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Listening Test

Circle the word the teacher pronounced.

wood	word
good	wood
foot	food
fruit	food
roof	rude
good	hood
could	would
should	could
stood	should
goof	roof
childproof	fireproof
would	hood

Answer Quickly

List 2:

things made of wood
things you could do if you were rich
reasons to be good
places you would visit if you had the money
ways to childproof your house
goofs you have made
things you have stood in line for
things that should be fireproof
things you would find on a roof
things to take to school
things you should have done earlier in life

Vocabulary

hectic: a situation that involves a lot of rushed activity

Examples: This was a hectic day at work. My boss gave me ten reports to edit and an expense report to work on.

I don't like having so much work. It makes my life too hectic.

The beginning of school is always a hectic time for my family

boring vs. bored: Boring is an adjective that means dull and uninteresting. "To bore" is a verb which means to make someone feel dull and uninterested.

Example: I think riding in a car is boring. My professor bores the class when he talks about his personal problems.

actually: truly

Example: I actually did my homework for a change. I didn't actually see if the robber had a gun or not.

up for that: ready to participate

Example: If you'd like to see that new movie, I'm up for that. I didn't sleep well last night, so I don't feel up for dancing tonight.

got to run: need to leave

Example: My daughter's school just ended, I've got to run. I've got to run to the store and pick up some milk.

catch you later: I'll contact you later.

Example: I have to leave now, but I'll catch you later.

swamped: overworked

Example: I'm so swamped at work that I didn't even have time to eat lunch. Since they fired the other clerk, I've been swamped with work.

Conversation

Vera: Hey Carol, good to see you. How was your summer?

Carol: Pretty boring, actually. How about you?

Vera: I spent most of the summer working. I'm actually glad to be back at school. It will be a much easier schedule for me.

Carol: I'm surprised to see you here. I thought you finished your courses last spring.

Vera: No, not at all. I still need 15 hours to graduate.

Carol: Are you working this semester?

Vera: No, I'm going to school full time. There's Sherry, I wonder what she's been up to. Sherry, come on over. You remember Carol Samson don't you?

Sherry: Sure, hi Carol.

Vera: How have you been?

Sherry: Things are very hectic in my life right now. I'm swamped at work and my husband has been ill, so I have been doing all the housework and cooking, as well as going to school and working.

Vera: Sorry to hear that.

Carol: It's good to see both of you again. I've got to run. I'll catch you later. Maybe we can share a cup of coffee and catch up.

Vera: By all means. I'm definitely up for that.

Sherry: Good to see you again, Carol. Say hello to your brother for me, will you? I really enjoyed having him in class last Spring. He could always solve those Algebra problems.

Carol: Sure thing. I'll tell him you said, "hello".

Questions

What kind of summer did Carol have?

What did Vera do this summer?

Why is Carol surprised to see Vera at school?

Is Vera working this semester?

What problems does Sherry have?

Who knows Carol's brother?

What type of problems is Carol's brother good at?

What does Carol mean when she says, "sure thing"?

Discussion

What makes you most uncomfortable when you meet strangers?

Do you feel comfortable introducing yourself to people you don't know?

Do you consider yourself shy or outgoing?

Do you consider yourself quiet or talkative?

Ask a group member a question that you might ask in a casual meeting.