

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NEWSLETTER

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OUR RECENT NEWS

EURO B2 (Intermediate) language exam

Would you like to take an intermediate level language exam? The next EURO B2 exam is going to be on 14th May (application deadline was 15th April). Are you ready? If not or you think you can be better, enrol on our special exam-preparation course between 2 – 13 May. Check our website for more information or send us an e-mail.

Recruitment period

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Destinations and dates:

Plymouth, England, 19 June – 3 July 2011

Plymouth, England, 3 - 17 July 2011

Dublin, Ireland, 17 - 31 July 2011

Edinburgh, Scotland 31 July - 13 August 2011

Malta 14 – 28 August 2011

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Although this married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who was behind the wheel operating the boat. He was concerned about what might happen in an emergency.

So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it."

So she drove the boat to shore.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him, "Please go into the kitchen, dear. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

The Royal Wedding



An event of worldwide interest for the eyes and the ears of all those following the live TV or Internet broadcast is the wedding of the most famous couple of our times. The marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton in Westminster Abbey today brings to mind a previous wedding 30 years ago when Prince Charles led Diana Spencer to the altar of St. Paul's Cathedral on 29 July 1981.

Between the two dates several troubles have overshadowed the British monarchy such that Shakespeare could have written a drama based on the events. The love of William and Kate, born of a university romance, however, would perhaps be more fitting for the pen of George

Bernard Shaw, considering his genre of romantic comedy, such as *Pygmalion*, in which, incidentally, Kate Middleton once tested her acting ability as an amateur actress at secondary school.

The life story of Catherine Elizabeth Middleton has many similarities to that of Eliza Doolittle in *Pygmalion*. Her great-great grandfathers were miners and the family gained middle-class status only at the start of the 20th century. Kate's father, Michael Francis Middleton, met his future wife, Carole Elizabeth Goldsmith, when he was working as a British Airways air traffic dispatcher. Her mother was a flight attendant but she became a businesswoman. Her successful company selling party supplies and decorations, Party Pieces, laid the foundations for the family's wealth. Thanks to that, Kate graduated in art history at Scotland's St. Andrew's University, where she was in the same year as Prince William of Wales.

Meanwhile the shy teenage brunette, good at various sports, turned into a purposeful woman who today is a fashion icon. With her hats decorated with ribbons, her tight jersey dresses and her tailored suits she has created a style. The Middleton look rivals the elegance of Michelle Obama. The future Princess Catherine is a fan of polo, horse-racing and hunting. She has two harmful passions - smoking and an addiction to shopping.

Her prince, who is of the same age - more precisely, six months younger - is a combination of gentleman and naughty kid. William Arthur Philip Louis bears a heavy burden, with many people looking to him to brighten up the pale light of the British monarchy. Princess Diana's calm shyness is mixed in his genes with Prince Charles's love of adventure. After finishing university Prince William started out with the Royal Air Force as a helicopter pilot. Otherwise, he is the romantic type. The blue sapphire ring with 17 diamonds which he slipped on Kate's finger was the one given by Prince Charles to Diana when they were engaged. With this gallant gesture last November, William put the seal on their eight-year relationship.

VOCABULARY

proposal – lánykérés
engaged couple – jegyespár
to get engaged – eljegyzi magát
fiancée – menyasszony
fiancé – vőlegény
bachelor – agglégény
stag party – legénybúcsú
hen party – leánybúcsú
wedding – esküvő
to get married – megházasodni
bridesmaid – a menyasszony tanúja
best man – a vőlegény tanúja
bride – menyasszony (az esküvő napján)
bridegroom – vőlegény (az esküvő napján)
registrar – anyakönyvvezető
church – templom
priest – pap
altar – oltár
to lead to the altar – oltárhoz vezet, feleségül vesz
vow – fogadalom
wedding ring – jegygyűrű
bouquet – csokor
veil – fátyol
wedding ceremony – házasságkötési szertartás
wedding reception – esküvői fogadás, lakodalom
wedding guests – násznép
honeymoon – nászút
marriage – házasság
Just married! – Friss házasok!
wedding anniversary – házassági évforduló
marriage portion – hozomány

GRAMMAR BITS

Discourse markers

Ez a furcsa cím nem takar mást, mint olyan kötőszavakat, amelyeket szóban vagy írásban használunk azért, hogy mondandónkat egységes egészzé formáljuk. Ezek a kötőszavak kapcsolatot teremtenek a már elhangzott szavak és a következőkben elhangzó szavak között. Számos ilyen kötőszó létezik, egyesek hivatalosak, mások inkább a barátok között használatosak. Az alábbiakban néhányat nézünk meg közülük:

mind you / still

A 'mind you' és a 'still' két informális kötőszó és arra szolgálnak, hogy jelezzék, amit most fogunk mondani, az ellent fog mondani egy korábbi kijelentésünknek:

Miners work for long hours in very difficult conditions and mostly in the dark. Mind you, they're well paid for it.

