The best of Spotlight

Die wichtigsten Artikel des letzten Jahres hier im Überblick zum Nachschlagen und Nachlesen.

**COLUMNS**

**American Life**
- Getting what you ask for 1/14
- Small-town politics 2/14
- Affordable health care 3/14
- A church without God 4/14
- A new town official 5/14
- Strange laws in the US 6/14
- Prisoners’ illegal projects 7/14
- A village Oktoberfest 9/14
- Small-town life 10/14
- Sales on Thanksgiving 11/14
- Your car and you 12/14

**Around Oz**
- A smaller government 1/14
- We’re drinking less beer 2/14
- Goodbye to local brands 3/14
- What do post offices sell? 4/14
- The gap between Aboriginal and white children 5/14
- People on wheels 6/14
- Fishing among crocodiles 7/14
- Politicians’ promises 8/14
- Unusual house guests 9/14
- Nobody loves October 10/14

**LANGUAGE SECTION**

**English at Work**
- Effective meetings 1/14
- Saying goodbye to customers 2/14
- Secrets of negotiating 3/14
- Writing essays 4/14
- Preparing for a press conference 5/14
- Ending a presentation 6/14
- Tips for small talk 7/14
- Asking someone to explain something 8/14
- Motivating a team 9/14
- Wording a reminder 10/14

**Everyday English**
- Organizing the family’s day 1/14
- A car breakdown 2/14
- At the gym 3/14
- Staying with a host family 4/14
- At the dentist’s 5/14
- On the motorway 6/14
- Official documents 7/14
- A birthday party 8/14
- Evening classes 9/14

**The Grammar Page**
- Infinitives 12/14
- Gerunds 11/14
- The third conditional 10/14
- Conditionals 9/14
- The second conditional 8/14
- Using “if”, “unless” and “if... not” 7/14

**ARTICLES**

**A Day in My Life**
- Defence lawyer (US) 1/14
- Mineworker (Australia) 2/14
- A desert baker (Namibia) 3/14
- Clinical psychologist (UK) 4/14
- Firefighter (US) 5/14

**Talking about books** 10/14
- Leaving the company 11/14
- A new bathroom 12/14

**The Future Perfect**
- Talking about what you think will happen 1/14
- Using the present continuous to talk about the future 2/14
- Talking about future plans and times 3/14
- The future continuous 4/14
- The future perfect 5/14
- Using “when” and “if” to talk about the future 6/14

**Secret Service scandals** 12/14
- The Scottish question 8/14
- Horses and the war 7/14
- Everything has its limits 6/14
- Property for the wealthy 5/14
- The gap between Aboriginal and white children 4/14
- Pandas and presidents 3/14
- A break from the news 2/14
- Twitter madness 1/14

**I Ask Myself**
- Miley Cyrus 2/14
- George Clooney gets engaged 7/14
- A California shooting 8/14
- A love for October 10/14

**We’re drinking less beer** 2/14
- Goodbye to local brands 3/14
- What do post offices sell? 4/14
- The gap between Aboriginal and white children 5/14
- People on wheels 6/14
- Fishing among crocodiles 7/14
- Politicians’ promises 8/14
- Unusual house guests 9/14
- Nobody loves October 10/14

**What does “cool” mean?** 9/14
- Babies left in cars 10/14
- Death of Robin Williams 11/14
- Social media scandals 12/14

**Fishery officer (Ireland)** 6/14
- Music programmer (Scotland) 7/14
- Crossword author (UK) 8/14
- Looking after dementia patients (Australia) 9/14
- Mountain rescue expert (Ireland) 10/14
- Boutique owner (Canada) 11/14
- Buddhist nun (Scotland) 12/14

**Architecture**
- Transforming London’s Battersea Power Station 2/14

**Business**
- German builders and craftsmen in Britain 3/14
- Flip-flops for a good cause 8/14

**Debate**
- Zero-hours contracts (UK) 1/14
- Prostitution (Canada) 2/14
- Care for war veterans (US) 3/14
- Biker gangs (Australia) 4/14
- Sexualized pop culture (UK) 5/14

**Spoken English**
- Finishing a conversation 2/14
- Showing interest or surprise 3/14
- Ways to agree and disagree 4/14
- Crossword author (UK) 8/14
- Looking after dementia patients (Australia) 9/14
- Mountain rescue expert (Ireland) 10/14
- Boutique owner (Canada) 11/14
- Buddhist nun (Scotland) 12/14

**Architecture**
- Transforming London’s Battersea Power Station 2/14

**Business**
- German builders and craftsmen in Britain 3/14
- Flip-flops for a good cause 8/14

**Debate**
- Zero-hours contracts (UK) 1/14
- Prostitution (Canada) 2/14
- Care for war veterans (US) 3/14
- Biker gangs (Australia) 4/14
- Sexualized pop culture (UK) 5/14

**Spoken English**
- Finishing a conversation 2/14
- Showing interest or surprise 3/14
- Ways to agree and disagree 4/14
- Crossword author (UK) 8/14
- Looking after dementia patients (Australia) 9/14
- Mountain rescue expert (Ireland) 10/14
- Boutique owner (Canada) 11/14
- Buddhist nun (Scotland) 12/14

