

Year I Issue 5

## Listmania!

### EVERYDAY ENGLISH!

#### 'Kudos'

Imagine you got the first place at a donut eating contest, so you receive a card saying: 'Kudos to you!'. It may sound like an acronym, but it is no other than a transliteration of a Greek singular noun for 'praise'.

#### 'icing on the cake'

Let's say you get a promotion because you are quite good at what you do. In this better position you get a higher pay, longer holidays and, on top of that, you get a company car! When you talk about the car, you can say that it is the 'icing on the cake'.

### SAY WHAT?

The internet is full of sites about everything. Therefore, browsing through the immensity of the internet becomes easier when information is presented in a friendly format. Lists seem to do the trick, that's why many sites follow this trend, so here's a list...

Refinery29 - a site about style

<http://www.refinery29.com/>

Harper's Magazine

<http://harpers.org/>

Buzzfeed - A site about social news and entertainment

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/?country=uk>

### TWO THUMBS UP!

#### Kill Bill Vol. 1 and Vol. 2

*"That woman deserves her revenge and we deserve to die".*

**Budd**

This is the story about a list, in which it would be better not to be included.

Once upon a time, a woman was getting married. To her wedding came some unpleasant guests, people she used to know from her dark past, and who hurt her by taking away what mattered the most to her.

Quentin Tarantino is the black belt master behind these films about human nature. His muse, the wonderful and strong Uma Thurman, is 'The Bride', who becomes the cause of Bill's and the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad's anger after running away from them.

When does the real story begin? When this brave bride wiggles her toe after a long coma, and decides that each member of the squad has to pay for what they did to her at the wedding. So she makes a list, and everyone whose name is written on it will face the consequences of having hurt her.

With one of the best soundtracks ever recorded in the history of film, obvious references to the martial arts films from decades ago, memorable settings, exciting choreographies, and a pair of sneakers that became iconic, this movie is a tribute to a whole culture appealing to many and worshipped by an ever growing crowd.

It is a movie not only about being on a list, but also about human nature, rage, blood ties, and revenge.



### LEARNING TO LEARN

Whenever learning about a new theme, try writing a list of the vocabulary you already know related to that topic. When reading about it, or when in your class, be sure to keep your list close so you can write whatever words belong in it.

So, when you finish the unit in your book, you can always go back to the list, which will be helpful when reviewing the information you've learnt.



### GETTING AROUND

"When travelling, check out travel guides", a word of advice you usually get when planning a trip. But, what does it actually mean? Let's take a look at some possible interpretations:

**1. Go to a bookstore, and get a travel guide about the place you intend to visit.**

You can start with the cheap paperback editions advising on how to travel in Europe on 5 euros a day. However, you can always go for the fancy ones. It all depends on your budget and the kind of traveller you are. Take a look at the suggestions they offer about hotels, restaurants, sightseeing, museums, transportation, and much more.

**2. Go to the web and check out travel sites to find information about the place you want to visit.**

TripAdvisor, Expedia or LonelyPlanet are great departure points. Be sure to read some users' reviews, most of which you will find in English. You can also ask questions on forums where other fellow travellers will offer you advice based on their own experiences.



### THE NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK

What is the man on the picture wearing on his head?

(Answer: A helmet)

Which sports require the use of this type of protective gear?

(Answer: American football, motorcycle riding, hockey, skydiving, roller skating)

