

**English on the air II**

**إنجليزي عَ الهواء II**

# Comprehension

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# Today's Reading:

- **Luke 12: 6-7:** What's the price of two or three pet canaries? Some loose change, right? But God never overlooks a single one. And he pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries.
- **Luke 7: 36-39:** One of the Pharisees asked him over for a meal. He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down at the dinner table.

# Today's Reading:

- Just then a woman of the village, the town harlot, having learned that Jesus was a guest in the home of the Pharisee, came with a bottle of very expensive perfume and stood at his feet, weeping, raining tears on his feet. Letting down her hair, she dried his feet, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man was the prophet I thought he was, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is falling all over him.”

# Vocabulary

## مفردات ومعاني

**At the Hairdresser**

**عند مصفّف الشعر**

- I'd like a haircut, please.
- Do I need to book?
- Are you able to see me now?
- Would you like to make an appointment?
- Would you like me to wash it?
- What would you like?
- How would you like me to cut it?
- I'll leave it to you.
- I'd like a trim/ a new style/ a perm/ some highlights/ it colored.
- Just a trim, please.
- How short would you like it?
- Not too short.
- Quite short.
- Very short.

- Grade one (shaven to a length of 3mm).
- Grade two (shaven to a length of 6mm).
- Grade three (shaven to a length of 9mm).
- Grade four (shaven to a length of 12mm).
- Completely shaven.
- Do you have a parting?
- That's fine, thanks.
- What color would you like?
- Which of these colors would you like?
- Would you like it blow-dried?
- Could you trim my beard, please?
- Could you trim my moustache, please?
- Would you like anything on it?
- A little wax/ some gel/ some hairspray/ nothing, thanks.
- How much is that?



# Grammar

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# Answers to tag questions:

- How do we answer a tag question? Often, we just say Yes or No. Sometimes we may repeat the tag and reverse it (... , do they? Yes, they do).
- For example, everyone knows that snow is white. Look at these questions, and the correct answers:

Tag question	Correct answer		
Snow is white, isn't it?	Yes (it is).	The answer is the same in both cases - because snow IS WHITE!	But notice the change of stress when the answerer does not agree with the questioner.
Snow isn't white, is it?	Yes it is!		
Snow is black, isn't it?	No it isn't!	The answer is the same in both cases - because snow IS NOT BLACK!	
Snow isn't black, is it?	No (it isn't).		

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# Answers to tag questions:

- In some languages, people answer a question like "Snow isn't black, is it?" with "Yes" (meaning "Yes, I agree with you"). This is the wrong answer in English!
- Here are some more examples, with correct answers:
  - The moon goes round the earth, doesn't it? Yes, it does.
  - The earth is bigger than the moon, isn't it? Yes.
  - The earth is bigger than the sun, isn't it? No, it isn't!
  - Men don't have babies, do they? No.
  - The English alphabet doesn't have 40 letters, does it? No, it doesn't.

# Same-way question tags:

- Although the basic structure of tag questions is positive-negative or negative-positive, it is sometime possible to use a positive-positive or negative-negative structure. We use same-way question tags to express interest, surprise, anger etc., and not to make real questions.
  - So you're having a baby, are you? That's wonderful!
  - She wants to marry him, does she? Some chance!
  - So you think that's amusing, do you? Think again.
- Negative-negative tag questions usually sound rather hostile:
  - So you don't like my looks, don't you?

# Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Bad hair day	<p>Originating as a humorous comment about one's hair being unmanageable, this term has broadened to mean 'a day when everything seems to go wrong'.</p> <p><i>What's wrong with Jenny? Is she having a bad hair day?</i></p>
Let your hair down	<p>If you suggest that someone should let their hair down, you are telling them to relax and enjoy themselves.</p> <p><i>Come on! We're not in the office now. You can let your hair down!</i></p>
To split hairs	<p>If you split hairs, you pay too much attention to differences that are very small or unimportant.</p> <p><i>If we start splitting hairs, we'll never reach an agreement!</i></p>