

#### HERE IS WHAT IS NEW...

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Hello students. We hope you all had a fantastic weekend. We're now on the home stretch towards the end of the year, and before you know it, stores will have their Christmas trees up! Prepare your gift wishlist, and have a blockbuster week!

### VERB OF THE WEEK

**To Check, Checked** [chek]

verb (used with object) checked, checking

1. to stop or arrest the motion of suddenly or forcibly: He checked the horse at the edge of the cliff.

2. to leave in temporary custody: You can check your coat at the door.

3. to investigate or verify as to correctness: She checked the copy against the original.

4. to make an inquiry into, search through, etc.: We checked the files, but the letter was missing.

5. to inspect or test the performance, condition, safety, etc., of (something): *Check a used car thoroughly before buying it.* 

6. to mark (something) so as to indicate examination, correctness, preference, etc. (often followed by off): *Please check the correct answer. They checked off the names of people they wanted to invite.*7. to send (baggage) on a passenger's ticket, usually on the same carrier used by the passenger, for

pickup at the destination: We checked two suitcases through to Portland.

8. to mark with or in a pattern of squares: to check fabric.

9. Chess. to place (an opponent's king) under direct attack.

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#### WORD OF THE WEEK

# Check

#### [chek]

noun

1. Banking. a written order, usually on a standard printed form, directing a bank to pay money (British: cheque).

2. a slip or ticket showing the amount owed, especially a bill for food or beverages consumed.

3. a ticket or token that when matched with a counterpart identifies an article left in the temporary custody of another, the purchaser of a ticket, a person who is to be served next, etc.

4. a criterion, standard, or means to insure against error, fraud, etc.: *This handmade sample is a check that the machine-made samples have to match*.

5. an inquiry, search, or examination: We made a quick check but found nothing missing.

6. Also called check mark or tick: a mark, often indicated by  $(\checkmark)$ , as on a list, to indicate that something has been considered, acted upon, or approved.

7. a person or thing that stops, limits, slows, or restrains: *The increase of duty was an effective check on imports. He was a check on her enthusiasm.* 

### PHRASAL VERB OF THE WEEK

#### Check out...

- to vacate and pay for one's quarters at a hotel:

Check out time is 11am, but we can pay an extra \$50 to for a late checkout.

- to verify or become verified; examine or investigate:

Linda's story about being mugged seemed far-fetched to the police, but it checked out.

A great new café has just opened by Posto 5, shall we check it out this weekend?

- to look at or notice:

When you're at Copacabana Beach, you can't help checking out the beautiful people! Check out my new bag – my husband bought it for me for my birthday.

- to itemize, total the cost of, and collect payment for (a purchase):

The supermarket cashier was exhausted from checking out groceries all day long.

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### **EXPRESSION OF THE WEEK**

#### To take a rain check...

To postpone or put off (something). Literally, a ticket given for later use when a sports event or other outdoor event is interrupted or postponed by rain.

Hannah was supposed to visit her mother-in-law at the weekend, but at the last minute, she asked to rain check.

The crowd received rain checks after the match at Wimbledon was rained out.

Jemma was upset when Bill asked her to take a rain check on their second date. She thought their first date had gone really well, but he just wasn't that into her.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them" – William Shakespeare

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Japanese Yubari cantaloupes are the most expensive fruit in the world? Two melons sold at auction earlier this year for the equivalent of \$42,000 Reais!

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