**Architecture**
- Transforming London’s Battersea Power Station 2/14

**Business**
- German builders and craftsmen in Britain 3/14
- Flip-flops for a good cause 8/14

**Debate**
- Zero-hours contracts (UK) 1/14
- Prostitution (Canada) 2/14
- Care for war veterans (US) 3/14
- Biker gangs (Australia) 4/14
- Sexualized pop culture (UK) 5/14

**Spoken English**
- Finishing a conversation 2/14
- Showing interest or surprise 3/14
- Ways to agree and disagree 4/14
- Crossword author (UK) 8/14
- Looking after dementia patients (Australia) 9/14
- Mountain rescue expert (Ireland) 10/14
- Boutique owner (Canada) 11/14
- Buddhist nun (Scotland) 12/14
Governments spying on their citizens (US) 6/14
Flouride in the water supply (Ireland) 7/14
Fracking (UK) 8/14
Legalizing cannabis (US) 9/14
Public broadcasting (Canada) 10/14
Drone deliveries (US) 11/14
Gambling machines (UK) 12/14

Education
Mobile learning in developing countries 11/14

Environment
Saving the rhino (Namibia) 7/14

Food
Hell Pizza (NZ) 1/14
Traditional sweets (UK) 2/14
Winemaking (Australia) 3/14
Ballymaloe cookery school (Ireland) 4/14
In-vitro meat (UK) 5/14
Cakes (Hong Kong) 6/14
Beer and breweries (UK) 7/14
Jelly as art (UK) 8/14
Reducing food waste (UK) 9/14
Native dishes (US) 10/14
Raw food (US) 11/14
Food trends of 2014 12/14

Grammar to go!
Time forms 4/14
Grammar rules 10/14

History
100 years of Nigeria (1914) 1/14
Boxer Muhammad Ali (heavy-weight champion 1964) 2/14
The miners’ strike (Britain, 1984) 3/14
Kurt Cobain, voice of a generation (died 1994) 4/14
Anglo-Saxon treasures (Sutton Hoo, 1939) 5/14
James Joyce and Ulysses (Bloomday, 1904) 6/14
The First World War (1914) 7/14
Building the Panama Canal (opened 1914) 8/14
50 years of The Sun (started 1964) 9/14
Into the unknown (Australian expedition, 1824) 10/14
Wartime leader Winston Churchill (born 1874) 11/14
The end of an epidemic (small-pox eradicated, 1979) 12/14

Language
10 tips to transform your English 1/14
The IELTS writing test 2/14
Work and study abroad 3/14
Using dictionaries 5/14
Varieties of English 6/14
Unpack your prepositions 7/14
8 tips for learning success 9/14
American and British English 11/14
English at your fingertips 12/14

Literature
Plays for today (William Shakespeare) 4/14
Crime writer Linwood Barclay 8/14
The poetry of Michael Swan 10/14
Crime writer Claus Beling 11/14
Daphne du Maurier’s Rebecca 12/14

Press Gallery
A London for everyone? (property prices) 1/14
Learning, but not earning (recent graduates) 2/14
The problem of electronic waste 3/14
An end to poverty? 4/14
What is the military for? 5/14
It’s breathtaking (air pollution) 6/14
Middle-class blues (Canada overtakes the US) 7/14
The supermarkets’ slave-labour problem 8/14
Innovate, but be fair (YouTube, Amazon and others) 9/14
Work less, live better 10/14
Learning to code (British schoolchildren) 11/14
Global inequality 12/14

Short Story
An indecent proposal 1/14
No sense of direction 2/14

Travel Talk
A yoga retreat 1/14
Going to an art exhibition 2/14
Travelling with electronics 3/14
Going to a baby shower 4/14
Travelling by coach 5/14
Visiting a garden 6/14
Going to see the Tour de France 7/14
Packing your bags 8/14
A road trip 9/14
The Everglades 10/14
Travelling on one’s own 11/14
Getting from the airport to the city 12/14

Vocabulary
What’s in your bag? 1/14
Winter vegetables 2/14
Inside an aeroplane 3/14
In the loft 4/14
Time for tea 5/14
All about dogs 6/14
Shapes 7/14
Outside the car 8/14
At the hospital 9/14
Sources of energy 10/14
A lesson in photography 11/14
The post office 12/14

Special
Humour and language 5/14

Society
The Tough Guy race 1/14
The Internet of Things 9/14
Driverless cars 10/14

Travel
New York City in winter 1/14
Atiu in the Cook Islands 2/14
Getting fit in Alberta 3/14
On tour in London 4/14
Glasgow 5/14
The Southern US 6/14
Saint Lucia in the Caribbean 7/14
San Diego and other places in California 8/14
The Wales Coast Path 9/14
Insiders’ New York City 10/14
Jersey 11/14
Newfoundland 12/14

Ways to say how often you do things 4/14
Ways to change the topic of a conversation 5/14
The word “way” 6/14
Talking about memory 7/14
Ways to be indirect 8/14
Expressions with “put” 9/14
Ways of speaking about success, failure and progress 10/14
Ways to check that you’ve understood something 11/14
“Think” and “thought” 12/14

Missed something?
You can order past issues of the magazine at the original price. Save around 20 per cent by ordering Spotlight for a complete year. We also offer a special binder in which to keep issues. Read the details at www.spotlight-online.de/extras or simply contact us at abo@spotlight-verlag.de or (0049) 89-85681-16.