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Yes! It's finally here! Our first English magazine that is written for you by you.

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Enjoy reading it!

The authors and English teachers' team

P.S. Nobody is perfect, therefore, excuse us for some mistakes ☺!



Good morning,
students.

What was your
homework?

Compare and contrast
the two pictures.

What have we
learnt today?

Geography

Route 66 – truth or myth?

Have you ever heard of it? Does it really exist or did it exist many years ago? Learn some fact about the Mother of all roads in the USA.

Route 66 was originally known as the Will Rogers Highway and was also one of the original highways in the USA. It was established in 1926. It ran from Chicago, Illinois through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and ended at Santa Monica, California. It covered a total of 3,940 kilometres.

In 1920s life in Midwest America was very different. People did not travel much – there were no highways. The situation changed when Route 66 was built. Agricultural communities which used to be isolated started to grow and developed into towns. Farmers could sell their products to big cities.



1930s – America was suffering from the Great Depression and millions of people were out of work. The Mother Road eye witnessed the migration of families that were forced to leave their homes and headed for California to find better jobs.

1940s - 1950s When World War II ended, there was a new age of optimism. Many people owned cars. When there were holidays, they would not stay at home. They travelled along Route 66 to the beaches of California.

1956 up to present day – as people travelled much from East to West, a newer, bigger roads were needed. Route 66 began to die out.

In 1990s, people started campaigns to preserve Route 66. Today, the Mother Road still offers an amazing journey through the American West.

Romana Kriváneková II.A

Sources: Insight Intermediate and the Internet

Vocabulary

Learn – naučiť sa, dozvedieť sa

Originally – pôvodne

To be established – byť vybudovaný, založený

Agricultural – poľnohospodársky

Suffer from – trpieť

Eyewitness – očitý svedok, byť očitým svedkom

Force – nútiť

Head for – smerovať

Die out – vymierať

Preserve – chrániť, ochraňovať

Offer - poskytovať

NAT KING COLE "*(Get Your Kicks On) Route 66*"

*If you ever plan to motor west,
Travel my way, take the highway, that's the best.
Get your kicks on Route 66.*

*It winds from Chicago to L.A.
More than 2000 miles all the way,
Get your kicks on Route 66.*

*Now you go through Saint Louie,
And Joplin, Missouri,
And Oklahoma City looks mighty pretty, you'll see...
Amarillo...
Gallup, New Mexico,
Flagstaff, Arizona,
Don't forget Winona,
Kingman, Barstow, San Bernadino.*

*Won't you get hip to this timely tip
When you make that California trip?
Get your kicks on Route 66.*

*Won't you get hip to this timely tip
When you make that California trip?
Get your kicks on Route 66...
Get your kicks on Route 66...
Get your kicks on Route 66!*

**Get your kicks = have a good time*

To listen to this song sung by Nat King Cole click on:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCYApJtsydo>

or its remake in the Cars Movie soundtrack:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-NoYZkZtgs>

Opinion

My role model

Nowadays, it is getting harder and harder to find people who deserve to be called good role models. People who are honest, selfless and self-sacrificed, full of desire to help others. Thankfully for me, my cousin Thomas belongs to them.

Thomas is in his mid-thirties, he is 182 centimeters tall with a short brown hair and shining blue eyes. He was born in Zlaté Moravce where he was raised along with his brother by my uncle.

There is no way how I can tell you how much I appreciate my cousin. He is brave, friendly, and intelligent. Despite of that, I think that his great feature is his modesty. He always stands by me no matter what. Unfortunately, my life is not amazing but Thomas is just the person, who makes it "livable" for me.

Because of his brains, Thomas is now studying Chemistry at one of the most famous universities in Slovakia. He is also a member of a rap band, which he formed together with his old friends from the high school, called Revolution.

In my opinion, Thomas is an excellent example of a role model. He is a great son, brother, cousin and also my confirmation father. He is there any time I need a good advice, he is the person I can talk to and the person I can trust. I cannot imagine living without him.

