

# **English with John Doe**

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A

**Adult:** This is the word for any person over eighteen years old.

**Agreement:** Another word for a 'deal' saying that you will cooperate in some way.

**Airport:** The place where airplanes land and take off.

**Annoyed:** A word that means only a little angry, or irritated.

**Asparagus:** A green (or white) vegetable that grows in the spring.

Audiologist: A 'doctor' who helps you with hearing problems.

Autumn: The season between summer and winter. This is when the leaves change color

and fall off the tree.

В

**Backseat:** In a car, the parents normally sit in the front. This is where the children normally sit

**Bad luck:** This is the word we use when something random happens that is not good for us.

**Because:** This word is used to show the reason for something. It is often the first word in the answer to a 'why' question.

**Bench:** A long, flat piece of furniture for sitting on. Often this can hold more than one person.

**Break:** This is a short time with no work, after a time of hard work.

**Brussels sprouts:** A round, green vegetable that looks like small cabbages.

C

**Card:** A piece of paper with symbols on it. You need this to play poker.

**Cashier:** The person in ALDI or Netto who works at a 'computer' and takes your money.

**Cauliflower:** A kind of cabbage that has a large, white flower that can be eaten as a vegetable.

**Choir:** A group of people who sing together. Many churches have this.

**City planner:** The person who says where houses (and other things) can be built in a city.

Cockroach: An insect with a wide, flat body. You don't want to find it in your kitchen or

hotel room!

**Coin:** 'Hard money.' This is the kind of money that is made out of metal.

Colleague: A person who you work with.

**Coloring:** A children't activity for children to put color into pictures.

**Construction worker:** A person who works building houses and other big projects.

Crazy: This describes a person whose brain does not work in a 'healthy' way.

**Crowded:** This describes a place with too many people. So many people it is

uncomfortable.

**Cup holder:** The part of the car where you can put your coffee. Or your beer.

**Czech Republic:** The country south-east of Germany, where Prague is the capital.

## D

**Damage:** This means to 'break' something a little bit.

**Day care:** A place where you can bring children during the day when you are working.

**Deliver:** This is what the DHL man (or woman) does with your Amazon packages.

**Divorced:** This describes a person who was married, but now isn't.

**Double bed:** Furniture that is made for two people to sleep on.

**Draw:** To use a pen or a pencil to make a picture. This can be artistic, or technical.

**Driver's license:** The card you have from the government saying that you can use a car.

**During:** We use this preposition to say that one thing happened at the same time as another.

#### $\mathbf{E}$

**Egg:** Where a baby chicken lives. Also a breakfast food.

#### F

**Fever:** The medical problem you have when your body temperature is above 38° C.

**Fountain:** A decoration that shoots water into the air. The *Albertplatz* in Dresden has this.

## G

**Glove compartment:** In front of the passenger's seat, this is the space in your car where the manual is.

**Grow:** This is what plants and children do. It is a word that means 'get bigger.'

#### Η

**Habit:** Something you do so often that you do it automatically. Sometimes you don't know you are doing it.

**Hail:** 'Bad' summer weather in which little balls of ice fall from the sky. It can cause a lot of damage.

**Half-board:** What you pay for when a hotel or bed-and-breakfast gives you breakfast and dinner.

**Harvest:** This is the process of bringing the food in from the field at the end of the summer.

Headache: The problem you have when your head hurts, like after too much drinking.

**Headlight:** The light in the front of your car. It helps you see where you are driving.

**Hide:** To put something where it will be difficult to find.

**Hometown:** The word for the place you are from.

#### L

Law: This is what you study if you want to become a lawyer.

**Lawyer:** A person whose job it is to help you understand the law.

Library: A place where there are many books. Often, you can borrow the books.

**Lightning:** Strong electricity created in storm clouds. This can hit houses and cause damage.

**Lively:** This describes a person who is full of life and energy. Often, this person also likes contact to other people.

**Lobby:** A big room, usually the first one you walk into in a building like a hotel or school.

# M

**Make sure:** Like 'to double-check,' this means to do everything possible to be certain about something.

**Museum:** A place where things that are old or beautiful are collected so people can see them.

# N

Novel: A long story in book format. J. K. Rowling and Agatha Christie write these.

**Nurse:** A person who helps take care of sick people (but not a doctor).

# 0

**Opinion:** The way someone thinks about something. NOT a fact! :-)

**Overtake:** To drive faster and go past the car in front of you.

# P

**Parking garage:** A place under a building where cars can be stored.

**Parking lot:** This is like a "field" (but often with asphalt) where many cars can wait for their drivers.

**Parking space:** This is a place where one car will fit. It's often difficult to find in the city.

**Peaceful:** Like 'quiet,' this means that a person or place is calm and not aggressive.

**Plant:** A green growing thing. Trees and grass are examples of this.

**Police officer:** The person you call if you have a problem. He also makes the radar traps on the side of the road.

**Polite:** This word describes a person who always says "please" and "thank you."

**Polluted:** Like 'dirty,' this means that something natural has 'dirt' from humans in it.

**Pray:** To 'talk' to a god.

**Project manager:** The person who coordinates the different workers who are all working on the same thing.

# R

**Rear-view mirror:** The mirror in your car that you look in to see behind you.

Rule: Something that says what you have to do, or may not do.

**Sad:** The opposite of happy. This is how you feel when the English lesson ends.

**Sauce:** A flavorful liquid you can eat with food, so it isn't so dry.

**Science:** The study of how the world works, using experiments and thinking.

**Scuba diving:** The activity where you take air in a tank underwater to swim for a long time. Jacques Cousteau did this.

**Shy:** A little bit afraid near people. Especially new people.

**Sidewalk:** The street is for cars. This is the place that is for people to walk.

**Sign:** A piece of metal by the road, with words and symbols to give information to drivers.

**Skyscraper:** A building so high, it 'touches' the clouds.

**Spice:** Things -- like pepper or curry -- with strong flavor that we use to make food taste better.

**Steering wheel:** The part of the car that you turn to tell the car which direction to go.

**Strict:** This describes a person (or organization) that is very exact with rules and makes no exceptions.

**Suddenly:** This describes something that happened quickly and without warning.

**Suggestion:** Like 'tip,' or 'advice,' this is an idea you give to someone to tell them what you think they should do.

**Surprising:** This describes something that is so unexpected that it is interesting.

**Swimming pool:** A big box filled with water where you can swim. In Dresden, the *Arnoldbad* is an example of this.

# $\mathbf{T}$

**Talkative:** This describes a person who likes to communicate by speaking, and who does this a lot.

**Tall:** The opposite of 'short,' this describes a person (or thing) with a lot of centimeters (or meters).

**Throw:** To use your hand and arm to make something move through the air.

**Tired:** This describes someone who does not have a lot of energy and maybe wants to sleep.

**Trunk:** This is the 'small room' in the back of the car where you can put beer or other groceries.

# U

**Unusual:** This describes something that is different from what is normal.

# $\mathbf{V}$

Vehicle: Anything with wheels that can drive: a car, a truck, a train, a motorcycle...

# $\mathbf{W}$

WiFi: The kind of network that does not need cables.

Windshield: The front window in a car.