



# Oh! My English

High Advanced



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# Unit I: Office Setting



## Office Politics



Kevin: They just announced that the boss picked John over Kate to get promoted as the senior marketing assistant.

Susan: So what else is new? The boss is a chauvinistic pig.

Kevin: You think it has something to do with sexism?

Susan: Of course, Kate is way more qualified than that airhead John.

Kevin: I wouldn't call him an airhead, but I also think Kate is more qualified.

Susan: Kate will go bonkers when she hears about that.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Chauvinistic pig**— a term used to describe someone who is a bigot and a sexist

**Sexism** – discrimination or devaluation based on a person's sex

**Airhead** – a stupid person

**Go bonkers**— to go crazy or get wild

Chauvinistic pig/ a bigot

Airhead / idiot, moron, imbecile    She will go bonkers / She will go ballistic

## Activity

**Do you think there is sexual discrimination in your office?  
Elaborate.**

# Unit I: Office Setting



## Office Gossip



Gina: I heard Vivian and Dana had a spat last Thursday.

Helen: Really? What have you heard?

Gina: They said that Dana found out that Vivian was telling people she was grubby.

Helen: How did you know about that?

Gina: Kelly gave me the low down this morning.

Helen: Well don't believe everything you hear on the grapevine Gina, I was there. Nothing of that sort happened.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Had a spat**– had an argument or altercation

**Grubby** – dirty or unhygienic

**Gave me the low down**– got the full disclosure of a situation

**Grapevine**– gossip

Had a spat/ got into a row

Grubby / grungy

Gave me the low down/ got the skinny      Grapevine/ Rumor mill

## Activity

**Can you give words or expressions that are opposites of the term 'spat'?**

# Unit I: Office Setting



## Making a Business Proposal



Dave: When can I see the list of heavy equipment up for purchase?

Paul: Hold your horses Dave, don't get too excited.

Dave: Sorry man. It's just that this deal can land us serious megabucks.

Paul: I know but we have to be careful not to screw up.

Dave: Yeah, you're right. So how much can we make from this? Give me a ball park figure.

Paul: If they purchase the construction equipment package, that's nearly a mil.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Hold your horses**– to wait or give time in making a decision

**Megabucks** – a slang term that means a lot of money

**Screw up**– to make a mistake

**Give me a ball park figure**– give me a rough estimate of costs

**A mil** – one million

**Hold your horses/ wait up**

**Megabucks/ bazillion or gazillion    Ball park figure/ guesstimate**

## Activity

Americans use a slang term for the \$100 bill. They call it the:

- a) Lincolns
- b) Benjamins
- c) Washingtons



# Unit I: Office Setting



## Asking One's Opinion



Getty: Hey Lou, what do you think of electronic greeting cards?

Lou: I think they're rubbish.

Getty: Why are you knocking it?

Lou: Well there's no more personal touch to it. It's too frigid.

Getty: I think it's dope. It's very creative and it's free!

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Rubbish**– nonsense and unimpressive

**Knocking it**– a term that means degrading something

**Too frigid**– cold and unfriendly

**It's dope**– a slang term that simply means nice.

**Hold your horses/ wait up**

**Knocking it/ condemn it**

**It's dope/ it's cool**

## Activity

What is your opinion on electronic greeting cards? Are you with Getty or Lou?

# Unit I: Office Setting



## Little Fish in a Big Pond



Jerry: Hey Bill, you got ants in you pants or something? Stop fidgeting.

Bill: Sorry dude. I'm just a little jittery. It's my first day at work.

Jerry: I've never seen you nervous. Why should you be? You were a smart, popular jock in college.

Bill: Yeah, but this is a whole new different ballgame now. Smart people in my office are a dime a dozen.

Jerry: Don't worry too much pal; I'm sure you'll pull through.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Ants in your pants**– To be nervous or to be unable to sit still.

**Popular jock**– a well-known athlete in school

**A whole new different ballgame** – a totally different environment

**A dime a dozen**– an idiom that means common.

**Ants in your pants/ jumpy; bouncy**

**A dime a dozen/ 4 for a dollar**

**You'll pull through/ you'll make it**

## Activity

What are the main differences of school and work?

