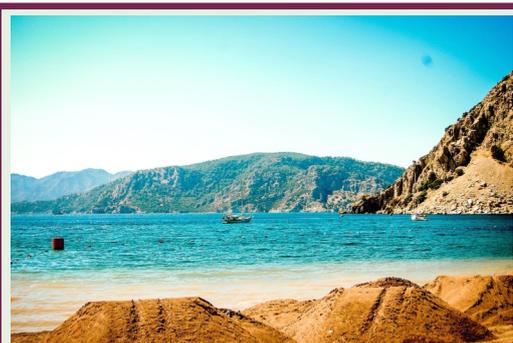


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Our next Meeting

Friday
4th February
at 10.30am
via ZOOM

Visitors welcome



The first speaker will be Keith Erikson on the Otter app for voice-to-text translation and the main speaker will be Graeme Fitzgerald on the Automobile Assembly industry in New Zealand.

I just paid for a 12 month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.

BREAKING NEWS:

In a shock move, English Cricket Board have announced tennis World No.1 Novak Djokovic as temporary batting coach.

"We acknowledge he doesn't have a background in our sport but we couldn't overlook the fact it took Australia two weeks to get him out."

This is why Germans don't play Scrabble.



We begin our SeniorNet year under traffic light expecting the Orange setting but it's just jumped to Red. This corner of Auckland has come through the pandemic so far with remarkably few infections or places of interest but there is every indication that local places of interest will increase rapidly as the Omicron variant makes its presence felt in the community. Our approach is one of caution.

Our meeting scheduled for Friday 4th February as a live Zoom meeting starting at **10.30 am**. The link will be advised shortly.

We have suspended Help and Classes. If you would like remote on-line help or an on-line course Click Here to Get Help <help@senpak.nz> **Subject:** I need Help!

Ramblings

Dawn Howarth

I had written the ramblings for this newsletter (not easy when nothing is happening [thank goodness for jokes]) and it was all ready to send out, when wham, it all changed and we are still Zooming. At least we are able for our meeting and coffee at the same time—and we don't have to wear a mask — that's a big Yippee, plus you can keep your slippers on. Bonuses all round.

We will get used to masks in time, and of course only by going out, joining meetings, shopping, etc will get us used to them. So chin up, shoulders back and smile as you mask up and stride forward. At least you don't have to put lipstick on, and if you are feeling grumpy nobody will know. I keep telling people that I'm smiling at them, and I am also learning to say 'Good morning' or "Hello" when I pass people in the street or shops to make up for not being able to smile and acknowledge them. I think walking past and apparently ignoring someone is cold and unfriendly—not good for me or for community spirit.

Having said that, I'm not sure how much going out I will be doing in the next few weeks. I think I will get the groceries delivered and stay home as much as possible and see what happens in our fair city.

I do hope you had a happy Christmas break and that there was nothing to spoil your festive season. I look forward to seeing you on Zoom on Friday next week—note the 10.30 start.

A lesson in Grammar

Is it "complete", "finished", or "completely finished"
No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words – "Complete" or "Finished".

In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?'
Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.'

Here is his astute answer:

"When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE.

When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch!

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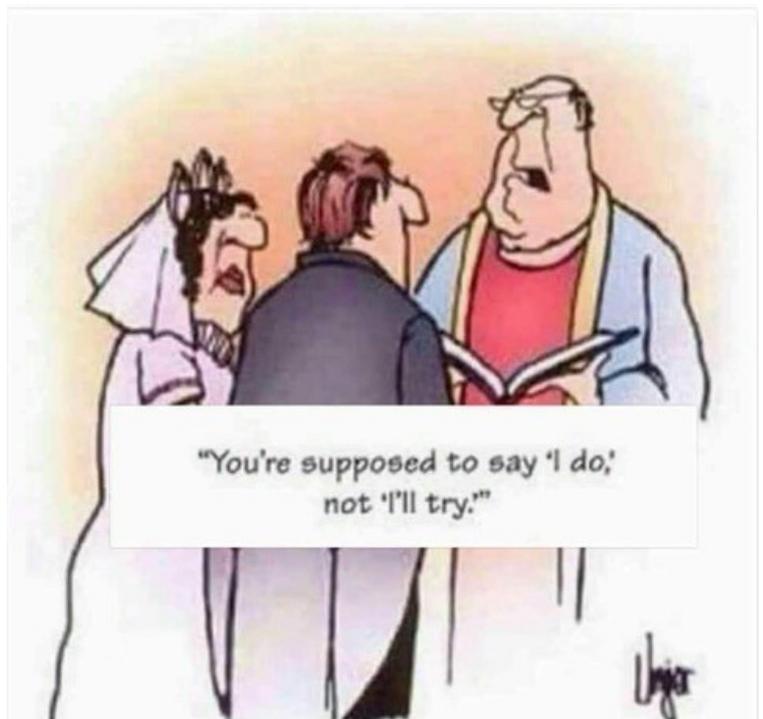
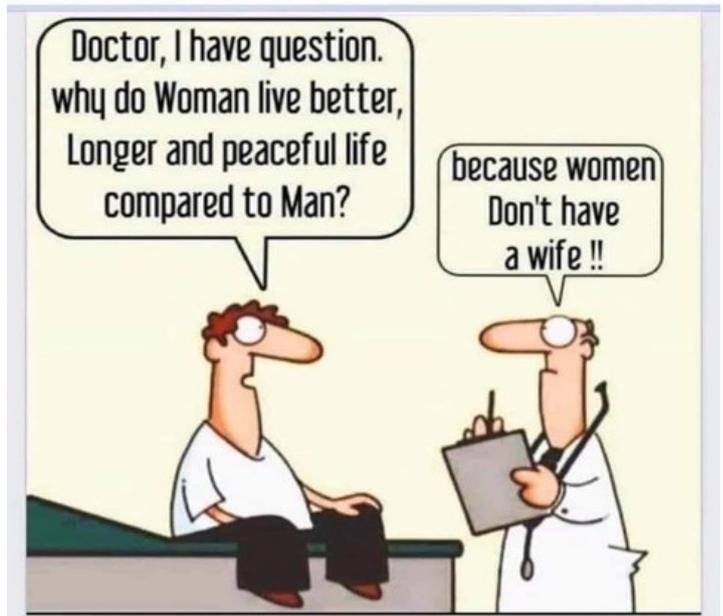
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COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

