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Welcome back

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*So, here we are again. October has been, as usual, a busy month for us. Our children have returned to class willing to learn, we hope. As well, most of our adults are back after the summer recess. We have lots of plans for the school ahead of us: general classes, our pronunciation workshops, exam preparation courses... and, of course, as every year until mid December, exactly until the 12th, we will be holding our **SKYLINE FOOD RACE**, hoping to beat our own record this year, last year we raised 147,60 kg. Remember to bring your food so that it can be taken to the Food Bank that day.*

In this issue, you will see how hard our kids have already been working. I am personally very proud to say that some of our students are writing for the magazine for the very first time. Check their work out with a piece about the importance of Maths and the Travelling Corner about Croatia. In addition, you can learn about parrots in a piece written by one of our Intermediate students.. As always, we offer you some ideas for your free time during November, with the incomparable help of Marta.

I hope you enjoy the reading and remember that teaching you is our priority, you inspire us every day.

Learn well

My bedroom

My bedroom is big

In my bedroom there is a bed my bed is large
there are games of minecraft

In my bedroom there is a door

I've got four plants

I've got many chairs

I like my bedroom desk

there are also toys

I've got seven windows so there is a lot of
light. there are books in the cupboard.

the walls are white



THE MURDER

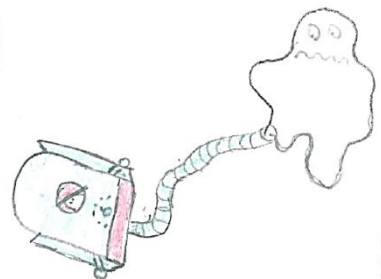
There is a group of monsters that killed the neighbour. In the group are a ghost, skeleton, bats, Frankenstein, witch... They went to a house to kill an adult and the neighbour complained and they took the mobile and the soldiers went to investigate and they became zombies. When a lot of hours went by the neighbour went to investigate and they saw monsters and they phoned the police, the police had a battle with the monsters and they broke a potion and the monsters disappeared.



HALLOWEEN

Skyline
junior

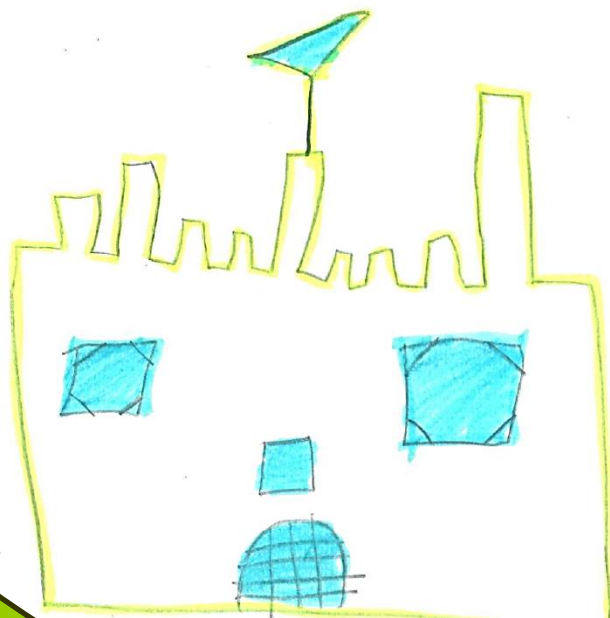
The 30th of October Alexander and his father went from Ireland to UK they bought a house and that day there was a murder. The 31st of October at 3 o'clock the soul of the dead person went out of the grave and they went to the house of Alexander and his father to scare them. At midnight the 3 ghost went out, they scared them. Alexander took the vacuum cleaner to take the ghost but 1 ghost escaped and they looked for them. Alexander's father found the ghost and they vacuumed it. Next day Alexander told the story to his friends.



Halloween



Once upon a time there was scary party in a castle. They heard a noise y stopped the music, climbed, and saw a ghost and everyone gain real. Suddenly there was an open the door they found him one commentary they went over there and the zombies pulled off the bones and they started to bleed, they became friends.





Tweets of the month



Julius Sharpe @juliussharpe · Oct 28

I'm never more nervous than when I tell a doctor what I actually eat.



