

## ENGLISH CULTURE

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England is the southern part of Great Britain and is the largest country in the UK. The capital of England is London, which is also the capital city of the UK. It stands on the River Thames. The official language is English.



St. George's Cross is the national flag of England, and the red rose is the national symbol.



You can find sausages, bacon, eggs, fried bread, beans, and black pudding in an English breakfast.



Many people drink several cups of tea every day, usually with milk. Tea time is usually at 5 pm.



The most popular sports in England are football, rugby and cricket.



English people love music. In summer you can go to music festivals such as Glastonbury and Reading.



International English groups and singers are the Beatles, Coldplay, One Direction, Ed Sheeran and Adele.

Portsmouth is in the south east of England. It was a very important naval port for centuries. HMS Warrior and the Spinnaker Tower are two of the Portsmouth's main attractions.



Three famous cities in the UK

**Manchester**  
This city is 260 km northwest of London. It has two famous football teams: Manchester United and Manchester City.



**Liverpool**  
It is located in the north west of the country. Liverpool was the port of registry of the RMS Titanic, which sank in the Atlantic ocean in 1912. It's most famous as the birthplace of the Beatles.

**Cambridge and Oxford**  
They are the most famous university cities in England. The University and its colleges are well known for moving competitors.



**Brighton**  
It is situated on the southern coast of England. In the 18th, King George III constructed the Royal Pavilion to be his seaside resort.



Write true or false.

- England is in the north part of Great Britain.
- London is the capital of England and of the UK.
- English breakfast includes egg, beans and fried bread among others.

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English people prefer to have fuzzy drinks at 5 pm.

Glastonbury is one famous music group of England. **false**

Rugby and cricket are not played by English people. **false**

**Match.**

River Thames	Seaside town of an ancient King
Titanic	A famous English lord
Royal Pavilion	The national symbol of the country
Red Rose	English transatlantic that sank in the sea
One Direction	A stream of water that goes through the capital of England

**Complete the following sentences with the words given.**

Crust	teams	sausages	English
Leeds	tea	tourists	Spinnaker Tower

- Leeds** is the place where a famous music festival in summer take place.
- A lot of **tourist** usually go to this city and enjoy their time there.
- English people take **tea** with milk in the afternoon, but in there are **sausages** and eggs in their breakfast.
- Manchester United is a famous football **team**.
- English** is the language they speak in England.
- St George's **cross** is the national flag of England.
- You can find the attraction **Spinnaker Tower** in the city of Portsmouth.

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### IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS

**Blind date:** A date where the two people have never met before but **bring with** to have a good relationship with someone.

**Kick the bucket:** Die.

**Outblast:** a words or a strange person.

**Quick with responses:** A quick and automatic response.

**Bring in there:** Don't give up. Pull yourself together. Carry down as far as good. Things are going well so far.

**Down-to-earth:** sensible and realistic.

**Comedy killed the cat:** Being too curious can get you into trouble.

**It's over:** The show has come to an end. It's all over.

**Lead stone:** The first problem in a series of problems.

**As close as the eye:** to be exceptionally close to someone.

**Blow grass:** hard physical effort.

**Party winks:** a short nap.

**Smart as a whip:** someone who is very funny.

**Old as the hills:** some who is very old.

**On the edge:** To have some unhappiness with your life for great. Available for anyone.

**Light hearted:** Agree or worry about small details.

**Round the bend:** Crazy, insane.

**See eye to eye:** to concure, agree.

**Break a leg:** Good luck.

**Ball in your court:** It is up to you to make the next decision or step.

**Backing up the wrong tree:** Looking in the wrong place.

**Be glad to see the back of:** Be happy when a person leaves.

**Against the clock:** Rushed and short on time.

**Don't judge a book by its cover:** Don't judge something primarily by its appearance.

**The tea for:** Due to.

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**Fill in the blanks with the idiomatic expressions above (don't forget to conjugate verbs if necessary).**

- As soon as Aubrey saw the new puppy that her parents had bought for her birthday she **fell in love** with it.
- Our parents taught us to **bring with** before getting dressed and brushing our teeth.
- "I wouldn't **comedy killed the cat** the teacher taking your homework late. She never accepts late work."
- Bruce eventually **it's over** the death of his wife.
- "That party kept me awake all night last night!" Heather complained.
- "Really? I didn't hear a thing. I was **party winks**," said Will.

