Having Cash Flow Problems

Kylie: I’ve just **crunched the numbers** and we’re not going to be able **to meet payroll** next month because of **cash flow** problems.

Miguel: That can’t be. The cash flow **projections** from last month showed that we’d be fine.

Kylie: We didn’t **anticipate** a **shortfall** in **income** this month and didn’t **set aside** enough cash **to hedge** against a cash flow problem.

Miguel: What can we do? We need a **stopgap** solution now.

Kylie: Well, we could try to extend our **line of credit** at the bank.

Miguel: We’re already **overextended** at the bank. I don’t want **to push our luck**.

Kylie: The other option is **to hold off on** paying our **suppliers** and hope that our income goes up next month, **as predicted**.

Miguel: Do you really think we can hold them off for that long?

Kylie: I’ll have a talk with our biggest suppliers and **give them assurances** that they’ll get paid. Let’s just hope they’re not having cash flow problems of their own!

**Category:** Business|Money

Making Controversial Comments

Vivian: That **news commentator** should be **fired** for making such **inflammatory** comments. At least I won’t watch this show again until she is.

William: As usual, you’re **making a mountain out of a molehill**. She was just expressing her opinion, **albeit** a **controversial** one.

Vivian: Her opinion is **offensive**. **Mark my words**: Before the end of the week, a lot of people will be **up in arms** calling for her **head on a platter**.

William: I doubt it. It’ll all **blow over**. It’s just a **tempest in a teapot**.

Vivian: No way. She’ll never **get away with it**.

William: Oh, yeah?

Vivian: Yeah.

William: Do you want to make a **bet**?

Vivian: Sure, I’ll take that bet. What does the winner get?

William: Just the pleasure of seeing the other person **eat her words**.

670 - To Forgive and Forget

Luc: You’ll never guess who called and left a **voicemail** message today.

Angela: Who?

Luc: Barbara!

Angela: Oh, really? What did she want?

Luc: She said she was calling to **RSVP** for our party this Saturday.

Angela: Did she?

Luc: Stop **playing innocent** with me. Did you or did you not invite her to our party this Saturday?

Angela: I may have. Okay, I did.

Luc: **Correct me if I’m wrong,** but didn’t you and Barbara have a **knock-down, drag-out fight** last month?

Angela: We may have.

Luc: And didn’t you say that you’d never speak to her again **much less** invite her over to our house? (much less – а тем более)

Angela: That’s **water under the bridge.** You know what they say: **“To err is human, to forgive divine.” (err (э) –** заблуждаться, divine (дИвайн) - божественный**)**

Luc: I can’t believe my ears. You **ranted and raved** for days that you’d **hold against her** for the rest of your life all of the terrible things she said about you. (ranted (рантед) – разглагольствовал, raved (рейвд) - бредил )

Angela: I was being **overdramatic.** I don’t think I ranted and raved, actually. We just had a little **spat.** It’s best just **to forgive and forget. (spat (спат) -** размолвка**)**

Luc: Unbelievable! Why can’t you have a **selective memory** when we have fights?

**Category:** Relationships + Family

671 - Vacationing on an Island

Mohsen: I need to get off this **island**. I’m getting **island fever**. (get off – убраться)

Ella: We’ve only been here two days. **Give it a chance**. We’re here to enjoy a slower **pace of life**, remember?

Mohsen: When you said we were going on an island vacation, I didn’t know we’d be so **isolated**. There isn’t a **living soul** within five miles! (isolated - айсолейтид)

Ella: This isn’t isolated; it’s **secluded**. We have **privacy** and **serenity**. Isn’t that what we wanted?

(secluded - уединенный ; privacy – привэси – Конфиденциальность; serenity – безмятежность)

(Isn’t that what we wanted - Разве это не то, что мы хотели?)

Mohsen: I wanted a vacation with all of the **creature comforts**.

Ella: That’s what we have, don’t you think? We’re staying in a very nice house.

Mohsen: Yes, but what about the creature comforts? I have no **Internet access** and no **cell phone service**. This is what I call **roughing it**.

