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Number and name	Description	topic	topic
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186 The nativity scene	Who is there along with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus?	tradition: Christmas	The bible
1865 The funfair	Jackie and Richard talk about all the fun at the fair	fiarground attractions	
184 Cash in the attic	Why do the British love their antiques?	culture: British	TV shows
183 Adult learning	Is it true you can't teach an old dog new tricks?!	sport: golf lessons	
182 The coronation	We compare the coronations of Elizabeth and Charles	culture: British	tradition: royal family
181 The Beano	Jackie and Richard remember reading comics	culture: British	reading
180 Joy for all	It's time for the Christmas advert again!	tradition: Christmas	Christmas: presents
179 Beer'n'pizza	Is this the best food and drink combination?!	food and drink	
178 Commuting	Journeys to work: dull, fun or dangerous perhaps?!	transport: public	
177 The river	Join Jackie and Richard on a lovely river walk	nature: river animals	mindfulness
176 Spanish seaside rules	Going to a Spanish beach? There are lots of things you can't do!	culture: Spanish	do's and don'ts
175 British icons: two great British meals	A breakfast and lunch: both famous and delicious!	culture: British	food
174 The patron saints	We talk about David, Patrick, George and Andrew	culture: British	religion: saints
173 From me to you	It's time for the Christmas advert again!	tradition: Christmas	Christmas: presents
172 Clutter!	Why are we throwing all our stuff away?!	lifestyle	tidiness
171 At the pictures	Jackie and Richard remember the first films they saw at the cinema	culture: cinema	remembering the past
170 I'm all ears	Don't say Richard has another health problem?!	anecdote	hearing problems
169 Accident prone	Richard needs the first aid box again	anecdote	accidents and medicines
168 You are what you wear	Is it strange where we get our clothes from?	shopping: clothes	



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167 Farewell, Philip	Who was the world's most famous husband?	culture: British	tradition: royal family
166 What a whiff!	Losing your sense of smell: does it matter?!	sense: worst / favourite smells	importance of smells
165 Children's stories	Jackie and Richard talk about their favourite books when they were young	reading	childhood memories
164 The letter	Watch our chosen Christmas advert for 2020. Another tearjerker!	tradition: Christmas	
163 Would you like to dance?	How keen are we to put our dancing shoes on?!	dancing	personal experience
162 The trip	Jackie and Richard go on a short road trip	vultures / Roman ruins	places: Mérida Spain
161 Hats off!	Jackie and Richard talk about what people wear on their heads	clothes: national costume	clothes: everyday wear
160 The summer hols	Jackie and Richard look back on their family holidays	talking about the past	summer
159 Bands of gold	Jackie and Richard talk about the jewellery they wear	personal experience	fashion: jewellery
158 Take a seat	Where do we eat our main meal of the day? What about you?	culture: eating habits / places	
157 Belly up	Not the best of weeks for Jackie and Richard; what went wrong?	personal bad experiences	
156 2020 : the future? 万	What does the year 2020 look like? Richard has a guess	making predictions	2020
155 You are perfect	This year's Christmas advert; try not to cry!	learning English	tradition: Christmas
154 Our favourite things ♬	Jackie and Richard talk about the things which are special to them	personal experience	describing things
153 Going to the shops	Jackie and Richard talk about where they do their regular shopping	routine: shopping	different kinds of shops
152 The wedding	Jackie and Richard talk about a family wedding they went to recently	tradition: weddings	culture: making comparisons
151 Creepy-crawlies	It's not just the sun we see more of in the summer	nature: insects	environment: pesticides
150 Who is Greta?	Just who is the young woman making the headlines?	people: Greta Thunberg	environment: climate change
149 New arrivals	We welcome the baby animals appearing in the countryside this spring	nature: young animals	
148 Local beauty spots	There are some lovely places near and far to visit; where do you like to go?	geographical features	tourism
147 The market stall	Jackie has a go at having a market stall, how does she get on?	selling things	personal experience
146 Come and gone	There are some things which were new in our lives, but are no longer here	talking about the past	gadgets
145 Good morning!	Jackie and Richard talk about their morning routine	daily routine	adverbs of frequency
144 Summer jobs	Jackie and Richard talk about the summer jobs they did when they were students	jobs: part-time / temporary	student life



