. By studying DNA, scientists have found that some genes (or mutations in these genes) are connected to different diseases or illnesses. For example, in the 1980s they found the genes that cause cystic fibrosis (= cystická fibróza) and muscular dystrophy (= svalová dystrofie). However, there is still a lot to learn.



Having a certain gene doesn't mean that someone will definitely get that disease, but it can tell if someone is more or less likely to do so. This can help people with certain genes watch for **warning signs**⁹ or get tested more often.

DNA in Solving Crimes

Any fan of murder mysteries or crime shows knows that police, detectives and lawyers also use DNA. A tiny piece of DNA can show that someone was at the **scene of a crime**¹⁰ or held a **weapon**¹¹. DNA found under someone's **fingernails**¹² can show signs that they fought back against someone. DNA can even help to show that someone did not **commit**¹³ a crime. Since 1989, a group called The **Innocence**¹⁴ Project in the US has used DNA to help free 367 people who were **wrongly convicted**¹⁵ of crimes.



Going Viral

The Covid-19 pandemic that is causing chaos around the world is just the latest example of a disease caused by a virus that has jumped from animals to people. So how does it happen and which of our four-legged or feathered¹ friends can give us illnesses?

LIAM PEACH (UK)

What is a virus?

It is not the animals themselves that make us ill, but the viruses that animals can carry inside them. So what actually is a virus? We may think of viruses as microscopic **creatures**² with minds of their own, but they are not nearly as **sophisticated**³ as that. Most viruses are actually just bits of genetic information inside a **protein capsule**⁴, and they are sometimes protected by a **layer**⁵ of fat (this is why washing hands is effective in killing them: the soap **dissolves**⁶ the fat). Viruses need a **host**⁷, like an animal or plant, to make more viruses. They get inside the cells of the host and make the host's cells reproduce the virus.



How does a virus jump from animals to people?



The easiest way is from direct contact with an **infected**⁸ animal. For example, if a wild animal has **rabies**⁹ and bites us, we will probably get rabies too. But not many people

get bitten by wild animals. The situation gets more serious when the virus jumps from one animal into another animal that humans have a lot of contact with, like a chicken or a pig. Then there is a much higher chance that we will get infected. This is what happened with the current pandemic, when infected animals (bats) were brought to a live food market in Wuhan in China. In the crowded market, all kinds of animals were kept in **cages**¹⁰ very close to each other, and the virus jumped from the bats to another animal (maybe a pangolin) and then to a new host – us.

Which animals do viruses come from?

Bats

Bats seem to be responsible for a lot of viruses. We are not sure yet, but it is pretty likely that the virus that causes Covid-19 came from them, and the SARS **outbreak**¹¹ of 2002-2004 was also caused by a virus from bats. Like Covid-19, SARS came from a live animal market in China, where a virus passed from bats to **civet cats**¹², which were then killed and eaten. The disease then **spread**¹³ to 29 different countries, infecting over 8,000 people and killing at least 774. Bats also passed on a similar virus to camels, which went on to infect people. The disease is known as MERS and it has infected nearly 2,500 people to date, mainly in Saudi Arabia.





Pigs

Although it may seem that there has been nothing similar to the current situation with Covid-19 in recent times, in fact there was a global pandemic just 11 years ago. Swine (pig) flu started when a mixture of bird, pig and human flu viruses combined with another type of pig flu (Eurasian swine flu). The

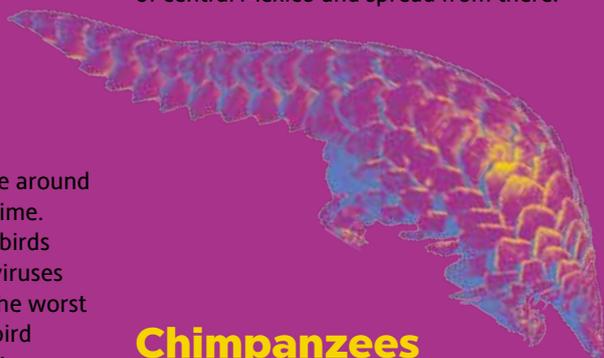


World Health Organization says officially it killed around 18,000 people, but other studies show anything between 151,700 and 575,400 deaths. It may have infected between 700 million and 1.4 billion people around the world. It started when the virus passed from pigs to people in a small region of central Mexico and spread from there.



Birds

People love to eat birds, especially chickens. Because of that, there are around 23 billion of them on Earth at any time. Unfortunately, chickens and other birds are full of different influenza (flu) viruses that can easily spread to people. The worst pandemic of modern times was a bird flu pandemic that started in 1918. It was known as Spanish flu, although it didn't actually come from Spain, but probably from Kansas in the US, or a British military camp and hospital in France. Because Spain was neutral in WWI, its newspapers didn't have **censorship**¹⁴, and wrote honestly about the disease, unlike other countries. Because of this, people thought it came from Spain. Thanks to the crowded and unhygienic conditions in the **trenches**¹⁵ in the war, the flu spread quickly between soldiers and then all around the world. Around 500 million people caught it and around 50–100 million people died.



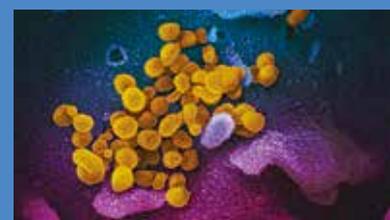
Chimpanzees

Chimpanzees are our closest relatives, so it is no surprise that we can catch viruses from them. In fact, there is a pandemic right now that came from chimps: HIV / AIDS. Although the situation is not as bad as in the past, HIV/AIDS is still classified as a pandemic, with around 37.9 million people having it in 2018. The virus probably first passed from chimps to humans in the 1920s in Kinshasa, in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, thanks to people eating bushmeat – wild animals like chimps and gorillas, as well as other species.



TERMINOLOGY

There is a lot of confusing terminology connected with viruses. Many people call the virus affecting the world now the coronavirus, but there are actually many types of coronavirus, including the common cold, SARS and MERS. This particular virus' official name is severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it causes is COVID-19 (COronaVirus Disease 2019).



Discuss

How can we stop viruses carried by animals from jumping to humans?

Do you think we should change our attitude to wildlife?

How can you protect yourself from viruses?

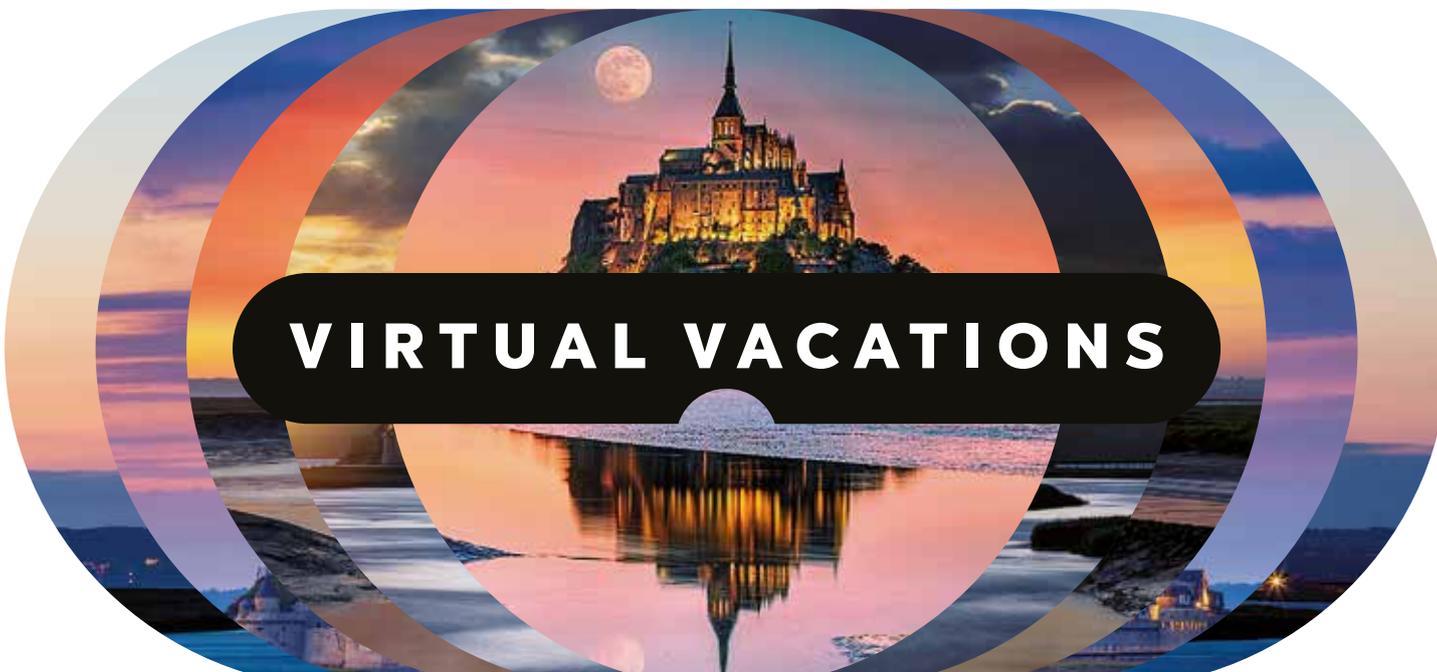
Vocabulary

- ¹ **feathered** ['feðəd] – opeřený
- ² **creature** ['kri:tʃə(r)] – stvoření
- ³ **sophisticated** [sə'fɪstɪkeɪtɪd] – propracovaný, komplexní
- ⁴ **protein capsule** ['prəʊti:n 'kæpsju:l] – bílkovinné pouzdro
- ⁵ **layer** [leɪə(r)] – vrstva
- ⁶ **to dissolve** [dɪ'zɒlv] – rozpustit
- ⁷ **host** [həʊst] – hostitel
- ⁸ **infected** [ɪn'fektɪd] – infikovaný
- ⁹ **rabies** ['reɪbi:z] – vzteklina
- ¹⁰ **cage** [keɪdʒ] – klec
- ¹¹ **outbreak** ['aʊtbreɪk] – epidemie
- ¹² **civet cat** ['sɪvɪt kæt] – cibetkovitá šelma
- ¹³ **to spread** [sprɛd] – rozšířit
- ¹⁴ **censorship** ['sensəʃɪp] – cenzura
- ¹⁵ **trench** [trentʃ] – zákop

Task

Correct the statements.

