



# ENGLISH CORNER

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## Get to know us!



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# OUR EDITORS

## Our Inner Soul



START!



### Station "Agnieszka"



**My name is Aga and I'm 14 years old. I love playing volleyball and it is my hobby. In my free time I write poems. I'm very self-confident and I'm a chatterbox.**

**I think you need to enjoy life because it is too short to waste time.**

### Station "Adrian"

**I'm Adrian. I'm looking forward to the future with a smile. When I don't study at school I study IT in my home. My optimism is unique, I always find out a light in the dark tunnel. In my free time I listen to Japanese music or watch cabaret on TV. My favourite cabaret band is Hunters.B and Japanese music band— T-pistonz + KMC.**



### Station "Kacper"

**My name is Kacper and I'm 14 years old. I'm from 2H. I like English and Physics. In my free time**

**I always ride a bike or play computer games. I always go skiing and skating on winter holidays. I like animals, so I have a dog Luna.**



### Station "Agata"



**I'm Agata Urbańczyk. I'm 14 years old and I'm from class 2F. In my free time**

**I like reading books, singing or playing volleyball. I'm interested in Maths and Physics. In the future I would like to be an architect.**



### Station "Julia"

**My name is Julia and I'm 14 years old. I love dogs and I want to have one. In my free time I read books and I listen to music. My idol is Michael Jackson. I think I'm a crazy girl and I have many nice ideas. I'm a chatterbox.**



### Station "Michalina"

**Hi, my name is Michalina but friends call me Misia. I'm from 3f so I am 15. I am an editor of „English Corner”. I love riding a horse and playing basketball (I have trained both sport for 6 years). In my free time I write short stories. Moreover, I am interested in art. I usually listen to One Ok Rock.**



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2...  
3...

# INTERVIEW!

With Mr. Peter Kasza



## 1. Dlaczego został pan nauczycielem WF-u?

**P. Kasza:** Wszystko zaczęło się jeszcze, kiedy byłem małym chłopcem. Razem z kolegami chodziłem po lekcjach na świetlicę, gdzie graliśmy w ping-ponga. Potem grałem w drużynie siatkarskiej, bardzo miło wspominałem te czasy. Kolejne lata poświęciłem piłce nożnej. Po technikum postanowiłem pójść na AWF do Warszawy i zostać trenerem piłki nożnej. Tak się zaczęło...

## 2. Wiemy, że nie tylko sport jest pana pasją, ale również jeździ pan do Francji. Kiedy po raz pierwszy wyjechał pan do tego kraju?

**P. Kasza:** Jako student, miałem dłuższe wakacje niż inni. Ten wolny czas wykorzystywałem na wyjazdy, najpierw do Szwajcarii, gdzie z bratem pracowałem na polu golfowym. Z czasem zacząłem poszerzać swoją wiedzę geograficzną, wyjeżdżając do Francji. Zwiedziłem praktycznie cały ten kraj. Muszę powiedzieć, że wysiadając po raz pierwszy z samolotu bardzo szybko przekonałem się, iż niezajomość języka obcego jest kalectwem. Pracowałem, uczyłem się nowego języka, a przede wszystkim podziwiałem.

## 3. Czy ma pan tam swoje ulubione miejsca (jakie)?

**P. Kasza:** Oczywiście, że mam. W upalne dni jeździłem rowerem nad jezioro w pobliżu Genewy. Pływając, można było podziwiać najwyższe szczyty Alp. Piękne miejsce. Do tej pory staram się wracać w tamte strony, by pokazać te miejsca swojej rodzinie.

## 4. Jak wygląda życie we Francji, jacy są ludzie?

**P. Kasza:** Byłem niezwykle zaskoczony życzliwością ludzi w tym kraju. W razie potrzeby można było zawsze otrzymać od nich wsparcie i pomoc. Do dzisiaj mam tam wielu przyjaciół.