Day 7 Time Frame : 10 Min.

# Unit II: Explaining Events



## Road Accidents



Kyle: Harry I heard you were in accident.

Harry: Yeah, I was driving in the freeway when some loser cut me off. I lost control of the wheel.

Kyle: So what did you get... a broken arm?

Harry: Nah, just a sore shoulder. My car almost got totaled though.

Kyle: Man, you lucked out. By the way your car looks, people would think you would've bitten the big one.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Loser** – a bungling and worthless person.

**Lost control of the wheel**– The 'wheel' being referred to here is the steering wheel inside the car.

**Got totaled** – to be totally destroyed

**Lucked out**– an idiom that means to get lucky

**Bite the big one** – to die

**Got totaled/ got wrecked**    **Luck out / be fortunate**

**Bite the big one/ kick the bucket**

## Activity

List down three things that you might often see in a road accident.



# Unit II: Explaining Events



## Cracked Bones



Mark: The pain in my shoulder is excruciating. What happened doc?

Doctor: Well according to the x-rays, you have a broken clavicle.

Mark: That's a bummer. Do you have to cut me up?

Doctor: We'll do something called arthroscopy. This allows me to insert a pencil-thin device with a small lens into tiny incisions to look inside the joint.

Mark: You gotta do what you gotta do doc.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Excruciating** – agonizing or unbearable

**That's a bummer**– A word describing the misfortune of something or someone.

**Cut me up** – to undergo surgery

**You gotta do what you gotta do** – you have to do whatever is necessary

Excruciating/ piercing

That's a bummer/ That's whack

Cut me up/ go under the knife

## Activity

Can you name some of the bones in your body?

# Unit II: Explaining Events



## Circumcision



Gary: Hey when I stayed in California, I felt like a pariah.

Wayne: Huh? I don't follow you?

Gary: Well I found out American men don't get circumcised like us.

Wayne: Oh, some of them do. The Jewish in particular.

Gary: For real?

Wayne: Yes. It's because of their religion or something.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Pariah** – a social outcast

**I don't follow you**– this expression is said when one cannot understand another

**For real?** – a question that asks for confirmation

**Pariah/ reject**

**I don't follow you/ I don't get it/ I don't understand**

**For real? / Really? / Is that true?**

## Activity

Is circumcision a part of your culture?  
What is your opinion on it?

# Unit II: Technology



## Wrong Side Out Shirt



Shannon: Hi Mike. What's crackin'?

Mike: I'm all good.

Shannon: It doesn't seem like it.

Mike: No? Why not?

Shannon: It's your shirt. You've got the wrong side out. That is whack.

Mike: Hey I just made a boo boo. No big deal.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**What's crackin'** – a greeting that asks how one is doing

**I'm all good** – a response that means I'm okay

**That is whack** – this implies something that is appalling in nature, unconventional

**Boo boo** – a mistake

What's crackin' / What's up?

That is whack / That reeks

I'm all good/ I'm fine

Boo boo/ blunder

## Activity

What is/are your most embarrassing moment(s)?

# Unit II: Explaining Events



## Caught while sneaking out (of the house)



Kyle: Jack, I'm going over at Fred's crib tonight. Do you wanna come?

Jack: I want to but I can't. I got grounded.

Kyle: Again? I thought you were grounded a week ago?

Jack: I was, but my mom caught me sneaking out of the house.

Kyle: Downer. So what do you plan to do all weekend?

Jack: I'll just kick back and surf the net.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Crib**— a slang term for 'house'

**I got grounded**— when a person is grounded, he or she has to stay at home for a given period of time.

**Kick back**— to relax and unwind

**Crib / pad**

**I got grounded/ I'm house-bound**

**Kick back/ chill/ chillax**

## Activity

Have you ever been grounded? What would be valid reasons for a person to be grounded?

# Unit III: Giving Instructions



## How to tie shoe laces



Lenny: Don, your shoe laces are untied.

Don: Hmm. How did this happen. I used the double loop method. I thought that was fool-proof.

Lenny: No way man. I use the single-ear bunny method.

Don: That's lame.

Lenny: That's what we did back in the day.

