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SUMMER BLOG

Per il ripasso e il recupero della lingua inglese

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The Phoenix and the Carpet



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1 My blog

MICHAEL'S BLOG



My name's Michael and this is my summer blog. It's the school holidays now and I'm on holiday in the west of Ireland with my mum and my little sister Anne.

The cottage is pretty¹ basic², there are two bedrooms, one for me and one for my mum and Anne and there is a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom but there isn't a bath, only a shower. All the rooms are small but my bedroom is really, really small! There is only a bed and a desk, there isn't a wardrobe.

My mum and my sister are happy with the cottage because they're near the sea, we can walk to the beach. My mum is also happy because the cottage has got a dishwasher, washing machine and microwave in the kitchen. There is also a garden but it hasn't got any flowers. In my mum and my sister's room there is a TV and Anne is happy because she can watch TV in her bed – she's easy to please³. In the living room there is a big sofa, and there are some old photos on the wall.

There is a really old TV and stereo too and there are some boxes of music CDs but there aren't any DVDs because there isn't a DVD player! What am I going to do in the evening?? Fortunately there is a good internet connection, I've got some cool games and I've got my tablet with me – so here is my blog... more to follow!

GLOSSARY

- 1 **pretty**
assai
- 2 **basic**
essenziale,
semplice
- 3 **to please**
accontentare

1 02 Ascolta e leggi il blog di Michael. Completa la pubblicità della casa dove trascorre le vacanze.

Cahermore Cottage



A traditional holiday cottage in the

1 _____ of 2 _____.

Very close to the 3 _____.

Rooms: 4 _____ bedrooms,
a 5 _____, a kitchen and a bathroom.

Facilities include: dishwasher, 6 _____,
7 _____, TV and 8 _____,
9 _____ connection.

Vocabulary

House and furniture

2 Completa i nomi delle stanze.

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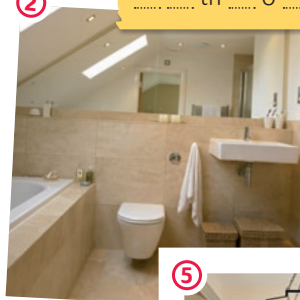
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3 Scrivi i nomi delle immagini.

shower • bookshelf • lamp • sink • chair • cooker



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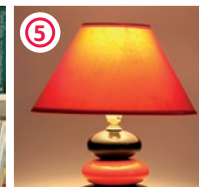


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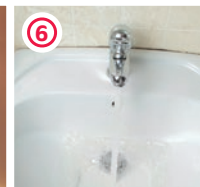


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Family

4 Completa il cruciverba con i nomi di parentela.

Across

5 your grandfather's wife

7 your aunt's son

8 your father's son

Down

1 your mother and your father

2 your mother's daughter

3 your mother's father

4 your father's brother

6 your cousin's mother



Adjectives of appearance

5 Scegli l'opzione corretta per completare la descrizione di Anne, la sorella di Michael.

She's ¹ old/young and quite ² slim/fat. She's got brown eyes and ³ long/short, ⁴ straight/curly, ⁵ fair/dark hair. She looks like her mother and she is very shy.



To be

Affirmative

I	am ('m)
He/She/It	is ('s)
We/You/They	are ('re)

Negative

I	am not ('m not)
He/She/It	is not (isn't)
We/You/They	are not (aren't)

Yes/No questions

Am	I	...
Is	he/she/it	...
Are	you/we/they	...

Short answers

Yes, I am .	No, I 'm not .
Yes, he/she/it is .	No, he/she/it isn't .
Yes, we/you/they are .	No, we/you/they aren't .

Wh- questions

What's your name? **Where are** you from?

Si usa il verbo *to be* con queste espressioni:
to be fifteen avere quindici anni
to be cold / hot avere freddo / caldo
to be thirsty / hungry avere sete / fame

6 Cerchia la forma corretta del verbo *to be*.

- He *aren't* / **isn't** in Italy.
- I *am* / *are* not in my bedroom.
- You *are* / *is* on holiday.
- We *am* / *are* in Ireland.
- My mum *aren't* / *isn't* thirsty.
- My bedroom *is* / *are* small.
- My friends *am* / *are* in England.
- I *am* / *is* 16 years old.

7 Trasforma le frasi affermative in forma negativa e viceversa.

- Michael isn't on holiday.
Michael is on holiday.
- I'm in my bedroom.
- Mum and Anne are in the kitchen.
- The holiday cottage is very big.
- You aren't near the beach.
- We are in Ireland.
- This isn't my summer blog.

