

C1 Going Viral's News Oral Presentation

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Vocabulary

Mosquito, mosquitoes. Check out the plural!

Stroke

1. Medical condition: blood is blocked and cannot reach the brain, or a blood vessel in the brain breaks, often causing loss of ability to speak or to move particular muscles.
Have/suffer a stroke.

2. Unexpected event

a stroke of luck/good fortune: Winning the lottery was quite a stroke of luck.

a stroke of genius/inspiration/brilliance: Using green as a background was a real stroke of genius.

3. A hit with hand/object

With each stroke of the whip, the horse galloped faster.

4. In swimming/rowing.

5. Hour sound of clocks

One of the series of sounds that some clocks make to mark the hour.

At the stroke of nine (at exactly nine o'clock) the band began to play.

6. Single pen/brush mark

7. Hand movement

A gentle movement of your hand across skin, hair, or fur.

She gave the dog's head a stroke.

8. When lightning hits something.

The tree was split by a stroke of lightning.

- not do a stroke of work (informal): to do no work at all
- put someone off their stroke (British) : to cause someone to stop what they are doing or to make a mistake. He was put off his stroke by arguing in the next room.
- with a/the stroke of a pen: used for emphasizing that something important is done by the simple act of signing a document.

With a stroke of pen, the chairman had signed away the company.

Heart age calculator:

<http://www.world-heart-federation.org/cardiovascular-health/heart-age-calculator/>

Magichtherapy tricks

<http://www.magictherapy.com/resources/>

Floating pencil

Linking paper clips

Hopping rubber bands