

TALK, TALK, TALK ?



Recommendation

It is once again my great pleasure to recommend a new series in the long line of LIS Korea educational products. TALK, TALK, TALK, like the others, is not concerned with grammar or vocabulary, as such, though many words and expressions are defined in context. But the main purpose is for the students to see and hear modern American English as used by an intelligent native speaker, and to respond with their own ideas, in their own words. Mature communication is the goal: the ability of two or more people to understand and interact with each other on an equal basis.

As usual, the series contains lively, interesting topics over a wide range of human experience, a number of-sometimes-outrageous opinions, imagined dialogues between two very different people, and much good sense. It is in this last category in particular that they excel.

Uers are routinely asked to explain what some word or sentence means, how to use it, what is REALLY meant (not just the dictionary meaning) on the basis of the situation being presented. Human character and human interpretation are highly varied, and so is the language used to describe these conditions. Sometimes, even the same word or phrase takes on different coloration in different settings. The material in this series is designed to help non-native-speakers navigate socially in different circumstances

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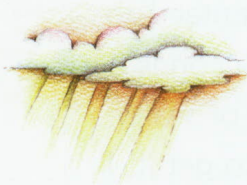
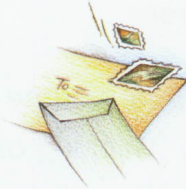
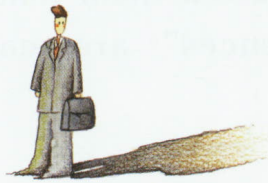
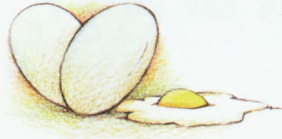
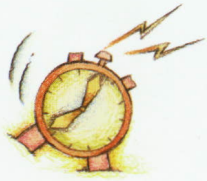
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Let's Warm Up with Some Riddles!

1. What kind of room has no windows or doors?
2. They are dark, and always on the run. Without the sun, would be none.
3. What has hands but is not flesh, bone or blood?
4. I have holes on the top and bottom. I have holes on my left and on my right. And I have holes in the middle. Yet I still hold water. What am I?
5. I look at you, you look at me. I raise my right, you raise your left. What am I?
6. What goes around the world and stays in a corner?
7. The man who invented it, doesn't want it. The man who bought it, doesn't need it. The man who needs it, doesn't know it.
8. Light as a feather, there is nothing in it; the strongest man can't hold it for much more than a minute.
9. What eats rocks, levels mountains, rusts metal, pushes the clouds across the sky, and makes a young man old?
10. Yellow and white Hard outside Stolen from life. What am I?
11. What can fill a room but takes up no space?
12. If you throw it off the highest building it will not break. If you place it in the ocean it will. What is it?
13. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
14. The rich men want it, the wise men know it, the poor all need it, and the kind men show it.
15. You use a knife to slice my head, and weep beside me when I am dead.



Lesson 31

What Do You Want to Say?

▶ **Example**

Many people think technology brings about happiness and that time-saving machines give us extra time. How would you tell them that modern technologies and “conveniences”⁺ are really a main source of stress?

▶ **Answer**

Every time I lose something on the computer after working on it for hours, I regret that I didn't just write it or type it on paper, because then I would have something concrete⁺ to show for all my effort. Whenever I eat ramyun because it is fast and cheap to fix,⁺ I get hungry for the real food that my mom used to make with such tender, loving care. And I have a watch that can tell me what time it is any place in the world, and it's guaranteed to keep time accurately to within a few microseconds a year, and will work even under 30 meters of water. But it cost me almost half a week's salary to get it; I didn't pay for it all at once, of course, I charged⁺ it; but I'm still paying for it, and the high interest is really mounting up.⁺ And what's worse, I can't really go on vacation in some foreign country or even go diving someplace, since I don't have the money or the time.



