



Website Guide

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“ I must thank you. I have found something that really interests my pupils and gets them looking up from their boring school books! You’ve made my day and maybe my school year! ”

A teacher from Collège de M’Gombani, Mayotte



Dear Teacher

Since we launched our website in 2008 it has become extremely popular with teachers and students of English.

We are constantly making the site more useful by adding new features. This year we've added more videos to the website and a language tips page for students.

If you don't have time to use the website in class, there are *many* things students can do at home. Just tell them to go to

maryglasgowplus.com/students and have a look.

We know that you and your students will enjoy using **Mary Glasgow Plus** this year. If you have any problems or suggestions email

help@maryglasgowplus.com

All the best,

Sarah Bromley

Web Editor



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Students' safety is important to us

We understand that teachers and parents have some concerns about letting children use the internet. For this reason, we have made **Mary Glasgow Plus** a safe place for students.

- ✓ Our access code system means **Mary Glasgow Plus** is completely private. The **only** students who can register on the student site are the young learners who read Mary Glasgow magazines.
- ✓ It is **not** possible for students to use **Mary Glasgow Plus** to communicate with students who don't subscribe to Mary Glasgow magazines or with adults.
- ✓ All students on the website are anonymous. We do not show their contact details or details of their school.
- ✓ It is not possible to chat privately with another student. All chat can be seen by all the student members.

Students are not alone on the website. Mary Glasgow's **English Coach** is online every day. The **English Coach**:



- ✓ visits the chat page regularly throughout the day to check for inappropriate messages
- ✓ checks the photos that students upload and deletes any inappropriate ones **before** they appear on the site
- ✓ checks the comments that students write on news stories and deletes any inappropriate ones **before** they appear on the site

Just like in our magazines, all the content on **Mary Glasgow Plus** is appropriate for students of a young age.

If parents are worried about their children using **Mary Glasgow Plus**, we suggest that you give them a copy of the information above.



Where is the teacher code?

All teachers who subscribe to Mary Glasgow magazines receive a free teacher code to give access to our online resources.

Your teacher code is in the teacher's notes that we deliver with the each magazine.



Where are the student codes?

Student codes are printed on the cover of every magazine.

We have also provided them below.

It is important that students use the correct code for their magazine.

This way they will see online features that relate to their magazine articles and chat to other students of their level.



CLICK:



CROWN:



TEAM:



CLUB:



CURRENT:



Only give these codes to your students.
This way we keep the site safe and private.

My students don't have email addresses

Students need to enter an email address when they register. This is so that we can email them a new password if they forget the one they chose.

If students don't have an email address, we suggest they use their parent's email address or they create one with a free service like Hotmail or Gmail.

We will **only** use the email address to contact students if they request a new password. We will not use students' email addresses for marketing.



Video

There is a free video for each magazine issue. The video relates to an article from the magazine. Videos show real English-speaking teenagers talking about their lives or topical issues. A transcript and two

comprehension activities are available with the video. Watch videos on the website or download them to watch without an internet connection. Videos are suitable for use on an interactive whiteboard.



Video | March 2010
ownmagazines.com/video

...dd Barry, I'm a DJ, I'm 21, and I'm from Homchurch in Essex.
What was your first record you ever bought?
 ...erm, actually gave me their Michael Jackson "Thriller" and er, they used to have a, record er, record player, in the, er dance around to that.
What do you do for fun?
 ...er, I used to go over to his place, and his cousin used to er, and er, I always used to wanna go over his house to er, play around with his er, turntables and mixer, and er, every time I went round there he'd showed me how to use them, and it sort of just developed from there really. I was always, always into music, I was always passionate for music, but erm as soon as I saw the two turntables and the mixer, I thought "yeah I wanna get into that". And erm from him showing me how to use the equipment I er went away and er pestered my mum and dad to buy me er some turntables and a mixer for my, I think it was my 13th or 14th birthday, and er I'd lock myself away in my room and er I'd play around with them all night.

VIDEO: DJ Chris Solo Club March / April 2010

Watch the video, then say whether the statements are true or false.

