



# Oh! My English

## Advanced - Vol #2



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# UNIT I : AROUND THE WORLD



## Immigration

**Kara:** Dad will have to leave for Australia next month.

**Kareen:** We heard that. Your family will strike it rich there.

**Muhammad:** And there's a big chance for you to stay there for good.

**Kara:** That's the reason why dad accepted the job. There will be better opportunities for all of us there. But this tears my heart.

**Kareen:** This is pathetic. Our country's losing its professionals and skilled workers.

**Kara:** You're right. I could only wish that we get denied on immigration.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Strike it rich** - to suddenly become rich

**Dad will have to leave for Australia next month.**

**Your family will strike it rich there.**

**Our country's losing its professionals and skilled workers.**

**I could only wish that we get denied on immigration.**

## Activity

**Can you tell the difference?**

Immigration & Emigration	Affect & Effect
Principle & Principal	
Capital & Capitol	Affluent & Effluen
There, Their & They're	

# UNIT I : AROUND THE WORLD



## Stereotypes

**Guia:** Dad will have a hard time defending Sayeed even if he downplays the evidence as nothing but circumstantial.

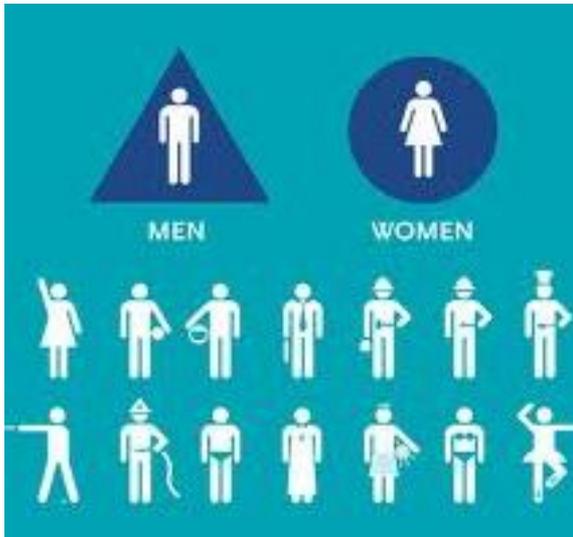
**David :** The recent events have stigmatized his race as people capable of cold-blooded murders.

**Guia:** This stereotyping must stop. We don't need to give innocent people more injustices.

**David :** Even if you stop the stereotype, Sayeed still fits the profile of a murderer. He has always led a rough-and-tumble life.

**Guia:** We have to hope the jury will be objective enough to handle a delicate case like Sayeed's.

**David :** That's all we can do for now.



## Expressions/vocabulary

**Stigma** – a mark of disgrace or infamy; a stain or reproach, as on one's reputation.

**Stereotype** - to give a fixed form to.

**The recent events have stigmatized his race as people capable of cold-blooded murders.**

**This stereotyping must stop.**

**He has always led a rough-and-tumble life.**

**That's all we can do for now.**

## Activity

**Think of five compound words. Be able to use them in a sentence.**

# UNIT I : AROUND THE WORLD



## Culture Shock

**Leon:** I couldn't believe he just kissed me.

**Drake :** It's a shocker but it's how they greet people in their country.

**Leon:** I thought I could be more tolerant but I really felt uncomfortable with even the slight touch of a man. You know I'm homophobic.

**Drake:** Gilbert's not gay. This is a different case. Anyway, you need to get used to his presence.

**Leon:** In a small company like this, we'll often cross each other's path. I have to be honest with my concerns.

**Drake:** Of course. Just do it in a politically-correct conversation. I could even mediate.



## Expressions/vocabulary

**Homophobic** – unreasoning fear of or antipathy toward homosexuals and homosexuality.

**Politically Correct** - demonstrating progressive ideals, esp by avoiding vocabulary that is considered offensive, discriminatory, or judgmental, especially concerning race and gender.

I couldn't believe he just kissed me.

It's a shocker but it's how they greet people in their country.

Anyway, you need to get used to his presence.

Just do it in a politically-correct conversation.

## Activity

How do you translate the following words in a politically-correct language?

