

#### Hi there, language explorers!

I initially intended this article as a fun fact for my editors, but then I realized it's too fascinating not to share with everyone who's curious. So, whether you're an editor or the reader, come along for the linguistic adventure!

# So…Let's embark on a thrilling Journey through time to uncover the fascinating origins of the English language!

English, like many languages, has an incredibly rich history. It traces its roots back to the Germanic tribes who settled in Britain around the 5th century AD. But wait, there's more! Throughout the centuries, English has borrowed words from Latin, French, and many other languages, making it a wonderfully diverse linguistic melting pot.

Imagine walking through the bustling streets of medieval England, hearing a mix of  $\odot$ ld English, Norse, and Norman French. Isn't that amazing? Now, here's a fun challenge for you: dive deeper into the linguistic ocean! Explore how English evolved over time, from  $\odot$ ld English to Middle English and finally to Modern English. You'll discover jaw–dropping stories and uncover the secrets of language evolution.

So, grab your magnifying glass (or should I say dictionary?) and start your linguistic adventure! Who knows what treasures you'll uncover? Exemember, the more you explore, the richer your understanding becomes. Happy exploring, language adventurers!



Let's start with something up-to-date and commonly used-loanwords. Did you know that most of the words we use in English actually come from other languages? Yep, around 80% of English words are borrowed from different languages! This means that English isn't just English—it's like a big pot of soup made from lots of different ingredients.

Think of English as a recipe that's been cooking for a really long time. Right from the beginning, it started borrowing words from other languages. A smart language expert called Kory Stamper says that English has been doing this since it was a baby! Imagine, there are about 350 other languages that have contributed to English. That's a lot, right? These languages have given us words that we use every day. Like, did you know that words from Latin, French, and German are some of the biggest contributors to English? But there are lots of other languages too, like Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic, Portuguese, Sanskrit, Russian, Maori, Hindi, Hebrew, Persian, Malay, Urdu, Irish, Afrikaans, Yiddish, Chinese, Turkish, Norwegian, Zulu, and Swahili. And that's just a tiny fraction of the 350 languages that have contributed to the English language!

So, next time you're speaking English, remember that it's like a big mix of languages, all blended together to make one delicious language soup!

And here are some commonly used loanwords:

- 1. <u>Latin</u> area, data, editor, enthusiasm, history, janitor, medium, language, justice, science, series, religion, city, master, paper
- 2. French art, café, character, dance, jewel, government, salon, beef, salmon
- 3. Greek academy, democracy, comedy, tragedy, history, data
- 4. German blitz, hamster, kindergarten, schadenfreude, schnitzel, delicatessen
- 5. <u>Italian</u> opera, piano, spaghetti, pizza, cappuccino, latte
- 6. Spanish tornado, tortilla, guitar, alligator, burrito, coyote
- 7. Dutch cruise, dock, freight, yacht, landscape, cookie, gin
- 8. Scandinavian ski, saga, sauna
- 9. <u>Japanese</u> samurai, sushi, tsunami, kamikaze, karaoke, judo, jujitsu

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# The history of Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14, has its roots in the figure of Saint Valentine, whose identity and biography are shrouded in mystery. There are several different legends and stories related to the figure of Saint. Valentine's Day, and one of them may be the source of the connection between this holiday and love.

One of the most popular legends tells about Valentine, who was a priest who lived during the Roman Empire, during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. According to this story, the emperor forbade young men from marrying, believing that they would make better soldiers if they were not tied to family. Saint Valentine, however, argued that love is a fundamental value, and despite the ban, he celebrated the sacrament of marriage among young lovers.

According to one version of the legend,
Valentine also helped Christians who were
persecuted for their faith. When the emperor
learned of his actions, he ordered his arrest.
Walenty was imprisoned and sentenced to
death. On the eve of his execution, February 14,
he sent a letter to the imprisoned guard, and on
it he left parting words for the guard's daughter,
for whom he had special feelings. He ended the
letter with the words "From your Valentine." This
is supposed to be the beginning of the tradition
of sending Valentine's Day cards with wishes and
declarations of love.

Nowadays, Saint Valentine's Day is celebrated as an opportunity to express romantic feelings.

