



SUNNY ENGLISH LEARNING CENTRE

SUNNY'S GUIDE TO: EVERYDAY ENGLISH

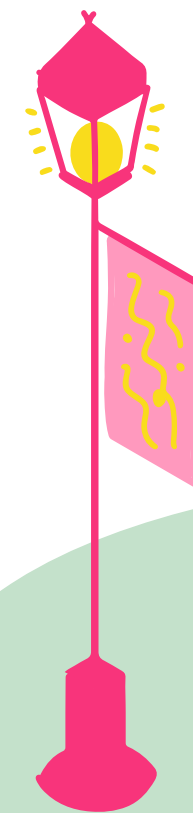
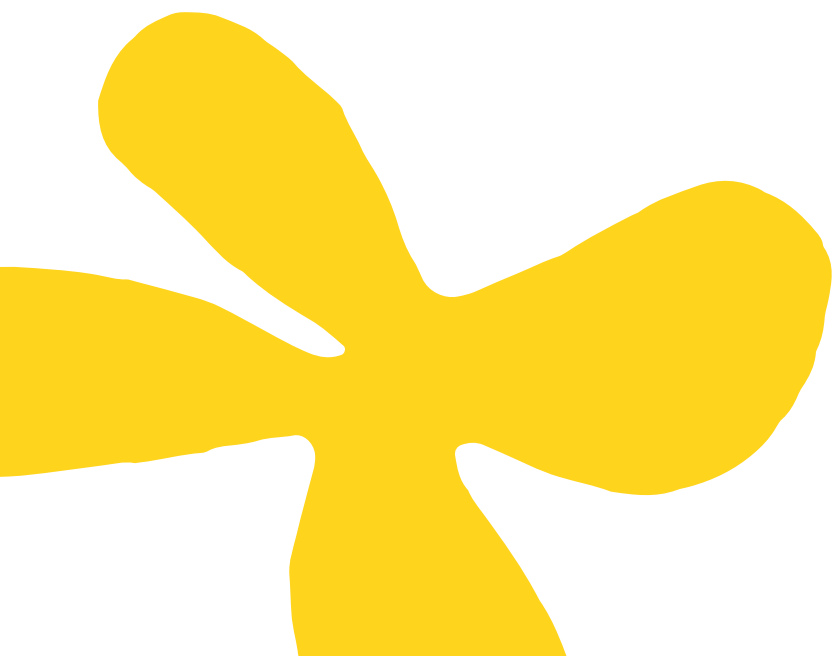
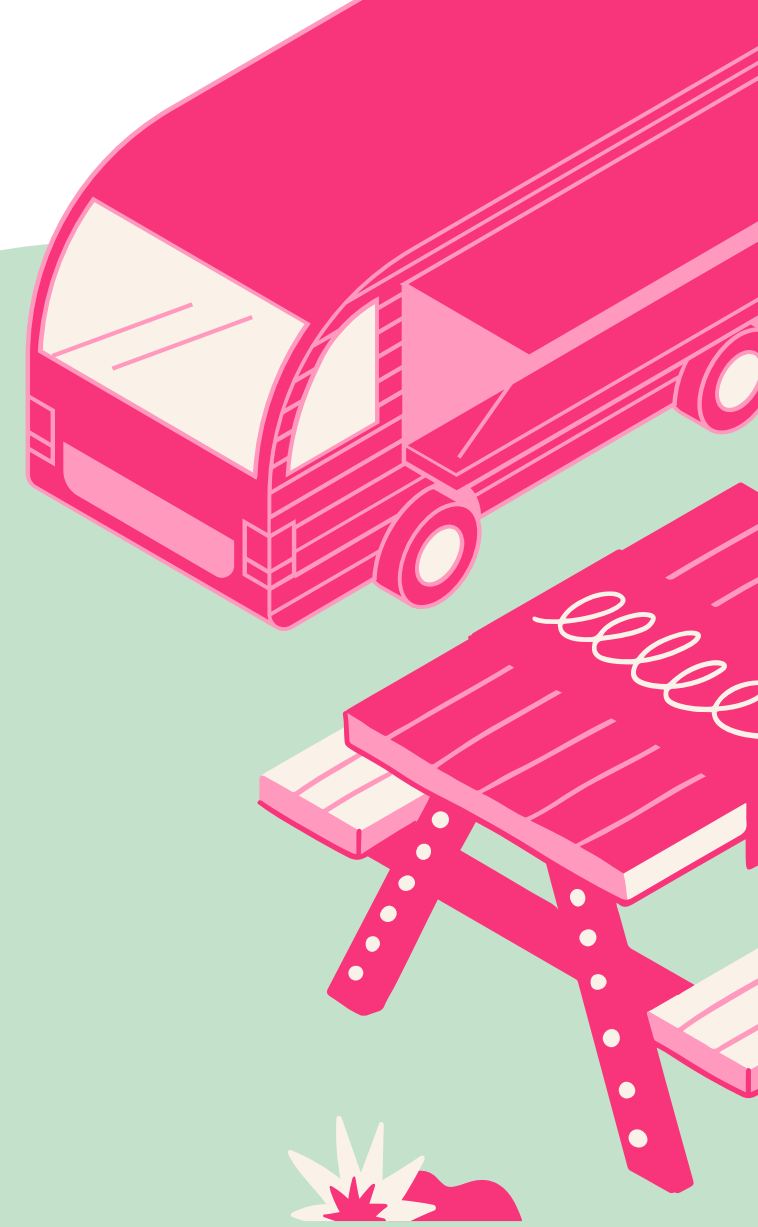




