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Task 1 – Organizing a Party



Lisa: Listen. Maggie's going to turn 18 in two weeks and I think we should organise a surprise party for her.

Alex: That's a great idea. What about going out somewhere? I mean, we could go to a pub, a club or a restaurant.

Lisa: Well, as she is not particularly keen on going out, I think it'd be extremely difficult to persuade her to join us in a pub without her noticing the trick.

Alex: No problem, I'll ask her out to the cinema and on the way there we will incidentally walk past the Red Lion. Then, I'll tell her that I feel like a drink, and as there is some time before the film, we could go in.

Lisa: OK, I guess it'll work. How many people will come? The pub is not that big.

Alex: Don't worry about it. There is an extra room for parties upstairs for more than thirty. If we book it now, it'll be available, I'm sure.

Lisa: Fine, agreed. I have their phone number anyway, so I'll call them right now.

Alex: Good, but we haven't talked about the invitations and presents yet. My idea is to send a circular email with a reminder that it's going to be a surprise party and nobody should tell Maggie.

Lisa: Well, and the present? Shall we include anything about it in the email?

Alex: Oh, I don't think so. I'll take care of the cake and let's leave the rest to the others.

Lisa: OK, OK, we don't want to seem pushy, do we? Let them decide what to bring. The most important is that everybody comes.

Alex: Good. Settled. You call the pub and book the place for 25 people for next Saturday. As I've mentioned, the cake is my task and you write the email.

Lisa: Fine. I hope nobody will reveal the secret and Maggie will have a great party. Bye for now.

Alex: See you then.

Task 2 – A (Very) Rough Guide To America From an Englishman In New York



I moved from the UK to the US six months ago, and it's true what they say: the portions are enormous; there really are 300–400 TV channels; everyone has beautifully white teeth; and nobody can pronounce "water".

Customer service is either so warm it's like you've made a new friend for life or so brusque you feel as though you've just been ordered back into your cell after your five-minute phone call to your lawyer. There's no middle ground.

You need to tip for everything. If you think maybe you should tip, you should tip. If you don't tip in a restaurant, the waiter or waitress will make a smart remark and your evening will be ruined. I've seen it happen. People tip because the waiting staff is paid low hourly rates.

Nobody is worried about burglars even though they have fire escape stairs stuck to the outside of their building and the living-room window has been propped open for six months, because an air-conditioning unit is sticking out of it. And, no, a fly screen won't keep them out. Although I admit it: a fly screen is a good idea. I haven't had to kill a wasp or a moth for months.

Apartments usually come unfurnished, and Americans think the idea of sitting on someone else's sofa or sleeping in someone else's bed is disgusting. Come on – they're not in there with you. "They might as well be!"

Far more Americans than the often-quoted 14% have a passport. But even if the number is low, relative to other countries, the fact is that they can quite happily cover 3.8 million sq miles of vastly varied terrain without one. That's more than double the 1.7 million sq miles of the EU, which many British holidaymakers will be visiting.

If you watch European football (soccer) here, it's a morning sport, after which you can do other things with the rest of your day. As long as you haven't kept to your old British football-and-drinking regime.

It's perfectly respectable to drink Coca-Cola or other similar drinks with a meal. Order a cup of tea in a cafe or restaurant and you will be confronted with a glass or mug of lukewarm water with a teabag of some alarming flavour, like pomegranate or boysenberry, floating sadly on the top like a punctured dinghy, and some "milk" that is probably 50% cream, delivered on request. I'm just going to say it once: the water needs to be at boiling point for the tea to infuse!

If you eat pizza with a knife and fork they look at you like you just ate a sandwich with a spoon. New York's mayor, Bill de Blasio, caused major controversy by eating his the European way – the weakling. Bars don't usually serve food. Just keep on drinking. But drinking on the street is illegal – except in New Orleans, where it's compulsory.

Task 3 – Our Future



1) Driverless cars will share roadways with conventional cars. This will happen in urban areas first and will take a decade to fully diffuse. In the long run, people won't own cars at all. When you need to go somewhere, you'll have a subscription to an auto service, and it will show up at your door.

2) We're moving away from purchase economy. We will subscribe to access rather than pay money for possessions such as smart phones. We won't buy software anymore; we'll subscribe to it.

3) We will see more people who are in love, but do not share domicile. Though definitely couples, these people are tied to different places because of job or family, or because they love where they live. Maybe we will see people going back and forth between assisted living facilities.

4) The next decades of medicine and health care will be about using technologies and keeping the human touch in practising medicine. Everyone's genomes will be sequenced to access personalised treatments. We'll measure almost any health parameters at home with diagnostic devices and smart phones.

5) Since technology grows exponentially, not in a linear way, we will see dramatic improvements in our way of life in just a few years. Soon we will be able to solve all problems that are fundamentally technical. These problems include disease, poverty, hunger, energy and scarcity. If you can live a few years more, there is a real chance that you will never die, since mortality may be just a technical problem we solve.

6) Within 50 years the world should be able to achieve a 100 percent clean energy economy. Within the next couple of decades, every time you turn on your computer, every bit of that electricity will come from clean, renewable carbon-free sources. By 2030 we should be able to cut transportation oil use in half and then cut it in half again a decade later.

7) Once we're finally fossil-fuel free, we'll not only see our climate stabilize, but we'll also rest secure knowing that we can get all our power from sources that are safe, secure, and sustainable. It's already within our grasp.

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0) A Hungarian newspaper editor was frustrated by the amount of time that he wasted in filling up fountain pens and cleaning up smudged pages, and the sharp tip of his fountain pen often tore the paper. He had noticed that inks used in newspaper printing dried quickly, leaving the paper dry and smudge free. He decided to create a pen using the same type of ink. So, with the help of his brother George, a chemist, he began to work on designing new types of pens. He fitted this pen with a tiny ball in its tip that was free to turn in a socket. As the pen moved along the paper, the ball rotated, picking up ink from the ink cartridge and leaving it on the paper.

1) "Since 'Jaws' slashed its way into box-office history (in the summer of 1975), moviegoers are sure to see at least one son of 'Jaws.' Other signs of Hollywood's pursuit of the sure fire blockbuster are the earth shaking sums being spent on spectacles ..." – said Robert Lindsey in The New York Times in 1976. The word was originally applied to a World War II-era bomb so powerful that it could flatten an entire city block. It came to mean "something notably successful, large, or