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Introduction

Hello. This is Kristin and this is Joe ... we wanted to take a moment to welcome you to the Learn Real English Family and to tell you a little about the lessons.

Now these lessons are based on real, authentic English conversations that Joe and I have had with each other and our friends... and also with my mom. These are actual conversations that we've had so you will become familiar, more familiar, with real spoken English.

So you'll hear Kristin and I in the conversations and also doing the lessons. You'll also hear our friend AJ Hoge from Effortless English. He's done some of the lessons as well.

Okay, so now a little bit about the lessons . . . Each lesson set has a conversation, a vocabulary lesson and a mini-story lesson for you to listen to. And we've also included the text for each of these, in case you want to read along as you listen.

The key to Learn Real English is deep learning. The best way to use these lessons is to listen to one lesson set at a time. You should spend at least one week on each lesson set. Now remember... one lesson set has a conversation, a vocabulary lesson and a mini-story lesson in it. So listen to the lesson set every day for at least one week before moving on to the next set. Even if the lesson set is easy, you should still continue for one week. And if after a week the lesson set is difficult, continue listening until you have a basic understanding. Also, you want to be sure that you do the lesson sets in order because the ones at the end are more difficult.

We've included a welcome guide that has more instructions. So please read it before you start listening to the lessons. And if you have any questions or comments about the lessons you can go to our discussion board. It's at www.EffortlessEnglishForums.com.

Okay, so now you're ready to start. Thanks for joining the Learn Real English family. And good luck with the lessons. But most importantly, make sure you have fun. Bye.



Welcome Guide

Getting Started:

1. Go to the Forums and Register now: <http://www.EffortlessEnglishForums.com>
Click "Register"
Create a Username and Password
Introduce yourself to other members. Ask questions.
2. Download the first lesson set.
3. Read "How To Use The Lessons" below:

How To Use The Lessons:

Welcome To Learn Real English! You now have a link to the download page. Save the email and link. Do not lose it. It is the only way you can download each lesson set. You are only able to click on the link up to 9 times. Therefore, try to download all of the lessons at one time and then save them on your computer. That way you will always have them.

Each lesson set has a real conversation, a vocabulary lesson and a mini-story lesson for you to listen to. And we've also included the text for each of these, in case you want to read along as you listen. All lessons in a set have the same name. These lessons go together. Every day, listen to all the lessons in ONE lesson SET (all the lessons with the same name). You will listen to only one set for a week or more. This is very important. You will only improve quickly if you follow this method-- one lesson set everyday-- the same lesson set every day for a week (or more).

What kind of lessons are in each set, and how should you use them?

*A Text Article (Adobe .pdf file)

Read the article. Do not "study" it. Don't try to memorize it. Just read it a couple of times each day and review new words. Use a dictionary to translate difficult words, if necessary.

*Vocabulary Lesson (MP3)

Just listen. Don't try to memorize the words.

*Mini-Story Lesson (MP3)

This is the most powerful lesson. First time, just listen. Then, listen and pause after each question. Answer each question loudly in English, then play again. Don't worry if you don't understand everything. Don't worry about mistakes.



Welcome Guide

In the Mini-Story, Joe & AJ will do only three things:

1. They will make a statement. After a statement, just say, “Ahhhh” or “Ohhhh”.
2. They will ask a question that you know the answer to. Just answer the question. You don't need to answer with a sentence. You can answer with only one or two words.
3. They will ask a question that you don't know the answer to. Guess. Yell a guess immediately.
4. Again, you can guess with just one (or a few) words. Saying a correct and exact answer is not important. The most important thing is speed. Try to answer very quickly (remember, one word is fine). Speed is your goal. You want short fast answers, not long answers! In the beginning, this may be difficult. That's OK. Use your pause button. Listen to this lesson many times every day for at least a week. The Mini-Story is the MOST IMPORTANT LESSON in the Learn Real English system. Listen to these lessons the most.

Authentic Audio Conversation (MP3):

*Just listen. Relax and enjoy. Listen to it several times each day for at least a week. Your goal is to understand 100% instantly and automatically.

Suggested Lesson Order (Every Day Using The Same Set):

1. First, read the Conversation Text article. Read and review it, do not “study” it. Don't try to memorize it.
2. Listen to the Conversation a few times.
3. Listen to the Vocabulary Lesson several times.
4. Listen to the Mini-Story a few times.

