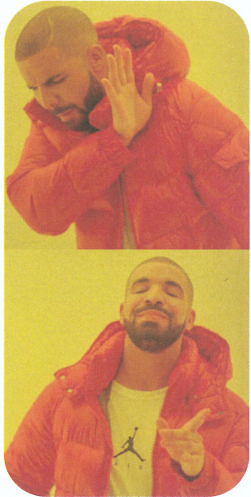


Learning English through...

While many of us learn English from lessons every day, have you thought of other ways to do the job, but in a more fun way? This issue of Flamma introduces some simple ideas to you!

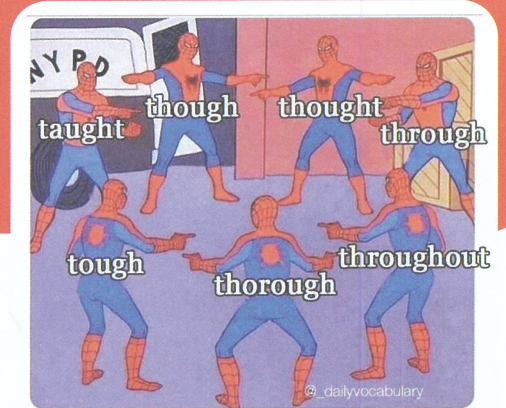
Meme and me - Aeron



Memes are a sensation on the Internet. Some memes are relatable and funny, but do you know that memes are good ways for learning English too? Let's take The Drake meme and the Spiderman meme as examples.

The Drake meme originates in a Youtube video named "Hotline Bling" from the Canadian singer Drake. Somewhere in the music video (1:18-1:20), he did the rejection and the pointing pose. People started making memes about it. They made a template so that there can be a lot of creativity in the meme. People can make short and simple jokes to convey the message, so it is easy to understand. If you don't know the words, you can always use the dictionary to check the meanings of the word.

Another meme is the Spiderman meme, specifically the finger pointing meme. It originated from the cartoon in the 60's. In



one of the episodes, Spiderman confronts a criminal who's been impersonating him, leading to the two pointing at each other. This has become a sensational meme on the Internet. Lots of people use this meme on relatable situations. But one meme in particular, has 7 spidermen pointing at each other with 7 similar words on them as shown in the photo. This is also another way to learn English, using similar words (synonyms) to teach the definition of each one.

Using memes to learn English is a very effective way to learn as it's funny and relatable. Personally, I learnt English through memes and analyst videos on YouTube. Hope that you guys use memes to learn English too, it's fun.

The Game Changers for your English?

- Andre

Game: Cleverbot

Have you ever tried playing a game that can help you learn English? If not, I would like to recommend Cleverbot to you. Cleverbot.com is a website which you can access using your mobile phone, tablet, computer and so on. Inside the website, you can talk and interact with an arrogant robot named Cleverbot. You can talk to it 24/7 using English. I am sure that it will help improve your English writing skills. If you have a mic, you can also speak English with Cleverbot! It will surely improve your oral skills. You won't be embarrassed even if you make a mistake, as it's not even a real person. Test how clever this Cleverbot is!



Game: Roblox

Besides Cleverbot, online games can also help you improve your English. I am going to talk about the well-known game called Roblox. Roblox is an online game which you can play with your friends or even other people. It's an international game. Therefore, you will be able to interact with foreign players too. You can chat with them in game or even voice chat with them! But of course, plan your time well so you don't forget your school work or use it as an excuse to not do your homework!

The Multiverse in Theatres - Edward

Hey there! Have you seen the movie "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" yet? This movie is known to be Spider-Man: No way home's Part 2, since both are related to the "Multiverse" and this matches Doctor Strange's movie title pretty much. It seems that Doctor Strange and his team cannot handle the threat that's approaching them. It was also rumoured that various unexpected heroes and villains would be in this film. Do you think this rumour is true after you've seen the movie?

The MCU fans must be satisfied with Scarlet Witch because she can finally show off her true powers for the first time, since she never really played a major role in other Marvel movies before. It gave fans a better understanding of Scarlet Witch, but fans are also disappointed with the movie since they thought that the CGI wasn't as good as the previous Marvel movies. Besides, many fans weren't happy about the delay of the movie. Do you think these would make the movie less attractive in general?

Anyways, some people do not understand some of the scenes in English movies. I recommend reading the keywords of the subtitles because the subtitles change so fast and you probably won't have the time to read the whole sentence, but you can get what it means just by reading the keywords. So far, I see that a lot of movies use plenty of advanced vocabulary and how the characters act in the movie often tells you the meaning of the word so watching movies is surely a great way to expand your vocabulary bank. Are you excited about this movie as well? Share your opinion with your friends!



Slangs as your friends - Harry

These days, we always use different slangs from the Internet, so how many slangs do you really know? Here are some common slangs that people usually use online. It is time to learn or even apply these words to our daily speech!

1. Gucci - Good, cool, or going well

The better way to say something cool to Gen Z is "Gucci." You could also say "it's Gucci" or "sounds Gucci" to mean that something is going well or okay. We can also say "I'm Gucci", which means "I'm good" or "I'm doing well". The term comes from the Italian Gucci designer brand, which specializes in luxury fashion items, such as handbags, shoes, and jewellery. Maybe people want to say that they are as good as the brand when they are using the word!

