

 **HERE IS WHAT IS NEW…**

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Hello students! Welcome back to another week of work and learning. A lot of people have been lucky enough to take a mid-winter holiday recently. Travel is the perfect opportunity to practice your English – it’s spoken by more than 840 million people around the world, including you, so give it a go whenever you can. Have a blockbuster week!

 **VERB OF THE WEEK**

**To Hide, Hid**

[hahyd]

verb (used with object), **hid** or **hidden, hiding**.

1. to conceal from sight; prevent from being seen or discovered: *Where did she hide her jewels?*

2. to obstruct the view of; cover up: *The sun was hidden by the clouds.*

3. to conceal from knowledge or exposure; keep secret: *to hide one's feelings.*

verb (used without object), **hidden** or **hid, hiding**.

4. to conceal oneself; lie concealed: *He hid under the bed.*

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**Hide:**

[hahyd]

noun

1. the pelt or skin of one of the larger animals (cow, horse, buffalo, etc.), raw or dressed.

2. Informal: the skin of a human being: *Get out of here or I'll tan your hide!*

3. Informal: safety or welfare: *He's only worried about saving his own hide.*

 **PHRASAL VERB OF THE WEEK**

**Find out…**

To discover or learn more about something.

Travis finally found out what was causing the strange noise in his car. A stray cat had been hiding in a space near the engine!

Angelina Jolie is waiting to find out what time the awards ceremony will start, before she books her hair appointment.

After a decade-long wait, NASA’s $700 million space probe has finally reached Pluto. The mission, dubbed New Horizon, is aimed at finding out more about the dwarf planet.

**EXPRESSION OF THE WEEK**

**To bury one’s head in the sand:** to be ignorant of or to avoid acknowledging something, usually unpleasant. The expression comes from the common (but false) legend that ostriches bury their heads in sand to avoid danger.

The truth may be difficult to stomach, but we have to face the facts - you can't just bury your head in the sand.

The family business has been losing money for years, but Esther has buried her head in the sand. She refused to acknowledge she has been running the company into the ground with her bad financial management.

The American government has frequently been criticized for having its head in the sand when it comes to the issue of climate change.

 **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

 “It is never too late to be what you might have been.” – George Eliot

 **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Hollywood director Peter Jackson has turned the basement of his mansion into an exact replica of a fictional location from his blockbuster films, the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit? The hidden space features underground tunnels and castle ruins, and is only accessable via a secret passageway.