SERENDIPITY
ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES English!

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!



Are you a pessimist?

1 Vocabulary; opposite verbs

a Read and complete the chart with the opposite verbs.


arrive (early)


break (your glasses)



buy (a house)


find (your keys)



forget (a name)


lend (money to somebody)


miss (a train)


pass (an exam)


push (the door)



send (an email)


start (a race)


teach (English)


turn on (the TV)


win (a match)

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borrow (from sb)		lose	
catch		mend / repair	
fail		pull	
get/receive		remember	
learn		sell	
leave		stop / finish	
lose		turn off	

b Listen and check. 3.2

2 Grammar; will / won't



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a. Look at the cartoon. Say;
Which fish is an optimist? Why?
Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Why?

b. Complete the "A pessimist says" responses

He won't pay you back. They'll be late. You won't pass. You'll break your leg.

They'll lose. You won't understand a word. You won't find a parking space. It'll rain.

You say	A Pessimist says	An optimist says
We're having a party in the garden.		
I'm doing my driving test this afternoon.		
I'm having my first skiing lesson today.		
I've lent James some money.		
I'm going to see a film tonight in English.		
Our team are playing in the cup tonight.		
We're meeting Anna and Daniel at 7.00.		
We're going to drive to the city centre		

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c. Listen and check. Repeat the responses. 3.3
d. Do the phrases refer to the present or the future?
e. Now complete the “An optimist says” reponses.

3 Pronunciation

a. Listen and repeat 3.5

Listen and repeat the contractions. Copy the rhythm.

I'll	I'll be late	I'll be late for work.
You'll	You'll break	You'll break your leg.
She'll	She'll miss	She'll miss the train.
It'll	It'll rain	It'll rain tomorrow.
They'll	They'll fail	They'll fail the exam.

b. Can you notice the difference? 3.6



clock



phone

want I want to pass.

won't I won't pass.

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c. Listen and write six sentences. 3.7

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

4 Reading; A pessimist plays a pessimist

a. Read an article about the actor Hugh Laurie. What two things do Hugh Laurie and Dr House have in common?



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b. Mark the sentences T or F. Say why;

1. Hugh Laurie always thinks the worst will happen. ☐
2. He thinks they will make many more series of House M.D. ☐
3. He doesn't think his album will be successful. ☐
4. He thinks that Scottish people are optimistic. ☐
5. People often try to make him feel happier. ☐

c. Have you seen any episodes of House M.D.?

Do you like the character?

Do you like the actor?

5 Listening and speaking

a. Listen to the introduction to a radio programme. Why is positive thinking good for you?

3.8

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b. Complete the callers' tips and add extra information

3.9

Caller 1; Live in the …… , not in the ……

Caller 2; Think …..…… thoughts, not negative ones.

Caller 3; Don't spend a lot of time reading the …… or watching the …… on TV.

Caller 4; Every week make a list of all the …… that happened to you.

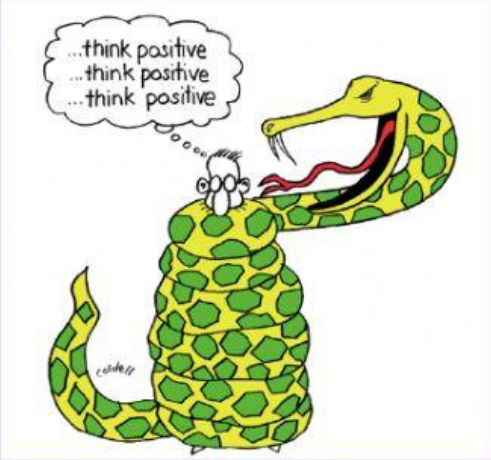
Caller 5; Try to use …… when you speak to other people.

c. Which tips are useful? Do you have any tips on your own?

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d. Ask and answer. Use a phrase from the box and say why. Which of you is more optimistic?

Are you a POSITIVE thinker?



Do you think you'll have a nice weekend?
Do you think you'll pass your next English exam?
Do you think you'll get a good (or better) job in the future?
Do you think you'll get an interesting email or message from someone tonight?
Do you think you'll meet some new friends on your next holiday?
Do you think you'll live to be 100?
Do you think you'll get to the end of this book?

Responding to predictions

I hope so. / I hope not.
I think so. / I don't think so.
I doubt it.
Maybe. / Perhaps.
Probably. / Probably not.
Definitely. / Definitely not.

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