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## From the editor



As the days grow shorter and the air gets colder, we are thrilled to welcome you to the first issue of our English magazine this school year. It is exciting to feature pieces from new contributors alongside our regular columnists. Grab a blanket, turn the page, and enjoy the best of what our magazine has to offer.


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## Student Exchange 2027

Thirteen years ago, our school launched an English language exchange with the St Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Banska Stiavnica (Selmecbánya). Since then, many of our students have taken part in the programme and they have all returned with wonderful experiences. Besides exploring the beauty of the host region and having fun with their partners, the students became more confident in using English, as it was the common language for communication.




Next May, 8-10 Slovakian students are coming to Budapest (May 10-14), and we are looking for host families who can provide accommodation, breakfast, and dinner. Our school covers the costs of the programmes in Budapest.

Our students are going to stay in the fabulous historic town of Banska Stiavnica for 5 days in April. The host school is an IT-focused institution, so our students can attend computer graphics and programming classes, as well as many other activities.

The participation fee is approximately 12,000 Ft, which covers the travel costs (FlixBus) and insurance.

If you are interested, please contact your English teacher by the end of November.




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# An Unforgettable Trip to England

A group of 29 students travelled to the United Kingdom during the summer to explore some of the country's royal landmarks. The trip was organised by Ms Györgyike Kaszásné Katona, who was accompanied by two fellow teachers, Ms Ildikó Holczmann-né Fehér and Ms Diana Urbán.

The following excerpts from the students' diaries offer a glimpse into their experiences.

## Day 1- July 11th (Budapest - Aachen)

On a pleasant Saturday morning, we set off on our journey at 4:30 a.m. from Népliget Bus Station. After loading our luggage onto the coach, we said an emotional goodbye to our parents and took our seats for what would be about a 16-hour journey.

Everything went according to plan, and thanks to our friendly and experienced drivers, we reached the motorway quickly. The first quarter of the journey passed surprisingly quickly, and after almost four hours of travelling, while watching the beautiful sunrise, we stopped for our first break near the Austrian border.

After crossing into Austria, we spent the next four hours surrounded by breathtaking mountains. By then, most of us had already eaten breakfast, and some had even started eating their lunch. During our journey through Austria, we covered 332 kilometres while enjoying the spectacular scenery.

As the kilometres passed, we eventually crossed into Germany, where we travelled a little over 700 kilometres. Near Frankfurt, we got stuck in a traffic jam that was about 2.4 kilometres long, but after roughly 30 to 45 minutes, we managed to get through it. We also had another rest stop after more than four hours on the road.

We spent the last few hours driving along Germany's excellent motorways before continuing along picturesque country roads lined with golden fields and rows of plane trees. At around 9:00 p.m., we finally arrived at our temporary accommodation, settled in and gradually got ready for bed.

(Klement Péter, Király Ábel, Lovas László (The Sleepy Boys)

## Day 2 - July 12th (London)

After sitting on the bus for about 16 hours and spending a night at a hotel, our real journey finally began. The second day of our trip started a little later than expected, but thanks to our amazing drivers, we still managed to catch the ferry. Before boarding, we went through metal detectors, passed wire fences and even spotted some armed soldiers. Once on the ferry, we explored every corner, and some of us bravely tried the famous fish and chips. Let's just say... opinions were divided.



The sea was beautiful, the wind was incredibly strong, and our hairstyles didn't survive the experience. We even managed to take selfies with the seagulls.

About an hour later, we caught our first glimpse of the famous White Cliffs of Dover. Soon after leaving the ferry, we headed to the beach, where we dipped our legs into the chilly sea. Thanks once again to our wonderful drivers, we also got to see Dover Castle and learn some interesting facts about its history.

After a two-hour ferry journey, we finally arrived in England. We then spent about 20 minutes by the shore, which was a really enjoyable experience.

After another hour-long bus ride, we arrived in Rochester, where we spent about two hours exploring the town. Its streets were old and very pretty, and we also had the opportunity to see the castle and the cathedral.

Finally, we arrived at the meeting point, where our host families were waiting for us. We met the people we would be staying with for the rest of the week, and our English adventure truly began!

(Fejes Viki, Kovács Dóri, Sárközi Lidia, Vígh Noémi Kinga)

## Day 3 - July 13th (London)

We had a nice evening and slept well, but unfortunately, we had to wake up at 6 a.m. This was a little earlier than we would have liked, but we were so excited that we woke up easily.

After the delicious breakfast, which also included different types of cereals, we headed to the meeting point and went to the city centre. We had a lovely walk in St James's Park, where we took some nice pictures and even saw some squirrels.

We continued our adventure by visiting Buckingham Palace. Before entering, we had to go through an airport-style security check, including metal detectors and bag checks. The palace was gorgeous, filled with old furniture, and we particularly liked the Picture Gallery. We had a guided tour, so we learned a lot of interesting facts, not only about the Royal Family. Afterwards, we had a lovely walk in the gardens.