Learning Schedule:



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Learn Real English is a deep learning system. You will learn each lesson very well. You will relax, go slowly and learn to speak English easily and automatically.

The best study schedule is as follows:

*Study one lesson set for a week or more. That's right, only one set for at least a week. If you get bored, make a game with the Mini-Story lessons - Try to answer each question faster and faster.

*Everyday, listen to all of the lessons in the lesson set. Try to listen to each lesson (in the set) at least two times every day.

*Listen at least one hour every day. Two hours every day is best. It's OK to divide your time during the day. For example, you might listen 30 minutes in the morning, 30 minutes going to work, 30 minutes during lunch, 30 minutes going home, and 30 minutes before going to sleep. In fact, this is an excellent way to learn.

*Relax :) Do not think about grammar rules. Just listen to the lessons and enjoy them.

*Start with the first lessons (at the top of the list).

Even if the lessons seem easy, listen to only one set for a full week. You might know the words very well, but you need them to go deep into your brain. You need a lot of repetition and a lot of answering questions.

If the lessons seem easy, try to answer the questions very quickly - make it a game. If the lessons seem difficult - just relax. You can listen to one lesson set for 4 weeks or 10 weeks if necessary. Don't worry about doing a lot of lesson sets. This is not important. Relax and focus on understanding. Go slowly. You will improve a lot, even if you listen to only one lesson set for 10 weeks!

The Learn Real English Forum (part of the Effortless English Club Forum):

Meet your new family! As a user of The Learn Real English System, you can join our Forum. The Forum is a place to meet other members (as well as members from Effortless English Club). This is a bonus for users of The Learn Real English System.



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****Go to the Forum at: <http://www.EffortlessEnglishForums.com>**

Use the Forum to meet other English speakers from all over the world. Schedule Skype discussions with other members. Share opinions, suggestions, and information. Make new friends.

****You will be asked to login.**

Click "Register" and create an account.

Later, you will login with the username and password you created.

Good luck and enjoy The Learn Real English System,
Kristin Dodds & Joe Weiss
Directors of Learn Real English, LLC

1. EARTHQUAKES



Earthquakes Conversation

check this out: *listen to this*

Joe: Hey, **check this out.** Y'know what Eric asked me when I got into work this morning?

I have no idea: *I do not know*

Kristin: **I have no idea**, what'd he ask you?

Joe: He asked me if I felt the earthquake last night.

you've gotta be kidding: *you cannot be serious*

Kristin: Earthquake? **You've gotta be kidding**, I didn't feel an earthquake.

Joe: I know, that's what I said. He told me it actually woke him up last night. Y'know...

Kristin: What?

pullin' my leg: *making a joke by lying to someone and pretending the lie is true*

Joe: ...yeah, it was like, it went, it happened at like, uh, 4:42 in the morning. So we must've been sleeping. But I mean, it's possible that, y'know, even if we had been awake we might not have felt it because, y'know, maybe it, uh, wasn't felt, y'know, this far north. But, uh, I, I mean I thought he was **pullin' my leg** when he first talked about it.

far-fetched: *unbelievable*

Kristin: Well, I guess it's not so **far-fetched** considering we live on a major fault line here.

Joe: Yeah, but actually I think this earthquake was, uh, on a different fault line, um, because, y'know, Eric lives, uh, just, uh, south of San Jose...

Kristin: Yeah.

due east: *exactly east of someplace*

Joe: ...and, uh, the earthquake he said was **due east** of San Jose, so he was obviously a lot closer to the **epicenter** than we were. So, I d-, I'm not even sure it was felt here.

epicenter: *the middle of an earthquake*

Kristin: Yeah, that makes sense. Well, y'know, I've experienced quite a few earthquakes in the past several years but I've been living here a little over two years, I've, I think I've only experienced one here. It was really strange, too, I was, um, each, I should say each earthquake has been a completely different experience. But the one I, the one I felt here, I was standing outside a restaurant talking to AJ and another friend and **all of a sudden** it just felt like, this shift. It's really hard to explain, but it made me think of, like, a cartoon, like how, in the cartoon, like buildings might just shift to the right and then shift right back.

all of a sudden: *right away with no warning*



Earthquakes Mini-Story Lesson

Hello, welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation titled "Earthquakes." Let's get started with the story.

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Luke lives in San Francisco.

Luke can eat fifty eggs in one hour. Luke told his friend George. George thought this seemed far-fetched. He thought that Luke was pulling his leg.

"You've gotta be kidding," he said to Luke.