DJ Chris Solo is from Essex in the UK.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Chris was taught to DJ by a friend.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Chris didn't enjoy his first gig.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Chris' ultimate dream would be to DJ at Space in Ibiza.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
The DJs that inspire Chris know how to make people dance.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Chris thinks that Calvin Harris doesn't know how to DJ.	<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False

Next

What was your first gig like?

Jedd: I er managed to get a gig at erm, my old primary school, and erm, it was a paid, so it was my first proper gig 'cause it was paid, and it was the er, year six leaver's disco, but it was okay it went quite well, there was a couple of glitches, but erm, overall it went okay, and it was er, it was erm, Michael Jackson that saved the day.

What type of music do you play?

Jedd: I play house music, that's the er, first and foremost. It's house music, but erm the style that I play I'd say is quite, quite deep, quite jazzy influence and er, I like to call it groovy, its just generally groovy its got a nice groove to it, there's not too much going on its just got a nice, a nice beat and a nice groove to it. Deep, deep and groovy house music I'd say is the best way to describe it.

Where's the best place you have ever played?

Jedd: The best place I've ever played is a small club in Leeds, called Mint club, erm it only holds about, probably about three, four hundred people but its got er tall LED lighting ng on the roof, and erm its got a function one sound system, which is probably, probably the best sound system I had money can buy. That's probably the best club I've played, to be honest, with the er atmosphere and everything that's there, probably, probably my favourite club

Where would you most like to DJ?

Jedd: Probably "Space" in Ibiza. It's a really good looking club, but at the same time it's got a really good underground feel and it's got a pumping system in there, that's probably the place I'd most like to play.

Online activities

Online activities relate to articles from the magazines.

With every magazine issue we put eight new interactive activities online.

After reading the magazine articles, students can go online to test their understanding and practise the language points. They complete the activities on screen and then see their score.

At home with the Cyrus family
Crown September / October 2009

Read the article on page 8 of Crown magazine.
Click the things that the Cyrus children **have to do**.



- Move house a lot
- Use their phones in the living room
- Chores
- Go to their bedroom if they fight
- Go on the internet every day
- Eat together
- Get up at 7am
- Go to church

→ If you don't have time to do the activities in class, tell the students to have a look at home.

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At home with the Cyrus family!

Imagine your dad is a famous singer and actor. Trace and Miley are his children. What do they do at home?

Imagine your brother is a rock star. And what if your sister is the most famous girl in the world? Imagine life at home with the Cyrus family!

We know Miley Cyrus. She plays Hannah Montana. But who else is in the Cyrus family?

CROWN: There's Billy Ray, Miley's dad - he's a singer - and there's Liam, Miley's brother. The children are Miley (14), Brandi (22), Trace (20), Noah (9), Braxton (15), Brandi and Trace are Miley's half brother and sister.

Wow! They're a big family! Do they all live together?

CROWN: Yes, they do. They live in North Hollywood. They have to move house a lot because Miley's fans always knock at the door!

Billy Ray, Trace and Miley are singers. It must be a noisy house!

CROWN: Yes, it is "It's fun," says Miley. Miley's sister plays in Miley's band. Trace is in a band called Metro Station. But Dad and Mum like the house to be quiet too. So, Miley has got her own living room. And there are rules. The children mustn't use mobile phones in the living room.

Are there any other rules?

CROWN: Yes. The children must do chores. Miley has to load the dishwasher and everybody must eat together. Everybody has to go to church on Sundays.

Do the kids argue?

CROWN: Not much. Trace and Miley are close. "It's so good to

Online activities at:
www.maryglasgowmagazines.com/activities

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My Family Rules

What are the family rules in your home? Underline and make the sentences true for you.

I have to / don't have to make my bed.

I have to / don't have to tell my parents when I am home.

I have to / don't have to be home by 9pm.

I have to / don't have to take the dog for a walk.


I have to / don't have to tidy my bedroom.

Write one more rule:

I have to _____

The Cyrus Family Photo

Look at the Cyrus family photo. Put the correct names in the gaps.



- _____ is wearing sunglasses.
- _____ is wearing a green t-shirt.
- _____ is short.
- _____ has got blond hair.
- _____ is wearing a red skirt.



Every week we publish a topical news story, with an angle that appeals to teenagers.