8 Abbina le domande (1-6) alle risposte (a-f).

- F** Is it cold in Ireland?
 - ☐ Are you on holiday with your family?
 - ☐ Is the kitchen big?
 - ☐ Is Anne on the beach?
 - ☐ Are Anne and Michael in the same bedroom?
 - ☐ Is Michael with his friends?
- a No, she isn't.
b No, they aren't.
c Yes, I am.
d No, he isn't.
e No, it isn't. It's small.
f Yes, it is.

Subject pronouns and possessive adjectives

Subject pronouns

I
you
he
she
it
we
they

Possessive adjectives

my
your
his
her
its
our
their

9 Cerchia l'alternativa corretta.

- This is our cottage. *It's* / **Its** name is 'Cahermore'.
- They're* / *Their* happy about the beach.
- Your* / *You're* blog is fantastic.
- He's* / *His* not on holiday.
- You're* / *Your* very creative.
- We're *they're* / *their* neighbours for a week.

10 **03** Completa la mail con pronomi personali o aggettivi possessivi. Poi ascolta e controlla.



Have got

Affirmative

I/You/We/They **have ('ve) got**
He/She/It **has ('s) got**

Negative

I/You/We/They **have not (haven't) got**
He/She/It **has (hasn't) got**

Questions

Have I/you/we/they **got** ...?
Has he/she/it **got**

Short answers

Yes, I/you/we/they **have**. No, I/you/we/they **haven't**.
Yes, he/she/it **has**. No, he/she/it **hasn't**.

Si usa il verbo **have** senza **got** con queste espressioni:

to have a shower	fare la doccia
to have breakfast	fare colazione
to have a sandwich	mangiare un panino
to have a cup of tea	bere una tazza di tè

11 Usa le informazioni per scrivere frasi con **have got**.

- 1 Michael / got / his mobile phone
Michael has got his mobile phone.
- 2 Michael and Anne / not got / any DVDs
- 3 It / not got / a good internet connection
- 4 We / got / a holiday home in Spain
- 5 your sister / got / a tablet?
- 6 you / got / an email address?

12 04 Completa il dialogo fra Michael e il suo amico Danny con la forma corretta di **have got**. Poi ascolta e controlla.

M Hi Danny, is it just you and your mum on holiday or ¹ **have you got** (you) brothers or sisters?

D Yes, I ² two brothers, Jim and Pete.

M ³ (your holiday home) two bedrooms?

D No, It ⁴ It ⁵ four bedrooms, it's big. We ⁶ our own bedrooms, we're lucky.

M Yes, you are. Our cottage is small, we ⁷ a bedroom each, and we ⁸ a DVD player.

Genitive 's

- Per esprimere possesso si aggiunge 's al nome del possessore:
Michael's sister
- Per più di un possessore si aggiunge 's al nome dell'ultimo possessore:
Michael and Anne's mother
- Se il possessore è plurale e termina già in -s si aggiunge solo l'apostrofo:
my friends' computer games

13 Riscrivi le frasi con il genitivo.

- 1 the blog of my brother
my brother's blog
- 2 the room of my mother and my sister
- 3 the brothers of my friend Danny
- 4 the dvds of my friends
- 5 the book of my mother
- 6 the bikes of the children

Plural nouns

Il plurale dei sostantivi si ottiene aggiungendo -s al singolare.
room → rooms

Se però il sostantivo finisce in:

- -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o, -z si aggiunge -es:
box → boxes
- -y preceduta da consonante si toglie la -y e si aggiunge -ies:
party → parties
- Alcuni plurali sono irregolari, ad esempio:
man → men *person → people*
woman → women *foot → feet*

14 Trasforma i seguenti sostantivi al plurale.

- 1 city → **cities**
- 2 book
- 3 holiday
- 4 watch
- 5 address
- 6 child
- 7 family
- 8 beach
- 9 woman
- 10 foot



There is/there are + a/some/any

Affirmative

There is ('s) **a** living room.

There are ('re) **some** old photos.

Negative

There is not (isn't) **a** bath.

There are not (aren't) **any** DVDs.

Questions and short answers

Is there **a** DVD player?

Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.

Are there **any** DVDs?

Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.

15 Cerchia l'alternativa corretta.

- There is / are a beautiful beach near here.
- There **is** / are tourists from all over the world.
- There **isn't** / aren't a shower.
- There are **any** / some children in the park.
- Are there **some** / any flowers in the garden?
- There aren't **a** / any photos on your blog.

16 Completa le frasi con la forma corretta di there is / there are.

- There are** four bedrooms in our house.
- any good shops near here?
- any computer games.
- a café on the beach?
No,
- any books in the house?
Yes,
- some CDS, but
any DVDs.

