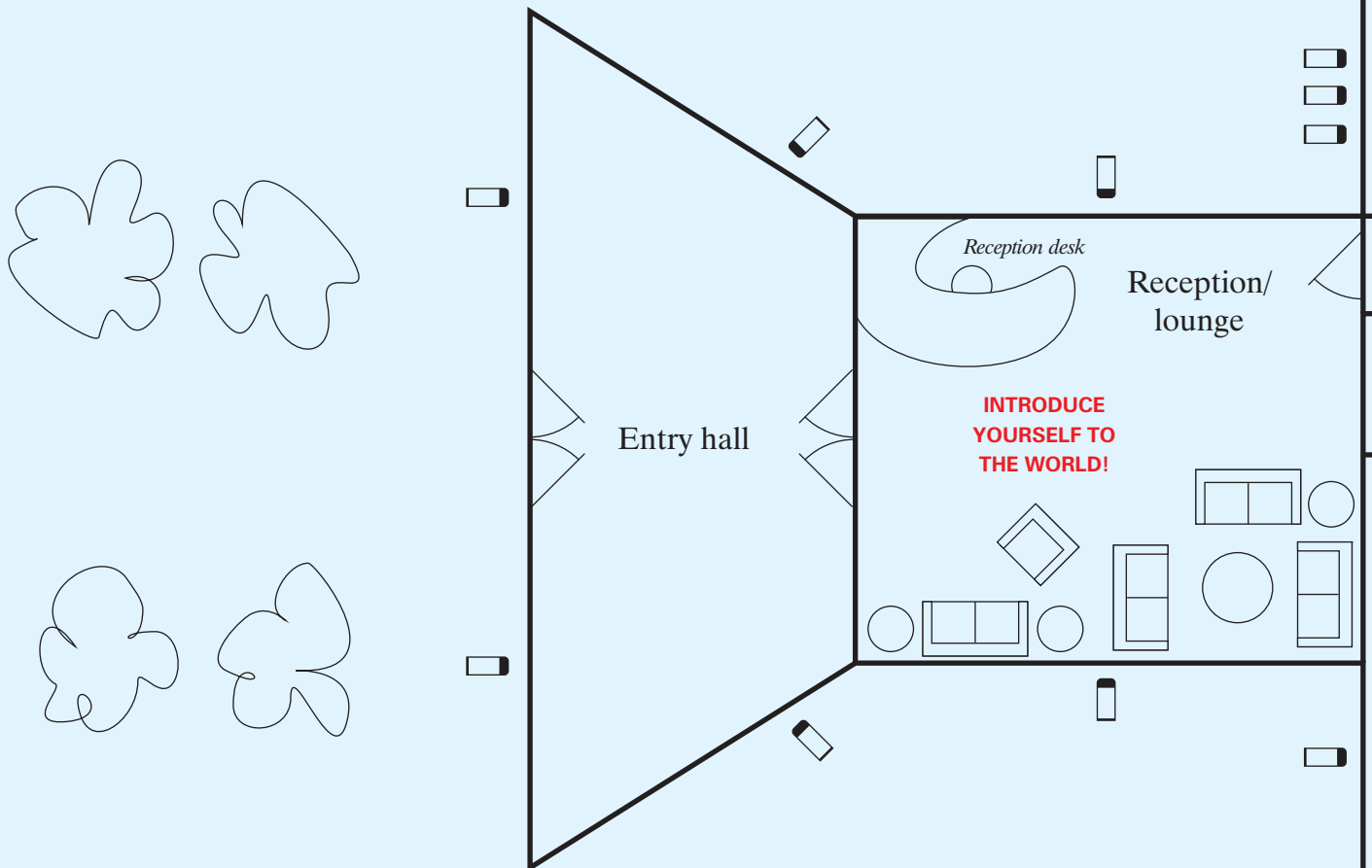


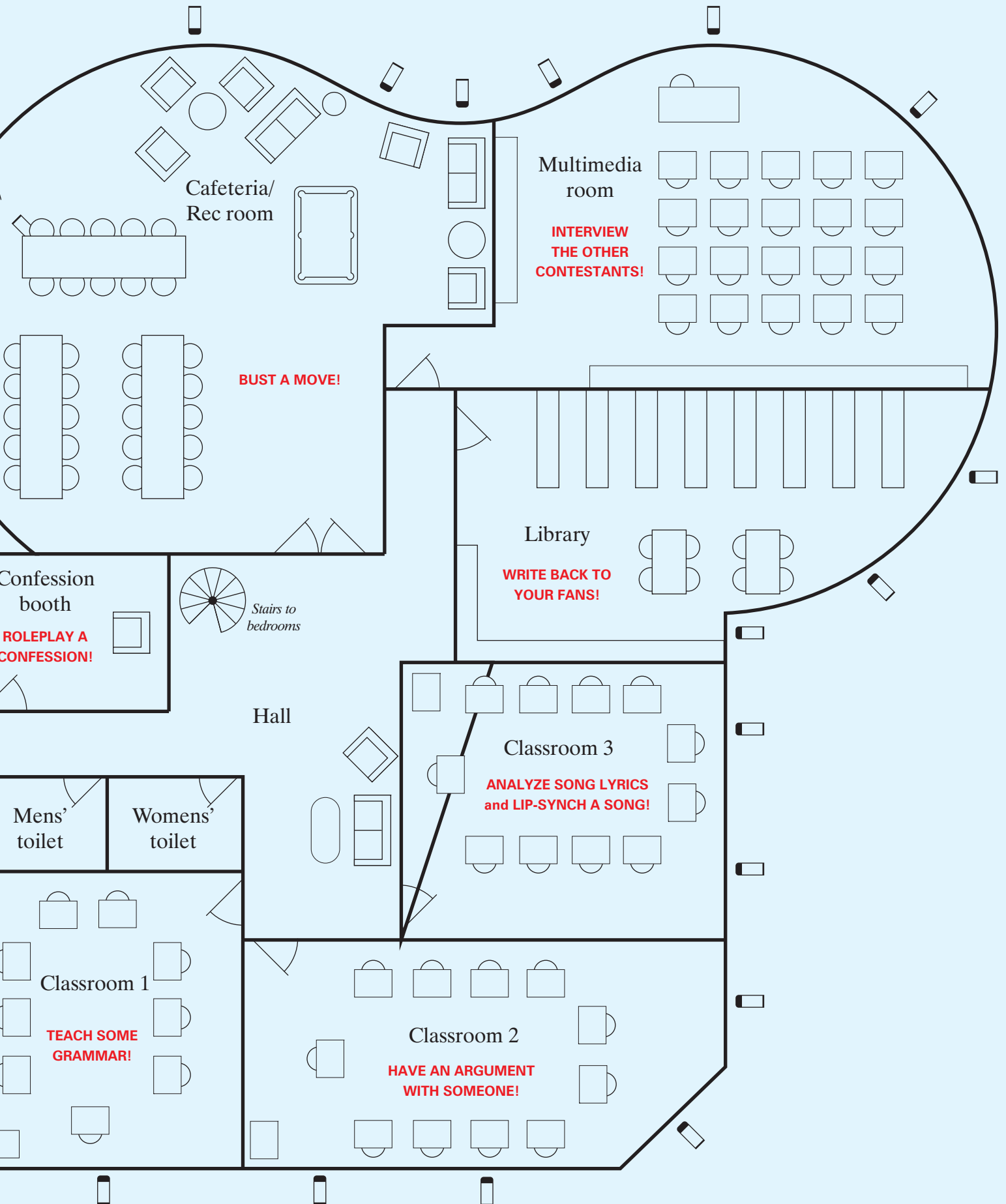
Bored with *Big Brother*? Fed up with *Survivors*? Disgusted by *Fantasy Island*? Tired of the same old songs from *Operation Victory*? Are you looking for something new and original? Then welcome to...