There are always five different versions of the week's news story – from elementary to advanced level. This is great for mixed-level classes.



The story is also available in audio as an MP3 download, so that students can hear the text as they read.



Activity idea

1. Students read the latest news story as a class. If you don't have access to computers in class, you could print a copy for every student.
2. As a class or in small groups, discuss the questions that are at the bottom of the story.
3. Students write their answers to the questions in an online comment, either using school computers or at home for homework.

Who is Britain's new Prime Minister?
We don't know!

Thursday 6th May was Election Day in Britain. There is an election every five years.

Voting started at seven o'clock and finished at ten o'clock last night.

Forty-four million Britons voted. We are still counting all the votes. So, who won? Who is Britain's new Prime Minister? Who will live at Number 10, Downing Street? We don't know!

There are three big political parties in Britain:

- the Labour Party with the Prime Minister Gordon Brown
- the Conservative Party with David Cameron
- the Liberal Democrats with Nick Clegg

David Cameron and the Conservative Party won the most votes but they don't have enough – Gordon Brown has many votes too.

David Cameron wants to be Prime Minister but Gordon Brown doesn't want to leave Downing Street. Who will win? Wait and see!

Who is the Prime Minister of your country?

At what age can you vote in your country?

Imagine you are Prime Minister. What would you change?

Read this article at a different level

You are reading this at **Crown level (Pre-intermediate)**.

Read this at **Click level (Elementary)**.
Read this at **Team level (Intermediate)**.
Read this at **Club level (Upper-intermediate)**.
Read this at **Current level (Advanced)**.

Discussion questions

Download an MP3 audio version of the article

Read the same article at a different level

Students can write a comment about the article

Comments:

fniif 18 May 2010 at 16:14
hello people Prime Minister of my country (Portugal) is Jose Socrates most people do not like him but he has done much to our parents, he made a computer called Magalhães and that computer is very small but and as a punter!

pinco 9 May 2010 at 19:22
In my country the premier is Berlusconi and he does a lot of beautiful things like when there was the earthquake in Aquila he does new house in 3 month



English Coach

English tips

English Coach is the friendly language coach on **Mary Glasgow Plus**.

The English Coach is a real person – a native-English teacher.

She interacts with the students on *Chatter* and has her own page.



Word of the week

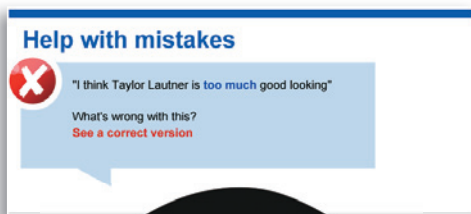
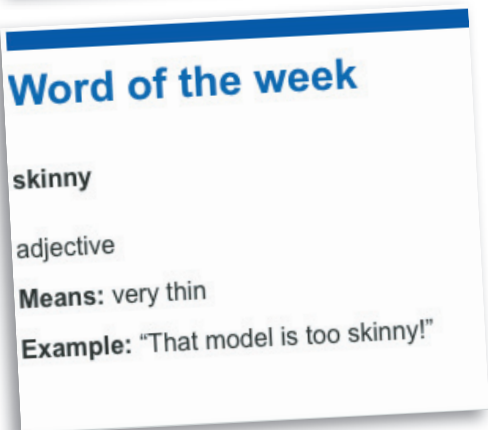
A useful English word, explained with a description or photo and an example.



Help with mistakes

Every week, English Coach corrects a common mistake that she sees students make on the website.

Students see a typically incorrect sentence, and can click to see one or more correct versions.



Students can send written articles or videos. We publish the best ones on the website.

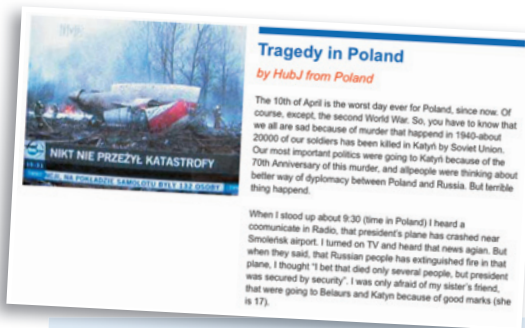
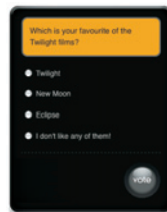
Here are some ideas for what your students can report on:

- ✔ an interesting hobby
- ✔ something that's happening in their school, town or country
- ✔ their opinions on an issue
- ✔ a holiday or school trip



Polls

From time to time, there will be a poll that relates to a magazine article. After reading the article in the magazine students can come to the *Student News* page to give their opinions and share their own experiences.



