



Activity Sheet

"Dead Air" Remember, remember

Grammar Conditionals

Type	If	ACTION	,	CONSEQUENCE	Use
0	If	PRESENT SIMPLE	,	PRESENT SIMPLE	Facts
1	If	PRESENT SIMPLE	,	WILL + Inf	Possibilities
2	If	PAST SIMPLE	,	WOULD + Inf	Hypothetical
3	If	PAST PERFECT	,	WOULD + HAVE + PARTICIPLE	Unreal (regret)

During the conversation in this Podcast episode; Ben, Claire and Merrick had a disagreement about the use of the verb **to hang**. (See the "Historical Notes" section on the last page of the activity sheet for further information on being "Hung, Drawn & Quartered")

Hang/Hung/Hung irregular verb is used in the following scenarios:

- To fasten from above with no support from below; suspend
- To hold or decline downward; let droop
- To pay strict attention
- To cling tightly to something

Whereas Hang/Hanged/Hanged, as a regular verb, is very specific and used only in reference to the execution of a person through suspending them by a rope around the neck.

For those who enjoy the etymology and history of such confusions in English, there were actually two different words for *hang* (hon and hangen) in *Old English*, and the process of these words blending together (plus an Old Norse word *hengjan*) is why we have two past-tense forms for the same word in modern English.

It is certainly true that hung can be used and understood in reference to execution, but is not customary use. It is advisable to maintain the distinction in your use, in fact, the 2008 American Heritage Dictionary Usage Panel Survey showed 71 percent of experts interviewed objected to *hung* used in reference to execution.

The Merriam Webster dictionary has this advice to give you on the subject:

The distinction between hanged and hung is not an especially useful one (although a few commentators claim otherwise). It is, however, a simple one and certainly easy to remember. Therein lies its popularity. If you make a point of observing the distinction in your writing, you will not thereby become a better writer, but you will spare yourself the annoyance of being corrected for having done something that is not wrong.

We at Bulldog advise you to consider this when using the word, especially in exam situations.



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Vocabulary

Match the following words to their definitions:

Plot (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crater (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scrawl (n/v)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gallows (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruckus (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brisk (adj)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Effigy (n)	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. A likeness of a person made to be destroyed in a public act of protest
2. When something is done or completed at speed
3. The subterranean level of a building
4. A noisy argument or disturbance
5. A secret plan to cause harm or the story line of a film, play or book
6. A bowl shaped cavity caused by impact, eruption or explosion
7. A structure, usually made of wood, for hanging people
8. Hurried, careless or illegible writing

Listening comprehension

Listen to the podcast in full and answer the questions in both exercise 1 & 2

1) Listen to the podcast. Are the following sentences true or false? Write **T** or **F**.

1. The gunpowder plot was attempted in 1705
2. Guido Fawkes fought in Spain
3. Guido Fawkes was born a Catholic in New York
4. Merrick's dog sleeps under his bed
5. On November 5th we celebrate "Gary & John" day
6. Guy Fawkes was hung, drawn and quartered

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2) Listen to the Podcast. Who says what? Write **M** for Merrick, **C** for Claire or **B** for Ben. There may be more than one possible answer.

Who...

1. has seen the film "V for Vendetta"?
2. believes that V's costume is not the most ridiculous super hero costume in Cinema?
3. is easily distracted?
4. does not have a translation equivalent for their name in Spanish?
5. feels that if the gunpowder plot was successful then Britain may not have ever existed?
6. enjoyed a firework landing on their sister's head?



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Discussion

1. If the gunpowder plot had been successful, what do you think would be different today?
2. How do we decide who is a terrorist and who is a freedom fighter?
3. If we enacted such brutal punishments today, would we have less terrorist attacks?

Writing

It is often said that Guy Fawkes was the last man to enter the Houses of Parliament with honest intentions. Why are politicians seen as so untrustworthy? (200–250 words)

Historical Note

Throughout the Podcast we refer to the process of being “Hung, Drawn and Quartered”, which whilst being a rather unpleasant procedure, is also the topic of some debate. Despite the grammar distinction on Hanged/Hung, it is overwhelmingly common in spoken use to refer to this form of execution as being “Hung, drawn and quartered”, whereas in written form you will normally see it referred to as “Hanged, drawn and Quartered”.

There is confusion between the order of the events and the order of the words. Victims were “drawn”, or “dragged” by horse to the place of execution, but some state the “drawn” refers to their intestines being removed from the body after hanging. The excessive injury inflicted during the “drawing” procedure led to an alteration and according to contemporary law, a type of sledge was used to keep the victim alive during this journey. There were examples of the condemned dying from injuries in the “drawing” and on at least one occasion, the condemned was near death upon arrival due to the brutality of the crowd.

There is also uncertainty about the “quartering”, some arguing the “drawn” referred to four horses pulling the victim in four different directions leading to the quartering, others believe the executioner divided the victim with an axe. This disagreement might simply be a reflection of the order of the words.

Finally, it is worth noting that this punishment was for men only, women were burnt at the stake for crimes of high treason, apparently, for the sake of decency!

For more information on this delightful topic, you can refer to the following online sources:

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanged,_drawn_and_quartered

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanged,_drawn_and_quartered

<http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/hdq.html>