# LANGUAGE ACADEMY!

Language Academy is the newest concept for a reality TV show. In Language Academy you are a contestant on an intensive English course at a very special school. Everything you do will be filmed and shown live on TV and 24 hours a day on the Internet around the world. Can you survive a whole month of English and become a star? Here's your chance to find out.

**SURVIVE A NIGHT OUTSIDE!**





## HOW TO PLAY LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Like most reality shows, in Language Academy you must complete certain tasks. Each contestant places a counter on the Entry Hall. For each room there is a different task (see pages 22 and 23 of the magazine). Work your way around the academy and complete all the tasks. Don't forget that you can only speak in English.

**Internet tasks.** If you are a subscriber, you can do additional activities at [www.its-magazine.com](http://www.its-magazine.com). Do the magazine tasks and Internet tasks for each room.

**Classroom tasks.** If you are using this magazine in class with a teacher in a real classroom, there are additional tasks for each room that only your teacher knows about. These tasks are written in red on the floor plan. More details of these tasks and the system of eliminations can be found in the Teaching Notes.

**PLACE: Entry Hall/Studio**  
**THEME: Meet the audience**

**Welcome to Language Academy! Before you start, you have to answer some questions and fill out a registration form. The receptionists at Language Academy is here to help you, but their English isn't very good. Try to correct the questions. Then answer them with true information about yourself.**

- ✓ WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
- ✓ WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?
- ✓ YOU ARE STUDYING ENGLISH WHY HERE AT LANGUAGE ACADEMY?
- ✓ YOUR FAVORITE TV PROGRAM, WHAT IS IT?
- ✓ HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON TV?
- ✓ HAVE YOU EVER ARGUED WITH YOUR TEACHER?

**PLACE: Classroom 1**  
**THEME: What are we learning today?**

**It's a normal morning at Language Academy and the contestants have walked into their first class. Today the teacher is going to teach them some grammar. She has written an example of the grammar on the board in a typical sentence or group of words. Can you match the sentence or words to the grammar point she wants to teach?**

- \_\_\_ 1 If I won the lottery I would buy a house on the beach.
- \_\_\_ 2 Have you ever eaten Chinese food?
- \_\_\_ 3 I was taking a bath when the phone rang.
- \_\_\_ 4 Do you think that France will win the World Cup?
- \_\_\_ 5 You should bring an umbrella. You ought to take an aspirin.
- \_\_\_ 6 What are you going to do after class? What are you going to do this weekend?
- \_\_\_ 7 John gets up at 7 o'clock. He takes a shower and gets dressed. He goes to work at 8 o'clock.
- \_\_\_ 8 homework / the bed / the ironing / a mistake / exercises

- a Present simple for routines, third person singular
- b Modal verbs for giving advice
- c Do and make
- d Going to for future plans
- e Second conditional
- f Will for prediction
- g Present perfect for experiences
- h Past simple and past continuous

**PLACE: Classroom 3**  
**THEME: Song Lyrics**

**Analyze the lyrics: Look at the following lyrics. Answer the questions:**

Sendin' out the message to all of my friends / We'll be lookin' flashy in my Mercedes-Benz / I got lotsa style, got my gold diamond rings / I can go for miles if you know what I mean

I know I'm not the one you thought you knew back in high school / Never going, ever showing up when we had to. / Attention that we crave don't tell us to behave, I'm sick of always hearing "Act your age."

- 1 The singer is \_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_ FEMALE
- 2 What kind of music is this (e.g., pop, rock, rap, ballad...)?
- 3 How does the singer feel (e.g., angry, happy, sad, jealous...)?
- 4 Why does the singer feel this way? What has happened? What is the story behind the song?
- 5 Can you write the next line of the song?
- 6 The most popular part of Language Academy. Find a popular song. Then lip-synch it!

**PLACE: Classroom 2**  
**THEME: Tension in the academy**

**Tension in the academy! Walking past classroom 2, you overhear these comments. Who is speaking? What do they mean? Choose the most appropriate answers. Cross out the answer which is not possible. Can you think of the context for these phrases?**

*How many times do I have to tell you?*

Who's talking?