Lovers give each other gifts, flowers and Valentine's Day cards, often decorated with hearts and sentimental wishes. Although the history of the holiday is related to Christianity, Valentine's Day is now celebrated by people all over the world, regardless of their religion.

## The history of Valentine's Day

Although the history of Saint Valentine is shrouded in mystery and the legendary stories vary in detail, it is these romantic aspects of the Valentine's Day legend that have gained the greatest popularity and influenced the current form of Valentine's Day celebrations.

Over time, the custom of sending Valentine's Day greeting cards has evolved. In the Middle Ages, the tradition of exchanging Valentine's Day notes emerged, and in the Victorian era, richly decorated and handmade cards began to be used. Over the years, new elements have also appeared, such as Valentine's Day gifts, flowers, chocolates and other expressions of affection.

Nowadays, Saint Valentine's Day has become an opportunity to celebrate love and affection not only in romantic relationships, but also among friends, family and colleagues. People organize romantic dinners, weekend trips, and shops offer a wide selection of Valentine's Day gifts. Expressing feelings by sending Valentine's Day wishes, gifts and gestures has become almost obligatory in many cultures around the world.

Although the origins of Valentine's Day are related to Christian legends, today the holiday takes various forms and is celebrated by people with different religious beliefs. Saint Valentine's Day is a symbolic time when people try to emphasize and celebrate feelings of love and mutual care.

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# What makes people fall in love?

One of the biggest mysteries in life is love. February 14th made me think of this topic. I have a sort of experience in this kind of stuff but what is the most important is that I am a really good viewer. A lot of my friends or ex-friends experience at least some sort of crush or other kind of love.

I want to start with a not really joyful example because I want to start with toxic love. Recently I found out that people who I knew pretty well and were friends for so many years stopped talking just because one of them has a girlfriend who forbade them to meet or talk to each other. The details are not important here but the point is how one person could ruin a whole friend group. I feel a little sorry for him because he really got left alone and it's only just for her. Some people are that easy to manipulate or that naive that they don't see what is going on around them or that maybe they hurt people who love them. So how could you fall in love with the person who is treating you this way?!

However, I don't think that falling in love is bad (only falling in love with the wrong person is horrible)
I just don't understand how this actually works. If people are falling for people who treat them like they're worthless or not good enough, why do we even fall in love? Having a crush on the other hand,

is such a weird and unexpected thing. In many cases I read about, it is like you wake up, some say, with

a random feeling to this person and from day to day it is getting worse. I talked with my friends about this

but one of them has a crush on a guy for two years and still hasn't talked to him! And the other one had a crush on a boy who later on, turned out to have a girlfriend. So basically, we're not doing well when it comes to relationships. My experience was pretty similar, I liked a person with whom I didn't even say a word. It really made me question my existence because this person was like a complete stranger to me before, and by before I mean still is. At least something interesting

happened in my life (not really).

Like a few months ago, the Internet was full with Kyle Jenner and Timothée Chalamet. I thought it was a joke at first because how people with such different interests, hobbies and lives can randomly end up together? I started wondering about what they're talking about, I can't imagine these two having a normal conversation with each other about casual, daily things.

I just don't understand how that many people can fall for people whom, for example, they don't know at all or even they didn't like before. I read that "there are five components to attraction and developing a crush: physical attractiveness, proximity, similarity, reciprocity, and familiarity."\* I also found a really good quote that "crushes are rooted in fantasy' and the person who is crushing tends to project their values onto the person they desire. It's just such an interesting topic and I want to discover more information about it in the future for sure but maybe not on my own skin this time.



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\*<u>https://iembracetherapy.com/</u> https://pixabay.com/pl/

## Author's meeting in Technikum no. 3 in Malbork

On December 1, 2023, an author's meeting took place at our school, the most important persons of this meeting were two graduates of Technical school no. 3 in Malbork: Alicja Bukowska (maiden name: Lewandowska) and Beata Langowska (maiden name: Czernicka).

Their idea for this meeting arose from the passion for literature that both of these women have, which dates back to their school years. What can be done with your interests? How to evolve your skills and achieve success? This was an amazing and motivating lesson for the people who came to the meeting.

