



Oh! My English

High Advanced – Vol #2



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UNIT I : EXPLAINING A CONCEPT



Let's Play Scrabble

- Ava: You should increase my total score with 50 points.
Gideon: The word you've used is Konglish. It's definitely not on a standard English dictionary.
Ava: Many's the time I've heard people refer to this expression.
Willow: My dear, not everyone likes rules but we've got to toe the line.
Gideon: Otherwise, let's do a chaotic, no holds barred version of your scrabble.
Ava: Relax. I'm chill, guys.



Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

No holds barred - If there are no holds barred, there are no rules of conduct; you can do anything.
Toe the line - to do what you are ordered or expected to do

Useful Expressions:

You should increase my total score with 50 points.
It's definitely not on a standard English dictionary.
My dear, not everyone likes rules but we've got to toe the line.
Otherwise, let's do a chaotic, no holds barred version of your scrabble.

Activity:

WORD GAME: Ask the student to spell the following words.

Give points accordingly.

170 -200 pts. = exceptional, 150-170 = highly satisfactory, 120-150 = good,
100 - 120 = satisfactory, 100 below = needs improvement

Rendezvous	50 points
Chevrolet	40 points
Malefactor	50 points
Salmon	30 points
Sabotage	30 points

UNIT I : EXPLAINING A CONCEPT



Paint Me A Picture



- Amelia : So when I say go, everyone freezes. The team with the most creative and realistic interpretation of the given situation will get a higher score.
- Henry: Guys, you only need to use your bodies and available personal effects. After 20 minutes...
- Amelia: We've got a winner. The judges' unanimous decision gives the top prize to Adele's team.
- Adele: Wow! Everyone was amazing! I think the judges had just been in a catch-22 situation.
- Henry: In that case, why don't we use the cash prize to buy pizzas so everyone gets a piece of the pie.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Catch-22 – A tricky or disadvantageous condition; a catch
a piece of the pie - a share in something

Useful Expressions:

The team with the most creative and realistic interpretation of the given situation will get a higher score.
Guys, you only need to use your bodies and available personal effects.
The judges' unanimous decision gives the top prize to Adele's team.
Everyone was amazing!

Activity:

Paint Me A Scene

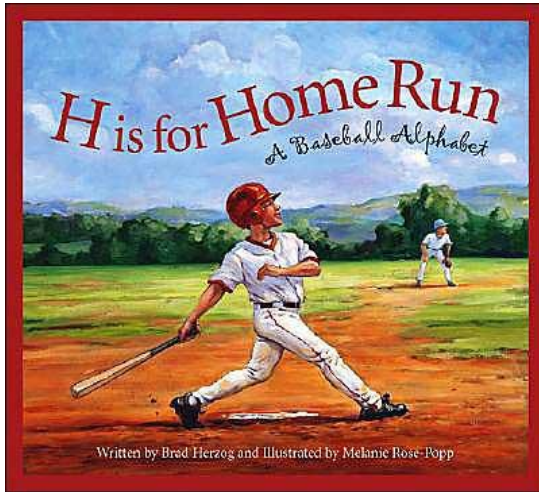
In this activity, the student will describe a situation and the teacher will guess the scene. The student's description should answer the what, when, where and who. The teacher and the student take turns in describing and guessing a scene.

UNIT I : EXPLAINING A CONCEPT



Home Run (Baseball)

- Noah: I've been doing this for ages but I still have to hit a home run. How do you do it, pal?
- Bill: It's not just about practice. You have to convince yourself that you can really do it.
- Noah: I've tried everything from choosing a bat to perfecting my stance and posture. Nothing works!
- Bill: This time, you let reverse psychology do its magic. Keep saying that you can hit a home run.
- Noah: Ultimately, I'll hit a home run?
- Bill: Yes! When you keep saying the same thing, your brain sends a message to your adrenaline to challenge yourself, thereby helping you to concentrate on hitting the ball properly.



Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Home Run - a hit that enables a batter, without the aid of a fielding [error](#), to score a run by making a nonstop circuit of the bases.

Reverse Psychology - a method of getting another person or a situation to do what one wants

Useful Expressions:

I've been doing this for ages but I still have to hit a home run.

You have to convince yourself that you can really do it.

I've tried everything from choosing a bat to perfecting my stance and posture.

This time, you let reverse psychology do its magic.