Brian Scully @BrianRScully · Oct 21

Spider police spokesman at press conference about spider murder: "The suspect was once again a brown shoe... we have a serial killer here."



kash @iamprincekash · Oct 17

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.



bob saget @bobsaget · Oct 16

I think I may have just ordered my next girlfriend on Amazon. She ships in two days.



Seth MacFarlane @SethMacFarlane · Oct 8

It's amazing I made it out of childhood given that I was once afraid to go in the pool because I thought the drain would get me.

Send us your favourite tweets
@skylinecentre

Also on 

Theatre

Don Juan Tenorio

From 6th to 16th November, Teatro Calderón welcomes a classic like Don Juan Tenorio, this time with Blanca Portillo who delves into a different approach to the play. The price of the ticket varies from 10 to Euros.



Jorge Blass: The Art of Magic

An interactive family oriented show for the five sense, A journey to fantasy with a great magician who mixes traditional magic and the latest audiovisual technology. If you like this type of show, don't miss it on 29th November at Teatro Carrión. The ticket varies from 15 to 18 Euros.



Music

Antonio Orozco

Antonio Orozco introduces his last and successful album “Dos Orillas” at Auditorio de Valladolid. The concert will take place on 9th November and the price of the tickets varies from 20 to 50 Euros.

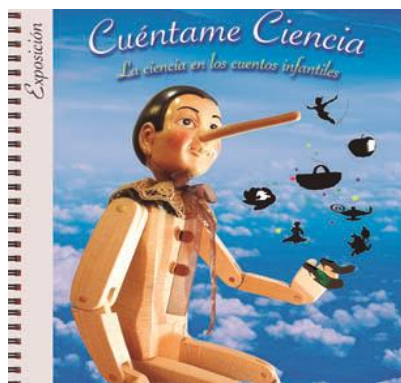


Cuarteto Casals

On 28th November Auditorio de Valladolid welcomes one of the most extraordinary quartet in Europe. They were awarded with the Yehudi Menuhin in London in 2000. They have toured around different countries including The Netherlands, USA, United Kingdom, South America or Italy. The tickets are about 18 Euros.



Exhibitions



Once upon a time... Science

The Science Museum welcomes until 16th November this exhibition about science in fairy tales. Kids can learn with the help of Pinocchio and other tales. The ticket is quite affordable, only 2 Euros.

Vinyl Records Collectors Fair

On the 22nd of November, Feria de Valladolid welcomes the Vinyl Records Collectors Fair. More than 30.000 vinyl records will be on display from 12.00 to 2.00 a.m.



HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PARROT?

Parrots are surprising animals that belong to *psittacidae* family, formed more or less by 340 different species of birds, from the smallest budgie to the largest of the blue macaws.

The entire world, at large, knows how to recognize a parrot. Possibly the quality to talk and imitate a variety of sounds is the reason why they are differentiated of the others birds. However, these endearing birds have many more special characteristics that make them different from the rest. So, how can we identify one?



Joint cranium-face

Parrots or psittacidae have the nasal bone (upper beak) and the frontal bone (where the eyes are), connected by a joint like our knee or shoulder. This joint allows maximum and superior mobility to other birds.

Thick prehensile tongue

The tongue's other special characteristic that endows parrots of many skills. The tip is rounded and has a great sensitivity. This is also used as a hand to pick up: small objects, food like seeds or fruits, or even small toys to play and to spend time. The tongue also gives them security to grab branches before settling on them.



Zygodactylous feet

The word zygodactylous indicates that two fingers are positioned forward and two backward. This attribute allows to take very well many things as well as to be upside down in some branch.



Big and broad head. Short neck. Robust and curved beak

Beware of doors and wooden tables! Apart from its big and powerful beak, thanks to this trait, parrots are much stronger and can easily break things.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PARROT?

Dusty feathers

Parrot feathers give off a fine powder for sun protection and moisture from the environment in which they live. For this reason, small showers of water using a spray are important. So, the plumage will be healthy, shiny and clean. Apart from this, they look after a varied and fresh feeding based on small fruit and seeds.



Capacity for imitation and learning

Parrots are very fun with their pirouettes, tricks and dancing (yes, they also dance and imitate us!). With time, they can also learn to imitate sounds or to talk, ring a bell, uncover simple objects, up and down stairs, lie down, et cetera.