Ella: We agreed that we both needed a little time away **to unwind**. The **whole point** of this vacation is for us to relax.

Mohsen: I’m **cut off from civilization** and I have no access to email and my favorite websites. What could be more **stressful** than this?! (cut off – отрезан ; civilization - сивалажейшн)

**Category:** Travel

672 - Asking for More Time

Dan: Hello.

Marcia: Hi, Dan. What’s the **status** on the project? We’re still **on schedule**, right?

Dan: Uh, well, I’ve been meaning to call you about that. We’ve had a **slight delay**. (я хотел тебе об этом позвонить; небольшая задержка)

Marcia: What do you mean by “slight”? Are you saying that you won’t be able to meet the **deadline**? (что не сможете уложиться в срок)

Dan: Not exactly. I’m only asking that you **grant** us a short **extension**. (grant – пособие; grant предоставили)

Marcia: How short?

Dan: A week or two, **tops**. We hit a minor **snag**, but we should have everything **up and running** in no time.

(snag – (снаг) загвоздка)

Marcia: If the project has **come to a grinding halt**, then it doesn’t sound like a minor snag. We’re running on a **tight schedule** and we don’t have a lot of time **to spare**. (grind – (грайнд) молоть) (**come to a grinding halt -** остановился) (spare (спеэ) - запасной) (halt - халт)

Dan: I know that **all too well**.

Marcia: Good, then I don’t have **to spell it out** for you. (spell - объяснять)

Dan: No, you don’t. My **head is on the chopping block** and **the clock is ticking**. (chopping block - разделочной доске)

**Category:** Business

Daily English 673 - Walking or Running as Exercise

Reina: Okay, I’m ready to walk my way to better **fitness**!

Lars: I’m glad you’re so enthusiastic about starting **to exercise**.

Reina: I’m totally **psyched**! Check out my new **tennis shoes**. (psyche – (сайки) душа; psyched – (сайкт) восторг )

Lars: They’re **brand new**? You haven’t **broken them in** yet? I hope you don’t get **blisters**. (brand (бранд) бренд) (blister (блиста) blisters (блистерс) волдырь)

Reina: Stop worrying. Let’s go, I’m ready **to work up a sweat**! (sweat (свэт) потеть)

Lars: Wait. There are a few things you need to know before we start. It’s a good idea **to stretch** and **to warm up** to avoid injuries. (stretch – (стреч) растянуть )

Reina: I stretched already and as soon as we get started, I’ll warm up slowly. Let’s go!

Lars: All right, here we go, nice and slow.

Reina: Come on! How are we supposed to increase our **heart rate** if we walk this slowly? **Pick up the pace**! (Pick up – подобрать; Pick up the pace - Ускорьте темп)

Lars: I don’t want to get **shin splints**. It’s important that we start slowly and maintain a **low-impact workout**. (shin splints - Шинсплинт) (low-impact – низкое воздействие) (workout - тренировка)

Reina: Forget it! I’ll **race** you. The last one to the park buys lunch. **Ready, set, go**!

Lars: Wait! (race рэйс гонка)

**Category:** Health + Medicine

Daily English 674 - Threatening Other Countries (threat – срэт - угроза)

Tania: Did you see the news today? Canada has been doing **military exercises** near the Canada-U.S. **border**. I think they’re trying **to send us a message**. (Canada – ‘кэнэда) (Канада проводит военные учения)

Emilio: They’re just **saber-rattling**. They think we’re **amassing weapons** near the border and they’re **posturing**. (saber-rattling - бряцание оружием) amass (эмас) собирать; weapon (вэпн)

Tania: I don’t think they’re just posturing. (posture (посчэ) поза)

Emilio: Canada is no real **threat**. No one in the government wants **to bear the responsibility** of **violating** Canada’s **treaty** with us. (Канада не представляет реальной угрозы); to bear (be(ə)) нести; treaty (трити) договор

Tania: How can you say that? All of this **military aggression** makes me nervous. If Canada decides **to attack**, we would have no choice but **to retaliate**. Things could **escalate** very quickly. nervous (‘новис) нервный; (we would have no choice - у нас не будет другого выбора); retaliate (риталиэйт) мстить, отвечать тем же; escalate (‘эскэлэйт) обостряться

Emilio: That’s why I’m well prepared.

