

I. Tell what the underlined phrase means in each sentence.

1. Because of her generosity, I was able to finish school.
2. I used to be pretty good at the piano, but I am out of practice.
3. It annoyed me that he kept looking over my shoulder during the whole exam.
4. Out of respect for the train wreck victims, all festivities were cancelled.
5. Her children are so out of control that I won't invite them to my home.
6. He paid all her expenses out of his own pocket.
7. The argument was loud, but it was over quickly.
8. Matt hates to speak in public, but he rose to the occasion and delivered a wonderful eulogy for his dad.
9. The question was directed to the vice-president.
10. That book was recommended to me by someone I trust.
11. He mentioned to me that he might be late.
12. I propose a toast to the bride and groom.
13. I'd like to dedicate this song to my lovely wife.
14. It is to your benefit to purchase the health insurance the company offers.
15. The company offers low cost insurance for the employees benefit.
16. My memories of my wedding are so precious to me.
17. Staying home alone is preferable to going out with a bunch of people I hardly know.
18. To the children's delight, Grandma brought a plateful of homemade cookies.
19. I can't consent to letting you take my daughter to the movie.
20. We are all indebted to you for your help.

II. Students: See how many of these acronyms you know.

a/c
 3D
 ASAP
 aka
 ATM
 CEO
 byob
 24/7
 B&B
 FYI
 ID
 PB&J
 RIP
 TLC
 UFO

III. Read and discuss these news articles:**Kung Fu Granny Floors Thief**

Forty-year-old Noi Namjumjung picked the wrong grandma when he tried to **snatch** a 73-year-old woman's purse.

He quickly found himself on the ground when she **knocked the daylight out of him**.

Noi was jobless, homeless and hungry — and looking for an **easy mark**.

He noticed a nice purse carried by a helpless-seeming granny, Prapai Sroysing. Noi **zeroed in** and grabbed her purse. Mrs Prapai was **taken aback** but held on tight and began yelling for help. Then she grabbed the thief's shirt, pulled him forward and brought her knee up into his **groin** as hard as she could.

Noi fell on **all fours**, curling up in agony as Granny Prapai delivered a further **barrage** of kicks and punches. She stopped only when Noi surrendered and **begged for mercy**. Bystanders rushed in to carry her **assailant** to the nearby police station.

IV. Discussion Questions

- 1-List some stereotypes of grannies:
- 2-Was the old lady justified in beating up her attacker?
- 3-Here this might be called purse snatching or mugging. Is this a problem in your country?
- 4-What crime do you worry about most?
- 5-Would you fight off an attacker or give him your purse?

Fire Leads to Discovery of House of Snakes

Firefighters arrived at a Utah home to put out a **blaze** started by a kitchen fire and discovered more than **flames**. Twenty eight snakes, six of them **venomous** were in the home. "I'm just trying to **wrap my head** around what happened" said the fire chief. The snakes were all in cages and were well taken care of. However, the owner had no **permit** for the six venomous snakes.

All the snakes were **confiscated** and will probably be **released into the wild**. People keeping snakes without permits is an increasing problem in Utah. Earlier this year a man was fined for having 29 boa constrictors in his house without a permit.

- 1-Do you think it is OK to release venomous snakes into the wild?
- 2-How would you feel about your neighbor keeping snakes in his house?
- 3-Only poisonous snakes require a permit. Do you think all snakes should require a permit?
- 4-What animals would you be willing to have as a pet?
- 5-Do people in your county keep pet snakes as pets are a source of food?