Intelligence

Their great intelligence combined with a great beauty is why they are a much sought-after pets. Furthermore, they are also very active, and with a need for connection with their family or group, which makes them compete with the most loving pets.

For this reason, parrots are very united to their caregivers.

They are very emotional animals and many of them, if they are not with others parrots, will need somebody to relate with emotionally: their carers. They need to play with us because they feel one of the family, otherwise they may get sick.



Therefore, the most important thing is not to take a parrot only for their skills to imitate sounds.

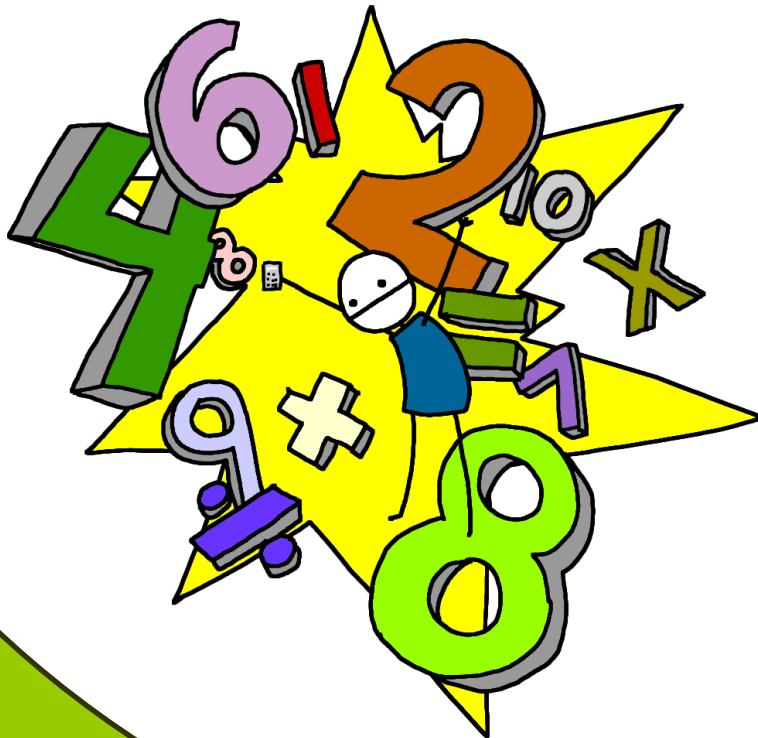
WHY IS MATHS SO IMPORTANT?

Everyone, in their student life, sometimes asks: which is the purpose? What's the use of mathematics?

It's obvious that you are always going to need to calculate a percentage correctly or a simple rule of three in any moment of your life. But maths is much more than this.

Maths is important because it is the main tool for any science. When maths advances, science and technology progress, and due to this our comfort advances. If maths hadn't existed, then neither many other very important things would have existed like cars, televisions or internet.

Ok, but what a student thinks is that maths isn't important for them. I know, all the people won't become an engineer or an architect, but maths is important for all the people because maths teaches someone to think, to be able to understand the information. It opens your mind and unrolls your intelligence and this is important for all the people.





Movie of the month

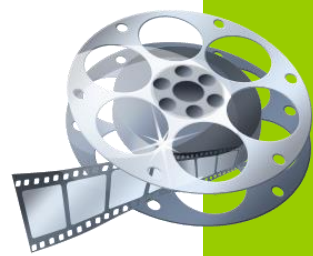


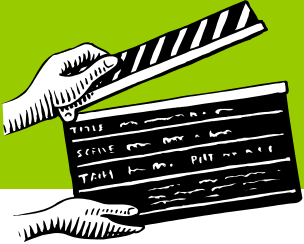
Who hasn't heard stories about Dracula? I certainly have. Loads of them, different versions, same background. Well, here comes the most recent one: Dracula Untold. The film was written by Matt Sazama and Burk Sharpless and starred by Luke Evans. It's more of a war movie than a horror movie. It tells the tale of how Vlad became the infamous Dracula with, let's say, quite a lot of freedom. The movie is set in 15th century Transylvania, according to this version, Vlad the Impaler has decided to abandon the impaling in favour of a happy domestic life with his wife and son. However, due to some events Vlad is made to come back to the battlefield (there are a couple of frenetic, large-scale battle scenes worth watching). To save his family he has to accept a high-risk deal that will drive him to become the monster we all know for eternity.