Tania: Well prepared? How?

Emilio: Haven’t you seen me building my **underground bunker**? I’ll be safe there if Canada, or anyone else, **strikes**. (Haven’t you seen - Разве вы не видели) (bunker (банкэ) бункер) (I’ll be safe - Я буду в безопасности) (strike (страйк) удар/забастовка)

Tania: An underground bunker?

Emilio: Yes, and if you ask nicely, I’ll save a place for you.

**Category:** Daily Life|Government + Law

Daily English 675 - Having Furniture Delivered

I was waiting patiently for the furniture store **to deliver** my new bed. I was given a **window** of 1:00 to 4:00. At 4:50, the **delivery truck pulled up** in front of my house. (I was given a **window** - Мне дали окно) (1:00 - читается 'ван о клок'; 4:50 - фор фифти) (**pulled up -** "пулд ап" подъехал)

Zuly: Hello.

Danny: Hi! We’re from Reliable Furniture. We’re here to deliver your new bed.

Zuly: **I thought you’d never get here**. The new bed should go in the bedroom. Follow me. You’ll **haul away** the old bed, right? (haul - "хоул" тянуть)

Danny: We will for an **extra charge**.

Zuly: I thought that was included in the price of the new bed.

Danny: Let me check the **paperwork**. Oh, I guess it is. We’ll take away the old bed and bring in the new one. (paperwork - документы)

Zuly: Okay, this way. You can bring the bed right in here. (right in here - прямо сюда)

Danny: Okay, here you are. We’re all done. (We’re all done - Все готово)

Zuly: Aren’t you guys going to remove the **bubble wrap**, **assemble** the pieces, and **set up** the bed? (bubble wrap "бабл" пузырчатую пленку; assemble the pieces - соберете детали) (set up - установить)

Danny: We can, but it’ll cost extra.

Zuly: I’m sure that’s included in the price of the new bed.

Danny: Let me check...Okay, I guess we’ll set it up. We’re just **running a little late**, that’s all. We got a late start from the **warehouse** this morning and it’s already past **quitting time**. (running a little late - немного опаздываем) (warehouse - склад) (quit - "квыт" выход; quitting "квытинг")

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I wasn’t too happy, **to say the least**, but I **was at their mercy** and didn’t say anything. But as soon as they’re finished, I’ll be ready **to give them a piece of my mind**! (least - меньше всего; to say the least - мягко говоря) (at their mercy - в их власти) (...a piece of my mind - поделиться с ними своими мыслями)

**Category:** Home + Community|Shopping

Daily English 676 - Selecting a Health Insurance Plan (плана медицинского страхования)

Mikhail: What’s all this? (Что это все такое?)

Carol: It’s **open enrollment** at my company and I’m thinking of **switching health plans**. I have an **HMO** right now and I’m thinking of switching to a **PPO**. That way, I can see doctors outside of my current **network** and still be covered. (В моей компании открыт процесс регистрации)

Mikhail: I’m so glad I don’t have to worry about things like that. I’m still a **dependent** on my mother’s plan, at least for another year.

Carol: Lucky you. Look at all of this **literature**! How am I supposed **to make heads or tails of this** to compare one plan with another? (heads or tails - Орел или решка)

Mikhail: Wow, yeah, that’s really confusing.

Carol: Tell me about it. I want to know if these new plans have **coverage** for my **pre-existing conditions** and **prescription drugs**, and if not, what the **out-of-pocket** costs would be. (prescription drugs - отпускаемые по рецепту лекарства) (out-of-pocket - наличными)

Mikhail: **Don’t look at me**.

