



## What's new on onestopenglish?

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In this newsletter you will find information about new content and features available on <http://www.onestopenglish.com/>. We hope to see you online soon.



March on onestopenglish sees the launch of the Onestop Phonics series for young learners, by Rachel Finnie. This great series will provide teachers with comprehensive support for their phonics teaching, including tips for structuring phonics lessons, as well as teacher's notes, worksheets, audio and flashcards to use in class. The first two installments are free for all onestopenglish users, so come and join the fun with Alice Apple, Bobby Banana and friends!

This month we've also got a brand-new series of integrated skills video projects by Jackie McAvoy. In the first of these projects - At the movies - students produce their own audio or video recording of a movie review. We'll show some of the best programmes here on onestopenglish, so send us your entries!

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

### Staff Room materials

- **Phonics Introduction:** A comprehensive introduction to the Onestop Phonics series for young learners by Rachel Finnie. The article includes an explanation of what phonics is, approaches to teaching phonics and an outline of the modules involved in the Onestop Phonics series.
  - The letter Aa:** This comprehensive lesson contains a flashcard for Alice Apple, a downloadable podcast, PDF worksheets and teaching notes by Rachel Finnie.
  - The letter Bb:** This comprehensive lesson contains a flashcard for Bobby Banana, a downloadable phonics podcast, PDF worksheets and teaching notes by Rachel Finnie.
- **New flashcards**

This year we'll be adding two new sets of flashcards each month. For March we have added **Sports** and **Eating out** (for Staff Room members only).

- **Games and Activities**

**M Tunes: Happy Mother's Day:** 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 13 and 14 will be published in March.

**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. Also, keep your eyes peeled for another set of Facebook activities by Lindsay Clandfield!

- **Weekly news lesson**

The latest news lesson is: **Shark species face extinction** - *The number of sharks in the world's oceans is falling rapidly as a result of extensive 'finning'. There is an urgent call for marine reserves to protect migration hotspots as scientists fear this decline could affect other species.*

- **Business and ESP**

**Working language: Metaphorically speaking:** Mark Powell takes a look at the influence of metaphor on the language of business and considers some of the key underlying metaphors embedded within different cultures.

**Business tasks: Success and failure:** A lesson by Adrian Doff to equip students with common expressions for talking about success and failure.

- **Skills: Pronunciation**

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

**Assimilation and elision:** This comprehensive article by Jonathan Marks explains the most common types of assimilation and elision, gives examples, and considers the significance of these two processes for learners and teachers.

- **Exams**

**TKT practice materials: Module 1: Part 1:** These practice materials by Russell Whitehead are designed to help you with Module 1: Part 1: Aspects of pronunciation. In these materials you will think about phonology in terms of phonemes, word and sentence stress, intonation and connected speech.

**TKT tip 08: Categorizing learner's mistakes:** This month Jim Scrivener looks at a question from Module 3 of TKT: Managing the teaching and learning process.

- **Methodology ETp: From paragraph to poem:** Steve Buckledee employs a poetic strategy for getting students to examine language in greater detail.

## Free materials written by onestopenglish authors

- **Skills**

**Integrated skills: Video project: At the movies:** In this integrated skills series by Jackie McAvoy, students produce TV and radio programmes. There are comprehensive teaching notes and student worksheets, plus tips for recording and downloading videos. In this first installment, students produce a short video or audio recording of their own movie review.

- **Monthly news lessons**

Topical news lessons, published in conjunction with the Guardian Weekly and edited to three levels. This month: **Rules and respect** - *Which football team do you support? What do you think of the new England manager? Who would you choose as captain of the England squad?*

- **Grammar and Vocabulary**

**British English vocabulary lessons: Where do you keep the...?**: A lesson by Karen Richardson on kitchen vocabulary and giving instructions and directions.

- **Ask the experts**

**Methodology: Dealing with the motivation of teachers whose students regularly miss class**: Alex Case offers advice on how Business English and ESP teachers can stay motivated despite poor class attendance.

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- **Lesson Share Competition**

**Young learners: Once upon a time there was...**: In this enjoyable lesson by Sally Clarke and Sandy Stevens, students practise using possessive -s in a fairy tale context.

- **Methodology Challenge Competition Approaching a first class with a new group**:

Melissa Martin wins February's methodology challenge with an article on how to approach teaching a first lesson with a new group.

- **Anecdotes Competition Speak no evil**: Cathy Eggleston shares a winning anecdote about the difficulties of dealing with a silent student and overcoming the problem by learning some Vietnamese!

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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