

# A to Z English



## **Quick Chat 21: Bugs!!! The good, the bad, the ugly**

In this episode, Kevin and Jack talk about creepy, crawly, disgusting bugs!

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**Directions: Answer the discussion questions in the Whatsapp group chat.**

1. Are there a lot of bugs where you live?
2. What annoys you the most about insects?
3. What do you do to get rid of insects in your house?

## Full Transcript:

Jack

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Kevin

Welcome to an A-Z English quick chat where today we're going to surprise each other with a topic and see where the conversation goes.

Kevin

Remember, you can check our website for study guides with vocabulary, notes, discussion, questions and more, as well as links to our WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media so you can join in our conversation with us.

Kevin

And Jack, it's getting towards the end of summer here, but even though it's the end of summer, there's still a lot of bugs out and.

Kevin

I've got 2.

Kevin

Or three new mosquito bites.

Kevin

Odd me right now.

Kevin

Mosquitoes, actually.

Kevin

I mean, I think bugs in Korea, bugs in every country are very different because I'm from Arizona and Arizona is dry.

Kevin

It's desert, right?

Kevin

There's no mosquitoes in in Arizona.

Jack

Yeah, but you have scorpions though.

Kevin

That's true.

Kevin

We we don't score PNG.

Jack

Those are scary, yeah.

Kevin

Although it depends on where Arizona.

Kevin

Is very big, but yeah, we.

Kevin

We do have some.

Kevin

Of those, but mosquitoes are something that I.

Kevin

I I hate.

Kevin

I mean, everyone hates mosquitoes.

Kevin

Everyone hates mosquitoes.

Kevin

It's it's one common, common thing I think all people on the planet can can agree.

Kevin

With and it took me a little while to get used to them here.

Kevin

I'm still not used to him, but it took me a while to get used to them.

Kevin

Here, let me let me tell you a story before I ask you about your bugs.

Kevin

When I first came to Korea, because Arizona doesn't have mosquitoes, I never thought about them.

Kevin

And so in the summer here, it's quite hot and in.

Kevin

Arizona in in Northern Arizona, it's quite hot as well, but not so bad and so we don't usually turn on the air conditioning in in the mountains.

Kevin

I just open up all the windows and just get a breeze coming through.

Kevin

So when I was when I was new to Korea, I had only been here, I don't know, less than a.

Kevin

And it was quite hot one night.

Kevin

And So what did I do?

Kevin

I just opened up.

Kevin

All the windows.

Kevin

Because of like, let's let's get some wind in here, let's cool down my house.

Kevin

So I opened up all the.

Kevin

Windows and just.

Kevin

And that night, I'll never forget this.

Kevin

Because that night, suddenly I heard that annoying, like, you know, noise in your ear.

Jack

And yeah.

Kevin

The terrible evil mosquito noise, and I heard it.

Kevin

In my ear.

Kevin

And I was like, oh, just go away.

Kevin

Just just bite me and go away.

Kevin

Let me sleep.

Kevin

I don't care, just just go away.

Kevin

And I heard it again and again.

Kevin

And again, and finally, well, OK, OK.

Kevin

I no, I have to kill you.

Kevin

So I stood up.

Kevin

I turned on the lights, and I then looked around my house and there was like 20 mosquitoes just covering the walls of of my apartment room.

Kevin

And it took me an hour and a half to just snack.

Kevin

Smack, smack and kill them all, yeah?

Kevin

And I learned very quickly now I never leave the windows open when I go in and out of my house in the summer, it's in not very fast, keep the door closed because.

Kevin

We want to keep those those damn mosquitoes away.

Jack

No, you just you opened the window and invited all the mosquitoes in your neighborhood to a blood party, basically.

Kevin

Yeah, come try some.

Kevin

Come try some American.

Kevin

Blood, it's really good.

Jack

Yeah, yeah, drink away.

Jack

So funny because I have the same story last night.

Kevin

Oh really?