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GREETINGS:

Formal:

“Hello!”

“Good morning.”

“Good afternoon.”

“Good evening.”

"It's nice to meet you!"

"It's a pleasure to meet you!"



Informal:

“Hi!”

“Morning!”

“How are things?”

“What’s new?”

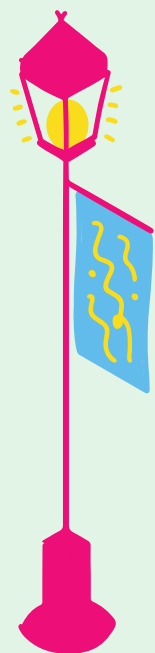
“It’s good to see you.”

“How's it going?”

“What's up?”



Did you know? When you get off the bus in the U.K., you should thank the driver. People use the term '**mate**' to refer to people they don't know. *Thanks mate!*



HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

While it can be challenging to meet new people you truly connect with as an adult, especially if you're abroad, we're all craving social connection now more than ever, which creates an excellent opportunity to make new friends to practice English with!

Say yes

Saying yes can look like openness to trying new things, but it can also look like just being open to wherever the conversation takes you.

Ask questions

This is important because it shows a genuine effort in trying to get to know someone and actually makes you more likeable.

Be curious

People enjoy talking about themselves. Ask them questions about themselves and see where the conversation leads.