- 1 Viruses are complex organisms that can reproduce on their own.
- 2 Viruses are protected by a layer of soap.
- 3 The new coronavirus probably came from a pig and then infected bats and then humans.
- 4 One of the biggest flu pandemics took place at the end of WWII.
- 5 The HIV / AIDS pandemic has ended.



VIRTUAL VACATIONS

*How to See the World
Without Leaving Home*



Get a Virtual View

Google is full of tools to help you **visualize**³ a place that you want to visit. For a 2-D trip, think about a city that you'd like to see. Type the name of the city into your **search bar**⁴ and click "Images" – it's almost like **browsing**⁵ a **rack**⁶ of postcards. You might even find some local bloggers or vloggers sharing their **impressions**⁷ of the area. Try "[city name] + blogger" to get to know the destination through the eyes of another traveler.

For a more interactive 3-D trip you can walk the virtual streets using the Google Maps street view option. By dropping the little orange "pegman" into the map, you can look at the houses, cars, and people around the area as if you were there yourself.

Task 1



For example, take a walk along Alki Beach in my hometown of West Seattle, and then email us at competition@bridge-online.cz and tell us what you noticed. For another option, try [GeoGuessr.com](https://www.geoguessr.com), where you can **wander**⁸ through different parts of the world and try to guess where you are.

With the world under quarantine¹, it can be hard to think about summer vacations. Who knows, maybe we'll all be able to travel by the end of August. More likely, any travel that is allowed could be within your own borders² or even your own neighborhood. However, there are still things that you can do to learn about places around the world.

AUBURN SCALLON (US)

Try a Foreign Film

Think about cultural learning when choosing a movie. If you just want to see what another place looks like, you can try a film that is set in that destination. For example, *Ocean's Eleven* is a crime story that takes place in Las Vegas, *Lost in Translation* is about two people who become friends on a trip to Tokyo, and *In Bruges* takes viewers to a small Belgian town.

However, you can learn even more about a culture by watching a film made by the people who live in that country. Try a foreign film with **subtitles**⁹ to see more than just the sights **in the background**¹⁰. Seeing what kinds of stories another culture tells is a bit like the popular trend of "traveling like a local".

Task 2



For example, which film do you think shows more about Czech culture: a classic Christmas fairy tale with English subtitles or the latest *Spiderman: Far from Home* with scenes filmed in Prague and Liberec?

Eat Internationally

One of my favorite experiences while traveling can be **summed up**¹¹ in one word: food. Many of my favorite meals have come from places I've visited, and some even came from eating out in the Czech Republic. I have a group of food-loving friends, and we decided to try some new **cuisines**¹². Once a month, we chose a Prague restaurant serving food from somewhere around the world, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Balkan, Indian, and ordered something we'd never had before.

If you live in a city with some international restaurants, you can get a taste of another culture. If not, there are all kinds of online resources. Try searching for food bloggers, cookbooks, or recipes from a place you've never been before. It may be difficult to find some of the ingredients in your local grocery store, but what could you

substitute¹³ that seems similar? I've made a dish that I like to call "inspired by Pad Thai" at home before. It **satisfies**¹⁴ my **craving**¹⁵ for one of my favorite foods when I can't go to a Thai restaurant to get the real thing.

Task 3



Have you ever made a dish based on a different cuisine? What was it? And if not, which international food have you eaten recently? (And no, don't think fast food!)

Discuss

Which movie would you recommend to a friend who wants to learn more about your country?

Name one place that you have always wanted to visit. What is it about that place that you most want to see?

Have you ever visited a place that was completely different from how you imagined it?

Do you stay in touch with any friends that you have made from traveling in the past?

Think about one of your favorite family holidays. Name five things that you liked about it. What can you do in your home or flat to recreate that time?

Vocabulary

- ¹ **quarantine** ['kwɔrənti:n] – karanténa
- ² **border** ['bɔ:də(r)] – hranice
- ³ **to visualize** ['vɪʒuəlaɪz] – představit si
- ⁴ **search bar** ['sɜ:tʃ bɑ:(r)] – vyhledávací pole
- ⁵ **to browse** [braʊz] – prohlížet
- ⁶ **rack** [ræk] – stojan
- ⁷ **impression** [ɪm'preʃn] – dojem
- ⁸ **to wander** ['wɒndə(r)] – toulat se
- ⁹ **subtitles** ['sʌbtʌɪtlz] – titulky
- ¹⁰ **in the background** ['bækgraʊnd] – v pozadí
- ¹¹ **to sum up** [sʌm 'ʌp] – shrnout
- ¹² **cuisine** [kwi'zi:n] – kuchyně (národní)
- ¹³ **to substitute** ['sʌbstɪtju:t] – nahradit
- ¹⁴ **to satisfy** ['sætɪsfaɪ] – uspokojit
- ¹⁵ **craving for sth** ['kreɪvɪŋ] – chuť na něco

Online Tours

Many monuments around the world also offer the chance to visit virtually. Of course, it's not the same as being there in person, but it can be pretty cool to see online.



For example, Prague Castle without any crowds.



You can also keep an eye on the fish at the Georgia Aquarium.



Or take an up-close look at the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City.

Think of your next holiday destination and use the tips from the article.



A:

Choose a place that you want to visit and look at it on Google Street View: Write down the name of the place and what it's like:

PROJECT

B:

Find films that either take place in the destination or were made by people living there:

C:

Finally, find a typical recipe from your holiday destination, write down the recipe and try to make it.



Italy, Tuscany

Italy is famous around the world for its culture, architecture, history, art and amazing food. Even though my plan was to visit the Tuscan city of Florence for only 5 days, I was able to see it all. I took an overnight train and arrived in Florence just before sunrise¹. As I walked with my friend from the train station to her apartment across the Arno River, I could tell that I was in a truly magical place.

MARIEL TAVAKOLI (US)

Flag of Tuscany with an image of Pegasus



The Wonders of Tuscany

With a population of over 60 million people, Italy is divided into 20 administrative regions. One of these is Tuscany ['tʌskəni], which is known for its green, hilly landscapes, **vineyards**², and a beautiful coastline that has several islands off its shores. Tuscany has many places that are worth visiting besides Florence. You can visit the famous **Leaning Tower**³ of Pisa, or walk the beautiful streets of Lucca, enjoy a pizza in Grosseto, or see the famous towers of San Gimignano, to name just a few.

The Medici and the Art Capital of the World

The most famous city in Tuscany is the region's capital, Florence, known for its beauty as well as being "the birthplace of the Renaissance". During the 1400s, one of the richest and most politically **influential**⁴ families in Italy was the Medici family of Florence, whose **wealth**⁵ came from banking and **commerce**⁶. The Medici family **commissioned**⁷ many famous works of art and, although they **were forced**⁸ to leave Florence twice, they supported the work of many great Renaissance artists and thinkers, including Michelangelo, Botticelli, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Machiavelli. As I looked out across the city from the top of Florence Cathedral, the biggest **brick**⁹ **dome**¹⁰ in the world, completed in 1436, the Renaissance period still felt alive in Florence.



NOTE When we planned this travel series about a year ago, nobody could have imagined that the world would be locked down, with borders closed and flights cancelled because of a pandemic. The last stop on our journey around the world was supposed to be Italy, one of the most beautiful places in the world. By the time we went to print, Italy was one of the countries hardest hit by Covid-19. While we thought about leaving Italy out of this issue and focusing on another country instead, in the end we decided to include it. After all, pandemics don't last forever, and Italy will once again be worth visiting.



Siena: The Perfect Day Trip My friend and I took a train across the countryside to the smaller, yet equally beautiful city of Siena. Our first stop was the Piazza del Campo, one of the greatest medieval town squares in Europe, which contains the Siena **town hall**¹¹, Palazzo Publico, and the tower, Torre del Mangia. Once a year, in July, a famous horse race called the Palio di Siena takes place in the square. Even though it was October when we visited, the square was still full of people relaxing and **soaking in the sun**¹².

