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STUDENT EDITION

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WHEN LATA HAD 20 PHONE CALLS WITH HER BIOGRAPHER

In 2009, her biography 'Lata Mangeshkar ...In Her Own Voice', penned by British author and television documentary producer Nasreen Munni Kabir was released. Published by Niyogi Books, the book contains details of Lata Mangeshkar's career and life, and also features extensive conversations of the author and the singer from May 2008 to March 2009. The conversations between the two took 20 sessions through phone calls

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LATA MANGESHKAR

(1929-2022)

■ Lata didi cremated with full state honours
■ Two-day national mourning

■ Flags on all the Government buildings across India will fly at half mast from February 6 to February 7

■ PM attends state funeral in Mumbai

■ Indian cricket team wears black armbands in the 1,000th ODI as a mark of respect

Farewell, India's nightingale

The end of an era, "an artiste born but once in centuries" and a "void that cannot be fulfilled", is how prominent personalities, led by President Ram Nath Kovind and PM Narendra Modi, mourned the passing away of singing icon Lata Mangeshkar on Sunday. Regarded as one of Indian cinema's greatest playback singers, Mangeshkar started her career at the age of 13 in 1942 and has sung over 25,000 songs in various Indian lan-

The singer, known as the Melody Queen of India, was awarded with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, as well as the Padma Bhushan, the Padma Vibhushan and the Dada Saheb Phalke Award

guages. In her over seven-decade career, she has sung a host of memorable tracks, including 'Ajeeb dastan hai ye', 'Pyar kiya to darna kya' and 'Neela asman so gaya'. Born in Maharashtra on Sept 28, 1929, Mangeshkar first sang at religious gatherings with her father, who was also a trained singer. After she moved to Mumbai, she became a star with immensely popular appeal, enchanting audiences with her smooth but sharp voice and immortalising Hindi music for decades to come.



- Known as the Nightingale of India, and simply the legend, Mangeshkar started training in singing at the age of five. Her last recorded song was released in March 2019. It was called 'Saugandh Mujhe Is Mitti Ki'
- She was the first Indian to have performed in the Royal Albert Hall, London, in 1974
- Such was the pull of her voice that Bade Gulam Ali sahab, a musician that Mangeshkar greatly admired, is believed to have said that Kambakht kabhi besuree hee nahee hoti (She can never be out of tune)
- Many, including some of the biggest musicians and actors, equated her voice with that of 'Goddess Saraswati'. And fate willed it that she died a day after Saraswati Puja
- The perfume Lata Eau de Parfum was named after Lata Mangeshkar in 1999

WORLD PAYS TRIBUTE

- The voice of a million centuries... her voice resounds now in the Heavens! Prayers for calm and peace
Amitabh Bachchan, Actor
- We join India in paying tribute to legendary singer, who passed away today. History will mark her contribution to India's music in golden words. #LataMangeshkar #LataDidi"
US Embassy in India
- Somebody like Lataji is not just a singer, not just an icon. (She is) I think a part of the soul, a part of the consciousness of India, Hindustani music, Hindi poetry, Urdu poetry, Bengali, and so many other languages she sang in. And this void is going to remain forever for all of us
AR Rahman, music director
- Lata Mangeshkar gave life to the phrase 'music is a universal language'. RIP #LataMangeshkar
Mahinda Rajapaksa, PM, Sri Lanka

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ON THE MELODY QUEEN



- 1 The Guinness Book of Records in 1974 had listed Lata Mangeshkar as the most recorded artiste
- 2 Mangeshkar was an ardent cricket fan, who witnessed 1983 World Cup victory and even threw a free concert for the team to raise money for them. She apparently has a permanent gallery reserved for her at the Lord's Stadium from where she enjoyed watching her favourite game
- 3 She was also nominated as a member of Rajya Sabha in 1999. Lata didi did not take a single penny or a salary or a house in Delhi for her services
- 4 She designed for an Indian diamond export company called Adora. The collection was called Swaranjali and five pieces from this collection were auctioned at Christies and raked in ₹105,000. She donated the money for the 2005 Kashmir earthquake relief

India's digital currency to debut by early 2023

India's very own official digital currency is likely to debut by early 2023, which will mirror any of the currently available private company-operated electronic wallets, but with a change that it will be a sovereign-backed facility, a top government source said. A top government source, who wished not to be identified said, the digital currency issued by the RBI would be numbered in units, just like every fiat currency (a government-issued currency that is not backed by a commodity such as gold) has an unique number.



IN OTHER NEWS

GOOGLE CHROME GETS NEW LOGO AFTER 8 YEARS

Google is changing its Chrome browser logo for the first time in eight years. Elvin Hu, a designer for Google Chrome, offers a first look at the logo's redesign in a thread on Twitter. The icon has been simplified/flattened by removing the shadows. The colours are brighter and the proportions are different, making the big blue ball in the middle noticeably bigger. Google also is tweaking it further with different variations designed to look more at home on Windows, MacOS and iOS. The new Google Chrome logo will be live for users across all devices with the release of Chrome 100 soon.

