

Hostages

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Activity 1

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1. Put the students into pairs or small groups .
2. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that they are clear.
3. Let the students begin their conversation, speaking together in English.
4. Monitor closely.
5. Stop the activity .
6. Do some error correction.
7. Consolidate pronunciation.

Activity 2

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1. If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

Answers:

1. Patty Hearst.
2. Donald DeFreeze was the leader of the group which kidnapped Patty Hearst.
3. Stockholm.
4. Read the Quick Quiz below. You will need to go through the answers with your students because the answers are not on EnglishClub.com.

(Instructions on the web-page for the students):

*Read the clues below and write the solutions on a piece of paper. Then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to find the **hidden word** connected with this month's Talking Point subject.*

Quick Quiz (answers in CAPITAL LETTERS)

1. On February 4th the wealthy NINETEEN-year old heiress was abducted at gunpoint.
2. The Stockholm Syndrome (as it came to be KNOWN) is now widely recognised as a survival mechanism.
3. Strategies employed by the hostage-taker/abuser to terrify, ISOLATE, punish and reward the victim result very quickly in the victim perceiving that the hostage taker/abuser has total control over him/her.
4. The leader of the SLA, a man called Donald DEFREEZE, was killed less than a month later in a shoot-out with police (May 1974).
5. The bank robbery in Stockholm occurred in the month of AUGUST.
6. Patty's defence of 'Brainwashing' didn't convince the jury at her trial because it was difficult to PROVE.

Answers: 1. Nineteen = N 2. Known = K 3. Isolate = I 4. DeFreeze = D

5. August = A 6. Prove = P

Rearrange the letters and you have the hidden word: **KIDNAP**

Activity 3

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This is a follow-up activity for students to do outside class. Students could be encouraged to report back on their findings in the next lesson. What opinion did they express in their post? Did people generally agree or disagree with them? What reasons were given in each case?

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