

**Listening Exercise: What did the teacher say?**

1. It's in the (bag - back).
2. This neighborhood is full of (grime - crime).
3. The (wig - wick) was too short.
4. Don't (grease - crease) it.
5. The (girls - curls) were blonde.

**Read these conversations and discuss the questions.**

Allison: Boy, the boss really chewed Leslie out for being late this morning. What was up with that?  
 Barb: Well, it was the third time she's been late this week. I suppose he is tired of it. After all, he has a business to run.

1. What does "chew someone out" mean?
  2. Allison says, "What was up with that?". What does she mean?
  3. What is the boss tired of?
  4. Do you think the boss was too hard on Leslie?
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Carol: The check out time is 11 AM. That is kind of early don't you think. I don't usually get up until 10. I won't have time to eat breakfast.

Debra: I think that is the standard time. Sometimes they give you until noon. But they have to get the hotel ready for the next occupant. I guess you'll have to get up a little early tomorrow.

1. What is a check out time?
  2. Do you think 11 AM is ridiculously early for check out?
  3. What solution did Debra offer?
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Ellen: I'm sorry, you'll have to count me out for skiing on Saturday. My parents are coming to town and I promised to show them the university.

Faith: You always drop out at the last minute. Why do you always do this to me?

Ellen: I'm sorry, Faith. But I really can't get out of my obligations to my parents.

1. What does "count me out" mean?
  2. Why does Ellen drop out?
  3. Why is Faith upset?
  4. How does Ellen respond to Faith's complaint?
  5. What does it mean to "get out of something"?
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Gary: My girlfriend left town this afternoon. She'll be gone all weekend. I will be so bored.

Hank: Hey, let's hang out on Saturday. Maybe we'll luck out and pick up some babes. I know the bartender at one of the downtown clubs. She's a real knock out.

Gary: No thanks. I promised my girlfriend I'd keep out of trouble while she was away.

1. Explain "hang out", "luck out", "knock out" and "keep out of trouble".
  2. What is a "babe"?
  3. Who does Hank know and what is her profession?
  4. What did Gary promise his girlfriend?
  5. Do you think Gary's girlfriend likes Gary to hang out with Hank?
  6. Does your spouse have any friends that you prefer they don't hang out with?
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Ivana: I sold all our stuff at the garage sale. I made over \$200. Mike tried to talk me out of having a garage sale. He said it would take too much time and I wouldn't make any money. But I made out like a bandit.

Jane: I'm glad that worked out for you. Garage sales don't always turn out well.

- 1.What does Ivana mean when she says she "made out like a bandit"?
  - 2.What did Mike think about the garage sale?
  - 3.Is Jane skeptical about garage sales?
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Kathy: The fireworks festival was so great last year. I'm going again this year. Want to come along? I can take you in my van. There are several of us going.

Linda: Will it be safe to go to the park at night.

Kathy: It will be very safe. It's the fourth of July. The police will be out in force. You don't have to worry about anything.

Linda:Ok, I'll meet you out front.

- 1.Where is Kathy going?
  - 2.What kind of car does Kathy have?
  - 3.What is Linda worried about?
  - 4.What does Kathy's statement "the police will be out in force" mean?
  - 5.Where will Linda meet Kathy?
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Marcy: Where is Dana? We've waited for fifteen minutes and she still hasn't shown up. Did she just decide not to go and not bother to tell us?

Nancy: That would be out of character for Dana. She is always very dependable and would never ditch us without letting us know. This makes me worry that something might have happened to her.

Marcy: I hope nothing happened to her, but I'm a little angry she made us wait. Out of consideration for us, she should have let us know she wouldn't come.

- 1.What does Marcy suspect Dana did?
  - 2.What does Nancy mean when she says, "That would be out of character for Dana"?
  - 3.Why is Nancy worried about Dana?
  - 4.What does "out of consideration" mean?
  - 5.Do you think Dana ditched them?
  - 6.Do you have friends who say they are going to come and don't show up?7-
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Stella: I'm not sure if the Wilsons will invite us to the party, but if they do we need an excuse because I can't stand their parties. Their friends all have a lot of money. The women wear lots of makeup and not a hair out of place. I don't feel comfortable. I'm really out of my element.

Sam: I get it. All the men talk about is their golf scores. And the jokes they come out with are not always appropriate or funny.

Stella: I've been working so hard lately. All I want to do Friday night is come home and conk out on the couch.

Sam: No problem. If they ask us, we have an out. My boss asked me to work this weekend.

1. What does Stella mean when she says she is "out of her element"? Have you ever felt this way at a party?
2. Explain, "the jokes they come out with".
3. What does Stella mean when she says she wants to "conk out"?
4. What is Sam's out?