

HERE IS WHAT IS NEW...

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Hello students. It's beginning to feel a lot more like winter now, isn't it? Although the temperature in Rio de Janeiro reached 32°C last week, the mercury has been dropping over the past few days. Let's just count ourselves lucky we're not in Curitiba, where it's been a frosty 8°C! Stay warm, and have a blockbuster week!

VERB OF THE WEEK

To Notice, Noticed [noh-tis]

verb (used with object), noticed, noticing.

1. to pay attention to or take notice of: *Did you notice her hat?*

2. to perceive; become aware of: Did you notice the anger in his voice?

3. to acknowledge acquaintance with: She noticed him merely with a nod.

4. to mention or refer to; point out: a circumstance that was noticed in an earlier chapter.

5. to give notice to; serve with a notice: *He gave his landlord notice of his intention to move out of the apartment*.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Notice [noh-tis]

noun

1. an announcement or intimation of something impending; warning: a day's notice.

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2. a note, placard, or the like conveying information or a warning: *There is a notice on the wall of the elevator*

3. information or warning of something, especially for wide attention: *to give notice of one's departure* 4. a notification of the termination, at a specified time, of an agreement, as for renting or employment, given by one of the parties to theagreement: *The sales manager suddenly gave notice and headed for Curitiba*.

5. observation, perception, attention, or heed: a book worthy of notice.

6. critical attention, appraisal, or evaluation: only a few of the entries were singled out for notice.

PHRASAL VERB OF THE WEEK

Take notice...

Observe with care or pay close attention to. This phrasal verb can be used interchangeably with "take note".

Bruna didn't take any notice of the cashier's bad maths when she paid for her groceries. It was only after she got home that she realised she'd been shortchanged by \$20.

As a child, Peter took no notice of schoolyard bullies. That attitude has helped him attain the cool, calm demeanour that makes him a successful businessman today.

Bosses tend to take note of which employees are trying their hardest, and who is slacking off.

EXPRESSION OF THE WEEK

Until further notice: used to indicate that a situation will not change until another announcement is made.

The museum will remain closed until further notice, after an engineer's assessment found it needs critical earthquake-strengthening work.

Sam should have known better than to throw a huge house party while his parents were out of town! As soon as they got home, they realized what he'd been up to, and grounded him until further notice – whenever that might be!

Until further notice, there will be no more staff hired at Acme Manufacturing. The company's been a victim of the recent economic downturn.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all others" - Winston Churchill

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Britain's Oxford University is older than the Aztecs? Teaching started at Oxford as early as 1096, and by 1249, the university was officially founded. The Aztec civilization as we know it began with the founding of Tenochtitlán in 1325.

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