The story itself is mythology-free and lacks originality. However, there are some impressive visual effects, specially with bats. I would remark Evans' performance as Dracula, it is outstanding as he gives some psychological insight to a character that has frightened generations.

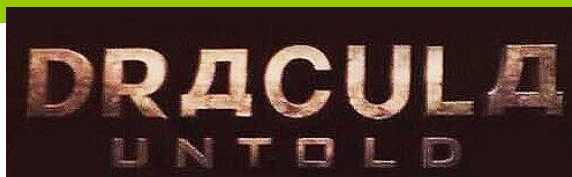


Vlad Tepes was a prince belonging to the House of Draculesci who ruled mainly from 1456 to 1462. He was considered a popular hero in Romania because of his protection of the population. At the same time, his cruelty to his enemies was widely known in all Europe as he was said to impale whoever was against him, hence, his nickname, Vlad the Impaler. It is believed that the number of his victims range from 40,000 to 100,000.





Movie of the month



The descendents of Vlad Tepes' sons, Vlad Tepelus and Mihnea I "the Bad", are ancestors of Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain. Mary of Teck, descendant of Vlad the Impaler, joined the British Royal Family in 1893 upon her marriage to HRH Prince George, Duke of York, who became King George V in 1910. In October 2011, Prince Charles publicly claimed that genealogy proves that he is a distant relative of Vlad the Impaler.

There are several variants of Vlad's death. The exact date of Vlad's death is unknown, presumably the end of December 1476, but it is known that he was dead by 10 January 1477. The exact location of his death is also unknown.

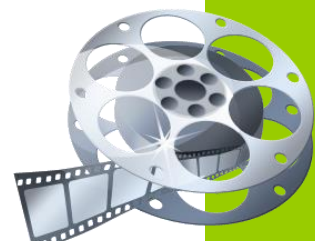
Vlad was buried at the isolated Snagov Monastery near Bucharest, which was also likely used as a prison and torture chamber. When prisoners prayed before an icon of the Blessed Virgin, a trap door opened dropping them onto sharp stakes below.



In 1931 archaeologists searching Snagov found a casket partially covered in a purple shroud embroidered with gold. The skeleton inside was covered with pieces of faded silk brocade, similar to a shirt depicted in an old painting of Dracula.

The casket also contained a cloisonné crown, with turquoise stones. A ring, similar to those worn by the Order of the Dragon, was sewn into a shirtsleeve.

The contents were taken to the History Museum in Bucharest but have since disappeared without a trace, leaving the mysteries of the real Prince Dracula unanswered.



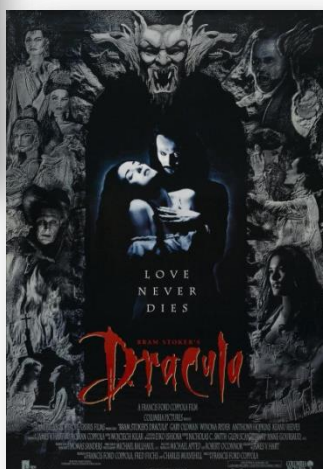


Movie of the month

DRACULA UNTOLD

There is no doubt for me that the best version about this character is 1992 Coppola's *Dracula*, based on Bram Stoker's book of the same name. The script, the characters, the story and the setting makes it a master piece. But there are other movies and TV shows that have portrayed Count Dracula with more or less accuracy and success.

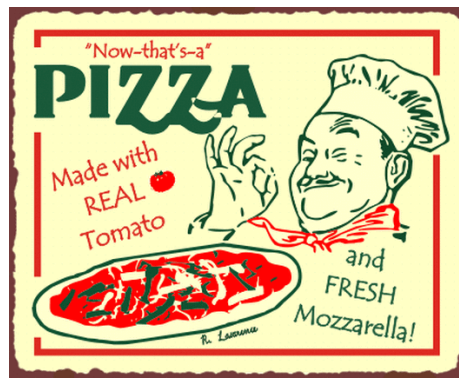
The importance of the creation of this character back in 1887 is basically the origin of a whole subgenre in horror movies, TV shows and books. Without *Dracula*, you don't have vampires. Vampires have been present in pop culture for a big number of years, although there is some research about burial rituals that would coincide with certain superstitions before we knew anything about *Dracula*. We don't really know what was first. Did Bram Stoker base his novel on Vlad the Impaler? Were there already some legends about the undead that helped Stoker with the creation of this mythology? I guess we will never know. What we do know is that the genre of vampires is not over, and every once in a while to get to see a new movie with a different approach to these creatures, *Dracula* or any of his "descendants".



