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*To: IELTS Prep Group*

*Subj: IELTS Speaking Lesson 3*

**Lesson Objective**

The student shall be able to use “power words” as part of their oral vocabulary, read and comprehend business language and demonstrate effective oral communication skills

**Power Words**

Evaluation Criteria

* Ability to understand the definition of the word and how to use in context within a complex statement/sentence

First Portion

* **Identify the meaning of the highlighted idiom in each sentence. Choose from the options below.**

*Try to use at least one idiomatic phrase in the speaking activity afterwards.*

**1.** Once in a blue moon, we meet each other.

a) Frequently

b) Hardly ever

c) In the light of a blue moon

**2.** In the end he had to eat the humble pie.

a) Apologize humbly

b) Defend himself vigorously

c) Adopt an aggressive attitude

**3.** If you say to someone "You're so full of yourself!" they'll probably feel

a) Proud

b) Hungry

c) Pleased

**4.** Bob and Jane decided to tie the knot because

a) It had come undone

b) They loved one another

c) They needed to save money

**5.** We are having a pot-luck dinner at Tim's house tomorrow. Everybody is invited!

a) Dinner where everybody brings something to eat

b) Dinner where everybody chips in

c) Dinner where only soup is served

d) Dinner where people eat and play games at the same time

**6.** I need everybody's help. The wedding is tomorrow and we haven't even started with the decorations yet. We have no time to lose.

a) Been procrastinating

b) To remember what time it is

c) Extra time

d) To start right now

**7.** Kyle was saved by the bell when his sister walked in and asked him to take her to ballet practice.

a) Rescued from an unwanted situation

b) Detained from his duty

c) Obligated to comply

**8.** I would stay away from that guy if I were you, he has a screw loose.

a) is dangerous

b) is annoying

c) Is a flirt

d) is crazy

**9.** I went to a real nice restaurant yesterday. The food cost was cheap and they served a lot of food. I had to ask for a doggy bag because I couldn't eat the whole thing.

a) Package to store left over food so the person can take it home

b) Dog bowl so you can give the rest of the food to your dog

c) Special order where you get smaller meal sizes

**10.** People who keep loaded guns in the house are playing with fire because the guns

a) Might be too heavy

b) Could go off accidentally and kill someone

c) Would go rusty

Second Portion

* **Timed Speaking**

**Evaluation Criteria**

The student shall be asked additional questions upon completion of their timed speaking session.

* Fluency and coherence
* Lexical resource
* Grammatical range and accuracy
* Pronunciation

**Task: The student can choose to either do the exercise 1 or do the exercise 2.**

**Exercise 1: Role Play**

Useful Phrases for Compromising:

**Negotiating a Compromise**

* *I see your point; however, don't you think that ...*
* *I'm afraid that's not true. Remember that ...*
* *Try to see it from my point of view.*
* *I understand what you're saying, but ...*
* *Imagine for a moment that you are ...*

***Asking for Compromise***

* *How flexible can you be on that?*
* *I’m ready to agree if you can ...*
* *If I agree, would you be willing to...?*
* *We would be willing to ..., provided, of course, that ...*
* *Would you be willing to accept a compromise?*

Negotiating a Compromise Role Play

**Choose a role play from one of the following scenarios. The role play should last at least 2 minutes.**

**1.** You are a student at an English school in the US or the UK. You’d like your parents to send you some more spending money. Telephone your father (your partner in the role play) and ask for more money. Your father feels that you are spending too much money. Come to a compromise.

**2.** You are visiting your cousin (your partner) whom you haven’t seen in a long time. Catch up on all the news from your two families, as well as from your own lives.

**3.** You are a student who has improved at school, but your mother/father (your partner) doesn’t feel that you have done enough. Discuss together what you can do to improve your grades, but also recognize your increased efforts.

**4.** You are the aunt / uncle of your partner. Your partner wants to ask you about what life was like with your brother (your partner’s father) when you were both teenagers. Have a discussion about the old times. Compromise on how the present and the past have certain advantages and disadvantages.

**5.** You would like to get married to a man / woman your parents do not approve of. Have a discussion with your mother / father (your partner) about your plans. Try to break the news gently, while still maintaining your desire to get married.

**6.** You are having a discussion with your husband / wife (your partner) about your son who is having problems at school. Accuse each other of not being a good parent, but try to come to a conclusion that will help your child.

**7.** You are a technological wizard and have a new idea for a great start-up on the internet. Try to convince your father to fund your business with a $100,000 loan. Your partner will be your father who is very skeptical about your idea because he thinks you should be a doctor.

*Source*

[*http://esl.about.com/od/conversationlessonplans/fl/Compromise-Role-Play-Lesson.htm*](http://esl.about.com/od/conversationlessonplans/fl/Compromise-Role-Play-Lesson.htm)

**Exercise 2: Speaking topic**

* Explain what means to you the following proverbs or quotations and give real life examples:

1) “Worry less, smile more.” -- The Secret to Happiness

2) “We humans know a lot and understand a little.” -- Piyush Lodha

3) “Men willingly believe what they wish”. - Julius Caesar

4) “Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.” - Lord Byron

5) "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." ~Dr. Seuss

6) "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts." ~Winston Churchill

7) "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

8) "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." ~Thomas Edison