## 5. Czy język francuski jest trudny, czy można się go szybko nauczyć?

**P. Kasza:** Język francuski nie jest łatwy do nauki: są różne szkoły nauki języków obcych. Ja wykorzystałem do tego pobyt za granicą. Teraz bez trudu mogę się nim posługiwać. Zachęcam wszystkich do nauki języków obcych, a z doświadczenia wiem, że „język to podstawa”.

*Many thanks to Mr. P. Kasza for interesting interview!*



Prepared by Agata Urbańczyk and Agnieszka Witasik

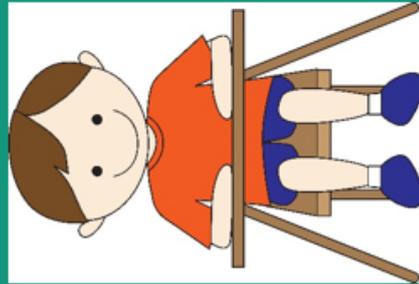
## TENSES

### PRESENT

### PAST

### FUTURE

#### SIMPLE



- Czynność powtarza się
- Prawdy naukowe
- Stany

She goes to school every day.  
Where does she go?  
She doesn't go to school.

**Often, always, usually, at never, from time to time, at the weekend, ...**

**s/es, do/does/don't/doesn't**

- Czynność wydarzyła się jednokrotnie lub wielokrotnie w przeszłości.

She went to school yesterday.  
Where did she go yesterday?  
She didn't go to school yesterday.

**Yesterday, last week, ago, When? What time?**

**ll/I+ed, did+I; didn't +I**

- Czynność odbędzie się w przyszłości
- Nadzieje i przewidywania
- Decyzje

I think I will go to school tomorrow.  
Where will you go tomorrow?  
I won't go to school tomorrow.

**Tomorrow, next week, in two days.**

**will/won't+I**

#### CONTINUOUS



- Czynność odbywa się teraz
- Niezadawolenie
- 100% plany na przyszłość

She is going to school now.  
Where is she going?  
She isn't going to school now.

**Now, at the moment, at present, nowadays, more and more often**

**am/is/are+ing**

- Czynność odbywała się w określonym momencie w przeszłości.
- Podanie tła/okoliczności.

When I was going to school I saw an accident.  
What were you doing at 6 p.m.?  
I wasn't going to school at 6 p.m.

**Between the match and the film, while, when, yesterday at 6 o'clock.**

**was/were+ing**

- Czynność będzie odbywała się w danym momencie w przyszłości

I will be going to school tomorrow at 8 a.m.  
Who will be going to school tomorrow at 8?  
I won't be going to school tomorrow at 8.

**In half an hour, at 8 o'clock, after the match**

**will be+ing**

## PERFECT



- 1 Czynność właśnie się wydarzyła
  - 1 Doświadczenia w bliżej nieokreślonej przeszłości
  - 1 Czynność zaczęła się w przeszłości i nadal trwa
  - 1 Czynność zakończyła się, ale jej skutki są nadal odczuwalne
- She has never been to France.  
Who has ever been to France?

**Ever, never, just, already, so far, this week/this year, for/since, yet, always, before, it's the first time**

**have/has+III (ed)**

## PERFECT CONTINUOUS



- 1 Czynność zaczęła się w przeszłości i trwa do tej pory.
- 1 Dotyczy czynności, nie stanów.

I've been waiting here for 2 hours.  
How long have you been waiting here?  
I haven't been waiting long.

**For, since**

**have/has+been+ing**

- 1 Czynność odbyła się w przeszłości przed inną.

When we arrived at school the bell had already rung.  
Had the bell rung when we arrived?  
The bell hadn't rung.

**As soon as, after, before, when**

**had+III (ed)**

- 1 Czynność zostanie ukończona do danego momentu w przyszłości.

I will have written this essay by 6 o'clock.  
What will you have done by 6 o'clock?  
I'm sure I won't have written the essay by 6 o'clock.

**By**

**Will have+ III**

- 1 Czynność odbywała się przez jakiś czas przed inną.

We had been walking to school for 2 hours before got there.  
Who had been walking to school for 2 hours?  
We hadn't been walking to school for 2 hours before we got there.