We also saw some luxurious cars, including an Audi R8, a McLaren and a Pagani Zonda.

Our second major attraction was the British Museum, where we had two hours to explore in small groups. Among other things, we managed to see the Rosetta Stone, as well as the Egyptian and Greek exhibitions. We also bought some clothes and books there.

After the museum, we had some free time on Oxford Street, where we visited lots of shops and tried the burgers at Five Guys. We walked quite far along the street, but unfortunately, we hadn't paid enough attention earlier when the teachers told us what time to return to the meeting point. As a result, we had to rush back to the bus without having enough time to buy anything.



On the way back, we had a guided bus tour, which allowed us to see more of London, including Tower Bridge and some of its famous skyscrapers, such as The Shard and the Gherkin.

At the end of the day, our host families picked us up and took us back to their homes, which were our accommodation for the week. After such a long day, we were happy to arrive back at our accommodation, where we enjoyed a delicious pasta dinner.

(Lengyel Bori, Michaletzky Emma, Csákvári Enikő, Zsiga, Matyi, Kornél)

## Day 4 - July 14th (London)

Our fourth day was just as productive as the previous ones, despite an unexpected change to our plans. We had originally planned to visit a beautiful castle, so we set off on what was expected to be a one-and-a-half-hour journey along the British motorway.

Everything went smoothly until we arrived at Hampton Court Palace.There we discovered that the castle was closed. Instead of being disappointed, we decided to think of an alternative plan. In the end, we agreed to swap our schedule and do the sightseeing tour that had originally been planned for the following day.



After another one-and-a-half-hour journey, we returned to London, where we began our sightseeing by watching the Houses of Parliament, the Big Ben, the Westminster Abbey, and many other iconic sights.

We took some nice photos then walked to Downing Street 10., the official residence of the Prime Minister. There again.we took some more photos of the two soldiers of the King's Horse Guards.

Later, we headed to Chinatown, where we had some free time to wander around. After that, we spent some time in Covent Garden. There street performers amazed us with incredible tricks and performances. Of course, we also found time to buy a few souvenirs, because apparently no trip is complete without returning home with something you probably didn't need.

The highlight of my day was definitely the London Eye! After waiting in the queue, we enjoyed a fabulous view of London from above. I have never experienced anything like that before. The views were breathtaking, we could see Big Ben, the River Thames, and London's famous skyline stretching into the distance. It was definitely worth watching.

Since it was my first time in London so I absolutely enjoy every programme we had. I'm excited to see what the next days will bring!

(Sleepy Boys; Ács Bence, Sárközi Lídia)

## Day 5 - July 15th (London)

Today, we also got up at a quarter to seven. As on the previous two days, we started our journey to Hampton Court Palace at a quarter to eight. The size and beauty of the palace were truly impressive. We had three hours (from 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m.) to explore the magnificent building and its extensive gardens, which gave us plenty of time to appreciate both its history and its stunning surroundings.



During the visit, we learned about Henry VIII and his six wives. Now we all know what happened to each of them. In chronological order, their marriages ended like this: divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

After that, we had time to explore the huge gardens. We walked among the rows of trees, visited the tennis court and saw the world's oldest grapevine. We also wandered around the maze and successfully found our way out.



From Hampton Court Palace, we travelled to Windsor, where we visited Windsor Castle and then walked to Eton to see the famous Eton College.

For the rest of the afternoon, we had some free time in Eton and Windsor. My friends and I looked for a restaurant because we hadn't had a proper hot meal for lunch. After eating, we visited some souvenir shops, but unfortunately, I couldn't find any suitable gifts for my relatives.

At the end of the day, we bought some food at Tesco for the long journey back home. We had another eventful day, which I really cherished.

When we arrived back at our host family's house, we enjoyed our final dinner together before sitting down to watch the England–Argentina football match. After the match, we went to bed fairly early, knowing that the following day would be a long and tiring one.

(Sleepy Boys, Ács Bence)

## Day 6 - July 16th (Brussels)

After our wonderful stay in England, we had to leave the British Isles. In the morning, our bus departed at 7:15 a.m. We travelled to Dover to catch the ferry, and the crossing took about an hour and a half.

We had a full English breakfast on the ferry, and it was delicious. Soon afterwards, we arrived in Calais.

After a long drive and a short break, we reached Brussels, where we spent a couple of hours.

We saw the cathedral and the Manneken Pis, and we also tried some waffles. They were really good but rather overpriced. By the time we had finished sightseeing, we were all very tired, so we headed to the hostel.

(Lengyel Bori, Michaletzky Emma, Csákvári Enikő; Holczmann József)

## Day 7 - July 17th (Arriving in Budapest)

The next day, we set off for Hungary and arrived at Népliget Bus Station on time, where we had started our fabulous trip just a week earlier.

I would like to thank my colleagues, Ms Ildikó Holczmann-né Fehér and Ms Diana Urbán, for accompanying the group.

