

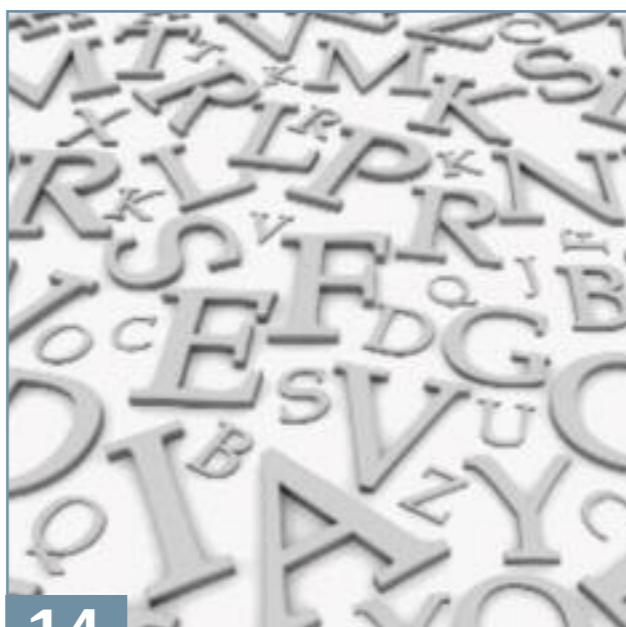
# This month's topics

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64	<b>The Lighter Side &amp; Next Month</b> <span>easy</span>	Jokes and cartoons, and a look at what's coming next month in <i>Spotlight</i>
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**32** **Shop more, spend less** medium audio

We're travelling to New York City — with a weak dollar and a strong desire to shop. Our secret weapon is author Claudia Hellmann, an insider with 15 years' experience of finding the best deals in the Big Apple.



**14** **Language focus** easy

So your goal is better English? *Spotlight* can help you to achieve it. Our language authors show you what's new starting this month and focus on particular pages to help you get the most out of the magazine.



**22** **Wallpaper revolution** medium audio

Britain's gone mad on wallpaper! Inez Sharp explores the comeback of this traditional way of decorating walls and interviews a woman behind the trend in the UK and beyond: designer Neisha Crosland.



**20** **What's on your plate?** medium

We introduce our new monthly food feature by asking an Australian correspondent: "What's on your plate?" He reports on how multicultural traditions are kept alive in dishes from Greece and the Czech Republic.

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