

Simplified Speech #148 – Where did you grow up?

Episode description

Hometowns: everyone has one! In today's Simplified Speech episode, hosts Andrew and Kassy talk about where they grew up. One of them grew up in Canada, and the other grew up in the United States. You will hear about the interesting similarities and differences the two have to share with you. Come and join them!

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Fun fact

In this episode, Kassy says her hometown of Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania, was founded by a group from the Chautauqua movement. This movement toured hundreds of communities throughout the United States during the late 1800s and early 1900s, especially in rural areas.

Expressions included in the study guide

- Teeny-tiny
- Nowhere near
- Ghost town
- To flock
- Can't believe [one's] ears
- To add up
- To have a ring to it
- Remiss





Transcript

Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the Detailed Explanations section that follows the transcript. The transcript has been edited for clarity.

Andrew: Hello, everyone. I'm Andrew.

Kassy: And I'm Kassy.

Andrew: And you're listening to the Culips English Podcast.

Welcome back to Culips. You're listening to Simplified Speech, the Culips series which features clear, natural, and easy-to-understand English conversations about interesting topics. Today, I am joined by my cohost, Kassy. Hello, Kassy.

Kassy: Hey, Andrew, and hi, listeners. The topic for today's episode is where did you grow up? Andrew and I are going to answer this question and chat about the neighbourhoods where we grew up and what they were like.

Andrew: Exactly. Now, this topic may sound a little familiar to some of our listeners, because Kassy and I recently covered it on our latest Culips member livestream. So, if you're out there and you are a Culips member and you missed that livestream, well, then, you can go and log on to your Culips account and watch the replay because we shared a lot of pictures during that livestream. Video has the amazing power, right? We can share images and words, not just words like on the podcast, and I think sometimes pictures say a thousand words, right? That is the expression, Kassy, pictures say a thousand words. So, if you're a Culips member, don't miss it. Go watch that replay.

But, Kassy, our conversation was so fun during the livestream that I thought we could continue our chat here in an episode of Simplified Speech and share some stories about where we grew up with the entire Culips community.

Kassy: Yeah, totally. Let's do it. But of course, before we get started, I want to let everyone know that there is a study guide and a transcript that you can get for this episode on our website, Culips.com. It's available for all Culips members and it's a great study resource that we created to help you build your English skills and reach your English learning goals faster. To become a Culips member and get that unlimited access to all our study guides, plus some great bonuses like invitations to our monthly livestreams that Andrew mentioned just a second ago, just visit Culips.com.



Andrew: We also want to give a shout-out to one of our listeners and Instagram followers from Guatemala named Kerstyll. Now Kerstyll wrote to us and said, "I'm a huge fan of your podcast. I can sincerely say your work is extraordinarily wonderful. Learning with you guys makes my life easier and more amusing. I wholeheartedly thank you all for this exquisite gold mine. By the way, I wish one day I would receive a greeting from you guys. Best regards from Guatemala." Well, Kerstyll, thank you for that lovely message. And here we are, giving you a shout-out now on Culips. So, thank you for studying English with us. And thank you for such a kind message.

Kassy: Yeah, you have a way with words. Gold mine, exquisite, extraordinary, wonderful. It was great to listen to.

Andrew: Yeah, very good adjectives in that message.

Kassy: Anyway. And thanks to everyone who has been supporting us with a five-star rating and a review on your favourite podcast app, or by following us on social media. We really appreciate it, guys.

And now, Andrew, I think we are ready to jump in and start our discussion about the places we grew up.

Andrew: Yeah, let's do it. So the topic for today's conversation is we are going to talk about the neighbourhoods where we grew up in. Now, I am from Canada originally and I grew up in a town called Kelowna, BC. And, Kassy, you are from the States. Can you tell us the name of your hometown?

Kassy: Yes, mine is a **teeny-tiny** hometown in Pennsylvania and it's called Mount Gretna.

Andrew: Mount Gretna. Is there a mountain in your hometown? Why is it called Mount Gretna?

Kassy: My hometown is actually in the mountain inside the forest on that mountain.

Andrew: All right. So, I guess my first question that I was going to ask you, Kassy, you kind of already mentioned it because I wanted to know if your hometown and your neighbourhood was in in a big city, or in the suburbs, or in the countryside. But you said it was a **teeny-tiny**, little place. So I'm imagining that it's in the countryside. Is that correct? Or I guess on the mountain, more specifically?