A bányászok sokat dolgoznak nagyon nehéz körülmények között és leginkább sötétben. Mindazonáltal elég jól megfizetik őket.

The divorce was very bitter and she didn't get half of what she was expecting. Still, she's been left with a comfortable sum to bring the children up in.

A válás nagyon keserű volt a számára és a felét sem kapta annak, amit várt. Még így is elég maradt neki, amiből kényelmesen felnevelheti a gyerekeket.

however / nevertheless

Hasonlóan a 'mind you'-hoz és a 'still'-hez, a 'however' és a 'nevertheless' arra való, hogy ellentétet fejezzünk ki a korábban elhangzottak és a most következők között. Ez a két kötőszó, az előbbiekkal ellentétben, inkább írásban használatos:

As expected, Britain has again come last in the athletics championships. However, we had one small success by coming third in the pole vault.

Ahogy vártuk, Anglia ismét az utolsóként végzett az atlétikai versenyen. Ennek ellenére, elértünk egy kicsiny sikert rúdugrásban, amelyben harmadikok lettünk.

He is unlikely to be the first at the competition. Nevertheless, he is expected to get a medal.
Nem valószínű, hogy megnyeri a versenyt. Mégis, érmet várnak tőle.

by the way

A 'by the way' az ellentéte az előbbi párosnak ugyanis azt fejezi ki, hogy az eddig elhangzottakhoz képest nem fogunk ellentmondó információt közölni, de meg kívánjuk változtatni a beszélgetés irányát. A kötőszót használhatjuk formális és informális stílusban:

I'm meeting Tom at five o' clock to discuss the party and then I'm playing tennis with Greg. Oh, by the way, I eat something when I get home.
5 órakor találkozom Tommal, hogy megbeszéljük a partit, aztán Greggel teniszezem. Oh, jut eszembe, eszem majd valamit, ha hazaérek.

you know / like / let's see

A fenti három kötőszó példa azokra a különleges kötőszavakra, amelyeket úgy nevezünk, hogy „töltelékek”. Ezek arra valók, hogy időt adjanak a beszélőnek arra, hogy átgondolja, mit szeretne mondani a következőkben.

That strong wind caused all the damage to the beach huts. That was back in - let's see - October?

Az az erős szél rongálta meg a strandkabinokat. Ez úgy, mikor is, októberben volt?

I never throw my rubbish away in the street. I - you know - care about the environment protection.

Sosem dobom el a szemetet az utcán. Én, tudod, törődöm a környezetvédelemmel.

He phoned me to say it was all over. I said - like - you can't do that to me.

Tegnap felhívott, hogy megmondja mindennek vége. Azt feleltem valami olyasmit, hogy ezt nem teheted velem.

EXERCISES

Underline all the discourse markers in this monologue. Be careful, there are other discourse markers, not just the ones we discussed above!

“Well, where shall I start? It was last summer and we were just sitting in the garden, sort of doing nothing much. Anyway, I looked up and ... see, we have this kind of long wall at the end of the garden, and it's ... like ... a motorway for cats, for instance, that big fat black one you saw, well, that one considers it has a right of way over our vegetable patch, so ... where was I? Yes, I was looking at that wall, you know, day-dreaming as usual, and all of a sudden there was this new cat I'd never seen before, or rather, it wasn't an ordinary cat at all ... I mean, you'll never believe what it was ...”

Match the first part (1-10) with an appropriate reporting verb (a-j).

- 1 'If you do that again, I'll leave;
- 2 'I'm now going to read out the results;
- 3 'Could you bring me the wine list?'
- 4 'Of course, I'll bring it right away;
- 5 'Our team will easily beat yours;
- 6 'Please give me another chance;
- 7 'Shhh! The baby s sleeping;
- 8 'I'm innocent of all the charges;

9 'First of all, you press the button;
10 'Careful! The water's deep!'

a she whispered
b he answered.
c she shouted.
d she threatened.
e she announced.
f he claimed.
g he asked.
h she begged.
i he boasted
j he explained.

You can find the keys to these exercises at the end of this newsletter on the last page.

Well, that's all for now. We hope you enjoyed our material and you are eager to receive the new one next week. Have fun and see you again soon!

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SEE ANSWERS BELOW

Here are the correct answers for the exercises above:

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“WELL, where shall I start? It was last summer and we were just sitting in the garden, SORT OF doing nothing much. ANYWAY, I looked up and ... SEE, we have this KIND OF long wall at the end of the garden, and it's ... LIKE ... a motorway for cats, for instance, that big fat black one you saw, WELL, that one considers it has a right of way over our vegetable patch, so ... WHERE WAS I? Yes, I was looking at that wall, YOU KNOW, day-dreaming as usual, and all of a sudden there was this new cat I'd never seen before, OR RATHER, it wasn't an ordinary cat at all ... I MEAN, you'll never believe what it was ...”

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1 D, 2 E, 3 G, 4 B, 5 I, 6 H, 7 A, 8 F, 9 J, 10 C