



# Oh! My English

## High Beginner – Vol #2



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# UNIT I : FOOD



## Eating Meals

Waiter: What do you like to order, sir?

Sheila: I'll have fried chicken in barbecue sauce.

James: I'll have a hamburger and fries.

Sheila: You know junk food is not good for a healthy meal.

James: Alright! Make it steamed salmon in white sauce, please.

Waiter: Okay. Coming right up!

## Vocabulary:

**Junk Food** – food, as potato chips or candy, that is high in calories but of little nutritional value.

I'll have fried chicken in barbecue sauce.

I'll have a hamburger and fries.

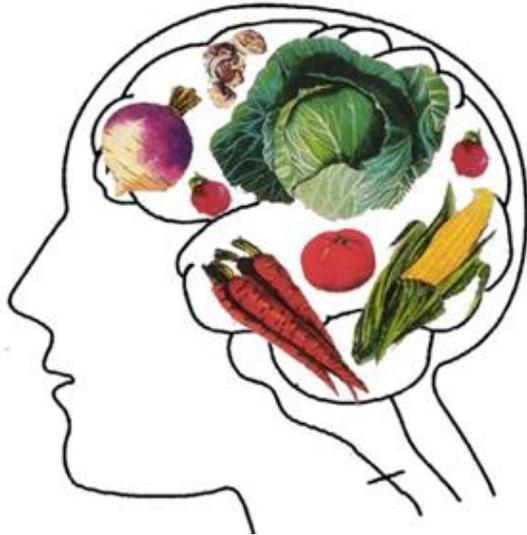
Make it steamed salmon in white sauce, please.

Coming right up!

## Activity:

Have a role play with your teacher. She will be the food attendant. You will order a full-course meal.

# UNIT I : FOOD



## I'm a Vegetarian

Kem: Why don't you try this beef steak?

Rana: No, thanks! I'm a vegetarian.

Kem: Oh, I'm sorry! I didn't know.

Rana: It's okay! Don't worry.

Kem: Anyway, there are plenty of vegetable dishes to choose from.

Rana: And lots of fruit servings, too! Thanks, Kem!

## Vocabulary:

**Vegetarian** – a person who does not eat or does not believe in eating meat, fish, fowl

Why don't you try this beef steak?

I'm a vegetarian.

Anyway, there are plenty of vegetable dishes to choose from.

And lots of fruit servings, too!

## Activity:

Which of these are not vegetables?

Tomato	Truffle	Eggplant	Okra
Pomegranate	Pumpkin		
Lettuce	Yam		

# UNIT I : FOOD



## I'm a Meat Lover

Adam: I like my pizza topped with pepperoni.

Harry: Can I have ham and cheese, please!

Jessie: I'd like mine topped with double meat delight! Hmmm!

Adam: You sure love meat, Jessie.

Jessie: Why not! You're missing half of your life if you don't.

Harry: Whooa! That's the biggest overstatement of the year!

## Vocabulary:

**Overstatement** – a statement strongly exaggerated.

I like my pizza topped with pepperoni.

I'd like mine topped with double meat delight!

You sure love meat, Jessie.

That's the biggest overstatement of the year!

## Activity:

How would you like your pizza? Enumerate the different toppings you will put on your pizza.

# UNIT I : FOOD



## Favourite Cuisine

May: How's Thailand!

Reese: Superb! I especially enjoyed the street cuisine.

May: I should have been there with you.

Reese: I tried barbecued chicken and violet ice cream. The best, so far!

May: Then Thailand will be on my next backpacking journey.

Reese: Atta girl! You won't regret it.

## Vocabulary:

**Cuisine** – a style or quality of cooking.

I especially enjoyed the street cuisine.

I tried barbecued chicken and violet ice cream.

Then Thailand will be on my next backpacking journey.

You won't regret it.

## Activity:

What exotic food have you tried? Discuss it with your teacher.

# UNIT II : FEELINGS



## Annoying Officemate



Terry: She never fails to annoy me.

Vicky: Because you never fail to find faults, too.

Terry: And whose side are you in?

Vicky: I'm just telling the truth. You should best mind your own work.

Terry: How is that possible when I see her every time.

Vicky: You are beginning to annoy me, too.

## Vocabulary:

**Fault-finder** - a person who habitually finds [fault](#), complains, or objects, especially in a petty way.

She never fails to annoy me.

