

# **Business English** *with Christina*

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Christina (00:43):

Hey everybody. Christina here this Halloween week. Very excited. That's my favorite holiday. And Karyn, how are you doing today?

Karyn (00:53):

I'm doing great. It's a little chilly here in Atlanta, but doing okay.

Christina (00:58):

Doing okay. All right. No, it's always nice when it's a little chilly for Halloween. It makes it feel a little spookier. I feel like I've had Halloweens when it's hot and I'm just like, this is not Halloween. So yeah, no, very excited. Anyway, so this week we're talking about, I would say a fun topic that we tried to connect to Halloween with a little bit of an alien spin on it. And we're talking about this idea that Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk are basically trying to prove, I don't know, who's got the biggest rocket by trying to get into space and colonize space and just really, I don't know, reap the benefits of the resources that are out there. I don't know what they're doing, but it seems to be the thing

Karyn (01:50):

They're trying to establish a new economy. So course, course, they're taken all they can out of earth and establish, this was a new word for me. I had to look it up, this lunar economy.

Christina (02:07):

And when you told me about this, and we included this word in your vocabulary for this episode, and I was like, I don't know if they would really need to use this word, cis lunar economy. I was like, I've never seen this word. You just taught me a new word. And then we looked it up and the official definition is the potential to utilize the resources and strategic locations between earth and the moon for economic gain. And I thought, and I read this and I was like, this is insane. They're literally trying to see, like you said, they've gotten all of the benefits out of a Earth's resources, and now we're going to see, well, what's in between the earth and the moon that we can make money from, I guess is their

Karyn (02:56):

Objective. Exactly, exactly. The quote in the article says, we are a capitalist economy and people take risk often where there is risk, there is high reward. So I think that's what they're thinking. They're thinking is that they take this risk by flying to outer space and there'll be high reward, and part of that high reward will be, of course, money profits. That's what they want.

Christina (03:24):

Exactly. No, I think that's insane. But yeah, I don't know. I guess it's kind of like with SpaceX and then Jeff Bezos also trying to go into space. I feel like they've been trying to do this exploration, I guess, to see if it's possible. And then there's these ripple effects of like, yes, it's possible. Let's see how we can exploit it, how we can make money off of it. And yeah, I'm kind of curious to see also, I don't know, I'm trying to think. Am I curious? I want to see what happens or I'm curious. I just don't want to imagine all of the ways this could go wrong, but just sort of all these ripple effects that it's going to have on, I don't know, on life on earth as we know it. Exactly.

Karyn (04:17):

Yeah.

Christina (04:18):

I dunno.

Karyn (04:18):

A lot of people think they need to, okay, before we go into space, we need to fix all the problems on earth. I think a lot of people have kind of like that attitude. We got a lot of,

Christina (04:30):

Let's fix our own problems first. But I don't know, I almost feel like since it's almost Halloween and talking about space and in American pop culture, the idea of extraterrestrial life and UFOs coming from outer space to earth to see what life is like on earth and things like that. I dunno, I feel like in pop culture has always been the other, we've always imagined it the other way as the UFOs, the unidentified flying objects coming to earth with stories of alien abductions and all of that. And now it's almost like it's the other way around.

Karyn (05:19):

They did, they've been coming to earth, but they've abducted some people and they sent 'em back to earth. They said, we don't want these people,

Christina (05:27):

These people. But there's a story actually. So where I'm from, it's a little city in Mississippi called Pascagoula, but if you're listening to this, literally Google Pascagoula alien abduction because in 19, I don't, 1960 something or 1970 something, there was two guys, they were fishing on the river and they supposedly were abducted by aliens and they were taken up to, of course they did. I don't know, some experiments or whatever. But that's the local story is that there were these two guys and they were abducted by aliens. And there's an Italian movie about this story, which is very,

Karyn (06:13):

They send them back. What happened to them? They

Christina (06:15):

Brought 'em back. Yeah, exactly. I mean, that's the story. The story is the guys were like, oh, we were fishing. The aliens came. They took us and they put us back in the place They left us. They picked us up.

Karyn (06:28):

Why didn't they want them? Why didn't they want to keep,

Christina (06:31):

They were from Pascagoula? I don't know. I don't know. I dunno. But there's videos of interviews with these guys and yeah, and it's just like that's the story.

Karyn (06:44):

Yeah, there's been a lot of ailing abductions that people have said, but in the middle of Nebraska, I was abducted by this alien. Maybe they just went out drinking the night before.

Christina (06:58):

I was going to say, if you're on a river in Pasco and Mississippi fishing, there's probably a good chance you're also drinking. So maybe they just have a little too much. I don't know. But it is, it's like a huge thing in American culture, and I feel like it's just like if you compare, yes, the country is bigger, but if you compare the number of alien abduction stories in the United States, I would say per capita, and if you did the math to average it with the population and everything, there's just more stories about alien abduction in the U S A than in other countries, I feel, because I don't know. I don't know why we're big on alien abductions, but it's such a part of American

Karyn (07:43):

Country. I think it's something else.

Christina (07:44):

Area 51 and

Karyn (07:47):

All of

Christina (07:47):

That.

Karyn (07:48):

Yes. What was, you were talking about Scully and Mulder. What was cul and molder said

Christina (07:53):

Cul mulder X-files, the best theories ever that was ever created. I was such a fan of X-files when I was in high school. I wanted to be Scully, and I literally did some research on how do I go to the F B I academy and how do I go to work for the F B I? And it was in the end much less exciting and glamorous than it was on X-files. So I didn't pursue that career path in the end, but that's what I wanted to change. I wanted to be molder and Scully that you want

Karyn (08:27):

To be an FBI I agent instead of opening your own company.

Christina (08:30):

Exactly. I wanted to be an F B I agent, but I think that lasted about the time for me to Google how do I become an Quantico F B I academy, and seeing that just looked really, in fact, very boring. Yeah. Anyway, so I did dress up as Scully for Halloween one year, and I had a little F B I badge and everything

Karyn (08:55):

The aliens were looking for you

Christina (08:58):

Were, I want to believe Skelly, I want to believe. Right. So anyway, thanks a lot, Karyn, for that. This should be a very fun topic in F F C C this week. And yeah, I would say you guys have fun with it. And happy Halloween.

Karyn (09:14):

Yes, happy. Happy Halloween everybody. And watch out for the Aliens,

Christina (09:18):

Right? So they're coming to get you.

Christina (09:19):

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