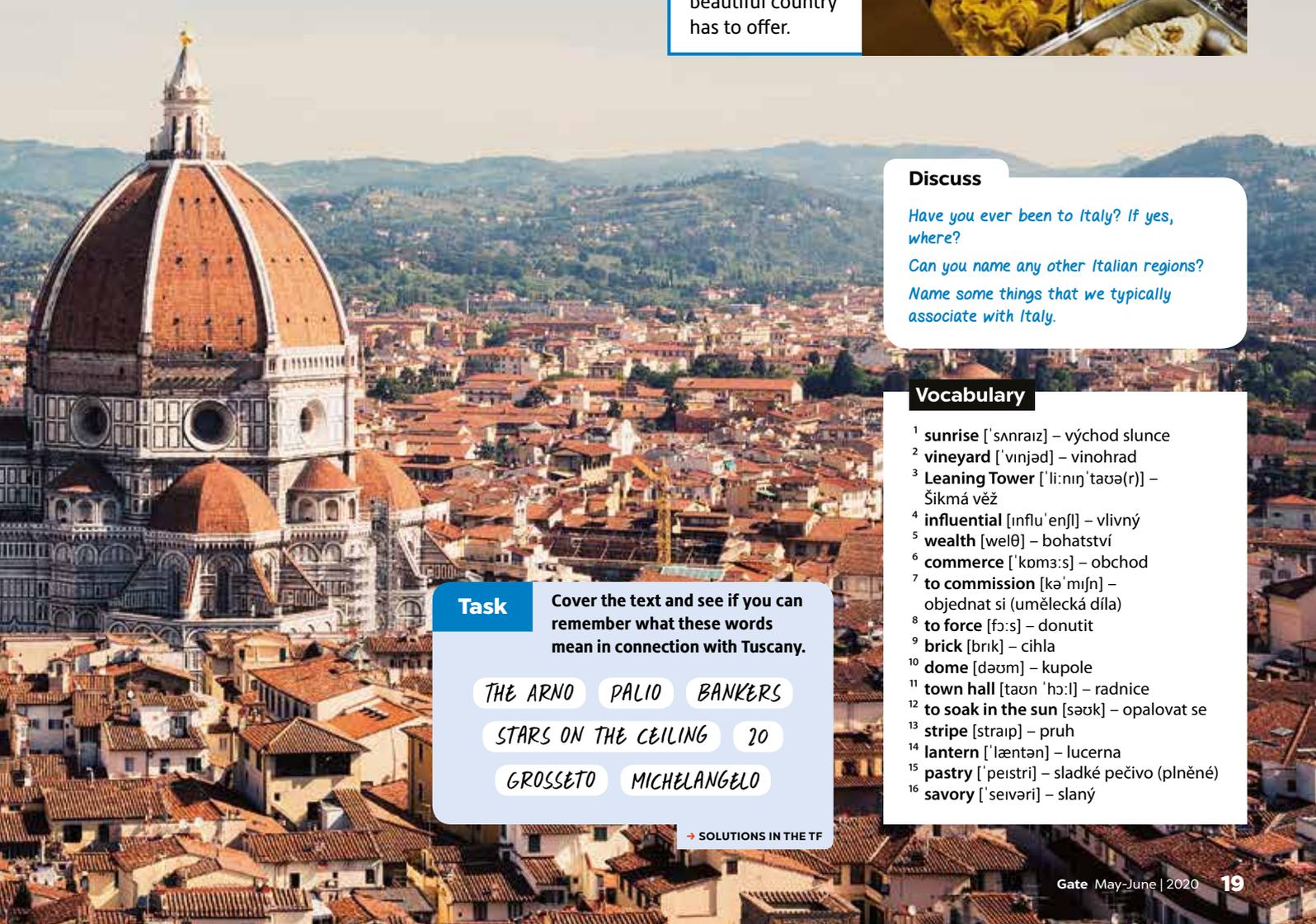
The most stunning sight was Siena Cathedral. Completed in the 14th century, the Cathedral surprised me with its pale pink and white **stripes**¹³, the colors of Siena. I particularly loved the stars that covered the ceiling and the central **lantern**¹⁴, like the sun, which made you feel like you were looking up at the sky. Siena made for a perfect day-trip from Florence, but I wish I'd had more time there.



What's Italy without Amazing Food?

My early-morning arrival in Florence was also an introduction to its amazing food. My friend, who I stayed with, lives right above a bakery, and the delicious smell of fresh **pastries**¹⁵ started coming into the window early in the morning. Every morning I would get a fresh jam-filled croissant. Although croissants are traditionally a French pastry, people believe they became popular in Florence when it was under French control during the Napoleonic wars in the 1800s. Besides my morning croissant, I made sure that I had at least one spoonful of gelato every day.

On the **savory**¹⁶ side of things, it was very exciting to eat real Italian food in Italy. My home state of New Jersey has many Italian restaurants and a large Italian-American population, but the food in Florence was on a completely different level, much fresher and tastier. I made sure to try it all, from pizza and freshly made pasta to hot panini sandwiches. Getting to know the original versions of some of my favorite foods from home was one of the best things about visiting Italy. Five days was just long enough for a small taste of what that beautiful country has to offer.



Discuss

Have you ever been to Italy? If yes, where?

Can you name any other Italian regions?

Name some things that we typically associate with Italy.

Vocabulary

- ¹ **sunrise** ['sʌnrʌɪz] – východ slunce
- ² **vineyard** ['vɪnjəd] – vinohrad
- ³ **Leaning Tower** ['liːnɪŋ 'taʊə(r)] – Šikmá věž
- ⁴ **influential** [ɪnflu'entʃl] – vlivný
- ⁵ **wealth** [welθ] – bohatství
- ⁶ **commerce** ['kɒmɜːs] – obchod
- ⁷ **to commission** [kə'mɪʃn] – objednat si (umělecká díla)
- ⁸ **to force** [fɔːs] – donutit
- ⁹ **brick** [brɪk] – cihla
- ¹⁰ **dome** [dɒm] – kupole
- ¹¹ **town hall** [taʊn 'hɔːl] – radnice
- ¹² **to soak in the sun** [səʊk] – opalovat se
- ¹³ **stripe** [straɪp] – pruh
- ¹⁴ **lantern** ['læntən] – lucerna
- ¹⁵ **pastry** ['peɪstri] – sladké pečivo (plněné)
- ¹⁶ **savory** ['seɪvəri] – slany

Task

Cover the text and see if you can remember what these words mean in connection with Tuscany.

THE ARNO PALIO BANKERS

STARS ON THE CEILING 20

GROSSETO MICHELANGELO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA!

MEGAN LEBOEUF (US)

People in the US celebrate their Independence¹ Day on July 4th each year. It's such an important day that Americans often call it "the Fourth of July" or even just "the Fourth". What exactly are they celebrating on this day?

History

At the start of the year 1776, the United States didn't exist. There were 13 colonies on the east coast which were governed² by the Kingdom of Great Britain. The colonies were fighting with Great Britain. Their leaders, a group called the Continental Congress, wrote the Declaration of Independence, which said "We're our own country now, and you can't stop us!" – in nicer language, of course. They signed it on July 4th, but there were another seven years of war* before Great Britain finally agreed to let the United States of America be its own country.

Traditions

The Fourth of July is one of the biggest holidays of the year in the US. You will see the American flag flying absolutely everywhere on this day, even on people's cars. The main traditions are barbecues, parades, shooting guns into the sky, and, of course, fireworks. Although fireworks are illegal in many parts of the country, professionals can get permits³ to do big fireworks shows on this holiday. And, since in some states it is legal to buy fireworks, some people will drive to one of those states and bring the fireworks home to set them off⁴, even though this is breaking the law⁵. It's a loud holiday (which is scary for pets), and unfortunately it can be quite dangerous. Each year many people are hurt or even killed by explosions from fireworks or accidentally from gunshots.

National Pride⁶

Why do people in the US go so crazy on Independence Day? National pride is a big part of American culture. In schools, students have to say the Pledge of Allegiance⁷ every morning, putting their hand over their heart and promising to always be loyal⁸ to their country. It's common to hear Americans say, "The USA is the greatest country on earth." If someone disagrees with them, people might get very angry. This might sound strange to people in Europe, where national pride has created some bad situations in history. But when you're taught from childhood that your country is the greatest one on the planet, you will probably believe it. Is this a good or a bad thing? Only history will be able to tell.



Discuss

Does your country celebrate an independence day? What exactly does it celebrate?

How do people in your country celebrate your independence day?

Are you proud of your country? What are you proud of?

Vocabulary

- ¹ independence [ɪndɪˈpendəns] – nezávislost
- ² to govern [ˈgʌvən] – vládnout
- ³ permit [pəˈmɪt] – povolení
- ⁴ to set (fireworks) off – odpálit (ohňostroje)
- ⁵ to break the law [breɪk lɔː] – porušit zákon
- ⁶ pride [praɪd] – pýcha
- ⁷ the Pledge of Allegiance [ðə ˈpledʒ əv əˈliːdʒəns] – slib věrnosti
- ⁸ loyal [ˈlɔɪəl] – oddaný

*Glossary

The Revolutionary War (1775–1783) – the name for the conflict between American colonies and Great Britain. It had started before the Declaration of Independence and ended with Britain recognizing the US in 1783.

Task

Can you answer these questions based on the article?

- 1 How many American colonies wanted independence in 1776?
- 2 What happened on July 4th?
- 3 When did the war with Great Britain finish?
- 4 How do Americans show their patriotism on July 4th?
- 5 What is the Pledge of Allegiance?

Zooming Through Quarantine

While we all hide at home until the coronavirus pandemic goes away, most of us are spending more time than ever in front of our screens. Gone are the days when we tried to take breaks from our smartphones and spend less time in front of the computer. With public spaces closed down and Covid-19 making it nearly impossible even to go outside in some countries, screens have won the battle for our attention.

JOSHUA MENSCH (US)

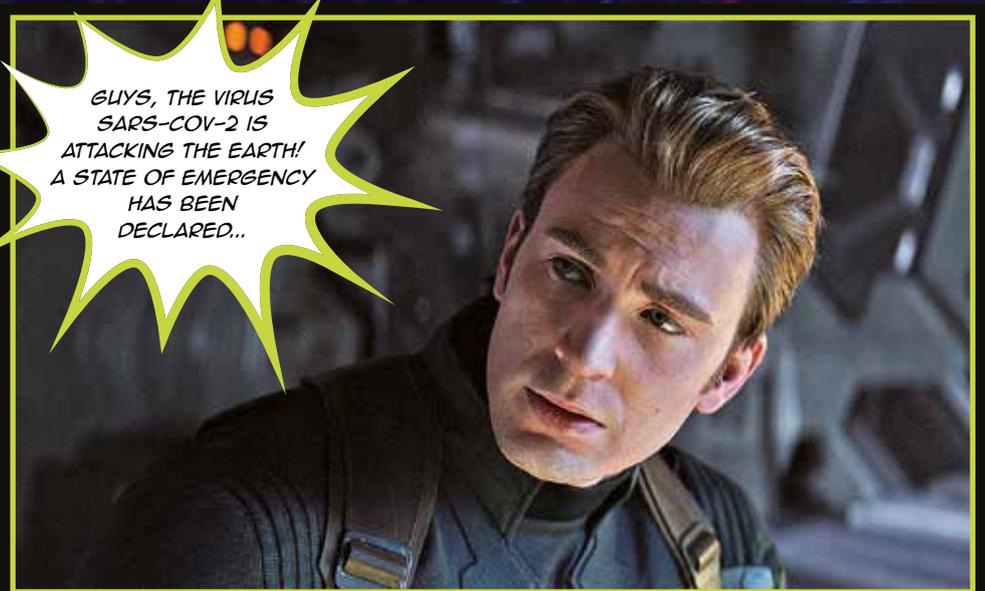
While many businesses have closed due to the coronavirus, this new reality has made already-giant internet companies like Facebook and Amazon even bigger than they were before. It has also **launched**¹ some less well-known companies, like Zoom, into internet **stardom**².

