

**Group Talk: Take turns answering these questions and discussing in your group.**

- 1.Explain what “fifty-fifty”, “unlikely” and “it’s iffy” mean.
- 2.If a plan has “a snowball’s chance in hell” of succeeding, will it work?
- 3.If someone says, “don’t bet on it” is it likely to happen?
- 4.If someone offers you a “dog-eared” copy of a text book you need, should you take it?
- 5.When do you feel most like “a fish out of water”?
- 6.Demonstrate “leafing through” a book or magazine.
- 7.Explain his sentence and tell the meaning of the phrase in quotes. The houses I will show you today “range from” three to five bedrooms, some with a pool and some without.
- 8.Explain: “We can’t really criticize Dane until we’ve walked in his shoes.”
- 9.What is a “risky business”?
- 10.What is “talk radio”?
11. If someone says they are “in radio” what do they mean?
12. Name some bathroom “fixtures”. What is a light “fixture”?

**Grammar Point**

“Been” is often used as the past participle of come and go. It is usually correct to use “come” or “gone”, but “been” is more common. Note: Been is only used for completed visits. Read the examples.

Granny hasn’t come to see us in ages.	Granny hasn’t been to see us in ages.
I haven’t gone to the theatre in months.	I haven’t been to the theatre in months.
Have you ever gone to Ireland?	Have you ever been to Ireland?

**Would you use “been” or “gone” in these sentences.**

- 1.Is Phil Smith here? No, he has \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- 2.When are you going to the doctor? I’ve already \_\_\_\_\_ to the doctor.
- 3.Where have the kids \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4.Frank has \_\_\_\_\_ ill for several days.
- 5.Jeff left for the airport already. Has he \_\_\_\_\_ by taxi or bus?
- 6.We’ve \_\_\_\_\_ here before haven’t we?
- 7.I have \_\_\_\_\_ out of my way to help her.
- 8.Susan has \_\_\_\_\_ out with Ben several times.
- 9.They have \_\_\_\_\_ together for over a year.
10. I wish I could have \_\_\_\_\_ there to see her face when she opened the package.

**Texas Laws You Need to Know (Group members read and discuss)**

All occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, must be secured by a safety belt no matter where they are seated in the vehicle.

A motorcycle operator may not carry a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

It is illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

New Texas residents may operate a motor vehicle for 90 days without a Texas driver’s license. This assumes you have a license from another state.

An infant up to 1 year old and at least 20 lbs. must ride in a rear facing infant seat.  
Children over 1 year who weight between 20 and 40 pounds must be in a forward facing child seat with harness.

Children younger than 8 must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat (also known as a booster seat) unless the child is taller than 4 ft. 9 in.

**For those teachers who didn't finish the lesson on Monday, here is the last section again.**

**Tell the meaning of the underlined phrases in the sentences below.**

1. I can't speak for Alice, but I thought the movie was excellent.
2. It speaks well of Tom that he always includes your mother in invitations.
3. If you don't understand, speak up.
4. His non-attendance at the planning sessions speaks volumes about his enthusiasm for the project.
5. Speak now or forever hold your peace.
6. Sit down. It's time for us to talk turkey.
7. The governor talks tough, but doesn't back up his words.
8. Excuse us, Dareen, we're going to talk shop for a little bit.
9. You don't have to decide now. Go home and talk it over with your spouse.
10. My son got in trouble for talking back to the teacher.
11. He talks the talk. We'll see if he walks the walk.
12. It's interesting that the company president's kids always get in to the amusement park before anyone else. Yes, money talks.
13. Can I talk you into buying me a coke? I forgot my wallet.
14. I can't solve your problems for you. The two of you will have to talk it out.
15. Talk about egotistical. John never stopped talking about himself during the entire dinner.