I hope that next year we will have the opportunity to continue exploring England!

Ms Györgyike Kaszásné Katona

## Better to be a traveller than a tourist

Most of us, when we travel somewhere in our free time, just try to recharge our batteries, discover the local cultures and enjoy the freedom of time. Five-star hotels, eating out every dinner time and visiting all historical and popular places in the area. sound great, don't they?



It is easy to be a tourist: just enjoying the more comfortable class of traveling and hotels, pre-organized sightseeing by tourist offices, trying out fancy restaurants every night and taking more than one hundred photos. I strongly believe that everybody should be a tourist at least once a year, because we deserve a rest.



But as far as I'm concerned, the real value of traveling lies somewhere else. I don't agree when people equate tourists with travellers, because they are completely different things. It is hard to be a traveller: you must give up comfort, safety and help from others. Only one thing remains: the original adventure.

Most people believe that travelling is about the sights and beautiful sceneries, but it's just the tip of the iceberg. It's about you: before you start you can describe yourself by 10 points, but after around 7 trips, you can be given 25 points, because you'll know more about what you like and dislike or can and can't do. The organizing, the solving of problems, the experiences with local everyday cultures and cheap ways of sleeping in night buses or in the airport are influencing you. Abroad, nobody knows you, they don't speak your language and you don't have a history there: you're out of your everyday limits. What'll be your next move? Believe me, just one day or weekend in Athens, in Warsaw or in Stockholm could change your life, but don't forget that the changing starts inside. After these come the greatest memories, the most interesting situations and the power of adventure.





Béla Hamvas said that "You discover the world from home, and you discover yourself whilst travelling". Of course, it's cheaper than you think, just keep an eye out for budget tickets!

Ákos Gara (12D)

## Great student job possibilities in Budapest

The student job scene in Budapest is huge, and it is a super easy way to make money while studying. In Hungary, you usually look for work through student agencies called "iskolaszövetkezet". They offer totally flexible hours, so you can work around your school or university classes and exam periods.

Two of the best agencies to work with are Nebuló Meló and Apple PS Hostess. They offer very different, but really cool jobs across the city.

### Working at Concerts and Big Arenas

If you want to be where the action is, working at concerts is amazing. Through agencies like Nebuló Meló, you can get jobs at the biggest venues in Budapest.



- Puskás Aréna and MVM Dome: You can work at massive shows like the local rapper Pogány Induló or even global rock bands like Metallica. The jobs usually involve checking tickets, directing the crowd, or helping out backstage.
- Müpa and Vigadó: If you prefer a calmer environment, you can work as an usher at beautiful cultural places like Müpa or the Pesti Vigadó. It is more formal, but very relaxed.

### VIP Hospitality and Brand Promoting

If you like dressing up, meeting people, and working with top brands, hostess work with an agency like Apple PS Hostess is perfect.

- VIP Guest Guiding: Some jobs are high-end. For example, you can get the chance to escort UEFA Champions League VIP guests for Heineken. This means meeting guests at luxury hotels and guiding them safely to special lunch events.
- Brand Activations: You can also get jobs doing promo work in popular stores like Douglas. Your main goal there is to talk to customers, give out samples, and show off new perfumes or makeup brands.

There are so many hostess and student jobs in Budapest. It is one of the best ways to earn your own money, meet new friends, and see great events for free.

Viktória Pereszunyko (12A)

## AI and Art

Isn't AI art a form of art? - you may ask. In my humble opinion, it is absolutley not. Let's discuss it, shall we?

AI works with the information we provide and cannot create something completely new, it just shows us the most likely pixel combination that we want to see. So 'creating' an image is just gathering the already existing data on the internet and showing you mixed pictures from the keywords matching with the data it has.

(I'm not an IT expert, so this might not be completely how it works exactly, but you get the picture, don't you?)

So AI can't create complex geometric perspectives and gets wrong the fingers because it is more complicated than what AI can handle. The second is poetic in some ways. If you think about it, handprints on the wall of caves were the first art of humanity and fingers are the very thing you can detect whether a picture is AI generated or not.

Now let's think about what art is.

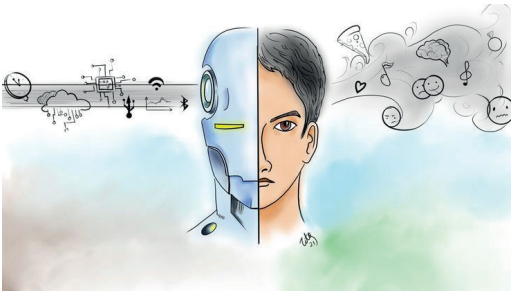
It is when you create something. And I believe sometimes it is not the final result that we are interested in, but the meaning behind it, and for the artists it's for the feeling of creating. It's all about emotions that you put in and what the viewers experience.

In a deeper level, art is not always about beauty but sometimes to disturb people and make them think or feel things that are unusual for them.

