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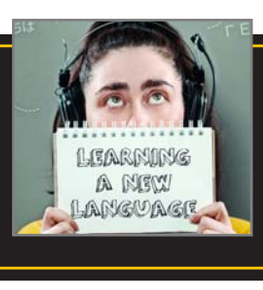

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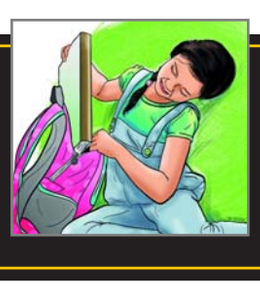

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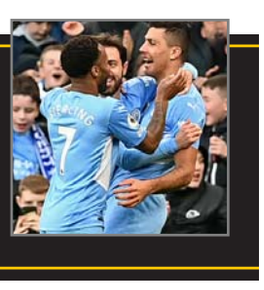

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How the fall out will impact INDIA

UKRAINE CONFLICT: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

➤ Russian forces blow up gas pipeline in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, enter Kharkiv
➤ Russian Army ordered to broaden advance 'from all directions', defiant Zelensky says his country would never give in to the Kremlin
➤ Ukraine's military asking people to remove the names of streets, cities and villages from road signs in their regions in order to 'confuse and disorient the enemy'

➤ US, allies target 'fortress Russia' with new sanctions
➤ YouTube barred Russian state-owned media outlet RT and other Russian channels from receiving money for advertisements that run with their videos
➤ **Ukrainian President Zelenskyy dials Modi; India reiterates demand for immediate end to violence**
➤ Ukrainian tennis player Sergiy Stakhovsky joins his country's military reserves to fight the Russian invasion
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➤ Ukrainians flee war, seeking safety across western borders
➤ Kremlin says a Russian delegation has arrived in the Belarusian city of Homel for talks with Ukrainian officials. Ukraine's president says his country is ready for peace talks with Russia but not in Belarus
➤ **More flights under 'Operation Ganga' to evacuate stranded Indian nationals in Ukraine**

India's dilemma over the RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS

WHAT India on Saturday abstained from voting on the UNSC resolution condemning Russian invasion of Ukraine, along with China and UAE. India called for all efforts for the immediate cessation of violence and hostilities.

WHY **India may face a tough time after the voting**: New Delhi has so far walked the diplomatic tightrope between the US and Russia. "India will now come under tremendous pressure from the US and its European allies to strongly oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine," a senior defence official said. India is an important ally of both — the US and Russia. In fact, Indian strategic partnership with the US has grown over the years. The Indo-US strategic relations has a global dimension with convergence on several issues, like in the Indo-Pacific. Similarly, India-Russia strategic partnership has a unique history. In the past, more than 70% of India's military hardware were of Soviet/Russian origin. Even at present, Russian arms account for almost 49% of Indian total military imports. India-Russia also have joint ventures in defence production, and some of the success stories include supersonic cruise missile BrahMos.

Meanwhile, United States has urged India to use its influence with Russia to protect the rules-based international order.

1 India will have to grapple **with the renewed threat of US sanctions for weapon purchases from Russia** as well as a **more belligerent China along its northern borders** as a fallout of the Ukraine crisis

2 New Delhi till now has managed to stave off sanctions under the US law called CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act), which seeks to prevent countries from buying Russian weapons, by mounting a major diplomatic-military campaign with both the Trump and Biden administrations. This allowed India to induct the first of the five S-400 Triumf surface-to-air missile squadrons a couple of months ago, under the $5.43 billion (₹ 40,000 crore) contract inked with Russia in October 2018, as an "urgent national security requirement" to counter aggressive neighbours like China and Pakistan.