Take initiative

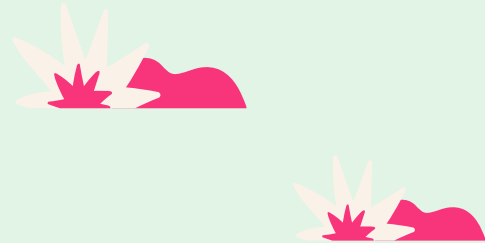
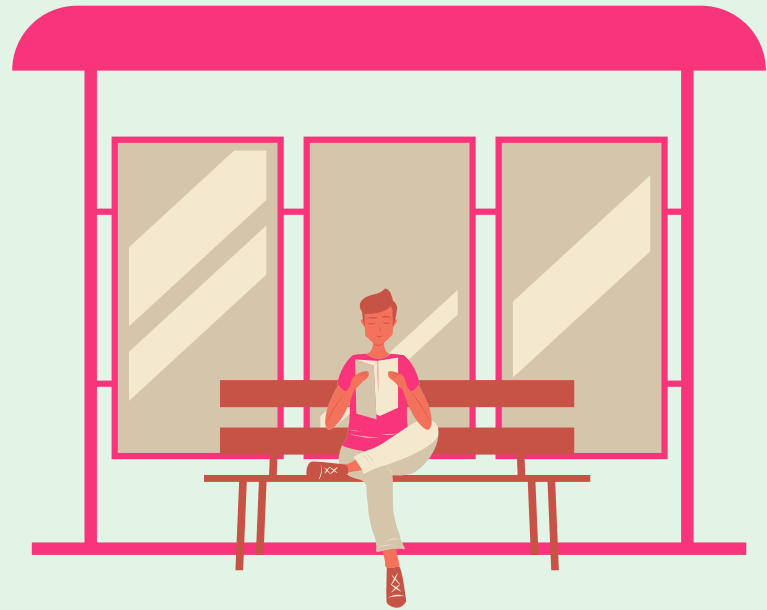
If you find people around you, you don't need to wait for anyone to reach out to you and take the first step. Instead, become a kind initiator even if you're an introvert!

Be aware of cultural differences

It is important to understand the culture of friendships within your community. If not properly understood, cultural differences can create a barrier to friendship.



ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS:



I'm lost. Can you help me?
Where can I find the main street, please?
What is the best way to the post office?
How do I get to the beach from here?

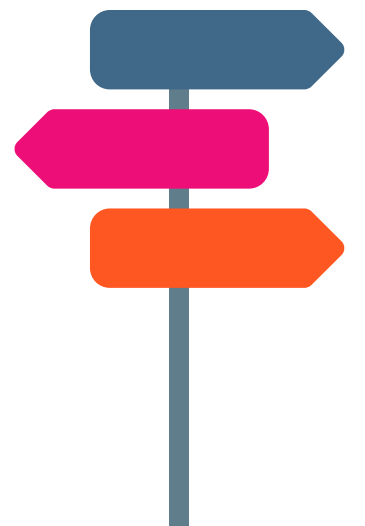
Where is the nearest underground/train station/bus stop?

Does the number 33 bus stop outside the train station?

How often does the airport bus pass?

At which stop do I need to get off to reach the science museum?

FUN FACT: the phrase *'you've lost me'* actually means, I don't understand.



USEFUL VOCABULARY:

Modes of Transport:

Buses and coaches (a bus travels in towns and cities, while coaches travel further). The **double-decker bus** has two decks and is famously red!

The **underground** (or tube) in London or train stations, where you can get **trains** (that can also be “intercity”).

Taxis (for example the famous black cabs in London).
Ferries (boats that cross water such as rivers and seas).

There’s also private transport such as **cars, bikes, motorbikes** and **scooters**. **Lorries** (truck in American English) transport goods, while **vans** (large cars) are used by small businesses.

Phrasal Verbs:

You **get on** and **get off** a bus, train, plane, bike, boat, etc. This is because you need to take a step up to get on the means of transport.

You **get in** and **get out** of a car, or taxi.

You can **travel or go by** bike, train, car, tube. But you **travel on or go on** foot (=walk).

You can **drive** a car, taxi or train.
You **ride** a bike, motorbike or horse.
You **fly** a plane.

TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER:

Did you know?

English speakers (even strangers) love to talk about the weather! This unpredictable weather is linked to the British character; in fact, its unpredictability could be the reason they talk about it. In ancient cultures, the weather was a serious matter, and often meant the difference between life or death. So, as culture evolved, so did the weather obsession!

What's it like out?

It's miserable out.

How's the weather?

It's ten below. (-10 degrees)

Do you have rain?