Mute	Negro	Poor
Sex change	Short	Promiscuous

# UNIT I : AROUND THE WORLD



## Missionary Work

**Stephen:** Are you sure you're ready for this?

**Naomi:** I have some fears but I know God has called us together for this great calling. I couldn't do it anymore than you but with God, I believe in impossibilities.

**Stephen:** You know missionaries go hungry, they gain enemies and they even die while doing their vocation.

**Naomi:** There are risks everywhere but I'm happy putting my life on the line just so I could rescue the perishing. I consider this a privilege.

**Stephen:** You sound very prepared. I pray you don't get disappointed as soon as we start the work.

**Naomi:** Now that's something I could use. I really need more of your prayers than your warnings.



## Expressions/vocabulary

**Vocation** –a divine call to God's service or to the Christian life.

**Put one's life on the line** - to risk dying

Are you sure you're ready for this?

I couldn't do it anymore than you but with God, I believe in impossibilities.

I pray you don't get disappointed as soon as we start the work.

I really need more of your prayers than your warnings.

## Activity

**Do you know a missionary? Talk about his life and share the sacrifices he/she did.**

# UNIT II : CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES



## Bullying



**Janet:** It's too sad, Mom! I never knew how much she'd suffered until her suicide came out.

**Mommy:** It's something we all have to bear and it's not gonna be easy. Such a sweet girl!

**Janet:** I think the whole class feels guilty. We did not do our part to stop her bullies.

**Mommy:** Don't burden yourself too much. It won't help at a time like this.

**Janet:** I guess you're right. We just need to be vigilant next time.

**Mommy:** You all need to make sure this doesn't happen to anyone in your school again.

## Expressions/ vocabulary

**Vigilant** - keenly watchful to detect danger; wary

**I never knew how much she'd suffered until her suicide came out.**

**It's something we all have to bear and it's not gonna be easy.**

**We did not do our part to stop her bullies.**

**We just need to be vigilant next time.**

## Activity

**How many words can you make with 'Vigilantes'?**

# UNIT II : CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES



## Sexual Discrimination

**Chelsea:** I just don't get it. I'm more qualified than anyone else to handle the Finance Department but I got bypassed again.

**Adam:** It's because you wear skirts and they don't.

**Chelsea:** I'm well beyond that issue. I just thought this company gives equal opportunity.

**Adam:** Times are a-changing, dear. The HR Department already has a female director. Who knows, you might follow suit.

**Chelsea:** That's a long shot. Anyway, I've already filed my irrevocable resignation.

**Adam:** Chelsea! That's the darnedest thing you've ever done!



## Expressions/vocabulary

**Equal Opportunity** - policies and practices in employment and other areas that do not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical handicap, or national origin.

**Irrevocable** - not to be revoked or recalled; unable to be repealed or annulled; unalterable

*I'm more qualified than anyone else to handle the Finance Department but I got bypassed again.*

*I just thought this company gives equal opportunity.*

*The HR Department already has a female director.*

*Anyway, I've already filed my irrevocable resignation.*

## Activity

**Agree or Disagree?**  
**Men always do better than women in any fields.**

# UNIT II : CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES



## Reproductive Health Issues



**Phoebe:** It's my body and I'll have the final say.

**Noah:** Honey, I know how you feel. But I think you should know that we're not getting any younger. You're taking too much risk.

**Phoebe:** Women could get pregnant even in their forties. I need to focus in my career for now.

**Noah :** I hope you don't regret your decision.

**Phoebe:** This is part of our plan. Remember, we want to be responsible parents more than anything else. It could only happen when we're ready. What's eating you?

**Noah:** This house just suddenly feels empty.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Have the final say** - to have the authority to make decisions

**It's my body and I'll have the final say.**

**But I think you should know that we're not getting any younger.**

**I hope you don't regret your decision.**

**This house just suddenly feels empty.**

## Activity

### Play with Prefixes

What do these words mean?

**Restart**

**Redo**

**Reappear**

**Reattach**

**Rebuild**

# UNIT II : CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES



## Territorial Dispute



**Kenji:** I didn't know the matter could escalate into something big as this.

**Dorothy:** If this continues, I'm afraid my company will have to stop our orders for some time until it becomes smooth sailing again.

