



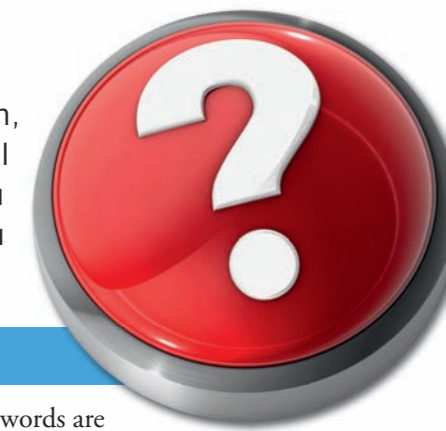
# Get to know the English-speaking world



Grammatik lernen, Vokabeln pauken — das ist die eher langweilige Seite des Sprachenlernens. Viel aufregender ist es, etwas über die Menschen und ihre Kultur zu erfahren. Damit gewinnen Sie völlig neue Einsichten. **INEZ SHARP** stellt Ihre Kenntnisse auf die Probe. medium

What is shoulder surfing? Who is Nick Clegg? And where is Pandora? On these pages, you'll be able to find out how much you know about the English-speaking world today. Test your knowledge of

language, politics, film, sport and music. You'll probably find that you know more than you think you do.



## LANGUAGE



Every year, hundreds of new words are created in English. Many, such as “freedom fries”, are short-lived expressions. Some, such as “metrosexual” (*Mann mit fast weiblichem Sinn für Mode und Lifestyle*), will be used for a few years and then most likely disappear. Others, such as “blog”, have already made it on to the pages of the *Oxford Dictionary of English*. Here, for your enjoyment, we present new words that we think will stay in use for a long time. Do you know any of them?

### 1. Match each word or expression to its definition.

- |                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| a) shoulder surfing | <input type="text" value="a"/> |
| b) tramp stamp      | <input type="text" value="b"/> |
| c) glocal           | <input type="text" value="c"/> |
| d) funemployed      | <input type="text" value="d"/> |
| e) glamping         | <input type="text" value="e"/> |
| f) hoody            | <input type="text" value="f"/> |

1. A hooded (*mit Kapuze*) top or jacket. Often also a young person who wears this piece of clothing.
2. Spending your holidays in a stylish or luxury tent.
3. Standing behind someone and watching as he or she enters a PIN or password.
4. Describing connections or relationships between things that are local and those that are global.
5. An impolite word for a tattoo on a woman's lower back.
6. Being without a job and thus having time to enjoy fun activities during working hours.

### 2. Now use the words to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

- a) The \_\_\_\_\_ solution would be to make the product locally, but sell it online.
- b) Being \_\_\_\_\_ is great. I've now got time to learn Chinese.
- c) Look at that guy in the \_\_\_\_\_. Isn't it your brother?
- d) When Jane wore those trendy jeans, I saw that she had a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) We're going \_\_\_\_\_ in a silk Bedouin tent in the desert.
- f) Yesterday, I thought someone was \_\_\_\_\_ as I got some money from the cash machine.

Remember: every month our cards on pages 51 and 52 include at least one new word.



Fotos: iStockphoto (4); Illustration: Bernhard Förth