The whole meeting was led by Zuzanna Majka from class 1A and Olaf Kotlarz from class 2A. Alicja Bukowska published the novel "Zacisze", as the description says "The novel is adressed to those who are facing difficult life choices. The book gives hope that it is never too late to change something in your life for the better".

Beata Langowska showed us her book of poems "Słowa Szemrane", which contains poetry full of emotions, personal observations and reflections on life. The biggest attraction of the meeting was the musical presentation of the poems by the poet and her companion Marek Czarnecki.

The meeting was very inspiring, the invited guests showed us that it is worth developing your interests and pursuing your goals and dreams. It's worth believing in yourself. Probably many people thought to themselves: "Maybe I will also write a book...?"

by Anna Maślanka

# DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Hearing "dangerous animals" most of us mostly think of as large predators, but many of them do not need to have sharp bite fangs or big nails to be the most skilled killers in the world. Some species we don't even tend to associate with serious danger.

A list that includes the most dangerous animals cannot ignore snakes. Every venomous species poses a deadly threat but some stand out not only for their extremely potent toxin, but also for their aggressive nature. At one time the venom glands of the Indian cobra can produce enough poison to kill 15 adults. In this aspect, it is far from a record breaker, but the cobra makes up for it with its unpredictability. The snake can attack for any reason and at the same time - it is extremely fast.





The saltwater crocodile is the largest and - at the same time - the most numerous species of this reptile. The largest individuals reach length even over 6 meters. The huge jaws of these reptiles are among the strongest in the animal kingdom - once they catch their prey, they will not let it go. They hunt everything, and humans are no exception.

The polar bear is larger than its cousins (brown and black) and much more aggressive than any of them. It is a born hunter, catching and killing its prey with ease. An adult polar bear can even handle a huge sea elephant. It is fast, a great swimmer and can dive. All this makes it an extremely skilled killer that is also aggressive towards humans.



The Komodo dragon is the largest living lizard. It feeds primarily on carrion, but it is an extremely efficient killer that hunts just as willingly. The Komodo dragon is satisfied with birds, but large mammals are also within its range. It will easily kill and eat humans. It is an extremely clever hunter it gets its prey from hiding. Occasionally they will fall on an unaware victim from a tree. When they get their meal, they tear it apart with their claws and jaws. Even if the victim manages to run away, he has no chance of survival because of the deadly venom which will kill in a few hours after being bitten.





Hippos seem slow, lazy and charming in their own way. However, it is important to remember that in the animal kingdom appearances can sometimes be misleading and this is also the case here. They are aggressive mammals that with one snap of their massive jaws, a 3 tones giant can even kill a large crocodile.



It is common in tropical regions of South America and can reach sizes of up to about five inches in length. The Brazilian wandering spider is considered one of the most dangerous spiders in the world due to its highly toxic venom to humans.



What is the most dangerous animal in the world? It may come as a surprise to many people, but it is not a lion, a tiger or a python. The most effective killing machine is not equipped with sharp claws or deadly venom. The killer that takes the most lives each year measures up to 6 mm and weighs just over 2 mg. It is the mosquito or more precisely a female. These insects can transmit malaria, yellow fever and many other diseases that they infect when they bite. Every year they become the cause of death for more than 750 000 people.

by Kamil Kot

# How YOU can train your dog these 3 simple tricks by yourself, without a professional dog trainer!

People pay a large amount of money to dog trainers just so their furry friend gets to learn some basic tricks like give paw. Well, I am here to tell you how you can train your dog the standard dog tricks any dog should know!

- 1. Get **dog treats** from a zoology shop, these are going to be the tool you will use to show your dog that you are happy with what they have just done. Your dog will do your every bidding for a chance at a good snack and he will remember when something he had done earned him a treat.
- 2. Get your **dog's attention**. Your success rate will be the highest if you train your dog in a familiar stress-free environment without any distractions, you want your dog to pay full attention to you and what you're trying to teach him. Consider playing with your dog before the training session to get them tired, a physically satisfied dog is less likely to get distracted by sounds and smells and will stay focused on you and your treats.

