



# English Corner



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## 1. Stonehenge



Stonehenge is a prehistoric stone circle monument, cemetery and archaeological site located on Salisbury Plain. Though there isn't definite evidence as to the intended purpose of Stonehenge, it was probably a religious site and expression of the wealth and power of aristocrats and priests who had built it. It was possibly used to observe the Sun and Moon. Or maybe the site was used as a healing centre. Some people also say that Stonehenge was dedicated to the world of the ancestors, separated from the world of the living. Stonehenge was built in six stages between 3000 and 1520 years before the common era. The first monument was an early henge, built about 5000 years ago. Since 1986 Stonehenge has been a UNESCO world heritage site.

Author: Franciszek Bania

## 2. Percy Jackson

Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan

What is it about?

The series is about demigods in America who meet gods and monsters from ancient Greek mythology. The main character is Percy Jackson and he is the son of Poseidon. He and his friends are fighting with monsters to stop the summoning of Krono, the titan of time.

What book should I read first?

Percy Jackson the Olympians is a five book series.

The titles of the books are:

1. The lightning thief
2. The sea of monsters
3. The titans curse
4. The battle of the labyrinth
5. The last olympian

Why I like these books so much?

I like this series because it combines Greek mythology with modern times. It's also one of the first series I read for pleasure, it's interesting and funny and it's a real page-turner. I really recommend it to everyone.

Author: Stanislaw Van Holm

### 3. Can you understand people's feelings?

*A few words about empathy*



The modern world is very fast and sometimes crazy. Parents spend long hours at work to earn for a better living. Their children have a lot of learning and very often they forget about other people's emotions. They are focused on themselves, their needs and expectations. Is there any chance to stop for a while and look at peers around?

Are we empathetic and what does empathy really mean? It is worth underlining that empathy is the ability to understand and respect feelings of the others. What is more, if you want to have good relations with people, you have to take into consideration also their point of view! Not only yours! It helps to work in a team, builds long-term relations and gives support.

Being empathetic means that you can dedicate your time and engagement if you see that there are people abroad you who feel not so good because of many reasons. Empathy means putting yourself in other's shoes and it can better help you what they really feel. People are not the same, they have different feeling and their sensitivity levels are also different.

If you know that you want to change something start the changes from yourself. Change your thoughts and notice people around you. Remember that you will never change the whole world but you can always change the whole world of one person!

Author: Pola Smulska

### 4. The Holiday – a film review

Recently at English lesson I watched a beautiful film called "The Holiday". This is a wonderful film about two women who switched houses with each other for the Christmas holidays to cut off for a moment from their world of unhappy loves. During this holiday, both women met their true loves and ended their false ones. I watched this video at English lesson to see the difference in the pronunciation of British and American English due to the accents of the main characters. One was from the UK and the other from the USA. But overall, the movie was very cool, emotional and above all very funny. I recommend you to watch this movie.

Author: Jakub Rudnicki

## 5. The Holiday – a film review

I wanted to recommend you a movie that I watched with my class in English lesson to learn the difference in the pronunciation of the same words by American and British English. I liked the movie very much and I think the difference in pronunciation is very big here. This is an American romantic comedy about two young women who switch houses for Christmas time. The film was recorded in 2006, but though the fact that it is not a new film, the story is very interesting.



the Holiday

Author: Marta Maciejak

## 6. My winter holidays

My winter break I spent with my family and friends.

During the first week I went with my grandmas and my brother to Kaszuby. We spent a lot of time playing games and once we made sushi. The next week I flew to Madera with my family and friends - Zosia and Róża and their mum. We visited a big waterfall, Funchal - Madeira's biggest city and its wonderful botanic garden. We were hiking in the mountains. Every evening we swam in the pool next to our house.

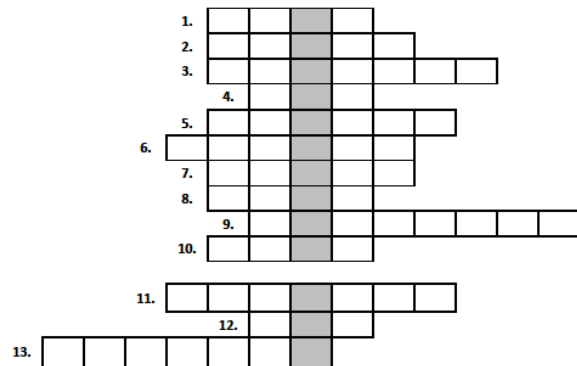
We had a lot of fun, and I can say it was the best holiday ever.



Author: Emilia Kubicka

## 7. Valentine's Day

### Valentine crossword



1. "Miłość" in English.
2. It is the guiding sign of love.
3. Sweet, on the stick.
4. The color of love.
5. The coldest season in Poland.
6. A love letter.
7. The color of winter.
8. Five + four=...
9. The second month of the year.
10. A symbol of love.
11. You put them on the birthday cake.
12. Probably black .... brings bad luck.
13. Second day of the week.

## 8. Winter vocabulary - task

### WINTER



SNOWBALL



SNOWFLAKE



SKIING



SNOWMAN



SNOWBOARDING



SLEDDING



SNOW



SKATING