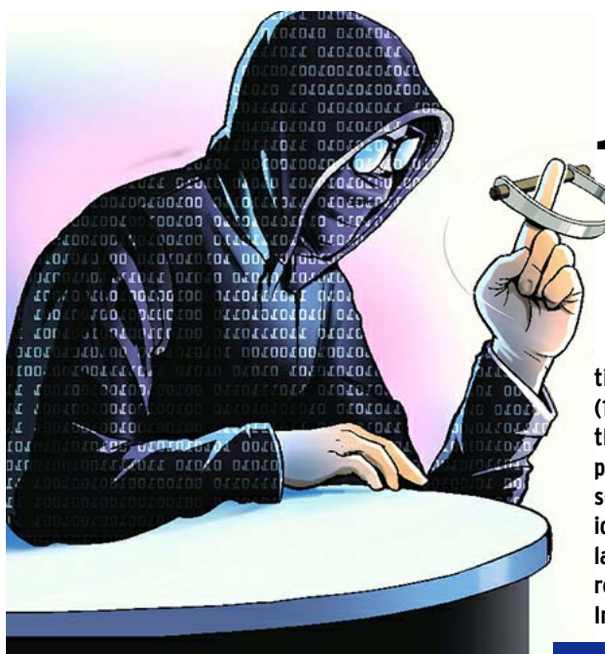
3 Though Russia still remains its largest defence supplier, India has increasingly turned to the US, France and Israel for its military hardware and software requirements. The US itself has bagged lucrative Indian defence deals worth over $21 billion since 2007. "But the Biden administration may no longer be willing to grant a waiver to India for buying the Russian S-400 and other weapons," a defence officer said

4 On the China front, India will need to keep an eagle-eye on the annual exercises of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in March-April along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control (LAC) and be "prepared for any contingencies", defence officials said

5 Apart from conventional military capabilities, China's focus on space, cyberspace and "informatised" and "intelligentised" warfare has been a major concern for India

INDIAN ECONOMY TO BE AMONG WORST HIT

The ongoing geopolitical crisis between Russia and Ukraine will impact Asian economies, but the impact will be polarised across the region, said analysts at Nomura in a recent report. The negative impact on Asia, they believe, is predominantly because most economies are net oil importers, and food and energy accounts for nearly half of the consumption expenditure in EM Asia. India, Thailand and the Philippines will be the biggest losers



CYBER ATTACKS: INDIA AMONG TOP 3 MOST-AFFECTED NATIONS IN ASIA

Asia was the most-attacked region by cyber-criminals in 2021, accounting for one in four attacks globally, and India was among top three nations that experienced most server access and ransomware attacks in the region, a new report claims. Server access attacks (20 per cent) and ransomware (11 per cent) were the top two attack types on Asian organisations in 2021, followed closely by data theft (10 per cent). Japan, Australia and India were the most-attacked countries in Asia. The high percentage of server access attacks in Asia suggests that Asian organisations are adept at identifying attacks quickly before they escalate into more concerning attack types," said researchers from IBM's X-Force Threat Intelligence team.

In Asia, finance and insurance organisations were attacked most frequently, making up 30 per cent of the incidents X-Force remediated, followed closely by manufacturing (29 per cent) and then more distantly by professional and business services (13 per cent) and transportation (10 per cent)

Number-0-LOGY

ONLY NINE PER CENT OF PLASTIC RECYCLED WORLDWIDE: OECD

1 Less than **10%** of the plastic used across the world is recycled, the OECD said, calling for "coordinated and global solutions" ahead of the expected talks on an international plastics treaty

2 A report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development report found that **460 million tons** of plastics were used in 2019, the number doubling since 2000

3 The amount of plastic waste had more than doubled during that time to **353 million tons**, the Paris-based OECD said

4 After taking into account losses during recycling, only nine per cent of plastic waste was ultimately recycled, while **19% was incinerated and almost 50% went to sanitary landfills**," it said in its Global Plastics Outlook

5 The remaining **22 per cent was disposed of in uncontrolled dumpsites**, burned in open pits or leaked into the environment