Carol: And how am I supposed to figure out what my **copay** and **deductible** would be? (copay - доплата; deductible - вычитаемый)

Mikhail: **You’re on your own** on this one. **It’s all Greek to me**! (Это для меня китайская грамота)

**Category:** Business

Daily English 677 - Feeding a Picky Eater (Picky-пики-придирчивого; Eater-едока)

Jeremy: It’s really nice of you to make dinner for me tonight.

Keeley: I’m glad to do it. You’re been so helpful to me, **it’s only fair** that I **return the favor**. I hope you’ve **brought your appetite**. (it’s only fair- будет справедливо; favor-услуга) (**brought your appetite-** пробудили аппетит.)

Jeremy: You bet.

Keeley: Great! Here’s the first **course**, a light soup. How do you like it? (first course-первое блюдо)

Jeremy: It has an interesting **flavor**. (flavor-вкус)

Keeley: You **don’t care for it**.

Jeremy: It’s just a little **greasy for my taste**. (greasy-гризи-жирный; taste-тэйст-вкус)

Keeley: Sorry about that. Why don’t you try this dish? It’s an old family **recipe**. What’s wrong? (sorry about that-прости за это; dish-блюдо; recipe-рэсипи-рецепт)

Jeremy: Oh, nothing. I just don’t think it’s **agreeing with me**. Maybe it’s an **acquired taste**. (**acquire-**эквайе-приобретать)

Keeley: Okay, maybe I can **whip up** something else for you... (whip-вып-кнут; whip up-расшевелить)

Jeremy: I don’t want **to put you to all that trouble**. Sorry to be so **fussy**. (put you-доставлять; all that trouble-столько хлопот; fussy-фасси-суетливый/привередливый)

Keeley: No, no trouble at all.

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I like cooking, but with such a **picky eater** like Jeremy, I might be cooking **into** next Tuesday!

**Category:** Food + Drink

Daily English 678 - Reporting Damaged Luggage

I picked up my **luggage** off of the **baggage carousel** and noticed that the **handle** was broken and some of my clothes were falling out of the open **zipper**. The bag looked like it had been **mishandled**, but could someone have **tampered with** it, too? I went to the baggage claim office to report what I found. (falling out of the open zipper - выпадая из открытой молнии; mishandled - неправильно обработанный; tamper - трогать/портить; claim office - бюро приема заявок)

Clerk: Next. How can I help you?

Jordan: I **retrieved** my bag and found that it’s been damaged.

Clerk: What’s the problem?

Jordan: The handle is broken and I think someone has **gone through** my bag. (handle - ручка; gone through - рылся)

Clerk: That was probably security. They may have **searched** your luggage. (searched-обыскали ваш багаж)

Jordan: Yes, but my camera is **missing** and everything is in **disarray**. I’m not sure if other things are missing. (camera-камэра; disarray-дисЭрэй-беспорядке)

Clerk: Why don’t you make a more thorough **inspection** over there and then you can file a **claim** for anything that’s missing or broken.

Jordan: Will I be **compensated** for the damage to my luggage and for my missing camera?

Clerk: I really **can’t say**.

Jordan: How long will it take for someone to contact me?

Clerk: I really can’t say. Next!

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I knew a **blow off** when I heard it, but I looked through my bag anyway and filled out the forms. Who knows? **Miracles** do happen, don’t they? (I knew a blow off when I heard it - Я почувствовал удар, когда услышал это)

**Category:** Travel

Daily English 679 - Getting a Makeover (Makeover - Преобразование/Макияж)

Kurt: Come with me.

Ellie: Where are you taking me? (Куда вы меня ведете?)

Kurt: I’m giving you a **makeover** and you **have no say** about it.

Ellie: A makeover?! I don’t need a makeover.

