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# 500 million friends and a few enemies

Like it or not, we must wait one month for the Hungarian premier for David Fincher's Facebook-film, which could be the movie of the year. The Social Network is a very current work, which is better than two hours in the Facebook.

It is a 2010 drama film about founding of the Facebook social networking website. The movie features a very good cast – Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake. No Facebook staff or employees, including founder Mark Zuckerberg, were involved in the project, that's why it is so critical.

The Social Network pass by the stereotyped phrases of Hollywood, like there is a hero, a romantic line, a rising, a failure and an edification. What we got

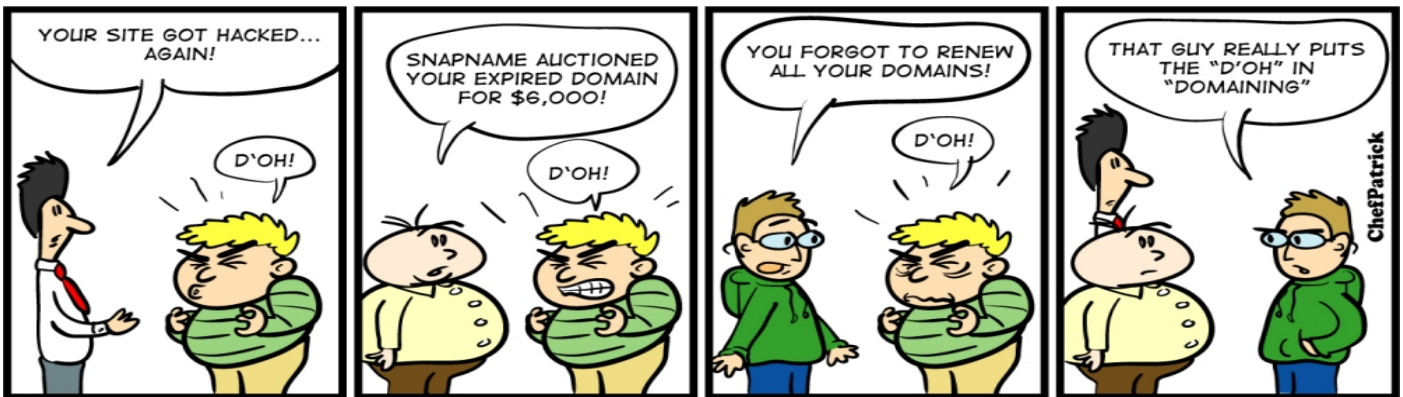
are razor-thin dialogues, exact details and fast pace.

The story begins in 2003 in the Harvard University, where a student, Mark Zuckerberg gets the idea to create a website to rate the attractiveness of girls of the Harvard, after his girlfriend breaks up with him. Mark hacks into the database of the university and downloads pictures and names. With his best friend, Eduardo Saverin, he creates a page called Facemash. This page brings him to the attention of the Winklevoss-twins (two rich students) and gains a job, working as programmer. Mark gets an idea, for what he calls „Thefacebook”, an online social networking tool exclusive to Harvard students, where people can display personal information. Facebook becomes more and

more bigger (it has more than 500 million users now), but Zuckerberg doesn't become cool, just very rich. He is not a hero and not an anti-hero. He just becomes the world's youngest millionaire.

I think this movie will be enjoyable after 5 or 10 years, when the Facebook would possibly not exist, and when - who knows? – the Myvip would be the cool again.

László Varga (12.A)



## Shutter Island

It might be one of the scariest things to feel that you can't trust in your own senses, don't even in your memories – furthermore, when the world in great agreement tries to deny the perceived reality, in order to replace it with another which is much more dreadful... Yes, this feeling must be one of them. Nevertheless, mental-hospitals are filled with those kinds of people, who are squirming in the hand of this fear, where distrust is the power which pulls people together. Not an ideal place for investigation.

The film is an adaptation from the bestseller (*Shutter Island*) written by **Dennis Lehane** and directed by the Oscar winner **Martin Scorsese** (*The Departed*, *Aviator*, *Taxi Driver*), whom I absolutely respect because of his phenomenal works and for now he created one of the darkest, scariest and saddest psycho-thriller of all time.