**Before, after**

**Had+been+ing**

- 1 W przyszłości minie jakiś czas odkąd odbywa się czynność.

By next year we will have been learning English for 6 years.  
How long will we have been learning English by next year?  
We won't have been learning English for 6 years by next year.

**By next year, in 2 years**

**Will have been+ing**



# St. Valentine's Day

## Journey around the world



### Australia

The gold miners in Australia, having found new found wealth from the Ballarat mines, were willing to spend some of their cold on making elaborate presents on the Valentine's. The merchants in Australia would generally send orders of a thousand pounds at a time to make the Valentines Day grander, and to show they could do it. The most extravagant of valentines were made of a satin cushion, perfumed and decorated ornately with flowers, colored shells, ribbons etc. This treasure, contained within a neatly decorated box, was highly valued, being both fashionable and extremely expensive.



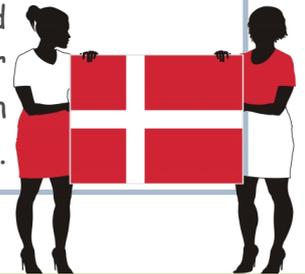
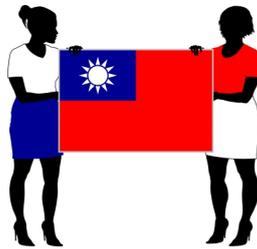
### Denmark

The Danish valentine card is known as a "lover's card." Older versions of this greeting came in the form of a transparency which, when held up to the light, depicted the image of a lover handing his beloved a gift. One custom in Denmark is for people to send pressed white flowers called Snowdrops to their friends. Danish men may also send a form of valentine known as a *gaekkebrev* (or "joking letter"). The sender of this *gaekkebrev* pens a rhyme but does not sign his name. Instead, he signs the message with dots...one dot for each letter in his name. If the lady who receives the card guesses the name of the sender, then she is rewarded with an Easter Egg later in the year.

### Taiwan

Taiwan celebrates or observes this event two times a year: February 14th and July 7th of the lunar calendar, based on an ancient Chinese folk tale. Both dates are equally as important.

Many men purchase expensive bouquets of roses and other flowers for their sweethearts on these days. According to Taiwan tradition, the color and number of the roses holds much significance. For example, one red rose means "an only love," eleven roses means "a favorite," 99 roses means "forever," and 108 roses means "marry me."



### Italy

In Italy, Valentine's Day was once celebrated as a Spring Festival, held in the open air, where young people would gather in gardens to listen to music and poetry. In some places in Italy it is a custom to become engaged on Valentine's Day. You may also find shops selling special candy for Valentine's Day.

Over the years, this custom died out and has been replaced by a general celebration with flowers and chocolates. However, there are still couples that follow old traditions and customs, one of which is for a betrothed couple to announce their engagement on the Valentine's Day.



# Some facts from our Friends!

Fact 1!



In Greece it is thought of as a commercial celebration. So, some people have romantic dinners and exchange gifts with their partners, while others refuse to succumb to the romantic spirit. Flower stores and patisseries, however, tend to put up decorations, like red balloons and heart-shaped boxes. [~valentinaper](#)



Fact 2!



In Algeria we do not celebrate Valentine's Day....you can add this information to your Magazine. In fact .... some florists do not work on this day... others during the whole week... some people try to exchange flowers with their friends in a secret way.... on Media scholars in many Muslim countries consider it Haram... another planet. [~you\\_per7](#)

Fact 3!



From Marion,

Hi, here in Israel it is becoming more and more popular, especially among teenagers. In our high school, the oldest kids organize a kind of 'love day'. They decorate the lobby with hearts and everyone can 'order kisses and hugs'. It is a lot of fun. You can ask one of the older kids to go and kiss (on the cheek, don't worry) or hug someone for you. Of course everyone thinks it is hilarious when they burst into a classroom to come and hug or kiss someone in the name of someone else. They also sell real and fake flowers in order to raise money for their end of the year party etc. Sometimes they will burst in and hug a teacher!

