

Business

Conversation Club — Lesson 8

Warmup Conversation—Business

1. What work experience do you have? How did you like your previous work?
2. Why do you think some businesses fail?
3. “Business is a combination of war and sport.” Do you agree? Why/why not?
4. Do you negotiate often in your work, personal life or while shopping?
5. Do you think men or women are better at negotiations? Why?
6. What advice do you have for a successful job interview?
7. What is your definition of a leader?
8. How good of a leader do you believe you are? Why?
9. “If you must have a meeting, lose the chairs.” Do you agree? Why/why not?
10. How can a manager motivate employees?
11. Would you be happier if you were self-employed?
12. What are some of the difficulties in being self-employed?
13. What are some things that you need to consider when starting your own business?

Business-related Idioms

1. to cut corners
2. to get the ball rolling
3. to get up to speed
4. back to the drawing board
5. on the back burner
6. to burn the midnight oil
7. to think outside the box
8. to be on the same page
9. to hit the nail on the head
10. to cut to the chase
11. to get your foot in the door



Practice

1. What are some good ways to get your foot in the door when entering a new industry?
2. Do you often find yourself burning the midnight oil? Why?
3. What can you do when you want to try to think outside the box?
4. If you miss a class, what can you do to get up to speed?
5. Do you currently have any goals or projects on the back burner? What are they?
6. When can cutting corners get you in trouble? When can it be a good thing?
7. Are you more often on the same page with your friends, or do you tend to disagree on things?
8. Have you ever had to go back to the drawing board on a project at school/work?
9. When is it important to cut to the chase in a conversation?

Quizlet Live

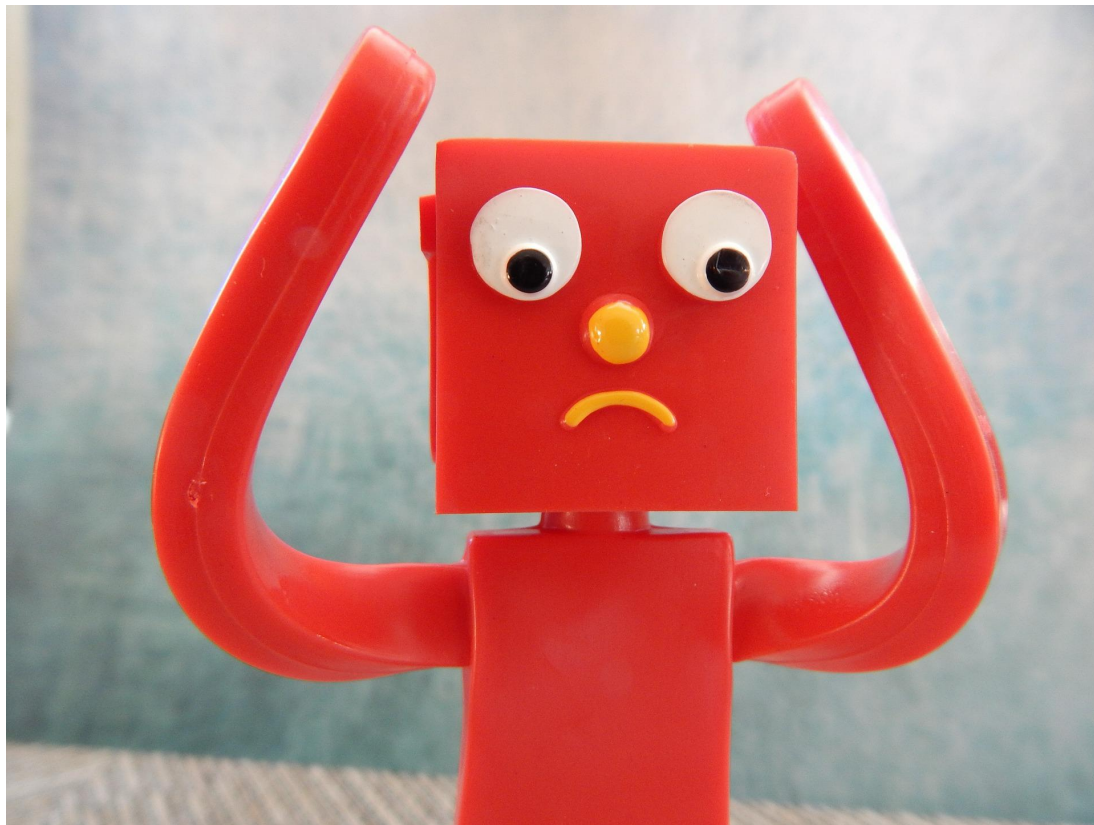
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Review

1. When was the last time you felt under the weather? Why?
2. How do you think we can cure the world from male chauvinism and misogyny?
3. What expenses are you trying to cut back on right now?
4. What school subject do you find to be a breeze?
5. What issues normally cause people to have a falling out?
6. In your country, is the man usually the breadwinner? Is this changing?
7. Is it hard for you to save up for big purchases? Are you saving up for anything now?
8. Is there a black sheep in your family. Who is it? What makes this person the black sheep? Are any of your friends the black sheep of the family? Explain.
9. Do people say you're the spitting image of your mother or father?
10. What type of things do you stock up on? Why?
11. Do you think you have prejudices against people who are different from you? How can you get rid of stereotypes you may have of others?
12. Do you live it up often or do you prefer to sit and watch the world go by?

Phrasal Verbs With Multiple Meanings

1. to back up
2. to blow up
3. to bring up
4. to check out
5. to cut off
6. to get by
7. to give away
8. to give up
9. to go out
10. to hang up
11. to look up
12. to make out
13. to make up



Review

“Homework”

- Youtube videos:
 - “10 Business English Expressions You Need To Know”
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAUmGYm7lGo>
 - “10 (Advanced) English Words You Are Probably MISpronouncing!”
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8El7SM_pHRU
- Practice Quizlet sets:
 - <https://quizlet.com/class/10607276/>
- Speak, speak, speak (in English)!
- <https://juanpinto.me/oranim/conversationclub>