

**Practice speaking:**

- 1-Convince someone in the class to donate money to your cause.
- 2-How do you politely decline someone's solicitations for donations?
- 3-Are there good reasons NOT to donate to someone's cause?
- 4-Would you consider donating a body part to another person? Would it matter if you knew the person?
- 5-Have you ever donated blood? Talk about the experience.

**Read the article below. This article appeared in a New Zealand paper, so they use the word banknotes instead of the American term, "dollars".**

***Empty Boxes and Politeness Dent Generosity***

People will not give money if they are thanked in advance or presented with an empty donation box, but will dig deep if they see banknotes, according to a study by New Zealand academics released on Wednesday.

The research by Victoria University of Wellington's economics department showed that how much is already in a donation box, the mix of coins and notes, and what sorts of signs are present will influence how generous the public will be. The behavior of people faced with a clear donation box at the entrance to the city's art gallery was filmed by a hidden camera.

"The most important thing is to never leave the box empty," said senior lecturer John Randal.

"But it is also important to ensure there is a balance of notes and coins so that whether people want to make a large or small donation, that they feel it is appropriate to do so."

- 1.What does "dig deep" mean in this article?
- 2.Without looking at the article, give a short summary.
- 3.What lesson should be learned from this study?
- 4.How would you describe a "generous person"?

**What does "lack" mean? All the sentences below use "lack". Decide if they are correct or incorrect. Tell how you would correct them.**

- 1.Tonya lacks the necessary skills to succeed in this job.
- 2.There is a general lack of understanding about global climate studies.
- 3.His argument is in lack of substance.
- 4.Frank is lacked common sense.
- 5.Mr. Krump exhibited a lack of good manners.
- 6.There was lacking of tasty food at the banquet.
- 7.Sue was amazed at lacks of eligible bachelors in her class.
- 8.This cake is in lack of sugar.

**Idioms:**

- 1-You know what "clean" means. You know what "forgot" means. But what does it mean when someone says, "I clean forgot."?
- 2-If your team wins all the competitions at a track meet, people might say: Your team made a clean sweep. What do you think a clean sweep is? Use it in another sentence.

3-"The new manager can now come in and start with a clean slate." What situation would this sentence describe? Do you think some employees were fired or policies changed?

4-Jenny broke up with Jeff. He asked if they could remain friends and still see each other occasionally. Jenny said she wanted a clean break. What do you think Jenny meant?

5-Grandmother really likes the boy I am dating now because he is clean-cut and dresses nicely.

6-Dad was given a clean bill of health at his last check-up. Should Dad be happy or sad about the news?

7-My brother went to Las Vegas last week. He really cleaned up at the Blackjack tables. He won over \$1,000 dollars. Did the brother wipe down the tables and cards or does "clean up" have a different meaning in this sentence?