Art is philosophy, so it is not always meant to be likeable or easy to look at. Because in order to become a greater person you need to expand your sight, and see and recognise things you don't necessarily want to.

My intention is not to demonise AI generated pictures but to open people's eyes that it is not art and we should not treat it as one.

Enikő Szilágyi (12D)









A picture generated by AI

## What is a guitar exhibition like?

The Budapest Guitar Show took place at the MOM Sport Center on the 7th and 8th of November, 2026. This was the first show of its kind in the last eight years. It felt like a famous exhibition from a foreign country. It looked like a show from Mannheim or from Tokyo, but it was smaller.

There were world-class exhibitors, like Fender and Gibson, but there were smaller brands from Hungary as well, for example Fibenare, and besides the exhibitors there were amazing performers too. Although it was the first time they organized this show, they sold all 3,000 tickets, making it a success.

The point of the exhibition was that you could go there and try all the brands and guitars out to decide which to buy and which is the best for you. You could find all kinds of guitars, from electric to acoustic, and in all different price ranges. The atmosphere was amazing. Everybody who was holding a guitar was smiling. It was really great to see all those music-loving people gathering to have conversation about guitars and music gear. Although not everybody went home with a beautiful instrument in their hands, I really hope they found the guitar of their dreams.

Zsófia Sztanó (9nyD)




## Christmas Markets in Europe

The famous travel website **getyourguide.com** recommends the following Christmas markets to its readers:

- Prague (Czechia)
- Dresden (Germany)
- Bruges (Belgium)
- Gdansk (Poland)
- Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Valkenburg (Netherlands)
- Zurich (Switzerland)
- Vienna (Austria)



- Stockholm (Sweden)
- Strasbourg (France)
- Zagreb (Croatia)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Tallinn (Estonia)
- Roros (Norway)
- Budapest (Hungary)
- York (United Kingdom)

## My Favourite Gingerbread Recipe

INGREDIENTS for the dough:



- 760g flour
- 360g powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- spice blend for honey cakes
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 4 eggs
- 50g melted butter

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Knead the ingredients together and let them rest in the fridge for 1-2 hours.
2. Roll out the dough and cut shapes.
3. Before baking, mix one egg yolk with a tablespoon of milk and brush it onto the gingerbread cookies.
4. Butter the pan, bake at 180 degrees for 10-12 minutes, until golden brown.
5. Mix 1 egg white with 120g powdered sugar for the icing.
6. Once baked, decorate it with the icing, and enjoy it with a nice, cold mug of milk.

Merse Kun (9nyD)

## 1- Minute Lava Cake

INGREDIENTS:



- 3 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp sugar
- a pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 tbsp milk
- drop of vanilla extract
- 2 squares of chocolate

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the flour, cocoa powder, sugar and salt in your favourite mug.
2. Add the milk, oil and vanilla extract. Stir until smooth.
3. Place the chocolate squares in the middle of the batter.
4. Microwave for about 1 minute.
5. Let it cool, and enjoy :)

Aliz Zlinszky (11A)

## Honey Cream Cake (Mézes krémes)

INGREDIENTS :

Dough:

- 3 tablespoons of honey
- 200 g of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons of milk
- 1½ teaspoons of baking soda
- 600 g of flour

INGREDIENTS

Cream:

- 500 ml of milk
- 5 tablespoons of flour
- A little baking soda and vanilla sugar
- 250 g of butter
- 200 g of icing sugar

INSTRUCTIONS for the dough:

1. Heat the honey, sugar, eggs, milk and baking soda over steam.
2. Add the flour and mix well.
3. Divide the dough into 5 parts and let it rest for 30 minutes.
4. Roll out the dough into thin sheets.
5. Bake the sheets on the back of a baking tray. Grease the tray well before baking.
6. When a sheet is ready, carefully remove it from the tray with a knife while it is still warm. The sheets become hard very quickly

INSTRUCTIONS for the cream:

1. Cook the milk and flour together, stirring constantly, until the mixture becomes thick.
2. Add the vanilla sugar.
3. Let the mixture cool.
4. Beat the butter with the icing sugar until light and creamy.
5. Mix the cooled milk mixture with the butter cream.



Assembling the cake:

1. Spread jam on one of the cake layers and then add the cream between the layers.

Hédi Jakócs (9nyD)

# CHRISTMAS SONGS

Once December arrives, Christmas music becomes inescapable in our daily life. You can hear the familiar tunes on the radio, in shops, cafes, and bustling holiday markets. But have you ever wondered what they are singing about? Check out the lyrics of two popular songs of the season.

## Rocking around the Christmas tree

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
At the Christmas party hop.
Mistletoe hung where you can see,
Every couple tries to stop.

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
Let the Christmas spirit ring.
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie,
And we'll do some caroling.

You will get a sentimental
Feeling when you hear,
Voices singing, "Let's be jolly,
Deck the halls with boughs of holly!"

