
M: Hello English learners! Welcome back to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today we're bringing you **Part Nine** of our romantic, drama, suspense action series **I'm Sorry I Love You**.

E: This is actually our **penultimate** lesson.

M: Exactly, this story will end in **Part Ten**, so, we're almost done. What's happening?

E: Well, I am pretty excited to find out, so, why don't we go straight into the dialogue and **catch up with** Steven and Veronica?

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

M: Alright, so, it seems like our poor Steven is going home by himself.

E: Oh, it's so sad.

M: I know, he proposed, she didn't accept and now he's going back to India by himself.

E: You know, I think this must be one of the worst feelings in the world, you know, like wondering if the person you love is gonna **show up** at the last minute and realizing they aren't.

M: Hehe. I think it's very common of movies. You always expect the person to come running and show up...

E: Yeah.

M: But as you can see our dialogue's more realistic, so, it didn't happen in this occasion.

E: More realistic, okay. Anyway, let's not debate that topic. Let's go straight into the language now, uh, with "**language takeaway**".

Voice: Language takeaway.

M: Alright, so, today on language takeaway we have six words that we're gonna be looking at and let's get started with the first one.

E: Okay, so, we've got language about **love** and language about **telling the truth**. And the first one is a word about telling the truth. So, um, Steven said "I've thought of **coming clean**".

M: Okay, to come clean.

E: To come clean.

M: Now, if I wanna come clean, it means I want to...

E: You wanna... admit to something or to tell the truth about something you've been hiding.

M: Exactly, okay, so, I want to finally tell the truth or confess.

E: Uhu, so, someone needs to come clean about who stole the chocolate out of the kitchen.

M: Okay, come clean. So, Steven wanted to come clean on many occasions, but Veronica said "How could you **deceive** me like that?"

E: Deceive someone.

M: How could you deceive me?

E: So, to deceive someone.

M: Alright, to deceive.

E: You... When you deceive somebody, um, you make them believe something that is untrue.

M: So, you kind of trick them.

E: Yeah, yeah.

M: Okay, make them believe or see something that is not really true.

E: Exactly. Alright, so, that... that's the, uh... the **verb** - **to deceive**. Now, the **noun**, the action of doing this, is called **deception**.

M: It was all a great deception.

E: Okay, so, a big trick, um, something a big untruth.

M: You deceived me.

E: Uhu.

M: Alright, very good. And now the **opposite** of deceive...

E: Is to be **forthright**.

M: Forthright.

E: So, Steven want... wants to be completely forthright with Veronica.

M: Okay, I wanna be forthright with you.

E: Alright, when you are forthright with somebody, you are very honest and truthful with them, right?

M: Direct.

E: Uhu.

M: You tell them the truth and everything directly.

E: And you don't... so, you know, like hide it or...

M: Yeah.

E: Soften it or anything.

M: Very good, so, forthright.

E: Uhu. Alright, so, three, um, words about honesty. Now, we've got three words about love for you. So, Steven promised Veronica his **sundying love**.

M: My undying love.

E: My undying love.

M: Now, **undying**...

E: Well, I think it's pretty in... pretty easy, right?

M: Uhu.

E: It won't die.

M: It won't die, exactly.

E: Yeah.

M: So, he's offering her his for... his love forever.

E: Uhu, a very romantic phrase.

M: Very romantic.

E: And he also promised to be a **devoted husband**.

M: Devoted husband.

E: I'll be the most devoted husband.

M: Now, this word devoted. What am I saying there?

E: So, as a devoted husband, um, Steven really, really would love his wife, he'd really **look after** her well and he would put all of his energy into that... into his marriage, right?

M: Okay, so, he would be very **committed to** her.

E: Uhu.

M: Devote.

E: And work really hard.

M: Now, can I change the **noun husband** for something else?

E: Yeah, we can talk about a **devoted friend**.

M: Or a **devoted father**.

E: Or a **devoted employee**.

M: Very good. And our last word about love.

E: Well, Steven also promises to **cherish** Veronica.

M: Okay, I will cherish you always.

E: I will cherish you always.