6 Covid-19 saw the use of plastics drop by **2.2% in 2020** compared to the previous year

Plastics contributed **3.4 per cent** of global greenhouse emissions in 2019, **90 per cent** of it from "production and conversion from fossil fuels", the report said

CBSE TERM 2 EXAMS 2022 DATE SHEET:

CLASS X, XII PRACTICAL EXAMS TO BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 2

The Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE Term 2 Exam 2022 date sheet has been released for the practical examination. In an official notification released, the board has confirmed that the CBSE class X, XII Term 2 practical exams would begin from March 2, 2022. The board has also released guidelines for conducting the practical, internal examination for the Term 2 examinations.

1 For class X regular candidates, the internal examination would be conducted by the schools and the marks would be uploaded. The practical exam would also be as per the curriculum designed for Term 2. Notice regarding the same was earlier shared

2 As for class XII regular candidates, external examiners would be assigned for the practical exams. Both class X and XII practical examinations would be conducted in the schools. All Covid protocols would be followed at the schools

3 Answer books would be supplied by the regional offices and the schools have been directed to ensure that they are filled correctly. Examiners would be assigned by CBSE and schools cannot make 'alternative arrangement'. The schools would make an internal examiner as well while the board would have an observer and an external examiner

Pets may protect you from memory loss, cognitive decline

Having the company of a pet friend may protect you from memory loss in later life and other kinds of cognitive decline, finds a new study. The preliminary research found that pet ownership was especially beneficial for working verbal memory, such as memorisation of word lists. "Having a pet or multiple pets combines many core components of a brain-healthy lifestyle," said Richard Isaacson, director of the Alzheimer's Prevention Clinic in the Center for Brain Health at Florida Atlantic University's Schmidt College of Medicine.

The study found that owning household pets for five years or more produced the most benefit, delaying cognitive decline by 1.2 points over the six-year period of the study compared with the rate of decline in people without pets

Meet Reyansh Surani, world's youngest yoga instructor

Nine-year-old Reyansh Surani from Dubai has made a new Guinness World Record! He has become the world's youngest certified yoga instructor. Surani set the new record at the age of 9 years, 220 days. The young boy,who received his certification from the Anand Shekhar Yoga School on July 27, 2021, after completing their 200 hour yoga teacher's training course, began practising yoga with his parents when he was just four-years-old. Reyansh, who is 10 years old now, has no concrete plans for the future, although one of his ambitions is to host virtual reality yoga classes. For now, due to Covid-19 restrictions, he teaches people in small private classes. At school, he teaches his peers in groups of 10-15 kids per session.

"Language is a city to the building of which every human being brought a stone."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

LEARNING GOES ON

AWESOME PERKS OF BEING MULTILINGUAL

Multilingualism has been shown to have several social, psychological and career advantages. Moreover, recent studies show several health benefits that arise from speaking more than one language. These include faster recovery after a stroke and delayed onset of memory loss diseases.

Let's see how speaking various languages really benefits us:

1 **GIVES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LANGUAGE:** Since learning a second (or third, or fourth) language brings your attention to the mechanics of the two languages, multilingual people tend to understand things like grammar, conjugations, and sentence structure better than monolinguals.

2 **IMPROVES MEMORY:** It's undeniable: the more you use your brain, the better it performs. Learning a new language not only requires familiarity with an unfamiliar set of vocabulary and rules, but also the ability to recall this information.

3 **IMPROVES FIRST LANGUAGE:** They say, "You can never understand one language until you understand at least two." Learning a new language actually sharpens your knowledge of your primary language by making you more conscious of its rules and subtleties.

4 **SLOWS DOWN MENTAL DECLINE IN ELDERLY:** Several studies have demonstrated that bilingualism can delay the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's disease by an average of five years! Even better, bilingual patients who do develop Alzheimer's tend to display less decay in cognitive abilities than monolingual patients.