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
Have a happy holiday.
Everyone dancing merrily,
In the new old-fashioned way.

You will get a sentimental
Feeling when you hear,
Voices singing, "Let's be jolly,
Deck the halls with boughs of holly!"

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
Have a happy holiday.
Everyone dancing merrily,
In the new old-fashioned way!

*(written by Johnny Marks,*
*sung by Brenda Lee - 1958)*



## The First Noel



The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the East, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew night to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee;
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

*(author unknown)*

I asked Mom about him. It was almost like a shadow flitted across her face. She suddenly stopped cleaning the plates, looked out the window, like he would appear in our garden to give her the answer. She always said he was her first love. She could remember sitting in his lap and joking around. He was a childhood friend, but they didn't grow up together. Mom was way younger and had that adorable, childish crush.

Today she told me how his smile is still etched in her mind. For even a short moment, it brings him back to life.

She even wrote poems about him. Prayed for his family from time to time. She even admitted being self-centric in those years and sometimes forgot about them. Although their grief, in some way, was hers.

Her sisters were somewhat angry. Mom understood but told me how she felt more sympathy towards him and couldn't wrap her mind around the fact that it could've been her a few years before. Then she got into the stories, and her eyes lit up. This way, he was laughing with us.

Mom never forgot her first love. A childhood friend, she always said. I know that deep down, she felt like it was only the grace of God that kept her from becoming him.

Annamária Kiss (11B)

## CHECK OUT **the website of the English Department**

**angolmunkkoz.wordpress.com/**

**or go to**

**www.szmg.hu**

click on the "Tanulás" tab and the first option will be: "Munkaközösségek"
You can find the English department link as you scroll down. (next to the Shakespeare icon)

ANSWERS FOR THE TASK ON PAGE 17.

1. It's time we stopped wasting time and got down to work.
2. What time does your train get in? I'll meet you at the station.
3. I've missed so many lessons that I'm really getting behind with my schoolwork.
4. We don't earn much, but we manage to get by on the money we have.
5. How did you get into the university's basketball team? Was there a selection process?
6. I don't know how you get on with your noisy neighbours. They're so loud!
7. We were lucky to get on the bus just before it left.
8. She has always wanted to get into photography, but she has never had enough time.
9. After several weeks of procrastination, he finally got down to writing his essay.
10. I don't think I can get by without my laptop. I use it for practically everything.

# Phrasal verbs with GET 2.

Phrasal verbs are extremely common in everyday English, both in spoken and written language. Native speakers use them frequently, and understanding them is essential for effective communication in various contexts. Now we are going to continue the list of phrasal verbs with some more forms of GET, one of the most common verbs.

GET BEHIND: To fail to do as much work or pay as much money as you should by a particular time: *The tenants got behind with their monthly rent, so they were evicted.*

To support somebody or something

*If the top management team doesn't get behind this project, it's never going to work.*

GET BY: To have just enough of something to be able to do the things you need to do

*He gets by on only 100 euros a week.*

GET DOWN: To make someone feel unhappy (informal)

*Her illness gets her down.*

GET DOWN TO: To start doing something that needs time or energy

*It's time to get down to some work.*

GET IN: To be allowed to or be able to go into a place

*I applied to college but I didn't get in.*

To arrive at your home or work

*What time did you get in last night?*

If a train or other vehicle gets in at a particular time, that is when it arrives:

*What time is the plane expected to get in?*

GET IN ON: To become involved in something that other people are doing

*A Chinese company tried to get in on the deal.*

GET INTO: To gain acceptance into a school, university, team, organization, or political office.

*Jamie got into Princeton.*

To start a hobby, interest, or career *How did you get into journalism?*

GET OFF: To leave transport or a surface: Exit a bus, train, plane, bike,

*He got off the train at Paddington Station.*

To leave work: finish a shift or leave work with permission

*What time do you get off work today?*

To avoid severe punishment:.

*He got off lightly.*

To to send a letter or parcel to someone

*I got that letter off this morning.*

GET ON: To have a friendly relationship *Jen doens't get on with her co-worker.*

To manage or deal with a situation, especially successfully H*ow are you getting on?*

To continue doing something, especially work *I need to get on.*

To board a bus, train, aircraft, or boat *I think we got on the wrong bus.*

## Practice

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT PREPOSITION.

1. It's time we stopped wasting time and got _____ work.
2. What time does your train get _____? I'll meet you at the station.
3. I've missed so many lessons that I'm really getting _____ with my schoolwork.
4. We don't earn much, but we manage to get _____ on the money we have.
5. How did you get _____ the university's basketball team? Was there a selection process?
6. I don't know how you get _____ with your noisy neighbours. They're so loud!
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10. I don't think I can get _____ without my laptop. I use it for practically everything.