Jack

Like last night a mosquito snuck into, you know, got into our house.

Jack

And I think listeners, probably those of you that live in like areas where where they have mosquitoes.

Jack

The the the land like on your ear and so you can hear the the kind of.

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Ooh, yeah.

Jack

Sound in your ear and I don't know what it is.

Jack

It's the worst feeling, like I can't I?

Kevin

That's terrible.

Jack

So what I always do is even if there's just one mosquito, I turned on the light.

Jack

I wake up, my wife wakes up.

Jack

She's like, what are you doing?

Jack

I'm like, I don't care.

Jack

I don't care how long it takes me.

Jack

I'm going to.

Jack

Hunt that mosquito down and I'm going to smash.

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To kill it.

Jack

Did, and sometimes it takes me 5 minutes, sometimes it takes me 25 minutes, but I'm like a crazy person because it's just like it makes me like.

Jack

Insane to to you know when it happens and then when I kill it, it feels so good.

Jack

I just smash it so hard and just watch it splat all over the wall.

Jack

And I'm so happy, but the.

Kevin

I'm kind of the same way when I hear them at night.

Kevin

Now if because you seem to enjoy killing mosquitoes like we have one of those tennis racket type things, which those are great because yeah, you can watch it like just like fry.

Jack

Has electricity on it and you use tap it, yeah?

Kevin

The best, most satisfying way to kill a mosquito, though you know sometimes you can catch it in your hand, right?

Kevin

Like it's flying through and you just you'd grab it out of the air.

Kevin

But the worst is then you, like, squeeze your hand, you open it and.

Kevin

Then it flies.

Kevin

Away again, right.

Jack

Yeah, yeah, sure. Yeah.

Kevin

If you've had that happen, it's it's terrible.

Kevin

So the best thing to do.

Kevin

Well, I don't know what best.

Kevin

It's kind of evil, but but it feels good.

Kevin

If you catch a mosquito in your hand 'cause, you don't know if you actually crossed it.

Kevin

They're quite small, and maybe you did.

Kevin

Maybe you didn't so shake your hand a lot, right?

Kevin

Like just just like you've got, you know, you're you're shaking a some some juice or something.

Kevin

Just shake, shake, shake.

Kevin

Shake, shake, shake it in your hands because then it makes it basically makes the mosquito like super dizzy.

Kevin

And it's like, Oh my God.

Kevin

Then go up to one of the walls in your house and throw it at the wall.

Kevin

So I'm really close, because it doesn't.

Kevin

It it they're.

Kevin

Very light so they don't fly very far from vehicles.

Kevin

Just throw it at the wall.

Kevin

The mosquito will hit the wall.

Kevin

And then fall down to the.

Kevin

Round, but it's usually not quite dead.

Kevin

It usually just kind of twitches and it's like and then it dies.

Kevin

So you get to watch the little.

Kevin

Guy die and I know it's it's evil and I'm.

Jack

I thought you.

Kevin

Sorry for all the listeners out there.

Jack

Were going to pull its legs off 1 by 1 and just kind of pull up?

Jack

OK, you're not that.

Jack

You're not that sadistic, right?

Kevin

But hit, hit the wall with it and then it'll fall down and just.

Jack

You're not that.

Kevin

Like, uh and die.



Right.

Jack

So last night I couldn't find it.

Jack

I looked everywhere and I find it gave up.

Kevin

Oh, oh, sorry, I interrupted your story.

Jack

No, no, no.

Jack

But I have these big headphones that I listen to music with and I just put these big cans on my ears.

Jack

So it's and if you can't hear it, then I can just pretend that it's not there.

Jack

And so I fell asleep with my ear, my my headphones on, and I was able to fall asleep quite quickly without having killed a mosquito.

Jack

But yeah, it they really, really drives me crazy.

Jack

It drives me crazy.

Kevin

Honestly, I I.

Kevin

I even though a.

Kevin

Mosquito bite will last longer, you know, like I've got a couple of mosquito bites on me now, 'cause I.