5 **MAKES KIDS SMARTER:** If multilingualism improves a person's memory, then it's unsurprising that multilingual kids can perform better at school. There's an increasing amount of research that suggests bilingual children are better at recalling items from their memory and even do better at math than monolingual students. Most children go to a school with a curriculum that uses memorisation as a learning method; having a brain that's already pre-conditioned to memorisation is a huge boon when it comes to studying for exams.

6 **INCREASES CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:** Speaking multiple languages has numerous employment benefits. Being multilingual means there are more job opportunities depending on the languages you speak. Several companies, especially the ones that have offices in different countries are now considering multilingualism a high priority.

JOURNO REPORTS ON UKRAINE CRISIS IN 6 LANGUAGES

A journalist covering the ongoing Ukraine crisis has gone viral on social media for knowing six different languages, and for being able to use all of them during his live reporting for multiple TV networks. After completing his English reporting for a news channel, Philip Crowther then switches his language to Luxembourgish for the other network. Similarly, the international affiliate correspondent can be heard speaking Spanish, Portuguese, French, and German for multiple associated media networks. "A lot of people go viral for the wrong reasons, for doing something silly or stupid, and in this case, the comments are all positive, so, really, I'm quite, quite grateful", Crowther said when asked for his reaction on the viral video. "There are a lot of people commenting on the fact that they'd like to maybe learn another language, seeing what they saw in that video", he further added.

PICS: ISTOCK

How was OK INVENTED 175 years ago?

OK is actually editorial joke that inadvertently went viral. It all began in the office of Charles Gordon Greene at the "Boston Morning Post". The year was 1839, and abbreviations were all the rage in newspapers. This trend produced many unsuccessful terms such as OW—an OK-like term for "oll wright" (all right) that flopped." OK first appeared as an abbreviation for "Oll Korrect," printed in a satirical article about grammar. The word's origins were only revealed in the 1960s, however, when etymologist Allen Read did some digging—through suggestions that the word might come from Europe, a Civil War nickname for biscuits, or an abbreviation for the telegraph term Open Key.

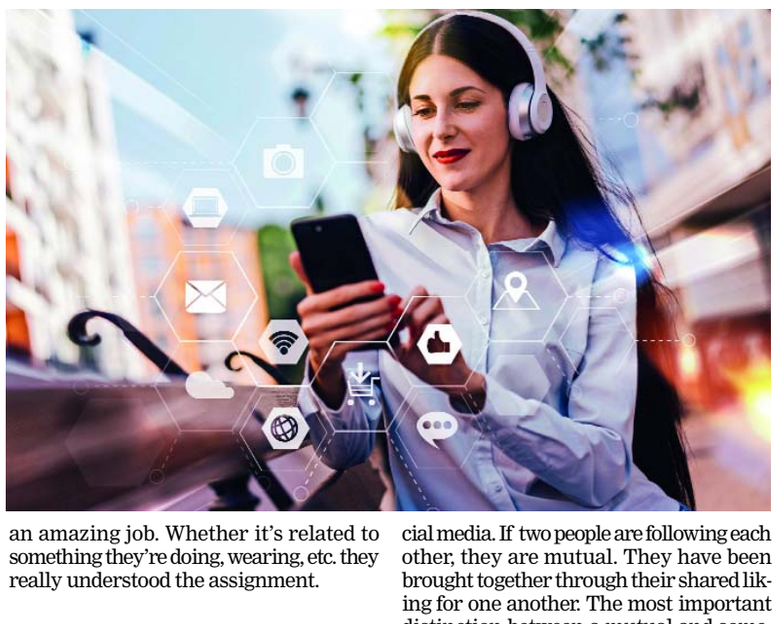
MORE ABBREVIATIONS

Chess: Chariot, Horse, Elephant, Soldiers
Joke: Joy Of Kids Entertainment
AIM: Ambition in Mind
Date: Day and Time Evolution
Eat: Energy and taste
Tea: Taste and Energy Admitted.
Bye: Be with you Everytime
Scuba: Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
Radar: RAdio Detection And Ranging.
GIF: Graphics interchange format

NEW LEXICON

6 ENGLISH SLANG TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW IN 2022

Even though not all these terms and phrases are brand new, they're certainly popping up everywhere – and will likely continue to do so in the year ahead.



