

04. READING

DE JAMIE



“Good morning sir, can I come in?” said the policeman on Richard’s *doorstep*. Richard hesitated. This was the last thing he needed **in addition to** his hangover.



“**Alternatively,**” continued the officer, “we could talk down at the police station.” **In spite of** his sore head, Richard stepped aside **to** let the policeman in. “Would you like a drink officer?” offered Richard nervously. “I have coffee **as well as** tea.”

The policeman ignored him. “Richard Smith,” he said *sternly*. “**Due to** a complaint we have received from a *milkman*, I have to ask where you were at 4am this morning.”

Richard was confused. At 4am he should have been in bed. **Yet** he did have a strange memory of running through the park...

“**So...** I... I think I was asleep,” *stuttered* Richard.

“**On the contrary!**” said the policeman. “We have two *witnesses* who saw you stealing a bottle of milk. **Moreover,** the milkman took a photo of you running away.”

Richard began to sweat. “**Besides,**” continued the policeman, pointing at the floor. “I can see the *evidence*.”

Richard looked down and gasped. **For** there, on the carpet, was an empty milk bottle. “A very serious crime!” said the policeman, turning away **in order to** hide his giggles. “You must pay for the milk now, **otherwise** we will have to charge you,”

Poor Richard! **Although** the evidence was right there, he couldn't remember a thing. **Nevertheless**, he handed over 50 pence for the milk. "*Never mind Mr Smith,*" said the policeman, with a huge *grin* on his face. "*There's no use crying over spilt milk!*"

And off he went, *laughing his head off*. **Whereas** Richard could only go back to bed and die from embarrassment.

LINKING WORDS

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VOCABULARY

1. To be in hot water – To be in trouble.

2. Doorstep – A step leading up to the front door of a house. You can also use it to describe something that is very near to where you live.
Example: "I love my new neighbourhood. Everything I need is right on the doorstep."

3. Sternly – In a serious manner.

4. Milkman – Someone who delivers fresh milk to homes, usually very early in the morning.

5. To stutter – To speak with difficulty, pausing and repeating sounds.

6. A witness – Someone who sees an event or crime taking place.

7. Evidence – Anything which can be used to prove something.

8. Giggles – Laughter

9. Never mind – Don't worry.

10. Grin – A big, wide smile.

11. No use crying over spilt milk – A popular English idiom. There's no point in being upset about something that has already happened.

12. To laugh your head off – To laugh a lot!

However	Sin embargo	Medianamente formal	On the one hand On the other hand	Por un lado, por otro lado	Formal, genial para exponer argumentos
Nevertheless	Sin embargo	Muy formal	First and foremost	Lo primero y más importante	Muy formal, para comenzar
Despite In spite of	A pesar de	Formal e informal. Seguido de sustantivo o gerundio	In conclusion To sum up On the whole To summarize	En resumen, para concluir...	Formal, para final del texto
Because Because of	Porque	Informal y medianamente formal	According to... ...the aforementioned...	Según... ...Previamente mencionado...	Formal
As Since	Ya que...	Formal	In relation to In contrast with	En relación a A diferencia de	Formal, para descripciones
For	De modo que	Muy formal	Indeed	En efecto	Formal
On account of Due to Owing to	Debido a...	Formal, siendo el más frecuente due to	Regarding In regards to	Respecto a, en lo que respecta a	Muy formal
Yet	Aún así	Formal	Therefore, In consequence Consequently	Por tanto	Formal
Otherwise	Por otro lado	Formal	In fact	De hecho	Medianamente formal

