

## DAY 141 Girl, 5, fined for selling lemonade



A five-year-old girl in London was fined £150 (\$194) by a local government in London for selling 50p (65 cents) cups of lemonade. The fine upset the little girl because she thought she had done something wrong. The girl's father, Andre Spicer, is a university professor. He said his

daughter set up the stall on a street in London. She wanted to sell her lemonade to people who were on their way to a music festival. Mr Spicer said his daughter burst into tears. He said she told him "I've done a bad thing". Mr Spicer said his daughter was very excited by the idea of setting up a lemonade stall near her house. He said: "She just wanted to put a smile on people's faces. She was really proud of herself."

Mr Spicer explained what happened to make his daughter cry. He said: "After a short time trading, four enforcement officers walked over from the other side of the road. I was quite shocked. I thought that they would just tell us to pack up and go home, but they turned on their mobile camera and began reading from a big script explaining that she did not have a trading licence. My daughter clung to me screaming 'Daddy, Daddy, I've done a bad thing.' She's five. We were then issued a fine of £150. We packed up and walked home." A local government spokesman

said: "We are very sorry that this has happened....The fine will be cancelled immediately and we have contacted Mr Spicer and his daughter to apologise."

### WORD CHECK UP

1. Upset /,ʌp'set/
2. Clung /klʌŋ/
3. Thrilled /θrɪld/

### TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

A five-year-old girl was fined for selling 50 cups of lemonade. T / F

The little girl didn't think she had done anything wrong. T / F

The little girl sold her lemonade to people who were going to a festival. T / F

The girl said she wasn't very proud of herself. T / F

Four local government workers gave the little girl the fine. T / F

The workers told the girl and her father to pack up and go home. T / F

The little girl screamed when the workers gave the fine. T / F

The local government apologized to the little girl and cancelled the fine. T / F

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DAY 142

## The score was fantastic !!!

**Zara** I haven't enjoyed a movie so much in years.

**Abigail** Yes, it really was something special.

**Zara** It had a great story and the acting was absolutely fantastic.

**Abigail** **The score was fantastic** too. It really added to the action.

**Zara** Yes it was really good music and it had such a haunting theme.

**Abigail** If they bring it out on CD, I'll be the first to buy it.

*Explanation :*

**Score** - The music written for a film, play etc

*Example :* The dance is accompanied by an original **score** by Henry Torgue.

### KEY WORDS AND PHRASE

1. Apologetic /əˌpɒl·əˈdʒeɪ·ɪk/
2. Distressed /dɪˈstrest/
3. Issue /ˈɪʃ·u/

### Pattern Practice

1. He was apologetic for not returning my call.
2. She was deeply distressed by the news of his death.
3. There continues to be a great deal of debate over the property tax issue.

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## DAY 143 Dirt is good for babies



It seems like common sense to most parents to make sure their baby is always in a clean place. Most parents do their best to keep dirt and bacteria away from their little ones. However, a scientist says dirt is an important part of making

babies stronger. Dr Jack Gilbert from the University of Chicago studies the ecosystems of bacteria. He did research into how dirt and bacteria affect children. He published his research in a book called 'Dirt is Good: The Advantage of Germs for Your Child's Developing Immune System'. He told America's NPR news station that: "It's fine to wash their hands if there's a...flu virus going around, but if they're interacting with a dog and the dog licks their face, that's not a bad thing."

Dr Gilbert wrote that letting children get dirty was largely beneficial. Exposing small kids to dirt helps them to build their immune system. Dr Gilbert even argues that children often get allergies because parents try to protect their kids too much and try too hard to clean everything that children use. He said parents now over-sterilize everything in the home. This causes children's immune systems to be too sensitive, which can lead to things like asthma, eczema, and food allergies. Gilbert even defended the "five-second rule". Many people think it is OK to eat something that

fell on the floor for fewer than five seconds. Gilbert says it is OK to eat something that fell on the floor as long as the floor isn't really dirty.

### WORD CHECK UP

1. Interact /,ɪn·tər'ækt/
2. Beneficial /,ben·ə'fɪʃ·əl/
3. Sterilize /'ster·ə,ləɪz/

**TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).**

The article says parents do little to keep babies in a clean place. T / F

Dr Jack Gilbert studies the places where bacteria live. T / F

The doctor published his research in a newspaper. T / F

The doctor said it's a bad thing for a dog to lick a baby's face. T / F

The doctor said dirt helped build a baby's immune system. T / F

The doctor said parents sterilize things in the home too much. T / F

Sterilizing everything increases the risk of children getting allergies. T / F

The doctor said eating food that fell on the floor for 2 seconds was bad. T / F

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Day 144

What beautiful china !!!

Laura	Thank you for inviting me to tea, it's really good of you.
Melanie	Not at all, we're delighted to have you. May I pour you a cup of tea ?
Laura	Oh, yes, thank you very much. <b>What beautiful china !</b>
Melanie	I'm glad you like it. This is part of tea service which my grandmother left me. I was her only granddaughter.
Laura	It's all so artistically decorated.
Melanie	It is very fine work and genuine Chinese porcelain.
Laura	No doubt that's why your tea tastes so good.
Melanie	Thank you. They do say that tea always tastes better from real porcelain.

Explanation : **China - China** is a very thin clay from which cups, sauces, plates, and ornaments are made.

Example :

Judy collects blue and white **china**.

KEY WORDS AND PHRASE

- 1. Safeguard /'seɪf·gɑrd/
- 2. Germ /dʒɜrm/
- 3. Scale /skeɪl/

Pattern Practice

- 1. Judges have an obligation to safeguard our right to free speech and a free press.
- 2. The patient has little natural resistance to germs.
- 3. Restaurant ratings are on a scale of zero to five stars.

## DAY 145 Mechanic works 75 years to break record



An airline worker in the USA has broken the world record for the world's longest-serving airline mechanic. Azriel Blackman, 91, started work in 1942 at the age of 16. He has now been working for 75 years. His starting salary was 50

cents an hour. The nonagenarian still works five days a week. He clocks on before 5am at an American Airlines hangar at JFK International Airport in New York. His age means his employers prevent him from doing certain tasks for safety reasons. He is not allowed to scale ladders, drive on the runways and surrounding areas, or use certain tools. He is responsible for assessing the maintenance needs of the airplanes that have been parked in the hangars overnight.

Mr Blackman's record has been recognized for his dedication to his job. His employer dedicated a plane in his honor at a ceremony at JFK. His signature was painted in giant letters on the front of one of the airline's Boeing 777 aircraft. Blackman said: "I'm just honored to be here. I'm proud to be a mechanic." The 91-year-old received a standing ovation from his fellow colleagues and managers at the ceremony. Reporters asked him about the secret behind his record. He said: "When you like what you do, it's not work." When asked about retirement, he said:

"That's not up to me. That's up to the man upstairs. The first thing I do when I get up in the morning is I say 'thank you for another day'."

### WORD CHECK UP

1. Dedication /,ded·ɪ'keɪ·ʃən/
2. Ovation /oʊ'veɪ·ʃən/
3. Evaluate /ɪ'væl·ju,erɪ/

**TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).**

The mechanic started work when he was 13. T / F

The mechanic's starting salary was 50 cents a week. T / F

The mechanic starts work at five in the morning. T / F

The mechanic has to climb ladders to clean the airplane windows. T / F

The mechanic signed the front of an airplane. T / F

The mechanic's name was painted on a Boeing 777. T / F

The mechanic's colleagues stood up and applauded him. T / F

The mechanic doesn't know when he will retire. T / F

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