Kassy: Yeah, that's right, Andrew, my tiny hometown is on the mountain in the forest. But all of the areas surrounding that little mountain forest is farmland. So I'm very much in the countryside.

Andrew: Great. And what kind of place is it? Can you tell us what it's like to live there and to grow up there?



Kassy: Yeah, sure. So my hometown is kind of a unique place, Andrew. It's actually a tourist destination.

Andrew: OK, so you have many visitors, many travellers coming to your little town, I imagine in the summer?

Kassy: Yes, in the summer. Andrew, I don't know if you know much about US geography, but Pennsylvania is right below New York. And it's kind of, it's in the north, but it's not, you know, super north like Canada, and it's **nowhere near** the south. So, we get four seasons. And we're like an hour and a half outside the big cities like Philadelphia, Harrisburg, like that. So, my hometown is kind of a destination spot for city dwellers, people who want to get out of the city and experience nature. And it's also a destination spot for retirees who live in Florida in the winter, and then come up north for the summer when it's too hot down south.

Andrew: That's really interesting because in Canada, we have people who go to Florida in the winter, they leave in the winter, and then they come back to Canada in the summer when the weather is nicer. Kassy, do you have a special nickname for those people who do that in your hometown?

Kassy: Ah, not really. But we just kind of treat them like snow geese because that's what birds do.

Andrew: Yeah, that's funny, because that is what we call them. We call those people snowbirds. Yeah, they leave Canada in the winter, and then they come back in the summer. Interesting. So then, I guess probably it sounds like your hometown is pretty sleepy and quiet most of the year, but it probably really comes alive in the summer.

Kassy: Yeah. So, in my street, where I grew up on, I think there were only two or three houses that had full-time residents. And the rest of them were just empty, all spring, winter, and fall. And then they're filled to the max in the summer. It's really crazy to, you know, walk down the street and see no one in the winter. And then, you know, just so many loud noises going on in the summer. It's pretty crazy.

Andrew: Sounds almost like a **ghost town** in the winter.

Kassy: It is. We always made a joke in the winter that we could scream on our street, no one would hear us, which is kind of scary to think about.

Andrew: So, was it lonely growing up there, then? Like, were there other kids to play with at all?

Kassy: Honestly, no. So luckily, I have two sisters. And we did everything together after school. We loved school, actually, because it was a place to go play with our friends.



Andrew: OK. And you told me before that you didn't have a school in your community. So you actually had to take a bus to a different town to go to school, right?

Kassy: Yeah, exactly. I think it was about a 30-minute bus ride. And this is actually really crazy, Andrew. We have less than 1,500 full-time residents in that town. And, you know, only a fraction of those residents are kids. And our town is actually right on the boundary line for three different school districts. So, the kids in our little town actually all go to different schools. So even the, you know, two or three kids that I knew in the area didn't even go to my school because they lived across the lake, which was, you know, a different school district than mine.

Andrew: Oh, that's too bad. So even those the same kids from the same town are going to different schools in the end. That's pretty funny.

Now, you mentioned that you have a lake in your hometown. And that is one of the things that maybe we share in common, because there is a lake in my neighbourhood, in the suburb that I grew up in, as well. So, why don't you tell us about the lake? Because it seems to be a pretty cool feature of your hometown.

Kassy: Yeah, I don't know when it was created, but this lake is swimmable. So, in the summer, all of the tourists that **flock** to our hometown, like birds, they visit the lake, and there's a bunch of attractions there. They have a high dive, so you can climb a ladder and then jump off a high platform into the water. They have a swing that you can swing out and then jump into the water. They have canoes that you can rent. They have a kind of a sandy beach area. Of course, it's not a real beach, but they trucked in sand so kids could make sandcastles. And they have a volleyball net and a snack stand. It's pretty fun.

Andrew: So, Kassy, you said something really interesting. You said, I don't know when this lake was created. So that makes me think it's not a natural lake, that it's a man-made lake. Is that what happened? Did some people decide to make a lake in your community?

Kassy: The water is naturally flowing into that lake, but so many things have been done to this lake, you know, with the beach being formed and the swings being added and the whole park area. That's what I meant by created in that sense.

