

# A to Z English



Episode: A to Z Jack Chat 08: Listener Chats

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In this episode of Jack Chats, Jack reads your chats. Jack also challenges the listeners out there to send us their own English puns. Can you think of any English puns?

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00:00:00 Jack

You're listening to the A-Z English podcast.

00:00:05 Jack

Second, hey, what's up everybody?

00:00:12 Jack

I'm back for another Jack chat and I just wanted to make this one a quick one.

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Not too long.

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Some of my other Jack chats have been a little bit longer.

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But I'll try to keep this one a little bit short.

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So anyway, I I wanted to read what's that message from schima?

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Because she had a really interesting experience today.

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So here's shyness WhatsApp message.

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I want to share this experience.

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Today we had a partial solar eclipse in Egypt.

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As a result of this eclipse, a lot of students did not go to school today because their parents were afraid for their children.

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I think this is a unique experience.

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I want to know if other countries all around the world witnessed this natural phenomenon.

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Thank you for sharing, Shaina.

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Actually I was looking at the news a little.

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Bit to myself and.

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I found an article about that.

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It says the earth witnessed a partial solar eclipse of the sun today.

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A partial solar eclipse was seen today in Egypt at 12:00 o'clock noon and is expected to end at 2:16 PM.

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The eclipse reached its peak at one.

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09 when the.

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Moon covered 86% of the sun. The eclipse was also visible from most of Europe, the Middle East, West Asia, W, Serbia, South Asia, NE, Africa and North America.

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The phenomenon of solar eclipse happens when the sun, moon, and earth are all aligned in a straight line, where the moon passes between the sun and the earth.

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In such the sun gets either partially or totally blocked.

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By the moon.

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So that's pretty cool.

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And ah, I finally kind of interesting.

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That parents didn't want to send their kids to school today because they were worried.

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I think the worry is.

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If a child looks at the clips.

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It doesn't actually hurt your eyes that much to just look at it, but actually it causes a lot of damage and so you can go blind looking at it.

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So I so you asked in your message on WhatsApp schima.

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If other people have experienced this and I would say yes, I have.

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Actually when I was in elementary school we had an eclipse and I remember.

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Our our teachers.

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Told us not to look at the eclipse directly, but we had to use like a piece of paper and we cut a hole in the paper and you can.

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You can watch it.

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You can look at what's happening through the I guess through the shadow.

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Those and.

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And you don't have to look at.

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It with your.

00:03:17 Jack

Eyes I'm not.

00:03:18 Jack

I can't remember exactly how cutting the hole in the paperwork to actually I can't remember, but uhm.

00:03:25 Jack

I know there was some kind.

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Of way you can you can see it occur without looking at it, and then I know that there are like special glasses that people can wear and then you can stare right at it but we didn't have any of those special glasses when I was in elementary school. This is in the in the 1980s.

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Uhm, but it's really cool.

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I mean, what a what?

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A cool experience and.

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Yeah, I think these are the kinds of things that make kids excited about science and astronomy because.

00:03:59 Jack

You know it's science happening in real time and that's why I think like we can apply this to this phenomenon to English learning.

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Science in the classroom.

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Can be fun for some students, but a lot of students find it boring.

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But what is the whole purpose of learning science?

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In the classroom.

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It's preparing people for real life situations, right?

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If you become a doctor, you're actually helping real people performing surgeries.

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If you're a scientist working in a laboratory.

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Trying to discover a cure for cancer or something like that.

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All of these things are in school.

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We're just practicing, but then later in the real world, we're we're using our skills.

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That's the same with like English instruction in the classroom and in practice and theory it is.

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It's not as exciting as when you get to actually like use English.

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In real time with a native.

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Speaker, you know so.

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For example, we interviewed Layla.

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We interviewed Jonathan, we interviewed UNITA.

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Uhm, if I forgot somebody, please forgive me, oh we.

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We interviewed May and and so.

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All of you are learning English as a second language, but all of the practice and all of the homework assignments and everything that you do with.

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Like you know, watching the YouTube videos, studying IELTS and everything, when it when you.

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Do the interview.

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That's like the real life experience where you get to actually have a conversation with native English speakers, and so those you know or whatever, like you're at the store, the supermarket, and you see a foreigner and you have a short conversation.

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With that person, that's like.

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That's like the eclipse, you know, that's the real world experience.

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It's of English, just like in Eclipse is the real world experience of science and astronomy.

**00:06:19**Jack

And so I like to.

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I like applying these kinds of analogies to situations because I think they they can apply.

**00:06:29**Jack

To what we're?

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Doing right here with our English studies.

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So that's why I think you know podcasts are kind of interesting and fun because you can.

**00:06:39**Jack

Just sit down and listen to native speakers.

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Have a conversation and you get to try to understand and try to comprehend.

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And it's not really.

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It's not a safe environment, it's just native speakers talking to each other just like it would be in the real world.

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So that's what.

**00:06:56**Jack

We're trying to accomplish a lot of the time is trying to create conversations and topics and situations where you can actually.

**00:07:07**Jack

Practice your listening like you were in a real conversation, so.

**00:07:12**Jack

That's the nice thing about podcasting, I think is it does it does imitate real.

**00:07:16**Jack

The real world in in a very nice way I.

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Had a couple other.

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Things I wanted to bring up.

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And this one actually is.

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Kind of related to.

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What we're just talking about.

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Iskander Iskandar Iskandar Iskandar is a is the YouTube name of one of our listeners.

**00:07:45**Jack

And he says, sometimes I feel unsatisfied with my English.

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The meanings meaning I I feel like I don't improve, especially with speaking.

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And I told him.

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That I totally understand what he's saying there there are going to be times where you feel like your English is just.

