English as a Second Language



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Sources of Major Cultural/Language References for American English

- 1. Sports
- 2. The Bible
- 3. Shakespeare
- 4. Popular Culture (includes literature, television, and films)





General Culture/ Language Referencing

- 1. Osama Bin Laden was seen, from a western perspective, as the devil incarnate.
- 2. "This is somebody who was deserving of the justice he received...
 But we don't need to spike the football."
- 3. On a sign advertising the movie Shrek: The Final Chapter: "It Ain't Ogre... Til It's Ogre."
- 4. "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."
- 5. "When you care enough to send the very best."

"Don't leave home without it."

"Good to the last drop."



Famous Quotes from Films

- 1. "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."
- 2. "Now gentlemen, in this country our courts are the great levelers."
- 3. "Why, land's the only thing worth working for, worth fighting for, worth dying for, because it's the only thing that lasts."
- 4. "Stupid is as stupid does."
- 5. "Boy, I got vision and the rest of the world wears bifocals."
- 6. "Failure is not an option."

















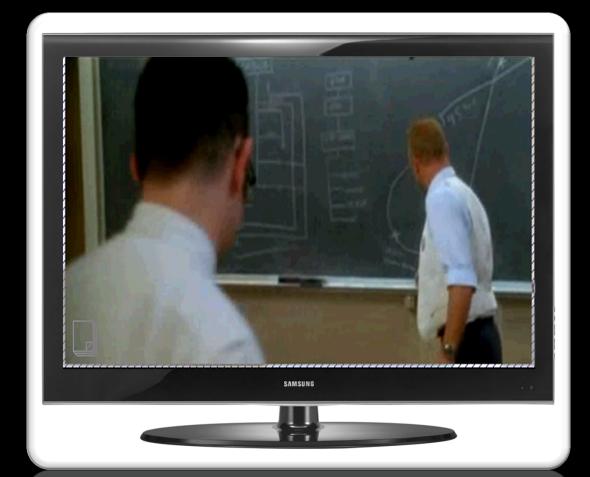






















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