

Homework

Pre- Intermediate - 1D

1. Reading:

A different kind of **dictionary**



AMBROSE BIERCE was a 19th-century American author and journalist. His most popular book is probably the *Devil's Dictionary*, written between 1881 and 1887. Bierce's dictionary does not contain normal definitions - his definitions are funny and cynical. For example, in a normal dictionary, the definition of dentist is "a kind of doctor who looks after people's teeth". But in the *Devil's Dictionary*, the definition of a dentist is "a person who puts metal in your mouth and takes coins out of your pocket". Today on the Internet

you can find many websites with more modern versions of the *Devil's Dictionary*.

Where is the definition from?

Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. Who was Ambrose Bierce?

2. What is the normal definitions of "dentist"?

3. Where can you find modern versions of the *Devil's Dictionary*?

2 VOCABULARY explaining words

Complete the sentences for explaining words.

- 1 *tall* It's the opposite of short.
- 2 *apple* It's a k_____ of fruit
- 3 *sleepy* It's s_____ to tired
- 4 *blouse* It's l_____ a shirt, but it's for women
- 5 *nervous* It's h_____ you feel when you have an exam
- 6 *sweat* For e_____, you do this when you feel hot
- 7 *dentist* It's s_____ who looks after your teeth
- 8 *hospital* It's a p_____ where you go when you're ill

3. Listening:

1.14 Listen to the story of Mark and Allie. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where are Mark and Allie from?
- 2 What company do they work for?
- 3 Where did they meet?
- 4 What did they do?
- 5 Did they get on well?
- 6 What's Mark doing now?



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