**Lesson 9**

 29th November 2013

**How well do you know our group?**

1. Who in our group likes hitchhiking?
2. Who in our group works for the Army?
3. Who in our group edits the *Antoni* newsletter?
4. Who in our group wears a boring uniform to work?
5. Who in our group is preparing for the “Matura” exam?
6. Who in our group likes picking mushrooms?
7. Who in our group has a newborn baby?
8. Who in our group sends 200 text messages a day?
9. Who in our group works as a tax advisor?
10. Who in our group looks after her two sons?
11. Who in our group has a husband who works in the church?
12. Who in our group talks about Caritas all the time?

**December resolutions**

What can you do in December to practise your English?

1. I will read one book in English in December.
2. I will watch an English film every weekend.
3. I will read one article in English every week.
4. I will listen to an English audiobook for 20 minutes every day.
5. I will learn 3 English words by heart every day.
6. I will call my friend from our group at weekends and we will speak English for 10 minutes.
7. I will …..

***Present perfect or past simple?***

Past simple (I went / I didn’t go / Did you go?) = The past

Present perfect (I have gone / I haven’t gone / Have you gone?) = The past + the present

1)

Last night I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my keys – I had to call my flatmate to let me in.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my keys - can you help me look for them?

2)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris three times.

Last year I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris.

3)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) my great grandmother for a few years - she died when I was eight.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) Julie for three years - we still meet once a month.

4)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) Hockey since I was a child - I'm pretty good!

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) hockey at school but she didn't like it.

5)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drink) three cups of coffee today.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drink) three cups of coffee yesterday.

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| ***The Politically Correct Version  of Little Red Riding Hood***Author unknown**T**here once was a young person named Little Red Riding Hood who lived by a large forest full of *endangered* owls and *rare* plants.Red Riding Hood lived with her mother. One day, mother asked her to take a basket of *organically grown* fruit and mineral water to her grandmother's house."But mother, aren't you oppressing me by ordering me to do this?"Red Riding Hood's mother said that it was impossible for womyn to oppress each other, since all womyn were equally oppressed until all womyn were free."But mother, then shouldn't my brother carry the basket, since he's an oppressor, and should learn what it's like to be oppressed?"And Red Riding Hood's mother explained that her brother was attending a special meeting for *animal rights.*Red Riding Hood had no more questions, and so she set off.Many people believed that the forest was a dangerous place, but Red Riding Hood knew that this was an irrational fear.On her way to Grandma's house, Red Riding Hood passed a woodchopper, and wandered off the path, in order to examine some flowers.She was surprised to find herself standing before a Wolf, who asked her what was in her basket.Red Riding Hood's teacher had warned her never to talk to strangers, but she decided to have a chat with the Wolf.She replied, "I am taking my Grandmother some *healthy* snacks in a gesture of solidarity."The Wolf said, "You know, my dear, it isn't safe for a little girl to walk through these woods alone."Red Riding Hood said, "I find your sexist remark offensive in the extreme, but I will ignore it. Now, if you'll excuse me, I would prefer to be on my way."Red Riding Hood returned to the main path, and proceeded towards her Grandmother's house.The Wolf knew of a quicker route to Grandma's house. He burst into the house and ate Grandma. Then, he put on Grandma's nightclothes, crawled under the bedclothes, and waited.Red Riding Hood entered the cottage and said, "Grandma, I have brought you some *cruelty free* snacks."The Wolf said softly "Come closer, child, so that I might see you."Red Riding Hood said, "Goddess! Grandma, what big eyes you have!""You forget that I am optically challenged.""And Grandma, what an enormous and fine nose you have.""Naturally, I could have had it fixed to help my acting career, but I didn't give in to such societal pressures, my child.""And Grandma, what very big, sharp teeth you have!"The Wolf leaped out of bed, grabbed Little Red Riding Hood, and opened his jaws so wide that she could see her poor Grandmother in his belly."Aren't you forgetting something?" Red Riding Hood bravely shouted. "You must ask my permission before moving to a new level of intimacy!"The Wolf was so surprised by this statement that he loosened his grasp on her.At the same time, the woodchopper burst into the cottage, an ax in his hand."Hands off!" cried the woodchopper."And what do you think you're doing?" cried Little Red Riding Hood. "If I let you help me now, I would be expressing a lack of confidence in my own abilities, which would lead to poor self esteem and lower achievement scores on college entrance exams.""Last chance, sister! Get your hands off that *endangered species*! This is an FBI sting!" screamed the woodchopper, and when Little Red Riding Hood made a sudden motion, he sliced off her head."Thank goodness you got here in time," said the Wolf."The brat and her grandmother lured me in here. I though I was a goner.""No, I think I'm the real victim, here," said the woodchopper. "I've been dealing with my anger ever since I saw her picking those *protected flowers* earlier. And now I'm going to have such a trauma. Do you have any aspirin?""Sure" said the Wolf."Thanks.""I feel your pain," said the Wolf, giving a little belch, and said "Do you have any medicine for an upset stomach?"  |