

# A to Z English

A to Z Jack Chat 17: Listener Mail

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## Full Transcript

**00:00:00** Jack

Hey, welcome to the A-Z English podcast. This is an episode of Jack Chats check chats are bonus episodes where I talk about.

**00:00:12** Jack

Various things that are happening in my life or.

**00:00:17** Jack

I read listener mail and talk about the comments in the WhatsApp.

**00:00:22** Jack

Group and today I'm going to read a listener mail and one of our faithful listeners.

**00:00:29** Jack

She she can always be depended on to send us very nice emails and that is Layla from Saudi Arabia and so Layla sent another.

**00:00:42** Jack

E-mail with some really good questions in here.

**00:00:45** Jack

And I thought.

**00:00:46**Jack

But you know, as I said, many many times before, if one person has a question, 99 people probably have the same question, but they're too afraid to ask. So I'm going to go ahead and address Layla questions.

**00:01:06**Jack

And comments and I'm going to do a little bit of explaining some of the vocabulary and grammar that is involved in these questions and.

**00:01:18**Jack

Before I do that.

**00:01:20**Jack

I just want to tell our listeners out there and this is especially for new listeners.

**00:01:26**Jack

Get involved in the WhatsApp group we're having so much fun right now in the WhatsApp group.

**00:01:32**Jack

We we've been playing the Game 2.

**00:01:35**Jack

Truths and a lie.

**00:01:37**Jack

And several of our listeners.

**00:01:40**Jack

Have attempted to participate by saying two true sentences or two true statements and then one statement that is a lie and then asking Kevin Social and I as well as our other students slash listeners out there to try to guess.

**00:02:01**Jack

Which one is the lie?

**00:02:02**Jack

And it's been a lot of fun in the in the group.

**00:02:06**Jack

And dumb, if you think you're a dedicated student and you're interested in joining R A-Z English WhatsApp group.

**00:02:14**Jack

Uhm, go ahead and send me an e-mail at A-Z English podcast at Gmail. Com A-Z. English podcast oh sorry yeah A-Z englishpodcast@gmail.com. I'll put the I'll put the.

**00:02:34**Jack

E-mail address in the in the link up.

**00:02:38**Jack

Are not linked, but in the show notes so that you can copy and paste it and send us an e-mail using whichever whichever e-mail system that you use.

**00:02:50**Jack

You can contact us that way.

**00:02:53**Jack

Uh, we have other good news.

**00:02:55**Jack

We have officially reached.

**00:02:58**Jack

Over 500 downloads per week.

**00:03:01**Jack

Uh, which means that you guys out there.

**00:03:04**Jack

I just want to say thank you to all of you for listening to the show.

**00:03:08**Jack

So in its podcast form, when you watch it on YouTube, we don't.

**00:03:14**Jack

Actually, we don't get any.

**00:03:17**Jack

A credit or points for the for the YouTube channel, but it's good to subscribe to the YouTube channel YouTube channel that helps us out too, but.

**00:03:29**Jack

Uhm, I just want you to.

**00:03:31**Jack

If you can listen to the podcasts and listen to it as a podcast.

**00:03:36**Jack

Just that gives us another download, another click and the more clicks we get, the more downloads we get.

**00:03:44**Jack

We move up the charts and we also are able to.

**00:03:50**Jack

Earn a little bit of revenue through advertising dollars so.

**00:03:56**Jack

Uhm, that's something that we may look into here in the in the near future, as we may not start putting some advertisements in our podcast because we have gotten large enough that.

**00:04:11**Jack

Uhm, advertisers are possibly interested in working with us at the A-Z English podcast, so it's super exciting to see the podcast grow, but we would love to grow

even bigger. We'd love to double double again and double again, and double the size again.

**00:04:31** Jack

And just keep growing bigger and bigger and bigger so that we can do more more things.

**00:04:37** Jack

For you guys.

**00:04:39** Jack

Uhm, you know more episodes, longer episodes, different kinds of episodes.

**00:04:46** Jack

So this is, you know, a very exciting time for us.

**00:04:49** Jack

We love to see our podcast grow and it really is all thanks to you, the listener out there so.

**00:04:59** Jack

Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

**00:05:01** Jack

We really appreciate it.

**00:05:03** Jack

Kevin Social and I really, really appreciate it.

**00:05:06** Jack

So thanks everybody for that.