3. Now we can get down to business. Let's start with the simplest trick/command of them all SIT:

Bring a treat to your dogs nose, it's important that you hold the treat in a way that makes it impossible for your dog to eat it whole in one bite. Next get your dog to notice the treat and nibble on it. Now all you have to do is lure your dog with the treat in an upwards-back direction with the treat. If your dog is getting his bum towards the ground, you are on the right track. The second he sits, give him the reward and say "Sit", and don't forget a praise for your smart little boy. This one is easy but you got to lure your dog just right, if your dog is trying to stand on his hind legs; you are holding the treat too high! And if your dog is turning sideways it's a sign you are doing it wrong and you need to adjust. After a couple of repetitions, your dog will start sitting on command without needing a lure, just remember to practice this command so your dog doesn't forget it.

- 4. Since you've gotten your dog to sit, let's move to something slightly more impressive. **GIVE PAW** is a dog owner favourite and all dogs can learn how to do it. Here's how:
- Take your dog's paw, say; "Give paw!" and give him a treat. That is it, it's that simple!
- After a couple of tries your dog will hear the command and will raise the paw by himself, that is a moment when you give your dog a big reward for his efforts and progress. A surprisingly easy trick to teach.
- 5. **Lie down** is a neat trick that you can teach your dog that has practical uses, when you want to calm your dog down for example, have him lie down in a cosy spot. This one is taught similarly to the sit trick, in fact, it is easier. Have your dog sit, then hold the treat in the aforementioned nibble position and lure your dog, this time, towards the ground. The problem some aspiring dog trainers have is; if you keep the treat too far away or move it too fast, your dog will stand up and move behind it, this is something you can easily avoid if you just go at a slow and steady pace. Once your dog is lying on their belly give them a treat. With each additional repetition, try luring your dog less and less, so you can catch him lying down on his own and reward him with a doggy jackpot.

These 3 tricks are super easy to teach, you get to bond with your companion through the training session, you train your dog to respond to YOUR commands (and not some random stranger's), you save a pretty penny on a dog trainer and, best of all, you get the satisfaction of having taught your dog yourself. However, be mindful of your dog's needs. Keep the training sessions short, you don't want to overwhelm him, you should also take a break and try later if your dog is getting too frustrated and starts barking or clawing at you (and your treat that you are not giving him!), it's important to **NEVER REWARD HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR**. If your dog is biting, jumping at you or barking excessively while trying to perform commands, you need to refrain from rewarding him in that moment, maybe even scold him, even if what he did was a good step towards learning that you would normally want to reward, if he was behaving undesirably whilst doing it, rewarding it will only make your dog repeat that behaviour in the future. This is a big mistake beginner dog trainers make and by the time their dog has learned the tricks, he starts barking whenever performing them, or maybe he starts barking more when not trained. Avoid it at all costs.

Now you have the knowledge and tools needed to face your dog, whether an old veteran (Yes, old dogs can learn new tricks too) or a young puppy, those techniques will work on all kinds of dogs. Go and show off your dog's tricks to your family and friends, remember to proudly proclaim that you were the one to teach him!

### "Some people like poetry"- A contest

Wisława Szymborska was born in 1923, which means that in 2023 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth. The senate of Republic of Poland decided that the year 2023 will be the year under the patronage of the Nobel prize winner to honor her artistic achievements.

As a part of the celebration of this year our school held a competition "some people like poetry" and we also found out the winners of the literary and artistic competition "Wokół poezji WIsławy Szymborskiej".

16 students took part in the recitation competition, and their performances were judged by the jury consisting of: Ms. Joanna Jenczelewska, Ms. Agnieszka Jeromin and Ms. Beata Bisewska.

The winner of the competition was Szymon Wójcik who presented a poem called "Perspektywa", Julia Hoog from class 2A recited a poem titled "Portret kobiecy" and took the second place. The poem "Miłośc od pierwszego wejrzenia" was recited by Alicja Ceran from the class 5GTu and she took the third place.

In literary and artistic competition " Wokół poezji Wisławy Szymborskiej" the prize was awarded to Wojtek Urzędowski from the class 3L for the limerick "Kotek"

"Chodzę sobie po Malborku,
obok kotek bez nastroju.
W zimowy wieczór samotny,
poczułby się zraniony.
Wieczorem leżał już po środku salonu."

