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The Three English Teachers

**A story of love, passion, drama, intrigue and English grammar
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Introduction

This, as the title suggests, is the story of three English teachers! They live together in a very untidy apartment in Madrid, Spain.

This is no ordinary story. No, this is a story where you the reader get to decide what happens next. Each extremely interesting and exciting chapter will end with a dilemma for one of the characters. What should he or she do? Well, he or she will do whatever the majority of readers (*that's you!*) vote for.

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There will be two new chapters every month. Check the website for details of when they'll appear and the deadline for voting.

Okay, so who are these three English Teachers? Well, they are Ted, Theresa and Anthony.

Ted is 23 years old and comes from Basingstoke in the UK. Many people say Basingstoke is the most boring town in Britain or maybe the world. Some even call it Boringstoke. However, Ted is most definitely not boring. No way. Ted is an expert on English grammar, likes to watch TV and eat pizza at the same time and, when he's not teaching, he likes to drink beer in an Irish pub. Sometimes, after drinking 8 or 9 pints of beer, he vomits on his own shoes or the shoes of someone nearby.

Theresa is Irish, 25 years old and a native of Dublin which is definitely not the most boring town in Ireland as anyone who has been to Galway will tell you. Theresa smokes a lot, like a chimney actually, and can open a beer bottle with her teeth. She's a party animal. She likes to dance. She doesn't have a boyfriend but she does bring a guy home with her now and then, quite often actually, if you know what I mean.

Anthony is the quiet one. He doesn't drink or smoke or dance and he's from a very nice, quiet town in England called Oxford. Also he has a very nice, quiet girlfriend called Felicity. Anthony is a bit older than the other two, 29,

but that's not why he's more sensible. No, Anthony has always been quiet, a bookworm, he's happier in a library than a bar. Some people (for example Ted and Theresa) say he should be living in Basingstoke rather than Madrid.

The other thing I should mention is that Theresa and Ted are slobs. Ted eats pizza straight from the box and when he's finished he tosses the empty box onto the living room floor. Other things Ted throws onto the floor are newspapers, plastic bags, socks and dirty underwear. Theresa cuts her toe nails whilst watching TV. Sometimes she stubs her cigarettes out on the carpet. It should be said, however, she does this only when the ashtrays are full.

Anthony is not just quiet, he's the sort of person who irons his underwear. Of the three, he's the only one who knows where the vacuum cleaner is. So what the hell is he doing in the apartment? Remember, this is a story. Anybody who's ever done a writing course will tell you that a good story needs conflict and conflict requires contrasting characters. So that's why Anthony is living with Ted and Theresa.

Okay, that's the situation. As I said, in each of the chapters that follow one of the three English teachers will be faced with a moral or practical dilemma. Supposing, for example, one of our exciting, action packed stories ends with Ted in the Irish pub. He's already drunk 8 pints and he's thinking about drinking pint number 9. What should he do? Should he go home and collapse in a heap on his bed or should he drink until he throws up? You decide.

Most sensible English students and teachers would probably say Ted should stop drinking and get a taxi home. But supposing the taxi driver is a serial killer? Your decision could get poor old Ted murdered! So choose carefully.

End

Worksheet

How much have you understood?

1. Why should Anthony be living in Basingstoke?
2. Why does Theresa stub her cigarettes out on the carpet?
3. Who would you rather live with, Ted, Theresa or Anthony, or none of them? Explain why.
4. What is a slob? Are any of your friends slob? Are you a slob?
5. Do you iron your underwear? Discuss the reasons for and against.
6. Why is Anthony living in the apartment with Ted and Theresa?
7. Have you faced a moral or practical dilemma recently? What did you do?

Make up a sentence for each expression or word:

- As easy as falling off a log.
- Smoke like a chimney
- Bring a guy (or a girl) home with you
- A party animal
- No way
- What the hell
- A bookworm

Make up a sentence for each phrasal verb:

- make up
- throw up
- log in