CHEUGY

Cheugy means something that's off-trend. If you're familiar with the word "basic," it's not far off from that. It refers to the painfully mainstream or, along the same vein, someone hanging onto things that were cool years ago but would now be deemed basic or "cheugy".

VIBE CHECK

This describes when you check in on someone's vibe and assess what it's giving. Good vibes? You've passed the vibe check. A best friend may perform 'The vibe check' on a prospective fiancé of her BFF to see if she thinks he's suitable.

UNDERSTOOD THE ASSIGNMENT

You can use this for someone that is really killing it in some (or any) aspect of their lives. They're giving it their all and doing an amazing job. Whether it's related to something they're doing, wearing, etc. they really understood the assignment.

THE BLUEPRINT

This describes when someone is so perfect, or did so well at something, that they are deemed the. They are the blueprint, an icon, a legend. They did it first and the rest simply followed in their exemplary footsteps.

MUTUALS

This one is easy and crops up a lot on social media. If two people are following each other, they are mutual. They have been brought together through their shared liking for one another. The most important distinction between a mutual and someone who just incessantly floods your DMs online is that mutuals follow each other back, intoning that the two people appreciate one another's content and/or posts.

HITS DIFFERENT

If something (be it an emotion, song, food, etc.) hits you in a better or new way, it hits different/differently. For example, you can go to a brand new piz

WORD WISE

MARTIAL UP YOUR VOCABULARY

Did you know that many of the words and phrases we use in everyday language actually have a military origin? Here's a list of some of the common ones

HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

MEANING: RUMOURS OR HEARSAY

The telegraph was invented in the mid-19th century, and by 1861, telegraph wires stretched from coast to coast. The wires were described as grapevines as they hung from telegraph poles. During the Civil War, news was transmitted via telegraph and information heard via the telegraph was called "heard through the grapevine." Today "grapevine" means rumours or hearsay.

FACE THE MUSIC

MEANING: OWN UP TO OUR MISTAKES

One origin of this phrase stems from the disgraceful dismissal of a military officer. After he was relieved of his duties, the shamed soldier had to make his final march accompanied by the drum cadence of his old unit.

GINORMOUS

MEANING: EXTREMELY LARGE

Portmanteau of gigantic and enormous this word traces back to World War II and was first recorded in a 1948 British dictionary of military slang. A 1962 dictionary of sailors' slang had such uses listed: "a ginormous brush with the enemy," "a ginormous raid". Now ginormous is used to describe anything humongous.

MURPHY'S LAW

MEANING: IF ANYTHING CAN GO WRONG, IT WILL

This phrase was coined in 1948 at Edwards Air Force Base and named after Capt. Edward A. Murphy, an engineer working on Air Force Project MX981. The story goes that Murphy's assistant was installing gauges to measure the G-forces a test-dummy would receive on a rocket-sled blasting forward on a 1.9-mile track. When the instruments read zero after the test-run, Murphy berated his assistant saying, "If there's more than one way to do a job and one of those ways will result in disaster, then somebody will do it that way."

BLOCKBUSTER

MEANING: A HUGE SUCCESS, ESPECIALLY A MOVIE OR A BOOK

Because the 500-pound general purpose bombs of the British were having little effect on German targets, the massive 4,000 pound "blockbuster" bomb was developed. The idea was that it was large enough to destroy an entire city block. After the war, the term was popularised to denote a movie or book that was a giant success.