And whose side are you in?

You should best mind your own work.

You are beginning to annoy me, too.

## Activity:

What words are synonymous with annoy?

Agitate    Displease    Harass    Aid

Please    Trouble    Nag    Bother

# UNIT II : FEELINGS



## Crazy Schedule



Phoebe: I hate the newly implemented schedule.

David: We need to work on shifting schedules and even on weekends!

Phoebe: When can I get my life back?

David: On the other side, it's better than being unemployed.

Phoebe: I promise this is temporary. I'll quit once I find a better job.

David: Let's see who gets out first!

## Vocabulary:

**Implement** - to put into effect according to or by means of a definite plan or procedure.

I hate the newly implemented schedule.

We need to work on shifting schedules and even on weekends!

On the other side, it's better than being unemployed.

I'll quit once I find a better job.

## Activity:

What words rhyme with crazy?

Daisy    Busy    Messy

Drowsy    Lacy    Fancy

Lazy    Lousy

# UNIT II : FEELINGS



## Upsetting Situation

Cecile: I'm upset. I tried too hard to lose weight.

Dana: Losing weight is not an overnight thing.

Cecile: Sure! You know it's almost a year since I went on a diet.

Dana: If only you would also exercise.

Cecile: I do! I've been doing the Pilates.

Dana: Well, maybe it's time you seek professional help.

## Vocabulary:

**Pilates** - a system of physical conditioning involving low-impact exercises and stretches, performed on specialized equipment.

I'm upset.

Losing weight is not an overnight thing.

You know it's almost a year since I went on a diet.

I've been doing the Pilates.

## Activity:

Recall the most upsetting moment in your life.

Share it with your teacher.

# UNIT II : FEELINGS



## Pitiful Moment



Nancy: I pity John. Anne cheated on her.  
Smith: He should have seen it coming. He was always busy.  
Nancy: But Anne could have broken up with John first.  
Smith: Maybe things spiralled out of control.  
Nancy: John could not move on with what happened.  
Smith: I'll help him get over Anne. He'll always get by.

## Vocabulary:

**Get by** – to manage, especially in spite of difficulties

I pity John.

He should have seen it coming.

Maybe things spiralled out of control.

John could not move on with what happened.

## Activity:

Practice these tongue twisters. Make sure you pronounce the /p/ and /f/ correctly.

Fat frogs flying past fast.

A fat thrush flies through thick fog.

Freshly fried flying fish, freshly fried flesh.

Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks.

# UNIT III : RELATIONSHIPS



## Meet the Parents

Abe :Hi Mom and Dad. This is Kaye, my fiancé.

Kaye: Hi Sir! Hi Ma'am! I look forward to this day.

Mr. Hall: Don't be too formal. Call me Brandon and this is my wife, Eva.

Kaye:Hi Brandon! Hi Eva!

Mrs. Hall: You enjoy yourselves. I'll just prepare the table.

Abe :This is going nice!

## Vocabulary:

**Look forward** – expect or hope for.

This is Kaye, my fiancé.

I look forward to this day.

Call me Brandon and this is my wife, Eva.

You enjoy yourselves.

## Activity:

For male students: How would you like to propose to your girlfriend?

For female students: How would you like your boyfriend to propose?

# UNIT III : RELATIONSHIPS



## First Love

Eddie: I can't believe it! Jayson was your first love?

Diane: Do I have to remind you I was only fourteen!

Eddie: Now we know why they say you can't forget your first love.

Diane: Because it was the biggest regret of my life.

Eddie: Seems like he also feels the same.

Diane: You don't say.

## Vocabulary:

**You don't say.** – a general response to something that someone has said. (Expresses a little polite surprise or interest, but not disbelief.)

Jayson was your first love?

Now we know why they say you can't forget your first love.

It's still two weeks from now.