Andrew: OK, I see. So it was kind of built up and developed by some people to make it even more beautiful and even more fun when you visit.

Would you go to the lake often, then, in the summer to go swimming and maybe get a suntan or something like that, to hang out on the beach?

Kassy: Unfortunately, in the summer, I never really went to the lake because it cost money. Can you believe that, Andrew?



Andrew: When you told me that before, I **couldn't believe my ears**. That just sounds so ridiculous. But I guess it's on private land, right? So the landowner can charge a fee to access the beach. And if I recall correctly, Kassy, when you mentioned this to me last time, you said it was \$16 to go to the beach? Am I remembering that correctly?

Kassy: It's correct. Yeah. You can actually buy season passes, or they give discounts sometimes. But if you're paying the full price, it's \$16 a person. Pretty crazy, right?

Andrew: It's like the American capitalist spirit right there at the beach in your hometown. To me, as a Canadian, I don't think I've ever heard of a private beach, although I wouldn't be shocked if they exist somewhere, but I've never heard of one. But that's, that's pretty interesting. And it would really **add up** if you visited that beach often.

Kassy, what about some of the other places in your hometown? Do you have any, like museums or a post office or, like, anything interesting or unique that sets your hometown apart from other communities in your state?

Kassy: Yeah. So our town was actually founded by this group called the Pennsylvania Chautauqua Society. It's a group of, like, philosophers, I guess. It's a group of people who wanted to spread cultural activities and education and the arts. So my town is full of stuff that promotes that. We have a theatre where people come to perform musicals and dramas. We have a tabernacle, where they have live music festivals. We have a Hall of Philosophy, where people used to come to, you know, discuss philosophical ideas. But now it's more just to have parties and events. What else do we have? There's so many things. We have a gift shop. Ah, my personal favourite, we have a very famous ice cream shop, which I worked at for 7 years.

Andrew: Wow, 7 years. That's a long time.

Kassy: Yes, I worked there all through high school. and university. Haven't been back since then, but, uh ...

Andrew: Did you get free ice cream?

Kassy: I did. If we accidentally scooped the wrong flavour and we couldn't sell it, then we'd put it in a bowl and stick it in the freezer and then eat it during our break time.

Andrew: If I worked there, I would probably make a mistake on purpose every time so I could eat free ice cream every day.

Kassy: We made fresh doughnuts, too, that were amazing.

Andrew: Man. Sounds like you grew up in a really cool place. I love that Hall of Philosophy. It sounds like something out of Harry Potter, almost.

Kassy: Ah, yeah, like the Philosopher's Stone.

Andrew: Yeah. Has that ring to it, I'm not sure but I like that. Well, Kassy, I would encourage our listeners, if they want to check out what your hometown and your neighbourhood, your community actually looks like, guys, you can just go to Google Maps and type in Mount Gretna and you can see many pictures of it. And it's really cool. I did this for Kassy's hometown, and I kind of clicked around using the road view feature and it's almost like you can do a walking tour. They have just lots of great images that you can check out on Google Maps. And so, everyone, I would encourage you to go do that. And you can do your own virtual tour of Kassy's hometown and see how cool it is.

So, Kassy, we would be **remiss** if we didn't talk at least a little bit about my hometown before we wrap up.

Kassy: Of course.

Andrew: And one of the things that we have in common, your hometown and my neighbourhood, is a lake. Now, the topic for this episode is where did we grow up? And I grew up in a city that has around 150,000 people. So it's not, like, a big city, like, you know, Tokyo or New York or Chicago or LA or any of these big places, OK? It's not a big city like that. But, Kassy, it sounds like compared to your hometown, I grew up in a metropolis.

Kassy: Yeah, massive.

Andrew: So, I'm going to talk just about the suburb where I grew up, which is called Shannon Lake. Shannon Lake, and hence the name, we have a lake in the community named Shannon Lake. And I believe it is also a manmade lake. I don't think it's natural. So, it's very small. Actually, it's more like a pond. But I would say that that was the best thing about the neighbourhood that I grew up in, because in the summer we could go fishing and boating on the lake. One of my neighbourhood friends had a little paddleboat, like a rowboat, and we would go out and row the boat around the lake and go fishing and catch little bass fish that are just very small.

Kassy: Were there a lot of fish? Could you catch them easily or it took hours?

