

Pages 2 - 4: News 24/7



News

Four specially-selected news stories from around the World, including the heroes of the Fukushima disaster, flooding in Thailand and protests in Colombia. Plus: regular features Word Spot and the Hot List.



Cultural input: Fukushima disaster, Thailand floods, technology



Page 5: The Big Story

Classroom Punishment



Half of British parents want to see corporal punishment brought back into the classroom. Is physical violence acceptable in schools?

Cultural input: GB school life



Pages 6 - 8: Reality Check

Too much, too young?



Are children in the UK being encouraged to grow up too fast? CURRENT looks at the reasons behind the pressure to grow up.

Page 9: 60 Seconds With...

Jennifer Lawrence



Meet the Oscar-nominated actress who's starring in 2012's hottest film *The Hunger Games*.



Online activities:



CD: Track 4: Listen to a report on Jennifer Lawrence and *The Hunger Games*.

Pages 10 - 13: Special Report



Saving the Euro

CURRENT looks at the Eurozone crisis. With many different rescue options being suggested, we ask "will they work?"



Language focus: Eurozone Finance



Cultural input: Eurozone Crisis



Online activities:

Pages 14 - 17: The Buzz



Adele: Fighting for her voice

Her smash hit *Someone Like You* was THE soundtrack to 2011. But at 23 years old, superstar Adele's career may have come to an end. Find out why.



Online activities:

Pages 18 - 19: Evolution English



'Americanisms': Could they kill off British English?

"See you on the weekend", "I'm good, thanks": these are examples of phrases that existed in American English... but not in Britain – until now. As American phrases start to creep into common usage in the UK, CURRENT finds out why and how this is happening.



Online activities:



CD: Track 3: Listen to our phone-in on "Americanisms".

Pages 20 - 21: 1 hour expert



What makes Britain 'Great'!

A look at a new advertising campaign to bring visitors to the U.K. See what the Prime Minister thinks makes Britain so special.



Cultural input: Britain, sport, innovation, heritage, shopping



Online activities:

Pages 22 - 23: Language Checkpoint



Activities to recycle and re-use the language practised and introduced in this issue.

Page 24: Flashpoint



Titanic sinks.

100 years after the ship hit an iceberg, CURRENT looks back at the tragedy and how it will be remembered.



Cultural input: The *Titanic*



CD: Track 2: Listen to an expert's summary of the disaster.