

# FEBRUARY 2010 NEW SITES



## [Olympic officials testing for drug cheats](#)

"The International Olympic Committee has established policies, guidelines and procedures aimed at keeping the Games clean while weeding out dirty athletes..."

A minimum 2,000 tests are expected to be conducted during the Olympic in-competition period...

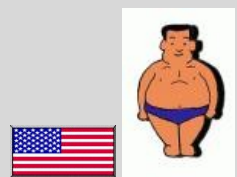
VANOC will have 130 doping control officers and 70 blood collection officials.

There will also be 300 chaperons...

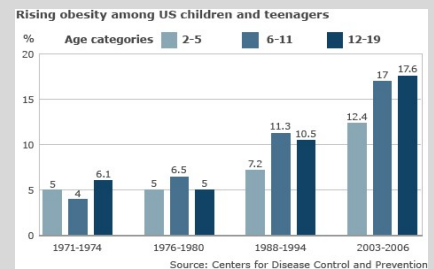
Doping control stations are located in each competition venue and at the medal plaza in both Vancouver and Whistler. There also will be stations in the athletes' village in Vancouver and Whistler. "

(cbc.ca)

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## [Rising obesity among US children and teenagers](#) (BBC)



## [Let's Move!](#)

"Let's Move!" has an ambitious but important goal to solve the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation.

+ a VIDEO with the First Lady   
(letsmove.gov)



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[Google unveils new social network](#) :

[Millions spent on casual gaming](#)

"British gamers spent £280m playing online casual games in 2009 says the UK National Gamers Survey Report. Similar studies carried out in other countries revealed that French players spent £220m and Germans £440m over the same period."

(BBC)

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[BUZZ](#) (google.com)

"The service - integrated directly with its e-mail service - allows users to post status updates, share content and comment on friends' posts."

+ a VIDEO   
(BBC)

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[Obama honours civil rights music](#)

"The music of the civil rights movement has been celebrated with a performance at the White House last night. The president spoke of his great debt of gratitude towards the campaign against racial segregation in the US."

(BBC)

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[Using cell phones as teaching and learning tool](#)

"A new genre of literature called the cell phone novel."  
(literacyispriceless.wordpress.com)

[How to incorporate cell phones into classroom and homework assignments](#)

(k12online.wm.edu)

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[Telephone Expressions Dictation](#)

- interactive  
(eolf.univ-fcomte.fr)

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[Telephone Talk](#)

"Here are some sample phrases and expressions for talking on the telephone."  
(eslgold.com)

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[Taking a Reservation](#)

Front Desk Receptionist / Guest

+ [Hotel vocabulary](#)

+ [Hotel Vocabulary Quiz](#) (interactive)

+ [Checking Guests In and Out](#)

(englishclub.com)

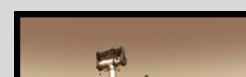
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[Booking a hotel room - I'd like to book a room please.](#)

(audioenglish.net)

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[Little Mars rover](#)  
(rt.com)



[NASA decides Spirit is henceforth to be a land](#)

"Spirit's been roving on Mars for more than six years. Te she got trapped in sand, and since then, although there has b science performed from her parking spot, the mission's mai to try to get her out..."  
(planetary.org)

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[Enseigner les langues avec les TICE / Résultats de l'enquête](#)

" A l'occasion du salon [ExpoLangues 2010](#) dont nous sommes partenaires, nous avons réalisé une petite enquête en ligne interrogeant les professeurs de langues sur leurs pratiques et attentes en matière d'enseignement des langues. Nous avons récolté 150 réponses. Les principaux résultats sont ici..."  
(lewebpedagogique.com)

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[The Black Pimpernel](#)

Une BD sur la vie de Nelson Mandela.  
(childrensworld.org)

- avec un travail de [compréhension écrite](#)  
pour préparer le visionnage du film INVICTUS.  
Travail envoyé par Hortense de La Roche  
(Ac. Versailles)  
Niveau 3ème

Voir [les paroles de l'Hymne national sud-africain](#)  
(Wikipedia)

+ [MP3](#)



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[The Cardigans - My Favourite Game](#)

Can she drive very well ?  
Watch the video and find the mistakes she mak  
(YouTube)  
+ the [LYRICS](#)  
(sing365.com)



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"A member of Anima Naturalis holds a sign that reads **"No to bullfighting"** as other activists lie covered in red paint mimicking blood, to protest against bullfighting in Mexico City as the capital's bullring Plaza Mexico celebrates its 64th anniversary."  
(alertnet.org)



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**COLOURFUL AND COLOURLESS WORD**

Other words for :  
bad / good / big / small / think /  
problem / important / interesting / necessary  
(pagesperso-orange.fr/yvanbaptiste)

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**L'évolution graphique des FPS de 1992 à 2009**

(nofrag.com)



F.P.S. = **First Person Shooter**

"is a video game genre which centers the gameplay around gun- and projectile weapon-based combat through the first person perspective; i.e., the player experiences the action through the eyes of a protagonist."