143 Sun and sandals	What are Jackie and Richard wearing on their feet right now?	clothes: footwear / shoes	summer
142 Our sisters	Jackie and Richard both have one sister, listen to see if they are different to them, or similar	families / sisters	making comaprisons
141 Liverpool the city	There's more to the city of Liverpool than its football teams, or not?	talking about a town	culture: British
140 It doesn't add up!	Which school subject sent Jackie running away from the school gates?	school subjects: maths	
139 Home sweet home	Jackie and Richard talk about their home and if they are happy living there	describing a home	advantages / disadvantages
138 Paddington and the Christmas visitor	Another fun end to the year: watch one of the most popular Christmas adverts in the UK	tradition: Christmas	
137 Spooky nights	Watch our video and find out what we traditionally do in Britain for Hallowe'en	tradition: Hallowe'en	culture: British
136 Dream on ♬	Richard talks to Jackie about the dreams he has at night	describing events	
135 Keep left	In the car, on your bike or while walking, road signs are everywhere	describing shapes / colours	driving
134 Whoops!	We all have minor accidents. Listen to Richard talk about something that happened to him	anecdote	sport: cycling
133 The mighty oak	Jackie and Richard talk about the best known and most loved of Britain's native trees	nature: trees	history
132 The road to nowhere	What's the best way of driving from A to B without getting lost?	sat nav / GPS	directions
131 Sing, sang, sung 🎜	So just how keen are Jackie and Richard on singing? Listen and find out!	singing / karaoke	anecdote
130 All the threes. The 2016 quiz	Can you remember what happened last year better than Richard?	remembering 2016	questions and answers
129 Stop me and buy one!	We are amazed by the different things that are carried on Vietnamese bicycles	transport: bicycles	places: Vietnam
128 Feed the world	Here's some things for you to do for World Food Day	UN World Food Day	environment: climate change
127 Win a prize!	Find out why Di enters so many competitions each year	competitions	alternative employment
126 London's burning	The Great Fire of London was 350 years ago. Watch our video and find out more	places: London	history
125 Iceland: the land of fire and ice	Listen to some amazing things about Iceland, including their football team of course!	places: Iceland	
124 Breakfast	We talk about what we eat for the most important meal of the day. What do you have?	culture: meals	food
123 Chalk and cheese	Our two dogs, Jussi and Betty, are very different. Watch our video and find out how	animals: dogs	making comparisons
122 Chinese New Year	Decorations, dragons and dancers - welcome to Chinatown!	culture: Chinese	places: London
121 Toys, toys, toys	Which are the most popular UK toys over the last 50 years?	boardgames, dolls etc	culture: British



120 City life	For UN World Cities day Jackie and Richard talk about cities far and wide	Cairo, Bangkok	advantages / disadvantages
119 The delivery van	So many things can be delivered straight to your house, you don't need to go shopping!	products	anecdote
118 Portugal: all year round	We talk about the interesting places to visit in Portugal every season of the year	recommending places	seasons
117 Why yoga?	World Yoga Day is 21 June so we talk to Jim about why he does yoga everyday	personal experience	well being
116 Thanks for the memory	How good are Richard and Jackie about remembering things? How good are you?!	science: the brain / senses	anecdote
115 Wild Orchids	Jackie and Richard show you the wonderful wild flowers growing near their home	nature: flowers	seasons: spring
114 Hot wok!	Two videos from Ken Hom to celebrate Chinese New Year this month	food: Chinese	culture: Chinese
113 The 2014 quiz	Once again Jackie tests Richard on events from last year, can you do better than him?	remembering 2014	questions and answers
112 Thanksgiving	and Black Friday: Richard talks about his time in the United States	personal experience	culture: US
111 The fall	Winter, spring, summer and now autumn; it's the cold but colourful season	seasons: autumn	
110 Nice holiday?	Jackie and Richard talk about their last holiday, and now you can talk about yours!	places: Spain	questions and answers
109 Bad habits	What bad habits do Richard and Jackie have? Listen and find out!	personal experience	
108 Can you swim?	Jump in the water and listen to Jackie and Richard talk about learning to swim	sport: swimming	personal experience
107 Brazil: not just a country	One country, two trees and lots of interesting facts!	places: Brazil	nature, history
106 The Merry month of May	Lots of information about the year's prettiest month - it's not just about flowers!	months: May	dates, symbols
105 The Easter egg	There's more to Easter eggs than just eating them, listen and find out!	festivals: Easter	customs
104 Dear diary	There are some good reasons for writing a diary about your everyday life	Anne Frank Samuel Pepys	personal experience
103 Paintings not photos	Join the pie team in putting something more artistic on Facebook	culture: art	describing paintings
102 A poem for Christmas	The pie team want you to celebrate the festive season with poetry	culture: poetry	tradition: Christmas
101 Figgy pudding	Hear about some Christmas meals eaten in different parts of the world	food: Christmas	tradition: Christmas
100 Bonfire Night	Richard explains the reason behind this traditional November event	tradition: bonfire night	history
99 Back to school	Do Jackie and Richard have good memories of their schooldays?	schooldays	remembering the past / anecdote
98 The little prince	William and Kate show off their baby boy, but will he be King George VII one day?	history: names	tradition: royal family
97 The tipping point	Unfortunately, it's not just snow and ice on the slopes of Mount Everest	environment: rubbish	extreme sport: mountaineering



