

## Stranger Things – S05E01



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Good morning, Hawkins! This is WSQK The Squawk!

"A chance of X" for weather and probability.

It's looking like a regular day in Hawkins. Fifty-five degrees, low chance of rain, medium chance of arrest, high chance of helicopters.

But general banality aside, it's an exciting day for me, your friend, entertainer, and DJ, Robin Buckley... Nice to meet you! ...AKA Rockin' Robin.

And why is it a big day for me, you ask? Well, it's my **500th** broadcast. Yeah, **you heard that right**, folks. Five-double-O! Which means **it's been even longer since you've heard the sultry voice of Jimmy "Fast Hands" Lee.**

Present perfect (have/has + past participle)  
Connect something in the past to the present

to run away quickly

But while Jimmy was **fleeing** Hawkins even faster than he moves those hands, yours truly was watching slackjawed as the earth split open **beneath her feet** and coughed up that tsunami of mysterious dandruff.

weak form

unable to leave/move

And now, I'm **stuck** here with you, my fellow quarantine compatriots. And if I can be **brutally honest**, I couldn't be happier. Because when you really think about it, **why would you want to live anywhere else?** I mean, what town on Earth can match our very impressive **military-to-civilian ratio?**

telling the truth, even if it hurts someone's feelings

intonation  
falls for open  
questions

2-to-1 ratio means there are two A for every B.  
We're comparing. Don't need exact numbers.

And those free, mandatory medical checkups? I mean, **very cool**. 'Cause after we breathe in **inhaled** those springtime snowflakes, who knows what's wrong with us? Maybe we're fine, maybe not.

exactly/definitely/certainly

No one knows **for sure**. After all, this was a "natural phenomenon never before seen ~~by man~~". A phenomenon now covered up ~~by a giant metal Band Aid~~. Quite the eyesore, but hey, great for sledding.

Passive voice

Slow down to warn someone/tell someone off.

Stop. Sledding. On. The. Giant....

Though seriously, kids, **stop sledding on the giant steel Band-Aid**. You are going to kill yourselves. Also, the men with guns? They don't like it, **not one bit**.

not at all

stay away from

While we're on the subject of things not to do, please **steer clear of** the Military Access Control Zone, aka the MACZ, or as I like to call it, the Big Mac. I have no idea what's going on in there, but I have a gut feeling there's **a pretty good reason** they'd like you to stay away.

*Raised intonation can show you're hinting at something. Maybe there's more to the story than I am saying.*

But hey, the **rest of** Hawkins is still there for you to enjoy. Someday soon, they're gonna **let us out** of here. In the meantime, **be thankful this is your home, study for that test, enjoy that TV dinner, and go on that date.**

*imperatives. Verb (+ object). instructions*

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