We are in the 1950's when two detectives from Boston Edward "Teddy" Daniels (**Leonardo DiCaprio**) and Chuck Aule (**Mark Ruffalo**) are sent into a prison, which is settled on an island and where the most dangerous criminally insane people are in captivity. Their duty is to find a lost prisoner, who murdered her three children and still believes that they are alive. The task is simply unsolvable because this woman disappeared from a closed cell. The prison-hospital is

controlled by a psychiatrist, Dr Crawley (**Ben Kingsley**) - who became famous for his freudist methods - is really suspicious to Teddy, who thinks that the professor keeps hindering them and might involved into secret, illegal things. The fact that our protagonist seems to be so paranoid is not surprising: he is in mourning for his wife (**Michelle Williams**) and tries to absorb those horrible memories when he was a soldier of the Dachau Concentration Camp, not to mention the Cold War that describes the atmosphere of the epoch. We get to know about these memories through his nightmares and visions that are not advantageous to have in a mental-hospital.

About at the half of the film, it becomes conscious that something connects Teddy to this institution, but we are still not concerned about the end because the director professionally leaves some door closed waiting to be opened and keeps us in misery until the very end. This uncertain reality drives us into madness, so for 2 hours we can be in the place of an insane.

Of course the brilliancy of the film is assigned to the actors, too. Leonardo acts tremendously that is why we can absolutely identify ourselves with him. This is his fourth film with Scorsese and they make a really good couple, so I can honestly recommend their

films. I can only go into raptures over Leonardo DiCaprio, I love all his films (except Titanic) and I reckon one day his talent will worth the Oscar. The two supporting actors are also great in their roles. I have only seen Mark Ruffalo in romantic comedies (*Just Like Heaven*, *13 Going On 30*), but he was also genuine in this serious role (red point). In Ben Kingsley's (*Schindler's List*, *Gandhi*) case this is out of question - convincingly acts the mysterious psychiatrist as a proper professional Oscar winner.

To sum up, I recommend this film to those who are attracted by dark, psychological thrillers, the professionalism of Martin Scorsese's; who can accept and finally realize that Leonardo DiCaprio is not just the sappy guy from Titanic with cute kiddy face and to those, who after leaving the cinema, ruminate on the film for days or weeks. One thing is certain: *no one can escape from this island!*

*Zsófia Kalina (11H)*

## Lisa Jane Smith: VAMPIRE DIARIES 4.-DARK REUNION

I have just read the first part of the *Vampire Diaries* and I realized that this is a fantastic book, and I like it more than the Twilight-saga. The Vampire Diaries is a romantic-thriller book, about the eternal triangle between two vampirebrothers and a girl: Stefan, Damon and Elena.

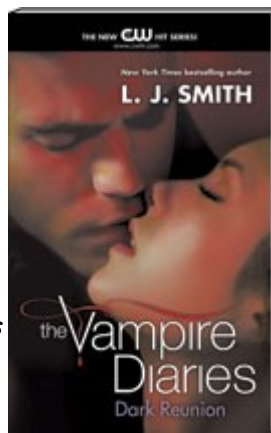
The fourth part of the *Vampire Diaries* is about Elena's friends life after her *death*. But her friends, *Bonnie, Meredith, Matt, Damon and Stefan* can't be sad for a long time, because, there is a big danger which threaten *Fell's Church*, their town.

But this danger can *wake up* the **deads**.....

Will Elena's wish stronger than the death? Will Stefan reconciled with Damon?

Everything comes to light from the Vampire Diaries 4.

Follow the *Vampire Diaries* secret, don't miss the dramatic events!



The death *can't separate them from each other*....

The last **fight**.....

The last *deadly kiss*.....

The fourth volume of the *Vampire Diaries*, don't miss to read it as early as you can!

## How Well Do You Know "The Vampire Diaries?"

### Ok, first, what is Stefan Salvatore?

Werewolf!  Vampire!  Deamon!  How should I know? I haven't even read the books! (Then why are you taking this quiz?) XD

### Who are Elena's best friends?

Shelly and Amber!  Caroline and Matt!  Bonnie and Meredith!  Damon and Tyler!

### Who was Stefan in love with before he met Elena?

Nobody... It was love at first sight!  Uh... Bonnie?  IDK...  Katherine!

### What is the piece of jewelry that helps a vampire not melt in the sunlight?

Necklace!  Bracelet!  Ring!  Earring!

### Is Damon evil?

No!  Yes!  How should I know?! I told you I've never read the book!!!

### What does Katherine do to Damon and Stefan that makes them mad at her?

She turns them both into vampires!  She betrays one of them, then runs off with the other.  She takes off both their rings!  She does nothing!