96 British icons: the cuppa	Sit down, put your feet up and have a nice cup of tea!	tradition: tea drinking	history
95 A room with a difference	Now Richard finds three more unusual places to stay the night	places: hotels	describing & choosing
94 What a place to stay!	Jackie has found some very unusual places to stay the night	places: hotels	describing & choosing
93 Animal odd couples	Some animals simply don't understand that they are not meant to be friends!	animals: behaviour	
92 Winter blues	Neither Jackie nor Richard are looking forward to the long winter season ahead	seasons: winter	
91 What a wonderful world	David Attenborough sees amazing things on planet Earth	spoken song	colours, animals
90 Fearless Felix	The amazing story of the man who fell to Earth	science	world event
89 Let's go to Rio!	Jackie and Richard are already looking forward to future sporting events in Brazil	sport: World Cup	places: Rio v London
88 Beside the seaside	There are some big changes to the traditional British summer holiday beside the sea	places: seaside, beach huts	culture: British
87 Fingers and thumbs	Helen has a problem when she tries to make things	hobbies: making things, problems	
86 Ice cream mmm	Jackie makes some ice cream, the taste of summer	food: making ice cream	
85 Follow the flame	The Olympic torch relay starts its long journey this month	Sport: Olympic torch	
84 Please, sir. A day in the life of a	teacher. Mat talks about his life at school	Jobs: teacher	
83 Lost and found	The amazing underground world of London's Lost Property Office	places: lost property office	culture: British
82 I am sailing	Is Laura's round-the-world solo trip at 16 fantastic, or not?	teenagers	sport: sailing solo
81 In a lather	The pie team have found themselves a new hobby - soap making	hobbies: making soap	
80 Why Occupy?	Amanda from Occupy Wall Street gives her reasons for being part of the protest	politics: wealth distribution	
79 Mine's a Mars bar	The pie team look back on their favourite chocolate bars	food: chocolate bars	remembering the past
78 Double act	Meet Ana Luisa, a language teacher with two hats!	jobs: teacher	
77 Return to the blue house	What a lot of changes since the pie team bought their house!	places: rooms in a house	
76 Penela: our local town	The pie team talk about what to see in their town up the road	places: in a town	
75 My ideal study place	How do you like to study? In a library, at a desk, at home with friends?	places: studying	
74 Spring is in the air	The pie team talk about the prettiest season of the year	seasons: spring	
73 The royal family	Surely one of the most popular British icons!	family trees	tradition: royal family



72 Amazing Amazon	Some incredible facts from the world's biggest rainforest	places: Brazil, Amazon	animals, environment
71 Household chores	What a bore! But some are more fun than others	household chores	
70 On the first day of Christmas	What presents did Richard buy for his family this year?	describing, adjectives	tradition: Christmas
69 The 5 senses	You taste with your tongue? You hear with your ears? Think again!	science	experiments with senses
68 Chicken run	The pie team have bought some chickens!	hobbies: keeping chickens	
67 Quiz show!!	Want to win loads of money and become famous? Love competitions? Go on a TV show!	UK TV quiz shows	
66 Country life 5	The pie team compare living in the country to the city	places: city and country	
65 Summertime ♬	and the livin' is easy. The pie team talk about their favourite season	seasons: summer	
64 Viva the vuvuzela!	Is the vuvuzela the worst thing about the World Cup? Or lots of fun?	sport: World Cup	culture: S Africa
63 Four little birds	The builders are not the only ones making a home	animals: birds nesting	
62 Survival	Join Jon in the countryside where he can live outdoors	student	environment: outdoor life
61 Turn the page	The pie team think graded readers are great!	learning: reading	
60 The veg patch	Peas, beans and toms - Jackie talks about growing things	hobbies: gardening	food: vegetables
59 Let it snow!	Join Londoners enjoying the unusually snowy weather	seasons: winter	snow activities
58 Lisbon is yellow 🎜	Why is yellow such a popular colour in the Portuguese capital?	places: Lisbon	colours: yellow
57 Month by month	The pie team talk about their favourite months and seasons	months, seasons	
56 8 days a week 月	Which days are special for the pie team?	days of the week	
55 The blue house	Join Richard as he walks around 'casa azul'	places: in a house	future plans
54 The perfect day	How would Jackie and Richard choose to spend their perfect days?	describing a perfect day	
53 Happy birthday!	The pie team talk about birthdays to celebrate three years of podcasting	past: birthdays, describing	tradition: birthdays
52 On the beat. A day in the life of	a police officer	jobs: police officer	
51 Canada Day	Beavers, ice-hockey and snowflakes; Christina talks about Canada	places: Canada	inventions
50 British icons: Big Ben	The pie team celebrate 150 years of Big Ben for their 150th podcast!	places: London	history: Big Ben
49 Walk n talk	The pie team talk about the things we do in our sleep	sleepwalking	anecdote