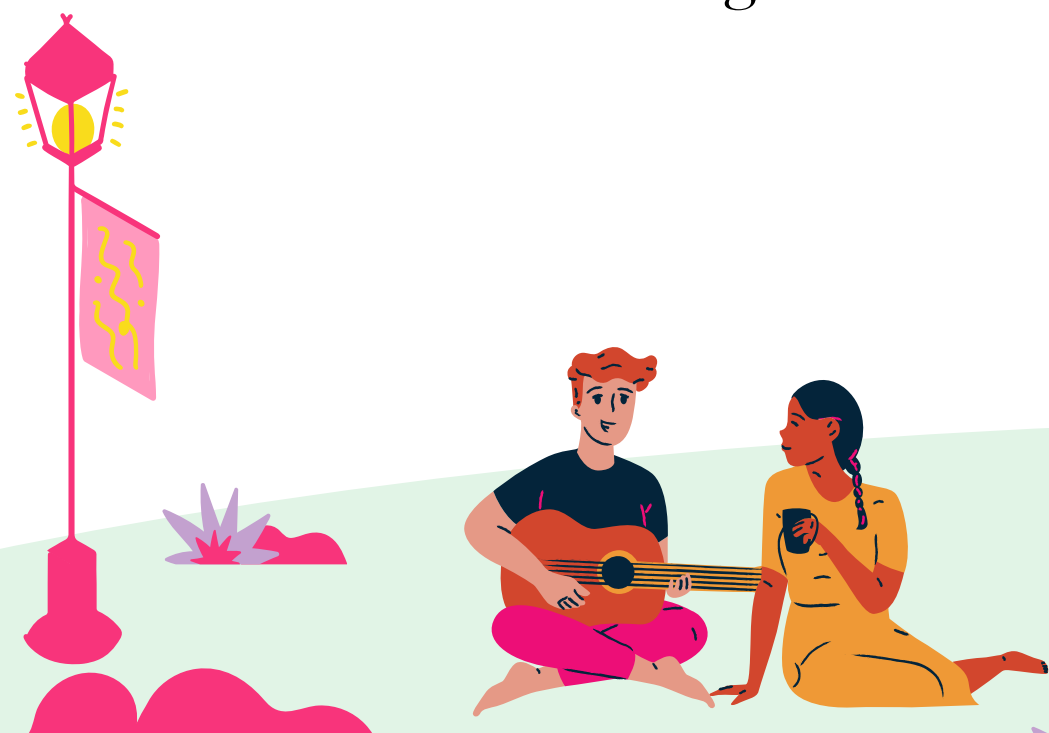
We haven't had a drop of rain for weeks.

What's the temperature there?

It's 22 degrees Celsius.

It's snowing here, what's it doing there?

It's pouring outside. (raining heavily)



IDIOMS ABOUT THE WEATHER

Idioms are cool. Idioms are funny. But most of all, idioms are handy. Yes, sir. Idioms can effectively convey an idea in the clearest way possible without even mentioning that idea directly. Now that you know that the weather is so important for British people, let's see some weather-related idioms!

Get wind of something

You begin to suspect that something is happening or you hear a rumour of something.

Save up for a rainy day

To put some money aside for whenever it may be needed.

Come rain or shine

Be careful with this idiom: the verb “come” never changes here. The meaning of this usual idiom is “whatever happens”.