**00:05:09** Jack

And let's jump into.

**00:05:11** Jack

Uh, Leila e-mail and.

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This one was.

**00:05:18** Jack

The idioms from idioms episode 16.

**00:05:24** Jack

And Layla writes.

**00:05:28** Jack

When my dad says something I don't like, I usually I I don't usually like to make waves.

**00:05:34** Jack

I only keep my mouth shut.

**00:05:36** Jack

Yeah, that's perfect usage right there.

00:05:39 Jack

Not making waves means not saying anything, not fighting back.

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Not arguing, just kind of going along with it.

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Even if you disagree.

00:05:51 Jack

You just decided I'm not going to make any waves.

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I'm not going to make any waves, I'm.

00:05:57 Jack

Just going to go.

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Along with what my father says, what my friends want, what my mother says what my grandmother says, whatever.

00:06:07 Jack

#2

00:06:09 Jack

Layla writes in some countries people go with the flow just to avoid getting in trouble with their governments. Yeah, that is 100% true, UM.

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Certain people, a lot of people.

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Most people don't want to upset the their governments, so they just go along and go with the flow.

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Don't cause any problems.

00:06:38 Jack

Don't make trouble for anybody, yeah?

00:06:43 Jack

That's true, that's a true statement #3.

00:06:48 Jack

When I was a freshman at university, I was kind of lost at sea.

00:06:53 Jack

Uhm, so I couldn't pass one subject.

00:06:56 Jack

It sounds like you were lost at sea in that subject in that subject.

00:07:01 Jack

In my case, when I was a freshman, I was totally lost at sea.

00:07:07 Jack

I was going to a university that I didn't really want to go to.

00:07:12 Jack

I was, uh, I went there because.

00:07:14 Jack

I was.

00:07:16 Jack

This word might be a little bit difficult for you.

00:07:20 Jack

Recruited to play basketball.

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So basically their basketball team at this university saw me play basketball in high school and they said we'll give you a little bit of money if you come and play for our basketball team.

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It wasn't a lot of money, but it.

00:07:37 Jack

Was a little bit of money.

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And so I went there to do that, uh, my also received a little bit of money to play music in the orchestra, used to play an instrument called the tuba.

00:07:53 Jack

And it's a large brass instrument and I played it in high school and my high school private tutor.

00:08:02 Jack

The person who was teaching me how to play the instrument, or who taught me how to play the instrument.

00:08:10 Jack

He sent a recording.

00:08:13 Jack

Of me playing to the university, so I got.

00:08:18 Jack

I received a little bit of money to play basketball there more money to play basketball and a little bit of money to play in the concert band in the orchestra.

00:08:29 Jack

And I did both but.

00:08:32 Jack

During that first year of university, I was really depressed.

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I just I wasn't happy.

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I was far away from home.

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I was homesick.

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Homesick means you miss your home and family and friends.

00:08:48 Jack

And I was very, very lost at sea.

00:08:53 Jack

Uh, luckily I was able to.

00:08:57 Jack

Overcome that problem and find myself.

00:09:02 Jack

During my second year and 3rd year at a new university, I changed universities so I went to.

00:09:09 Jack

A different one.

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All right, Layla says, I hope I use them correctly and I would say yes, you use them correctly, except for #3

00:09:20 Jack

I would say I would say I couldn't pass one subject so I was lost at sea in that subject.

00:09:27 Jack

But if you felt like you were lost at sea in university as a freshman.

00:09:32 Jack

Then then you feel the same as I do, then lost at sea is OK.

00:09:38 Jack

It kind of depends on what you're meaning is for #3.

00:09:50 Jack

Layla writes Jack, I couldn't.

00:09:51 Jack

Understand the idiom something under the sun.

00:09:55 Jack

That you and Kevin made an episode about as I understand it, when I want to talk about something in details.

00:10:03 Jack

And in in a possible way I will make this sentence.

00:10:07 Jack

She starts doing everything under the sun in her first week on the job.

00:10:18 Jack

It's possible.

00:10:20 Jack

I'm gonna I'm gonna simplify this for you because I think a.

00:10:23 Jack

Lot of people.

00:10:24 Jack

Are confused about this idiom under the Sun, so he tried doing everything under the sun to help his friend.

00:10:33 Jack

Uhm yeah, that one is great. #2 is perfect, UM?