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It's just flat.

**00:08:08**Jack

And you're not making any improvement, but actually.

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What you're doing right there is your.

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You're making your foundation stronger, even though you're not improving any bit anymore.

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You're not going down either, you're just kind of flat for a little while, and that happens in every stage of learning.

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You go up.

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And then you plateau.

**00:08:28**Jack

You go flat and you go up and then it gets flat and you go up and it gets flat.

**00:08:33**Jack

It never just goes straight up, up, up, up, up, never, ever like that no matter what you're learning guitar English piano.

**00:08:42**Jack

Anything, so it's during those times where you're kind of.

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Flat and it starts.

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To feel like, oh even like working out like exercise.

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You're losing weight.

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You know losing weight, losing weight, losing weight and.

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Then your weight gets stuck.

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And you're still exercising and you're still eating really well.

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But the problem is.

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You're you're just not losing weight and that's OK because you're just.

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Your body is.

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Things are happening inside.

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Things are happening inside your brain.

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You can't see it.

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You can't notice it, but good things are happening.

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As long as you continue with your same habits.

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Keep studying.

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Keep doing it.

00:09:20 Jack

Even though you're not improving and then suddenly one day.

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You just go up.

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You improve or the weight comes off.

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You drop weight.



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Or you you're able to play the piano piece that you weren't able to play a month ago?

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Or I can play something on the guitar that I couldn't do a couple weeks ago or a month ago or two months ago, so I just wanted to.

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I want to encourage you guys to not not give up.

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Just keep going even when you hit that flat you know plateau.

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Uhm, it's the good.

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Things are still.

00:09:53 Jack

Happening even though you can't see them.

00:09:55 Jack

OK, it's sometimes sometimes learning is invisible.

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It's not always going to be.

00:10:02 Jack

Visible from the outside.

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Sometimes things have to happen internally too.

00:10:08 Jack

And and with that I was just going to go back to our.

00:10:16 Jack

WhatsApp and make sure I didn't miss anything. I think I I don't have any new emails so please send us some emails. Oh yeah, I wanted to talk about puns.

00:10:27 Jack

So I think I misspoke in the Path podcast I said.

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I said the puns have the same meanings, actually.

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No, they're they're words that sound the same, and sometimes they're spelled the same, but the meanings are different.

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That's what I meant to say.

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So for example I I you need and I were.

00:10:46 Jack

We're texting on the WhatsApp and.

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Uh, we came up with one that was like uhm.

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What, why?

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Why are you standing outside in the cold?

00:11:01 Jack

OK, so it's cold outside.

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The person is standing outside and then the person says.

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I'm just chilling.

00:11:11 Jack

Means has two meanings.

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Chill chill means to make cold to chill something, or to be chilly.

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Chilly means gold.

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OK, but there's another meaning for chill, which means relaxing.

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I'm just hanging out.

00:11:31 Jack

I'm chilling, so that's a pun because outside he's cold and he's just relaxing.

00:11:40 Jack

It's the same word.

00:11:42 Jack

Chill, chill and chill chilling, so that's what puns are and they're really just, like Kevin says, playing.

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With words, right?

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Playing with language and it's a very you know it's it's.

00:11:56 Jack

It's really fun to do in, not in your native language in.

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Your native language.

00:12:01 Jack

It's kind of lame.

00:12:02 Jack

It's not fun, it's just kind of stupid.

00:12:04 Jack

But when you're learning another language, it's a lot of fun to just play with the language and to figure out puns so.

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I would challenge you guys to write more puns.

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In the WhatsApp.

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It's a good practice.

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See if you could come up with something were two words that have the same meaning in English and then try to put it into a conversation or a joke or so.

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Thing and you know it's, uh, I'll throw the challenge out to you as a matter of fact, if you send me some of your puns, I will I.

00:12:36 Jack

I will read them on the next Jack chat, so let's make the next Jack chat some puns.

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OK, we'll do a little pun practice for our next Jack chat.

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Which will be on.

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Let's see on Friday.

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OK, my my last Jack chat of the.

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Week, and with that I'm going to say goodbye.

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Yeah, yeah.

00:12:58 Jack

Yeah, Covina had you had a funny a comment in the WhatsApp, UM?

00:13:03 Jack

Kevin called me the pun king, and then I called myself the pumpkin because in English and Halloween, if you carve a pumpkin, we call it a Jackal Lantern and my name is Jack.

**00:13:16**Jack

So Jack, Jackal Lantern, there's a pun.

**00:13:19**Jack

So anyway, it's kind of fun.

**00:13:22**Jack

Thanks everybody.

**00:13:23**Jack

Don't forget to you know, sign up for our, you know, hit subscribe on our YouTube channel.

**00:13:29**Jack

Uhm, download the episode or listen to it from our website so that we get the download on our platform and the more people that listen to the show, you know, tell your.

**00:13:41**Jack

Friends tell everybody.

**00:13:42**Jack

About the A-Z English podcast.

**00:13:44**Jack

We have to spread the word and because you know the good thing about it is we're in the WhatsApp.

**00:13:49**Jack

Group, so you.

**00:13:50**Jack

If you become a fan of the show and a listener you have access to us, you can talk to us.

**00:13:54**Jack

You can come, you can participate in the show.

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We will read your comments.

**00:13:59**Jack

We will talk about your emails so please.

**00:14:04**Jack

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Tell your friends. Get more people into the A-Z and uh, if you have friends that want to join R A-Z UM the A-Z WhatsApp group let me know and then I can get

them into that WhatsApp group. So anyway, thanks everybody, I will see you next time.

**00:14:24** Jack

Bye bye.

**00:14:34** Jack

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