

NOTE: We will not have class at all next week (11-20 through 11-23)

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

City Dreams Chapter 12-The Air Mattress

Joe gets home from work. He unlocks the door to Max's apartment. Max is there. "What's in the box?" asks Max.

"I have an air mattress," says Joe. "I will sleep well tonight!"

Joe opens the box. He takes out the air mattress. He reads the instructions inside.

Joe inflates the air mattress with the electric pump. Then he lies down on the air mattress. It feels very comfortable.

Max gives Joe some sheets and a blanket. Joe makes his bed. It looks very comfortable.

"Let's go out for dinner," says Max. Joe agrees and they go out. They eat pizza at the Italian restaurant. Then they come back to the apartment.

Joe's bed looks very different. It's deflated. All the air has leaked out. "Hmm," says Joe. "Maybe I won't sleep well tonight. Let's go out for some ice cream."

Tell if these sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

1. Joe doesn't have a key to Max's apartment.
2. Max isn't home when Joe gets there.
3. Joe has an air mattress.
4. Joe reads the instructions inside the box.
5. Joe inflates the air mattress with a hand pump.
6. Max gives Joe some candy and popcorn.
7. Max suggest they go out for dinner.
8. The boys go for Chinese food.
9. When the boys get home, Joe's bed has deflated.
10. Joe suggests they go out for ice cream.

City Dreams Chapter 13-A Terrible Night

When Joe and Max get back from the ice cream parlor, Joe inflates the air mattress again. He lies down for a while. But the air mattress slowly deflates again. He tries to sleep, but it is impossible. Joe has a terrible night.

In the morning, Joe's back really hurts. He folds up the air mattress. He puts it back in the box. Joe picks up the box and carries it to work. He goes in Hanson's Department Store. He finds the Customer Service counter.

Maria is working at the Customer Service Counter. "Hi," says Joe. "I need to exchange this air mattress."

"Why do you want to return it?" asks Maria. Joe says, "It has a hole in it. Here is my receipt." "Okay," says Maria. "I'm sorry it didn't work out. Oh, and today is my last day here."

"Really?" asks Joe. "Yes," says Maria. "so you aren't my co-worker anymore. Maybe we can go out sometime."

Tell if these sentences are TRUE or FALSE

1. Joe deflates his air mattress.
2. Joe has a good night on his new air mattress.
3. In the morning, Joe's head really hurts.
4. Joe folds up the air mattress and takes it to the store.
5. Joe tells Maria the air mattress has a hole in it.
6. Maria will not let Joe return it because he doesn't have a receipt.
7. This is Maria's last day at Hanson's Department Store.
8. She tells Joe they might can go out sometime

Discuss: Read and answer the question. Then all other students should answer the question. (Teachers, on the idioms, you may have to answer the question first so that they understand how to answer.)

1. Did you rent an apartment or buy a house when you moved here? Did you have to buy furniture for it? Are you happy with the furniture you bought? What will you do with the furniture when you return to your country?
2. Will you take some American gifts back to your friends and family when you visit them? What kinds of things will you take? Do they ever ask you to bring something from the U.S.? What kinds of things do they ask for?
3. Would you prefer to live in an old, historic city with a section that had lots of neat old buildings or would you prefer a newer city with clean glass skyscrapers and modern design?
4. If you could design a city, what would you make sure every neighborhood had?
5. Talk about your favorite color. Do you buy clothes in this color? Do you paint the walls of your home in this color? What is the most relaxing color? What is the most energetic color? What is a good color for a kid's room?
6. In the U.S., pink is a "girl color". Is it the same in your country? Would your husband wear a pink shirt or pink shorts? What colors do you wear to weddings and/or funerals in your country?
7. Are any of your neighbors "old people"? Do they get along with the younger members of your neighborhood? Do you invite them to your house and include them in neighborhood activities?
8. Are there schools in your neighborhood? stores? fire and police stations? Tell what conveniences are in your neighborhood.