2. Squad - A group of friends that hang out together regularly

Your squad is your gang of close friends. A squad can also refer to a group of people with similar goals or interests. We often hear the word in movies, like the name of the DC movie "Suicide Squad". Do you have your squad?

3. GOAT - "Greatest of All Time"

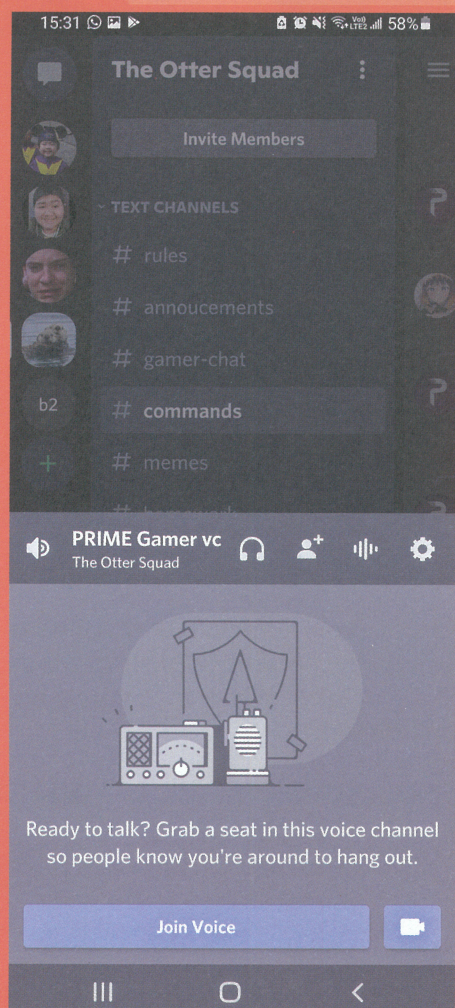
This is not the type of goat you are thinking of. Not many people or things can be the G.O.A.T., but those who can are the Greatest Of All Time in their field. Most often, the acronym G.O.A.T. praises exceptional athletes, musicians and other public figures. On social media, it's common to see the goat emoji in punning relation to the acronym.

These are the few slangs I want to teach you guys. I hope maybe someday when you are talking to some foreigners or friends, you can use these slangs to make the conversation friendly and Gucci too!



Campus corner

How the editorial board "enjoyed" our special holiday...



When you have friends who can chat with



Long live friendship



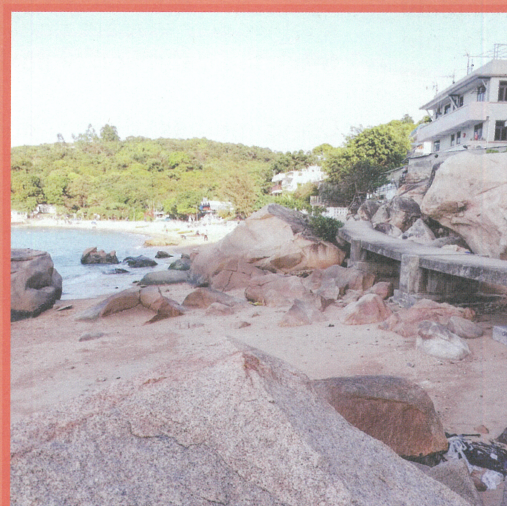
When I try to look for fun at home



When you need to clean out the past and pack up the present



What you do when you have your eyes opened and closed



When I wanted to be adventurous



Where to go when gym rooms are closed



When you thought it was a holiday

Our students' after-school favourites - Alvin

Most of us spent a lot of time on video games and despised our studying during COVID-19. Eventually, you would get bored with video games. Are you still looking for other activities to do? Here is some advice!

I personally think that the best way to consume time is to learn new skills. Currently, it is really restrictive for us to do something we like to do since the pandemic is not over yet. The Internet is gigantic, so we can google almost everything we want to know about. Learning a new skill will fit superbly to this situation. Learning a new skill also gives you a sense of accomplishment.

For me, I've learnt how to make chips using potatoes. It sounds very easy, but the fact is, when I want to make the chips crispy, and it could take me over 10 times. I'm probably bad at cooking but at least I tried.

The other thing that I've been doing is go running. Running is a low-risk activity during the pandemic. I often run at 4:30 pm from Quarry Bay Park and when I got to the Causeway Bay Shelter, it's usually about 5pm. So it doesn't actually take long to do this. I can also enjoy the sunset view during winter at that time. I sometimes post Instagram stories when I see a fried egg sneaking down behind the mountain. It is good for health and consumes time.

Overall, it's not only about online learning during the pandemic. If your life is just about online games, try something new like what I've mentioned. It really takes time, especially when you try to be good at it. It's simply like what you do in games but doing something offline has more potential and makes your life more meaningful than just playing a game over and over again!

Embarrassing things that happened to our teachers

- Samuel

Mr Tsang Chin Ting Timothy

Q: Do you have any embarrassing things that happened to you recently?
A: Someone hurt my toe.

Q: How did it happen?

A: On that day, I was in an elevator. A lady came inside, she stepped on my toe with her high heel, so I screamed loudly in the elevator. A few seconds later, when I looked around, I found that a girl was looking at me in a weird way.

Q: How were you after this happened?

A: It was more serious than I thought! That fractured my toe! See? →



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