National Pizza Month

Everybody loves pizza, but do we know its origins or why is it so popular in USA and, of course, the rest of the world?

Well, for starters, October is the National Pizza Month in the United States. First observed in the United States during 1984 (although many people incorrectly claim it was 1987), October was designated as National Pizza Month by Gerry Durnell, the founder of Pizza Today magazine, who chose that month because the first issue of his magazine debuted in October of that year - Today, National Pizza Month is observed each October across the USA and in much of Canada too.



History

Back in Naples, Italy in the 1700s and 1800s people required inexpensive food that could be consumed quickly. Pizza—flatbreads with various toppings, eaten for any meal and sold by street vendors or informal restaurants—met this need. These early pizzas consumed by Naples' poor featured the tasty garnishes beloved today, such as tomatoes, cheese, oil, anchovies and garlic.



National Pizza Month

Italy unified in 1861, and King Umberto I and Queen Margherita visited Naples in 1889. Legend has it that the travelling pair became bored with their steady diet of French haute cuisine and asked for an assortment of pizzas from the city's Pizzeria Brandi, the successor to Da Pietro pizzeria, founded in 1760. The variety the queen enjoyed most was called pizza mozzarella, a pie topped with the soft white cheese, red tomatoes and green basil. (Perhaps it was no coincidence that her favourite pie featured the colours of the Italian flag.) From then on, the story goes, that particular topping combination was dubbed pizza Margherita.



Later on, in the 19th and 20th centuries, Italian immigrants started to spread this dish in the United States. The first documented United States pizzeria was G. (for Gennaro) Lombardi's on Spring Street in Manhattan, licensed to sell pizza in 1905.

However, the boom of pizza was after World War II, when the dish was seen as a fun fast food. It reflected regional tastes using different toppings.



National Pizza Month

Fun facts

- 🍕 The average pizzeria uses roughly 55 pizza boxes per day. Nothing like getting that warm box in your hands.
- 🍕 It's estimated that around 251,770,000 pounds of pepperoni are consumed every year in the U.S.
- 🍕 Ninety-four percent of Americans eat pizza regularly, while 93 percent said they had eaten it in the last month!
- 🍕 The longest pizza delivery was from Cape Town, South Africa to Sydney, Australia.
- 🍕 The largest pizza ever made was 122 feet and 8 inches in diameter. It called for 9,920 pounds of flour, 3968 pounds of cheese and 1,984 pounds of tomato puree.
- 🍕 The world's fastest pizza maker made 14 pizzas in a record two minutes and 35 seconds.
- 🍕 Scientists report that eating pizza once a week can reduce the risk of oesophageal cancer. It's the tomatoes and olive oil in the pizza.



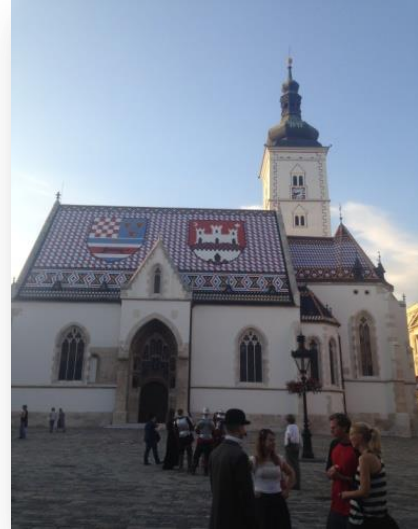


Croatia

Last July, I was on holiday in Croatia, truth is, it is a country that impressed me, remember that Croatia had a Civil War only 19 years ago, but the country is fully recovered.