Kamila WOjtasik from class 3G was awarded for illustrating the poet's poem "Kot w pustym mieszkaniu".

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Cancel culture

"Cancel culture is a phrase contemporary to the late 2010s and early 2020s used to refer to a cultural phenomenon in which some who are deemed to have acted or spoken in an unacceptable manner are ostracized, boycotted, or shunned." - quote from en.wikipedia.org



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The modern age has been plagued by such things as cancel culture, political correctness and others.

Today I will talk about (in my opinion) the most unfair yet the most useful one of the bunch. It's a 'good' thing because it ends bad people's careers. Of course it's only 'good' if said person was actually proven guilty of doing for e.g. pedophilia, rape or other things.



On the other hand, cancel culture gets out of hand in many instances. One such an instance that I'll cover is cancelling Issac Butterfield. Said person is a victim of the bad version of cancel culture



<u>source</u>

(photo of said victim)

His career is being constantly shut down for basically no reason at all. You must be wondering, "what for?". Well in a world where freedom of speech is widely supported you can get cancelled for saying jokes on your own comedy show. Issac is a comedian, as you may have guessed, and is being attacked for joking about aboriginal people (indigenous people from Australia).

#### (photo of aboriginal person below)

source:pixbay

Now Issac doesn't only joke about them, he makes fun of straight people, gay people, blacks, Asians, whites, Jews, Christians, Muslims, ect. ect. The point is that he doesn't make fun of one specific group of people, his puns make fun of everyone equally. Of course being a comedian comes with its risks.

However to be brought down to the ground and to be compared to nazi's for saying a simple joke is taking it a bit overboard, don't you think?



The joke Butterfield said during his show was "It's so easy to write Aboriginal jokes... they write themselves. The most Aboriginal word in the world Corroboree has the word robbery in it,"

I personally find it funny, however I do agree that he may have said something a little too extreme. But that's what comedy is about! You need to make fun of something or someone to get some laughs. I'd understand the cancellation if he actually meant what he said, however it was all a joke.



People at his show laughed at the joke too, no one was upset because of it. Once he posted it on his social media (that have been taken down since, from what I know) he was berated for it. The situation escalated so far that he got called to court.



"One person didn't like a joke. Then, on the 20th of April at 9:30, I had to be there to appear in a 'conciliation conference.' That one person has enough power to compel a comedian who told a joke that they didn't like go to in front of a commission of people and work it out. They're jokes! This is mad. This is madness," he said.

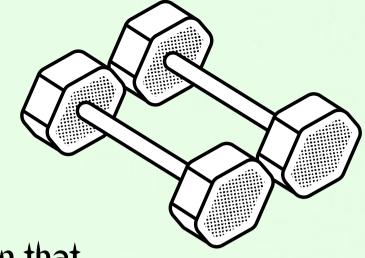
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It's quite scary to think that you can nearly cease to exist as a person because of a few words. I remind you that we live in a world that is widely supportive of "freedom of speech". This sort of phenomenon can occur for simply not agreeing with the 'woke' community too. These sorts of problems don't really affect us that much as of now at least. However I fear that it may start happening as younger generations grow more and more attached to the western 'woke' world.

Thank you for reading! *Kevin Klas* 

# Ways to fill up your free time



If you want to keep in shape, you should work out for at least hald an hour per week. It is proven that regular physical activity helps with blood circulation, supplies oxygen to the brain (which can get you more energized) and improves your overall mood. It is a good way to fill up your free time as you don't need any equipment to start and you can also persuade your friends to join you so that you have some workout buddies!



If you have a lot of free time, you could try learning a new skill! For example crocheting, as you don't need much to start, all you need is some wool and a crochet hook which you can get in almost any handicraft shop. A great alternative to crochetting is knitting, here, you also don't need much - a pair of knitting needles and some wool, or if you have any thicker wool you can also knit with your hands.





