

# THE MRS HOOVER SHOW

## Introduction

### COMEDY TIME WITH MRS HOOVER

Since she was first coaxed out of her kitchen, and persuaded to share her lifetime's experience of cost-conscious catering with a wider public, Mrs Hoover has entertained thousands of English Language students, their teachers and host families.

"Not that I do it for the money!" she assures her audience. "I do it for the same reason that I take in lodgers: to serve others, to increase international understanding and to fly the flag for Britain — the country, let's face it, that has carried the light of civilisation into so many dark corners of the globe."

Over tea and biscuits, Britain's Leading Landlady describes how she offers the overseas visitors who stay with her at *JOYLES* (Number 179 Davigdor Road) a peculiarly *British* experience. She unfolds the riches of our cultural heritage, from Shakespeare to the Teletubbies, and offers some valuable tips on social customs, such as how to greet people, how to make polite conversation and what to say before you eat.

Mrs Hoover also has some common-sense advice on how to improve your English rapidly: "Never mind all those grammar exercises, all that listening to cassette tapes<sup>1</sup> and looking up words in the dictionary! 'Learning by doing' is the answer! For example, every evening after dinner the students and I gather round the piano. I get out my ukulele, my husband Leslie gets out his paper and comb, and we sing songs in English. I call it **Singlish**. It's a wonderful way to practise the language!"

And to those whose job it is to deal with foreign students — teachers, welfare and accommodation staff and other host families — Mrs Hoover offers her infallible *Three Synonym Method* for communicating with even the most hesitant of beginners.

Finally, Mrs Hoover reveals the long-suppressed truth that Britain has one of the greatest cuisines in the world.

Well, in Europe, at any rate.

Oh all right, then. In the *UK*.

Honestly!

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<sup>1</sup> Apparently no-one has told Mrs Hoover about CDs

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