Three written options

- 1 After Leslie finished baking the cookies, the kids ate all of them in a heartbeat
- 2 "Where have you been, young lady?" Mary's mom yelled at her. "You were supposed to be home an hour ago! You're so out of sync now!"
- 3 The party was no longer a surprise, because one of Matt's friends let the cat out of the bag about it to him the day before.
- 4 She wanted to go to bed early, but she was up to her ears with homework.
- 5 "Can we drop the subject?" Erin said. "I really don't feel like talking about this right now."

2 Match the following idiomatic expressions to their meanings:

sth - something / s.o. - someone

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| 1. to bank on (sth/s.o.) <u>E</u>       | a. in trouble, in a difficult situation  |
| 2. dead to the world <u>F</u>           | b. very busy, overwhelmed with work  |
| 3. in hot water <u>G</u>                | c. to tell a secret  |
| 4. to come to terms with (sth) <u>H</u> | d. to stop talking/discussing sth  |
| 5. drop the subject <u>D</u>            | e. to rely or depend on sth/s.o., to expect sth/s.o.   |
| 6. to fall in love <u>J</u>             | f. sleeping deeply   |
| 7. swamped <u>B</u>                     | g. very quickly  |
| 8. in the blink of an eye <u>I</u>      | h. to slowly accept a real situation   |
| 9. to make (s.o.'s) bed <u>A</u>        | i. to begin to feel attracted to s.o./sth; to begin to love s.o.   |
| 10. to spill the beans <u>C</u>         | j. to rearrange the covers, pillows, and blankets on a bed to the condition it was in before it was used |

3 Write the meaning of each idiom given below

- a) A picture paints a thousand words one image can convey a story
- b) Apple of my eye someone you cherish above all others
- c) Back seat driver someone who gives unwanted advice
- d) Back to the basics to return to a simpler way of doing something
- e) Bad hair day a day on which everything seems to go wrong
- f) Back to square one to start again but worse didn't work
- g) Ball and chain something that limits one's freedom or ability to do
- h) Beeswax do not interfere in someone else's affairs
- i) Big Apple USA nickname for New York City
- j) Blind leading the blind someone who will be blind too, lack something

# TENSE REVIEW



Fill in the blanks with a suitable form of the verb.

present simple  
present continuous

past simple  
past continuous

present perfect  
present perfect continuous

1. Andy is tired because he works (WORK) 7 days a week.
2. By 1981 most of the Britain's old colonies became (BECOME) independent.
3. David broke his leg when he was skiing (SKI) last week.
4. Have you had (HAVE) a nice time in Rome during your last holiday?
5. Have you finished (FINISH) your homework yet?
6. He has worked (WORK) at his computer for the last 6 hours.
7. For how long have she had (HAVE) her car?
8. How many people died (DIE) in the fire yesterday?
9. I don't know (NOT KNOW) much about art, but I like some artists.
10. I waited (WAIT) for ages. At last, the bus arrived.
11. I received (RECEIVE) a postcard from Jane yesterday.
12. Tom and Sam will play (play) soccer next Sunday.
13. I have never been (NEVER/BE) sailing. What is it like?
14. She has been riding (RIDE) her bike in the park at the moment.
15. It was raining (RAIN) when I got up.
16. Janet started (START) a new job (on 22 September).
17. Nelly has been having (HAVE) a great time in N.Y. at the moment.
18. She was cooking dinner when we arrived (ARRIVE).
19. She will come back (COME BACK) from the cruise in a week.
20. My friends will be (BE) free for most of the evening.
21. The children were tired because they swam (SWIM) all afternoon.
22. We usually spend (USUALLY/SPEND) Xmas with grandma.
23. He doesn't like (NOT LIKE) carrots.
24. Did you visit (VISIT) Alice yesterday?
25. Will Luis come (COME) to the party tonight?
26. Does your mom usually pick (USUALLY/PICK) you up?