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Take an English class on vague expressions with Sian

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Language quiz

Now let's practise what you learned in the lesson! Make these sentences more vague by completing the gaps with one of the words/expressions in the boxes. Sometimes there may be more than one possible answer, but you can choose the one you like the most 😊.

-ish	-odd	or so	around/about
-y	kind of	stuff	sort of

Here's an example to help you:

I'm not sure of his age, but I think he's 25 _____.

*I'm not sure of his age, but I think he's 25 **ish**.*

1. My car is the pink_____ one outside.
2. There are 500 _____ people in the audience.
3. The film was _____ long but I enjoyed it.
4. I'll see you later – I've got some _____ to do in town.
5. I'll give you a call at _____ 10_____.

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.

Speaking and writing practice

Now practise writing and speaking with a friend. Think about a memorable concert, show or event you went to. Make notes on some or all of the following points!

- How old were you?
- How many people were there?
- What time did it start? How long did it last?
- What was the event/show and what adjectives can you use to describe it?
- What did you do before it started /after it finished?

Now phone a friend and tell them all about your experience – remembering to use **vague language!**

For example: *I remember going to watch a ballet performance when I was 15ish. There were 300- **odd** people in the audience. It lasted **around** 4 hours **or so** which was **kind of** long for me but I loved the dancing – it was **pretty** impressive. After, we bought some food **and stuff** in town and then went home! It was a fun night, **ish!***

Answers to exercise on page 1

1. My car is the pinkish / y one outside.
2. There are 500 - **odd** / **or so** people in the audience.
3. The film was **sort of** / **kind of** long but I enjoyed it.
4. I'll see you later – I've got some **stuff** to do in town.
5. I'll give you a call at **around/about**10 **ish**.