Andrew: Very easily. Actually, the local government would stock the lake, so they would put fish in the lake at the start of the fishing season.

Kassy: Oh, that's cool.

Andrew: Yeah, it was very easy to catch them. But you wouldn't want to eat them. First of all, they were too small to eat. And second of all, that lake was pretty nasty, like a lot of seaweed and algae and water plants. And so, yeah, the water was very murky and not good for swimming or anything. But in the winter, we could go ice skating on the lake. It would freeze over and we could play ice hockey, my favourite, or sometimes we'd even go ice fishing on the lake, as well, so.



Kassy: Ice fishing! That sounds exciting.

Andrew: Yeah, yeah, it was really fun. I mean, I think that was the most defining feature of my community, just because I lived, like, in a classic North American suburb, where all of the houses really looked the same. And there wasn't really too much else in my subdivision. I mean, there's a lot of housing. But if you wanted to go shopping, for example, you would have to walk for, like, 30 minutes to get to the nearest store. There weren't really any restaurants or convenience stores even close to my house. I think the nearest convenience store was probably, like, a 15- or 20-minute walk away, as well, so.

This is what life in the suburbs is like sometimes in North America. We say it's kind of bland and kind of boring. But thankfully we had the lake there to give us some entertainment and to keep us occupied.

Kassy: Andrew, I actually do have one question about your neighbourhood. So, you know, I'm from the countryside and you're from the suburbs. So, it's not really a city, city. In the countryside, a lot of people leave their doors unlocked. Like, their cars are unlocked, their houses are unlocked. There's not really much theft. So nobody's worried about, you know, burglaries or crimes. How about in the suburbs? Did anybody leave their doors unlocked?

Andrew: I think when I was growing up there, probably 50% of the doors would be open if you walked up to the front door and tried to open it. But I remember one of my buddies from the neighbourhood, his parents worked often. So, his parents would always be at work, so when we got off of school, and we would go over to his house, he would always have to have the door key hidden under a rock in his front yard. So I think that maybe answers the question. Like, his parents didn't trust the neighbourhood enough when they were at work that they would lock the door and then leave the key for their son under a rock.

So, yeah, I don't know, that was like something in Canada that I heard a lot growing up, like Canadians don't lock their doors, because they're so trusting of their neighbours. But I don't know if that was actually true. I would say it's, like, maybe partially true. But now, these days, I think it's absolutely not true, I think. I think everybody locks their doors, and everybody is suspicious. You know, people have security cameras, dead bolts, and –

Kassy: So, a lot has changed.

Andrew: A lot has changed. Yeah. But you would leave your doors open at home?

Kassy: Yeah. When I was a kid, I think it's also changing in the countryside nowadays, too. But, yeah, when I was younger, I mean, my dad would just leave his truck keys literally in the ignition all night. Anybody could steal it.



Andrew: Very trusting. Yeah, I don't think my parents ever went that far. But, yeah, these days, I think, even if the crime rates haven't really changed too much, maybe because of social media and we can see, like, videos on YouTube of people breaking into cars or breaking into houses really easily now, people are a lot less trusting. So, definitely car alarms, house alarms, locks. It's a good time to be in the security business, I suppose.

Kassy: Yes.

Andrew: So, Kassy, I think we will wrap this conversation up here. But it was fun to learn more about the community that you grew up in. And I want to thank everyone for tuning into this episode and studying English with us. Guys, you did a great job. Thank you for spending some English listening time and practice time with us today.

Kassy: So, now you know about where Andrew and I grew up, but we want to hear about you. What kind of place did you grow up in? Let us know by sharing your story with us on social media or in the comment section or the discussion forum on Culips.com.

Andrew: We'll be back soon with another brand-new Culips episode and we'll talk to you then. Goodbye.

Kassy: See ya.



Detailed Explanations

Teeny-tiny

Adjective, informal

At the beginning of this episode, Kassy calls her hometown **teeny-tiny**. **Teeny-tiny** is a funny way of saying extremely small. Tiny already means very small, so saying **teeny-tiny** is a common way to make it sound even smaller.

Here's one more example with **teeny-tiny**:

Lana: Can you see the beauty mark I have in the corner of my eye?

Marion: You don't have a beauty mark there.

Lana: Of course I do. It's **teeny-tiny**, but you can see it. Take a closer look.

