

9-12-2013 Advanced Lesson

**Warm-up: Discuss as a group**

- To “lean on” someone means to turn to them for support. Who is someone in your life you lean on for support, either emotional or financial?
- Another meaning for “lean on” is to make someone do something they really don’t want to do. In other words, to coerce them by threatening them with something bad. EX: If she refuses to teach the extra class, lean on her a bit. Tell her if she doesn’t do it, we won’t be able to give her a good recommendation. Have you ever been “leaned on” in this way?

**The intermediate classes are studying verbs of movement today. Match these pictures to the verbs below.**



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| 1. wiggle | 2. rock  | 3. stretch | 4. lunge | 5. spin      | 6. sway  |
| 7. shake  | 8. bend  | 9. sink    | 10. lean | 11. collapse | 12. curl |
| 13. twist | 14. rise | 15. bounce |          |              |          |

**Teachers: assign each student 3 verbs from the list. Have them write a sentence with each verb. Then have them read their sentences to the class. Correct grammar and pronunciation as necessary.**

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**All of these verbs describe ways to move. But these words have other meanings as well. Study these sentences and tell what the meaning of the underlined phrase is.**

1. The chemical company is going to spin off its herbicide division.
2. The president tried to spin the news to minimize the damage to his reputation.
3. Sometimes we work for twelve hours at a stretch.
4. The forest stretched away to the horizon.
5. We have to stretch our money in order to afford groceries and be able to pay our bills.
6. When Ben claimed to have a Ph.D, he was stretching the truth.

7. He's pleasant looking, but by no stretch of the imagination could you describe him as handsome.
8. We've been working on this project for over a year now, but we're on the home stretch now.
9. We don't usually let students check out the reference books, but I'm willing to stretch the rules for you.
10. I know you don't agree with the way we do things here, but please don't rock the boat.
11. The hero sank the stake into the vampire's heart.
12. I heard what you said, but it took a while to sink in.
13. I can't help you with the exam. You'll have to sink or swim on your own.
14. My heart sank when I heard they were getting a divorce.
15. The terrorists blew up a school full of children. I find it hard to believe that humans could sink to such depths.
16. The family sunk into poverty after the father died.
17. In a short time, the ship sank without a trace.
18. I have a couple of ideas I'd like to bounce off you.
19. The athlete bounced back from his injury quickly.
20. I applied for a Visa four times, but never got one. Oh well, that's the way the ball bounces sometimes.
21. He rose from the ranks to become president of the company.
22. If we both agree on the plan, let's shake on it.
23. The corrupt policeman was trying to shake down all the area businesses for protection money.
24. The sight of all those injured people really shook me up.
25. The rumor is that the new CEO is really going to shake things up around here.