PICKET

MEANING: A PERSON POSTED FOR A DEMONSTRATION OR PROTEST

Picket was enlisted into the English language in the late 1600s as a word for the pointed stakes used to mark out an area for building fortifications. The picket was also used in a form of military punishment in which the offender was made to stand on top of it with one foot. The word was also called upon as a name for a detachment of soldiers serving to guard an army from a surprise attack. That use may have influenced today's pickets who try to persuade workers to support a labour strike.

UMPTEEN

MEANING: MANY OR INDEFINITELY NUMEROUS

Umpteen derives from umpty, an early-20th century slang word used in the military for an indefinite but fairly large number. Umpty was probably created by analogy to actual numbers, such as twenty and thirty, and was originally used as a handle for the dashes, or long signals, in Morse code. Umpty is infrequently used these days, but umpteen abounds.

SKEDADDLE

MEANING: RUN AWAY, SCRAM, ESPECIALLY TO FLEE IN A PANIC

Etymologists believe skedaddle is an alteration of scaddle, a word used in British dialect for someone running off in a fright or for a wild or skittish animal. The first use of skedaddle is attributed to the Union troops during the American Civil War who used it to describe Confederates in retreat. Off the battlefield, the word is applied to any hasty leaving or departing.

CLOBBER

MEANING: TO DEFEAT OVERWHELMINGLY

Pilots of the British air force during the 1940s were supposedly the first to throw around the punchy verb clobber. If a plane was badly shot up (or shot down), it was said to be "clobbered". The forceful action implied by the verb was then used in sports or any place like an election result or a film review where you needed a stronger word for a drubbing.

SPIT AND POLISH

MEANING: EXTREME ATTENTION TO CLEANLINESS, ORDERLINESS, SMARTNESS OF APPEARANCE, AND CEREMONY

Spit and polish was first recorded in 1895. The term originated in the meticulous cleaning by military officers to maintain their required spick-and-span image, which often involved polishing objects, such as their shoes, by spitting on them and then rubbing them with a cloth. Notably, the Victorian British navy was commonly referred to as the "Spit and Polish Navy" for the thoroughness in which they carried out this order.

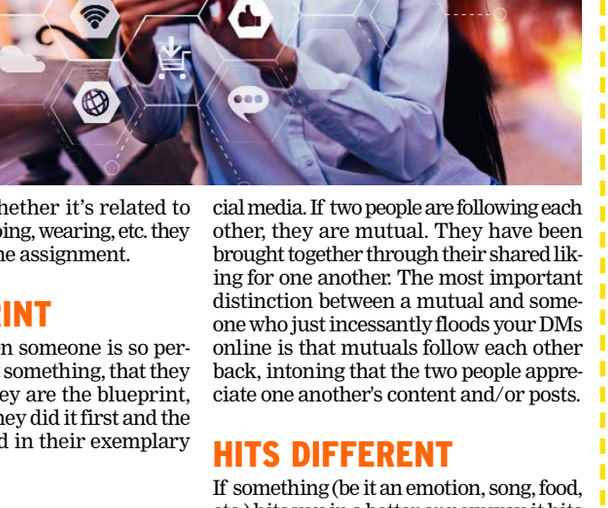
—Sources: Merriam-webster.com, veteransunited.com

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

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

WIT VS HUMOUR

WIT: According to the Oxford English Dictionary, wit can be understood as keen intelligence or else a natural talent for using words and ideas in quick, amusing ways. Wit has to be understood as a sharpness of the mind. A witty person can respond quickly to situations in such a manner that they can highlight their sharpness of mind. Wit certainly arouses amusement in the listener, but it may not always be funny.

HUMOUR: As stated by The Cambridge Dictionary, humour is the ability to find things funny, or the quality of being funny. Unlike wit, humor is always a pleasant companion. It makes you laugh. Through jokes, foolish remarks, and sometimes acts, humor aims towards fun, and laughter. However, humor isn't just a joke. The ability to find a reason to laugh in situations is humor too