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## Spotlight on Talent

I like when I can introduce interesting people I've met through my language services. This month, I'd like to introduce Kevin. I met him about year ago when he began attending the advanced level "[Hangout in English!](#)" sessions in Zurich.

Besides being an IT professional, Kevin does so much in his spare time. For several years now, Kevin has been the president of "Jugehörig", a Swiss nationwide association that promotes the interests and concerns of young hearing impaired people.

And Kevin's got quite a modern hobby - drawing digital cartoons. This hobby has led him to a unique and fascinating opportunity. What was it?

[Please read more directly from Kevin himself here.](#)

(Spoiler alert: it's connected with the Mars One project.)



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## Sarah Cooper reveals Trump through lip-syncing

Sarah Cooper has become famous as she lip-syncs to audio clips of Donald Trump's own voice. She not only lip-syncs but really [hams it up](#), adding humor through her facial expressions and body language. She helps us to laugh at what normally makes us [cringe](#).

But think about trying something like this yourself: lip-syncing in English to your favorite song, actor or Ted Talk presenter! **Click [here to watch](#)** a compilation of her work. It should improve your confidence and even help you begin using words like a native if you practice enough!

And for those who wish to read my blog where I do share some more serious political thoughts, please read ["US Election 2020: The Stakes are High"](#) and/or benefit from the latest [Quizlet flashcard set](#) of 50+ words at a B2/C1 level covering political, legal and advanced level expressions and idioms used in the article.

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## Learning tools and apps for the whole family

During my last [International Online Hangout in English!](#) session, I was pleased to speak to a PhD student living in Azerbaijan. He shared a helpful tip: it's called ["Youenglish"](#). It's really cool! Basically youtube created a google-like function to search for a specific word or phrase spoken throughout their collection of 50M+

youtube videos. It's a great way to learn the meaning and pronunciation of a word in a fun way. And you may want to keep watching some videos in English after you're through.

[English Central](#) is an online learning platform I have watched develop over the years. It has a collection of over 10,000 video clips, organized in categories per topic and by difficulty to keep learning structured and focused. It's even got a free app now for Android and Apple. You will not only improve your listening skills but your speaking skills through AI technology. Speak into your microphone to record and you'll receive instant feedback on your pronunciation precision. And, of course, expand your vocabulary.

I'm looking forward to creating online classes using English Central this year! The free app is available on Android and Apple app stores.

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