Kurt: Yes, you do. I’m your best friend and this is an **intervention**. You’re so busy these days that you’ve **let yourself go**. (intervention-вмешательство; let yourself go-расслабиться)

Ellie: I haven’t let myself go. I just don’t spend as much time as I used to **primping** and **getting dolled up**, that’s all. (primp- прихорашиваться; dolled up - наряжаться)

Kurt: On that we agree. Your clothes are **frumpy** and your hairstyle is 10 years **out-of-date**. Come on. I’m taking you to get a new **look**. It’ll be a complete **transformation**. (frumpy- неаккуратная; out-of-date - устаревший)

Ellie: Okay, I admit that my **appearance** needs a little **updating**, but I’m not giving you **free rein** on what changes to make. (appearance - внешний вид; rein - поводья)

Kurt: I’m willing to let you have some say in that – if you’ll **come quietly**. (willing-желать)

Ellie: And if I don’t?

Kurt: You’re getting this makeover **one way or another**, even if I have to **drag you kicking and screaming**! (one way or another - так или иначе; to drag -драг-тащить; scream скриим - крик )

**Category:** Clothing + Grooming (уход)

Daily English 680 - Recognizing an Unsung Hero (unsung - невоспетый/незамеченных)

Fumi: You may have everyone else **fooled**, but I know the real reason for the success of this project.

Issac: What?

Fumi: You. You’ve been **working behind the scenes to bolster** the people who weren’t **up to the task**. Without you, this project would have been **sunk** months ago. (bolster - поддерживать; weren’t **up to the task -** несправились с задачей; sunk - затонувший)

Issac: That’s nonsense. (nonsense - чепуха, ерунда)

Fumi: No, it’s not. I know you don’t like the **limelight**, but you were the **linchpin** of this operation. Without you, we’d all have **egg on our faces** today. (limelight - в центре внимания; linchpin - чека, шпилька, стержень)

Issac: You’re **giving me way too much credit**. I don’t want to hear another word about it. (вы слишком много мне доверяете)

Fumi: I’m not surprised at your reaction. Most **unsung heroes** like **to keep a low profile**. (low profile - оставаться в тени)

Issac: What?! I’m **nothing of the kind**! (ничего подобного)

Fumi: Yes, you are. You’re far too **modest**. And soon, I won’t be the only one who thinks so!

Issac: What are you **proposing** to do?

Fumi: Don’t worry. I’m not planning a **ticker-tape parade**, but it’s time your contributions are **recognized** for what they are around here! (**ticker-tape parade -** парад с конфети; contribution - вклад; **recognized -** признан; for what they are around here - что он здесь)

**Category:** Business

Daily English 681 - Disagreeing about Religion (Несогласие)

Jim: You know that **religion** is a **taboo** subject, especially with Paul. Why were you **baiting him** all through dinner? (baiting - травил; bait - приманка )

Tammy: I wasn’t baiting him. We have very different views on **spirituality** and I wanted to discuss the subject with him. (spirituality - духовность)

Jim: You were making **disparaging remarks** about his **faith** and some of the things he holds most **sacred**. I think you were trying to be **provocative**. (disparage диспариж - унижать/пренебрегать; remark - замечание; sacred - сэкрид - священный; provocative - провакэтив - провокационный)

Tammy: I may have said a few things that were provocative, but I don’t understand how people can believe in **superstitions**. (superstition - супэстишен - суеверие)

Jim: **There you go again**! People’s religious beliefs shouldn’t be called superstitions. (belief бэлиф вера/убеждение)

Tammy: I’m just **calling it like I see it**. I didn’t know you were such a **fundamentalist**. (фундаменталист - буквальное толкование Священного Писания в религии)

Jim: I’m not a fundamentalist. In fact, I’m an **atheist**, or at least an **agnostic**, but I still try to show respect for other people’s beliefs.

Tammy: Beliefs are made to be challenged. If you can’t **defend** your beliefs, you shouldn’t have them.

Jim: Ladies and gentlemen, **behold** the voice of **tolerance**. (behold созерцать, узрите голос терпимости)

**Category:** Daily Life|Government + Law

Daily English 682 - Minor Medical Injuries

Cherise: **Rise and shine**! Isn’t it a lovely day? I love **getting back to nature**. There’s nothing like going **camping**. How did you sleep? (There’s nothing like going camping - Нет ничего лучше похода)

Evan: That was the most **miserable** night of my life! (miserable-несчастный)

Cherise: Really? What happened?