- a teacher to student
- b student to teacher
- c student to student

What does the speaker mean?

- a I don't want to repeat it.
- b What time is it?
- c You didn't listen to me the last time I told you.

*This just isn't fair.*

Who's talking?

- a teacher to student
- b student to teacher
- c teacher to teacher

What does the speaker mean?

- a I don't agree with the situation.
- b I taught your class yesterday.
- c The class is not fun.

*I'm sorry but that isn't acceptable.*

Who's talking?

- a teacher to student
- b student to teacher
- c student to student

What does the speaker mean?

- a I won't do it again.
- b You have to do your homework again.
- c I don't want you to talk like that in class.

*I don't have the time!*

Who's talking?

- a teacher to student
- b student to teacher
- c student to student

What does the speaker mean?

- a I can't do the homework.
- b It's not my turn.
- c I don't know what time it is.

**PLACE: The Academy Grounds**  
**THEME: Survival**

**Survive!**

**One afternoon you decide to skip class and hide on the Language Academy grounds. But you don't see the time go by and when you try to get back in it's too late! The doors are locked and you are trapped on the grounds! No one hears you bang on the door or shout for help. It's getting dark. What are you going to do? Look at the following objects. What are they used for? What could they be used for in this situation?**

- ✓ A hair clip
- ✓ A lighter
- ✓ A bottle of cheap perfume
- ✓ A skateboard
- ✓ A hair dryer
- ✓ A bag of chips
- ✓ A tube of lipstick

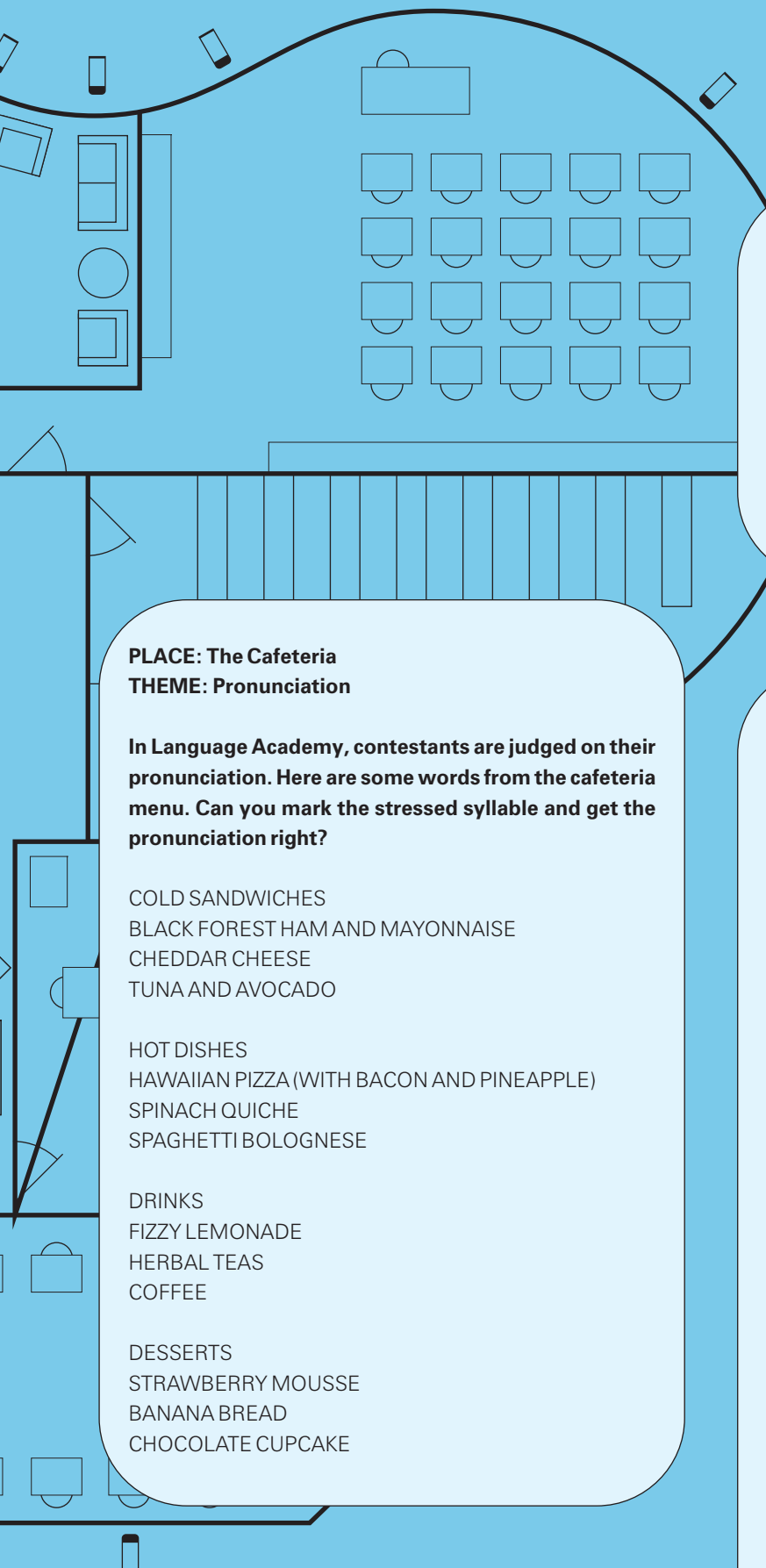
**PLACE: The Library**  
**THEME: Answering fan mail**

