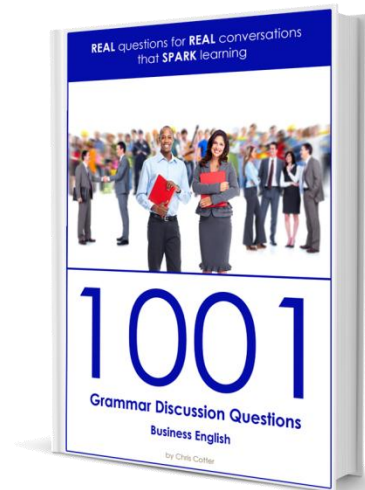
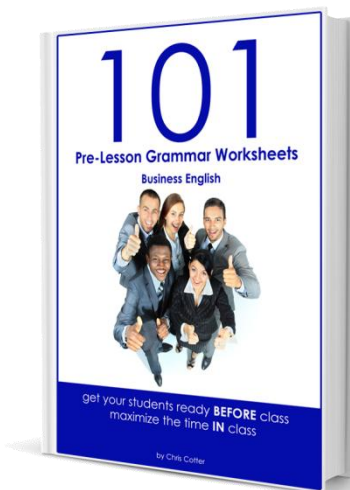
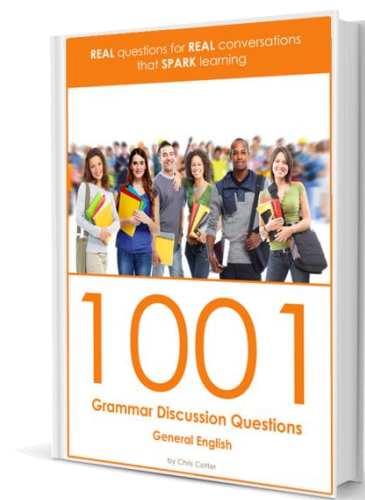
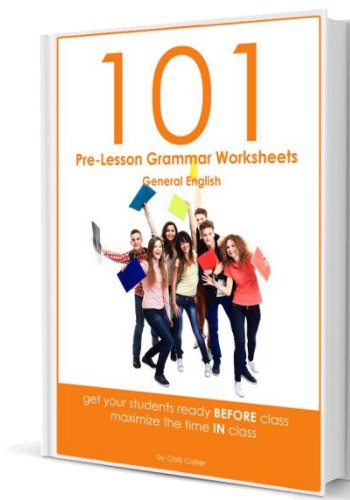
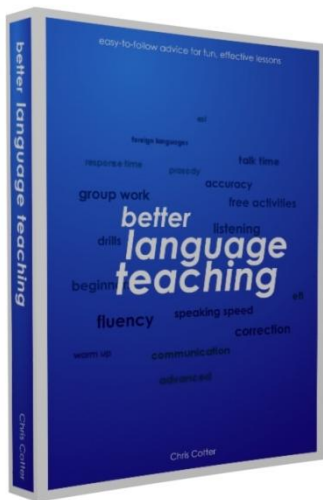


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!

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- Do you make New Year's resolutions? If yes, what have you promised in the past?
  - Do you make New Year's resolutions? If yes, what was the strangest, stupidest, and/or funniest promise you have made?
  - Do you usually look at the upcoming year with optimism or pessimism? Please explain.
  - Will next year be better or worse than this year? Why do you think so?
  - Do you have any regrets or unfulfilled resolutions from this past year? If yes, please explain.
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- How do people in your country celebrate New Year's Eve? How about New Year's Day?
  - What do you intend to do for New Year's Eve and/or New Year's Day this year?
  - On a scale of ten, with ten points the highest possible score, how would you rate this past year? Why did you give it this rating? Please explain.
  - What does "resolution" mean? How does it usually pertain to a new year?
  - What are some common New Year's resolutions? Why do you think these are so common?
  - At the start of a new year, people often promise themselves to go on diets, study harder, work less, and so on. Why do you think people do this at this time of the year?
  - Let's continue with the previous idea. Why do people often give up their resolutions by March or April?
  - If you could make three wishes for the next year which would definitely come true, what would you wish for?
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- According to the Chinese calendar, a different animal represents each year. In addition, children born under that animal will share similar traits. Do you think this is true?
  - Can you tell any memorable stories from past New Year's Eves or New Year's Days?
  - Do you have any resolutions planned for next year? If yes, please explain. Do you think you'll succeed with your promises? Why?
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- What was the best New Year's you have ever experienced? Please explain.
  - What was the worst New Year's you have ever experienced? Please explain?
  - What do you think will happen to you next year?
  - What do you think will happen in the world next year?