Kevin

Was outside yesterday and.

Kevin

A mosquito bite will last two or three days before it goes away, and it's itchy for two or three days, but that itchy for two or three days for me is less annoying than that.

Kevin

The sound.

Kevin

When I'm sleeping.

Jack

Yeah, yeah.

Kevin

Like so for for me.

Jack

No side same, you know?

Kevin

Like, I understand.

Kevin

I would rather cover my ears.

Kevin

I'd rather it just come and bite.

Kevin

Me and go away.

Kevin

Like I don't care, I.

Kevin

Mean it's annoying, but bite me and go away.

Kevin

Don't wake me up.

Kevin

Don't come.

Kevin

Into my ear that is the worst the worst noise.

Jack

Now I'm gonna, I'm gonna throw this out to our listeners out there, because please share in the chat what your mosquito experiences are.

Jack

Because now they're, you know, obviously mosquitoes are not the only bugs that are, you know?

Jack

Have you had any experience like killing a cockroach or anything like that?

Jack

Because those really bother me a lot.

Kevin

I really hate cockroaches.

Kevin

Cockroaches and the other one here in Korea that really bothers me are the the really hairy centipedes that like, they look furry and they move really, really fast.

Kevin

You know, those are almost worse than cockroaches.

Kevin

For me.

Kevin

Those things are really fast.

Kevin

Cockroaches are terrible, of course, but in Korea, they're not so bad, because they're.

Kevin

Not so big.

Jack

Yeah, right.

Jack

Like they're only about like the.

Kevin

Biggest I've seen was like maybe if your small finger right, that's that's the biggest one that I've seen.

Kevin

My wife and I were traveling a few years ago and in we were staying in a small hotel, not even a hotel, more like a guest house type thing, kind of in the mountains.

Kevin

And there it was just.

Kevin

Yeah, lots of cockroaches outside.

Kevin

Inside the rooms were mostly clean, but outside in the forest it was just one cockroach central.

Kevin

And the worst there was, they were really big.

Kevin

Like, like really like your big finger and and a little bit more.

Kevin

And so we saw one that was quite big and it creeped in and then it started flying at us.

Jack

Oh yeah, I know those ones.

Jack

Yeah, they're it's called like a Palmetto bug or something.

Jack

They're maroon.

Jack

Kind of reddish.

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It was a.

Kevin

Big flying cockroach.

Jack

The horrible, yeah.

Kevin

It was terrible.

Kevin

I almost played baseball with it, with my sandal in the air.

Kevin

Yeah, those are are terrible.

Kevin

That's that's the way.

Jack

Yeah, we had a we had a cockroach problem in another apartment. And the problem with cockroaches is if you see one, that means there's like another 25 or 30 that you can't see.

Kevin

I don't know.

Jack

And so if I opened a drawer there, would I would see them kind of scurry away?

Jack

And if I if I?

Jack

Lifted up a desk or something, moved the desk, then they would run away.

Kevin

Oh no.

Jack

And so.

Jack

So we had to call the exterminator, and the exterminator came to kill the cockroaches, and the exterminator told us a really interesting story of how they kill the cockroaches.

Jack

So what they do is they poison the cockroaches, and so the cockroaches eat the poison.

Jack

And then they go back into their secret little house area where they all stay together and they die.

Kevin

OK.

Jack

Now, not all of them die, but if you know this about cockroaches, cockroaches will eat dead cockroaches.

Jack

So the ones that are still alive eat the dead ones that have poison in them, and then they die, and then whatever is leftover will eat those.

Kevin

The poison on him.

Jack

Dead ones.

Jack

And then they die.

Jack

And pretty soon all of the cockroaches are dead because of the first spray of poison.

Jack

And so if you thought cockroaches are cruel or whatever, they eat each other.

Kevin

Some good poisons.

Jack

They're cannibals.

Jack

They're disgusting.

Jack

They're horrible.