Activity:

What's your favourite sport? Talk about your finest moment in a game.

UNIT I : EXPLAINING A CONCEPT



Doc Gave Me a Shot

- Joan : I've got the flu but don't worry, I had a flu shot last month.
Lois : So why do you still have the flu?
Alex : Getting a flu shot is as daft as a brush. It serves only the gullible.
Joan : I beg to disagree. I have the flu but since I got the *shot* then I only have a mild case of flu.
Lois : But you should have stayed home. The flu is very contagious. We might get infected.
Alex : She's right. You should be getting well at home.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

- Daft as a brush – very foolish.
Gullible - easily deceived or cheated.

Useful Expressions:

- I've got the flu but don't worry, I had a flu shot last month.
Getting a flu shot is as daft as a brush.
I have the flu but since I got the *shot* then I only have a mild case of flu.
You should be getting well at home.

Activity:

How short can you get? Aussies are fond of shortening certain words. Find out how many of these words can you cut short.

- Marvellous
- Comfortable
- Pregnant
- Grandmother
- Laboratory

UNIT II : HOW-TO-DO (Giving Instructions)



To-Do List (How to make a to-do list)

- Howie: My parents want me to start a clean slate before I enter the university.
- Mills: It's obviously easy. Just keep clear of the things you've been doing.
- Howie: I know that. What about the things that I should do?
- Mills: Make a to-do list. Ask your parents what they expect you to do.
- Howie: This is about me. They should also respect the choices I make.
- Mills: Don't blow your cool. I believe your parents are hanging tough on you because they want you to have a better life.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Start a clean slate - to start out again afresh; to ignore the past and start over again.
Blow one's cool - become angry

Useful Expressions:

My parents want me to start a clean slate before I enter the university.
Just keep clear of the things you've been doing.
They should also respect the choices I make.
I believe your parents are hanging tough on you because they want you to have a better life.

Activity:

Making a to-do list : Ask the student to make a to-do list for the coming weekend. The student should speak in details.

UNIT II : HOW-TO-DO (Giving Instructions)



Let's Dance Cha-Cha (how to dance cha-cha)

- Shelly: I'm totally clueless when it comes to cha-cha and the event's next week. I'm going bonkers!
- Wally: Basically, you just need to master the "Cuban motion." Quick, small steps must be maintained throughout the dance.
- Shelly: You're speaking French, darling?
- Wally: I know it sounds difficult but I'll be your partner so I'll guide your steps.
- Shelly: I'm counting on that.
- Wally: Why don't we start dancing? You'll never know how good you can get unless you start.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Klutz - crazy

Cuban motion - a distinctive way in which the hips move up and down. The hip movements come mainly from alternating bending and straightening the knees...as one knee bends (or straightens), the same hip drops (raises).

Useful Expressions:

I'm totally clueless when it comes to cha-cha and the event's next week.

Quick, small steps must be maintained throughout the dance.

I know it sounds difficult but I'll be your partner so I'll guide your steps.

You'll never know how good you can get unless you start.

Activity:

Ask the student to describe in five easy steps the Gangnam Style Dance moves.

UNIT II : HOW-TO-DO (Giving Instructions)



Do the Laundry (how to operate a washing machine or any appliance)



- Nelly : I know I just need to read the manual but I can't operate this washing machine. I'm a klutz with machines!
- Albert: You need to close the lid once you've sorted the clothes.
- Cecille: Sure! I already did that and I already set the timer to 15 minutes. Why can't it start?
- Dana : Maybe you've loaded too much inside the bin.
- Cecille: I don't think it's the problem. Oh good grief! I haven't turned on the machine.
- Dana : Darn! I don't know if you're acting the fool or you're just simply an imbecile.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Klutz – foolish

Acting the fool - to behave in a silly way, often in order to make people laugh

Useful Expressions:

I know I just need to read the manual but I can't operate this washing machine.

I already did that and I already set the timer to 15 minutes.

Maybe you've loaded too much inside the bin.

I don't know if you're acting the fool or you're just simply an imbecile.

Activity:

Buying from a Vendo

Ask the student to describe in five easy steps how to buy from a Vendo machine.

