

Work with a partner. Match the words in the chart with the definitions below. Then fill in the blanks with the words from the chart.

back up	back from	double back
back off	back off	back to square one
back to back	cut back	back out

- a)to withdraw a claim or demand you you made earlier
- b)to decide not to do something that you had agreed to do
- c)to move backward
- d)to return to a starting place from a different place
- e)move away to avoid problems or a fight
- f)back to the beginning
- g)immediately following
- h)decrease
- i)to go back in the opposite direction

- 1.I got my black suit _____ the cleaners.
- 2.He _____ his demand that I pay him the full price for the damaged car.
- 3._____ slowly because the driveway is very curvy.
- 4.The two baseball players scored _____ home runs.
- 5.My boss _____ the number of hours I can work because business is really bad.
- 6.Why don't we _____ by the cabin so you can pick up a jacket.
- 7.The deal fell through, so now we're _____.

Group Talk- Read these paragraphs and explain to the group what happened in your own words. Explain the meaning of the underlined words or phrases. Then answer the questions. Ask others in the group to answer the same questions.

We spent all weekend going back and forth between the airport and home. My parents and my brothers were supposed to be on the same flight, but my brothers missed their flight. So each one flew on a different plane. That meant three trips to the airport in one day. I was a little put out with them for missing their flight. They always wait til the last minute to go to the airport. Then if the traffic is bad, they miss their flight. They drive me crazy with their irresponsible behavior.

- 1.Are you a person who gets ready early, or do you wait til the last minute? How about your spouse or your children?
- 2.What is the secret to being on time?

We went to the concert on Friday. We had a backstage pass, so we got to meet the band. I didn't enjoy the concert that much though. I don't really have any background in country music. I grew up in a big city up north and we didn't listen to a lot of country music. I prefer rock or jazz. My plan for setting up Olivia and Charlie at the concert backfired, too. I didn't realize Olivia was such a social snob. Charlie does not have the same background as Olivia. He's from a poor family. His parents have no education and his father has a hard time holding a job. But Charlie finished college and has a decent job. And he's very nice looking. I thought Olivia would like him, but she is from a very wealthy family. They didn't share any of the same experiences growing up. Olivia looked down on Charlie because of his poor background. They didn't get along at all.

1. Have you had experiences with social snobs?
2. Is social class very important in your country? Would you date someone from a different social class?
3. Would your parents approve of your marrying someone of a different social class?
4. When you were in school, did the kids from one social class all hang out together?
5. Many immigrants come to the US and end up marrying Americans. This can be hard for the parents back home to accept. Have you had experience with this? Would you be upset if your children married someone from a very different background?