

Vocabulary

Blunder / aroma / fraud / exasperate / conspiracy / rile / ineligible /  
prank / offbeat / quirky

*Write some of the words above on the lines below to match with the meanings on the right.*

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| 1. _____  | a. | the crime of obtaining money or some other benefit by deliberate deception               |
| 2. _____  | b. | a plan or agreement between two or more people to commit an illegal or subversive action |
| 3. _____  | c. | a mischievous trick or silly stunt done for amusement                                    |
| 4. _____  | d. | not conforming to convention or to expectations  |
| 5. _____  | e. | a serious or embarrassing mistake, usually the result of carelessness or ignorance       |
| 6. _____  | f. | A peculiarity of behavior; an idiosyncrasy   |
| 7. _____  | g. | not legally entitled or qualified to do, be, or get something                            |
| 8. _____  | h. | to make an already bad or problematic situation worse                                    |
| 9. _____  | i. | a smell, especially a pleasant smell   |
| 10. _____ | j. | to irritate somebody enough that it provokes anger (informal) (often passive)            |

**Tourists miss isle after GPS blunder**

July 28, 2009 04:05 PM ET

ROME (Reuters) - Two Swedes expecting the golden beaches of the Italian island of Capri got a shock when tourist officials told them they were 650 km (400 miles) off course in the northern town of Carpi, after mistyping the name in their GPS.

**Flight grounded by coffee maker aroma**

July 28, 2009 01:35 PM ET

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The electrical smell that caused a Southwest Airlines Co flight to make an unexpected landing Sunday was caused by a coffee maker in the back of the aircraft, a company spokesman said on Monday.

### **Stanford and sun?**

July 28, 2009 01:34 PM ET

HOUSTON (Reuters) - Allen Stanford, the Texas **financier** accused of a \$7 billion **fraud**, should be transferred to another detention facility because there has been no air conditioning in the jail cell where he is being held, his lawyer said in a court **filing**.

### **Obama IS a U.S. citizen, says exasperated White House**

July 28, 2009 01:48 PM ET

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A vocal group of **conspiracy** theorists known as "birthers" are **riling** the White House with their persistent claim that Barack Obama is not an American citizen and therefore **ineligible** to be president.

### **German official under fire for taking limo to Spain**

July 27, 2009 06:19 PM ET

BERLIN (Reuters) - Germany's Social Democrat (SPD) health minister came under pressure Sunday to explain why she took her official limousine, complete with chauffeur, to Spain where the vehicle was stolen.

### **Teen escapes jail over bomb hoax**

July 27, 2009 05:04 PM ET

LONDON (Reuters) - A British teen-ager who phoned the White House and claimed as part of a "drunken **prank**" that there was a bomb in the center of New York, escaped jail on Monday.

### **Offbeat and quirky, World Games make their mark in Taiwan**

July 24, 2009 08:58 PM ET

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan (Reuters) - French parachutist Vincent Reffet would have been lost without street **vendor** Tsai Zong-yi during the World Games in Taiwan.

### **Three escape jail in hijacked helicopter**

July 24, 2009 05:33 PM ET

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Three prisoners escaped from a jail outside the Belgian city of Bruges in a **hijacked** helicopter Thursday, authorities said.

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