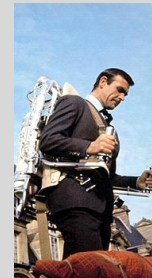
(Wikipedia)

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**Listen up, 007, we call it the Puffin**

"THE American space agency, Nasa, is to unveil a prototyp flying machine capable of propelling soldiers behind en The mini aircraft, which can soar 50 miles through the clouds has been named the Puffin, after the small waterbird for being able to land on impossible terrain. "

(technology.timesonline.co.uk)



[A puff](#)  
(Wikiped

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**Posties get new weapon in war with dogs**

"Royal Mail delivery staff are being equipped with a device which releases compressed air and makes a hissing sound designed to scare off dogs."

(telegraph.co.uk)

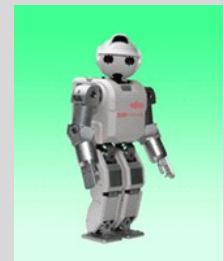


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**Fujitsu Automation unveils HOAP-3 robot**

"Short in stature at 60cm and weighing in at 8.8 A camera, microphone, speaker, expression LED, audio reco voice synthesis function, and image recognition function hav

(ubergizmo.com)



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[Dickin Medal awarded to bomb sniffing search dog Treo](#)

"A search dog that sniffed out bombs in Afghanistan is to be honoured with the animal version of the Victoria Cross... Treo will be the 63rd animal to receive the medal created by veterinary charity the PDSA to honour gallantry in war... A total of 26 other dogs, 32 World War Two messenger pigeons, three horses and one cat have won the award, introduced by PDSA founder Maria Dickin in 1943. "  
(BBC)



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[Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)

"We promote critical thinking, education, and informed Our sites present controversial issues in a straightf nonpartisan, primarily pro-con format."  
(procon.org)

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[Do violent video games contribute to youth violence?](#)

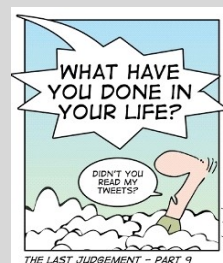
(videogames.procon.org)

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[Are social networking sites good for our societ](#)

(socialnetworking.procon.org)

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[Parents' evening](#) - a poem by Allan Ahlberg

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"I'm nervous as can be.  
I wonder what she'll tell 'em,  
I'll say I've got a pain!  
I wish I'd got my spellings right.  
I wish I had a brain..."  
(tyee.vsb.bc.ca)



[Logorama](#) - a short film with lots of brands

(dailymotion.com)



[Logorama](#)

"A world colonized by brands is the theme of a new film by Fre filmmakers H5. Logorama is a slick 17-minute-long animated to lampoon both the Hollywood blockbuster — violent, crude — and the world of branding, a world where logos festoon ev where it is customary to be exposed to brand activity at

+ [a slideshow](#)

(observatory.designobserver.com)



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[Tim learns about the Olympics](#)  
A short history of the Olympics



TEXT + AUDIO



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[Mumbling, fumbling, bumbling robber fails twice](#)

"Communication skills were clearly lacking in a woman who to rob two Memphis credit unions. She fled empty-handed (msnbc.msn.com)

to mumble = *marmorner*

to fumble (handle clumsily) = *fouiller*

to bumble = *cafouille* (*parler bizarrement*)



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[Cat owners are 'cleverer'](#)

"Cats have long been thought to be cleverer than dogs - and now it seems the same is true of their owners..."

The combined cat and dog population of Britain is more than 20.8 million..

People with cats are more likely to have university degrees than those with dogs, according to a scientific survey of pet ownership...

The study... also found that cat owners were more likely to be older and female. " (telegraph.co.uk)



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[Teachers 'lack violence training'](#)

"A union calls for compulsory training on dealing with violence as a study suggests new teachers are ill-prepared. Guidance by the Department for Children, Schools and Families on the types of force teachers can use on children. This can include passive physical contact such as blocking and active contact such as leading a pupil by the hand. In more extreme circumstances, "appropriate restrictive measures may require specific expertise or training", may be used (BBC)

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[Snowstorm paralyzes Washington DC and eastern US](#)

"An "extremely dangerous" storm has dumped large amounts of snow in the eastern US, shutting down the capital..."