M: So, if I cherished somebody like my girlfriend, what would that mean?

E: That means you hold her in your heart like you really love her and you really respect her and you hold her close in your heart.

M: Okay, so, I respect her and maybe you **don't take that person for granted**.

E: Uhu.

M: Okay, to cherish someone.

E: Yep. Alright, so, some nice honesty words, some nice love words and I think now we can move on to some interesting phrases with "**fluency builder**".

Voice: Fluency builder.

M: Alright, so, Veronica was upset. She didn't wanna get back in the car and Steven said "**Let's talk it over**, okay?"

E: Let's talk it over.

M: Let's talk it over.

E: To talk something over.

M: Now, if I tell you that I want to talk it over, it... um, what am I saying?

E: Well, obviously, you wanna talk about it, right?

M: Uhu.

E: But you wanna talk about it for some time, so, to really talk about all of the problems and the issues and everything.

M: So, to try and make things clear.

E: Exactly.

M: Alright, and also when he was confessing, he said "**Time and again**I've thought of coming clean".

E: So, this phrase **time and again**.

M: Time and again.

E: Time and again.

M: So, that's basically the same as saying "again and again" or "many times".

E: Right, so, time and again I've thought of quitting smoking, but never really have done it.

M: Hehe. So, you've thought many times of doing it.

E: Uhu.

M: Time and again.

E: Yep. Alright, so, let's go to our next phrase. Now, um, Veronica said "I can't just leave everything **at the drop of a hat**".

M: At the drop of a hat.

E: At the drop of a hat.

M: So, this is a very interesting and colloquial way of saying "immediately".

E: Uhu, so, um, why don't we hear a few examples of how this is used in English?

Voice: Example one.

A: My boss expects me to come in to work at the drop of a hat.

Voice: Example two.

B: Laura's always willing to help me at the drop of a hat.

Voice: Example three.

C: I can't leave at the drop of a hat. I need time to prepare.

M: Okay, so, as you can see, you can change it for different things, but basically you're saying "I can't do something immediately".

E: Yeah, and it... it is almost always attached this idea of doing something or going somewhere or being somewhere.

M: Uhu, very good. At the drop of a hat.

E: Alright, now, our final phrase here for this lesson. So, um, Veronica was saying "I can't go to India at the drop of a hat" and she also said "I just can't build a relationship on a **foundation of lies**".

M: Okay, a foundation of lies.

E: To build something on a foundation of lies.

M: Now, this is interesting. Let's take a look at this. Uh, **foundation**, what is that?

E: Well, you know you have a house, right?

M: Uhu.

E: And the part that's in the ground, that supports the house...

M: Uhu.

E: Is the foundation.

M: Okay, so, it supports the entire structure.

E: Right.

M: So, here she refers to the **lies** as the foundation.

E: Uhu, um, and that's no way to start a strong relationship, is it?

M: Exactly, so, we use it **metaphorically** in this way, but we can always... but we always have to say it... but we always have to use the **verb build**.

E: Okay, so, it's basically to make something on a base of something else, right?

M: Aha, so, for example, "a strong relationship is built on a foundation of trust".

E: Or "this country was built on a foundation of liberty".

M: Very good, so, always use **foundation** with **built**.

E: Uhu.

M: Very good, very interesting and, well, I think we should listen to this dialogue for the last time and then we'll come back and talk a little bit more about Veronica and Steven.

DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME

E: So, Marco, I think I see a bit of a tear there, in the corner of your eye.

M: I'm very sad, I can't believe he proposed and she just said "No", just like that.

E: Well...

M: That's not supposed to happen. **And plus** he was inviting her to India – an exotic **getaway** and...

E: Well, exotic...

M: Promising...

E: Ex... exotic getaway for the... for the rest of her life!

M: Hehe. Well, what do you think will happen? **Part Ten**, it all ends. So, do you think they all just keep on living their separate lives? Will they meet again?

E: Who knows? Come to our website and tell us what you think will happen, so, you can find us at englishpod.com.

M: Alright, don't miss our **finale** of this lesson and until next time, we'll see you guys there.