Marion: Oh! You're right. It's so small.

Nowhere near

Phrase

In talking about where her hometown is in the United States, Kassy says it's more north and **nowhere near** the south. **Nowhere near** means it's extremely far from something. You can say **nowhere near** for physical locations as well as in other situations. For example, you can say you are **nowhere near** finishing your homework or your team is **nowhere near** the top level of competition.

Here's one more example with **nowhere near**:

Cameron: I am so tired. My legs are dead.

Adelia: You're already tired? We just started hiking.

Cameron: How much longer do we have?

Adelia: We're **nowhere near** our destination. OK, then. We'll take it slow if you're

suffering that much.



Ghost town

Noun

Hearing about how empty Kassy's hometown is in the winter, Andrew says that it almost sounds like a **ghost town**. **Ghost town** is a term to describe a town where citizens used to live but that is now completely empty of people and only the buildings remain. However, it is common to use **ghost town** jokingly. You can say a once-popular supermarket is now a **ghost town** because it doesn't have many customers anymore.

Here's one more example with **ghost town**:

Goresh: When is the last time you went to the amusement park?

Yuri: About a year ago, I would say.

Goresh: Wow. It's probably been a decade for me. How was it?

Yuri: It was a **ghost town**. It's not popular at all. I felt bad because it used to be packed and so much fun.

To flock

Verb

Kassy mentions the tourists who **flock** to her hometown like birds in the summer. **To flock** is a verb we typically use for birds who gather together. However, you can also use **to flock** when talking about large groups of people gathering in a certain area, like a town, a supermarket, or a concert.

Here's one more example with to flock:

Joe: Is that a picture of your mom singing in front of thousands of people?

Candy: Yes. She was really popular in our hometown. People would **flock** to her shows any time she had a concert. They would **flock** to her any time she went to the local market!

Joe: That's amazing. Does she still sing?

Candy: She does. She's still popular with the older generation in town.



Can't believe [one's] ears Idiom

Andrew expresses surprise and disbelief when Kassy tells him that she had to pay to access the beach in her hometown. He says that he **couldn't believe his ears** when he first heard that. **Can't believe [one's] ears** means that you are either shocked or can't fully believe something you just heard. This wild information is coming to you through your ears. It's so wild that you don't know if you can trust your own ears.

You can use this expression when you have heard something with your own ears or, if you see something shocking or unbelievable in front of you, you can say that you **can't believe your own eyes**. The same goes for having read something in print or on the internet.

Here are a couple more examples with can't believe [one's] ears:

Martha: Is there any news on our contract negotiations?

Vero: Yeah. They rejected every single one of our demands.

Martha: Every one? That's insane. That's so unfair.

Vero: I know. When I heard it from Peter, I couldn't believe my ears.

Martha: What are we going to do?

Vero: We'll have to change strategy. We're in it for the long haul.

Janice: Oh, I never heard the story of how John proposed to you.

Tia: It's kind of sweet, actually.

Janice: Tell me all about it.

Tia: I was back home in Ottawa. I was alone before John went away to London on business, or so I thought. All of a sudden, he appeared in front of me in the middle of the train station. I **couldn't believe my eyes**. In the middle of the crowd of travellers, he got down on one knee, took out a ring, and proposed to me then and there.

Janice: How romantic!



To add up Phrasal verb

In this episode, Kassy says that the full price to go to the beach in her hometown was \$16. Andrew responds by saying that that could **add up**. In this sense, **to add up** means that a small sum of money can become large over time. Just \$16 alone is not an enormous amount of money. However, if you went to the beach every day and you added \$16 plus \$16 plus \$16 and so on, the total would eventually become a large sum of money.

You can also use **to add up** in other situations. For example, a professional athlete typically has many smaller injuries and bruises throughout their career. Those smaller injuries can **add up** in the long run to the point where the athlete's body is so worn that they can't continue to perform.

Here are a couple more examples with to add up:

Bernie: Here's a cash machine. I need to take out some money.

Mark: But this cash machine isn't from your bank.

Bernie: So what?

Mark: You'll have to pay a fee. It's something like \$1.50 or \$2.

Bernie: That's not much.

Mark: But I see you doing this kind of thing all the time. It really adds up over time.

You're wasting a lot of money this way.

Barb: Are you glad you retired from playing hockey?