Guidelines

We prefer articles of 200 words or less.

Students need to send a photo with a written article.

If students are sending a video, they must upload it to a website like youtube.com or vimeo.com and send us the link. We cannot accept videos that are attached to emails.

Students send their report to the correct address for their magazine:

click@maryglasgowplus.com

team@maryglasgowplus.com

current@maryglasgowplus.com

crown@maryglasgowplus.com

club@maryglasgowplus.com

These email addresses are also available on the *Student News* page.



Friend Finder

My Page

Students can make a profile about themselves in English.

They upload a photo, enter their country and answer questions about what they like.

Start by clicking 'Add favourites' on **My Page**.

As students use the website, they earn more 'stickers' to go on **My Page**.



- I've got 10 points
- I am from Greece 🇬🇷
- I am a girl

- My favourite colour is ... **black**
- I like ... **animals**
- I don't like ... **homework**
- My favourite food is ... **broccoli**
- I've got a pet ... **dog**
- My favourite sport is ... **basketball**
- My favourite actor is ... **Rupert Grint**
- I think my English is ... **OK**

Friend-finder

Students can find friends in other countries who speak English.

Find people in different countries

Australia	Austria
Belgium	Bulgaria
Canada	Croatia
Cyprus	Czech Republic
Denmark	Finland
France	Germany
Greece	Hong Kong
Hungary	Ireland
Italy	Japan
Malta	Netherlands
New Zealand	Norway
Poland	Portugal
Russia	Serbia and Montenegro
Slovakia	Slovenia
South Africa	South Korea
Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	Taiwan
Thailand	Turkey
United Kingdom	United States

Friend Finder suggests friends based on students with similar interests.

Students can send 'friend requests' to their classmates and students in other countries.



Chat in English

This is a great way for your students to have fun using English for a real purpose. They can practise conversation and learn to respond quickly in English.

Who do students chat to?

Students chat to other students of their age and level from all around the world. Only students who subscribe to **Mary Glasgow** magazines can use *Chatter*.

Online chat is only available to students (but teachers can view chat messages from their teacher account).

Many students chat after school – not because their teacher tells them to, but because they love it so much!

Olka, age 12, from Poland says:

“Hi! I love your website! I think it’s a little my hobby! I’m on website everyday and I help my friends who are new on website!”

Students can see all messages sent to them since they last logged in

Students can see which other students are online now

The English Coach is a native English-speaking teacher who monitors chat and talks with the students.

Students can see a list of useful English phrases, appropriate to their level

The screenshot shows a chat interface with messages from users like @Staff15 and @Miodora. It includes a 'Write here' text box, an 'Online now' section with user avatars, and a 'Chatter Phrasebook' with categories like 'Starting off', 'Talking about hobbies', 'Talking about your life', 'Talking about your family', 'Saying goodbye', and 'Abbreviations'.







No time to do this in class? Just tell your students to go to maryglasgowplus.com/students and look for the *Chatter* page.

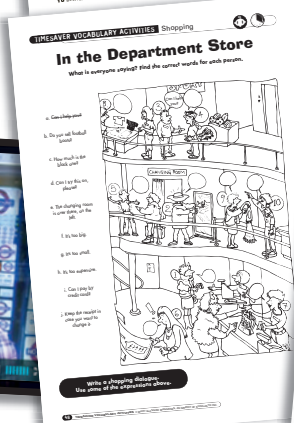
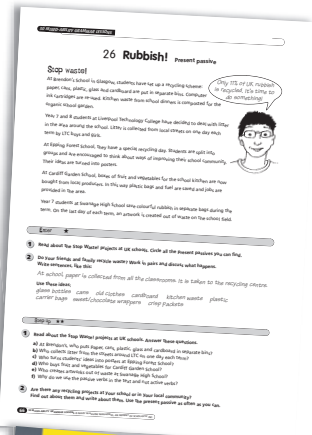