UNIT II : HOW-TO-DO (Giving Instructions)



Let's Rock and Roll (how to play a guitar)



- Walter: You learned how to read guitar tabs and finger placement last week. This time, I'll teach you how to strum which is the most difficult part.
- Gavin: I'm banking on your reputation to teach this old dog new tricks.
- Walter: To start with, I advice you use a pick. Practice these upstrokes and downstrokes.
- Gavin: This could still be done with a wet finger. What's next?
- Walter: You need to strum evenly. No matter which direction you use, make an effort to sweep across all of the strings with even pressure and steady speed.
- Gavin: Now this gets a devil of a job.
- Walter: You'll get used to it. Next time, we'll practice chords.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Wet finger – when a job is easily done, people say we spoke of a very easy task as being done "with a wet finger."

A devil of a job - a job that is tricky and difficult

Useful Expressions:

You learned how to read guitar tabs and finger placement last week.

I'm banking on your reputation to teach this old dog new tricks.

No matter which direction you use, make an effort to sweep across all of the strings with sure and steady speed.

Now this gets a devil of a job.

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Activity:

Practice these tongue twisters. Make sure you pronounce the /r/ and /l/ correctly.

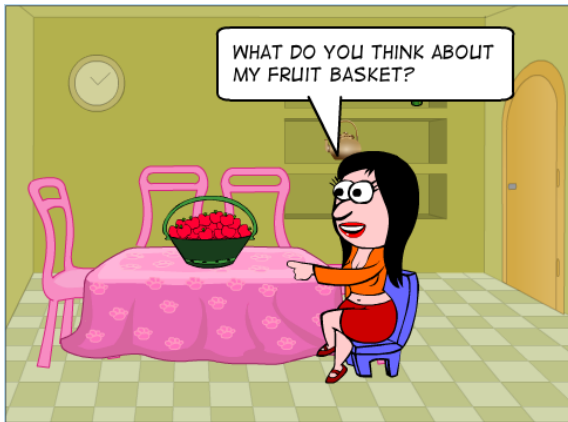
Lick the red lolly, lick the yellow lolly.

Red lorry, yellow lorry.

UNIT III : DISCUSSION TECHNIQUES



Asking Someone About His Opinion



- Cindy: Good morning everyone. Does everyone have a copy of the agenda? Let's get started. As you well know, we are considering a tie-up with The United Technologies. What's your view Marvin?
- Marvin: As head of the IT Department, I think this is very timely. If we could incorporate their latest technologies with our experiments, we could be on top of the game.
- Cindy: Thank you for your suggestion. How about you, Zach?
- Zach: I believe that the pros outweigh the cons. So I think the company should go for this tie-up.
- Cindy: This is just an informal meeting but I need a review of this tie-up in black and white. The sooner you can put this in writing, the better.
- Zach: No problem. I have already prepared a review even before this meeting.
- Marvin: Wow! You're amazing!

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

- Agenda - a list, plan, outline, or the like, of things to be done, matters to be acted or voted upon
- Tie-up - a list, plan, outline, or the like, of things to be done, matters to be acted or voted upon,

Useful Expressions:

- As you well know, we are considering a tie-up with The United Technologies.
- This is just an informal meeting but I need a review of this tie-up in black and white.
- The sooner you can put this in writing, the better.
- I have already prepared a review even before this meeting.

Activity:

Ask the student about his opinion on the latest China-Japan territorial disputes. The student should use the expressions from the dialog.

UNIT III : DISCUSSION TECHNIQUES



Presenting A Number of Arguments



- Cindy: The CEO has seen your reviews but he's not totally convinced. We will have a meeting with him next week. Among his concerns are the possibilities of exploring other options.
- Marvin: We can try outsourcing. But as we all have seen with the current trend, this will hurt our economy badly. A lot of our employees will lose their jobs.
- Zach: We can also put the money on Research and Development. We need to hire young bloods who are ambitious and driven enough to fill in the gap.
- Cindy: These are very good options. The bottom line is, the company doesn't want to spend money unless it's sure of the ROI.
- Marvin: I'll say any way it goes, the company will still gain money.
- Zach: You're right. We have maintained a sizable number of loyal customers through the years.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

ROI – (Return on Investment) A performance measure used to evaluate the efficiency of an investment or to compare the efficiency of a number of different investments.

Outsource - to contract out (jobs, services, etc.)

Useful Expressions:

Among his concerns are the possibilities of exploring other options.

But as we all have seen with the current trend, this will hurt our economy badly.