**Kenji:** I understand your predicament but I hope this is just a temporary thing.

**Dorothy:** Who knows? We have never come this far before.

**Kenji:** The election's coming soon. If we could survive until then, we would be safe.

**Dorothy:** I'm grateful how you've remained level-headed for the longest time. It is really a pleasure to do business with you.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Smooth sailing** - a situation where progress is made without any difficulty.

**Level headed** - having common sense and sound judgment; sensible.

I didn't know the matter could escalate into something big as this.

I understand your predicament but I hope this is just a temporary thing.

If we could survive until then, we would be safe.

It is really a pleasure to do business with you.

## Activity

**Reconstruct the following words to become adjectives and use them in a sentence.**

Success

Interest

Excitement

Efficiency

Friend

# UNIT III : LIFE



## Life Span

**Yuta:** Really, she's turning 100 next month.

**Lisbeth:** Good grief! I wouldn't have noticed if you didn't tell me. She still looks sturdy.

**Yuta:** Her vision remains 20-20 and her spirit remains as tenacious as the fortress of Alcatraz.

**Lisbeth:** Good genes flow on her veins. How I wish I belonged to your clan.

**Yuta:** If it helps you, our children could have my genes.

**Lisbeth:** That's something they should take from you.



## Expressions/vocabulary

**Tenacious** – holding fast; characterized by keeping a firm hold

**Alcatraz** - an island in West California, in San Francisco Bay: a federal prison until 1963

*I wouldn't have noticed if you didn't tell me.*

*Her vision remains 20-20 and her spirit remains as tenacious as the fortress of Alcatraz.*

*Good genes flow on her veins.*

*That's something they should take from you.*

## Activity

**Who is the eldest person to live in your family? How old was he/she? Share the things that make him/her live long.**

# UNIT III : LIFE



## Childhood



**Isaac:** Life was very simple back then. My parents withhold a lot of comforts but I had the most wonderful childhood.

**Shannon:** Do you still think of going back to your hometown?

**Isaac:** For a brief visit, why not. But I don't see myself staying longer than a week.

**Shannon:** You've become too urbanized. I'm sure your parents are disappointed.

**Isaac:** My dad has always been upset since the day I started to live in the city. But mom kinda wanted me to escape my orthodox upbringing.

**Shannon:** Well, as they say, to each his own.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Orthodox** – of, pertaining to, or conforming to the approved form of any doctrine, philosophy, ideology, etc.

**To each his own**- Each person has the right to make choices.

**My parents withhold a lot of comforts but I had the most wonderful childhood.**

**But I don't see myself staying longer than a week.**

**But mom kinda wanted me to escape my orthodox upbringing.**

**Well, as they say, to each his own.**

## Activity

**What childhood games do you remember from twenty years ago? Compare them with the popular children's games now. Which do you think have better games? Which are more intellectually stimulating?**

# UNIT III : LIFE



## Old Age



**Tommy:** I couldn't bear the thought of being just the two of us again.

**Joan:** What do you expect? The kids are all grown-up.

**Tommy:** They could have waited until they're married.

**Joan:** Children these days grow-up and seek independence way too fast.

**Tommy:** I think that's what you always wanted when you were younger. It's just that the norms those days would not allow you. Dad, let the children be.

**Joan:** Maybe, old age is just getting under my skin.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Norm** - an established standard of behaviour shared by members of a social group to which each member is expected to conform

**Get under one's skin** - irritate

**I couldn't bear the thought of being just the two of us again.**

**They could have waited until they're married.**

**I think that's what you always wanted when you were younger.**

**Maybe, old age is just getting under my skin.**

## Activity

### Guess the Number

The teacher will think of a number. Then the student will guess the number. He will have five turns to guess the number. The numbers may be grouped in this category: 1 & 10, 1 & 50 OR 1 & 100. Each time the student gives an answer, the teacher will have to say higher or lower. When the student gets the right number, he can switch roles with the teacher.

# UNIT III : LIFE



## Death and Burial

**Joan:** Your dad wants you to settle here for good.

**Tina:** Mom, you know it's not possible. I only acquiesced because I thought he'll get better.

**Joan:** I know you made him happy by your presence in his final days.

**Evan:** I'm sure we did, Mom. Anyway, are you going to bury his ash under his favourite tree in the backyard?

**Joan:** That's what he wanted. But I think I'll let it sit in my room for now. I want to be reminded of your dad's presence all the time.