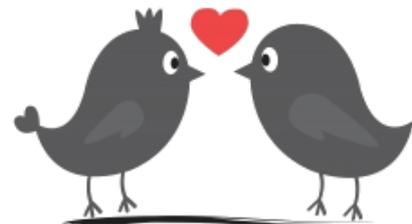
On a more serious note: I don't know why the 14th of February was chosen but it also the day "to break the chain" of violence against women. The project is called "one billion rising" (1 out of every three women will encounter some sort of violence or abuse in her life, adding up to one billion world wide). They organize world wide dance flashmobs to raise awareness for this horrible phenomenon and to call for change.

I love you



This wonderful person I see everyday.  
So beautiful face, so beautiful hair.  
I can't stop thinking about you, my dear.  
I love you, "I love you" it's all that I'll say.

~Written by Adrian Kunikowski



Thank you [valentinaper](#),  
[you\\_per7](#) and Marion  
for that interesting information!



# HOROSCOPE

Will tell you the truth



**Aries:**



**Taurus:**



**Gemini:**



**Cancer :**

Shake things up! Valentine's Day will be so steamy, you might make Venus blush!

Fights encourage the best sort of making up.

Close the doors, put on the music, get out the scented oils, and don't forget feathers... let nature take its course!

Sensual and romantic Venus rules your sign.

This is your opportunity to light the fires of passion. Do something unexpected and exciting.

A good marriage is your heart's home. Plan a special dinner, with you as dessert!

You need to know where you stand. Walk away or make some demands.



**Leo:**



**Virgo:**



**Libra:**



**Scorpio:**

Stare into each other's eyes and share what you like best about each other. If you are involved with someone who is not worshipping the ground you walk upon, it's time for a change.

Eliminate distractions, shower, put on a skimpy outfit, and set the mood with music. Time to experiment!

Call friends - getting out and having fun is preferable to staying home.

Whatever you like best can spark a romance out of your favorite novel. Should you stay or should you go? Your love interest will give you a clear sign that will help you decide.

Invite some friends to your favorite social watering hole. You just might find magic across a crowded room. If you are less interested, you may say something harsh. Watch your words carefully.



**Sagittarius:**



**Capricorn:**



**Aquarius:**



**Pisces:**

Go snowboarding or get in the car and drive 200 miles for dinner. Make this a day to remember! Do not panic if you feel like running.

Valentine's Day can be either terrifying or a waste of time. If you like someone, say so. Go out in public and you will turn heads.

Valentine's Day? You have much more important things to care about. Make it a "Me Day" instead.

Avoid any desire to drown your sorrows. Play your favorite music and explore the world online. Your soul mate is near.

# Poetry Corner

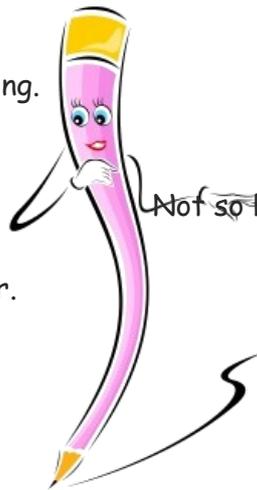
## Adrian's Personal Reflections



Week

### People and what's inside them

People are different than we see them.  
It is so hard to believe, then.  
You'll learn how to see people's hearts.  
Their good intentions, and even bads.  
Look but stop looking.  
Think but don't think.  
Feel and understand what they are feeling.  
You've mastered it? You're the king!



People's hearts are like a flower.  
Some are black, some are white.  
But these people that possess the power.  
Have both of them, that's right.

The soul of yours is very interesting.  
It's unique, not plagued so far.  
So you should keep it harvesting.  
Not plagued so far... it is so rare!  
I see many souls all the time.  
And all are black, I don't know why.  
Maybe it's just a new world's curse?  
All think their souls are white, but it is false.  
Remember what is written here.  
Look at yourself, and think, sir!