Under the weather

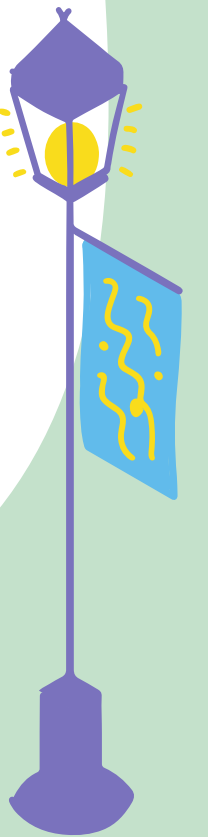
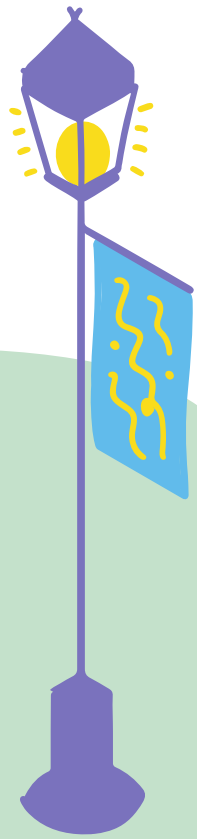
You are catching flu or a cold. Also, it can mean that you're in low spirits, that is, unhappy or depressed.

On cloud nine

If you're “on cloud nine” or “over the moon”, you are extremely happy or delighted.

Rain cats and dogs

To rain very hard or a lot.



ORDER FOOD AT A RESTAURANT :

Are you hungry?

Get the right table:

"We'd like a table for 5, please."

"Would you like to start with a drink?"

Yes, we'd like (type of drink) while we decide on our food."

"Are you ready to order?"

Yes, I'll have ...

Everyone likes eating out at restaurants. When you are in an English-speaking country, knowing how to order correctly can impress your friends and make the difference between an average and an amazing dining experience. Ordering food in English at a restaurant is easy, too – if you follow our simple tips.

"What would you recommend?"

"What wine goes well with this?"

"May we have the bill please?"

"What's on the daily menu?"

"What's your speciality?"



TYPICAL BRITISH MENU

After all, you need brain food to fuel your learning and you want to experience everything the British culture has to offer, so check these typical British meals out!



Fish and chips



Bangers and mash



Shepherd's Pie



Toad in the hole



Did you know?
British people love tea. They consume 165 million cups daily!

USEFUL LANGUAGE FOR SHOPPING:

Going shopping is a great way to communicate with lots of different people, and it really helps to boost your confidence in speaking English!

People:

- Customer
- Cashier / clerk
- Attendant / assistant
- Manager

Ways to Pay:

- Credit cards/debit cards
- Loyalty card
- Cheques
- Cash
- Notes
- Coins

Fun fact: If something is happening all over the shop, it is happening in many different places or throughout a wide area.

"What time are you open until?"

We're open from 9am to 6pm.

"Could you help me please?"

Of course, tell me.

"Could you help me please?"

Of course, tell me.

"Do you have this in more

colours/sizes"

"That's good value."

"Oh, that's expensive."

"That's quite reasonable."

"That's a little over my budget."



AND NOW... LET'S TALK!

Now you're ready to start practising with your new native friends! If you don't know where to find them... here are some tips and platforms!

Gaming - You may play games online already... so why not use their voice chat option to practice your English? And don't forget to enjoy yourself!

Meetup - We have used the app Meetup for a number of reasons, one of which: language exchange events. Meetup will help you connect with people locally... so start looking!