### Ok, last question... What's Damon's favorite color?

Orange!  Blue!  Black!  All The Colors of the Rainbow!!

<http://quizilla.teennick.com/tests/13858719/how-well-do-you-know-the-vampire-diaries>



# J.D. Salinger: The Catcher in the Rye

Jerome David Salinger was born in Manhattan on New Year's Day, 1919, the second of two children. Like the Glasses, his fictional family, the Salinger children were the product of a mixed marriage. Their father, Sol, was a Jew, the son of a rabbi, but he made his living importing both cheese and ham. Their mother, Marie Jillisch, was of Irish descent, but changed her name later to Miriam, to appease her in-laws. His family was living in Harlem, but later moved to West 82nd Street and then to Park Avenue. He attended the McBurney School, but he got the ax, later he graduated in the Valley Forge Military Academy, where he began to write stories under the covers, with the aid of a flashlight at nights. Salinger maintained average grades and contributed work to the school's literary magazine, served as literary editor of the yearbook during his senior year. After his graduation he went to Poland, and after returning to the USA he drifted through a term or so at Ursinus College at Collegetown. He was telling everyone that he was going to write the Great American Novel. There, he participated in a class on short story writing taught by Whit Burnett. He served in World War II, but continued writing. In 1951 Salinger's masterpiece landed in the bookstores.

The Catcher in the Rye became a huge success. The

book is about Holden Caulfield, an adolescent who is trying to grow up in a world full of phonies. Holden smokes, drinks, swears, but why would someone with a good family background do that? His brother is a successful writer in Hollywood, his sister loves him more than anyone. But his little brother, Allie, died of leukemia. Holden loved him very much, and his anger may come from the loss of him. He still has his mitten with him most of the time.

Holden Caulfield is a student at Pencey. This is not his first school, he attended to different schools too. After a talk with his roommate he decided that he wanted to live, so instead of going straight home after he got the ax, he roamed the streets of New York, spending all his spared money on drinks, cigarettes, and whores. Although he is still an adolescent, he demonstrates himself as a grown-up. After a shocking experience of finding out that maybe his former English teacher Mr. Antolini may be a pedophile, he meets with her beloved sister, Phoebe—who he states, is the only one that he can communicate with—and after talking, and going with her to the park, where the three siblings (Holden, Phoebe, Allie) used to walk together, he promises that he will attend to school again, and finish his school years.

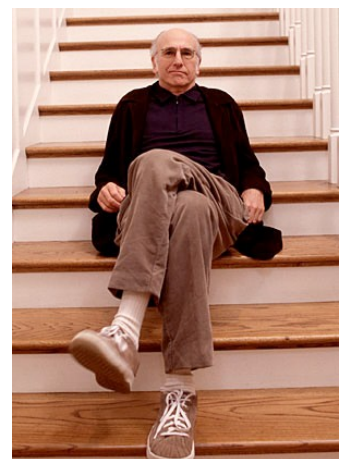
The best thing in Catcher in the Rye is the

author's style. If you think about it, no one before Salinger wrote a book in a style like this. The phrases he uses, the style he is writing in, caught everyone who read the book.

I really like this book, my English teacher suggested that I should read it, and I reckon this is one of the best books I ever read. The style, the language, the story all chained me to this book.

I recommend this book to everyone, especially the adolescent population, because I absolutely loved it, and I reckon others should read it too.

Mérész Máté



# One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Ken Kesey is an American writer, who gained world fame with his novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. It was published in 1962. Ken Kesey was born in La Junta, Colorado, and brought up in Eugene, Oregon. His father worked in the creamery business, in which he was eventually successful after founding the Eugene Farmers Cooperative. He studied at the University of Oregon, where he acted in plays. When he graduated he won a scholarship to Stanford University. However Kesey has been dropped out, then he joined the counterculture movement - he changed the beat generation into hippie movement- and began experimenting with drugs. In 1956 he married his schoolmate, Faye Haxby. Kesey and his friends, called the Merry Pranksters travelled through the country and used all kinds of hallucinogens. At a hospital in Menlo Park, California, Kesey was paid as a volunteer experimental subject, taking mind-altering drugs and reporting their effects. These experiences formed the background for *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*, set in a mental hospital. The story is narrated by Chief Bromden, a paranoid schizophrenic, who is a 2 metres heigh, half-