► **What do you want to say?**

1. Apologize to your boss for being late to work due to⁺ a traffic jam.⁺
2. Tell your boss you want the day off because you have a bad cold.
3. Tell a friend why he should save money for a rainy day.⁺
4. Cheer up⁺ your friend who failed the college exam and advise her to try another school.
5. Counsel your friend to stop smoking.
6. Advise your parent to exercise more.
7. Tell your boyfriend (or girlfriend) to be sure to carry a good sunscreen⁺ on his or her summer vacation.
8. Tell your classmates not to give up on English.
9. Advise your brother not to choose a job based on salary alone.
10. Tell your friend to get a medical checkup⁺ every year.
11. Explain to your children why it is important to study hard.
12. Inform⁺ your employees that it is necessary to cut their pay and to lay some of them off.⁺
13. Let your best friend know that you won't be able to pay back his loan⁺ on time.
14. Tell your parents that you are in love and want to get married.
15. Tell your girl or boy friend that you have a new lover.

-due to : because of; owing to

-traffic jam : traffic that moves very slowly or not at all

-rainy day : a time of projected need, esp. for money

-sunscreen : a cream used to protect the skin from the sun

-checkup : a thorough health examination

-lay off : dismiss or suspend (sb) from a job

-cheer up : make happier or more cheerful

-inform : give information to (sb); tell; notify

-loan : a sum of money lent at interest

Lesson 32

What Should He Do?

▶ Example

He is very forgetful.

▶ Answer

If he forgets appointments, he needs to get in the habit of writing them down and checking his calendar⁺ regularly. If he forgets names, he should try to create a memory link between a person's appearance or position and the name—the more absurd⁺ or exotic,⁺ the easier it is to remember. If he forgets information on tests, he should stop trying to memorize everything and try to understand basic processes and relationships. We can all remember between 3 and 8 things at once, so we need to learn how to organize bigger and bigger thoughts into a small number of categories; remembering becomes very easy then. It's just a matter of training, not intelligence.



▶ *What should he do?*

1. He found out his young son has started smoking.
2. He has had his pocket picked⁺ on the bus.
3. He has a flat tire⁺ on the expressway.
4. He sees someone drowning.⁺
5. He sees someone trying to commit suicide.⁺
6. His friend is about to drive home drunk.
7. His friend asks him to lend him some money.
8. His wife is spending too much with the credit card.
9. His son says he isn't interested in getting a college education.
10. His wife wants a fur⁺ coat for her birthday.
11. His boss wants to date his sister, but she doesn't like him.
12. He has a chance for a big promotion, but if he accepts he will have to move to another country for a long time, without his family.
13. His wife wants to get a divorce.
14. His daughter wants to move in with her boyfriend.
15. He needs a new car and a new apartment, but he can't afford⁺ both.
16. He has no money but has to feed his child.
17. His brother has committed a serious crime and needs an alibi.⁺
18. His father threatens to cut off⁺ his inheritance⁺ if he marries the only woman he has ever loved.
19. He wants to eat another helping⁺ of his favorite food on his birthday, but his doctor has warned him he must lose some more weight.
20. He can either avoid an argument with his mother-in-law, or he can tell her why her advice to his wife is wrong.

→ **pick** : steal the contents of (sth)

→ **flat tire** : tire with no air

→ **drown** : die from being unable to breathe in water

→ **suicide** : the act of intentionally killing oneself

→ **fur** : the thick soft hair covering the body of a mammal, such as a rabbit, cat, or fox

→ **afford** : have enough time or money for (sth)

→ **alibi** : a claim made by an accused person of being somewhere else when a misdeed was committed

→ **cut off** : block (sb) from inheriting one's money after one dies

→ **inheritance** : something that is inherited or is to be inherited at a person's death

→ **helping** : a portion of food for one person

Lesson 33

Agree or Disagree?

▶ Example

Men are selfish by nature.

▶ Answer

“Men,” of course, is synonymous⁺ with “Mankind.” So, by nature, men (and women) are selfish and generous, self-centered and altruistic,⁺ all at once.⁺ But, in terms of⁺ gender, men are also selfish. They want to be like the lion, who lolls⁺ about all day in the hot sun waiting for his mate to catch the food and bring it to him. The lioness also takes care of the cubs⁺ and makes herself available sexually to “the king of the beasts” at any time. Unfortunately, human females are less willing to put up with⁺ this behavior from their husbands, so men are not nearly as selfish as they would like to be.



