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They were working in a ~~fabrie~~ **factory**.

And after few days I, Jenny and Dad were sitting in the plane ~~with course for~~ **heading for / going to** Tokyo.

I got the helmet on and ~~sat me~~ **got** on the cycle.

Only a generation ago, girls didn't have money to ~~take~~ **get** an education.

But the book is very good, it is easy to read and easy to understand. The ~~history~~ **story** is ok and the drawings are cool.

Many ~~people mean~~ **are of the opinion / think / feel** that it is boring to read books.

In Norway everybody ~~goes in a train~~ **participates/marches in the parade** on May 17.

This is ~~an actual~~ **a relevant/current** question / **a question of current interest**.

Many people crash their cars because the ~~fast~~ **speed** is too great.

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Kenyan group are Next Big Thing

Kenyan group Yunasi have been named the winners of BBC World Service's *Next Big Thing* competition at the Maida Vale studios in London. The band, comprising seven men from East Africa and a French woman, triumphed with their song Ndi Ndi Ndi, which is about the dangers of excess drinking.

They were praised by the all-star judging panel for their "wide open energetic vocals" and for being "different from 99% of pop music".

"Somehow we knew we were going to take it," said the band's lead singer Simon Maranga Nyarieko.

"Our song is the best thing that has ever been done in terms of music. We came thinking we were going to take the prize, but we were nervous. Now we have it, we're good to go."

Yunasi sing in several languages, including Swahili, English, French, Luo, Kisii, and Luhya, and they have developed a unique East African music style called Sesube. They take sounds and inspirations from local Kenyan communities, cultural styles, and languages, and fuse them with a European component.

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Infinitive	Simple present, 3 rd person	Simple past	Past participle
to know	knows	knew	known
to take	takes	took	taken
to say	says	said	said
to think	thinks	thought	thought
to go	goes	went	gone
to sing	sings	sang	sung

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American

This is our first fall in our new home. Moving was so hard, partially because we both love the beauty of the seasons and the trees where we used to live. When we moved here we moved to the center of the city and spent our first fall in an apartment (more common in American English) complex that was located next to a lot of concrete and tall buildings beside a high traffic road. Not exactly eye-catching. It was noisy, full of litter and graffiti, and in some places a little scary.

Our home here in Thornton is completely different. There are trees everywhere, with leaves bursting into color. We live in a lovely old neighborhood where the neighbors are all friendly and the traffic doesn't intrude much. This year I don't feel homesick, I feel like I'm home.

British

Naturally, I am nervous about interviewing Sir Robin Day, still considered by many to have been one of the greatest interviewers ever. I do not wish to make a fool of myself. He'll have me for breakfast if I'm not careful. I will, therefore, try to impress him with my insight and sharpness. I will ask him clever and original and revealing questions. I will not ask him what his favourite colour is. Except that I do. So, Sir Robin, do you have a favourite colour?

"A what?" he barks.

"A favourite colour."

"A favourite colour for what?"

"Well ... um ..."

"For pyjamas? For decoration? For walls? What?"

"Um ... any? All?"

"Well, I think white. Or black. White is very smart and black doesn't show the dirt. Now, would you like to ASK ME ABOUT MY BOOK?"

Actually, I was minded to ask him if he has a favourite vegetable. But I think, already, he knows not to trifle with me.

He lives alone in a flat (more common in British English) he describes as "a box" but is actually very nice and cosy, and full of books – political biographies mostly.

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- A. You can't speak proper English all the time, right?
- B. My summer holidays were a complete waste of time. Before we used to go to New York to see my brother, his girlfriend and three nice kids face to face. I love New York, it's a great place.
- C. To be or not to be. That's the question.
- D. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference.

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