17 Scrivi frasi con le informazioni date.

- good shops / in this town
There are some good shops in this town.
- microwave / in the kitchen / ?
- TV / in your bedroom
- dogs / on the beach / ?
- internet connection / in your holiday house / ?
- no clubs / in the village
- no hotel / near the beach
- photos / on your blog page / ?

PUT IT TOGETHER

- 18 05 Completa la mail scegliendo l'alternativa corretta (a, b o c). Poi ascolta e controlla.

Your blog ¹ **a** great!
Your mum and your sister ² nice,
and the photos of ³ holiday cottage
⁴ cool. It ⁵ a lovely garden – are ⁶
chairs so you can sit outside? I ⁷ on
holiday at the moment, we ⁸ got any
holiday plans this year.
It ⁹ hot here, it's cold. 😞 ¹⁰ parents
haven't got ¹¹ holidays this summer. In
the evenings there are ¹² good films
on TV, but during the day I'm very bored
– ¹³ blog posts are my entertainment,
¹⁴ very creative.

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19 Traduci in inglese.

- Il mio nome è Michael e ho 16 anni.
- Sei in vacanza con la tua famiglia?
- Fa freddo in Irlanda?
- Mia sorella non ha il suo cellulare.
- La loro casa ha il giardino?

Amazing places



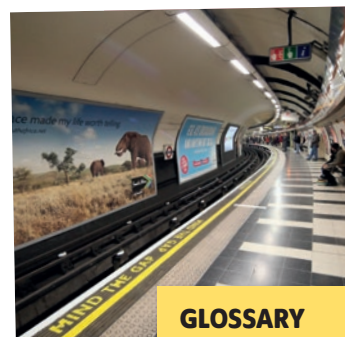
Have you got a dream house? Is it a 10-bedroom mansion or a cottage in the country with roses around the door? Our homes are very important to us – it's 'where our hearts are'¹ but houses especially in cities like London are very expensive and this is a big problem for young people.

So this house is a real inspiration. It isn't expensive, just £60,000, and it isn't very big, but it's in a popular area of South London and it's now a very unique home. Why is it unique? Well it has got a very interesting history – it is in fact an old underground² public toilet from 1929. There is only one toilet in there now of course and it isn't open to the public!

Now this former public toilet is a stylish one-bedroom apartment. There is a living room with a sofa bed and there are shelves on all the walls and there is a beautiful red kitchen. In the kitchen there are some wall tiles³ from the original public toilets and there is a mirror on the living room wall from the public toilets too.

The house is underground so there aren't any windows in the walls but there are skylight windows⁴ in the roof and the house is very light. Outside now there are steps down to a small garden area with plants and a table and chairs. It's a very impressive little house, its location is fantastic and its history is very unusual.

The owner of the house is Laura Clarke and she is very happy with it, but then she is also the architect and designer. Laura has now got her own architecture business in London and she has got fans all over the world.



GLOSSARY

- 1** *home is where the heart is* (idiom)
la casa è dov'è il cuore
- 2** *underground*
sotterraneo
- 3** *tile*
piastrella
- 4** *skylight window*
lucernario

Reading

20 PRELIMINARY Leggi il brano. Indica se le frasi sono vere (T, true) o false (F, false).

- 1 ☐ T ☐ F Houses in London are expensive.
- 2 ☐ T ☐ F Young people can buy houses in London easily.
- 3 ☐ T ☐ F Laura Clarke's house is expensive.
- 4 ☐ T ☐ F Laura Clarke's house is small.
- 5 ☐ T ☐ F There are two bedrooms in Laura's house.
- 6 ☐ T ☐ F There are no windows in the house.
- 7 ☐ T ☐ F Her house is dark.
- 8 ☐ T ☐ F She has got a garden.

Listening

21 06 Ascolta e indica di quale tipo di casa (a-c) si parla.



22 W **Riascolta e rispondi alle domande.**

- 1 What is the TV programme about?
- 2 What programme is on at the same time?
- 3 Where is the unusual home?
- 4 What rooms are there in the house?
- 5 What hasn't the kitchen got? A fridge, a cooker or a dishwasher?
- 6 What are the names of the owners of the house?
- 7 Have the owners got a holiday home?
- 8 What are the positive features of the house according to Michael?

Writing

23 Scrivi un breve paragrafo descrivendo la tua casa dei sogni.

- location: countryside/city/mountains/seaside
- type of house: flat/house/mansion/castle
- number of rooms/garden
- furniture: modern/ancient/classical/stylish