

Starting a story:



Hitchhiker's
Thumb



Straight
thumb



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Try to make up a dialogue between two people using these pictures!

Phrases which come up:

- His face went blank - (p 29 bottom)
- Selling things to mugs - Selling things to fools who buy something worthless (p.30)
- in my hitchhiking years - when I was young and still went hitchhiking (p. 30)
- crummy jobs = little (dirty) jobs (p. 30)
- cost a tidy packet = cost a lot (p.30)
- ad = advertisement
- Guv'nor = governor = boss

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My sainted aunt - an exclamation

That's torn it - that's broken it, there is a catastrophe

to keep mum - to keep quiet, be silent ('Mum's the word' = don't say anything)

a big gob - a big mouth (one that talks a lot)

he snapped - he said very sharply

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unbuttoned - *knöpfte auf*

dreaded - *befürchtet*

stroll - to walk in a relaxed manner

offence - action which is criminal

When the man is explaining his job or profession to the policeman she is talking dialect (cockney) and making fun of the policeman. (Describing a very old job, a way of carrying coal or may be wood).

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a fancy car = a very expensive carrying a spell of time - a period of time

into the bargain - '*auch*' '*obendrein*'

clink - prison

hefty - big

summons - a letter saying he must go to court

whopping - very big (like a whopper)

fine - *Geldbuße*

it doesn't pay - *es hat keinen Sinn, es lohnt sich nicht*

copper - policeman

nosy parker - somebody who is always wanting to find out about other people

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to be aching to know something - (ache = *dumpfer Schmerz*) - wanting to know very much

twerp - idiot

titchy - very small

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conjurer - *Zauberer*

cardsharp - someone who cheats at cards

racket - *Abzocke*

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nick - steal,

piece of goods - thing

coarse - opposite of 'fine'

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to help oneself - here stealing but if you are visiting somebody for a meal they either serve the food for you or they say: Help yourself (*Nimm Dir*).

Nice to be appreciated - *ein bisschen Anerkennung tut gut*