[Heart Attack Grill](#)  
in Chandler, Arizona  
(heartattackgrill.com)



(BBC)



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**['Rabbit jumping' craze takes off in Britain](#)**

"The rabbits are trained by owners at home who use treats to encourage the animals to make a leap of faith over barriers."  
(telegraph.co.uk)



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**[Couple in planning row with neighbours after painting house in Herefordshire](#)**  
(telegraph.co.uk)



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**COMICS**



**[Videos](#)** 

(marvelkids.marvel.com)

**[Students' comics](#)**

+ **quiz**

(grammarmanicomic.com)

**[Superheroes - Games](#)**

(British Council)

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**[Animals from America](#)**

"Here are six pages about animals that are found in

Listen to Stephanie, our American assistant explore the photos, do the activities."

Created by [Renée Maufroid](#).

Niveau 4ème.



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**A WEBQUEST ABOUT THE 2010 WINTER GAMES IN CANADA**

+ **Teacher's Notes**

Sent by **Lydie Dupaquier** (Ac. Créteil)

(avec une exploration du site officiel, pour les 4èmes ou 3èmes.)

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**My Valentine's Day Minibook**

Activities to print

(frenchfroglittleenglishpond.blogspot.com)



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**Junk food**

"Ce **scénario** propose une tâche finale de prise de parole en interaction sur un sujet motivant pour les élèves puisqu'il concerne la "malbouffe".

Le niveau visé est le niveau B1."

(Ac. Toulouse)

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**Interactive Book - St Valentine's Day**

"Un livre interactif pour se familiariser avec la fête de la vocabulaire, activités de compréhension orale (avec notamment une vidéo sur l'origine de cette ainsi que deux chansons incontournables !) et écrite

(où trouver le partenaire idéal, célébration de l'a dans différents pays du monde)."

Created by Laurence Haquet (Ac. Rouen)

Saint Valentine's Day	
Vocabulary	2-3
Watch	4-5
Listen and Match	6-7
Write	8-9
Valentine's Day Present	10
Unscramble the Words	11
The Origin of Valentine's Day	12-13
Meeting the Ideal Partner	14-17
Listen Around the World	18-21
Test Yourself	22-24
The Rose (Belle Mère)	25-27
My Gal (The Tempresses)	28-31
Listen Again	32

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**The USA: 50 States Nicknames**

" Cette **séquence** proposée par Laurence Bernard est inspirée de 4 fichiers audio publiés sur VOA News, Special English en 2009.

Il s'agira, au terme de cette séquence de mieux connaître les 50 états des Etats-Unis, et d'élaborer une carte géante collaborative illustrant les fichiers audio étudiés. Cette carte sera également le support d'une prise de parole en continu devant la classe, et sur les baladeurs des élèves.

Niveau :B1"

(Ac. Martinique)

**100free short English stories for ESL learner**



with listening , grammar, comprehensi dictation exercises, and crossword puzzles

(rong-chang.com)



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[A missing cat - a story](#)



Listen to it.

+ **Interactive activities**  
(rong-chang.com)

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## VOCABULARY

### [SCHOOL EDUCATION - ACADEMIC VOCABU](#)

(it-sudparis.eu)



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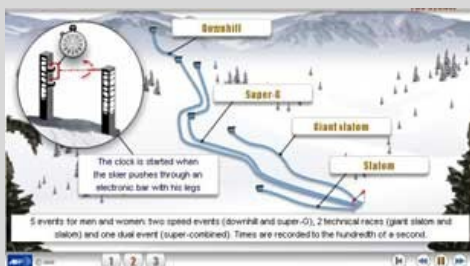


February 12 to 28, 2010  
March 12 to 21, 2010

### [Winter Olympics: Sport By Sport](#)

with **animations**  and **descriptions** for each sport  
(espn.go.com)

Site recommended by [Larry Ferlazzo](#)



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### [wanderer](#)

- = 1) person who travels aimlessly
  - 2) person who takes risks
- (thesaurus.reference.com)

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[Jil Is Lucky - The Wanderer](#)  
"And I'm walking all damned day  
Day after day

## EXOTIC PETS

[Crocodile bites and scorpion stings treated by NHS doctor](#)  
"Exotic animals, many of which can be kept as pets in Britain, of unusual injuries and maladies last year according to N  
As well as six crocodile or alligator bites, doctors treated 18 vi  
spiders or scorpions, 52 snake or lizard bites and 50 jelly  
NHS = The National Health Service  
(telegraph.co.uk)

But it's okay  
 I'm on my way  
 Wandering again from the West to the East  
 I try to resist  
 But it's so hard not to fall"

**Vocabulary :**

drag oneself - walk - wander - wanderer - steps - on my way - leave  
 (greatsong.net)

+ the [VIDEO](#)   
 (YouTube)

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**Man keeps 24 crocodiles in back garden** 

"Shaun, 30, keeps 24 crocodiles and alligator  
 in the semi-detached home in Oxford."  
 (telegraph.co.uk)



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**[My furry client bleats not guilty](#)**

"SWITZERLAND is going to new extremes in the battle to improve life for its animals. The country of Heidi and cuckoo clocks will hold a referendum in March on whether domesticated creatures should have the right to be represented by lawyers in court...