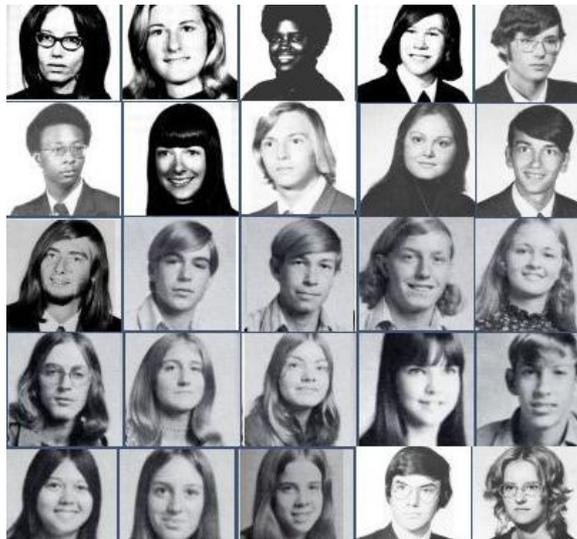
Because it was the biggest regret of my life.

Seems like he also feels the same.

## Activity:

What are some quotations about love common in your country? Share them with your teacher.

# UNIT III : RELATIONSHIPS



## My Classmates

Carly: That's Charity. She thinks she's beautiful but we just like to stroke her ego.  
Max :And that is Sharon beside her. She's pretty harmless unless you start talking about her boyfriend.

Carly: Well, if you remember to avoid these two freaks then you'll be safe.

Dorcas: I'll remember. I'll surely cope with my first months here.

Carly: Of course. You can always count on us.

Dorcas: Thanks!

## Vocabulary:

**stroke her ego** – to flatter and praise someone.

That's Charity.

And that is Sharon beside her.

I'll surely cope with my first months here.

You can always count on us.

## Activity:

Think of the worst classmate you've had?  
What made him/her the worst classmate?

# UNIT III : RELATIONSHIPS



## My Co-workers

Dale :I'm on the ropes these days.

Evan: What's up? You've never looked as stressed before.

Dale :I've failed in my quota. Were it not for Doug and Joan, I would have quit.

Evan: Your co-workers? How are they helping you?

Dale :They always boost my morale.

Evan:They believe in you, Dale. You'll make it.

## Vocabulary:

**On the ropes** – doing badly and likely to fail.

I'm on the ropes these days.

You've never looked as stressed before.

Were it not for Doug and Joan, I would have quit.

They always boost my morale.

## Activity:

Use “on the ropes” in three sentences.

# UNIT IV : CELEBRATIONS



## New Year

Sally: Great! This pent house will allow us to see the view below.

Peter: Thanks for that show! We wouldn't be able to afford this room.

Sally: Not in a thousand years. I'm just so happy we won.

Peter: Let's camp here while the clock ticks to twelve.

Sally: You better get the wine while I reheat the pizza.

Peter: Sure! Happy new year, dear!

## Vocabulary:

**Pent house** – any specially designed apartment on an upper floor, especially the top floor, of a building.

This pent house will allow us to see the view below.

We wouldn't be able to afford this room.

Let's camp here while the clock ticks to twelve.

You better get the wine while I reheat the pizza.

## Activity:

Odd one out. What word doesn't belong in this group?

Champagne	Times Square	Resolutions
Fear	Firecrackers	Midnight
Black	Countdown	

# UNIT IV : CELEBRATIONS



## Thanksgiving Day

Marco: I could never get this turkey in time for the celebration.

Mara: Don't worry. I'm getting used to it.

Marco: Wow! You're so encouraging.

Mara: I'm just kidding. You know we could still call for delivery.

Marco: Sounds good to me.

Mara: Happy thanksgiving, dear. You're the best gift I ever had!

## Vocabulary:

**Recommend** – to advise, as a choice; suggest.

We will go to Hawaii this summer.

Oh, did you enjoy your stay?

Can you recommend a beach?

You should visit the Black Sand Beach in Maui.

## Activity:

Think of three things you are thankful about your life. Share them with your teacher.

# UNIT IV : CELEBRATIONS



## Valentine's Day



Lana: I'm sending this card to Nick on Valentine's Day.

Jodi :Why don't you just try the e-card?

Lana: I think it's less romantic. Besides, this is the least I can do for him.

Jodi :You are too love struck!

Lana: Who wouldn't? He has always been the man of my dreams.

Jodi :I wish I could also be as happy as you are.

## Vocabulary:

**e-card** - a greeting card chosen from a Web site by the sender, and sent by the site to the recipient as an e-mail.

I'm sending this card to Nick on Valentine's Day.

Besides, this is the least I can do for him.

He has always been the man of my dreams.