What Is Zoom?

Zoom is online video conferencing software that allows users to talk face-to-face and share their screens over the internet. Zoom lets you virtually **hang out**³ with **dozens**⁴ or even thousands of other people at one time. It's like Skype, but with much better sound quality and video that doesn't **freeze**⁵ every five seconds. And unlike Google Hangouts, which allows people with Gmail accounts to do pretty much the same thing, you don't have to have an account to use it. Anyone with a passcode can join a Zoom meeting or party.

What Is Zooming Good for?

People have been using Zoom for lots of things. In many countries, teachers are using Zoom to create virtual classrooms for their students so they can continue their lessons even though schools are closed. Zoom also gives business people a way to work from home so they don't miss out on any long, boring meetings. Even the UK government has digital meetings through it. And, of course, many people are using Zoom **to host**⁶ virtual parties and just hang out with their friends. Some are even **live-streaming**⁷ their weddings or yoga classes.



Perfect But

Zoom is free for everyone, but you have to pay if you want your party to last longer than 40 minutes, the time limit Zoom **sets**⁸ for free accounts. But don't worry, it only takes a few seconds to get everyone reconnected, so in theory, you can party all night. Another fun feature of this software is that you can change your background. So you can party on the Starship Enterprise from Star Trek or in the hall of Hogwarts Castle.

Unfortunately, with its sudden popularity Zoom is facing a lot of criticism from **security**⁹ experts who worry about the **privacy**¹⁰ of its users. "Zoombombing", for example, is a new word that describes what happens when people discover the passcode for private meetings and join in without being invited.

But despite these **concerns**¹¹, it is clear that Zoom, like Facebook, is here to stay and will continue to be popular even after the pandemic is over. I guess we now know what the Z in Generation Z stands for: Zoomers. Welcome to Generation Zoom.

Vocabulary

- ¹ to launch [lɔːntʃ] – vystřelit
- ² stardom ['stɑːdəm] – sláva
- ³ to hang out [hæŋ 'aʊt] – trávit čas
- ⁴ dozen ['dɒzn] – tucet
- ⁵ to freeze [friːz] – zamrznout, zaseknout se
- ⁶ to host [həʊst] – pořádat
- ⁷ to live-stream ['laɪv stri:m] – živě přenášet
- ⁸ to set [set] – nastavit
- ⁹ security [sɪ 'kjʊərəti] – bezpečnostní
- ¹⁰ privacy ['prɪvəsi] – soukromí
- ¹¹ concern [kən 'sɜːn] – obava

THE SPORTS O

Sport is full of fun, excitement, and goal celebrations. If you're missing the live matches now because of the quarantine, don't worry. This is the perfect time to discover e-sports, and maybe even try them for yourself.

MATTHEW BURT (UK), MEGAN LEBOEUF (US)

Task

Put these sentences back into the text.

- A Even 14th place could win you half a million!
- B But it's not all just online.
- C This idea makes some people angry.
- D Each had multi-million-dollar prizes for the finalists.

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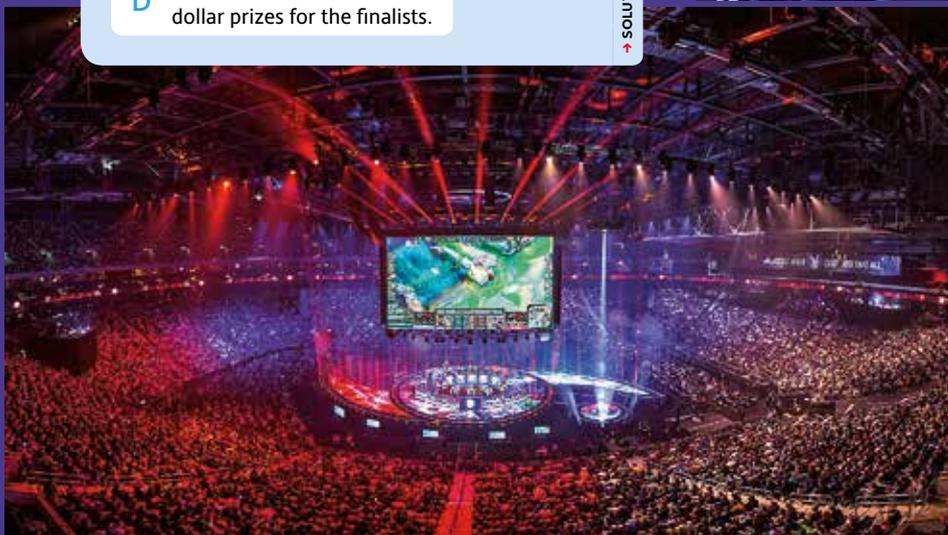


A Millionaire Gamer

At the Fortnite championships, a total of \$30 million in prize money was **given out**² to finalists. The winner, Kyle Giersdorf, who was only 16 at the time and a secondary school student, took home \$3 million. The total prize money at the *DOTA 2* International Championship in China a few months later was even more – over \$34 million. **2** _____ As computer gaming and e-sports keep getting more popular, we might see even bigger tournament prizes in the future.

Why so Popular?

One reason these e-sports are so popular is because viewers can watch them for free on sites like YouTube and Twitch. The people who make the games try to make them easy to watch for **spectators**³, because a game that becomes an e-sport is great for **sales**⁴. **3** _____ Some tournaments are played live in stadiums in front of a crowd of fans. For example, the *Fortnite* championships in June 2019 took place in the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, the home of the US Open tennis tournament. The most recent *Rocket League* World Championship finals in December 2019 were at the Palacio Vistalegre in Madrid, an arena built on top of a **former**⁵ **bullfighting ring**⁶. In South Korea, where e-sports are extremely popular, they even show live e-sports events on national television.



What Are E-Sports?

An e-sport is a type of multiplayer video game that people enjoy watching, even if they're not players – just like football and other live sports. Matches are usually streamed live on sites like YouTube and Twitch, and there are also in-person **tournaments**¹ in stadiums.

Big Events, Big Prizes

E-sports are nothing new. Their popularity has been growing for years. Last year there

was a record number of e-sports events with multi-million-dollar prizes. The biggest e-sports games, such as *DOTA 2*, *League of Legends* and *Fortnite*, even made world news. Almost 44 million people watched the *League of Legends* finals, the highest number of viewers ever of any e-sports competitions, followed by *Fortnite* with 2.33 million viewers and *DOTA 2* with 1.96 million. **1** _____

F THE FUTURE



Becoming a Player

If all the extra time at home lately has improved your gaming skills, you can even try to compete in an e-sport yourself. Last year, 40 million players competed for places in the Fortnite World Cup, where you can play alone (solo) or with a partner (duo). There are also events for *DOTA 2*, *League of Legends*, and *Rocket League* that anyone can try out for. Check the internet for details about events this year.

So keep your thumbs ready, and play on.



E-sports at the Olympics?

Is it possible that one day e-sports may be just as common and popular as other sports? Many gaming fans think so, and many even want e-sports to become a part of the Olympic Games. ⁴ _____ Many fans of traditional sports don't think e-sports are real sports. They think e-sports are **purely**⁷ mental, so they don't count as the type of sport that could be at the Olympics. But e-sports lovers **point out**⁸ that it takes skill, timing and planning, and it does involve physical **ability**⁹, especially hand speed and **agility**¹⁰, which shows that e-sports are the same as any other sport. One thing is for certain: if e-sports keep getting more popular (and **attracting**¹¹ more sponsors), it will be hard to ignore them for much longer.



JADEN ASHMAN, a 15-year-old from the UK, won almost a million pounds for second place in the duos event at the Fortnite World Cup. He shared the victory with a gaming partner from the Netherlands. His mother didn't want him to play, as she wanted him to focus on his school work. She even threw his Xbox out of the window once! But when he started playing competitively and winning, she realised that her son had a very special talent, so she took him to the championships in America. When asked how he would spend the money, his mother said, "Knowing Jaden, it will be a **lifetime supply**¹² of takeaways".

Discuss

Do you follow any e-sports?

Do you know any successful e-sports players in your country?