*“he changed the beat generation into hippie movement”*

American Indian. He lets people think he is deaf and dumb. Into his world enters the petty criminal and prankster Randall Patrick McMurphy with his efforts to change the bureaucratic system of the institution, ruled by Big Nurse Ratched. McMurphy is an involuntary and anarchic patient. The conflict between the Big Nurse and McMurphy becomes a battle of totalitarianism and anarchistic freedom. McMurphy plans to escape but after a wild party he got a frontal lobotomy. Bromden smothers his zombie-like friend with a pillow and escapes towards Canada. As for me it is a great novel. There couldn't be found any unfamiliar thing by me. Maybe just one thing, that McMurphy has died. He was my favourite character. However he was killed for his own sake, because that zombie-like life or as it was mentioned in the book „vegetable” would be a cruel life . So I can just recommend this book. In my opinion the book suggests that the really dangerous mental cases are those in positions of authority. The book has a film adaptation that gained a huge succes. In 1965 Kesey was arrested for possession of marijuana. He fled to Mexico,

where he faked an unconvincing suicide and then returned to the United States, serving a five-month prison sentence at the San Mateo County Jail. After this tumultuous period he bought farm in Pleasant Hill, Oregon, settled down with his wife to raise their four children. In the early 1970s Kesey returned to writing. His other novels: *Demon Box*, *Caverns*, *The Sea Lion*, *Sailor Sing*. He died in 2001 in cancer. Rest in peace!

Peter Valler



# Guns

Nowadays, guns and gun laws are controversial themes. Some people say/ think that carrying a gun should be legal all over the world. Other people say/ think the opposite. Is gun equal to freedom?

'Man without weapon is slave', sounds the proverb. And indeed, a few hundred years ago, only bondservants and slaves were prohibited of carrying any type of weapons. In our present, the 'forbidden' group is getting broader and broader. Not in every country, of course, but in more and more.

Let me take the most obvious example, Hungary. A lot of people recall communism or think about communism as a bad and terrible thing. No wonder, because I am among these people, too. But, if we examine the gun law of the socialist regime, it is clear that gun politics was far mo-

re liberal than these days. For example, if somebody was a member of a shooting club or the Workers' Militia, s/he was allowed to keep firearm at home, with gun and ammunition separated. Therefore, there were far less burglaries and armed assaults than today. So, this thing is among the very few which should be brought back (not Workers' Militia, but more liberal gun law).

In the home of 'free gun wielding', namely the United States of America, it is a constitutional right to carry weapons. I know, a lot of people think that the most gun-related accidents occur in the USA. Like the husband who slaughtered the whole family and then committed suicide. This is true. But, the husband could have done this act without firearm, too. With the help of a meat cleaver or a chainsaw or anything else. He would have

found the perfect method, because he had wanted to get rid of his family.

Finally, surveys show that committed crimes in countries where there are liberal gun laws are far less, compared to countries (like Hungary) where the ordinary taxpayer does not have the right to protect him or herself by any means necessary. Not to mention that the criminal has connections to get an illegal gun and s/he will go and do felonies without scruple. Hungarian politicians always say that European Union does not allow liberal gun laws. Is it true? No (see the Czech Republic, Austria, France etc.)

All in all, I disagree with those who are against guns. Weapons will be present in the history of humanity.

Bence Urbán



# The history of Krav –Maga

The Krav-Maga is a self-defense and tactical system with Hungarian roots, because the founder Imi Lichtenfeld was born in Budapest and grew up in Bratislava. Krav-Maga means close-combat, full contact. Initially, it was a military fighting system, as most of the traditional styles began its career as a military fighting system. Later there was a need to develop a way which civilians can learn and use. The Krav-Maga not only part of the training in Israel, it is included into the close-combat education in Poland, Sweden, Finland, France, Denmark, Norway, India the USA and Hungary.



Imi Lichtenfeld was born in 1910. He was a child when he moved to Bratislava with his family. His father was a detective and a close-combat instructor at the Police, and organized the first athletics club of the city. He introduced his son in his early ages into the world of sports, who soon became a successful gymnast, wrestler, boxer and swimmer. From the year 1936, Imi and his friends were increasingly forced to defend the Jewish quarter in Bratislava against hooligans and anti-Semitic gangs. He became the leader of this company, and until 1940 they took part in uncountable street fights, in which they fought almost alone against crowds. This

time Imi started to learn the characteristics of street fighting which gave him the basis of creating the Krav-Maga. In 1940 Imi left his family and traveled to Palestine. When he arrived he joined the Hagana (as they called the military that time). He was a close-combat instructor for the special service groups, commandos. After the formation of Israel he became the chief of physical training and Krav-Maga education. Imi's aim was to create a universal system, which can be learned by anyone as soon as possible, regardless of age, gender, physical strength, and reaching the highest efficiency. After retirement Imi started the education into the civil sector. Imi and his friend and student, Eyal Yanilov, founded the International Krav-Maga Federation. Imi died in 1998. Eyal founded the Krav Maga Global in 2010.