48 Plastic money	Emily thinks there's good and bad things about using plastic money	using credit cards	
47 What on earth is Earth Hour?	Jackie says 'switch off' and save the world!	environment: saving electricity	world event
46 Streets ahead	Join the pie team as they stroll down Mango Street	places: shops along a street	
45 The best job in the world	Jackie wants Richard to have the perfect job	places: Australia	job: tourism
44 Joe the Blogger	The pie team talk about the popularity of online diaries	blogging	
43 Dashing through the snow	Something for our younger listeners - an interview with the man of the month!	tradition: father Christmas	
42 Friends indeed	Who are more important to Belinda - her friends or her family?	people: friends and family	
41 Making history	The pie team talk about Obama's victory and other historic moments	politics: US election	world event
40 Over the rainbow	What are Emily and Richard's favourite colours?	colours	describing
39 Get well soon. A day in the life of	a doctor. Diana describes a typical day at the surgery	jobs: doctor	
38 A day in Dana	Jackie and Richard walk through Wadi Dana, an amazing gorge in Jordan	places: Jordan	
37 Pest or pet?	Rachel thinks a rat makes the perfect companion	animals: mice	
36 Nancy and her neighbours	Nancy talks about the people who live next door	people: neighbours	describing
35 Maltese days & knights. A day in the life of	a travel rep. Mary talks about working on the island of Malta	jobs: travel rep	places: Malta
34 Hotel Alicante	Living it up at the Hotel Alicante	places: hotel	describing
33 Feathered friends	Richard talks to Malek in a wildlife nature reserve	animals: birds	
32 Sitting in the living room	Three people describe their living rooms	places: living room	describing
31 You've got mail. A day in the life of	a postman. Jim says there's good and bad things about his job	jobs: postman	
30 Street markets	Join the pie team as they stroll through the markets in Cairo	places: Cairo, street market	
29 Miaow!	The pie team talk about their cat Gerrard and the strange places he likes to be	animals: cats	prepositions of place
28 Pancake day	Jackie shows Richard how to make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday	food: making pancakes	tradition: Shrove Tuesday
27 Moving home	So why did Emily pack her bags and move to a different part of town?	places: homes	comparing
26 Come fly with me. A day in the life of	a flight attendant. Chris talks about working for British Airways	jobs: flight attendant	personal experience
25 Hoorah for Hamilton!	Move over Beckham, Hamilton is the new British sports hero	sport: formula 1	people: Lewis Hamilton



24 Sue's Monday. A day in the life of	a working mum. Sue describes her first day after the weekend	jobs: working mum	routine
23 British icons: the double-decker	Take a ride on one of the most popular forms of British transport British icons	transport: buses	places: around the world
22 Hello Jordan	Jackie and Richard give their first impressions of the country that is now their new home	places: Jordan	
21 Mobile madness	Everyone's mad about mobile phones - or are they?	mobile phones	
20 Goodbye Thailand	We describe the highs and lows of two years in the land of Buddhas, beaches and Singha beer	living in places: Thailand	
19 Come rain or shine	How did the weather affect Richard's holidays to Italy and Malaysia?	places: Malaysia	holidays
18 The sapphire story	How James learnt an expensive lesson on the streets of Bangkok	places: Thailand	anecdote
17 Refugees	What links Angelina Jolie to World Refugee Day on 20 June?	people: UN ambassadors	World Refugee Day
16 Up in smoke	Smokers get banned from the world's public places	places: around the world	
15 Ballarat - where is that?!	Donna's turn to tell us about her hometown down under	places: Australia	
14 Ginger beer	Jackie describes how to make her delicious ginger beer	drink: making ginger beer	
13 Shopping for clothes	Esther tells us what women in the Philippines like to wear	clothes: national costume	clothes: everyday wear
12 Jobs	Play the game and guess the jobs	quiz: jobs	
11 Oink oink!	Jackie tells us why she is happy to be a pig	personality traits	Chinese Year of Pig
10 Facts and figures	A VOA special English education report on the numbers of foreign students in the US	numbers	
9 Top holiday spots	Simon compares his two favourite holiday places	places: Madeira / France	holidays
8 The pie quiz	All the answers are in our level 1 podcasts	quiz, asking questions	
7 Banoffee pie	Richard makes his favourite dessert	food: making pie	
6 Sunny spells	Richard and Jackie talk about Britain's favourite topic of conversation - the weather!	weather	
5 What! No meat?	Veggie Mark tells all	food: not eating meat	
4 A town called Hamilton	Leigh tells us about his hometown in Oz	places: Australia	
3 The beautiful game	Richard is questioned on his love of football. Which do you think is his favourite team?	sport: football	
2 The Isle of Man	What's so special about the Isle of Man?	places : Isle of Man	
1 Richard's family	Richard describes some family photos	family	describing