

PEP Internet activities

The aim of the Internet activities in PEP is to make you feel at home when surfing the Net in English. They will also show you how you can practise your English and find out more about the language and the culture of English-speaking countries.

The links

We have tried to choose web pages that will not disappear immediately. But the Internet changes all the time, and a site can be reorganised or re-designed, change its name, be archived somewhere else (this happens to BBC pages all the time!), re-locate, no longer be updated or simply be deleted. This can't be helped.

As a service to users, we will be updating the URLs given in the PEP books at regular intervals. This doesn't mean that you will always find the URL given in the book when the time comes. This is not a huge disaster, it just happens.

Expert surfers will be able to find alternative ways to vanished sites. Or they may discover good substitutes. If the worst comes to the worst, googling a key idea from the task or activity e.g. 'Recycler's Rap', 'school uniform', 'team-building activities' or 'Irish baby names' will usually provide a solution.

Enjoy!

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<http://www.mcwdn.org/Time/TimeMain.html> OK

<http://physics.nist.gov/time> or <http://www.nist.gov/pml/general/time/index.cfm> OK

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<http://www.usingenglish.com> OK, instructions are not up to date, though!

Scroll down to **English Reference** and click on **English Idioms**. When you get there, choose the search tab. Remember to checkmark the 'include definitions' box before clicking, if you want to know what the idioms mean.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/> OK, but Cambridge are re-doing their site and at the moment you can't access the Dictionary of Idioms. Choose Advanced Learner's and type 'time' in the search box. If you go through the results, you will find some more idiomatic expressions with 'time'. When the work on the site is finished, you will probably be able to access the Dictionary of Idioms again.

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<http://encarta.msn.com> NO, sorry. Use <http://www.thefreedictionary.com> instead.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/> OK

<http://dict.leo.org/> OK. As LEO is regularly updated the position of the words in the list of translations can vary.

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<http://www2.ci.plymouth.mn.us/> NO, sorry.

The following link leads you to the same page and might be more likely to last:

<http://plymouthmn.gov/>

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<http://kids.direct.gov.uk/> NO, sorry. This URL no longer works. Use

<http://www.corsham.gov.uk/amenities/amenities.html> instead and click on **Amenities** and find interesting information about the town of Corsham in Wiltshire.

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<http://www.archivist.f2s.com/bsu/Bsu.html> NO, sorry, this site is no longer accessible. Try the following alternative activity:

Go to www.harrods.com and look for **children**, then **school uniform**. The schools for which Harrods stocks uniforms are independent (private) schools and – we're sorry – the clothes shown are mainly for girls or small boys. Claire's Court schools, Francis Holland and Queenswood cater for students in your age group, too.

Scroll through the clothes on offer. Are they traditional or trendy? What do you think of the colours? Do you find the things expensive? Decide on one item that you think is ok and one that is absolutely awful. Compare impressions with your classmates.

Follow-up: Look at the information on (school) uniform at www.wetherbyschool.co.uk or www.clairescourt.com. Google 'Christ's Hospital School uniform' for the ultimate in school clothing, or 'Eton College Uniform' for some good images.

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<http://www.highbury.ac.uk/search/default.aspx?topic=0> NO, this URL no longer works. Go to www.highbury.ac.uk and select **Courses** from the header. For international student profiles, click on **International** then select from side list.

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<http://www.googlefight.com/> OK

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<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/> OK

Have fun planning journeys from A to B, looking at plans, historical exhibits, finding out about walking /cycling in London or jobs people do for Transport for London (**Corporate/Careers/ People Stories**).

www.ltmcollection.org/museum/index.html OK

(Browse collections; listen / read about people and objects to do with London Transport; under **Learning** look for **Families and Children, Kids Stuff, Paint a poster.**)

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http://www.quintcareers.com/dress_for_success.html OK

<http://www.tie-a-tie.net/> OK

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<http://dict.leo.org/> OK

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/> OK

<http://www.bartleby.com/> OK (You could leave this out, as it mainly focuses on usage, style and word choice and reference books for other subjects.)

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/> OK

<http://dictionary.com/> OK

<http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/DictionaryResults.aspx> NO, sorry. Use the following link instead: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com>. This has loads of information and useful / fun extras like word games, English Language Forum and My Word List feature. <http://www.onelook.com/> OK

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www.hfmvgv.org/education/smartfun/welcome.html Sorry, this URL no longer works. The best way to get to the Trip is to go to www.hfmvgv.org, then click on **Exhibits/Collections** and choose **Online Exhibits** from the menu. Once there, scroll down to the **'For the classroom'** section where you'll find the **Model T Road Trip Diary**. You may be interested in some of the other online collections (Toys, Costume, Innovators, Heroes of the Sky etc).

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www.greenhouse.gov.au/gwci/gwci-puzzle1.html NO, sorry, this URL has been replaced by a new site, www.climatechange.gov.au/, which focuses specifically on climate change. The information and activities (path: What your community can do, Schools, Teaching, Primary) is not strictly relevant to this unit.

As an alternative, go to <http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids>, in the **Topics** box, click on **Environment** for fun vocabulary and awareness activities.

A more difficult activity is to go to <http://www.myvocabulary.com/> and look for the **Ecology** activities under **Themed Puzzles / SCIENCE & MATH**.

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<http://www.zerogum.org.uk> NO, sorry. The website has disappeared. Maybe the company has gone, too?? Replace URL and questions with <http://www.gumclear.co.uk> and do the following note-taking activity: What does this company do? Which areas are affected by the problem? Which method does the company use? Why is this better than other methods? Where has the company worked successfully?

<http://www.wearewhatwedo.org/> OK

The site has been re-designed. The Actions are simpler to find: just go to **Do our simple actions** in the header (or to the **Do some small actions now** button) to check out the current list. When we last looked, there were 131.

You can find the video clips on YouTube. Search for **We Are What We Do Intro For Kids**. From here you can access other WeAreWhatWeDoUK videos, too. When we last looked, there were 107 of them! You might want to video your Earth Day event presentation and put it online ...

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www.recyclezone.org.uk OK

For more fun, try www.recyclenow.com Click on **Schools** first, then select **Fun activities for 5-11 year olds** (sorry, but you want to have fun) and then choose from the activities at **Hello Kids of Earth**. Googling **the three Rs of the environment** (factmonster.com) will help you find out what the three Rs are.

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<http://wilderdom.com/games/InitiativeGames.html> OK

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<http://www.employeesurveys.com/bosses/goodboss1.htm> OK

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<http://www.manythings.org/vocabulary/lists/z/> OK Look at the other word lists, too. Excellent for general revision, exam preparation ...

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<http://www.careerswales.com/quiz/interviewgame.asp> NO, sorry. The site has been reorganised. Best go to <http://www.careerswales.com/> Choose the English site, as before, then click on **16 to 19 Year Olds**. Once there, look for **Interview Games 16 to 19** under **Tools and Resources**. Why don't you look at the other interactive games **Careers Advice** and **Work Experience**, too?

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<http://www.scotbanks.org.uk/index.php> OK
<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/> OK

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http://www.childrensmuseum.org/special_exhibits/moneyville/pop5.htm OK

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http://survey.mailfrontier.com/survey/phishing_uk.html OK

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<http://www.babynamesofireland.com/> OK

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<http://www.godo.com.au/activities/creative/aboriginal-culture> NO, sorry, this link no longer works. As an alternative, sample the trips and tours offered at <http://www.austour.com.au> and choose one of them.