



## What's new on onestopenglish?

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February on onestopenglish sees the launch of a new series of **dictionary skills lesson plans** by Tim Bowen. These worksheets are pitched at three different levels and aim to train learners in dictionary use and to help develop their vocabulary.

January's Young Learners lesson share competition was won by Dennis Baker for a fun lesson on creative writing (**The three boxes writing activity**). This month, the competition is back to normal, with no particular theme, so send us your ideas!

We've also launched a **Facebook** group for our audio soap opera, The Road Less Travelled. There is a profile page for Katie, the main character, and an open group for discussion. Each month we would like to add to Katie's Facebook page – either by completing her profile, adding pictures or posting notes from her. And we need your help – this is where you and your students come in! **Find out more here.**

**There's lots of other great content so please take the time to explore and enjoy another packed edition of onestopenglish!**

### Staff Room materials

- **New flashcards**  
This year we'll be adding two new sets of flashcards each month. For February we have added **Bugs** (free for all onestopenglish users) and **Technology** (for Staff Room members only).
- **Games and Activities**  
**M Tunes: At the zoo:** A song and interactive games on the topic of zoo animals.  
**What are your hobbies?:** A song and interactive games on the topic of hobbies.

**5 new interactive activities:** In addition to the M Tunes videos and games, there are five new interactive activities for you to download straight onto your computer to use as often as you wish.

- **Podcasts** 

**The Road Less Travelled:** Episodes 11 and 12 will be published in February.

**New! The Road Less Travelled is on Facebook:** Now that Katie is in the United States, she has decided to join Facebook to keep in touch with friends back home, and to keep a record of her experiences. There is now a Facebook group dedicated to *The Road Less Travelled* and Katie has her very own profile page.

**Facebook: Activity 1: Katie's profile page:** Help us complete Katie's Facebook profile page! This month's writing assignment is for students to complete a worksheet on Katie's likes and dislikes and we'd also like you to send us some photos to add to Katie's photo album.

**The Space Invaders:** Chapters 11 and 12 will be published in February.

- **Weekly news lesson**

The latest news lesson is: **Life through a lens** - *Do you think children spend too much time watching TV and using the Internet? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these activities?*

- **Business and ESP**

**Working language: It's a numbers game:** Mark Powell consider the influence of numerology in delivering an effective presentation.

**Business tasks: Contacts:** A lesson by Adrian Doff to help students use common expressions for talking about contacting people and keeping in touch.

- **Skills: Pronunciation**

**Pronunciation matters: Activities:** A new set of pronunciation **activities** by Adrian Tennant, looking at the distinction between two phonemes.

- **Exams**

**PET: Part 1: The writing component:** An article by Lucrecia Luque Mortimer. Candidates are encouraged to focus on the structural patterns of language and to communicate a specific message in a clear and concise manner.

**TKT practice materials: Module 1: Part 3 :** These practice materials by Russell Whitehead are designed to help you with Module 1: Part 3: Aspects of assessment. In these materials you will think about assessment and how it relates to your work as a teacher and to your learners. You will consider the purposes for assessment, the methods of assessment and the design of assessment tasks and activities.

- **Grammar and Vocabulary**

**Dictionary skills: Integrating dictionary work into the classroom:** An article by Tim Bowen, introducing our new series of dictionary skills lesson plans.

**Dictionary skills: Part one:** The first set of worksheets (incorporating three different levels) in this new series of dictionary skills lesson plans by Tim Bowen.

- **Methodology**

**ETp: What's it all about?:** Alex Case says that taking an interest in his business students' fields of expertise can pay personal and professional dividends.

## Free materials written by onestopenglish authors

- **Monthly news lessons**

Topical news lessons, published in conjunction with the Guardian Weekly and edited to three levels. This month: **Life through a lens?** - *Do you think children spend too much time watching TV and using the Internet? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these*

*activities?*

- **Grammar and Vocabulary**

**A sign of the times:** A fun vocabulary lesson by Karen Richardson that will encourage students to discuss the language used in signs.

- **Ask the experts**

**Grammar: have got:** Scott Thornbury explains how 'have got' came to have its modern meaning and usage.

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- **Lesson Share Competition**

**Young learners: The three boxes writing activity:** Dennis Baker wins a set of Cuisenaire rods in our Young Learners lesson share competition with this fun lesson on creative writing.

Don't forget that we always welcome ideas and suggestions for content that we could add to the site. Click [here](#) to contact the Web Editor.

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