**Evan:** Don't worry, mom. We'll often visit you here.



## Expressions/vocabulary

**For good** - Permanently; forever

**Acquiesce** - to assent tacitly; submit or comply silently or without protest; agree; consent: to acquiesce half heartedly in a business plan.

Your dad wants you to settle here for good.

I know you made him happy by your presence in his final days.

Anyway, are you going to bury his ash under his favourite tree in the backyard?

I want to be reminded of your dad's presence all the time.

## Activity

**What are the different ways dead people are buried in your country  
Share them with your teacher.**

# UNIT IV : CHANCES



## Lottery

**Damian:** Do you know the odds of winning the lottery?

**Jose:** It's like finding a diamond in the rough. Very rare indeed.

**Damian:** Absolutely! Now what can you say if a man hits the jackpot twice in less than a year?

**Jose:** That man's a lucky guy!

**Damian:** Either that or the whole system runs under the counter.

**Jose:** Hey! You be careful. You don't want them to hear you talk like that, do you?

## Expressions/vocabulary

**a diamond in the rough.** – a difficult thing to find.

Do you know the odds of winning the lottery?

It's like finding a diamond in the rough.

Now what can you say if a man hits the jackpot twice in less than a year?

You don't want them to hear you talk like that, do you?

## Activity

**Odd one out.**

**What words don't belong to this group?**

Lotto   Winner   Education   Competition  
Diligence   Midnight   Loser   Chance

# UNIT IV : CHANCES



## Gambling

**Chris:** I'm so deep into this, I can't quit.

**Lorin:** It's your call but I say it's always never too late to quit gambling.

**Chris:** Look at me. This is the only thing I've done all my life. What hope is left for me?

**Lorin:** You could learn a new skill or join support groups which can help you start a new. Just stop gambling.

**Chris:** I don't think you can teach an old dog new tricks.

**Lorin:** Your too old a horse to convert. What can others do when you've given up on yourself.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Support group** – a group of people who meet regularly to support or sustain each other by discussing problems affecting them in common, as alcoholism or bereavement.

**convert someone or something** - to change someone or something from something into something else.

**I'm so deep into this, I can't quit.**

**It's your call but I say it's always never too late to quit gambling.**

**You could learn a new skill or join support groups which can help you start anew.**

**I don't think you can teach an old dog new tricks.**

## Activity

### Liar, Liar, Liar

The student will give three sentences about him. One sentence is a lie. The teacher will have to guess which sentence is a lie. When the teacher guess the lie, she can switch role with the student.

# UNIT IV : CHANCES



## Fortunetelling

**Sally:** We better stop seeing each other. I don't wanna end up broken hearted again.

**Jayson:** Can't you put sense into your brain? Be reasonable, for Pete's sake!

**Sally:** If the relationship is doomed to fail then why should we continue inflicting emotional injuries? The result will be more damaging and traumatic.

**Jayson:** Really? We should have not seen that hag in the first place.

**Sally:** She is credible. A lot of her predictions already came true.

**Jayson:** Do you trust her more than me? Please, don't put down the drain everything we've invested in this relationship.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**For Pete's sake** - I am annoyed or surprised by this for goodness' sake

**Down the drain** - if work or money goes down the drain, it is wasted

**Be reasonable, for Pete's sake!**

**If the relationship is doomed to fail then why should we continue inflicting emotional injuries?**

**A lot of her predictions already came true.**

**Please, don't put down the drain everything we've invested in this relationship.**

## Activity

**Talk about the future fifty years from now. Make three predictions of what might happen.**

# UNIT IV : CHANCES



## Zodiac Signs



**Patty:** We are soul mates. Even our zodiac signs are compatible.

**Michael:** It may all have been a coincidence.

**Patty:** Seriously, we need more than our signs to help us with our relationship.

**Michael:** A relationship is nurtured by the commitment that each member puts into. I'm as much as committed as I see you are. If we stay this way, our relationship may weather the rough times.

**Patty:** I couldn't afford another failed relationship. Let's see if our stars help.

**Michael:** I thought I have put sense in your mind already.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Coincidence** – a striking occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance.

**Weather the rough times** - to continue to exist and not be harmed during a very difficult period

Even our zodiac signs are compatible.

Seriously, we need more than our signs to help us with our relationship.

