

**Group Talk:** Students choose an item to talk about for 3 to 5 minutes. Then discuss with the group.

1. Talk about a time you locked yourself out of someplace.
2. Explain a gesture that you use in your country, but that people don't use here.
3. Have you ever ridden on a cruise ship? Tell about it.
4. Talk about driving in this country versus driving in your country.
5. Have you ever had to spend the night in an airport? Tell about it.
6. Talk about something that most people are afraid of, but that you are not afraid of.

**Hold** is one of those verbs with many meanings. We will explore a few today. Students take turns reading a sentence and explaining the meaning of the underlined phrase in that sentence. If you don't know, ask your classmates to help you. If they don't know, ask the teacher to explain the meaning. Try to make a new sentence using hold in that way.

1. Hold the baby.
2. Hold on, I forgot my keys.
3. Hold my hand when you cross the street.
4. Grab hold of the rope and pull.
5. I can't get hold of my wife. I've been calling her for hours.
6. Hold your hands in front of your face.
7. This bottle holds seven ounces.
8. The cargo ship was carrying explosives in the hold.
9. Death holds no fear for me.
10. She has never held office before.
11. He does not hold a valid driver's license.
12. Season ticket holders get the best seats.
13. The government will hold an investigation of the incident.
14. The stories hold the kid's interest.
15. Because she once loved him, he still has a hold over her.
16. Can you hold, please. I'll see if I can get him to pick up.
17. Stock prices held steady.
18. Hold it! Don't move.
19. It is not hard to get hold of drugs if you are a teenager.
20. Can you please put this dress on hold?
21. She can hold her own against the boys.
22. Fear took hold of the passengers as they saw the man pull a gun.
23. I don't hold it against him that he defeated me.
24. My fear of failure always holds me back.
25. I think you are holding back the details.
26. My brother in law has a hard time holding a job because he is an alcoholic.
27. I would hold off on having surgery right now. It might heal on it's own.
28. He is a shrewd politician who knows how to hold on to power.
29. The athlete is holding out for a bigger bonus.
30. The robber held up the bank.
31. I'm looking for a toothbrush holder.
32. What's the hold up? I've been waiting for an hour.
33. Hold your peace for a little while longer. You'll get your turn to talk.
34. I don't hold out much hope of winning. My competitor holds all the aces.
35. We held a meeting to decide on a plan.
36. The mayor held forth for over an hour. Most people quietly left.
37. I hope you get the promotion, but don't hold your breath.
38. You didn't hold up your end of the bargain.

39. I'm so ashamed. I'll never be able to hold my head up in public.
40. He has a hard time holding his temper.
41. I felt like scolding her, but I held my tongue.
42. We were held over in Miami because of the approaching hurricane.
43. The room will seat fifty, but I think you should hold the line at forty. It will be more comfortable for everyone.
44. I'm not sure how much longer I can hold up under this stress.
45. The idea that more education is a good thing generally holds true.
46. Hold your horses!