

Electric Cable lesson material (S. Cable 2016 - all rights reserved)

What's an electric cable? Good question! Well, a cable connects.. for example, if you need to connect a guitar to an amplifier, you need a cable, the same applies to any electrical device and power supply. The English language connects as well, it helps connect people of all ages, colors and creeds! It's true that learning a new language can sometimes feel boring and seem pointless but it can also be a lot of fun and a great new way to express your ideas, feelings, viewpoints...

In 'Electric Cable' Mister Cable invites the audience to play with language because of course language means not only Meaning but also Sound and Rhythm! Mister Cable loves music and so has fun 'playing' with a special use of language: Poetry or rather.. Hip-hop Poetry! Hip-hop is not just a type of music but a cool way to combine words, movement and rhythm. Hmmm Rhythm and Rhyme..... Let's practice rhyming...

We can use rhythm
Rhythm and Rhyme
When shall we start?
Now's the time!

Say it as a poem and then try 'rapping' it! You can accompany it by clicking your fingers..

Anyway, back to the performance! Mister Cable will ask you a couple of questions which you must be ready to answer in a loud voice! Here they are:

Question 1: What's the time?

Answer 1: It's time to rhyme!

Question 2: How're you feeling?

Answer 2: Fine!

Memorize these words (or as we commonly say in England, learn them 'by heart') and be ready to shout them at the right moment!

So, to warm up for the show, let's start having fun with rhymes..

Exercise 1

Complete each sentence with a word in English which rhymes (the words to rhyme with are in bold type):

- 1 - My **shoe** is
- 2 - **That cat** is
- 3 - I can **see** a
- 4 - Mister **Cable** is sitting on the

OK so that was really easy, right? Try these..

- 1 - Justin Bieber's so stupid! He'll **never** be (*intelligente*)
- 2 - My plane can **fly** so, I want to **buy** a, Are you a girl or a?, It's time to say -! (*in alto - cravatta - ragazzo - ciao/arrivederci*)
- 3 - I need to the beach (*raggiungere*)

So you're ready to rap? Great! You can practice with sentence number two..

In 'Electrical Cable' Mister Cable also explores the wonderful world of cooking (not an activity the English are famous for). Here's some related vocabulary that might be useful:

Cooking vocabulary:

To cook - To prepare a dish - Chef - Kitchen - delicious - taste - meat-fish-fruit-vegetables - To eat

General vocabulary:

musician - writer - To translate - challenge - it's too hard - To face - mind - To pass the test - the best - greatest - concentration - Strength - exercises - hungry - angry - infection - come on! - disaster - strange - To travel - question/answer - poetry - To carry on - up - down - What rhymes with....? - privilege - honour - loud

Ok, see you on the day of the performance and remember that there's an interview immediately after the performance so why not think of a question in English to ask Mister Cable?