

The show must go on for pop diva

Serbian pop star Goca Trzan got the shock of her life when she walked onstage for her sell-out show at the Sava Concert Hall in the capital city of her country, Belgrade.

Imagine Goca's horror, then, when she walked out to find ... one person in the audience, sitting alone in row twenty, the middle of the auditorium. A thirty-year-old businessman had bought all the tickets for the show in order to have his own private performance. After she had initially refused to perform, her manager persuaded her to carry on with the show, on the grounds that her 'audience' had paid an estimated €20,000 for the pleasure of seeing her, and deserved value for money ... and perform she did ... although it seems that tears and singing were served up in fairly equal measure during the two-hour spectacular.

It seems that the show was a big hit with her Number One fan, because at the end, he presented her with 101 roses, a diamond ring, a one-way air ticket to Switzerland ... and an offer of marriage!

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- What are the main talking points in the news at the moment?
- If you're not on speaking terms with someone, how do you feel towards them?
- According to the saying, what speaks louder than words?
- Do you ever listen to talk radio? Why / Why not?
- Do you tend to speak your mind about things, or do you keep your opinions to yourself?
- If someone spoke highly of you, would you be angry or pleased?
- What reasons might there be for someone to talk to himself/herself?
- Do you think you know what you're talking about when it comes to cooking?
- If people are talking shop, what are they talking about?
- Can you name a popular talk show host in your country? Do you like him/her?
- What kind of people would probably take part in peace talks?
- On what kind of occasions do you hear a lot of small talk?
- Have you got a loud voice or do people ask you to speak up?

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Student B

Answer Student A's questions. Then read the questions below to Student A for him/her to answer using a phrase with *get*. (Suggested answers are in red.)

- If it's too far to walk, and you can't afford a taxi, what can you do? **get the bus**
- What phrasal verb means 'have a good relationship'? **get on well (with someone)**
- If you are promoted, what does this mean? **you get a better job**
- What do you get if something unexpected and unpleasant happens? **you get a shock**
- What can happen if a child misbehaves at school? **he/she'll get into trouble**
- What phrase is the opposite of 'get better'? **get worse**
- What will probably happen if you walk for ten kilometres? **you'll get tired**
- If you are travelling in a lift and it stops between floors then it ...? **gets stuck**
- What's the opposite of 'leave work'? **get to work**

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Team B Quiz

Complete with correct articles. (The correct answer to each question is circled.)

- Where is ... highest range of mountains in ... world?
 - ... Andes.
 - (b)** ... Himalayas.
 - ... Rockies.
- What is 149.6 million kilometres?
 - (a)** ... distance from ... Sun to ... Earth.
 - ... distance from ... Moon to ... Earth.
 - ... distance from ... Sun to ... nearest star.
- Which of these is not in ... Africa?
 - ... Lake Victoria.
 - ... Johannesburg.
 - (c)** ... Ecuador.
 - ... Nile.
 - ... Madagascar.
- If a baby is born at 1.00 p.m., what time of ... day is it born?
 - in ... morning?
 - (b)** in ... afternoon?
 - in ... evening?
 - at ... night?
- If you are 'discharged', what do you leave?
 - (a)** ... hospital.
 - ... university.
 - ... home.