**See the correct answers on page 15.**

*Anita Máté*

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| Christmas 2018: | Articles |
| Spring 2019: | Reported Speech |
| Autumn 2019: | Open cloze tests |
| Christmas 2019: | Cloze tests |
| Autumn 2020: | Participle clauses |
| February 2021: | Used to / Be used to |
| June 2021: | Inversion |
| Autumn 2021: | Words often confused 1. |
| Christmas 2021: | Words often confused 2. |
| May 2022: | Question tags |
| November 2022: | Cleft sentences |
| Spring 2023: | Clauses of contrast |
| Summer 2023: | Clauses of purpose |
| Autumn 2023: | Phrasal verbs: Take 1. |
| Spring 2024: | Phrasal verbs: Take 2. |
| June 2024: | Phrasal verbs: Set |
| Autumn 2024: | Phrasal verbs: Put 1. |
| Spring 2025: | Phrasal verbs: Put 2. |
| June 2025: | Phrasal verbs: Bring |
| Autumn 2025: | Phrasal verbs: Give |
| Spring 2026: | Phrasal verbs: Look |
| Summer 2026: | Phrasal verbs: Get 1 |

## Speaking Topics

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|---|---|
| February 2015: | Cinema and Theatre |
| May 2015: | Health and Illnesses |
| December 2015: | Work |
| February 2016: | Home |
| May 2016: | Travelling |
| Autumn 2016: | Environment |
| Christmas 2016: | Holidays and Celebrations |
| March 2017: | Economy |
| Autumn 2017: | Reading |
| Christmas 2017: | Family |
| March 2018: | Crime |
| June 2018: | Technology |
| Autumn 2018: | Education |
| Christmas 2018: | Hobbies |
| Spring 2019: | Food, Cooking, Eating Out |
| Autumn 2019: | Music |
| Christmas 2019: | Clothes and Fashion |
| Autumn 2020: | Sport |
| February 2021: | Describing people |
| June 2021: | Going on holiday |
| Autumn 2021: | Public transport |
| Christmas 2021: | Christmas |
| May 2022: | Animals |
| November 2022: | Hungary |
| Spring 2023: | Weather |
| Summer 2023: | Art |
| Autumn 2023: | History and Politics |
| Spring 2024: | The United States |
| June 2024: | Money |
| Autumn 2024: | Plants and Nature |
| Spring 2025: | Ireland |
| June 2025: | Christianity |
| Autumn 2025: | Health |
| Spring 2026: | Work 2. |
| Summer 2026: | Shopping and services |

# Films

## Film genres

action film - akciófilm
adventure film - kalandfilm
animated film - animációs film
comedy - vígjáték
romantic comedy (rom-com) -romantikus vígjáték
crime film - bűnügyi film
detective film - detektívfilm
documentary - dokumentumfilm
drama - dráma
historical film - történelmi film
horror film - horrorfilm
musical - zenés film
science-fiction film (sci-fi) - sci-fi film
fantasy film
thriller - thriller, izgalmas bűnügyi film
war film - háborús film
western - western (vadnyugati) film
biographical film (biopic) - életrajzi film
disaster film - katasztrófafilm
psychological thriller - pszichológiai thriller
period drama - kosztümös történelmi dráma
coming-of-age film - felnőtté válásról szóló film

## People involved

director - rendező
producer - producer, filmproducer
screenwriter - forgatókönyvíró
scriptwriter - forgatókönyvíró
cinematographer - operatőr
cameraman/camera operator - kameraman, operatőr
editor - vágó
actor / actress - színész / színésznő
cast - szereplőgárda
leading actor / actress - főszereplő (férfi/nő)
supporting actor - mellékszereplő
stunt performer - kaszkadőr
costume designer - jelmeztervező
make-up artist - maszkmester, sminkes
special effects artist -speciális effektusok készítője
casting director - szereplőválogatásért felelős szakember
film critic - filmkritikus
extra / background actor - statiszta
voice actor - szinkronszínész

## Film elements

plot - cselekmény
storyline - történetvezetés
script - forgatókönyv
screenplay - forgatókönyv
dialogue - párbeszéd
scene - jelenet
sequence - jelenetsor
opening scene - nyitójelenet
ending - befejezés
twist ending - váratlan fordulatot tartogató befejezés
soundtrack - filmzene, film zenei anyaga
score - eredeti filmzene
background music - háttérzene
special effects - speciális effektusok
visual effects (VFX) - vizuális effektusok
subtitles - feliratok
dubbing -szinkronizálás
voice-over - narráció, alámondás
flashback - visszatekintés
cliffhanger - függőben hagyott, izgalmas befejezés
sequel - folytatás
prequel - előzményfilm
remake - újrafeldolgozás
adaptation -adaptáció, filmfeldolgozás
trailer - előzetes
film location - forgatási helyszín