Gary: Yeah. I really couldn't play at a high level by the end of my career.

Barb: Really? You still looked amazing out there.

Gary: Thanks, but I certainly didn't feel amazing. All of those injuries **added up**. There were some days when I could barely tie my skates. So, yes, I'm happy to be retired.



To have a ring to it ldiom

Talking about the cultural aspects of her hometown, Kassy says they had a Hall of Philosophy. Andrew really likes the sound of that. He says the name **has a ring to it**. **To have a ring to it** means that something sounds nice. It doesn't mean that the idea of something is good, but that the actual words sound nice to people. It is also very common to add the word nice, as in something **has a nice ring to it**.

People try to create slogans and songs that **have a nice ring to them**. They want the words and the music to ring pleasantly in people's ears.

Here are a couple more examples with to have a ring to it:

Jisu: I can't remember, what country are you from again?

Glenn: I'm from the Great White North.

Jisu: Excuse me? Where is that?

Glenn: It's a nickname for Canada. How about you? Does Korea have a nickname?

Jisu: Koreans don't use it, but I've ever English speakers say it is the Land of Morning

Calm.

Glenn: Wow. That has a nice ring to it! I think I like that more than my own country's.

Bobby: I heard you're starting a new business.

Sheila: Yeah, it's going to be a workshop where people can create their own arts and crafts works.

Bobby: Cool. Do you have a name for it yet?

Sheila: I was thinking of calling it The People's Personal Production Place.

Bobby: Oh. I'm sorry, but I don't think that has a nice ring to it. The English is awkward

and having four words start with the letter P just doesn't sound good. Sorry.



Remiss

Adjective

Near the end of this episode, Andrew says that they would be **remiss** if they didn't also talk about Andrew's hometown. To be **remiss** is to neglect your duty or job. The purpose of this episode is to talk about the hometowns of both hosts. So they can't simply cut the conversation short without talking about Andrew's hometown too.

Remiss carries the sense of a lost opportunity. If it's your duty to do or say something, it is your opportunity to do or say it. If you don't, you are being careless in what you are doing.

Remiss is mostly frequently phrased as we would be **remiss** if or I would be **remiss** if. It's common for people to pronounce the word remissed, but that is a grammatical mistake.

Here are a couple more examples with **remiss**:

Frank: And finally, before we end this gathering, I want to say something. Where is Joan?

Joan: Over here, sir.

Frank: Good. As many of you know, Joan will be retiring at the end of this month. Since this is the last time all of us will be here together, we would be **remiss** if we didn't underline how important you have been to our company these past few decades.

Joan: Thank you.

Frank: Come up on stage. We have a special gift for you.

Bianca: I'm thinking of opening this old bottle of wine. Would you like a glass?

Laurie: Isn't that the special bottle of wine that your parents gave you when you graduated from university?

Bianca: It is. But today is a special occasion, so I would be **remiss** if I didn't celebrate it with a special wine.

Laurie: OK. Well, if you insist, I certainly won't refuse a taste.

Quiz

	1.	What	is	а	good	exampl	e o	f to	flock?
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- a) a bird flying with another bird
- b) a group of people heading to an art gallery
- c) a man flying in a plane on his own
- d) two people going to a coffee

2. What is the main characteristic of a ghost town?

- a) lack of people
- b) lack of buildings
- c) too many ghosts
- d) smaller town

3.	If something	has a rine	a to it. it	
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- a) rings a lot
- b) is a telephone
- c) sounds nice
- d) probably has a bell

4. You can't believe your ears. Which of the following the best describes your feeling?

- a) you are shocked
- b) you can't hear
- c) you don't want to hear
- d) you don't believe anything

5. If you are remiss, you are _____.

- a) happy in life
- b) missing your family
- c) not doing your job well
- d) returning home

Writing and Discussion Questions

- 1. How would you compare where you are from to the hometowns of Kassy and Andrew?
- 2. Thinking back, which would you have preferred to have grown up in: a big city, the suburbs, or the countryside? Explain why.
- 3. What is a small thing in your life that, over time, has really added up?
- 4. When was the last time you couldn't believe your ears or eyes? Explain the situation.
- 5. What's an English expression that you think has a nice ring to it?



Quiz Answers

1.b 2.a 3.c 4.a 5.c

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