Vocabulary

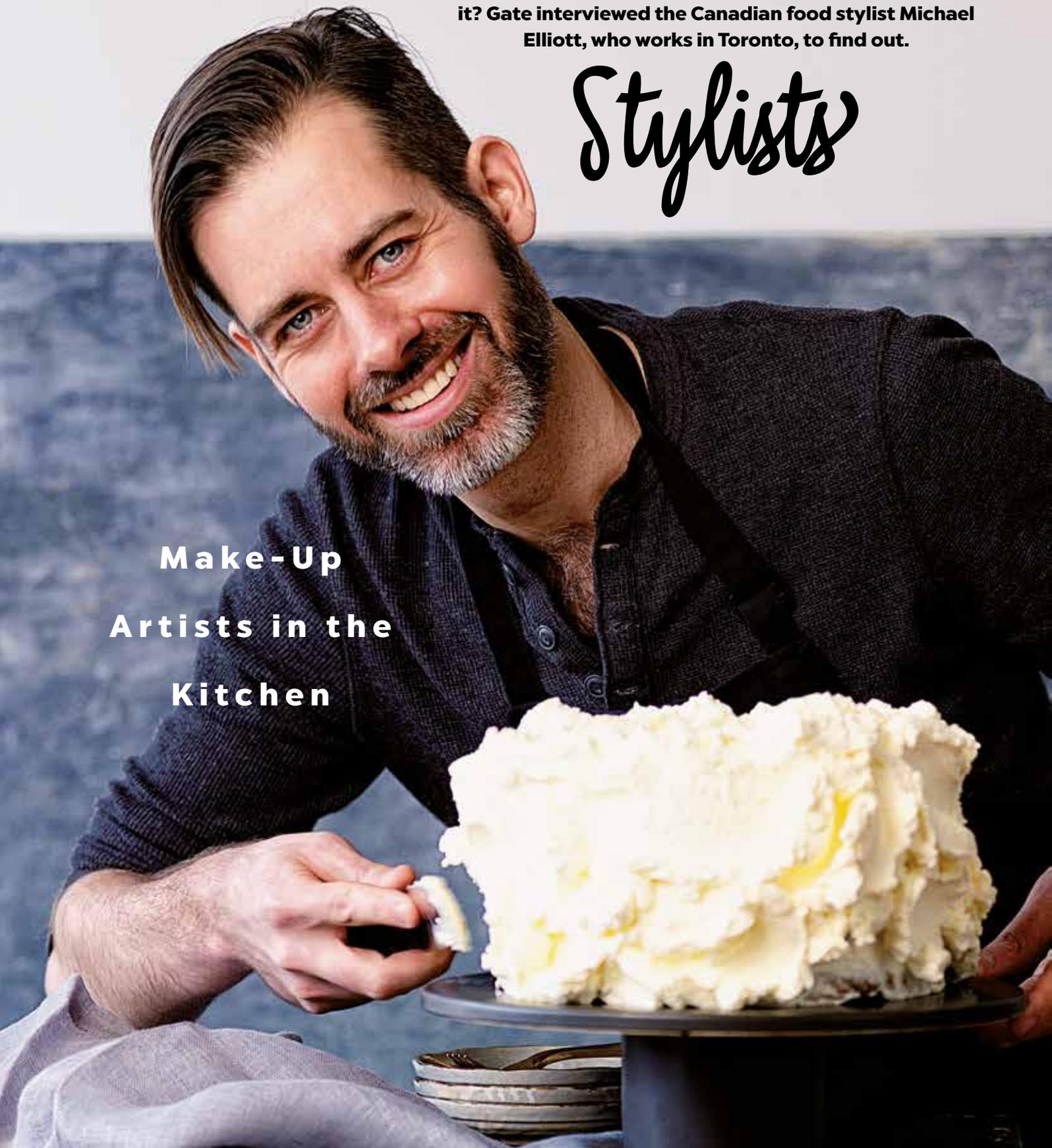
- 1 tournament** ['tuənəmənt] – turnaj
- 2 to give out** – rozdat
- 3 spectator** [spek'teɪtə(r)] – divák
- 4 sales** [seɪlz] – prodeje
- 5 former** ['fɔ:mə(r)] – bývalý
- 6 bullfighting ring** ['bʊlfaitɪŋ rɪŋ] – aréna na býčí zápasy
- 7 purely** ['pjʊəli] – čistě, jenom
- 8 to point out** – poukázat
- 9 ability** [ə'bɪləti] – schopnost
- 10 agility** [ə'dʒɪləti] – mrštnost
- 11 to attract** [ə'trækt] – přitahovat
- 12 lifetime supply** ['laɪftaɪm sə'plaɪ] – celoživotní zásoba

Food

Have you ever wondered why the pictures of food on menu boards or on the pages of cookbooks look so delicious? It is all thanks to food stylists, people whose job it is to make your mouth water.* So how do they do it? Gate interviewed the Canadian food stylist Michael Elliott, who works in Toronto, to find out.

Stylists

**Make-Up
Artists in the
Kitchen**



What does a food stylist do?

A food stylist prepares food for photographing for food magazines or for filming for TV programmes. Basically, food stylists make food look photogenic. Even if it means spraying (= postřikovat) water over salads or using golden brown paint on turkey to make the food look better. Food stylists are sometimes also responsible for shopping for the ingredients and cooking the food from start to finish.

What skills do you need? Do you need to know how to cook?

You need to have good cooking skills. You need to know the characteristics of foods and how they cook. For instance, how cheese melts (= rozpustí), and how it behaves (= chová se) at different temperatures. The knowledge of food is the most important skill to have for this job. Besides that, you have to have an idea of how to present food visually and you need to be good with people.

Can you make any food look nice?

You can definitely make any food look better, but there are limits. If it's a boiled potato, it's always going to look like a boiled potato, and there's nothing you can do about it. I always use the example of a make-up artist. When you see someone like Lady Gaga, she looks much better after a make-up artist and a retoucher* have worked their magic on her than when she gets out of bed, because there is something there to work with. The same is true of food.

What does the job consist of?

Typically a client has a project. Say they want to advertise (= inzerovat) their

cookies. An ad agency will come up with creative ideas for a campaign and then I will be in charge of (= zodpovědný za) making the cookies look their best, in a style that matches the campaign. Maybe I have to sort through (= probírat) cookies to find the nicest ones and make sure these are the visuals that the client wants. Maybe they want a more imperfect (= nedokonalý) look, maybe I have to dust off (= oprášit) the cookies to remove any crumbs (= drobky) so that they look fresh, etc.

What tools do you use in your job?

All the kitchen stuff, like pots, pans, knives, spatulas (= stěrky) plus tweezers (= pinzety), which are very important, brushes (= štětce), eye droppers (= kapátka), and other tools.

Which project are you most proud of?

I always enjoy working on magazines and magazine covers because you can see your work in print (= vytištěný). And in terms of food, I once built a four-foot high (122 cm) sandwich that looked amazing. The dirty secret of the sandwich was that there was a metal and wood frame (= rám) hidden behind it to hold it up.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

When the client wants to change something halfway through the project, or something goes wrong. You have to deal with pressure (= tlak) and make it look easy even though you're sweating blood*. As someone I worked for once said "It's a pair of tweezers, not a magic wand (= kouzelná hůlka), but sometimes you have to make it look like a magic wand."

Discuss

Look at this food photograph.



What do you think the food stylist had to do to make it look good?

Do you take pictures of food? Do you have any tricks to make it look great?

*Glossary

to make the mouth water – to make sb feel hungry, literally to make the mouth salivate
retoucher – a person whose job it is to work on photographs by adding extra details or removing things that don't look good
to sweat blood – to work very hard

Vocabulary

- ¹ **cardboard** ['kɑ:dbɔ:d] – karton
- ² **layer** ['leɪə(r)] – vrstva
- ³ **soggy** ['sɒɡi] – rozmáčený
- ⁴ **steam** [sti:m] – pára
- ⁵ **cotton ball** ['kɒtn bɔ:l] – vata, vatová kulička

FOODSTYLING

Photos of food are often not what they seem. Here are some tricks food stylists often use.



Ice in drinks can be very hard to photograph. Real ice looks white in photographs and it melts quickly. Professional food stylists frequently use fake ice made of plastic.

Ice cream is another very difficult food to work with as it melts under hot lights. Sometimes the delicious-looking ice cream you see is actually mashed potato.

Why do the burgers in photos and the burger you actually get look so different? Probably because the big, juicy burgers often contain little pieces of **cardboard**¹ or paper towel between each **layer**² to make them look taller.



TRICKS

Milk makes cereal go quickly **soggy**³, which is why this breakfast favourite is hard to make look good. The solution? Use white glue instead of milk.



Keeping things warm is another problem. If you see a picture of a cup of coffee with **steam**⁴ rising from it, it is probably cold. Food stylists put wet **cotton balls**⁵ in a microwave and then hide them behind the cup. Or even use smoke from a cigarette.

All these films were supposed to come out this summer, but now... who knows? Most of them have been put back a few months, but they are definitely still worth waiting for.

KAREN CRYER (UK)

Films to Look Forward to



Honeyland

Filmed over three years, this **1** _____ follows one of Europe's last wild **beekeepers**¹. This may seem like a strange choice, but the story of Hatidze Muratova's life in a **remote**² Balkan village is eye-opening. When someone new arrives, he sees an opportunity to make money from honey and tries to make Hatidze's life complicated. The film shows how modern and ancient lifestyles **clash**³ and how important it is to **balance**⁴ nature and humanity. It's no surprise that *Honeyland* has won many awards. It is definitely a must-see.

Wonder Woman 1984

For fans of director Patty Jenkins' *Wonder Woman* in 2017, there's good news. The wait is almost over for the next film. We don't know the story yet, but **judging**⁵ by the first **2** _____ we can expect '80s retro at its best. The **villain**⁶ Maxwell Lord is sure to cause plenty of chaos and Wonder Woman's love, Steve (played by Chris Pine), is somehow alive again. But there's more: Kristen Wiig's character, Barbara, will transform into Cheetah. It goes without saying that Gal Gadot is still starring as the **armoured**⁷ Amazonian superhero, so expect high-kicks, flying and a ton of fun in this next **3** _____.

Tenet

Any film by director Christopher Nolan **causes a buzz**⁸, and *Tenet* is no exception. The man behind the *Dark Knight* trilogy, *Inception* and *Dunkirk* has created an action-packed thriller that is sure **to have you on the edge of your seat**⁹. The trailer shows **espionage**¹⁰, **intrigue**¹¹ and **suspense**¹², but the **4** _____ is still a secret. What we do know is it has an all-star **5** _____ including Michael Caine, Kenneth Branagh, John David Washington, Robert Pattinson and Clémence Poésy. This is also Nolan's most expensive film so far and it was shot in seven countries. One thing's for sure, this is going to be one of the most exciting films of the year.

Task

Look at the words from the box. Do you know what they mean? After you have checked their meanings, fill in the gaps with the correct words.