00:10:39 Jack

Under the sun means.

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All right, let's.

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Let's break it into two situations.

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Let's do.

00:10:48 Jack

The first one is like basically.

00:10:53 Jack

If you said like.

00:10:56 Jack

She is my best friend under the sun.

00:10:59 Jack

It just means she is my best friend in the world under the sun just means.

00:11:09 Jack

In the whole wide world.

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Is the most fun.

00:11:18 Jack

Under the sun.

00:11:20 Jack

Meaning it's the best sport.

00:11:23 Jack

Basketball is the best sport under the sun.



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So what does that mean?

00:11:28 Jack

Basketball is the best best sport in the world.

00:11:33 Jack

OK, so it just means it's in the world so we don't use this at this expression or this idiom very often.

00:11:41 Jack

Only if we're saying in the whole world.

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She is my best friend under the sun.

00:11:49 Jack

Meaning in the.

00:11:50 Jack

Whole world, she's my best friend.

00:11:54 Jack

Basketball is the best game under the Sun.

00:11:57 Jack

Basketball is the best game in the world.

00:12:01 Jack

Now, Layla writes a second one.

00:12:04 Jack

He tried doing everything under the sun to help his friend.

00:12:09 Jack

I would I would.

00:12:10 Jack

Making, uh, this sentence.

00:12:12 Jack

I understand it and.

00:12:14 Jack

I read it like this.

00:12:18 Jack

His friend has a lot of problems.

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He wants to help his friend.

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He tried everything under the sun to help his friend.

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Nothing helped.

00:12:35 Jack

OK, so maybe for example you have a friend that has a lot of problems, may be emotional problems, relationship problems or what.

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Over and you tried everything under the sun.

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You tried everything in the in every possible solution you gave him money.

00:12:55 Jack

You had talked to him, you helped him get a job. You talked to his ex-girlfriend to try to, you know.

00:13:04 Jack

Help them get back together.

00:13:06 Jack

You did everything you could do that was possible under the sun in the world.

00:13:12 Jack

OK, everything that's physically humanly possible.

00:13:17 Jack

You tried everything.

00:13:19 Jack

That's what under the sun means, like it under the sun just means.

00:13:24 Jack

Every possibility or everywhere every place or every possibility.

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So in the case of helping your friend, you tried every possible solution to help your friend.

00:13:38 Jack

In the case of basketball, is the best sport under the Sun, means basketball is the best sport.

00:13:44 Jack

In the world, so it's not.

00:13:47 Jack

It's not talking about possibilities because you're not.

00:13:51 Jack

It's not about helping anyone.

00:13:53 Jack

It's about playing a sport, but under the sun just means every possibility or every other sport.

00:14:02 Jack

You know it's.

**00:14:03**Jack

Basketball is the best of all the sports in the world in the world under the sun because the world.

**00:14:12**Jack

The earth.

**00:14:14**Jack

Is under the sun.

**00:14:16**Jack

And you tried every single possibility on Earth.

**00:14:21**Jack

OK, you didn't go to the moon to look for a sport or you or look for a solution to your friends problem.

**00:14:30**Jack

You didn't go to Mars to try because it's impossible, but you try.

**00:14:35**Jack

But you did try everything under the sun, meaning on Earth, every human possibility.

**00:14:42**Jack

Everything you could do.

**00:14:45**Jack

That's possible.

**00:14:47**Jack

You tried OK, and so that's all it means, so I would say don't over use this idiom.

**00:14:55**Jack

It's sometimes overused, I think.

**00:14:58**Jack

Well, not overused, but it's over.

**00:15:00**Jack

It's been overused in our in our WhatsApp group because we asked you to make some sentences using that.

**00:15:08**Jack

Medium, but the idiom is very specific, I would.

**00:15:11**Jack

Say we only use.

**00:15:12**Jack

It when we mean in the world.

**00:15:15**Jack

You know, so again, instead of saying she's my best friend under the sun, you could just say she's my best friend in the world.

00:15:24 Jack

Same meaning.

00:15:26 Jack

If you could say.

00:15:29 Jack

Uhm, OK, I'll.

00:15:31 Jack

Give you another.

00:15:32 Jack

Example, let's say you want to buy a video game.

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For your son, OK, you're for Christmas, or for I'm.