Evan: I woke up in the middle of the night and thought I heard a bear. I got up, **stubbed my toe**, and **tripped**. I have **scratches** all over my arms, not to mention these **bruises** on my legs. See? (stubbed my toe - ушиб палец ноги; tripped - путешествие/споткнулся/падение; scratche царапать)

Cherise: Oh, don’t you know that there aren’t any bears this late in the year?

Evan: How should I have known that? This was my first time camping.

Cherise: All right. Why are you holding your neck like that?

Evan: I couldn’t get comfortable at all sleeping on the ground. I woke up with a **crick in my neck**. (crick растянуть мышцу)

Cherise: Stop moving around like that or you’ll really hurt yourself.

Evan: Oh, I have a **cramp** in my shoulder! It hurts! (cramp - судорога)

Cherise: I told you not **to twist** around like that. Just let it **work itself out**. (twist around - вертеться)

Evan: All of this had to happen to me after getting **a stitch in my side** and a **charley horse** hiking five miles yesterday. I’ve **had it**! I’m going back to **civilization**. (stitch боль/стежок/шов/петля; charley horse - спазмы в мышцах ног; hiking - пеший туризм)

Cherise: How are you getting there?

Evan: What do you mean? I’m walking.

Cherise: Without food or water? You’d better wait for me or you may end up bear **bait** after all! (bait - приманка)

**Category:** Health + Medicine

Daily English 683 - Using a Video-Sharing Website

Melissa: You’re looking at the next **overnight sensation**. I’m **uploading** my video right now, and by this time tomorrow, I wouldn’t be surprised if it’s had over 100,000 **views**. It’s going **to go viral**. (sensation - сенсейшен сенсация, 100,000 one hundred thousand, viral вайрел популярный/вирусный)

Frank: You and your **amateur** videos. Who is going to watch something with such low **production** **value**? (amateur - амэте любитель; production value - стоимость производства)

Melissa: You’d be surprised. I have my own **channel** on YouGube, with over 5,000 **subscribers**.

Frank: Are you sure that’s not because your **username** is AngelinaJolie?

Melissa: No, it’s because people enjoy my videos, mark them as their **favorites**, and **share** them with their friends. **Word of mouth** – that’s why I’m so **popular**. (Word of mouth - из уст в уста)

Frank: But what about the **comments** on your videos? How many of those are positive and how many are negative?

Melissa: I don’t read the comments. I assume they’re all positive, and my videos have never been **flagged**. (flagged флэгд отмеченный флагом)

Frank: All right, so is this another video of you dancing with your cat?

Melissa: No, my cat and I are dancing and singing. That’s why we’re both going to be **the next big thing**. (the next big thing - следующая вещь, которая будет очень популярна)

Frank: Right, I’ll get in line right now to buy tickets to your **upcoming** Vegas show. (Я встану в очередь прямо сейчас).

**Category:** Entertainment + Sports|Technology

Daily English 684 - Asking for Information About a Coworker

Amina: What’s the **lowdown** on the new guy? (lowdown - подноготная)

Earl: Which new guy?

Amina: You know, the cute one. **Fill me in**. Is he single? (Заполните меня)

Earl: I don’t know. I have no idea.

Amina: You’re working with him side-by-side and you haven’t **gleaned** any personal information about him? (glean - глин - собирать)

Earl: We talk about work. It’s not my job **to pry** into his personal life. (pry - прай - подглядывать)

Amina: I need to get **the scoop** on Mr. Perfect and you’re my **source**. (scoop - скуп - совок/сенсация)

Earl: You don’t know anything about him, so how do you know he’s perfect? Maybe when you get to know him, you’ll find out he’s a **selfish**, **self-centered jerk**. (selfish - эгоистичный, self-centered - эгоцентричный)

Amina: Wait, **catch me up** on what’s going on here. Have other people asked you about him? (catch me up - поймай меня)

Earl: Yeah, maybe about a dozen of the women in this office. They’ve been **bombarding** me with questions. (dozen - дюжина)

Amina: Oh, sorry. I didn’t know.

