



English Exercises: Part 2

Words:

- Variation
- Liberties
- Flexibility
- Improvisation

Rephrase the story (article):

Original:

Something unusual happened as Alex made his way home from class. He had been walking through campus when suddenly a stranger wearing a black mask, holding a small knife, stepped out from behind a tree and demanded that Alex hand over his wallet. Of course, Alex valued his life more than his money and it seemed like the mugger meant business. But, as he was taking out his wallet, the stranger lowered the knife and said, 'you're a coward' before running away into the darkness.

Rephrase:

Alex's roommate played a horrible prank on him last night. He put on a ski mask and hid behind a tree until dark, then when he spotted Alex walking back to the dorm, he jumped out. He realized he might be taking things a little far with the small pocketknife in his hand, but Alex's petrified face made it all worthwhile. Just to see what would happen, he demanded Alex's wallet. Feeling the joke had gone far enough, he said, 'you're a coward' before disappearing into the shadows. He laughed all the way back to the dorm.

The 4-word exercise:

communicate, turn, fool, cost

The cost of a failure to communicate whose turn it is to speak might result in someone looking foolish.

I foolishly turned onto the wrong road because of a miscommunication, and it cost me a job.

Assignment:

4-words:

expect, rules, realistic, building

Improvisation:

- Fake products
- Parenting