- synonymous : having the same or a similar meaning
- altruistic : concern for the welfare of others
- all at once : all together; at the same time
- in terms of : with regard to; concerning
- loll : move, stand, sit, or rest in a lazy way
- cub : the young of certain animals, such as the bear, wolf, or lion
- put up with : endure (sth) or (sb) without complaint

► **Do you agree or disagree?**

1. Women are ready to do anything to look more beautiful.
2. He says life is worth living for 100 years or longer.
3. Marriage is the best part of a human being's life.
4. The more children you have, the happier you are.
5. A maxim⁺ says the worst wife is better than a dutiful child.

6. Money makes you happy.
7. Dying is better than living with disgrace.
8. Animals and plants can think and feel like us.
9. There is no such place as heaven or hell.
10. Love and marriage are not the same—and should not be treated alike.

11. Good looks do not go with good brains.
12. The end justifies the means.
13. If we have the courage of our convictions, anything we do is objectively⁺ all right.
14. The meek⁺ shall inherit the earth.
15. Honesty is always the best policy.

16. All politicians are crooks.⁺
17. You have to be crazy to be a great artist.
18. Women are the weaker sex.
19. After 40, it's all downhill.
20. Boy babies are better than girl babies.

-> **maxim** : a brief statement of a basic principle; a proverb

-> **objective** : not influenced by personal feelings or prejudice

-> **the meek** : those who shows patience and humility; the humble

-> **crook** : a person who gets money dishonestly

Lesson 34

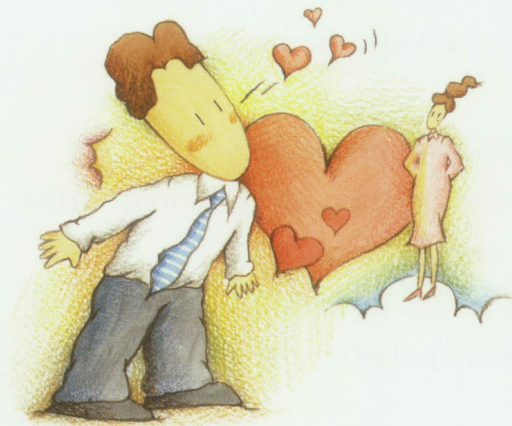
Do You Believe?

▶ Example

Do you believe in love at first sight?

▶ Answer

Absolutely not. If you think you are in love but you don't know the object⁺ of your affection very well, it's not really love. It's just infatuation⁺ or lust.⁺ Love must grow with time and understanding. It requires patience and responsibility. Infatuation is a desire for an immediate relationship (usually sexual intercourse) with little or no thought about what the other person is really like.



 **Answer these questions:**

1. Do you believe that English ability can help you get through this ever-challenging world? How?
2. Do you believe what palm readers⁺ say?
3. Do you believe what the newspapers say?
4. Do you believe what your parents say?
5. Do you believe what politicians say?

6. Do you believe that spanking⁺ schoolboys has a good educational purpose?
7. Do you believe in God?
8. Do you believe in UFOs?⁺
9. Do you believe what ads say?
10. Do you believe in any superstition?⁺

11. Do you believe in ghosts?
12. Do you believe that your destiny⁺ is predetermined?
13. Do you believe that money can buy anything?
14. Do you believe that your love toward your sweetheart won't fade away⁺ as years go by?
15. Do you believe it if your spouse says that he or she will not marry again after you die?

16. Do you believe in life after death?
17. Do you believe that a white lie⁺ is necessary in some cases?
18. Do you believe the beautiful die young?
19. Do you believe what salespeople say?
20. Do you believe what religious leaders say?