Dominik Lauko, IV.A

Vocabulary

role model – vzor

livable – "žitel'ný"

to deserve – zaslúžiť si

because of - kvôli

honest - čestný

confirmation - birmovka

selfless - nesebecký

trust - dôverovať

self-sacrificed - sebaobetavý

modesty - skromnosť

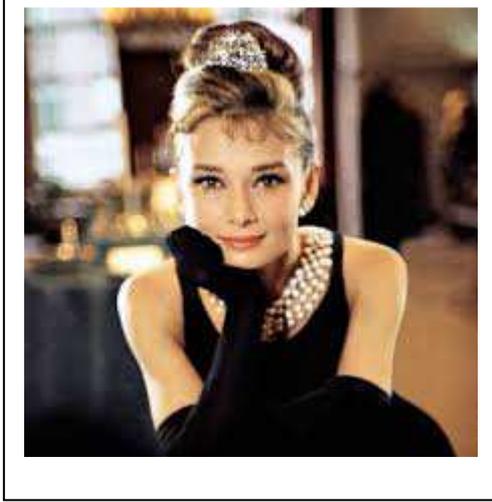
desire - túžba

to be raised – byť vychovaný

appreciate - oceňovať

feature – črta, . vlastnosť

My role model



*For me, as a girl who was growing up glued to the screen, watching *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, starring Audrey Hepburn as a Holly, has always been clear who my role model is. I have always looked up to Audrey because of her charm, gentle and elegant behaviour, innocence, talent and a big heart. All shine and sparkles of her movies have given me a perfect definition what literally beauty is.*

Hepburn was born in Belgium. She spent her childhood in Belgium, England and the Netherlands. Because of her international

background, she could speak fluent English, French, Dutch, Spanish and Italian. Audrey's big heart in her acting career appeared in the movie „Roman Holiday“. For her performance, she was awarded for the best actress.

She was also named the most beautiful woman of all times and placed in the International Best Dressed List Hall of Fame.

Although she was well-known for her life philosophy of putting others before herself, she showed this side particularly towards the end of her life when she became a special ambassador for the UNICEF helping children in Latin America and Africa.

When I think about Audrey, I think about everything I would like to achieve – to be nice to people, dress well and be happy, because Audrey's most memorable quotation was: „Happy girls are the prettiest ones.“

Hana Švecová, IV.A

Vocabulary

Glued – prilepený

quotation - citát

Innocence – nevinnosť

achieve - dosiahnuť

Literally – doslova

To be placed – byť umiestnený

Fluent – plynulý

Although – napriek tomu

Dutch – holandština, Holanďan, holandský

Particularly – obzvlášť

Appear – objaviť sa

Ambassador – veľvyslanec/veľvyslankyňa

to be awarded – byť ocenený

How to be the best child in the world

“Do as you want to be done to you”, says one old Slovak saying. Every parent loves his or her children and most of them think that their child is the best one. But honestly, are we really as good as our parents think of us? Are we worth it? In my view, children should improve their behavior. And guess what! I have a few tips for you.

At first we should reduce the number of useless everyday arguments with our parents and there is no doubt that you want to. Try to think about it. It is not so difficult when you realize that the reasons are often ridiculous. Let’s face it.

This generation is said to be lazy. Give your parents a proof that you are not. Just try it one day. Mum or Dad comes home, tired of working overtime and they find it completely cleaned up. OK, not completely, but you have washed dishes or cooked dinner.

Remember also the next rule - I know it could be difficult for some of you, but give up speaking rude. Your friends may like it, but your parents can find it stupid. You can also gently try not to talk sassy to your parents. Sometimes, it’s not so bad to do as they have said. Bear in mind that your parents want you to have the best life, so try to do well at school. If you have good grades, your parents will trust you more. At least, you needn’t lie to them, so it is quite logical.

Well, let’s help our parents with our education. At least, we have only a pair of parents, so be grateful for them. Try to give them back all the love they are giving to us all the time. That is all they want. Try to be the best child of your parents.

Sophia Lukačková, VIII.D

Proverbs and Sayings

“Don’t cry over the spilt milk”

Explanation: When we have made mistakes or suffered loss, we should not waste our time crying or regretting what happened.



“Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth”

Explanation: Never criticize or express displeasure when you receive a gift.



“Do not wash your dirty linen in the public”

Explanation: Do not discuss your faults, mistakes, private and family matters, troubles, scandals, etc. in public.



Useful websites

Do you want to improve your English? Here are some websites which may help you:

1. Listening:

- audiobooks – find them on Google: “free audiobooks”
- podcasts (online audio recordings): Google “free podcasts”/iTunes

2. Speaking:

- International communities: BLEM – (Bratislava Language Exchange Meetings) – see their Facebook group
- Language cafes (KC Dunaj in Bratislava, Inlingua in Nitra, SpeakUp English in Prievidza)
- Language tandem online on Skype: www.italki.com, www.mylanguageexchange.com

3. Reading:

- e-book readers (Amazon Kindle, Sony) – have integrated dictionaries
- Calibre – a computer program for downloading electronic newspapers and magazines for free (www.calibre-ebook.com)
- find more stories at www.eastoftheweb.com

4. Grammar:

- Free English exercises and quizzes on www.perfectenglishgrammar.com
- English grammar explanation and exercises www.ego4u.com

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- *Become a member of our team!*
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