

FUMC ESL 2-25-2019 Advanced Lesson

Read this story by paragraph. Explain the vocabulary words in bold. Answer the questions at the end of each paragraph.

Jaden Emory entered the police station, pulling his **crocheted** cap down over his **dreadlocks**. He **ambled** into the grey **maze** of hallways. A slim redhead in **handcuffs** slipped him a **sly** smile, and **instinctively** he flashed his **trademark** grin. But he quickly wiped the **cocky** smile off his face, **abashed**. What had he been thinking? He wasn't here to **flirt**. He **picked up his pace**, not wanting to **linger** in the booking area for fear of being recognized by someone from his former **shady** past.

When Jaden walked into the station, was he in a hurry?

What kind of impression was Jaden trying to give when he entered the station?

Why was Jaden abashed?

Is Jaden proud of his shady past?

Why did Jaden pick up his pace? What was he afraid of?

He stood outside the detective's office, **trepidation** giving way to **anticipation**. After all, he hadn't done anything wrong and the detective promised she wasn't interested in his past. She simply wanted to tap his knowledge of the world of street gangs. He removed his cap and stuffed it into his back pocket. What would be waiting for him behind the door. He **abhorred** being in a police station; too many unpleasant memories. He exhaled **audibly** and pushed into the office.

Describe Jaden's mental state before entering the detective's office.

Sitting across from the detective was a face he recognized; a young woman. When she saw Jaden, a look of **dread** crossed her face. She **furrowed** her brow and looked down at her feet. When she looked back at Jaden, her blue eyes **beseached** him to **corroborate** her **pretense** of innocence. Jaden reached out his hand to introduce himself, though he and the woman knew each other well. Best not to let the detective know they were **acquaintances**.

Demonstrate: a furrowed brow, eyes that beseech, a cocky grin, a sly smile, exhaling audibly, ambling

Has the young woman admitted her guilt? What phrase lets you know that?

What is the woman hoping Jaden will do?

The detective looked up from the paperwork in front of her. She shook Jaden's hand **perfunctorily**, looking with disapproval at Jaden's **mammoth mane of dreadlocks**. The detective began talking while she **perused** a file, evidently belonging to the young woman in front of her. She read a **litany** of charges from using cocaine to drug smuggling. The detective's attitude **tried his patience**. Why was he here, anyway? Surely the police didn't need his **input** to put the woman away for years. She was clearly caught in the web.

Perfunctorily means "carried out with a minimum of effort or care. Demonstrate shaking someone's hand perfunctorily.

How does the detective feel about Jaden?

How would you describe Jaden at this point? scared, cocky, puzzled, alarmed

Suddenly the door burst open and a man was **thrust** in. "Well, hello, Dreads." Jaden **paled**. Nobody had used his street **alias** for months. He was clean now and had nothing to do with gangs. The man looked at Jaden with **disdain**. "So who you ratting out, now, Loser?" The young woman **tittered** nervously. Jaden **scrutinized** the man's face before answering **amicably**, "Hello, Ice. What puts you in handcuffs these days? Dealing, thieving, murder?"

The man spoke. "You're pathetic Ja-Den. Now that you're a boy scout, you want to burn all your brothers. That's **repulsive**, bro."

"That's **ironic**, Ice. You calling me repulsive."

The detective **intervened**. "Throwing around insults want **extricate** you from your difficulties, Ice. Have a seat and be quiet."

What was the young woman's reaction to the man being shoved into the room?

What was Jaden's reaction to the man?

Demonstrate: scrutinizing someone's face, tittering nervously.

Give a short summary of what is happening in this story so far.

Do you think Jaden is in trouble?

Match the vocabulary word with the correct meaning.

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| intervene | an additional name |
| extricate | examine carefully |
| ironic | in a friendly way |
| paled | giggled |
| scrutinize | anticipate with fear |
| alias | using words that are the opposite of what you really mean |
| amicably | contempt |
| tittered | become pale in the face from shock or fear |
| disdain | interrupt verbally |
| dread | free from difficulty |

Discuss:

1. Do you watch many crime shows on TV? Do you like fictional crime stories or true crime stories?
2. Would you like to be a detective or a forensic specialist?
3. Do you have any gangs in your country?
4. Some kids think it's cool to dress or act like gang members. If your child began to do this, how would you react? Is it just harmless imitation or does it indicate a real problem?
5. Name something you "dread".