So Luke bet George \$100 that he can eat fifty eggs in one hour.

Luke ate fifteen eggs in the first ten minutes then all of a sudden the ground started to shake. There was an earthquake due east of San Francisco. Luke was not surprised because earthquakes are a dime a dozen in San Francisco.

"When you live in San Francisco, it's a given that you will feel an earthquake," said Luke.

"Totally," said George.

Then Luke ate the rest of the eggs in twenty-two minutes so George had to give him \$100.

* * * * *

Okay, so that's our story. Now I will start at the beginning of the story and as I read the story I will ask questions and as always, please answer the questions out loud. If you need a little more time then you can pause your iPod or your mp3 player and take as much time as you need to answer the questions. Of course, if you just feel like listening to the questions and not answering them, that's fine as well.

Okay, so here we go.

* * * * *

Luke lives in San Francisco.

Does Luke live in San Francisco?

Yes, he does. Luke lives in San Francisco.



Earthquakes Mini-Story Lesson

Who lives in San Francisco?

Luke. Luke lives in San Francisco.

Does Larry or Luke live in San Francisco?

Luke does. Luke lives in San Francisco.

Does Larry live in San Francisco?

No, Larry doesn't live in San Francisco.

Where does Luke live?

San Francisco. Luke lives in San Francisco.

Does Luke live in New York or San Francisco?

San Francisco. He lives in San Francisco.

Does Luke live in New York?

No, Luke doesn't live in New York.

Does Luke live in San Francisco?

Yes, yes, that's correct. Luke lives in San Francisco.

Luke can eat fifty eggs in one hour.

Can Luke eat fifty eggs in one hour?

Yes, he can. I mean that sounds like a lot of eggs but he can do it. He can eat fifty eggs in one hour.

What can Luke do?

Well, he can eat fifty eggs in one hour.



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Earthquakes POV Lesson

Hello and welcome to the point of view stories for “Earthquakes”. I'm going to tell the same story from the “Earthquakes” mini-story lesson in a number of different ways. Each time I tell the story I'll change the time in which the story is being told or I will change the person who is telling the story. So we'll hear it from a different point of view. Let's start by telling the story as if it is happening right now, or as we say, in the present. Okay.

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“When you live in San Francisco, it's a given that you will feel an earthquake,” Luke says.

“Totally,” George says.

Then Luke eats the rest of the eggs in twenty-two minutes so George has to give him \$100.

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Okay, so that ends the story being told as if it is happening right now. Next let's hear the story as if it happened seven months ago.

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Seven months ago Luke lived in San Francisco.

Luke could eat fifty eggs in one hour. Luke told his friend George. George thought this seemed far-fetched. He thought that Luke was pulling his leg.

“You've gotta be kidding,” he said to Luke.



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Earthquakes Vocabulary Lesson

Hi. Welcome to the vocabulary lesson for the conversation “Earthquakes.” In this conversation Joe and I are talking about different earthquakes that we’ve both experienced.

So let’s start with the conversation.

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Joe starts off by saying, “Hey...”

Now, hey.... This is just a filler word. It really has no meaning here except for Joe trying to get my attention.

Joe goes on to say, “check this out.”

Check this out. Check this out means listen to this. Check this out. An example of check this out would be: Scott said, “Check this out. I got two free tickets to the Rolling Stones concert.” Check this out.

And Joe goes on to say, “Y’know what Eric asked me when I got into work this morning?”

Y’know. This is short for you know. You won’t see this in written English but you will hear it in conversational English. Y’know.

And then I say, “I have no idea, what’d he ask?”

I have no idea, or have no idea. It means do not know. I do not know. For example: I have no idea how I’m going to make time each day to exercise. Have no idea.

And then Joe says, “He asked me if I felt the earthquake last night.”

Earthquake. This is when the ground shakes from natural causes.

And then I say, “Earthquake? You’ve gotta be kidding, I didn’t feel an earthquake.”

You’ve gotta be kidding. Now gotta is short for got to. You’ve got to be kidding. This is something else you’ll hear in conversational English but you won’t see it in written English. You’ve gotta be kidding. What this means is you cannot be serious. You’ve gotta be kidding. For example: When I told my mother that I had won \$2 million, she said, “You’ve gotta be kidding.”

And then Joe says, “I know, that’s what I said. He told me it actually woke him up last night.”

Actually here is just really filler. It has no meaning. It’s not even needed in this sentence.