

WEEKLY ENGLISH PRACTICE

Australian Asks Neighbour To Take The Bins Out

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Carl Stanojevic got a text asking him to take his Queensland neighbour's bins out. So the photographer took wheelie bin number 6 for a spin around town!



Would you take a wheelie bin on a guided tour?

Australian man Carl Stanojevic might be the world's most considerate neighbour after he was asked to "take the **bins** out" and dutifully followed the request – **to the letter**.

The practical joke began when the 54-year-old photographer from Mackay, in Queensland, received a text message from his neighbour, Nick Doherty, who works remotely, asking if Stanojevic "would be able to take my **bins** out please".

Carl joked about taking the **bin** out to local restaurants and bars. The next morning, after it was emptied and cleaned, Stanojevic decided to follow through on the **banter**.

"I've known Nick for two years," Stanojevic said. "We catch up for a beer when we can and have a chat and a few laughs. He's a beautiful person. You'd do anything for him. He said 'take my **bin** out.' If he had said 'put my **bin** out' it would just have been a normal day in Mackay."

Grabbing his camera equipment and thinking like a tour guide, Stanojevic proceeded to take the number 6 wheelie **bin** on a big day out on Wednesday. To start with, they took a walk by the

duck pond before taking care of some **chores**, stopping at a hardware store to pose with the staff, doing some shopping at the local supermarket and making a quick trip to the local **tip**. After this, they took in some sightseeing and a bit of self-care. "We went for a massage and then to the tattoo parlour to get a couple of extra 6s on the bin. Then we stopped at the pub for **a coldie**."

Along the way, the bin stopped for a selfie with a band of local cleaners, a surf lifeguard and a garbage truck driver. There was a quick trip through the drive-through at three separate restaurants and to make a call at a phone booth. "It wasn't really talking to anyone," Stanojevic said. "It was just **talking trash**." At one point, they were approached by two local council workers who were concerned they might have **stumbled across** a theft.

After a five-hour jaunt he reported back to Doherty to say he had completed his task. As proof, he sent through an album of photos he had taken to preserve the memories. Doherty **was** reportedly **blown away** by the favour, though Stanojevic says that since his **bin** has become a celebrity, Doherty is now afraid to put it out again for fear

Useful vocabulary

bin: a receptacle for rubbish
to the letter: to do something exactly as specified, adhering to all the details

banter: playful and friendly exchanges of teasing remarks/ comments

chore: a routine (sometimes tedious) task, often in the house

(the) tip: a large area for throwing away rubbish

a coldie a cold drink (usually beer)

talking trash: to say insulting things especially to an opponent in a contest, game, etc. (It's a joke in the text!)

to stumble across something: to find something by chance

to be blown away: to be very impressed by something

Let's chat about that!

- 1. Who puts the bins out in your house? Why?**
- 2. Have you ever played a practical joke on anyone?**
- 3. Or has anyone played a practical joke on you?**
- 4. How do you share the other chores in your house? Is there a reason for that?**
- 5. Can you think of a funny story to tell your classmates/coach?**

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Quick Australian Joke About Bins

Ask your ECP coach for help if necessary!

Jack and Frank were neighbours in a Sydney suburb with limited education. Jack wheeled out his nice new wheelie bin on garbage day, just as Frank carried up his old plastic garbage can.



"Hey Frank" calls out Jack, "Where's ya bin?"

"I bin in Queensland" says Frank.

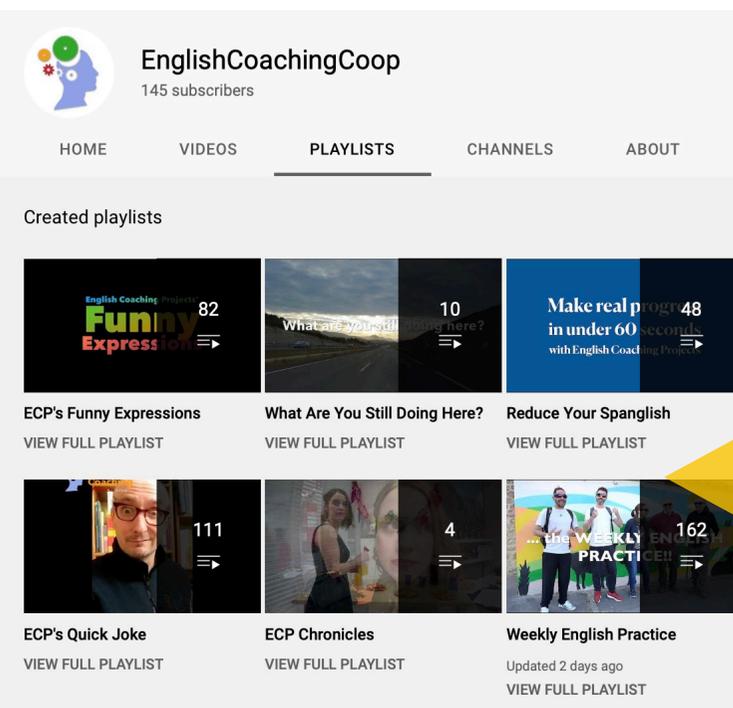
"Nah, ya drongo" says Jack, "Where's ya bin? Where's ya wheelie bin?"

"Oh, alright!" says Frank, "I wheelie bin in prison but I just tell everyone I bin in Queensland."

it may wander off on another adventure.

"We've definitely put a hell of a lot of smiles on people's faces, but I wasn't expecting this to go around the world. It's good that it's taken the focus off all this heartache with these lockdowns and Covid and that's the idea of it," he said.

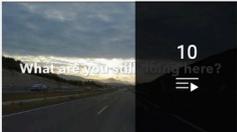
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