We need to hire young bloods who are ambitious and driven enough to fill in the gap.

We have maintained a sizable number of loyal customers through the years.

Activity:

Ask the student to be a neutral body on the China-Japan territorial dispute. How does he think the dispute can be settled?

UNIT III : DISCUSSION TECHNIQUES



Delaying Strategies (Fillers)

- Cindy: The CEO, along with his team, has finally decided that a merger with the United Technologies will be more beneficial for the company. So I need you guys to explain to your respective team the merits of this decision.
- Marvin: Everyone has been expecting this decision. It won't be hard to explain things to my team.
- Cindy: What about your team Zach?
- Zach: Hmmmm...Yeah. Marvin's right. Well, I believe that...
- Cindy: You seem to lose your tongue. Did you get the willies, Zach?
- Marvin: Well, what you want to say is that a few may be upset especially those who think they might lose their job but we just need to dispel unnecessary rumours. Right, Zach?
- Zach: Yeah, you got it. That's exactly what I wanted to say.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Lose one's tongue – To be so embarrassed or surprised that you cannot talk.

Get the willies - get a very uncomfortable feeling.

Useful Expressions:

The CEO, along with his team, has finally decided that a merger with the United Technologies will be more beneficial for the company.

Everyone has been expecting this decision.

You seem to lose your tongue.

That's exactly what I wanted to say.

Activity:

Pronunciation Practice

Bit	Beat
Fill	Feel
Mill	Meal
Hit	Heat
Rid	Reed
Sill	Seal

UNIT III : DISCUSSION TECHNIQUES



Expressing Solutions and Alternatives



- Cindy: Now this is off the record. In my opinion, we should have invested more on R & D. We might be increasing our strength when it comes to gaining new markets for now, but sooner or later, the United Technologies will swallow us whole.
- Marvin: What choice do we have? It appears our company has gone bankrupt. We are to gain more than lose in this merger.
- Zach: I agree with what Cindy just said. The company could apply for a bank loan or anything except this merger.
- Cindy: We have already lost a number of employees and we'll continue to lose more.
- Marvin: As a matter of fact, we are losing those who are not contributing as much as they should. Good riddance, I'd say.
- Zach: I hope no one hears you from here or you'll get sacked way too soon.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Merger – any combination of two or more business enterprises into a single enterprise.

Sack - dismissal or discharge, as from a [job](#)

Useful Expressions:

In my opinion, we should have invested more on R & D.

It appears our company has gone bankrupt.

The company could apply for a bank loan or anything except this merger.

As a matter of fact, we are losing those who are not contributing as much as they should.

Activity:

Ask the student how many business acronyms he knows:

1. BD
2. FYAP
3. NR
4. POP
5. SP
6. Tbd

UNIT IV : RICH AND POOR WORLDS



Population Control

- Jerry: I'm overwhelmed. I haven't seen too many children in all my life.
- Diane: The population of third world countries continue to shoot up endangering the balance of sustainability.
- Jerry: This is very depressing. These governments should educate their people about reproductive health and responsible family planning.
- Diane: But countries such as this one are still governed by politicians motivated by their hunger to stay in power. Some, on the other hand, are wrapped in old traditions and religious beliefs.
- Jerry: I see a familiar trend here. The poorer a family gets, the more children they have.
- Diane: Sadly, the international attention and support we are giving only teach these people to be largely dependent.



Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Sustainability - the quality of not being harmful to the [environment](#) or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance.

Reproductive health - implies that people are able to have a responsible, satisfying and [safer sex life](#) and that they have the capability to reproduce and the [freedom to decide](#) if, when and how often to do so.

Useful Expressions:

I haven't seen too many children in all my life.

The poorer a family gets, the more children they have.

Some, on the other hand, are wrapped in old traditions and religious beliefs.

Sadly, the international attention and support we are giving only teach these people to be largely dependent.

Activity:

Ask the student to compare countries with booming young population to those with aging population. Which countries have better chances to weather economic storms?