## Adjectives describing films

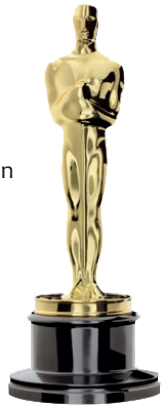
gripping - lebilincselő
captivating - magával ragadó
compelling - meggyőző, lebilincselő
thought-provoking - elgondolkodtató
moving - megható
touching - megindító
heart-breaking - szívszorító
hilarious - rendkívül vicces
entertaining - szórakoztató
predictable - kiszámítható
far-fetched - életszerűtlen, erőltetett
confusing - zavaros
dull - unalmas
boring - unalmas

disappointing - csalódást keltő
outstanding - kiemelkedő
convincing - meggyőző, hiteles
realistic - valósághű
unrealistic - valószerűtlen
spectacular - látványos
fast-paced - gyors tempójú
slow-paced - lassú tempójú
suspenseful - feszültséggel teli
controversial - ellentmondásos
overrated - túlértékelt
underrated - alulértékelt

## Film related expressions for reviews



be based on a true story - igaz történeten alapul
be set in the 19th century - a 19. században játszódik
play the lead role - főszerepet játszik
play the role of - eljátssza valakinek a szerepét
steal the show - ellopja a show-t, mindenki figyelmét magára vonja
bring a character to life - életre kelt egy karaktert
keep the audience on the edge of their seats - izgalomban tartja a közönséget
have a happy ending - happy enddel végződik
receive critical acclaim - elnyeri a kritikusok elismerését
win an award - díjat nyer
be nominated for an Oscar - Oscar-díjra jelölik
be worth watching - érdemes megnézni
leave a lasting impression - maradandó benyomást tesz
appeal to a wide audience - széles közönség tetszését nyeri el
be a box-office hit / flop- kasszasiker / bukás
be a must-see - feltétlenül érdemes megnézni
binge-watch a series - sorozatot darál, több részt megnéz egymás után
character development - a szereplők jellemfejlődése
character portrayal - a szereplő megformálása
narrative structure - narratív szerkezet
cinematography - operatőri munka, fényképezés
acting performance - színészi alakítás
emotional depth - érzelmi mélység
underlying message - mögöttes üzenet
moral dilemma - erkölcsi dilemma
plot hole - logikai hiba a cselekményben
social commentary - társadalomkritika
cultural reference - kulturális utalás
authentic portrayal - hiteles ábrázolás
commercial success - üzleti siker





The film revolves around ...
The story follows ...
The film explores the theme of ...
What makes this film particularly interesting is ...
The acting is absolutely outstanding.
The film fails to live up to expectations.
Despite its slow beginning, ...
I would highly recommend it to anyone who ...

## A Interview

- What kind of films do you like watching?
- Would you be an extra in a movie? Why? Why not?
- What do you know about the Academy Awards?
- What are the characteristics of Hollywood films?
- What was the last film that you saw? What did you think of it?
- How has film making changed in the last 100 years?
- What are the challenges actors face?
- Do you prefer watching foreign films dubbed or with subtitles?
- What improvements in special effects have you noticed since you began watching movies?
- How do you think that movies will change in the future?
- Do you think that there are any topics that there should be more movies about?
- If you could take part in a movie project, what role would you like to play?
- Would you like to be an actor, the director, the producer, the camera operator, make-up person, musician, film editor, support crew?

## B Situation - Going to the cinema

You an your friend would like to see a film. Discuss:

- which film you would like to see
- when
- where
- what you would do after the movie

## C Debate

Read the following statement. Give your opinion and argue for or against the proposition. React to the counter-arguments too.

"Horror movies should be banned for promoting violence."

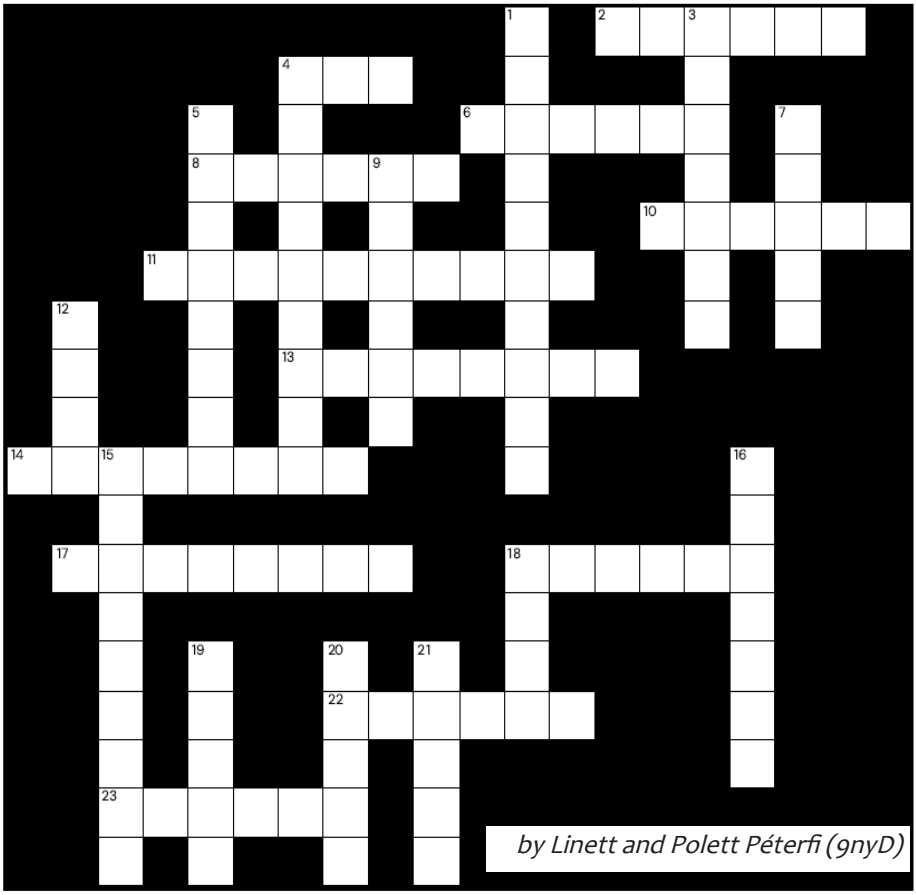
## D Picture based discussion - Watching a film