**It's time to answer fan mail. Someone asks the question: How do you spend your days in the Language Academy?**

**Look at these sample answers. Can you put the words below in the correct spaces and make true sentences?**

often                      never                      always  
hardly ever              sometimes

- 1 We listen to cassettes.
- 2 We write in our notebooks.
- 3 We have a break for a drink in the cafeteria.
- 4 We repeat what the teacher says.
- 5 We watch videos of people speaking English.
- 6 We sing songs in English.
- 7 We listen to songs in English.



**PLACE: Confession Booth**  
**THEME: Confession**

**Let off steam! The Confession Booth is for you to tell the audience your true feelings about what is happening at Language Academy. Can you finish these sentences?**

The thing that really bothers me here is...  
 What drives me crazy is...  
 It's the ... that gets on my nerves.

**PLACE: The Cafeteria**  
**THEME: Pronunciation**

**In Language Academy, contestants are judged on their pronunciation. Here are some words from the cafeteria menu. Can you mark the stressed syllable and get the pronunciation right?**

- COLD SANDWICHES
- BLACK FOREST HAM AND MAYONNAISE
- CHEDDAR CHEESE
- TUNA AND AVOCADO
  
- HOT DISHES
- HAWAIIAN PIZZA (WITH BACON AND PINEAPPLE)
- SPINACH QUICHE
- SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE
  
- DRINKS
- FIZZY LEMONADE
- HERBAL TEAS
- COFFEE
  
- DESSERTS
- STRAWBERRY MOUSSE
- BANANA BREAD
- CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE

**PLACE: Multimedia Room**  
**THEME: Use the Internet**

**Do you dabble in computers? Or are you a computer geek? Do this interview with a partner. Then decide if you are a computer nerd!**

Glossary note: nerd (n) someone who is boring, unfashionable, and often extremely interested in computers

**THE LANGUAGE ACADEMY**  
**COMPUTER NERD QUIZ**

HOW MANY...  
 ...hours a week do you surf the Internet?  
 ...hours a week do you play video games?  
 ...times a week do you browse the shelves looking at new products in computer shops?

HAVE YOU EVER ...  
 ...had an Internet chat with someone in the same room as you?  
 ...had a virtual boyfriend or girlfriend?  
 ...seen the movies Tomb Raider, Final Fantasy, Digimon, and Resident Evil?

DO YOU...  
 ...have a subscription to a magazine about PCs?  
 ...talk about computers all the time with your friends?  
 ...often stay at home on Friday and Saturday nights to play on your computer?