The divisions of Krav-Maga: Civilian, Law Enforcement, Military.

Generally, there are no rules in Krav-Maga, as it is a defense fighting technique which is not regulated, but utilized to keep the user safe and incapacitate the opponent by any means necessary. It has no sporting federation, and there are no official uniforms or attire, although some organizations do recognize progress through training with

rank badges, different levels and belts. General principles include:

- Counter attacking as soon as possible.
- Targeting attacks to the body's most vulnerable points such as the eyes, jaw, throat, groin, knee etc.
- Neutralizing the opponent as quickly as possible by responding with an unbroken stream of counter attacks and if necessary a take down/joint break.
- Maintaining awareness of surroundings while dealing with threats in order to look for escape routes, further attackers, objects that could be used to defend or help attack and so on.

Basic training is a mixed aerobic and anaerobic workout.

The list of techniques practiced in Krav-Maga:

- stances
- punches
- kicks
- head strikes
- blocking techniques
- throws and takedowns
- groundfighting
- gun, knife and stick defense

Péter Török

## Tips to improve your writing :)

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| 1. Avoid alliteration. Always.                               | 4. Comparisons are as bad as clichés  | 7. Don't overuse exclamation marks!!  |
| 2. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary. | 5. One-word sentences? Eliminate.     | 8. Proofread carefully to see if you words out.   |
| 3. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.                | 6. Don't never use a double negation. | <a href="http://www.ahajokes.com/grammar.html">http://www.ahajokes.com/grammar.html</a> |



# Be healty in a new way

Nowadays, healthy lifestyle is one of the most important part of our life. Go running, ride a bicycle, go swimming. No doubt, it is boring. But believe me, it doesn't have to be dull. You can choose from several facilities, such as yoga, pilates and salsa aerobik.

Yoga is getting more and more popular in the whole world. If you are interested in, you should know, that is not a sport. Yoga refers to a traditional physical and mental disciplines. It originated in India and conquered sporty people. Yoga has different kinds, for instance: Raja Yoga, Jnana Yoga,



Bhakti Yoga and Karma Yoga. According to an Indian master, you need to be lithe and strong. And never forget, that yoga is a philosophy. Furthermore, it helps you to be energetic, enthusiastic, calm and to find yourself.

Pilates is a physical fitness too. It was designed by Joseph Pilates, in the 20th century. He believed that mental and physical health are inter-related. Trust me, if you try it, you wouldn't stop. It is a great fun, because you can do it with your friends. A further positive aspect of this, that it

makes you strong, flexible and teaches you how to control your body.

If you ask me. Salsa aerobik is the best exercise. It is a combination of a latin dance and aerobic. It makes you happy, feminine and muscular. In addition to this, you can hear very great songs and get to know new people.

So, don't hesitate! These kinds of exercises are not luxury anymore. It is accessible in Szerencs and Mezőzombor. Health is so important and these are the easy, funny and exciting ways to keep fit and know your body.

Kinga Tóth

## Bloody dance

Who is standing on the dancefloor? A dancing partner or an enemy? If you dance capoeira you can't decide it.

Man and woman with white clothes are dancing in a big circle: they are the capoeirists. It's not clear they are dancing or fighting because while they are dancing, they often fall to the ground, sometimes keep kicking. Capoeira is a unisex sport in which you can camouflage your aggression.

History of capoeira started in the 17. century, when African slaves arrived at South-America working in plantations. The slaves were dealt cruelly, many people tried to escape from among them because of this. But

the escaped slaves paid a big price for their freedom. The only chance of the deserters living in the wilderness was left over the bloody variant of the Capoeira.



Brist, tricky moves characterize it, often close to the land, or standing on your hand it is done, all of them into music. In some versions many acrobatic elements can be found. The word of capoeira has a lot of meaning, one of this indicate

the forest lands which can be found in the inside of Brazil, where the escaped slaves tried to hide away. Several of the moves of the break dance are very similar, so from the capoeira according to many people it originates.