Don: That doesn't mean it will work for everyone today. Besides you always wear loafers.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Fool-proof** – never failing, effective.

**Lame**– This word means pathetic or nonsense as used in the dialog

**Back in the day**– many years ago

**Loafers**– slip-on shoes with no laces

**Fool proof/ infallible**

**Lame / whack**

**Back in the day/ eons ago**

## Activity

Do you prefer shoes with shoe laces or without shoe laces? Cite the advantages and disadvantages.



# Unit III: Giving Instructions



## How to solve a Rubik's Cube



Jean: I'm going bonkers with this piece of crap.

John: Okay, first of all, the Rubik's cube is a great toy.

Jean: Alright, but it's too difficult to solve. How do I do it?

John: Listen up, first you have to start solving the first cross.

Jean: What the heck is that?

John: It's when the colors lines up to form a cross. The important thing to remember is...the center color does not move.

Jean: Gotcha. I'll work on that first.

## Expressions/vocabulary

**Bonkers**– going bonkers mean going insane

**Piece of crap**– a derogatory expression to refer to an inferior product

**Listen up**– another way of saying 'listen closely'

**Gotcha**– A slang term that means 'I understand' (I got you)

**Bonkers/ mental/ Ballistic**

**Piece of crap/ garbage**

**Listen up/ lend me your ears**

## Activity

Look at the list of toys/puzzles below. Which do you prefer and why?

- Chess
- Sudoku
- Scrabble
- Boggle

# Unit III: Giving Instructions



## How to Make Songpyeon



Lisa: Kaye, I need your help. I need to know how to make Songpyeon.  
Kaye: Well I can tell you how but it's nothing to sneeze at.  
Lisa: I know, but I need to try. I told my beau I'd prepare some for him for Chuseok.  
Kaye: Okay. There are two main processes, both of which are very tedious. First make the dough then make the filling.  
Lisa: Can I just buy some dough and buy some filling?  
Kaye: Oh forget about it! You'll never learn.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Nothing to sneeze at**– not easy (to do)

**Beau**– another term for 'boyfriend'

**Tedious**– requiring a lot of work

**Forget about it**– another way of saying 'never mind'

**Nothing to sneeze at/ ain't no chicken feet**

**Beau/ boo**

**Tedious / tiresome**

## Activity

Do you know how to cook? What is your favorite food? Tell me how to make it.

# Unit III: Giving Instructions



## How to make people like you

Paul: Dude you look down and out, what happened?

Kevin: I feel I've hit rock bottom. My girlfriend ditched me and so did my other friends.

Paul: What a drag.

Kevin: How do I make people like me?

Paul: I think you're trying to please them too much. Just be yourself. Don't worry if they will or will not like you.

Kevin: I guess I ought to give that a try.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Down and out**– without any means of support

**Hit rock bottom**– to be at the lowest point of your life

**Ditch**– to ditch someone is to leave someone

**What a drag**– an expression that conveys disappointment

**Down and out/ Out of luck**

**Hit rock bottom/ in the doldrums**

**Ditch/ get rid of**

**Drag/ downer**

## Activity

List down five traits you like about a person and another five traits which you don't like about a person.

# Unit III: Giving Instructions



## What to buy for a Barbecue



Jane: Hey is Roger's barbecue pushing through on Saturday?

Kelly: Yes, unless an act of God prevents it. I'm still wondering what to bring though. I'm afraid Roger's wife might knock it.

Jane: She an armchair critic, don't mind her. So what are you thinking of bringing?

Kelly: I'm thinking of making lasagna. Do you like lasagna?

Jane: Big time! Bring a lot then will you?

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Pushing through**– when things push through, it means it will happen

**Knock it**– to criticize something

**Armchair critic**– someone who always criticizes without doing anything

**Big time**– an expression that means 'very much'

**Knock it / carp on it**

**Armchair critic/ back seat driver**

**Big time/ For sure**

## Activity

The word 'barbeque' in our dialog refers to the event. There may be other definitions for it. Do you know some?

# Unit IV: Circumstances



## Birth



Kevin: Congratulations Fred. I heard your wife just gave birth yesterday.

Fred: Thanks. We're ecstatic about it, but at the same time, pensive.