STRANGE

CAST

PLOT

TRAILER

BLOCKBUSTER

DOCUMENTARY

ADVENTURES

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Vocabulary

- ¹ **beekeeper** ['bi:ki:pə(r)] – včelař
- ² **remote** [ri'məʊt] – vzdálený
- ³ **to clash** [klæʃ] – střetnout se
- ⁴ **to balance** ['bæləns] – vyrovnat
- ⁵ **to judge** [dʒʌdʒ] – soudit
- ⁶ **villain** ['vɪlən] – zlosyn
- ⁷ **armoured** ['ɑ:rməd] – v brnění
- ⁸ **to cause a buzz** [kɔ:z bʌz] – způsobit pozdvižení
- ⁹ **to have you on the edge of your seat** [edʒ] – udržet vás v napětí
- ¹⁰ **espionage** ['ɛspiənɑ:ʒ] – špionáž
- ¹¹ **intrigue** ['ɪntri:g] – intrika
- ¹² **suspense** [sə'spens] – napětí
- ¹³ **spooky** ['spu:ki] – strašidelný
- ¹⁴ **goofy** ['gu:fi] – legrační
- ¹⁵ **air guitar** – předstírání hry na kytaru



Check the internet for the latest information about release dates.

Ghostbusters: Afterlife

If you were disappointed by the last Ghostbusters film, don't worry. This next one follows on from the first two films and will feature the original stars. That means Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Ernie Hudson will return, but not Harold Ramis, who died in 2014. The story follows a single mother and her two children who move to a small town and realise that "there's something **6** _____ in the neighbourhood" and it's somehow connected to the original *Ghostbusters*. Get ready for some **spooky**¹³ action!

Bill & Ted Face the Music

Bill and Ted, two characters who were a huge part of pop culture in the late '80s and early '90s, are back. This will be the third movie about the **goofy**¹⁴ time travellers and they'll be played by Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter again. Now, Bill and Ted are grown up and they each have a daughter. However, they once again have the task to save the world and this time they only have 78 minutes. The duo need to write a song to succeed in their mission. Get ready for plenty of **air guitar**¹⁵ and time travelling **7** _____. Excellent!

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

LIAM PEACH (UK)

Over the school year, we have looked at everyday English related to a lot of topics: from music to food. Now it's time to see how much you remember! Can you match the words in italics to their definitions? Listen to the CD to check your answers. Good luck.

1 A: These jeans cost me 70 *quid*!
B: 70 quid? What a *rip-off*! You can get them online for half the price.

2 A: I've been *binge watching* *The Big Bang Theory* all week.
B: Really? I don't watch it any more. I think it *jumped the shark* when Leonard and Penny got married.

3 A: Do you want to go to the *gig* at Cross Club at the weekend?
B: Oh yeah, let's do it. That's a great *venue*.

4 A: I'm going to make a *fry-up*. Do you want some?
B: Well, I'm supposed to be *watching my weight*, but OK, let's *pig out*.

5 A: Ugh, Marcus just tried to *hit on* me again.
B: That guy is unbelievable, he only *broke up with* Lucy last week. What a *player*.

6 A: Our new *striker* is amazing. What a player.
B: I know, he scored a *hat-trick* in his first game. Brilliant!

7 A: Have you seen the *trailer* for the new Jennifer Aniston movie?
B: No I haven't, but let me guess... another *romcom*?

8 A: Did you hear Harry Styles performing that song "Big Yellow Taxi" on the radio? It's really *catchy*.
B: I did. It's great, but actually it's a *cover*. The original is by Joni Mitchell.

9 A: I probably won't go to the party, but *text* me when you get there and let me know if it's good.
B: Dude, you have such *FOMO*. Just come and see for yourself!

10 A: I *can't stomach* spinach. Get it away from me!
B: I know, it tastes pretty *gross*, but it's really healthy.

11 A: Can you lend me a *tenner*?
B: Sorry, I can't. I'm *broke* too.

12 A: Are you going to the *away game* next weekend?
B: No, probably not, I'm more of an *armchair fan*.

A scenes from an upcoming new film

B ten pounds

C a person (often a man) who pretends to be interested in just one person, but in fact wants to have relationships with many different people

D fear of missing out E a romantic comedy

F a new recording of a song that was originally made by someone else

G to send an SMS H to eat a lot

I a pound (£) J three goals, especially in football

K to watch many episodes of a TV programme in a row

L something that is easy to remember

M to talk to someone in a way that shows you are attracted to them

N when a TV show decreases in quality

O horrible, disgusting P to have no money

Q someone who watches sport on television

R something more expensive than it should be

S a place where a musical performance or other special events take place

T to be careful what you eat so you don't get fat

V a game that takes place in a different club's stadium

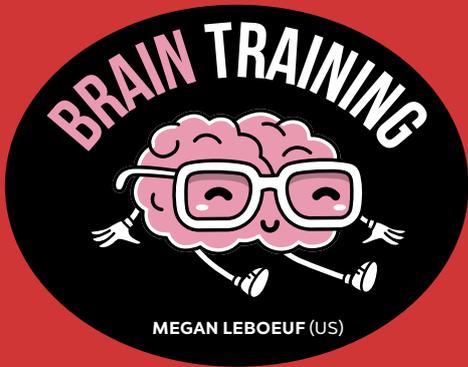
V a traditional British breakfast

W a live musical performance

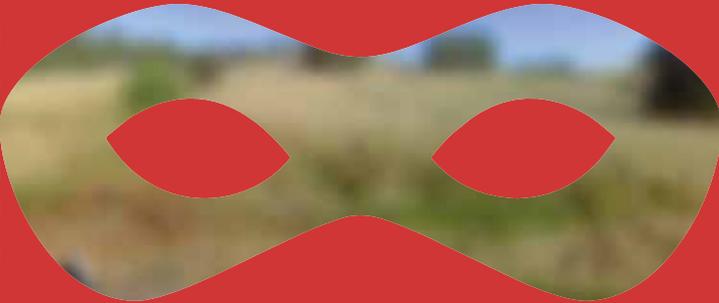
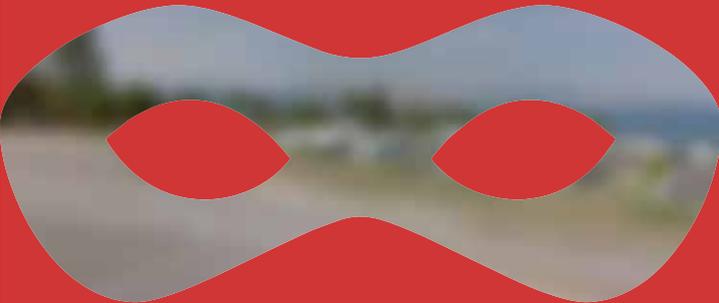
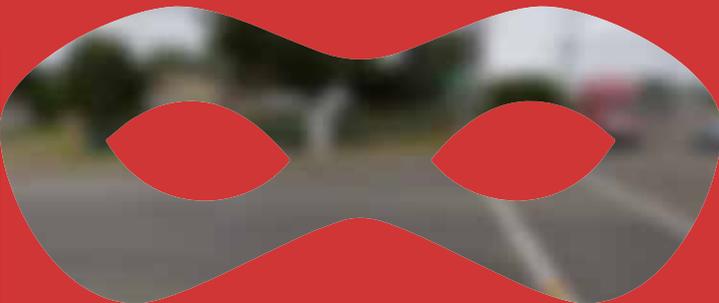
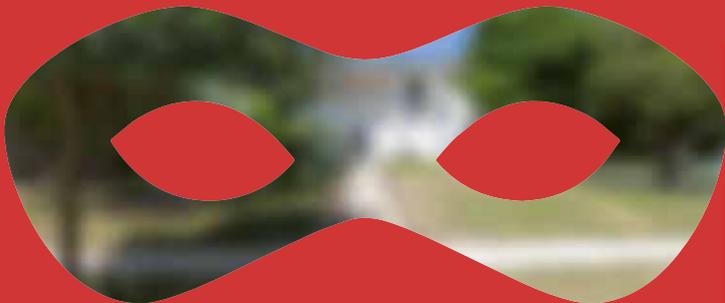
X to end a relationship with someone

Y a player whose job is to score goals

Z can't eat



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HINT
 All the answers are cities and towns. (Try Google Maps or Google Earth. You might need to zoom out³ to see them.)

COMPETITION
 Did you figure out where the treasure is located? Send your answers to competition@bridge-online.cz, SUBJECT: Lost Treasure by June 30th. Three of you will win little gifts from Bridge Publishing House.

Vocabulary

¹ **priceless artifact** [ˈpraɪsləs ˈɑːtɪfækt] – výrobek nevyčíslitelné hodnoty

² **ancient civilization** [ˈeɪnʃənt sɪvəlaɪˈzeɪʃn] – starověká civilizace

³ **zoom out** [zuːm] – oddálit

It's About What?!

Songs That Are Not What You Think

There are some pop songs that you might have heard a million times and think you know well. And then one day when you listen closely to the lyrics, you realize that they are about something completely different from what they seemed to be. Here are a few examples of songs that you might be getting wrong.

KRISTINE BOTHA (SOUTH AFRICA)

Tones and I (feat. Major Lazer) “Dance Monkey”

This popular hit will have you moving and shaking like no other. It's a **catchy**¹ pop melody that will get stuck in your head and make you want to dance. But if you listen a little more closely, you might realize that there is a bit more to the song than dancing and fun. It's actually about the singer Toni Watson's problems with **busking**² when she was first starting out as a poor musician in Australia.

At first, she describes how an audience can love a performer (the song is about a dancer, but imagine a singer instead).