Reading is one of the best ways to fill up your free time. Not only does it keep you entertained, but also has a wide range of other benefits, for example:

you exercise your brain - when you read you have to remember different character names

- improve literacy you surely have come across an unfamiliar word while reading, books often introduce you to new words and can improve your overall vocabulary over time
- improve your sleep if you create a sleeping schedule that improves reading, you'll give your body a signal that it is time to go sleep soon, reading bbefore bed can also calm your anxiety which will improve your sleep
- reduce stress reading can reduce stress as it "transports" you to a whole different world and helps you to get away from your daily
   tasks
- taking care of your social life you should ALWAYS have time for your social life. It is important to interact with people that are important and close to you. You can also make some new friends by going out, for example, many people have found friends at the

COOKINS

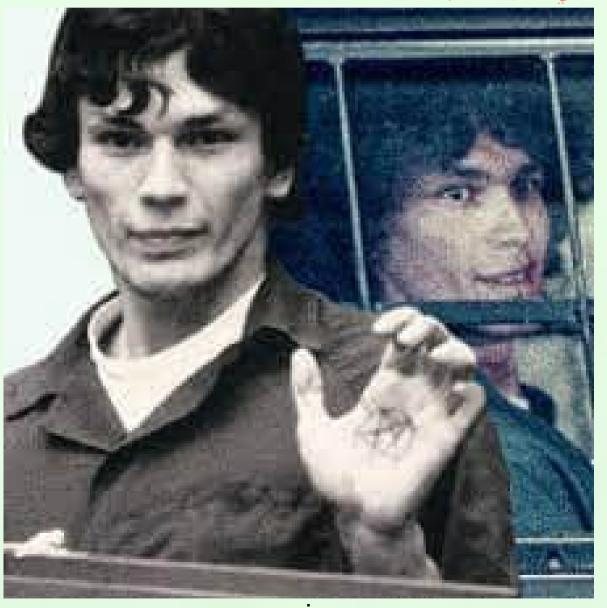
Cooking can seem boring and repetitive, but in reality it is fun once you get the hang of it! Cooking is a fun way of spending time if you do it for yourself, because you want to and not because you have to, as a chore. Look for some new recipes in a cookbook or on the Internet and try it yourself, you'll see that it is so much fun!

#### The night stalker- history of Richard Ramirez

In the annals of true crime, one name stands out as a symbol of terror and brutality – Richard Ramirez, infamously known as the Night Stalker. His reign of terror during the mid-1980s in Southern California left a trail of fear and violence that still haunts the collective memory of those who lived through it.

#### His early life:

Born on February 29, 1960, in El Paso, Texas, Richard Ramirez experienced a troubled childhood marred by physical abuse and exposure to disturbing behaviors. Raised in a household with a father who was prone to violent outbursts and a cousin who introduced him to dark, macabre interests, Ramirez's formative years were far from stable.



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#### Criminal Beginnings:

Ramirez's descent into criminality began in his teenage years, culminating in a series of burglaries and drug-related offenses. By the time he was 25, he had already amassed a criminal record that hinted at the darkness within him. However, it was in 1984 that Ramirez's crimes took a sinister turn, setting the stage for the reign of terror that would grip California.

#### Night Stalker's Reign of Terror:

From 1984 to 1985, Ramirez terrorized Southern California, committing a series of gruesome crimes that included home invasions, sexual assaults, and brutal murders. His victims, ranging from children to the elderly, were chosen seemingly at random, instilling a sense of fear and paranoia within the community. Ramirez's modus operandi was particularly horrifying. He would break into homes in the dead of night, attacking and murdering his victims with a variety of weapons, from firearms to knives. The randomness and brutality of his crimes created an atmosphere of terror, as residents feared that they could be the next target.



The Night Stalker's crimes gained widespread media attention, turning him into a household name. The sensationalized coverage, coupled with the eerie presence of Satanic symbols at crime scenes, fueled public fascination and fear. Ramirez's courtroom antics, which included flashing a pentagram and declaring his love for Satan, only intensified the media frenzy

surrounding the case.

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The power of consequences

The era of fear imposed by the Night Stalker concluded on

August 31, 1985, as a collective of East Los Angeles residents

identified Ramirez from a photograph circulated by the media.

. They detained him until the police arrived, putting an end to the city's nightmare.

In 1989, Richard Ramirez stood trial for 13 counts of murder, 5 counts of attempted murder, 11 counts of sexual assault, and numerous other charges. The trial was marked by Ramirez's unrepentant demeanor, as he often grinned and taunted the court. Despite his attempts to sow chaos, Ramirez was sentenced to death.