Kevin: Why pensive?

Fred: Well first, my new baby came on the heels of my firstborn, so we are worrying about finances.

Kevin: That is something to worry about all right. Is there another reason?

Fred: Yes. My wife is diabetic. The doctor said she nearly died while giving birth. It's a close shave.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Ecstatic** – very happy

**Pensive** – contemplating something

**Came on the heels of** – If something comes on the heels of something, it follows very soon after it.

**Close shave** – If you have a close shave, you very nearly have a serious accident or get into trouble.

**Ecstatic / On cloud nine    Pensive / thoughtful/ preoccupied**

**Close shave/ close call**

## Activity

In your country, do you suffer from overpopulation or under population?

Is it just right? Elaborate.



# Unit IV: Circumstances



## Bereavement



Holly: Mr. Tanner succumbed to cancer yesterday. His chemo therapy went down the pan.

Mark: That's too bad. He was a stand-up guy.

Holly: Yeah. I remember him helping me out with my project when I couldn't hack it.

Mark: He will be missed.

Holly: The bigger problem of the company would be who to replace him.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Succumbed**– to give way or to be defeated

**Down the pan** – to fail

**Stand-up guy**– a dependable person

**Can't hack it** – unable to perform an act, duty, job etc.

**Succumb / surrender**

**Down the pan / down the drain**

**Stand-up guy/ solid**

## Activity

What are some of the customs of burial in your country?

# Unit IV: Circumstances



## Marriage



Jack: Is it true that Tom is getting hitched?

Wally: That's true. Tom told me so yesterday.

Jack: Wow. I thought he and Jackie called it quits after that spat they had.

Wally: Yeah that was sick. The gloves are totally off when those two fight.

Jack: Well to Tom's credit, he can now get a grip unlike in the old days.

Wally: Apparently, he uses his gray cells more now.

## Expression/Vocabulary

**Getting hitched**– getting married

**Spat**– an argument

**The gloves are off**– When the gloves are off, people start to argue or fight in a more serious way.

**Get a grip** – to get a grip means control your emotions so that they don't overwhelm you

**Gray cells** – the brain

**Spat/ row**   **Get a grip / Control yourself**   **Gray cells/ gray matter**

## Activity

What age is perfect for marriage?  
Name the pros and cons of getting married at a young age?

# Unit IV: Circumstances



## Christening



Rick: John, are you going to the baptism of Mike's son?

John: I can't. My hands are tied on Sunday. By the way, did you know that Mike is Catholic?

Rick: I didn't. I would have never guessed it. Mike's as nutty as a fruitcake.

John: Sure he's off the wall but what does that have to do with being a Catholic?

Rick: Nothing. I'm just saying I'm expecting Catholics to behave more seriously.

John: I think you're thinking of the men of the cloth, not Mike.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**My hands are tied**– you are unable to act for some reason

**As nutty as a fruitcake**– Someone who's nutty as a fruitcake is irrational or crazy

**Off the wall**– an unconventional person

**Man of the cloth**– a priest

**My hands are tied/ I'm busy**      **Fruitcake/ psycho**

**Off the wall/ weirdo**

## Activity

How important is religion to you?

Let's discuss.

# Unit IV: Circumstances



## Miscarriage



Helen: Jane Tim told me you had miscarriage three weeks ago. Are you alright?

Jane: Yes. I had severe bleeding that caused me to lose my child. The doctor said I'm not out of the woods yet.

Helen: Why? What happened?

Jane: I couldn't really understand the doc. What he said went over my head but it has something to do with an infection.

Helen: Oh my. Is that for sure?

Jane: He wouldn't say something without rhyme or reason so I figured it was legit.

Helen: Well, I'm sure you're going to beat whatever illness you may have.

## Expressions/Vocabulary

**Out of the woods**– out of danger

**Went over my head**– to not understand

**Without rhyme or reason**– be unreasonable

**Man of the cloth**– a priest

**Out of the woods/ not on solid ground**

**Went over my head/ (I'm) getting a blank picture**

**Without rhyme or reason/ beyond rhyme or reason**

## Activity

What tips would you give a pregnant woman to avoid miscarriages and other misfortunes?



# Thank You !

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