*“They say, oh my god, I see
the way you shine
Take your hands, my dear, and
place them both in mine
You know you stopped me
dead* while I was passing by
And now I beg to see you
dance just one more time”*



This seems like most singers' dream, right? Everyone wants to be loved by their audience. However, she goes on to mention that people expected her to perform all the time. That made her feel **powerless**³:

*“They say
Move for me
Move for me
Move for me ay ay ay
And when you're done I'll
make you do it all again”*

In interviews, Toni has explained how her experience of busking connects to this song more specifically: “One person ran past and stole my money. Someone else [...] tried to play my keyboard. The whole crowd was drunk and **rowdy**⁴. I said ‘Sorry, this is it now*.’ They started **booing**⁵ me. I was so frustrated. It showed me how people didn't have any **patience**⁶ anymore. Replace the word ‘dance’ with ‘sing’, and that **sums it up**⁷.”

There's a lot of frustration and pain behind this fun hit. However, it's great that Toni used her talents to turn her bad experiences into success.

Billie Eilish

“Bury a Friend”

At first, this dark and **twisted**⁸ song might seem like just another hit in Billie Eilish’s repertoire aiming to scare and **disturb**⁹ people, taking on the **persona**¹⁰ of a bad (or even murderous) friend.

This young musician has become the opposite of what people expect from pop stars. She’s **unapologetically**¹¹ weird and enjoys including **elements**¹² of horror in her songs.

Most of the time, her songs are told from her **perspective**¹³. In her chart-topping hit “Bad Guy”, for example, Billie herself is the “bad guy”. At first, it seems her popular 2019 song “Bury a Friend” is no different:

*“What do you want from me? Why don't you run from me?
What are you wondering? What do you know?
Why aren't you scared of me? Why do you care for me?
When we all fall asleep where do we go?”*

However, through interviews with Billie and reading into the lyrics more deeply, it has been **revealed**¹⁴ that she is playing with perspective in this song. The main character here, asking these strange questions, is actually a monster that lives under Billie’s bed, and Billie is the “friend” the monster is speaking to.

When asked what the song is really about Billie explained that the song was inspired by her sleep paralysis*. “I have these **terrifying**¹⁵ dreams. It’s like the whole night is terrifying and then I wake up.” Maybe there is more to this song than Billie just trying to shock her audience.



What do you think it means?
Could there be more interpretations of this pop hit?



Sarah Bareilles

“Love Song”



Here’s a slightly older song that is often misunderstood. It’s easy to see why you might mistake singer-songwriter Sarah Bareilles’ hit “Love Song” for, well, an actual love song. But wait. Reading the lyrics might change your mind:

*“I’m not gonna write you a love song
‘Cause you tell me it’s
Make or breaking this
Is that why you wanted a love song?”*

OK. Simple. It’s more of a fight with her lover than a serenade*, but that’s all there is to this song, right? Wrong. Actually, this song was written by Bareilles about her **record label**¹⁶ at the time. Her record label, Epic Records, was **putting pressure on**¹⁷ Bareilles to write a big hit, something that would **take over**¹⁸ the radio airwaves and become a famous song.

Ironically, in writing about this pressure, she came up with one of her biggest hits.

* Glossary

to stop somebody dead – to suddenly make sb stop moving
This is it – It’s the end
sleep paralysis – a feeling that you can’t move when you are waking up or falling asleep
serenade – a love song

Vocabulary

- ¹ **catchy** [ˈkætʃi] – chytlavý
- ² **busking** [ˈbʌskɪŋ] – zpívání na ulici
- ³ **powerless** [ˈpaʊələs] – bezmocný
- ⁴ **rowdy** [ˈraʊdi] – neurvalý
- ⁵ **to boo** [bu:] – vypískat
- ⁶ **patience** [ˈpeɪjns] – trpělivost
- ⁷ **to sum up** [sʌm ˈʌp] – shrnout něco
- ⁸ **twisted** [ˈtwɪstɪd] – vyšinutý
- ⁹ **to disturb** [dɪˈstɜːb] – zneklidnit
- ¹⁰ **persona** [pəˈsəʊnə] – osobní stylizace
- ¹¹ **unapologetically** [ʌnəˌpɒləˈdʒetɪkli] – bez výčitek
- ¹² **element** [ˈelɪmənt] – prvek
- ¹³ **perspective** [pəˈspektɪv] – pohled
- ¹⁴ **to reveal** [rɪˈviːl] – odhalit
- ¹⁵ **terrifying** [ˈterɪfaɪɪŋ] – děsivý
- ¹⁶ **record label** [ˈrekɔːd ˈleɪbl] – nahrávací společnost
- ¹⁷ **to put pressure on sb** [ˈpreʃə(r)] – vyvíjet tlak na někoho
- ¹⁸ **to take over** – převálcovat

People used to say “the camera never lies”, but photo editing¹ has been around since the very first photographs. And why not? A photograph looks like reality, but it isn't. You can't change reality to fit your dreams, but you can change a picture.

PAUL FARRINGTON-DOUGLAS (UK)

These days, it's much easier. Digital photo editing has given us more power to “change reality” than ever. But as Spiderman reminds us “With great power comes great responsibility².” Let's take a look at the good, the bad and the ugly of Photoshop editing.

Dreams Become Real

Most photo editing is to improve the picture by making it a bit brighter here, darker there, hiding a **distracting**³ detail in another place and so on. But photographers have always loved being able to play around with reality. They can make the impossible happen.

The artist Simon Stålenhag, for example, photoshops futuristic scenes into photos of the Swedish countryside. This began as a few images done just for fun, but as more and more people fell in love with his work, it developed into a special project. There have been books and games based on his work, and now there's even an Amazon TV series called *The Loop* (definitely one for the *Stranger Things* fans out there).



STÅLENHAG EDITS LANDSCAPE PHOTOS TO CREATE PAINTING-LIKE IMAGES.



The Good,
The Bad and
The Ugly of
Photo Editing

Photo-shop-aholics



DID GIANTS EXIST? THIS WORTH1000 CONTEST ENTRY⁴ IS STILL SHARED ONLINE AS EVIDENCE OF A GIANT COVER-UP⁵.

Some fantasy Photoshop edits are so good that people wonder if they are real. A photography website called Worth1000 used to run regular Photoshop challenges, and several images from those old competitions still get sent around social media as real pictures.

Just for Laughs

You can have a lot of fun with Photoshop, too. Some Photoshop users love to put images together in ways that make us laugh, whether they do so with great skill or comically badly. Not everyone needs to be a Photoshop master, but is it possible to be alive now and not be able to make your own memes?



THE POND⁶ IN THE GARDEN JUST GOT A LOT SCARIER.

THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT.



And we just love Photoshopper James Fridman (www.jamesfridman.com). He offers to help people "fix" their photographs. They send him their **requests**⁷, and he makes the changes they ask for. It's not *his* fault if the instructions are not always very clear, is it?

The Photoshop Workout

The internet is full of trolls ready to **judge**⁸ your body. If you have a bit of belly fat or a few **spots**⁹, for some nasty people you might as well be an ugly monster. It's no surprise many people choose to **touch-up**¹⁰ reality a bit, but if you are going to **reshape**¹¹ yourself for the internet, be careful not to take it too far.



MUSCLES SO BIG THEY MAKE EVERYTHING IN THE ROOM LOOK BENDY¹².

THE REAL ZENDAYA, ON THE RIGHT. DIDN'T WANT OR NEED THE PHOTOSHOP DIET.

Too Good to Be True

When people Photoshop their selfies, it's understandable (if a bit **vain**¹³). When magazine editors and advertising guys do it, it's something else. The actor Zendaya was unhappy when a modelling magazine decided to make her look even slimmer than she already was, so she posted the real pic alongside the fake on Instagram. "I was shocked when I found my 19-year-old **hips**¹⁴ and **torso**¹⁵ quite manipulated. These are the things that make women **self-conscious**¹⁶, that create the unrealistic ideals of beauty that we have."



Catalogue Creepy¹⁷

Catalogues, ads and magazines have always been a great place to find awful Photoshop editing, probably because they're put together by tired editors who don't notice things like an extra foot or too-long arm here or there. Sometimes, the results are almost art.

COMPETITION

Can you send us your best photoshopped picture with a caption? The best will be printed in the next issue of Gate. Send the photo to competition@bridge-online.cz as a jpg, Subject: Photoshop.

Task What is wrong with these photos?