If the referendum is approved, every canton in Switzerland will be obliged to appoint a lawyer to act for pets as well as farm animals and defend them from abuse."

(timesonline.co.uk)



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**[Winter Olympics](#)** - interactive with **AUDIO** 

Normal speed or slow speed.

- with activities

(weeklyreader.com)

Site recommended by [Larry Ferlazzo](#).



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**[An interactive biography of Nelson Mandela](#)**

"Here are 4 listening activities with gap-fill exercises."

(soundguideweb.com)



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**VOCABULARY**

**[A big-box store](#)**

(also supercenter, superstore, or megastore)

"is a physically large retail establishment, usually part of a chain. It sometimes also refers, by extension, to the company that operates it. Examples include large department stores such as Wal-Mart

(Wikipedia)



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[Marijuana megastore opens in Oakland CA](#) 

"Imagine, 15,000 square feet of warehouse store that's a one stop shopping center for everything you need to grow cannabis.

No prescription, no problem, doctors are on site!

However, there's one item that won't be on the shelves at iGrow - the plants. " (rackjite.com)

[Marijuana Megastore Plants Roots in Oakland, California](#)

"The 15,000-square foot warehouse is a one-stop shop for everything cannabis cultivation — from lights and fans to fertilizer and additives. An on-site doctor will issue recommendations and technicians will be on-hand to teach prospective growers how to get their roots into the business."

(puppetgov.com)



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[Children spend 7 hours a day in 'electronic life'](#)

"A new generation of "multimedia" children are spending an hours a day glued to smartphones, iPods, TVs and video gam found that youngsters aged between eight and 18 now spen waking minute outside school using some electronic Experts are divided on the impact of such heavy usage on ch emotional wellbeing and social skills. Not everyone is p What they (children) are doing is often quite creative and qu (timesonline.co.uk)

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A new page :

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[Royal Society meet to discuss if extra-terrestrials are he](#)

"The conference will also address the social implications of the s Albert Harrison, from the University of California, Davis, w human beings might respond to the discovery of extraterrestr (timesonline.co.uk)

[Is there anybody out there?](#)

"What will aliens look like if we find them?... These are just some of the questions that will be discussed conference starting today (Monday 25 January) at The Royal The discussion meeting The detection of extra-terrestrial consequences for science and society is the first to ta in the Royal Society's 350th anniversary year Astronomers are now able to detect planets orbiting stars of where life may exist, and living generations could see the of extra-terrestrial life being detected. " (royalsociety.org)

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### [NASA Beams Beatles' 'Across the Universe' Into Space](#)

"The transmission was aimed at the North Star, Polaris, which is located 431 light years away from Earth."

"I see that this is the beginning of the new age in which we will communicate with billions of planets across the universe," she (Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono) said."

Listen to the song and watch the video.   
(nasa.gov)

### [The Beatles - 'Across the Universe'](#)

"Words are flying out like  
endless rain into a paper cup  
They slither while they pass  
They slip away across the universe  
Pools of sorrow waves of joy  
are drifting through my open mind  
Possessing and caressing me"  
(lyrics007.com)



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### FOOD / RECIPE / INSTRUCTIONS

[What's for dinner?](#) - interactive game  
- with food vocabulary  
(candystand.com)  
Recommended by [Larry Ferlazzo](#).



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[Madame Tussaud's pays tribute to Michelle Obama](#)   
(msnbc.msn.com)



### [Madame Tussauds](#)

"is a wax museum in London with branches in a number of major cities. It was set up by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud. It was formerly spelt "Madame Tussaud's", but the apostrophe is no longer used."  
(Wikipedia)

### [History of Madame Tussauds](#)

- with a VIDEO   
(madametussauds.com)



[Up Helly Aa in pictures: Viking festival in Lerwick, Shetland](#)  
"Up Helly Aa celebrates the influence of the Scandinavian Shetland Islands and has employed this theme since 1870. held on the last Tuesday in January every year, whatever  
(telegraph.co.uk)



### [Up Helly Aa](#)

"refers to any of a variety of fire festivals held in Shetland annually in the middle of winter to mark the end of the year. The festival involves a procession of up to a thousand guize and considerably lower numbers in the more rural festivals, for who march through the town or village in a variety of them. The procession culminates in the torches being thrown into a replica Viking longship or galley."  
(Wikipedia)

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