

NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS KIRSTY

News & Info

Random Facts about the English Language

Since there are no events to report on for this month's Newsletter, here is a list of random 'English' facts you might find interesting.

1. "E" is the most common letter and appears in 11% of all English words.
2. About 4,000 words are added to the English dictionary every year.
3. "Go!" is the shortest grammatically correct sentence in English.
4. "Happy" is used three times more often than the word "sad".
5. 1 / 4 of the world's population speaks at least some English.
6. The most common adjective in English is "good".
7. The most common noun in English is "time".
8. The word "set" has the highest number of definitions.
9. Month, orange, silver, and purple do not rhyme with any other word.
10. English is the official language of 67 countries.
11. Over 80 % of the information stored on computers worldwide is in English.

source: blog.lingoda.com



VO'S Newest Graduate!

After one calendar year — 259 hours (over 36 days), 5 modules, 3 internships, 2 written exams, 1 oral presentation of her work, and a 40-page memoir — Kirsty graduated from the IAE Lyon School of Management's D.U. Coaching en Entreprise programme.

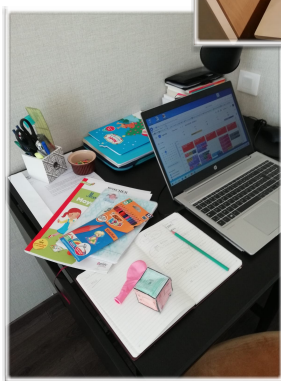
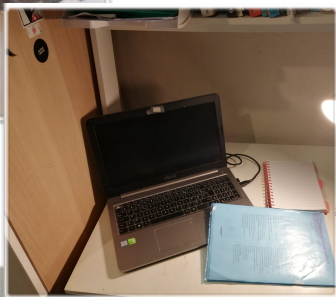
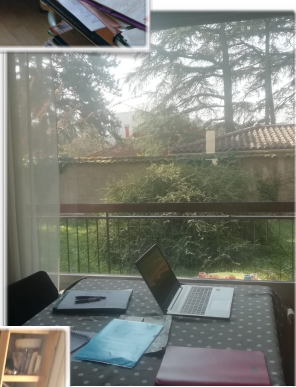
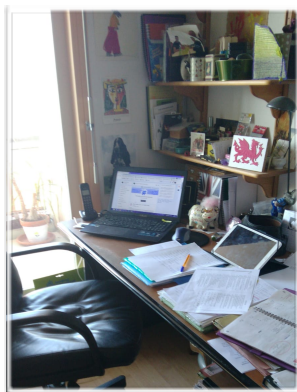
Congratulations, Kirsty, and good luck with this next step in your career.

Kirsty's graduation photo...



...bonus points to anyone who can actually find her!

VO Trainers @ Home



Can you guess which VO staff member works in each space?

Wife Carrying

Imagine being confined to your home for an undetermined period of time. You might find yourself looking for creative distractions to help you forget that you cannot go outside. If you have a strong back and a willing partner, why not give the “sport” of wife carrying a try?

Seriously?

Yes, wife carrying. The competition of wife carrying (although it's treated much more like festive celebration) all began, officially-speaking, in 1992 in the town of Sonkajärvi, Finland. But legend has it the “sport” began way back in the 19th Century.

Stories vary, but they all share a common thread — a Finnish robber and his gang well known for raiding nearby villages would take with them food and women, all of which would be thrown over the robbers' shoulders as they ran off.

The Rules of the Game

According to the International Wife Carrying Rules Committee, the wife to be carried must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 49 kilos. Any contestant weighing less will be given extra weight to carry, so that the total adds up to 49 kgs.

One interesting side note is that a participant does not need to be married in order to participate; he may carry his own wife, but it could also be a neighbour's wife, or someone else's completely. With due permission, of course.

The Race

Basically, the wives are carried through an obstacle course totalling 253.5 metres. Two dry obstacles and a one-metre deep water obstacle stand in the way of the participants crossing the finish line. The reward for the couple who finishes in the shortest time? The wife's weight in beer.

Aside from Finland, wife carrying competitions, are also held in North America, Germany, Australia, and the UK. You can find out more about wife carrying [here](#).

In the meantime, now you have another activity to integrate into your daily routine, should balcony ping-pong with the neighbour or singing out your window grow boring!