

ЕКЗАМЕНАЦІЙНИЙ БІЛЕТ № 8

*атестаційного екзамену з фахових дисциплін
на здобуття освітнього ступеня бакалавр
за спеціальністю 035 “Філологія”*

1. Written completion of the test.
2. Read, translate and analyze the text.
3. Speak on the topic “Family relations”.

Kate Fox. Watching the English

Pardon

This word is the most notorious pet hate of the upper and upper-middle classes. Jilly Cooper recalls overhearing her son telling a friend ‘Mummy says that “pardon” is a much worse word than “fuck”’. He was quite right: to the uppers and upper-middles, using such an unmistakably lower-class term is worse than swearing. Some even refer

to lower-middle-class suburbs as ‘Pardonia’. Here is a good class-test you can try: when talking to an English person, deliberately say something too quietly for them to hear you properly. A lower-middle or middle-middle person will say ‘Pardon?’; an upper-middle will say ‘Sorry?’ (or perhaps ‘Sorry – what?’ or ‘What – sorry?’); but an upper-class and a working-class person will both just say ‘What?’ The working-class person may drop the ‘t’ – ‘Wha’?’ – but this will be the only difference. Some upper-working-class people with middle-class aspirations might say ‘pardon’, in a misguided attempt to sound ‘posh’.

Fox, K. (2004). *Watching the English*. Hodder & Stoughton.