

English on the air II

إنجليزي عَ الهواء II

Comprehension

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Today's Reading:

- **1 Peter 4: 7-11:** Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

Vocabulary

مفردات ومعاني

At Home - Entertaining Guests

في المنزل - استقبال ضيوف

On arrival:

- Come on in!
- Good to see you!
- You're looking well.
- Can I take your coat?
- Did you have a good journey?
- I'll show you your room.
This is your room.
- Would you like a towel?
- Make yourself at home.

Offering a drink:

- Can I get you anything to drink?
- Would you like some tea?
- How do you take it?
- Do you take sugar?
- Do you take milk?

Other useful phrases:

- Have a seat!
- Let's go into the lounge/ living room/ dining room.
- Could I use your phone?
- Thanks for coming.
- Have a safe journey home.
- Thanks for a lovely evening.

Meeting new people:

Here are some phrases to use when meeting new people, including introductions and simple conversation topics.

- What's your name?
- My name is Zeina/ I'm Elie/ This is Rana.
- I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.
- Nice to meet you/ pleased to meet you.
- How do you do? (Formal expression for how are you?)
- Where are you from?/ where do you come from?
- What brings you to the US/ Italy/ Egypt/ Lebanon?
- I'm on holiday/ I'm on business/ I live here/ I work here/ I study here.
- How long are you planning to stay here?
- A few months/ another year/ I'm not sure.

Grammar

القواعد

Two, Too and To:

- There is often confusion over the words “too”, “to” and “two”.
- The word “two” refers to the number 2 when counting. It is easily spotted in a sentence by trying to replace it with another number:
 - *I ate two apples this afternoon.*
(I ate three apples this afternoon => correct)
 - *This is two much for me to handle.*
(This is three much for me to handle => wrong!)

Too

- **'Too' has two uses:**
- Too means 'as well' or 'also'.
 - *I can do it too.* (me also)
 - *Did you think that too?* (you also)
- Too portrays the idea of 'in excess' or 'more than it should be'.
 - *This cat is too chubby.* (more than it should be)
 - *The shoes were too expensive.* (more than it should be)

To

- **'To' has two uses:**
- To is used in expressions like 'to walk', 'to run', 'to paint', etc. (These are all verbs in their 'infinitive forms'.)
 - *I want to run around the planet.*
 - *Did you tell her what to think?*
- To is used in expressions like 'to the park', 'to the postman', etc. (The word 'to' in these examples is a preposition.)
 - *I am going to the park.*
 - *She handed the parcel to the stranger.*

Two, Too and To:

- Summary:
- Two is the number 2. (*I have two books*)
- Too means 'as well' or conveys the idea of 'in excess'. (*I have too many books*)
- To is a preposition (e.g., Give it to her.) or is used to show the infinitive form of a verb (e.g., I want to run.)
- “*To read a book or two does not seem like too much homework for me*”, said the teacher.

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
To stay on task	<p>-When a person is concentrating or focusing on a particular job or duty.</p> <p><i>I stayed on task for most of the morning because I had a big job to finish.</i></p>
To get up to speed	<p>-To learn what you need to know for a particular job or duty.</p> <p><i>It will take a while to get up to speed because there is a lot to learn.</i></p>
Be my guest	<p>-Help yourself; After you. (A polite way of indicating that someone else should go first, help himself or herself to something, or take the last one of something.)</p> <p><i>Mary: I would just love to have some more cake, but there is only one piece left.</i></p> <p><i>Sally: Be my guest.</i></p>