UNIT IV : RICH AND POOR WORLDS



Economic Union



- Edward: The current leadership aims our country to join the Economic Union early next year.
- Cole: There are currently five active members in this community. The sooner our country joins the group, the better our standing will be in the long run.
- Edward: Your naiveté can cause this country to be trapped in a burning building with no fire exit. This situation can be attested by unemployed workers of countries that belong to the Eurozone.
- Cole: We can learn from their mistake. The general objective of establishing economic union is to increase economic efficiency and establishing closer political and cultural ties between the member countries. I believe, with sound policies, and strong support of the members, we can all realize this objective.
- Edward: I hope you're right. The world is not yet ready for another economic depression.
- Cole: What alternatives have we got? We cannot sit and close our doors to globalization and economic unions.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Naivete - the quality or state of being naive; natural or artless simplicity.

Economic Union - is a type of [trade bloc](#) which is composed of a [common market](#) with a [customs union](#).

Useful Expressions:

The current leadership aims our country to join the Economic Union early next year.

The sooner our country joins the group, the better our standing will be in the long run.

I believe, with sound policies, and strong support of the members, we can all realize this objective.

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Activity:

A boon or a bane? Ask the student about his view regarding Economic Unions.

UNIT IV : RICH AND POOR WORLDS



Colonialism

- Sam: The architecture of this building is similarly structured with those of European castles.
- Gilbert: Indeed. This country has been a colony of Portugal for 200 years. The finest towns are proud symbols of that great era.
- Lynne: I'm sorry but I believe the country's progress was stunted by a one-sided government. The rich culture of my country was buried along with the life of those who fought for my country's independence.
- Sam: These imperial powers only left us high and dry. It's a wonder why people like to think of that era as this country's glorious years.
- Gilbert: It's not all bed of roses but you have to admit our country also advanced in trade and commerce during that time.



Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

leave somebody high and dry - to put someone in a very difficult situation which they have no way of making better

Useful Expressions:

The architecture of this building is similarly structured with those of European castles.

The finest towns are proud symbols of that great era.

I'm sorry but I believe the country's progress was stunted by a one-sided government.

It's a wonder why people like to think of that era as this country's glorious years.

Activity:

Countries and Nationalities

Supply the missing Nationality of people who live in the following countries:

Denmark	Wales	Netherlands
Ivory Coast	Madagascar	

UNIT IV : RICH AND POOR WORLDS



Working Abroad



- Wally: Congratulations, honey! Your application was approved. You'll receive your visa soon.
- Victoria: I have mixed emotions. I've been recently promoted and I don't want to leave our baby here with my parents.
- Wally: You've been promoted but your pay remains a pittance. Besides, our baby can follow when he's old enough to travel.
- Victoria: I don't know how I'll break the news to everyone especially to Mitch. He needs me to run his company.
- Wally: Honey, no one's indispensable in any business. We've talked about this too many times.
- Victoria: I had never imagined working abroad could be a sentimental journey.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Break the news - Make something known

Indispensable - absolutely necessary, essential, or requisite

Useful Expressions:

Your application was approved.

I've been recently promoted and I don't want to leave our baby here with my parents.

I don't know how I'll break the news to everyone especially to Mitch.

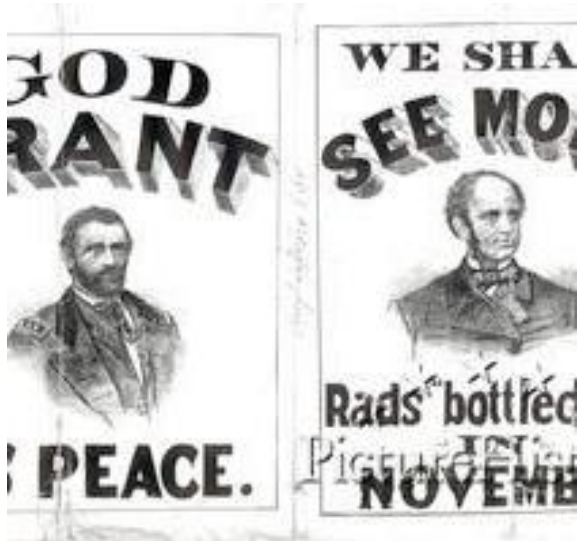
Honey, no one's indispensable in any business.

Activity:

Break a Code: How many idioms can you "break?"