#### Psychology of romanticizing criminals

Have you ever wondered why some people are oddly fascinated by serial killers? It's a strange trend that's been on the rise lately – romanticizing these dark and dangerous criminals. Let's dive into the why behind this bizarre fascination.

#### The Weird Attraction:

Serial killers aren't exactly the heroes we want, but there's something strangely intriguing about them. Maybe it's the mix of being scary and charming at the same time. The media plays a big role in making their stories seem like twisted fairytales that captivate our attention.

Some people just like the thrill of danger without actually being in danger. True crime stories, especially about serial killers, give them that adrenaline rush without leaving their cozy couch. It's like watching a scary movie, but it's real – or at least based on real events.







Ever heard of putting yourself in someone else's shoes? Well, some people take it a bit too far and start feeling sorry for serial killers. They might see them as misunderstood or having a messed-up life, blurring the line between right and wrong.

Movies and TV shows often make serial killers seem cooler than they really are. They focus on their smart moves, charisma, and troubled pasts, making them almost like antiheroes. It's all about making the bad guys look interesting, and it seems to work.

Life can be boring, right? Well, for some, diving into the twisted world of serial killers is a way to escape from the everyday routine. It's a weird kind of vacation into a world of suspense and mystery, even if it's a dark one.

Believe it or not, for some people, romanticizing serial killers is a way to deal with their own fears. By exploring these dark stories, they might feel like they have a handle on the scary and unpredictable side of life, even if it's just in their heads.



But it's Not All Fun and Games.

While it might seem like harmless fun to some, we can't forget the real victims. Serial killers cause a lot of pain and suffering, and focusing on their stories can sometimes overshadow the true stories of those who suffered at their hands.



So, there you have it – the strange world of romanticizing serial killers in simple terms. It's a mix of weird attractions, thrill-seeking, and maybe a bit too much empathy for the bad guys. While it might be a strange trend, it's essential to remember the real-life consequences and the pain that these criminals cause. Maybe it's time to shift our fascination towards stories that highlight the strength and resilience of the victims instead.

## Music made by the sea

The Sea Organ on Zadar's promenade hypnotises with its calming sound, making this small town a must see in Croatia. The tamed element became part of the artwork thanks to a Croatian architect - the installation was designed in 2004 by Croatian architect Nikola Bašić in collaboration with a group of specialists.





The organ is powered only by the wind and wave power of the Adriatic Sea. The sounds made by this unique instrument are random and chaotic, but sound unusually harmonious, similar to a classical piece of experimental music. This is because the organ was designed to make these random sounds pleasing to the ear. Looking out to the west, the organ provides the perfect musical backdrop for watching the sunset. The experience can be likened to a unique performance, with the elements in the leading roles. In May 2006 Nikola Bašić's work was awarded the European Prize for Urban Public Space

# "City or countryside? - Where is it better to live?"

Deciding where to live, whether in the city or the countryside, is a big choice. Let's take a closer look at these both options.

Living in the countryside is like finding a quiet spot away from the noisy city. It's peaceful and calm, giving people a chance to relax surrounded by nature's beauty. Unlike the busy streets of cities, the countryside is filled with green fields and fresh air, inviting folks to enjoy outdoor activities like walking, biking, and gardening. These activities not only keep people healthy but also bring neighbors closer together, enjoying the simple pleasures of nature.

On the other hand, living in the countryside also has its challenges. It might be harder to find nearby shops and services, meaning people have to travel further for what they need. Schools and hospitals might be farther away too, making it tricky to access important services. Furthermore, finding a job in the countryside can be tough, as there aren't as many options as in the city.

In conclusion, whether city or countryside living is better depends on what each person values. While the countryside offers peace and a connection to nature, it can also mean fewer conveniences and job opportunities. It's all about finding the balance between tranquility and the hustle and bustle of city life, based on what's most important to each individual.



# Books vs The Internet

**↓ ARE OLD-FASHIONED WAYS BETTER THAN MODERN TECHNOLOGY? ↓** 



#### The big debate

We all have probably seen countless boomer memes and arguments between book lovers and Internet enthusiasts.

