



Faux Pas is defined as "when a speaker says something without considering if it is something that the listener might not want to hear or know, and which typically has negative consequences that the speaker never intended"

Here are two stories that contains faux pas:

Story 1:

All of the class took part in a story competition. Emma really wanted to win. Whilst she was away from school, the results of the competition were announced: Alice was the winner. The next day, Alice saw Emma and said "I'm sorry about your story." "What do you mean?" said Emma. "Oh nothing," said Alice.

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

Yes

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I'm sorry about your story."

Did Alice realize that Emma hadn't heard the results of the competition?

No

Story 2:

Robert had just started at a new school. He said to his new friend, Andrew, "My Mum is a dinner lady at this school." Then Claire came over and said, "I hate dinner ladies. They're horrible." "Do you want to come and play rounders?" Andrew asked Claire. "No" she replied "I'm not feeling very well."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

Yes

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I hate dinner ladies. They're horrible."

Did Clare know that Robert's Mum was a dinner lady?

No

And here are two control stories (i.e., that do not contains faux pas):

Control Story 1:

All of the class took part in a poetry competition. Jane really wanted to win. While she was away, the results of the competition were announced: Mary was the winner. The next day, Jane bumped into Mary. Mary said "How are you feeling?". "Fine thanks?" said Jane, "Oh good" said Mary.

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 2:

David had just started at a new school. He said to his new friend, Mike, "My Mum is a teacher in this school." Then Jeff came over. "I hate school" he told them, "It's so small." "Do you want to come and play rounders?" Mike asked Jeff. "No" he replied "I'm not feeling very well."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

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Create new 10 faux pas stories and 10 control stories, make sure that (1) the stories are divers with different topics, places, names, situations, emotions (2) the stories contain conversation (at least 2 different quotes), (3) in the faux pas stories there is a sentence to cite which could be the answer to "What did they say that they should not have said?" (4) the faux pas story contain a character that didn't know/remember something and that's what causes the faux pas. (5) the control stories are similar to the faux pas stories, and that contains some conversation that might confuse like as if it contains a faux pas, but without faux pas



Faux Pas Story 1:



At a family gathering, Sarah was excited to show off her new engagement ring to her aunt. However, when she showed it to her aunt, her aunt looked at her with a sad expression and said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know you were engaged, I thought you were still seeing Jack." Sarah didn't know that Jack and her aunt were still close.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I'm sorry. I didn't know you were engaged, I thought you were still seeing Jack."

Faux Pas Story 2:

At a job interview, John was discussing his qualifications with the interviewer. The interviewer asked him about a gap in his employment history, and John, without thinking, said, "Oh, that's when I was serving time in prison." The interviewer was shocked and immediately ended the interview.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"Oh, that's when I was serving time in prison."

Faux Pas Story 3:

At a party, Emily was catching up with an old friend she hadn't seen in years. They were discussing their families when her friend, not realizing that Emily's mother had passed away, said, "How's your mom? I haven't seen her in ages."

What did they say that they should not have said?

"How's your mom? I haven't seen her in ages."

Faux Pas Story 4:

At a meeting, Jane was discussing a sensitive topic with her colleagues. Without thinking, she said "I have a source that tells me that the company is going bankrupt" and she doesn't realize this was not public information.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I have a source that tells me that the company is going bankrupt"

Faux Pas Story 5:

At a dinner party, Claire was telling a story about a trip she took. She mentioned a woman in the story and, not realizing that the woman was one of the guests at the dinner party, said, "She was the most annoying person I've ever met."

What did they say that they should not have said?

"She was the most annoying person I've ever met."

Faux Pas Story 6:

At a picnic, Tom and his friends were discussing sports. Tom made an offhand comment about someone being gay and didn't realize that that person was sitting nearby.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"he is gay"

Faux Pas Story 7:

At a family reunion, Mark was discussing his job with his uncle. Without thinking, he said, "I hate my job, but it pays well." He didn't realize that his uncle was the one who had helped him get the job.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I hate my job, but it pays well."

Faux Pas Story 8:

At a meeting, Emily was discussing a proposal with her team. Without thinking, she said, "I don't think this will work, but let's just do it anyway." She didn't realize that her boss was in the room.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I don't think this will work, but let's just do it anyway."

Faux Pas Story 9:

At a friend's birthday party, Sarah was discussing how she was struggling financially with her friends. She said, "I'm broke, I'm considering stealing from my parents" she didn't know that her parents were in the room and can



repeat faux pas stories 9 and 10, and control stories 1 to 10



Sure, here are the additional stories:



Faux Pas Story 9:

At a friend's birthday party, Sarah was discussing how she was struggling financially with her friends. She said, "I'm broke, I'm considering stealing from my parents" she didn't know that her parents were in the room and can hear her.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"I'm broke, I'm considering stealing from my parents"

Faux Pas Story 10:

At a meeting, Henry was discussing a project with his team. He said "We are going to work on this all night" and he did not know that one of the team members just had a new born baby.

What did they say that they should not have said?

"We are going to work on this all night"

Control Story 1:

At a family gathering, Sarah was excited to show off her new engagement ring to her aunt. Her aunt admired the ring and said, "That's a beautiful ring. Congratulations on your engagement."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 2:

At a job interview, John was discussing his qualifications with the interviewer. The interviewer asked him about a gap in his employment history, and John explained that he had taken time off to travel.

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 3:

At a party, Emily was catching up with an old friend she hadn't seen in years. They were discussing their families when her friend asked about her mother and Emily said "She passed away."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 4:

At a meeting, Jane was discussing a sensitive topic with her colleagues. She said "We need to look into this information before we can proceed."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 5:

At a dinner party, Claire was telling a story about a trip she took. She mentioned a woman in the story and said, "She was very helpful during my trip."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 6:

At a picnic, Tom and his friends were discussing sports. Tom made a comment about someone's skills and how well they played.

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 7:

At a family reunion, Mark was discussing his job with his uncle. He said "I really enjoy working with my colleagues and I appreciate the opportunities my job has given me."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 8:

At a meeting, Emily was discussing a proposal with her team. She said "I believe this proposal has potential and we should consider it carefully."

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 9:

At a friend's birthday party, Sarah was discussing her financial situation with her friends. She said, "I'm trying to find ways to save money"

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No

Control Story 10:

At a meeting, Henry was discussing a project with his team. He said "We will be working on this project in the next weeks"

In the story did someone say something that they should not have said?

No