

## LEXICAL UNITS

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In many parts of the UK, there are few places for young people to go that are entertaining but cost little. The idea of youth cafes is one that has grown in recent years. The cafes are places where young people can relax in a safe environment. People come for different reasons. Some want to socialise with their friends. Others like to take part in the activities offered. Others are keen on using the computers and facilities. The cafes are set up by young people for young people with adult support. For this reason, when cafes are being planned, young people should be involved in all the research, the planning and the general decision-making. In this way, organisers can be sure that the cafes will be successful with young people in the area.

Most people live in flats or houses, but right now biologist Emilia Ruiz is waking up somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, because her home is a 20-metre boat. Emilia's work involves studying large sea creatures such as whales and dolphins as they cross the oceans, so she often travels very long distances and has many friends all over the world. She is doing a Master's degree online. Her way of life, though, is sometimes uncomfortable. Space on board her boat is limited and bad weather that lasts days is common. Storms at sea can be frightening, although modern boat equipment usually helps sailors protect them and Emilia nearly always feels safe. She keeps in touch with her friends by social media and whenever they get together they have great fun in the places they visit.

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland in 1847. His father, an expert on speech, developed a way of teaching how words should be pronounced. Alexander trained to be a teacher and, when his mother went deaf, he started to be interested in how deaf people communicate. In 1870 Alexander and his family moved to the United States. He hoped that a warmer climate would be better for the whole family. It was while he was teaching deaf children there that he invented a new machine. It was very different from anything else known to the human ear itself, and Bell discovered it could carry human speech along a wire from one place to another. It was not long before the telephone was a part of all our lives!