These two pictures show two different ways of watching a film. Compare and contrast them including the following points:

- atmosphere
- costs
- film selection
- viewing experience








ACROSS

2. Soft, round red fruit, often used in salads
4. A small animal that can fly at night
6. Its chemical symbol is Ag
8. Fruit or colour
10. Like Harry Potter
11. A book that explains the meanings of words
13. When you can relax and have fun
14. You use it when it's raining
17. The title of a news article, printed in large letters
18. Informal talk about other people
22. Gives light
23. An animal with eight legs

DOWN

1. You study here after high school
3. Follows the night
4. Something that looks very nice or pretty
5. Friendly and enjoying spending time with other people
7. The area around Earth
9. Pull it into your hand in the cold
12. Not cold
15. First meal of the day
16. Liked or enjoyed by many people
18. Not a boy
19. The body part you think with
20. Wrap it around your neck
21. Feeling mad or upset

What's orange and sound like a parrot? A carrot.

I told a chemistry joke. There was no reaction.

I don't Trust stairs. They're always up to something.

My bed and I are perfect for each other, but my alarm clock keeps trying to break us up.

I told my therapist I feel invisible. He said, "Who said that?"

What did one wall say to the other? I'll meet you at the corner.

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.

My bank account is like an onion. Looking at it makes me cry.

compiled by Emma Illy and Kinga Németh (9nyD)

## Winter Jokes

What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
A snowball!

Why was the snowman rummaging through the bag of carrots?
He was picking his nose.

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers.

What does a gingerbread man put on his bed? A cookie sheet!

What sort of cakes do snowmen like?
Any cake with lots of icing.

Where do snowmen love to dance?
At a snowball.

What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?
Lost.

What do you call a snowman temper tantrum? A meltdown.

What does December have that no other month does? The letter D.

My favorite winter sport? Avoiding people until spring.

I'm not saying it's cold, but my coffee needed a jacket.

What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle.

(classpop.com)

## Dad Jokes

I ordered a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know which comes first.

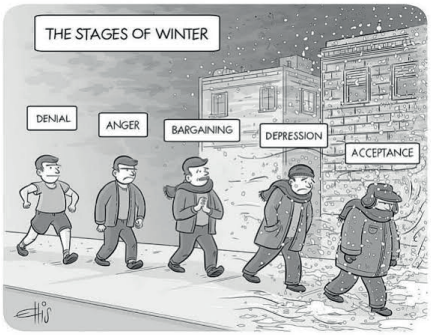
What do you call a dog that can do magic tricks? A l-abracadabra-dor.

Why did the coffee taste like mud?
It was ground just minutes ago.

I just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster. But if anything, it made him more sluggish.

What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college? Bison.



# Ice rinks in Budapest

If you want to have some fun and go ice skating, the following ice rinks won't disappoint you.

- **Városligeti Műjégpálya** (opened on November 20th)
- **Csepeli Jégpark** (400 meter ice trail with a 3.5% slope with a light tunnel)
- **Óbuda Fő tér** (free)
- **Óbuda Békásmegyeri Piac** (free)
- **Bókay-kert** (18th district)
- **Józsefváros Horváth Mihály tér** (300 $m^2$ ice)
- **Budapest Park KoriPark** (2000 $m^2$ ice)
- **Zugló M130 Sportközpont** (450 $m^2$ ice)
- **Zugló Bosnyák tér** (276 $m^2$ ice)
- **Újpest Szent István tér** (400 $m^2$ ice)
- **Budai Jégpálya Jégkert (Széna tér)**
- **Hello Buda (Törökvészi út)**
- **Római part (Miamor Rómaim)**
- **Belváros Városháza Park**
- **Újbuda Bikás Park** (from December 4th)






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