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When I sail across the sea,  
when I look just into me,  
I see something not so cool,  
a nasty, cocky fool.  
When I walk across the road,  
and look into a lake,  
I see a toad. This toad is fake.  
When I look into the skies  
I think "It's raining rice!"  
And when I stop to think,  
my ship sinks. How sad :(.



I wake up. It's Monday!  
Weekend's ended! I feel like a monkey!  
School. Home. Homework. Sleep.  
I wake up. It's Tuesday!  
The only day that makes me cry!  
School. Home. Homework. Sleep.  
I wake up. It's Wednesday!  
Nothing cool that I can make.  
School. Home. Homework. Sleep.  
I wake up. It's Thursday!  
Not so bad, you know what people say: "Almost there!"  
School. Home. Homework. Sleep.  
I wake up. It's Friday!!  
Finally the last day!  
School. Home. WEEKEND!  
5 days lost, like in a game.  
Wait, it's Monday? NOT AGAIN!

### DOCTOR+SPORT

An apple a day keeps a doctor away.  
It is just simple, to please don't lie.  
"I don't like it" ,it's all just lies.  
Remember eat healthy and do some sport.  
That's what our doctor says a lot.

Watch out and read closely, maybe you'll learn.  
It's just for fun, here it goes, my friend.  
When it is cold, it is fantastic.  
You'll wear a sweater and do some gymnastics.  
When it is hot, it is OK.  
Just wear a T-shirt and do some gymnastics.  
Again!  
This is what I had to write.  
Thanks for reading it, mate.

You can train all sports, it's healthy too.  
Try what you want, and say "Woo hoo"  
Where you see fun, there you'll see you.  
Then you'll play something too.  
And don't get cocky if you are the best

Let's have fun with...  
Tongue Twisters!

### Number 1

How much wood would  
a woodchuck chuck  
if a woodchuck would  
chuck wood?  
He would chuck, as  
much wood as a wood-  
chuck colud  
if a woodchuck could  
chuck wood.

### Number 2

Peter Piper picked a  
peck of pickled pep-  
pers.  
Did Peter Piper pick a  
peck of pickled pep-  
pers?  
If Peter Piper picked a  
peck of pickled pep-  
pers,  
where's the peck of  
pickled peppers Peter  
Piper picked?

### Number 3

My mommy makes me  
muffins on Mondays

### Number 4

Flies fly but a fly flies.

Good Luck!



Tongue Twisters—Prepared by  
Kacper Kopycki

# PHRASE BOOK - part 1

You can find there words and sentences which  
you may use in the daily life.

## At the doctor's:

- **What's the matter? - Co się dzieje?**  
I've got a headache. - Boli mnie głowa.  
I've got a runny nose. - Mam katar.  
I've got a sore throat. - Boli mnie gardło.  
I've got a temperature. - Mam temperaturę.  
I've got a cough. - Mam kaszel.
- **I've got a cold. - Jestem przeziębiony.**  
I don't feel very well. - Nie czuję się dobrze.  
I've got a stomachache. - Boli mnie brzuch.  
I've got a backache. - Bolą mnie plecy.  
I've sprained my ankle. - Skręciłam kostkę.  
I've broken my leg. - Złamałam nogę.
- **Where does it hurt? - Gdzie cię boli?**  
It hurts here. - Boli mnie tutaj.
- **How long has this been going on? - Od jak dawna to trwa?**  
Lie down. - Połóż się.  
Sit down. - Usiądź.  
Open your mouth. - Otwórz usta.
- **How often should I take the medicine? - Jak często mam brać lekarstwa?**

Prepared by Julia Dyba



## "A Christmas Carol"

This time I will review a very beautiful book entitled "A Christmas Carol". It tells about a nasty merchant Ebenezer Scrooge, who got only 2 important things in his life – money and work. Even when his nephew, Fred tries to make him happy – "Merry Christmas" is a non-sense for him.

This book contains many conclusions that you'll never forget. Personally, I give it 10/10, because this story is a masterpiece!



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### Tongue twister of the month!

I wish I were what I  
was when I wished I  
were what I am.



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