Earl: Yeah, I’m not the guy’s **social secretary**. You women have **to satisfy your own curiosity** elsewhere.

Amina: **Point taken**, but do you know if he’s **shown interest in** any of the dozen women you’ve talked to? (Point taken - дело принято)

Earl: Ugh! (Ugh - аг - ух/фу/тьфу)

**Category:** Business|Relationships + Family

Daily English 685 - Getting Feedback on Writing

Xica: I just got my paper back from Professor Rodriguez and it’s all **marked up**. (marked up - размечена)

Lucas: Let me see. It doesn’t look too bad. This is a **draft**, right? His note at the top says to make **revisions** before handing in a final version (что нужно внести изменения, прежде чем сдавать окончательную версию). He’s trying to help you get a better grade.

Xica: Maybe, but there’s nothing he likes about the essay. Look at all of those **comments** in the **margins** (поля). He **underlined** the entire **introduction** and wrote “**run-on sentence**” next to it. (run-on sentence – длинное предлжение, лучше разбить на несколько предложений).

Lucas: That’s easy to fix, and it is a run-on sentence, you know.

Xica: And in the **body**, he wrote that I had no **transitions** (переходы; слова для плавного чтения текста: in addition, moreover) and that my arguments weren’t **well supported**.

Lucas: Well, transitions are easy to put in and you just need **to cite** a few more **sources** -- that’s all.

Xica: Yeah, but that’s not all. Next to the **conclusion**, he wrote that I didn’t properly **summarize** my main points. See what I mean? There’s nothing he likes about this essay.

Lucas: I think you should take the **constructive criticism** as it’s meant (как это имеется в виду) – to help you.

Xica: It’s easy for you to say. You’re done with college. It’s kind of **demoralizing** to get your paper back all marked up (с пометками).

Lucas: True, but you forget that I have my own **battle wounds** (боевые раны) – lots of them!

**Category:** Daily Life|Education

## Daily English 686 - Roles Within a Family

Larissa: I’m really nervous about meeting your family.

Vince: You don’t need to be. They’ll love you and you’ll **fit right in**. (fit right in - подойдет)

Larissa: Okay, but I want to make sure I know everyone I’ll be meeting. Your Grandmother Celine is the **matriarch** of the family and your Uncle Nick is the **black sheep** of the family, is that right? (matriarch мэтриак матриарх/родительница) (black sheep - someone who is a failure and an embarrassment to relatives / тот, кто является неудачником и позором для родственников)

Vince: That’s right, but none of us **let on** that Uncle Nick is considered the **prodigal son**. He was really**rebellious** when he was young and left home when he was 17. He came back 15 years later, but nobody really knows what happened during that time. He’s always been a little **eccentric**. (but none of us let on - но никто из нас не говорит) (prodigal – продигал - блудный) (rebellious - мятежный) (eccentric – эксцентрик/ чудак/оригинал)

Larissa: I’ll be sure **to steer clear of** Uncle Nick, in that case. Let’s see, you told me that he is the oldest and your Aunt Sue is the **baby** of the family. Where does your Aunt Lily **come in**? (to steer clear of- держаться подальше от) (baby - the youngest child; the youngest sibling) (come in - появляется)

Vince: She’s the **middle child** and is always the **scapegoat** for anything that goes wrong. At least that’s what my grandfather has told me all these years. (scapegoat – скейпгоут - козел отпущения)

Larissa: That’s your Grandfather Albert, the **patriarch** of the family, right? (patriarch – петриак – патриарх/лидер семьи)

Vince: Yes, you’ve got it. I’m **impressed** you remembered so much about my family.

Larissa: If I’m walking into the **lion’s den**, then I want to be prepared. (den – дэн - логово)

Vince: Don’t think of it that way. They’re all going to love you.

Larissa: **Famous last words**! (фраза неверия/несогласия)

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