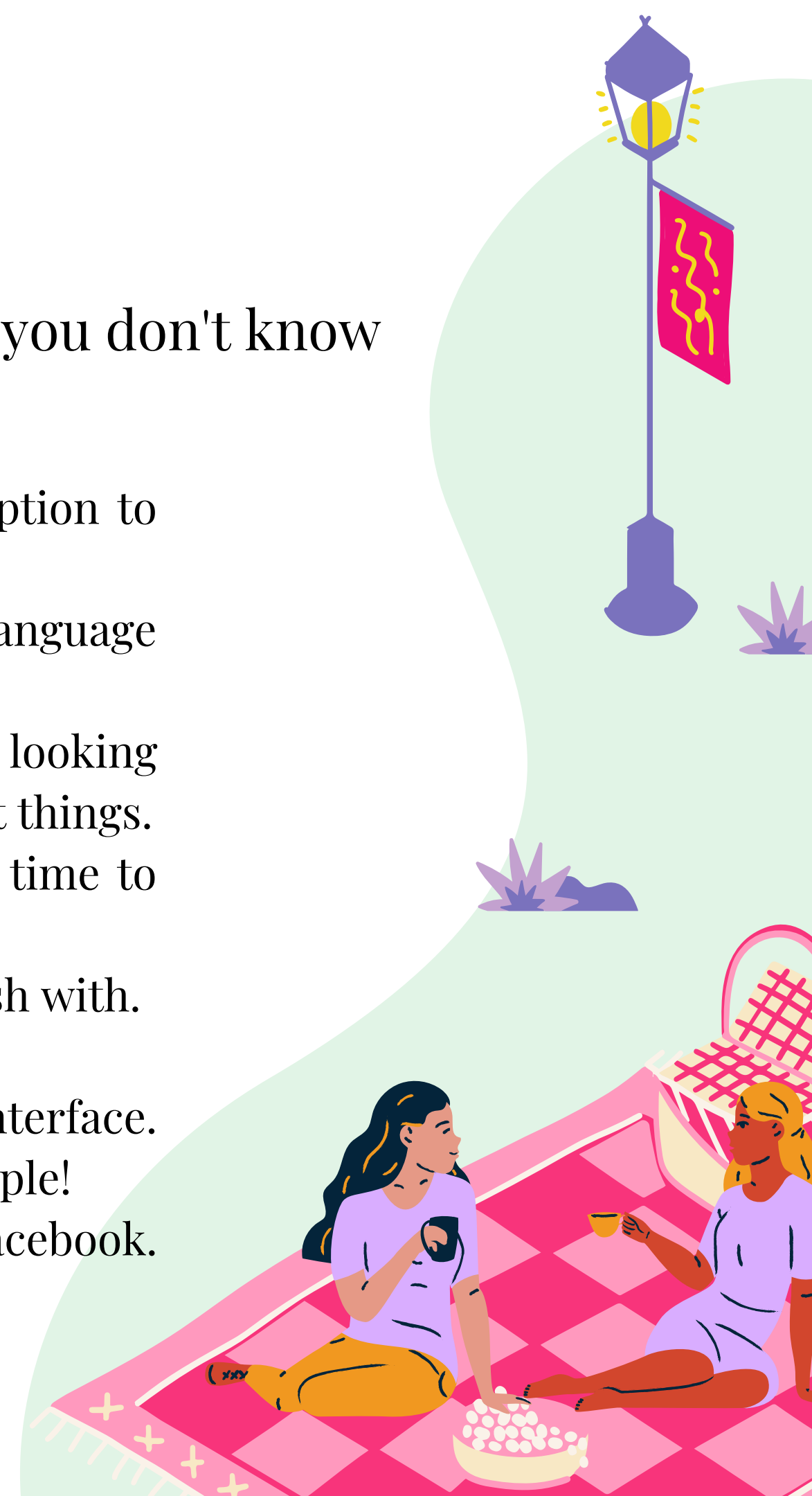
Hellotalk - Learn English by chatting... This app will connect you with other people looking to do language exchanges. We have not tried this one personally, but have heard great things.

Conversation Exchange - Remember the term, Pen Pal? If you have forgotten, it's time to check Conversation Exchange out. Writing is a great way to practice your English.

Speaky - Through Speaky, you can find your ideal language partner to practice English with. Their motto is: Instantly practice languages with people around the world!

Linglobe - Another language exchange platform, Linglobe has a user-friendly interface. Insert the languages you speak and the ones you want to practice to connect with people!

Facebook - Yes, there are thousands (if not more) of language exchange groups on Facebook. To find a language partner, join smaller groups or create your own.





Learn to speak like a native!

We're looking forward to teaching you more idiomatic expressions, cultural fun facts and much more.

See you later, alligator.