Jack

Pictures so don't ever feel sorry for a cockroach, OK?

Jack

Uh, yeah.

Kevin

I will not.

Kevin

Before we end with this 'cause, this is all I mean.

Kevin

Mosquitoes and cockroaches are our bugs.

Kevin

We generally don't like.

Kevin

What about some bugs that are OK?

Kevin

Are there any bugs that that are?

Kevin

OK, for.

Jack

So I like, I think you're going to say the same answer.

Jack

I'm probably going to steal your answer, but I have all.

Jack

I won't steal your answer.

Jack

I'll, I'll come up with a different one.

Jack

I saw yesterday.

Kevin

Well, go ahead, I've got a couple.

Jack

I saw a praying mantis, and it was huge.

Kevin

Oh, nice.

Jack

It was about the size of like a pencil.

Jack

Like, it was huge and I didn't want to kill it because they're so cool looking.

Jack

There's a very interesting bug.

Kevin

They are.

Jack

It's a mantis.

Jack

And in Korea they have.

Jack

We have quite a few of them and it was just sitting on the door.

Jack

It wasn't bothering anybody, it wasn't doing anything, so I didn't kill it.

Jack

And I just left it alone, and when I came back an hour later, it was gone so amantis I'll let them live because I.

Kevin

Right.

Jack

Don't know they just.

Jack

Look cool and I I don't have a problem.

Jack

With them so.

Kevin

And and they don't.

Kevin

Really bother people very much either.

Jack

With match it didn't fly at me.

Jack

It didn't do.

Jack

Anything was just hanging out.

Kevin

Right.

Kevin

The other I I think what you were thinking is spiders, right?

Jack

Yes, yeah.

Kevin

That's, yeah, spiders.

Kevin

If I see a spider in my house, it depends on the spider that I see.

Kevin

Most of the time, I'll just let them live and just be like you.

Kevin

Go, go, spider friends.

Kevin

Go, go, go eat those evil mosquitoes and other.

Kevin

Bugs sometimes for a little bit bigger spiders.

Kevin

I don't want them in my house because they're kind of, they're kind of creepy.

Kevin

I still don't like.

Kevin

Them in my house, but I don't kill them, I just capture them and take them outside and let them guys.

Jack

Ah, OK, OK.

Kevin

I I I never kill spiders actually.

Kevin

So spiders are always friendly.

Kevin

Actually one time one of my friends.

Kevin

Thought I was crazy because I found a spider in in our houses back in, you know?

Kevin

City and I caught the spider to take it outside and then he took a picture of it first and went to the Internet to look it up and it was actually a very poisonous, like deadly deadly spider.

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Oh no.

Kevin

And he's like.

Kevin

That kind of spiders.

Kevin

OK.

Kevin

To kill Kevin, I was like.

Kevin

No, it's still.

Kevin

A spider spiders are friendly, so spiders I don't kill.



Kevin

And another bug that I think.

Kevin

Everyone should respect our.

Jack

Yeah, very important. Yeah. Yes.

Kevin

These are great either.

Kevin

Very important.

Kevin

Wasps are evil.

Kevin

These are great.

Kevin

They make honey, they pollinate flowers and other plants, and we need bees on our planets to to have a a safe, healthy planet so bizzare cools.

Jack

Save the bees, save the spiders and save the mantis.

Kevin

Yep, I can agree to all of those.

Jack

We will keep it there.

Jack

Right.

Kevin

All right.

Kevin

So everyone else, tell us, what about bugs?

Kevin

What are your favorite bugs?

Kevin

What bugs do you hate?

Kevin

Do you have any good stories about you know dealing with with any bugs as well?

Kevin

Come to join our WhatsApp group or a Facebook group and tell us any of your bug stories, good or bad love.

Kevin

To hear them all, and if you've got time, go to our leave us a review on Apple Podcasts and a comment would be very helpful for other people to come and tell us some adazie bug stories so we'll see everybody next time have again.

Jack

Fun. Bye bye.