In the days when knowledge is as easy as ever to access, some people cannot let go of the old ways. Both learning methods have advantages and disadvantages, and there's no proper way to settle a debate on which is better.

However, we can look at the ups and downs of both mediums and find out which one suits our desires better.



#### The good old way

We are starting with books, a classic way of containing stories and knowledge for over 250 decades. We use books to this day, some contain stories made by writers, and some contain information regarding countless topics, such as school books. Let's take a look at what they offer.





### Books

#### **DEPTH**

#### HONESTY

#### **EXPERIENCE**

unlike any other method, books have a unique way of deepening their knowledge by expanding on each topic as much as possible. After all, they can be as long as one wants them to be. Books don't lie, almost all information contained in books is credible and accepted by publishers.

There's just an incredible feeling that comes with holding an actual book and focusing on its content, something the Internet surely cannot offer



# THE FUTURE OF INFO SHARING

The Internet is a more recent invention in comparison to books, it turned our entire world around and gave us opportunities that we could only dream of before.

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## THE INTERNET

#### ACCESS

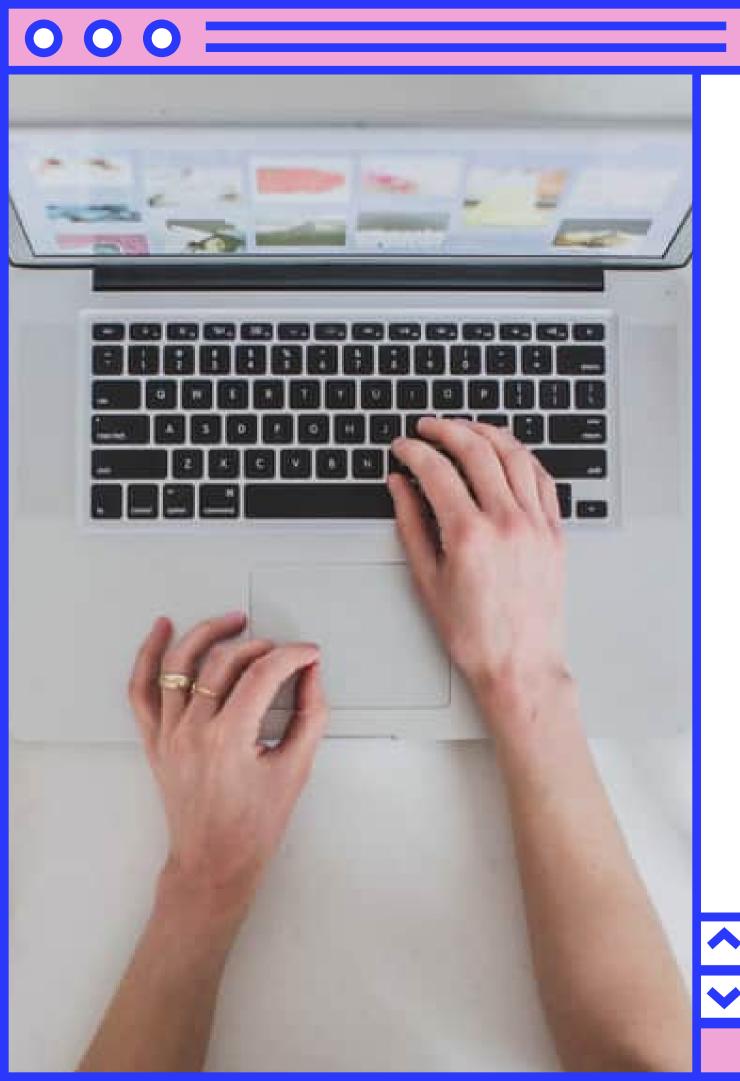
Unlike books, information on the Internet is easily accessible and free. You can research any topic you need to cover in a matter of seconds, however, be careful, as not all information on the Internet is as honest as it seems.

#### DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

The Internet offers you a way to express your opinions and compare them with others, helping you understand a story from someone else's point of view.

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# THE DEBATE NEVER ENDS

We cannot conclude which medium is better for certain. Whether it's because of their up-to-date instant information or engaging in a story written in a physical book, people will always have different opinions on the matter, and it's most important that no one is judged by their pick.