

1. Explore the secret history behind [intoxicating](#) plants and fungi. From the controversial opium poppy to our much-loved everyday cup of coffee, Kew's expert plant scientists will demonstrate how mind-altering plants can be both medicines and intoxicants.¹
2. As usual for Apple when they release a new product, initial demand was [off the charts](#), and they quickly sold out of their supply, and the delivery dates kept slipping further back. Once the Watches started being delivered, I scoured the Internet for reviews, and the biggest complaint coming out was the need to recharge much sooner than the advertised 18 hours of battery life.²
3. Atlanta, which as recently as 2013 considered banishing sex workers from certain parts of the city, might soon offer such an option called pre-arrest diversion. The program offers case-management services to low-level offenders in place of jail time. By doing so, the city could upend a system that fills up jails, derails people's lives, and feeds a [vicious cycle](#) of poverty, unemployment, and sometimes mental illness.³
4. "He calls me Dada. I think that's hilarious, mind-blowingly hilarious," the proud dad shares. "Maybe not hilarious in the conventional sense of a Chris Rock joke, or a Louis C.K. T.V. show, but it's hilarious to me. I never thought that was going to happen and that it would be so [intoxicating](#) when it did."⁴
5. The one "thing" this Icelandic museum is missing is a human specimen. A trailer and poster have arrived for Draffhouse Films' documentary *The Final Member*, which chronicles the world's sole penis museum's "quest for one last [endowment](#)," i.e. a human phallus to add to their collection.⁵
6. At the time we were shooting another scene, meaning Kate had to go through a complete wardrobe, wig and corset change, then race back to the set. When she jumped onto the ladder she took one look at the sun and turned and yelled at me as loud as she could, "SHOOT! SHOOT NOW!" [laughs] I'd never heard an actress do that before. [The money shot](#) is this half-in-focus kiss shot, and the kiss itself is what it is. There was no attempt to extend it with closer coverage—it's just as you see it.⁶
7. To date, a [conservative](#) calculation suggests that corn farmers are receiving a maximum of only an added 2¢ per bushel for their corn or less than \$2.80 per acre because of the

¹ <http://www.kew.org/visit-kew-gardens/whats-on/intoxication-season>

² <http://the-gadgeteer.com/2015/08/01/has-the-apple-watch-lived-up-to-the-hype/>

³ <http://clatl.com/atlanta/breaking-the-vicious-cycle/Content?oid=15037685>

⁴ <http://celebritybabies.people.com/2015/09/10/jason-sudeikis-son-talking-dada-sleeping-with-other-people-premiere/>

⁵ <http://blogs.indiewire.com/thompsononhollywood/watch-trailer-for-draffhouse-doc-the-final-member-on-the-worlds-only-penis-museum>

⁶ <http://www.dga.org/Craft/DGAQ/All-Articles/1401-Winter-2014/Shot-to-Remember-Titanic.aspx>

corn ethanol production system. Some politicians have the mistaken belief that ethanol production provides large benefits for farmers, but in fact the farmer profits are minimal.⁷

8. Hermès' Birkin bags have been a status symbol for over three decades.

And those Birkin waiting lists are about to get even longer—the bag's eponymous muse, Jane Birkin, wants Hermès to stop manufacturing one purse with an egregious animal rights history.

According to Yahoo, Birkin takes issue with Hermès' crocodile-skin version of the bag, protesting the fashion house unethical treatment of the crocodiles.

“Having been alerted to the cruel practices reserved for crocodiles during their slaughter to make Hermes handbags carrying my name... I have asked Hermès to debaptise the Birkin Croco until better practices in line with international norms can be put in place,” Birkin said.⁸

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| 10. <u>e</u> delicate | a. lacking remembrance, memory, awareness, or mindful attention |
| 11. <u>c</u> carapace | b. told something which may not be completely true |
| 12. <u>a</u> obliviousness | c. a protective, decorative, or disguising shell |
| 13. <u>b</u> fed a line | d. a person's particular area of knowledge, interest or responsibility |
| 14. <u>d</u> province | e. involving matters of a deeply personal nature: sensitive |
| 15. <u>f</u> bring a point home | f. to make unmistakably clear |

Vocabulary List

fortuitous (p. 8; unit 1 passage 2)
intoxicating (p. 9; unit 1 passage 3)
copiously (p. 10; unit 1 passage 3)
the money shot (p. 10; unit 1 passage 3)
vicious [self-perpetuating] cycle (p. 11; unit 1 passage 3)
divulge (p. 14; unit 1 passage 4)
conservative (p. 14; unit 1 passage 4)
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eponymous (p. 14; unit 1 passage 4)
comprehensive (p. 14; unit 1 passage 4)
snippets (p. 14; unit 1 passage 4)
nuanced (p. 15; unit 1 passage 4)
rigidity (p. 15; unit 1 passage 4)
slog (p. 15; unit 1 passage 4)
negligible (p. 15; unit 1 passage 4)
such like (p. 15; unit 1 passage 4)
measure (p. 18; unit 1 passage 5)
industry (p. 18; unit 1 passage 5)
loathe (p. 25; unit 1 practice reading test 1)
disconsolate (p. 25; unit 1 practice reading test 1)
smitten with (p. 25; unit 1 practice reading test 1)
allure (p. 25; unit 1 practice reading test 1)
vicissitudes (p. 25; unit 1 practice reading test 1)
accolades (p. 27; unit 2 passage 1)
cakewalk (p. 27; unit 2 passage 1)
traipsing (p. 27; unit 2 passage 1)
tack (p. 28; unit 2 passage 1)
ploy (p. 28; unit 2 passage 1)
heckled (p. 28; unit 2 passage 1)
boorishness (p. 28; unit 2 passage 1)
struck a chord (p. 28; unit 2 passage 1)
masterstroke (p. 29; unit 2 passage 1)
spike (p. 31; unit 2 passage 2)
tacitly (p. 31; unit 2 passage 2)
unabashed (p. 31; unit 2 passage 2)
deleterious (p. 31; unit 2 passage 2)
biopic (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
went awry (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
lambasted (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)

atrocities (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
trivialized (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
bite the bullet (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
egregious (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
gorged (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
hiatus (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
impeccable (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
entertained (p. 32; unit 2 passage 2)
sanguine (p. 35; unit 2 passage 3)
epitomize (p. 35; unit 2 passage 3)
outstripped (p. 35; unit 2 passage 3)
syndrome (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
province (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
diatribe (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
acquiesce (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
indulgence (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
accede to (p. 36; unit 2 passage 3)
bring this point home (p. 39; unit 2 passage 5)
fed a line (p. 39; unit 2 passage 5)
dawned on me (p. 39; unit 2 passage 5)
averse to (p. 43; unit 2 passage 6)
endowments (p. 43; unit 2 passage 6)
shun (p. 43; unit 2 passage 6)
emulate (p. 43; unit 2 passage 6)
pigeonholed (p. 43; unit 2 passage 6)
delicately (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
semi-in-the-closet (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
subversive (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
castration (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
carapace (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
frivolous (p. 46; unit 2 passage 7)
obliviousness (p. 47; unit 2 passage 7)