I wish I could also be as happy as you are.

## Activity:

Personalize a Valentine's Day card. What message will you say to your loved ones?

# UNIT IV : CELEBRATIONS



## Graduation Day



Mindy: Congratulations, Sue! Happy graduation.

Sue :Thanks! But why the long face?

Mindy: I will not be part of the graduation. I got an F in Algebra.

Sue :Really? I never imagined.

Mindy: I flunked in the finals. I need to retake Algebra.

Sue: I'm sure you'll make it next time. Good luck!

## Vocabulary:

**Flunk** – to fail in a course or examination.

Congratulations, Sue!

I got an F in Algebra.

I will not be part of the graduation.

I need to retake Algebra.

## Activity:

Which is not a Math subject?

Trigonometry	Physics	Zoology
Calculus	Statistics	Geometry
Basic Math	Vectors	

# UNIT V : ONLINE COMMUNITY



## Facebook

Kristen: He has changed his status?

Byron: Pardon?

Kristen: Dan said he's now "In a Relationship." I saw it on Facebook.

Byron: Kristen, I don't care. What's eating you?

Kristen: We just broke up, can't you see?

Byron: Yeah. You already broke up. It's over so quit it, okay?

## Vocabulary:

**What's eating you?** – What is annoying or bothering you?

He has changed his status?

I saw it on Facebook.

We just broke up, can't you see?

It's over so quit it, okay?

## Activity:

Which is not a compound word?

Pigtail      Sandpaper      Eye shopping

Eyebrow      Thumbtack      Handbag

# UNIT V : ONLINE COMMUNITY



## Smart Phone

Joash: Wow! You've got a smart phone!

Jahm: It's Samsung Sprint! My boyfriend gave it to me yesterday.

Joash: I guess so.

Jahm: Hmm. You did, why?

Joash: I don't think you can afford it.

Jahm: You're just envious.

## Vocabulary:

**Afford** – to be able to meet the expense of; have or be able to spare the price of

You've got a smart phone!

It's Samsung Sprint!

I don't think you can afford it.

You're just envious.

## Activity:

Talk about the different features of a smart-phone. Compare it with a PC.

# UNIT V : ONLINE COMMUNITY



## Chatting

Gene: Why are you still up?  
Junia: Tomorrow's Saturday so I'm allowed.  
Gene: I see. I hope to see you in person ASAP.  
Junia: LOL. FYI, I need to be chaperoned.  
Gene: That's okay. We could arrange a group date.  
Junia: That's fine with me. BRB!

## Vocabulary:

**lol** - laughing out loud    **brb** - be right back    **ASAP** - As Soon As Possible

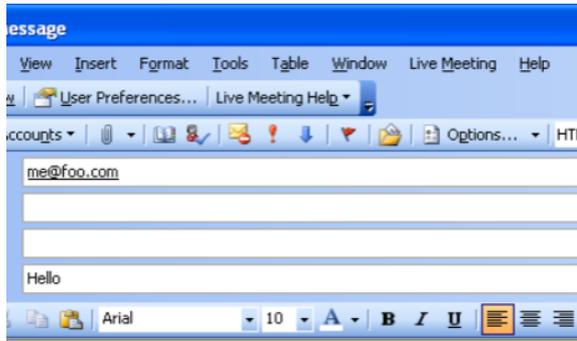
Why are you still up?  
I hope to see you in person ASAP.  
FYI, I need to be chaperoned.  
We could arrange a group date.

## Activity:

Can you identify the meaning of these online acronyms?

**Rofl, np, Ttyl, kutgw, gtg, DIY**

# UNIT V : ONLINE COMMUNITY



## Sending E-mails

Jason's e-mail to his friend, Gay:

Dear Gay,

It feels such a long time since we last saw each other. I'm back in my dorm and hitting the books again. So far, the start of the school year has been great! I hope you're doing well, too. I'm looking forward to hear from you soon.

Your friend,  
Jason

## Vocabulary:

**Hitting the book** – means to devote yourself to study.

It feels such a long time since we last saw each other.  
I'm back in my dorm and hitting the books again.  
I hope you're doing well, too.  
I'm looking forward to hear from you soon.

## Activity:

Write an e-mail to a friend abroad. Update him/her with the latest news from your hometown.



# Thank You !

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