Break a leg!	Break down	Break even
Break the ice	Break the spell	Break with
Hell breaks loose		Tough break

UNIT V : CURRENTS EVENTS



Politics and Government

- James: This is the break I've been waiting for long! I've won a seat in the parliament.
- Dad: I don't know if that's good or bad news.
- Mom : Dad, you should be happy that James' career has finally taken off. Think of the ways our son can help serve the people. You should be proud of him.
- Dad: James, please don't misinterpret my feelings. This government started off on the wrong foot and I don't want our name to be dragged in this political mess.
- James: I understand dad but I want to make a difference. I also need your prayers and support.
- Mom : You know you will always have them.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Started off on the wrong foot - to begin things incorrectly.

Useful Expressions:

This is the break I've been waiting for long!

Think of the ways our son can help serve the people.

This government started off on the wrong foot and I don't want our name to be dragged in this political mess.

I understand dad but I want to make a difference.

Activity:

What's the difference?

Politics and government

Tell and say

Concentrate and concentrated

Proceed and precede

Watch and see

UNIT V : CURRENTS EVENTS



Science and Medicine



- Kemuel:** While it's true that modern medicine allows us to cure deadly diseases, new diseases also come out that challenge both Science and Medicine.
- Kirk:** Viruses and bacteria have life and they can also adapt to even the most modern medicine available.
- Keo:** It's a good thing our company allows us free rein in researching and developing ways to fight incurable diseases.
- Kemuel:** It's the life of every pharmaceutical company. We wouldn't last in this business if we don't discover new types of medicines.
- Keo:** I heard our competitor already has come up with HIV-deterrent pill in-vitro.
- Kirk:** It's pure chicanery. They just want to know what's cooking in our lab.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

Free rein – Unlimited freedom to act or make decisions
In vitro - (of a biological process) made to occur in a laboratory vessel or other controlled experimental [environment](#) rather than within a living organism or natural setting.

Useful Expressions:

Viruses and bacteria have life and they can also adapt to even the most modern medicine available.
We wouldn't last in this business if we don't discover new types of medicines.
I heard our competitor already has come up with HIV-deterrent pill in-vitro.
It's pure chicanery.

Activity:

What kind of doctor am I?

Anesthesiologist	Cardiologist
Dermatologist	Hematologist
Neurologist	Obstetrician
Oncologist	Pediatrician
Urologist	

UNIT V : CURRENTS EVENTS



The Media

- Lynn: The recent turn of events put us on the spotlight again. Many are blaming the media as being the tool used to orchestrate violence and destruction.
- Mike: The free flow of information, the freedom to express democracy in all its different facets can sometimes cause problems.
- Curtis: Like it or not, being in the media can be both challenging and exhilarating. Sometimes I wish I were doing a different job.
- Mike: If it weren't for us, the world will never know what's happening in our country. Ours is also one of the most unsafe jobs there is.
- Curtis: And the most underrated. The only things that pay high in this business are under the table affairs.
- Lynn: A sad thing when you see how many of our comrades have fallen into this trap.



Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

under the table - money that is paid under the table is paid secretly, usually because it is illegal
put somebody on the spotlight - to direct attention to someone or something

Useful Expressions:

Many are blaming the media as being the tool used to orchestrate violence and destruction.
The free flow of information, the freedom to express democracy in all its different facets can sometimes cause problems.
If it weren't for us, the world will never know what's happening in our country.
The only things that pay high in this business are under the table affairs.

Activity:

Odd one out:

Newspaper Matrix Magazines
RadioTelevision

UNIT V : CURRENTS EVENTS



Alternative Beliefs

- Marvin: There's nothing more sinister than a group of a cuckoo honcho knocking on your door, claiming he knows the way to eternal bliss but you need to be a member of his cult first.
- Aaron: And the membership entails a certain considerable fee.
- Martha: You don't need to join the group okay? FYI, our group is not a cult nor our leader a honcho, got it?
- Marvin: We so get it we're wondering what's wrong with you. Can't you see the devil in his disguise?
- Martha: It's enough. You know you can be sued for libel.
- Aaron: Funny how some people could invoke their first amendment right and deny the same right when it involves their twisted beliefs.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Vocabulary:

First Amendment - An amendment to the United States [Constitution](#) guaranteeing the rights of free expression and action that are fundamental to democratic government.

Useful Expressions:

And the membership entails a certain considerable fee.

FYI, our group is not a cult nor our leader a honcho, got it?

Can't you see the devil in his disguise?

Funny how some people could invoke their first amendment right and deny the same right when it involves their twisted beliefs.

Activity:

What are your beliefs? Have you ever been persecuted because of your beliefs?



Thank You !

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