

## LearnEnglishTeens – Video Zone

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Watching video clips is a fantastic way to improve your English. We've prepared some great exercises for you to do as you watch. You'll improve your listening, vocabulary and grammar, as well as learning about what's going on in the world.

Tasks: Preparation, Check your understanding, Check your language, Check your vocabulary

Worksheets and downloads available

[A Brief History of Writing](#) We do it every day, on paper, on our phones and on computers. But, what do you know about the history of writing? Watch this clip to find out more.

[A Day in the Life of a 10-year-old in Roman Britain](#) Did you know that Britain was once Roman? Watch Eric in this video as he imagines what life was like in Roman times.

[Black holes](#) What do you know about black holes? What would happen if you fell into one? Could you escape? Watch this video to find out.

[Britain's Got Talent: Steven Hall](#) Steven Hall is 53 years old. He can do something amazing. Can you guess what it is? Watch and find out!

[Bungee jump](#) Would you like to do a bungee jump? You might think twice after watching this clip!

[Charlie McDonnell: Dyeing my hair red](#) How would you look with red hair? Charlie wants to find out. Watch him dye his hair red in this video clip!

[Clever Cobra](#) A big animal is chasing you and wants to eat you. What do you do? Watch this clip to see how a cobra protects itself.

[Eating insects](#) They're full of vitamins and minerals, but the thought of eating them makes most people feel sick. Watch this video about one man's mission to promote bugs as a food source!

[Feeling Hot! Hot! Hot!](#) Your mouth is burning, your eyes are watering and you're sweating ... but some people love it! Watch this video about chillies and find out why they are spicy for us, but a bird can eat them just fine.

[Hi-tech car key gives parents peace of mind](#) One in five young people crash the car within a year of passing their driving test! The hi-tech key discussed in this video gives parents the chance to limit the speed the car can travel at. Do you think it's a good idea?

[How are Easter eggs made?](#) Easter eggs are special eggs that are often given to celebrate the Christian holiday of Easter. Sometimes they are made out of chocolate. Have you ever eaten an Easter egg? Watch this video to find out how they are made.

[How Christmas trees are made](#) Do you put up Christmas trees in your home or town? It's traditional to put up Christmas trees in Britain but nowadays most people prefer artificial ones, not real ones. Watch this video to find out where they come from and how they're made!

[How to Train Your Dragon](#) What goes on behind the scenes of animated films like How to Train Your Dragon? Sean Fennel tells us what's involved in being the 'Crowd Supervisor'.

[Ice Age and Manhattan](#) Manhattan, in the centre of New York, has some of the tallest buildings in the world, all thanks to the Ice Age. Why? Watch this video and find out!

[Jameela - NY fashion week](#) Jameela wants to be a catwalk model in New York Fashion Week. Will she succeed?

[Johnny English Reborn - Theatrical trailer](#) Is Johnny English really the world's greatest spy? Is he really an agent in total control? Check out the video.

[Lies: a book trailer](#) Something very strange has happened: all the adults have suddenly gone from the world. What will happen now? How will the children survive? Watch the trailer!

[Lunar New Year celebrations begin in China](#) How do you celebrate the new year? In China, the new year celebrations are the biggest festival of the year. Watch this video about the recent Year of the Rabbit and learn all about it.

[Maggot Medicine](#) One day, maggots might save your life. How? Watch this clip to find out! (WARNING: this video contains pictures of maggots that you might find disgusting.)

[Olympic Park fly-through](#) Would you like to visit London's Olympic Park? There's no need to get on a plane. Watch this and take a video tour.

[Porcupine vs Lion](#) If a large animal like a lion was chasing after you, what would you do? Watch this video to see how a small porcupine defends itself.

[Record-breaking skydive](#) The daredevil Felix Baumgartner's latest stunt has made news headlines around the world. What record did he break? Watch and find out!

[South African 'Lion King' Is Like One Of The Pride](#) Kevin Richardson is a zoologist and animal behaviouralist. He's also known as the Lion Whisperer. Watch the video clip to find out why.

[Spider-Man Stuntman Falls on Broadway](#) A Spider-Man actor had a terrible accident in a theatre on Broadway. How did the audience feel about it? Watch this short clip to find out.

[T4 Shipwrecked Survival Guide](#) Can you imagine being shipwrecked on a desert island? How would you survive? This clip gives you a few survival tips. You never know when you might need them!

[Time Out London: Routemaster](#) There's a new type of London's famous red double-decker buses: it's called the Routemaster. Would you like to take a ride? Watch this clip to find out what it's like!

[Twilight on T4: Kristen Stewart talks to Steve Jones](#) Are you a Twilight fan? If so, you'll enjoy this interview with Kristen Stewart.

[Vlog celebrities](#) These young people are becoming famous and making money just by sitting in their bedrooms! How do they do it? Watch the video and find out!

[Voice UK: Can anyone learn to sing?](#) Jay is a vocal coach and he believes anyone can learn to sing. Watch this video and find out how!

[Weird nature: archer fish and velvet worm](#) The archer fish and the velvet worm have developed amazing ways of catching their food. Can you guess how they do it? Watch and see.

[Where did the moon come from?](#) How much do you know about the moon? Is it older or younger than the Earth? Where did it come from? Watch and find out!

[Why do people migrate?](#) Have you always lived in the same place, or have you lived in different places? Watch this clip to see why some people start a new life in a new country.

[Windsor Castle](#) Do you know who lives in Windsor Castle? Watch the video to find out and learn more about this fascinating and historic building!

[Women and tech](#) Do you think most computer programmers are men or women? Why do you think that is? Watch this video to find out why Facebook is trying to get more women in tech.

[Zero-G flight](#) What would it be like if there was no gravity holding you down? Watch this video and find out!