There are two trends of style inside the capoeira: one having respect for slower, the traditions and rites are held in reverence, this is Angola. The other style is Regional, which is continuous, acrobatic motion combination. Here the emphasis is on the technique and the strategy. The tricks, pretended attacks, dynamic kick are typical of both style.

Lajcsák Edina (12A)

## Be succesful in love!

Do you feel that nothing goes well in your emotional life? Do you need a cute boyfriend? Here is some advice to set up a successful, serious relationship!

### How to seduce a boy?

- Be yourself! You have to be artless, because dandified girls with artificial finger nail and false eyelashes, who are always cackling, are often repulsive.
- Be elfish and alluring! You should gain that he runs after you.
- You mustn't be as easy prey! If he has to fight for you, he will esteem you more.

Boys really like when they are in the centre, so if he requires, give him more attention!



### Keep your boyfriend – be interesting and mysterious!

- Be honest, never lie to him! You shouldn't lose his confidence.
- Don't be his fan! You can reach only two things: he will be an egoist or he will escape from you.
- Don't speak too much about the future! He shouldn't be sure that you imagine your future with him.
- Be mysterious! Boys like if you can often show them your different

sides and if you can give them a surprise.

He should feel that he has chosen well!

### Find the golden mean between your lover and your friends!

- Love is not the same as possession, so don't expropriate him! If you spend all your time with him, his friends will be against you, and if you neglect your friends, in case of a break up, you will be lonely.

You should get to know each other's fellowship! Let him have fun with his friends, and during this time you can organise programmes with the girls.

I hope I have given you useful advice.

Please write me your own experience!

Volcz Anna (12A)



## Fashion at school

Dear Students!

Do you also spend long minutes standing in front of your wardrobe and thinking about what to wear on that day?

It always happens to me and I often wish we had to wear uniforms. Ok, it makes you identical, it's a fact, but if we wore uniforms, there wouldn't be as much difference between the poor and the rich students. You could make it unique with accessories. In movies we often see students who have to wear uniforms and I like it, because it's so elegant. When you start to go to this school your parents must invest money in your clothes, because there would be clothes for winter and clothes for spring and autumn, but later they mustn't buy as many clothes as in



normal case. I show you some plans about our uniform, but it's just the autumn-spring uniform. In winter girls should wear trousers, too. At the top left of the shirts

– there is our school's blazon. If we had to wear uniforms, the power of the togetherness would be stronger (or I just hope it). And a big advantage of wearing uniforms is connected to the next topic: there wouldn't be so many glaring students.

Skirts that are as long as wider belts, extremely high-heeled shoes, too much make up, extreme hair colours: these are the biggest glaring mistakes in



our school. When I see a girl who is so conspicuous I always say to my friends: „Hey! When I was dressed I thought that I was going to school and not a disco!” Teachers might be down on conspicuous students. So in school try to be unique, but not glaring.

Winter is approaching, so we have to start wearing warmer clothes. You can start to wear ankle boots in autumn and later warm, padded boots. You should always wear a scarf and when the weather is freezing, you should also wear a hat or a cap and gloves. Be careful with hip trousers! Now it might be cool when you wear hip trousers and tops, but later when you would like to have own children, but you can't have, it won't be cool. Ok, I understand if you hold on to wearing hip trousers, but in winter you should wear longer pullovers and longer coats so as to protect your sensitive organs.

I hope that you like my idea about wearing uniform and you got some good and useful pieces of advice.

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**Search-Word - 01**

This puzzle is a combination wordsearch and crossword. There are no clues or two-letter words. Just reveal the hidden words by blocking out the incorrect letters. The completed pattern will be symmetrical. Use this fact to help you decide which letters to leave in which ones to leave out.

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**British Holidays****American Holidays****January**1st [New Year's Day](#)5th [Twelfth Night](#)**February**1st [Candlemas Day](#)14th [Valentine's Day](#)**March**1st [St David's Day](#) (Wales National Day)17th [St. Patrick's Day](#) (Ireland's Special Day)**March/April**[Shrove Tuesday](#)[Lent](#)[Mothering Sunday](#)[Maundy Thursday](#)[Easter](#)**April**1st [April Fool's Day](#)23rd [St George's Day](#) (England's National Day)**May**1st [May Day](#)**June**[Trooping the Colours](#)

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Earth Day -- April 22
Cinco de Mayo -- May 5
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<b>Good Friday</b> -- 2 days before Easter
<b>Easter Sunday</b> -- March or April
*Presidents' Day is also known as Washington's Birthday.