

Group Talk: Students, choose one and talk about it, then ask other group members to answer. Encourage everyone to participate.

1. To feel good about myself, I need
2. What would you do if dinner guests you invited showed up with their dog?
3. Which of the following did you do as a child? (mowed the grass, swam in a lake or river, took the bus to school, raised animals, rode a horse, cooked a meal by yourself, baby sat young children, worked in a store) Which of these would you most like to have done?
4. Which of the following makes you feel most uneasy? (being home alone when a repairman comes, walking through a deserted parking lot, being in a crowded park with my young child, riding the bus with lots of people I don't know, asking a stranger for directions, being home alone at night)
5. In your home country, are children expected to work to help out the family? What kinds of jobs are children expected are allowed to do?

Expressions with BACK. Explain the meaning of the underlined word or phrase.

1. I don't understand. Could you go back to the beginning?
2. We took the train back from Dallas.
3. We went back to riding the bus after my foot healed.
4. Could I please have my plate back?
5. Get back! The car might explode.
6. She tried to get back at her boss by reporting him for harassment.
7. I'll get back to you after I talk to my husband.
8. We cut back on expenses after Josh lost his job.
9. We watched back to back episodes of that show last night.
10. The company backed out of the deal when they found out the cost.
11. Jack never backs down from a fight.
12. We backed down the driveway carefully for fear we would hit the wall.
13. This was a good idea, but it was too expensive to complete. Now we're back to square one.
14. We doubled back and picked up Charlie.
15. The trouble between the two countries dates back to the 19th century.
16. I've had a hard time getting back on my feet since the fire destroyed all my possessions.
17. Johnny is a friend of mine from way back.
18. I have a savings account to fall back on if I lose my job.
19. That was the straw that broke the camel's back.
20. Get off my back! I'll get my homework done.
21. Jack agreed to help with the carnival, but, as usual, he went back on his word.
22. If I think back on it, I realize that Maria never acted kindly to my mother.
23. With the backing of my parents, I was able to finish law school.
24. Jeff is divorced now. He's back in circulation.
25. We're sold out. Those are back ordered.
26. I feel like she talks behind my back.
27. If you think back to last year, you'll realize we have talked about this before.
28. I haven't been paid back for all my expenses yet.
29. He will be entitled to back pay for the time when he was suspended.

Discussion

- Who do you fall back on when you need help?
- Do you have many friends from "way back"?
- When we're knocked down by life, we have to get back on our feet. Describe a time when you had to "get back on your feet".
- Backing someone is supporting them, either financially or with support. Did you have backing from your parents when you went to college?
- A "laid back" person is very relaxed. Nothing bothers them. Does that describe you? your spouse?