

Teachers: Choose one student to read the paragraph. Have them turn their paper over and tell the class what it said. Then have them read the paragraph to the class to see if they were correct. Then ask them to lead a discussion using the questions below the paragraph.

1. Adam is a bus driver who drives the morning shift from 5:30 AM to 2 PM. His route is busy with people commuting to work. Adam likes his job because he gets off early. He can be home when his kids get home from school. Adam is old enough to retire next year, but he thinks he might stay on. He likes his job and the money is good.

Questions:

Do you have a job you like?

Would you stay on past retirement age if you liked your job? Is it important to have a job you like?

Would you take a job you didn't like if it paid a lot of money?

2. The Smiths went camping in Yellowstone National Park. They found a beautiful spot to camp. They set up their tent. Then Mr. Smith went to look for fire wood. When he returned, his wife and son were locked inside the car. He wondered what was going on. Then he saw the bear. He ran back into the woods and climbed a tree.

Questions:

Do you enjoy camping?

Where have you camped?

Have you ever seen scary animals in the wild? What would you have done if you were Mr. Smith?

3. Peter has a cold. His nose is running and he coughs a lot. He should stay home, but he has to be at work. The boss is on a business trip and he asked Peter to manage the office. There are five women working in the office. They do not like it that Peter is at work when he is sick. They are afraid they will catch his cold. They are giving Peter the cold shoulder. Peter feels bad, but doesn't know what else to do.

Questions:

If you were Peter, would you stay at work or go home?

Do you think the boss will understand if Peter doesn't go to work tomorrow?

These are typical American slang phrases that you commonly hear. Tell who would say it, when they would say it and what it means.

1. Check please.

2. Separate checks?

3. Where to?

4. Break it up, you two!

5. Holy cow!

6. Do you have a low carb menu. I'm eating paleo.

7. Take your time.

8. Bummer.

9. Stop griping.

10. Is this seat taken?

11. Want to grab some lunch?

12. I blew it all gambling.

13. Are you making fun of me?

14. Mind if I smoke?

15. It's up ahead on the left.

16. Can you give me a jump?

17. We have a flat. (Not the British flat which means an apartment.)

18. No vacancy.

19. Roger

20. Save your breath.

21. Get a load of this.

22. I pulled an all-nighter.
23. I am beat.
24. The coach benched him.
25. Don't get bent out of shape.
26. The flight was oversold and I got bumped.
27. BYOB
28. That guy smokes dope.
29. She gave me an earful.
30. That is definitely a chick flick.
31. We got a lot of freebies at the convention.
32. She makes over a hundred grand.
33. No guts, no glory.
34. She dresses like a hooker.
35. Those kids are all big jocks.
36. No sweat.
37. Negative
38. Mellow out, dude.
39. Don't make waves.
40. What a lame excuse.
41. She is such a klutz.
42. I get a kick out of watching the kids play.