If we stay this way, our relationship may weather the rough times.

Let's see if our stars help.

## Activity

### Guess their signs:

Self-willed, courageous and impatient

Versatile, quick-witted and a worrier

Romantic, warm and possessive

Cautious, Protective and moody

Passionate, clever and resentful

# UNIT V : ENTERTAINMENT



## Online Game

**Charlotte:** Bryan, do you mind? I need to use the Internet for my research.

**Bryan:** Pardon? I only started using twenty minutes ago. Besides, it's my schedule this time. Why don't you wait for your turn?

**Charlotte:** I thought you'd be kind enough to consider since I need to pass this research tomorrow. You'll just play online games, I know.

**Bryan:** You've been playing online games, too. If you need that badly, you should have started last week.

**Charlotte:** The deadline was changed. Can't you use your heart? I need to make the grade to qualify for the scholarship. You know that.

**Bryan:** Alright! Let me just finish one game, okay?

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Do you mind?** - Will you be upset?

**Make the grade** - If we want to make the grade, then we want to meet high expectations or become acceptable.

**I need to use the Internet for my research.**

**I thought you'd be kind enough to consider since I need to pass this research tomorrow.**

**You've been playing online games, lately.**

**I need to make the grade to qualify for the scholarship**

## Activity

**How often? Use the following adverbs to describe your daily activities.**

Always

Seldom

Sometimes

Everyday

Frequently

Often

Never

# UNIT V : ENTERTAINMENT



## Theatre Play

**Marge:** Congratulations! Your acting was superb!

**Sebastian:** You liked it?

**Marge:** Who wouldn't? You've given justice to the role of Macbeth. You've gone a long way from your amateur days.

**Sebastian:** Thank you so much. Please don't flatter me. Everyone was exceptional and the screen play was the best.

**Marge:** I thought so. Listen, can you recommend me to your agent. I'm down on my luck. No one's called me yet even for auditions.

**Sebastian:** I'll see what I can do. I'll keep in touch.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Gone a long way** – to be successful

**Down on one's luck** - Afflicted by misfortune.

**You've given justice to the role of Macbeth.**

**Everyone was exceptional and the screen play was the best.**

**Listen, can you recommend me to your agent.**

**I'll keep in touch.**



## Activity

**Practice this /th/ tongue twister:**

I thought a thought but the thought I  
thought was not the thought I thought I  
thought.

# UNIT V : ENTERTAINMENT



## Clubbing



**Tracy:** This is the best watering hole in the south.

**Coco:** The reputation more than meets the fact. I like this place.

**George:** Hey guys, I can't hear you. Let's go to the dance floor!

**Coco:** You go ahead. I'll finish this vodka first.

**George:** The night's too young for such a strong drink.

**Coco:** Leave him with his booze. Let's go dancing, George!

## Expressions/vocabulary

**watering hole** – a bar or tavern

**booze** – any alcoholic beverage

**This is the best watering hole in the south.**

**The reputation more than meets the fact.**

**The night's too young for such a strong drink.**

**Leave him with his booze.**

## Activity

**What is the hidden word?**

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4. 

2.  UT

5. 

3. 

**Use the words in the sentence.**

# UNIT V : ENTERTAINMENT



## Theme Park

**Eunice:** This is the best vacation I ever had, mom. Timmy and I will go ahead to the Cinderella Castle Mystery Tour. See you later.

**Mom:** The kids are having the best of their time. I'm glad your dad loaned us the money.

**Dad:** I'm sure he won't let us pay him. It's gonna be a total fail if we miss Disneyland here in Japan.

**Mom:** We need to cap this day with the Fantillusion. The kids will be thrilled to see Tinkerbell.

**Dad:** The attractions here are a bit different back home. But it is almost just the same, there are a lot of small town American type stores and shops.

**Mom:** Hmmm. I think we better catch up on the girls. We need to record everything on the camcorder.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Cap** - follow up with something as good or better; surpass; outdo

**Catch up on something** - to find out about something

**This is the best vacation I ever had, mom.**

**We need to cap this day with the Fantillusion.**

**The attractions here are a bit different back home.**

**We need to record everything on this camcorder.**

## Activity

**If money were not an issue, where would you like to spend your vacation? What activities are you going to do? Share them with your teacher.**



# Thank You !

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