00:15:43 Jack

I'm sorry, not not just Christian holidays, but for a Muslim holiday or Buddhist holiday or another, uh, Hindu holiday, whatever holiday you want to choose, imagine.

00:15:58 Jack

Do you want to buy or just a birthday? Your son's birthday and you want to buy him a video game, but you can't find it. You go to every single store under the sun, but they don't have the video game.

00:16:17 Jack

Do you see how I used under the sun?

00:16:19 Jack

You went to every store.

00:16:22 Jack

It feels like you went to every store in the world.

00:16:25 Jack

Probably you went to every store in your city, OK, but we can say.

00:16:32 Jack

You know I'm sorry son, I went to every single store under the sun.

00:16:41 Jack

But I couldn't find the toy.

00:16:44 Jack

They were all sold out, so that's what we mean by under the Sun under the Sun and.

00:16:56 Jack

Is that, uh?

00:16:58 Jack

Does that help you at all, I hope.

00:17:01 Jack

If it doesn't help.

**00:17:03**Jack

Let's ask me again.

**00:17:04**Jack

I'll explain it.

**00:17:06**Jack

I'll explain it again in another Jack chat, I'll I'll, I'll find better examples.

**00:17:11**Jack

I know that it's hard sometimes when you're describing idioms to be super clear and I'm I'm doing my best to to explain it to you.

**00:17:23**Jack

The Internet is Jack chat.

**00:17:25**Jack

And so for those of you out there that are new listeners, welcome to the A-Z English podcast.

**00:17:34**Jack

This is a Jack chat bonus episode, but this is your opportunity to have me read your questions right on the air and so you can send your questions.

**00:17:47**Jack

A-Z englishpodcast@gmail.com I'll read them right there on the show, talk about him, try to answer your questions the best I can.

**00:17:59**Jack

You can also go into our WhatsApp group Kevin Social and I are active in that group and lately the A-Z English.

**00:18:07**Jack

Podcast group has been really active.

**00:18:09**Jack

I love it.

**00:18:11**Jack

It's great to to, you know.

**00:18:14**Jack

Read or hear all these voices on there talking to each other using English only.

**00:18:21**Jack

Uh, Fant it's fantastic.

**00:18:23**Jack

So I'm really excited about the direction of the of our podcast.

**00:18:28**Jack

And if you can help us grow and one of the ways that you can help us, and it's a really, really important way is to give us a review.

**00:18:37**Jack

If you could give us a positive review on either Apple Podcasts.

**00:18:41**Jack

Or whatever podcast player or platform that you are using.

**00:18:45**Jack

Thing that will actually help us move up in the charts.

**00:18:50**Jack

More people will see our podcast.

**00:18:52**Jack

More people will start listening, and yeah, we're going to do our best to, you know, continue to improve the podcast as well.

**00:19:01**Jack

Try to get our audio sounding a little bit better and.

**00:19:05**Jack

If you have suggestions or comments about our podcast, feel free to share.

**00:19:10**Jack

Those with us, and if you look behind me for those on the YouTube, there is a, uh, a photograph back there and that that photo on my wall is of my wonderful, beautiful little daughter.

**00:19:25**Jack

She was quite a bit younger in that picture.

**00:19:28**Jack

Maybe she was five or six.

**00:19:31**Jack

She is now almost 15 years old.

**00:19:34**Jack

Uh, so it makes me feel really old.

**00:19:38**Jack

But yeah, I've I've got a a wonderful daughter who was a ballet dancer.

**00:19:43**Jack

As you guys know and she is about to go off on an adventure.

**00:19:48**Jack

Studying ballet and the United States.

**00:19:51**Jack

So that's a lot of excitement in my home right now.

**00:19:55**Jack

But, uh, yeah.

**00:19:57**Jack

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With that said, I'm going to say goodbye to you guys.

00:19:59 Jack

Thank you again for listening to another Jack chat and I'll be back probably next week early next week with another Jack chat.

00:20:06 Jack

OK, thanks.

00:20:08 Jack

Everybody, we'll see you next time.

00:20:11 Jack

Bye bye.

00:20:13 발표자

I'd like to.

00:20:13 발표자

Pay a couple respect for the people.

00:20:14 발표자

That made me what I am today.

00:20:19 Music

Here it's all my love.

00:20:21 Jack

Just all my love.

00:20:22 Music

The crime.