FEBRUARY HELP DAYS

Until we return to Orange Traffic Light level, we are unable to hold Help Sessions in our Learning Centre.

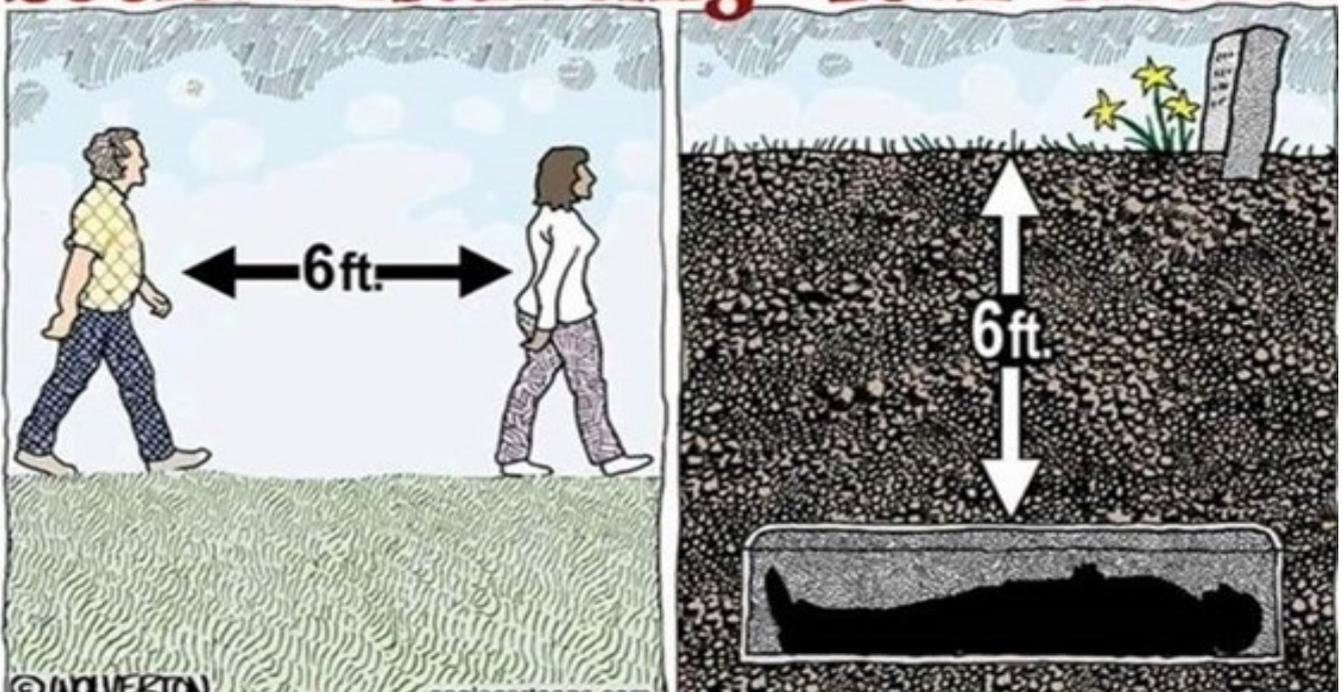
Therefore, if you need HELP now

send a email to help@senpak.nz describing the problem, as best you can. We will then get one of the tutors to contact you to help resolve the problem.

It is recommended that you download AnyDesk to your device so the tutor can look over your shoulder and if necessary make the changes to fix the issue.

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