Croatia is a country where you can enjoy thousands of small beaches, although the beaches have small stones, the beaches are not sandy, the truth for me, they are a little uncomfortable.

You can enjoy their villages, cities, islands and natural parks.



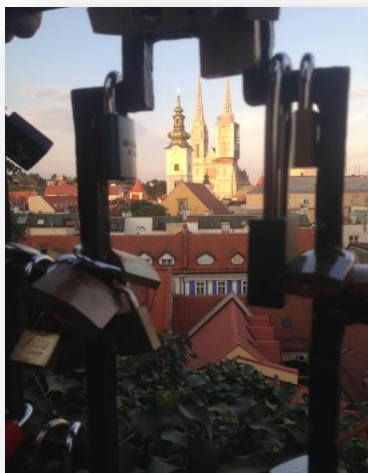


Croatia

I was in Croatia 13 days, I toured the country from north to south.

I started my holidays in Zagreb, capital of Croatia and finished in Dubrovnik : "If you are going to visit Croatia you must visit Dubrovnik".

I recommend you to visit cities like: Zagreb, Rovinj, Pula, Motoum, Zadar, Sibenik, Split... and for Dubrovnik , it is a medieval city where you will feel in a different time. Many of the episodes of television series "Game of Thrones" have been recorded in this city.



You can also visit many fantastic villages on the coast and inside the country.

In all cities and villages that you can visit, you are going to find streets, houses, monuments... everything full of history.

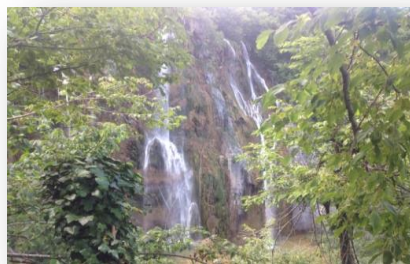




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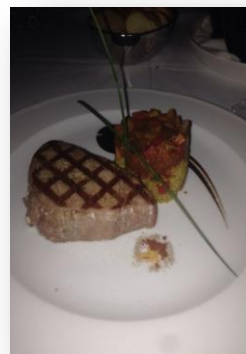
Croatia has many islands that you can visit, I recommend to visit the Havar Island, it is a beautiful island where you can spend two days and enjoy all the island, beaches, restaurants, pubs, villages....

Croatia has many natural parks, I visited two, which are the most important ones to visit, but I recommend to visit only the natural park "Plitvicka Jazera", you need one day to explore the park and enjoy its fantastic passages, lakes and waterfalls that will impress you.



As for Croatia gastronomy, it is very similar than Spain, you can enjoy many fishes, many fruits, meats, good beers and excellent wines, the wines of Croatia are very famous in the world.

Croatia is a destination I recommend for your next holidays 100%.



Pizza Margherita



- Place a pizza stone or an inverted baking sheet on the lowest oven rack and preheat to 500 degrees.
- Stretch 1 pound dough on a floured pizza peel, large wooden cutting board or parchment paper.
- Top as desired, then slide the pizza (with the parchment paper, if using) onto the stone or baking sheet. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes.

Pizza Dough

Whisk 3 3/4 cups flour and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Make a well and add 1 1/3 cups warm water, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 packet yeast. When foamy, mix in 3 tablespoons olive oil; knead until smooth, 5 minutes. Brush with olive oil, cover in a bowl and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour 30 minutes. Divide into two 1-pound balls. Use 1 pound per recipe unless noted.

Margherita

Stretch dough into two thin 9-inch rounds. Top each with 1/2 cup crushed San Marzano tomatoes, dried oregano, salt, pepper and olive oil; bake until golden. Sprinkle with 1/2 pound diced mozzarella, torn basil and salt. Bake until the cheese melts, then drizzle with olive oil.



LEARNING CORNER



IDIOMS

- ✓ **Think on your feet:** to adjust quickly to changes and making fast decisions.

A good sales man must be able to think on his feet to close the deal.

- ✓ **Separate sheep from goats:** to examine a group of people and deciding their suitability.

Audition test was conducted by the director to separate sheep from goats.

PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Be over:** To be finished .

The storm is over; it has stopped raining.

- ✓ **Nod off:** To fall sleep unintentionally

The speech was so boring that several people in the audience nodded off before it was finished.

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