- **palm reader** : a person who tells fortunes and interprets character from the lines and configurations of the palm of a person's hand
- **spank** : slap (sb) or (sth) on the buttocks with a flat object or the open hand
- **UFO** : an unidentified flying object
- **superstition** : an action or a practice that is based on faith in magic or chance
- **destiny** : the fortune or fate of a person or thing, considered inevitable or necessary
- **fade away** : disappear slowly
- **white lie** : a small lie about a small matter, often told to keep a person's feelings from being hurt

Lesson 35

Priorities

▶ Example

Buying a car

▶ Answer

Of course, the first priority is price. I'd like to buy a cheap model with cash, so I wouldn't have to borrow any money, if possible. I'm willing to buy an old car to get the best bargain. Design and make⁺ are also important factors⁺ to me. And you know gas is getting expensive these days, so everybody is concerned about mileage.⁺ I like compact⁺ cars because they are economical in terms of⁺ taxes, gas, insurance, etc. Another advantage is that thieves are NEVER interested in small cars.



Talk about your priorities:

1. when you choose the place to go for your honeymoon.
2. when you look for a girlfriend or boyfriend.
3. when you choose a place to live.
4. when you decide your major in college.
5. when you choose a restaurant for lunch.

6. when you look for a job.
7. when you choose where to spend your vacation.
8. when you choose a school for your children.
9. when you pick your church.
10. when you subscribe⁺ to a newspaper.

11. when you go shopping for clothes.
12. when you go drinking with your friends.
13. when you want a doctor.
14. when you change your current job.
15. when you are going to fly somewhere.

16. when you have two important events to attend at the same time.
17. when you choose a hobby.
18. when you are shopping for a pet.
19. when you want to get someone a gift.
20. when you emigrate.

Lesson 36

What Are Their Excuses?

Read Me!

We hear a lot of excuses in the course of our personal and social lives. Let's talk about the kinds of rationalizations⁺ people often make. What are their most common excuses?

Example

Drivers who speed

Answer

"I was in a hurry."
"I didn't really

notice how fast I was going."

"I was late."

"I was just keeping up with the flow of traffic."

"I was in complete control of my car, and it is always well-maintained. There was no danger at all."

"I didn't think there would be a policeman there."

"People who drive too slow are more dangerous than those who go too fast."



► **What are their excuses?**

1. Tax evaders
2. Drunken drivers
3. Divorcing couples
4. Parents who spank their children
5. Those who fail to quit smoking

6. Those who are unable to quit drinking
7. Students who do poorly in school
8. Politicians who don't keep their promises
9. Men or women who have love affairs⁺
10. An ex-convict⁺ who commits another crime

11. Hubbies who forget their wedding anniversary
12. Employees who are late for work
13. Employers who just cut their company's wages
14. Students who gave up trying to learn English
15. Singles who do not want to marry

16. Girls who smoke
17. Kids who want to stay out very late at night
18. Spouse (or child) abusers
19. Police who kill a suspected⁺ criminal
20. Doctors who do not tell their patients the truth.

-love affair : a romantic and/or sexual relationship between two people who are in love and not married to each other

-ex-convict : (sb) who was formerly imprisoned for a crime

-suspect : consider (sb) guilty without proof

Lesson 37

Pros & Cons

▶ Example

You are elected president.

▶ Answer

Why would any honest man want to be president? No president is able to live his own life anymore. He is always being targeted by his political rivals. And he must always decide important matters correctly while, at the same time, maintaining high moral standards. In short, his life has to be unexciting and beyond reproach⁺ if he is going to continue to hold public esteem.⁺ But sometimes he must also make deals⁺ with friends and foes⁺ alike in order to accomplish anything.

But if a man has some intellectual ability and wants to serve his country, he should try to improve society if he can. Such an action deserves the respect of his fellows. And such a person could use the power of the presidency⁺ to make things better for everyone. This person would be far better than just a power-hungry politician who cares more about the benefits of office than the national welfare.



→ **beyond reproach** : impossible to criticize; perfect

→ **esteem** : favorable regard; respect

→ **make a deal** : reach an agreement through compromise

→ **foe** : an enemy, opponent, or adversary

→ **presidency** : the job of president