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# Poetry English

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Improve your listening skills!

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This book will help you learn over 150 useful words and expressions, and really improve your listening, pronunciation and speaking skills, as well as increasing your range of vocabulary:

# THIS BOOK IS PERFECT FOR...

- Learners of all ages!
- Parents of children learning English.
- Teachers of English!

# THIS BOOK INCLUDES:

- A selection of poems by George Szirtes.
- Activities to increase your range of vocabulary.
- Audio files to improve your listening skills.
- A wide variety of topics and themes related to English-language culture.
- Comprehension exercises so you can check your understanding.
- Pronunciation activities to perfect your speaking skills.
- · Glossaries in English so you can learn the meaning of new words.



# THERE ARE SIX KEY FEATURES TO THIS BOOK.

IMAGES

The photos and images will help you understand the language and better appreciate the meaning of the poems.

AUDIO FILES

The audio files will help improve your listening, pronunciation and speaking skills. You'll also learn about lots of features of spoken English, such as sentence stress, intonation and rhythm.

**DEFINITIONS** 

The English-language definitions of the key terms and expressions will help you understand the meaning of words and get you thinking in English.

VOCABULARY

The poems have been carefully selected so you will learn lots of useful words. You'll also see how language can be used in interesting and original ways. This will help develop your sense of creativity and stimulate your passion for English.

TOPICS & THEMES

The interesting topics and themes will help you learn about traditions from English-speaking countries. Also, having language organised in topics and themes is great for your vocabulary development as it's easier to learn words when they're grouped together.

RHYMING LANGUAGE

The rhyming language will help you learn about the different sounds in English. On top of that, rhyming language is easier to memorise, so you'll learn even more English.

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George Szirtes









George Szirtes was born in Budapest in 1948 and came to England as a refugee with his parents and younger brother following the Hungarian Uprising of 1956. He grew up in London and trained as a painter in Leeds and London. He is the author of some 15 books of poetry, a similar number of books translated from Hungarian, and a few miscellaneous titles. His first book. The Slant Door (1979), was joint winner of the Faber Memorial Prize. In 2004. he won the T.S. Fliot Prize for Reel, and was shortlisted for the prize again in 2009 for The Burning of the Books and for Bad Machine (2013). There were a number of other awards in between. Bloodaxe published his New and Collected Poems in 2008. This title was listed in The Independent as one of the Books of the Year. His translations from Hungarian have won international prizes, including the Best Translated Book Award in the USA for László Krasznahorkai's Satantango (2013). and his latest book for children, In the Land of the Giants won the CLPE Prize

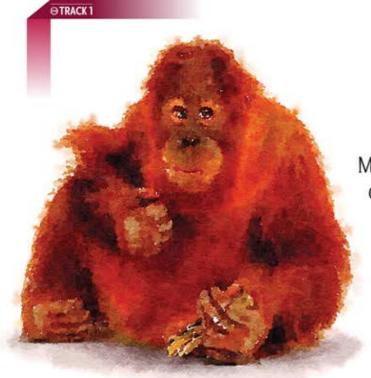
also in 2013. He is a Fellow of the Royal
Society of Literature in the UK, and of the
Széchenyi Academy of Arts and Letters in
Hungary. He is married to painter Clarissa
Upchurch, and recently retired from teaching at

for best collection of poetry for children,

the University of East Anglia. For a fuller CV see his website at **georgeszirtes.blogspot.co.uk** 







Monkeys pull such silly faces even the nicest are disgraces.

I once knew a chimpanzee who kept on chattering all through tea.

I once knew a Barbary ape who bent a teaspoon out of shape.

I once knew a Marmoset who wrecked an entire dinner set.

I once knew a Tamarin who threw my pudding in the bin.

I once knew a Colobus who ate the cake, left none for us.

I once knew an Orangutan who couldn't distinguish quiche from flan.

If you're expecting one for tea get smart and take this tip from me -

shun apes and monkeys when you can, cancel! (Or change the seating plan.)

# Marlie's apes monkeys

#### MARLIE'S APES AND MONKEYS GTRACK 2: PRONUNCIATION Answers on page 46

#### PRE-LISTENING

Tick the things you should do at the dinner table. Put a cross beside the things you shouldn't do.

- Try to eat all the food on your plate
- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Put your feet on the table
- Throw food at other guests
- Use a knife, fork and spoon to eat
- Eat food from other people's plates
- Put your elbows on the table
- Stay seated until everyone has finished eating
- Eat as quickly as you can

## LISTENING I

You're going to listen to a poem about some monkeys who are invited for tea. Read or listen to it once. Which monkey is the naughtiest? Why?

# LISTENING III

Read or listen to the poem again. Then, write the name of a monkey next to each question. Who...











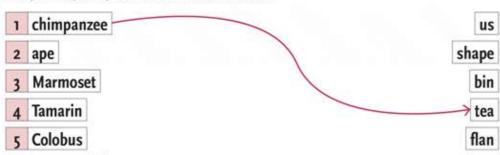


- 1. ...ate the cake? the Colobus
- 2. ...bent a teaspoon?
- 3. ...kept on chattering?
- 4. ...threw the pudding in the bin?
- 5. ...wrecked a dinner set?
- 6. ...couldn't distinguish quiche from flan?

#### PRONUNCIATION

#### MATCHING

Draw lines between the rhyming sounds. With multi-syllable words, match the final sound of the word (for example, chimpanzee). Then listen to check your answers.





# TEA

"Tea" (also known as "afternoon tea") is a little meal that some people have between 4pm and 6pm. It consists of a cup of tea and some sandwiches or cakes. Cafés and hotels often serve afternoon tea.

## **GLOSSARY**

to pull a face

to change the look on your face so you look happy, sad, funny, silly, etc.

a disgrace someone who is a "disgrace" does bad

things and behaves badly to talk quickly and continuously

a small meal between 4pm and 6pm. It consists of a cup of tea and cakes, etc.

to bend out of shape expression if you "bend something out of shape", you use force to change its shap

to wreck ver to break, destroy or ruin something

a dinner set

a collection of plates and cups that are the same colour and design

a pudding noun a type of warm cake made from flour, fat and eggs

a bin more a container for rubbish (old bits of paper, food, etc.)

to distinguish verb if you can't "distinguish" A from B, you can't see the difference between A and B

a type of food with a pastry base that's filled with eggs, cheese and other ingredients a flan o

a type of food with a pastry base that's filled with fruit and other sweet ingredients get smart car

be intelligent, be clever

a tip

a piece of useful information to help you do something to shun wer

if you "shun" something, you stay away from that thing a seating plan

set

a diagram with information about where each person must sit at a table



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