

# Unit 1

**hang** [hæŋ]  
**hanger** ['hæŋə]  
**hook** [hʊk]

**hang / hanged / hanged** [hæŋ / hæŋd / hæŋd] – a person  
**hang / hung / hung** [hæŋ / hʌŋ / hʌŋ] – wet towels and things

**During a stay in a hotel what do they usually ask people to do with the towels?**

*During a stay in a hotel they usually ask people to put dirty towels on the floor and hang clean towels on a hook.*

**What can we hang on a hanger and on a hook?**

*We can hang clothes on a hanger and towels on a hook.*

**What did they do with murderers in the old times?**

*In the old times they usually hanged murderers in public.*

**Do you agree that murderers should be hanged?**

*Yes, I agree that murderers should be hanged.*

**hang on** [hæŋ ɒn]  
**hang up** [hæŋ ʌp]

**ring a bell** [rɪŋ ə bel]

**If something rings a bell, it seems to you that you have heard it before.**

**If someone rings you up but you don't want to have a conversation, what do you do?**

*If someone rings me up but I don't want to have a conversation, I hang up.*

**What can you ask people to do if you want them to wait for you?**

*I can ask people to hang on if I want them to wait for me.*

**What do we say when we think we remember someone's name but not very well?**

*We say that the person's name rings a bell, if we remember it but not very well.*



**control** [kən'trəʊl]  
**remote control** [ri'məʊt kən'trəʊl]

**What do we call the most important person who controls a company?**

*We call the most important person who controls a company a CEO.*

**Who has financial control over the budget in a country?**

*The government has financial control over the budget in a country.*

**What do you use to control your TV / DVD / video?**

*I use a remote control to control my TV / DVD / video.*

**Do people sometimes lose control when they can't achieve what they want?**

*Yes, people sometimes lose control when they can't achieve what they want.*

**Should parents encourage children to take control of their lives?**

*Yes, parents should encourage children to take control of their lives.*

**Which countries were under Russian control forty years ago?**

*Poland, East Germany, and Romania were under Russian control forty years ago.*

[ru'meɪnɪə]

**press** [pres]  
**leak** [li:k]  
**scandal** ['skændl]

**What's the freedom of the press?**

*The freedom of the press is the freedom to write anything they want and to express any opinion they want.*

**Why do governments in some countries want to control the press?**

*Governments want to control the press because if they control the press, they can have influence on people.*

**What may sometimes happen if certain information is leaked to the press?**

*A scandal may sometimes break if certain information is leaked to the press.*

**What should you do if you smell gas leaking out of a pipe?**

*If you smell gas leaking out of a pipe, you should open the windows.*

**leak like a sieve** ['li:k laɪk ə 'sɪv]

**What should you do if your car leaks oil like a sieve?**

*If your car leaks oil like a sieve, you should immediately call your mechanic.*





What will soon happen if you don't repair the roof when it starts leaking? *If you don't repair the roof when it starts leaking, it will soon leak like a sieve.*

**terrible** ['terɪbl]

**awful** ['ɔːfl]

**horrible** ['hɒrɪbl]

**pole** [pəʊl]

**Terrible, awful and horrible** all mean the same thing.  
**Terrible** is formal, while **awful** and **horrible** are rather informal.

Who's the most terrible driver you know? *My flatmate's / workmate's the most terrible driver I know.*

What's the most horrible news you heard last week? *The most horrible news I heard last week was about the tsunami in Japan.* [tsu'na:mi]

Where in the world are the weather conditions the most awful? *The weather conditions are the most awful at the North and South Poles.*

Who was the first person to reach the South Pole? *Roald Amundsen was the first person to reach the South Pole.*  
When did he do it? *He did it in 1911.* ['rəʊld 'ɑ:məndsen]

Is it a horrible feeling when your friend lies to you? *Yes, it's a horrible feeling when my friend lies to me.*

**cheat** [tʃi:t]

Why do people cheat? *People cheat because they want to get an advantage.*

Do some people cheat on taxes? *Yes, some people cheat on taxes.*

Do you know anyone who's always cheating at games? *Yes, I know someone who's always cheating at games.*

Who is it? *It's my friend Paul.*

Why's he always cheating? *He's always cheating because he thinks it's funny.*

Would you cheat death if you survived an accident in which you could have died? *Yes, I would cheat death if I survived an accident in which I could have died.*

**Why's this offer so good? – additional questions**

What does 'you've been had' mean?

Who's a cheat?

Have you ever been fooled? How? If not – do you know anyone who has been had?

Are you ever suspicious when someone offers you something at a low price?

Do you easily trust people?

Why do you think some people are cheated more often than others?

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