Vocabulary

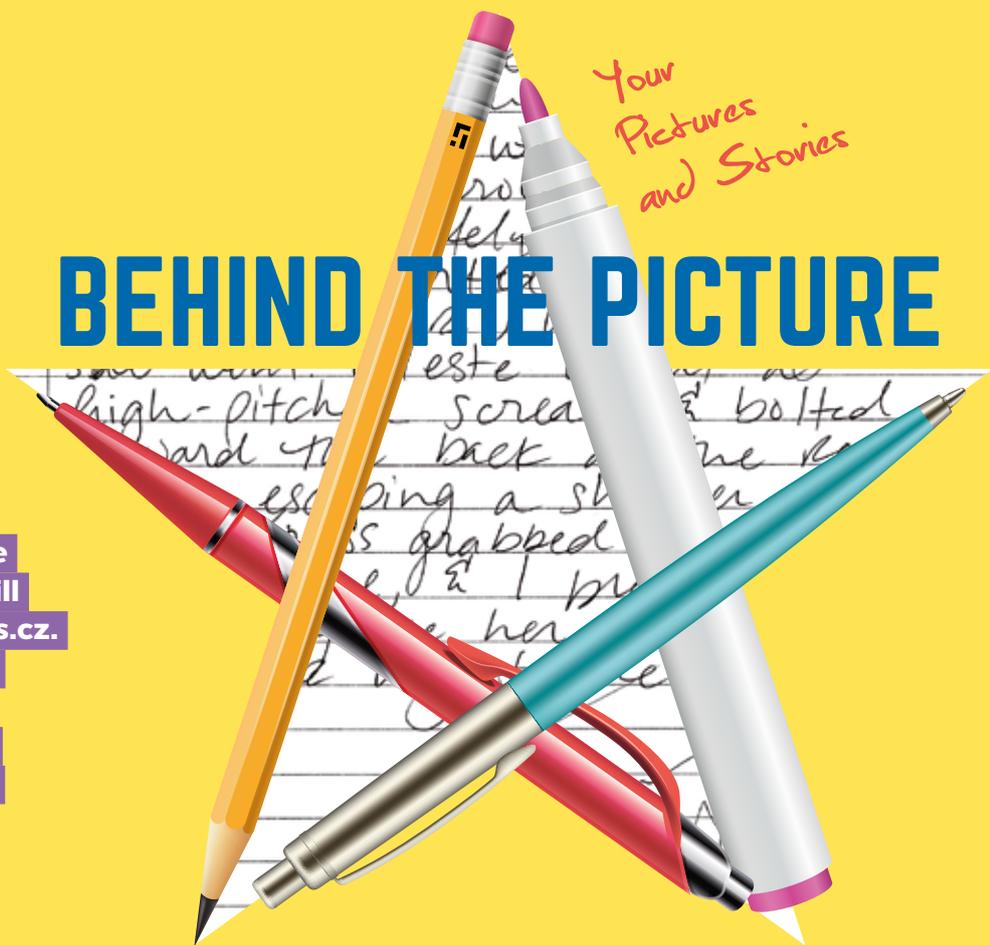
- ¹ editing [ˈeditɪŋ] – úprava
- ² responsibility [rɪˌspɒnsəˈbɪləti] – odpovědnost
- ³ distracting [dɪˈstræktɪŋ] – rušivý
- ⁴ entry [ˈentri] – příspěvek
- ⁵ cover-up [ˈkʌvər ʌp] – utajení, kamufláž
- ⁶ pond [pɒnd] – rybník
- ⁷ request [rɪˈkwest] – požadavek
- ⁸ to judge [dʒʌdʒ] – soudit
- ⁹ spot [spɒt] – pupínek
- ¹⁰ to touch up – poupravit, retušovat
- ¹¹ to reshape [riːˈʃeɪp] – přetvořit
- ¹² bendy [riːˈjeɪp] – ohebný
- ¹³ vain [veɪn] – marnivý
- ¹⁴ hips [hɪps] – boky
- ¹⁵ torso [ˈtɔːsəʊ] – trup
- ¹⁶ self-conscious [self ˈkɒnʃəs] – nesmělý, nesvůj
- ¹⁷ creepy [ˈkriːpi] – příšerný

Competition

It is our pleasure to finally announce the winners of the Behind the Picture competition. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who sent their wonderful photos and told us their stories. We had a lot of fun reading them. We received more than 200 entries and could unfortunately only choose five. The five winners will each get a 2000-crown voucher for the Alza e-shop and their teachers will receive vouchers for Bridgebooks.cz. As well as these winners, we have chosen a few more “honourable mentions” (= čestná uznání) who will also receive a small gift. If we can, we will try to publish some more of your pictures in future editions of Gate.

BEHIND THE PICTURE

Your Pictures and Stories



Michaela Szopková

ZŠ, Československej armády, Moldova nad Bodvou

TEACHER Mgr. Nikoleta Ďurášová

We thought Michaela's story was really poetic, and went together with her picture wonderfully. We all need some support from our friends sometimes, and the text message she received from her friends in the middle of a difficult time was just like the sunbeams shining through the clouds in the photo. Beautiful.

I took a deep breath and I felt the crisp air coming into my lungs. The air refreshed me. I remembered the dawn, as the last sunbeams were shining on my skin, creating an orange gloss and warming my skin, I felt every inch of my body warming up. It was a flawless day – at least I tried to put myself up to thinking that. I walked up there, to the very spot which I go to when I feel cold inside – to enjoy the view. I thought it would make me happy. A lot of people connect the sunshine to happiness and joy, but that wasn't what I felt at that moment. And then... I heard some footsteps. My heart almost skipped a beat. But the footsteps were followed by some voices. Voices familiar to me. My friends. I had been upset for a few days and they knew something was up. To my surprise, something simple, yet so thoughtful made me happier. When I finally saw them, I waved at them but their response was a phone text: “We are gonna get through it. We are gonna get through it together.”



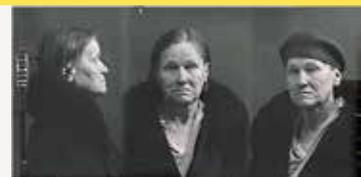
Markéta Kaňková

Gymnázium Opatov, Praha

TEACHER Ing. Ilona Strečková

We loved this piece of family history – we thought it was really well told and the picture was unique. And we must say, although she broke the law, we think Markéta's great-grandma Marie was a real character.

This is about my great-grandmother Marie. In custody (= ve vazbě), captured on a mugshot (= policejní portrét). I have her picture only. How did it all happen? After divorce and the death of most of her beloved children she became a criminal. Out of pure despair (= zoufalství), she decided to steal silver cutlery (= příbor) from a local restaurant. As soon as she entered, people noticed she looked weird and whispered about her. She attempted to shove (= strčit) a silver knife into her sleeve. All of a sudden a lady standing next to her shouted: “She is a thief! Stop her!” She decided to run away quickly. Unfortunately, one terrified man called the police immediately. She attempted to escape, but people blocked the only way out and didn't let her leave. The police officer arrived shortly: “Please, let me go! I didn't steal anything, I am innocent!,” shouted Marie. The police officer tried to pacify (= uklidnit) her unsuccessfully – she fought hard and broke his hand. She didn't want to give up and still screamed: “Let me go!” Another officer had to arrive, so that they could finally arrest her. At the police station they took the infamous (= neslavný) photo of her that's in front of you right now.



Barbora Ondrušová

ZŠ Pardubice, Josefa Ressler

TEACHER Mgr. Jitka Landrová

This beautiful picture made us feel like we were really there. Life is made up of millions of individual moments, and while they might not all be easy, sometimes the world just seems perfect. Thank you for reminding us of that, Barbora.

It was a warm summer evening. A slight breeze was trying to tangle (= zamotat) my hair and the last bits of sunlight were slowly going away. I closed my eyes and felt like never before – like this moment wouldn't ever end. I was sitting on the grass, inhaling sweet scents of flowers I'd never seen before and for the first time in ages felt peace. I wasn't alone. My father, whom I hadn't seen for a couple of years because of an argument I couldn't get over, was there. Usually we would argue and resent (= odporovat) each other but now everything was peaceful, and the only sounds we heard were from the countryside surrounding us. Bugs buzzing, ducks quacking, birds chirping (= štěbetat) and water flowing. It was like a lullaby (= ukolébavka). In that moment I felt like all the time I missed with my dad was suddenly gone. I felt like a happy child again. I felt complete.



Marie Pokrupová

Církevní gymnázium Plzeň

TEACHER Mgr. Alena Melnyková

Most pictures you see on social media are absolutely perfect. People take thousands of pictures to get just the one they like. Well, this picture is the exact opposite. It just shows a spontaneous, silly moment between friends and Marie's description really made us laugh.

This is probably one of my most favourite photos. Although I look like a total idiot (as always) I like it because I am truly happy here. I am wearing a weird grey hat, my eyes are shining and I'm laughing (I have quite dirty teeth) and my blonde tangled hair is waving through space. So romantic.



Beyond me (but I am the majority of the photo of course) there is a hilly landscape. I don't remember its name or exactly where it was (it was definitely in Ireland) but I know we had to climb loooooooots of stairs to get there.

I remember this photo came into being by my friend Lucy's hand. In her defense, she is guiltless. She just wanted to shoot a photo of the landscape and I, evil Májka, quickly ran in front of her phone. And another disaster came into the world.

That time we had some friendship problems. I was mad at her because I felt ignored by her. And she was mad at me because I was mad at her, so she ignored me. That day we concluded a pact of fragile alliance (= dohoda o křehkém spojení). And maybe it wasn't so fragile because it has lasted until now. This photo reminds me that everything can be solved.

Barbora Švaňová

Gymnázium Třinec

TEACHER Mgr. Petra Bruková

A cool picture with a well-written explanation that tells the story of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Just perfect. Barbora, you are definitely a star!

New York City is full of the unceasing (= neustávající) brightness of lights, but during the Christmas season it's a whole different level. From basic decorations that are supposed to put you in a jolly mood to spectacular (= působivý) shop windows that give you a feeling of smallness. And maybe, enough is enough and brightness may inflict (= způsobit) darkness.

That's what happened in early December 2019. I was looking from one of the many skyscrapers that make NYC so famous, looking down at all the lights, admiring the beauty.

"The only thing which this city lacks is stars", I thought.

When suddenly all the lights went off, and the only source of light was cars and

the stars revealed by the blackout. Nobody knew what had happened, everybody was panicking.

How could the so-called "City of Lights" be without lights? Everything came about (= přihodilo se) so fast, yet so slowly. I looked out from the window again, expecting the vision of blackness, but there was none. The lights switched on as fast as they switched off. It was so fast that I wondered if it really had happened.

Later that evening I found out that lighting up the tree at Rockefeller Center had caused the blackout. Well, nothing is impossible in NYC.



Honourable Mentions

FOR A VERY WELL-WRITTEN, SCARY STORY
Magdaléna Bucherová, ZŠ Jana Amose Komenského Přerov – Předmostí

FOR A WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIP STORY AND A GREAT PHOTO
Zlívka Bekirová, ZŠ Zářečná Tachov

FOR A FUNNY STORY ABOUT A RUNAWAY GRANDPA
Tomáš Ivan Kíryk, Doctrina – Podještědské gymnázium, Liberec

FOR A STORY ABOUT THE STRANGEST ANIMALS, TRIOPS
Anna Karlíková, Církevní gymnázium Plzeň

FOR STRIKING COMPOSITION
Zuzana Bojková, Gymnázium Třinec

FOR THE MOST ATMOSPHERIC PICTURE
Matyáš Klápa, ZŠ Dolní Břežany