1,000

That's the number of One Day Internationals, India completed on Sunday, when Team India took on West Indies at the Narendra Modi stadium in

FACTOID

Ahmedabad. Interestingly, India is the first and only team to achieve this feat. Australia has played the second-most ODIs in the world with 958 matches while Pakistan has played 936 ODIs. England is in the seventh spot on the list of most ODIs played after having played 761 matches in the 50-over format.



- In the 999 ODIs played earlier, India accounts for 518 wins and 431 losses. The Men in Blue had played their 500th match in 2002 and two decades later, the side has now reached the milestone of playing 1000 ODIs.
- In India's 100th ODI, Kapil Dev was the captain while Sourav Ganguly had led the side in the Men in Blue's 500th ODI.

MANNER OF SPEAKING



BREAK THE ICE

Be a cool conversationalist with the help of the following tips

1 **Show your interest in the person you're talking to.** People just love to talk about themselves, so to break the ice, let them talk. Listen carefully, and try to look interested in what the other person says.

2 **Let the other person explain things you don't know.** If the person you're talking to mentions something new to you, ask him or her to explain that thing in detail to you so that your conversation lasts longer.

3 **Share your experience.** If the other person mentions something familiar to you or you've also gone through the same situation, don't hesitate to share your experience. This way you two will become closer.

4 **Be clued in:** You may not like reading much, but talking about something in news or trending is a useful way to revive a

conversation that has come to an uncomfortable silence.

5 **Give a compliment:** Complimenting someone whom you have met for the first time can lead to an ongoing and pleasant conversation. You can pick anything about the person you like and say something nice about them.

6 **Ask an opinion:** To start conversation with someone you do not know, you can ask someone's opinion on a



particular topic. When you give importance to the opinions of others, you can showcase your willingness to talk to that person.

7 **Learn from the best.** Watch famous conversationalists on the TV, or follow their channels on the Internet. You'll learn how to ask questions, which questions to ask, how to use pauses, and which jokes are appropriate.

8 **Make an observation.** The environment in which you live or work can provide ample opportunities to start a conversation. For example, you can comment on the building, artwork or temperature.

USE THE F.O.R.D. TECHNIQUE

Remember these letters. They'll come in very handy when you're making small talk.

- **F-family:** Who are all there in your family? Have you been living here for a long time? What do you like most about this city?
- **O-ccupation:** What do you do for a living? What are you currently working on? What is the most difficult part of your profession?
- **R-ecreation:** What do you do in your free time? How did you get so fit? How long have you been playing tennis?
- **D-reams:** What is your biggest dream? What have you always wanted to do?

PORE OVER

Must reads for language lovers

1. Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation
By Lynne Truss
In *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, former editor Lynne Truss, gravely concerned about our current grammatical state, boldly defends proper punctuation. She proclaims, in her delightfully urbane, witty, and very English way, that it is time to look at our commas and semi colons and see them as the wonderful and necessary things they are.

2. In Other Words: A Language Lover's Guide to the Most Intriguing Words Around the World By CJ Moore
A unique collection of "untranslatable" and culturally-bound words from around the world. After all, what other word is there for the barefaced gutsy presumption encapsulated by the Yiddish word *chutzpah*?

3. Why You Say It by Webb Garrison
As one can probably ascertain from the title, the book explores the unusual (if not outright unexpected) origins of various English idioms. Over 600 figurative phrases – some widespread, some rare – come alive through Webb Garrison's fascinating research.

4. Don't sleep, There Are Snakes by Daniel L Everett
Travel deep inside the Amazon rainforest and learn all about some indigenous peoples and how they communicate. Piraha exists as a nearly autonomous, unique linguistic entity separate from all others, therefore providing a largely undisturbed look at how language and thought interact. And, of course, influence one another.

5. Literally, The Best Language Book Ever by Paul Yeager
For the more conservative linguistics buff out there, this one distills humour from extremely common grammar and spelling mistakes. At the same time, it educates readers looking for advice on polishing their writing.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

IRONY VS SARCASM

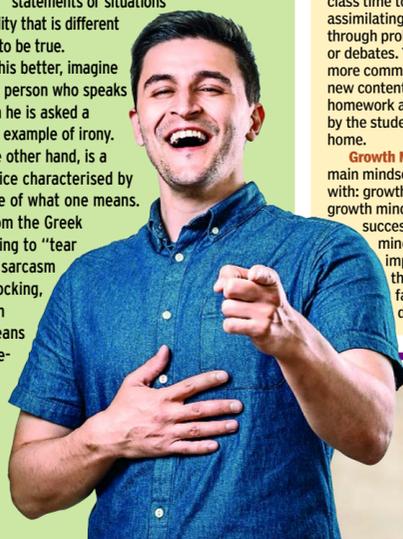


Verbal irony is a figure of speech that communicates the opposite of what is said, while sarcasm is a form of irony that is directed at a person, with the intent to criticise. Irony is a literary device in which contradictory statements or situations

reveal a reality that is different from what appears to be true.