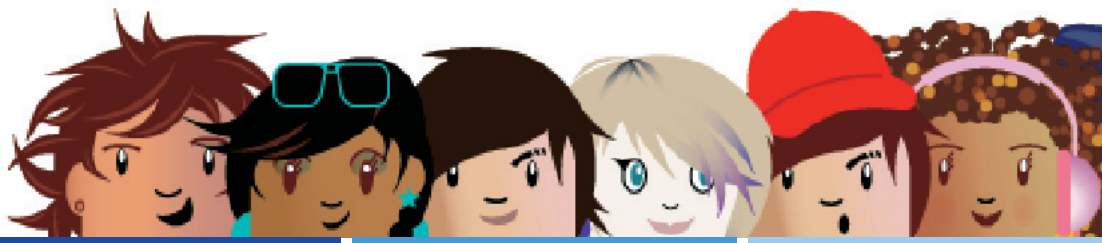
Resources

Search and download teaching materials

On the teacher site, teachers can search and download thousands of resources.

-  Worksheets
-  Audio files (with listening activities)
-  Videos
-  Articles from past Mary Glasgow magazines
-  Images to use as vocabulary flash cards





Earn points for practicing English

Students earn points every time they use **Mary Glasgow Plus**. The more they use the website, the more points they earn!

Students can see their current points total on **My Page**.

How to earn points

Start an account	10 points
Answer ALL questions on <i>My Page</i>	5 points
Upload an avatar picture	5 points
Comment on <i>News</i> or <i>Student News</i>	2 points

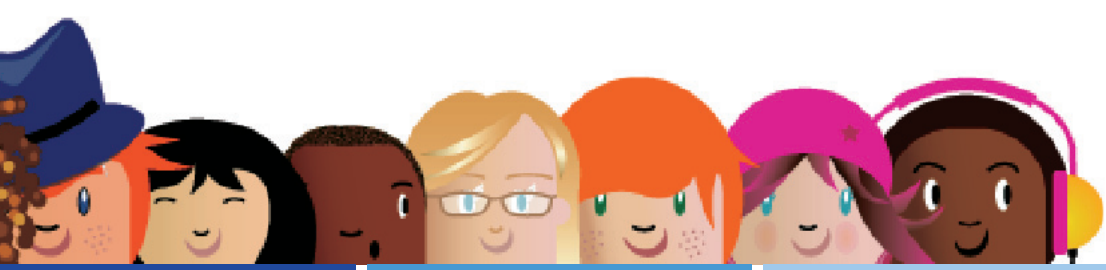
For **excellent work**, students get **extra points**:

Write friendly and interesting <i>Chatter</i> messages	10 points
Write an excellent comment on <i>News</i>	10 points
Publish a story on <i>Student News</i>	20 to 40 points
Publish a video on <i>Student News</i>	40 to 50 points

Stickers

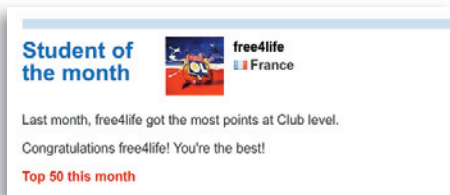
As students earn more points, they get more stickers on **My Page**.





Student of the month

The students' home page shows the student who got the most points last month.



The grand prize

The student with the most points at the end of the school year wins an iPod Touch (see page 16).



Activity idea

Why not have a competition in your class to see which student can get the most points?

1. Tell your students how to earn points (see the list above).
2. At the start of a month, tell students to earn as many points as they can before the end of the month.
3. Students can prove how many points they have by printing a copy of their **My Page**.
4. Give a prize to the student with the most points.

Remember, the more points they earned, the more English practice they had!



Students can win an iPod Touch on **Mary Glasgow Plus!**

When students use **Mary Glasgow Plus** to practise English, they earn points.

The student with the most points on 31st May 2011 wins the iPod.

The sooner your students start using the website, the more time they have to earn points. Tell them to start using the website today.



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www.maryglasgowplus.com/points