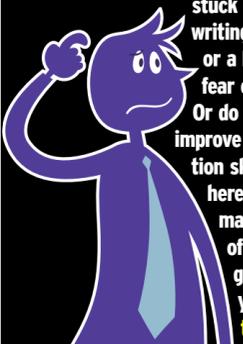
To understand this better, imagine a situation where a person who speaks a lot, is silent when he is asked a question. This is an example of irony.

Sarcasm, on the other hand, is a conversational device characterised by saying the opposite of what one means. Sarcasm comes from the Greek "sarkázein," meaning to "tear flesh" and indeed, sarcasm is deployed in a mocking, sneering, and often witty tone. This means it can be self-deprecating, with the speaker mocking themselves; or aimed at someone else, in a teasing manner.



Queries relating to language skills

Do you find grammar confusing? Do you get stuck with words when writing a letter, an essay or a blog? Do you have a fear of public speaking? Or do you simply want to improve your communication skills? Times NIE is here to help you to master the intricacies of the English language. Just shoot us your queries on toinie175@gmail.com



NEW LEXICON

CLASSROOM CHATTER

Five terms that are trending in educational terminology at the moment

Flipped Classroom: A flipped classroom is a model of learning where students gain first exposure to new material outside of class, usually via reading or lecture videos, and then use class time to do the harder work of assimilating that knowledge, perhaps through problem-solving, discussion, or debates. This is the reverse of the more common practice of introducing new content at school, then assigning homework and projects to completed by the students independently at home.

Growth Mindset: There are two main mindsets we can navigate life with: growth and fixed. Having a growth mindset is essential for success. Students with a growth mindset believe that they can improve through hard work, thrive on challenge, and see failure as an opportunity to do better. For teachers,

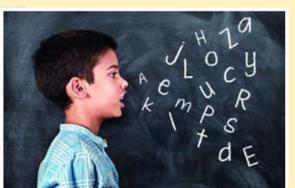


there are many ways you can build a growth mindset.

Scaffolding: An instruction method where a teacher models or offers supports and then steps back to allow

students to try it on their own. For example, in teaching a child to ride a bike, the training wheels serve as one scaffold. The adult running alongside the bike serves as another. This

process in education is also sometimes called "I do. We do. You do." In other words, the teacher shows how something is done, then the class practices together and finally,



METACOGNITION
Thinking about thinking, or reflecting upon one's learning experience. This method of self-awareness helps students learn how to reflect upon their learning process. Metacognition can be done through writing, reflection exercises, vlogging, or even through meditation.

students work individually. **SEL:** Social-Emotional Learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions. It's also about setting and achieving positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others and establishing positive relationships.

WORD GETS AROUND

LEARN A LANGUAGE ON YOUR NEXT TRIP



Finding yourself travelling in a foreign country before feeling completely comfortable in their language can feel daunting. Getting by while travelling without communicating is nearly impossi-

ble. From reading street signs to asking for directions, ordering in a restaurant or making purchases from local stores, you will have to communicate at some point during your trip in order to have a comfortable stay.

Follow our tips on how to travel and learn a language at the same time:

1 **Immerse yourself fully:** Linguists recommend complete immersion in a foreign language because there is truly no better re-

SPANISH PHRASES FOR BEGINNERS:

1. *Buenos días* = Good morning
2. *Buenas tardes* = Good afternoon
3. *Buenas noches* = Good evening
4. *Estoy bien, gracias* = I'm well thank you
5. *Mucho gusto* = Nice to meet you
6. *Yo no comprendo* = I do not understand
7. *Te extraño* = I miss you



fully to how native speakers sound when using the word. Then, you can try to imitate it.

3 **Be curious:** Read articles and books in the language on subjects you're interested in (e.g. a famous museum or a favourite sport.). This will help you make conversation. Other fun ways to improve your language skills include reading blogs, listening to podcasts and watching videos with subtitles in the original language.

4 **Get out and meet people:** Go to social events (like parties or student meetings) and make new friends in the language. Or try and set up a language exchange with a native speaker for a couple of hours a week – it's the perfect way to practice.

5 **Overcome the fear of mistakes:** Learning a new language while you are travelling can be tough and you will no doubt hit a few plateaus, so be sure to motivate yourself by reflecting often on how much you've learnt and the interactions you've had where you have been able to get closer to people.

2 **Imitate accent and tones:** The advantage of being around native speakers of the language you are learning is that you will be able to mimic their attitudes and tones. To learn a language while travelling, keep an app or language dictionary handy to look up new words and phrases. Once you learn a new word, be sure to listen care-

placement for the experience. You may not know your full potential when it comes to learning and speaking a foreign language until you are forced to do it.