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*Subj: IELTS* ***Reading*** *lesson 13*

**Lesson Objective**

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

Section One

**Vocabulary**

**Evaluation Criteria**

* Ability to understand definitions of English vocabulary

**MATCH THE WORD WITH THE CORRECT DEFINITION**

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| **VOCABULARY** | **DEFINITIONS** |
| 1. GREVIENCE (Noun) | 1. TO CONSULT TOGETHER; COMPARE OPINIONS; CARRY ON A  DISCUSSION OR DELIBERATION. |
| 1. ENCHANTED (Verb) | 1. TO FEEL OR EXPRESS SORROW OR REGRET FOR: |
| 1. CONFER (Verb) | 1. A ROW OF BUSHES OR SMALL TREES PLANTED CLOSE TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY WHEN FORMING A FENCE OR BOUNDARY; HEDGEROW |
| 1. LAMENT (Verb) | 1. TO COME NEAR OR NEARER TO |
| 1. IDLE (Adjective) | 1. TO HANDLE OR USE ROUGHLY |
| 1. ASCEND (Verb) | 1. HAPPENING OR OCCURRING AT SHORT INTERVALS |
| 1. HEDGE (Noun) | 1. TO HANDLE OR TOUCH LOVINGLY, AFFECTIONATELY, OR  TENDERLY; CARESS |
| 1. APPROACH (Verb) | 1. OPPOSITE IN NATURE OR CHARACTER; DIAMETRICALLY OR  MUTUALLY OPPOSED |
| 1. CONSENT (Verb) | 1. A WRONG CONSIDERED AS GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT, OR SOMETHING BELIEVED TO CAUSE DISTRESS: |
| 1. MAUL (Verb) | 1. TO PERMIT, APPROVE, OR AGREE; COMPLY OR YIELD |
| 1. FREQUENT (Adjective) | 1. TO MOVE, CLIMB, OR GO UPWARD; MOUNT; RISE |
| 1. FONDLE (Verb) | 1. NOT WORKING OR ACTIVE; UNEMPLOYED; DOING NOTHING |
| 1. CONTRARY (Adjective) | 1. TO SUBJECT TO MAGICAL INFLUENCE; BEWITCH: |

Section Two

**Reading Comprehension and Pronunciation skills.**

**Evaluation Criteria**

* Ability to effectively read written English in a social or business environment.

**FABLES**

1. **The Ass and the Frogs**

AN ASS, carrying a load of wood, passed through a pond. As he was crossing through the water he lost his footing, stumbled and fell, and not being able to rise on account of his load, groaned heavily. Some Frogs frequenting the pool heard his lamentation, and said, "What would you do if you had to live here always as we do, when you make such a fuss about a mere fall into the water?"

**Men often bear little grievances with less courage than they do large misfortunes.**

1. **The Ass and the Grasshopper**

AN ASS having heard some Grasshoppers chirping, was highly enchanted; and, desiring to possess the same charms of melody, demanded what sort of food they lived on to give them such beautiful voices. They replied, "The dew." The Ass resolved that he would live only upon dew, and in a short time died of hunger.

**Even a fool is wise-when it is too late!**

1. **The Ass and the Horse**

AN ASS besought a Horse to spare him a small portion of his feed. "Yes," said the Horse; "if any remains out of what I am now eating I will give it you for the sake of my own superior dignity, and if you will come when I reach my own stall in the evening, I will give you a little sack full of barley." The Ass replied, "Thank you. But I can't think that you, who refuse me a little matter now. Will by and by confer on me a greater benefit."

1. **The Ass and the Lapdog**

A MAN had an Ass, and a Maltese Lapdog, a very great beauty. The Ass was left in a stable and had plenty of oats and hay to eat, just as any other Ass would. The Lapdog knew many tricks and was a great favorite with his master, who often fondled him and seldom went out to dine without bringing him home some tidbit to eat. The Ass, on the contrary, had much work to do in grinding the corn-mill and in carrying wood from the forest or burdens from the farm.

He often lamented his own hard fate and contrasted it with the luxury and idleness of the Lapdog, till at last one day he broke his cords and halter, and galloped into his master's house, kicking up his heels without measure, and frisking and fawning as well as he could. He next tried to jump about his master as he had seen the Lapdog do, but he broke the table and smashed all the dishes upon it to atoms. He then attempted to lick his master, and jumped upon his back. The servants, hearing the strange hubbub and perceiving the danger of their master, quickly relieved him, and drove out the Ass to his stable with kicks and clubs and cuffs.

The Ass, as he returned to his stall beaten nearly to death, thus lamented: "I have brought it all on myself! Why could I not have been contented to labor with my companions, and not wish to be idle all the day like that useless little Lapdog!"

**To be satisfied with one's lot is better than to desire something which one is not fitted to receive**

1. **The Ass and the Lapdog**

A Farmer one day came to the stables to see to his beasts of burden: among them was his favorite Ass that was always well fed and often carried his master. With the Farmer came his Lapdog, who danced about and licked his hand and frisked about as happy as could be. The Farmer felt in his pocket, gave the Lapdog some dainty food, and sat down while he gave his orders to his servants. The Lapdog jumped into his master's lap, and lay there blinking while the Farmer stroked his ears. The Ass, seeing this, broke loose from his halter and commenced prancing about in imitation of the Lapdog. The Farmer could not hold his sides with laughter, so the Ass went up to him, and putting his feet upon the

Farmer's shoulder attempted to climb into his lap. The Farmer's servants rushed up with sticks and pitchforks and soon taught the Ass that.

**Clumsy jesting is no joke**.

1. **The Ass and the Mule**

A MULETEER set forth on a journey, driving before him an Ass and a Mule, both well laden. The Ass, as long as he traveled along the plain, carried his load with ease, but when he began to ascend the steep path of the mountain, felt his load to be more than he could bear. He entreated his companion to relieve him of a small portion that he might carry home the rest; but the Mule paid no attention to the request. The Ass shortly afterwards fell down dead under his burden. Not knowing what else to do in so wild a region, the Muleteer placed upon the Mule the load carried by the Ass in addition to his own, and at the top of all placed the hide of the Ass, after he had skinned him. The Mule, groaning beneath his heavy burden, said to himself: "I am treated according to my deserts. If I had only been willing to assist the Ass a little in his need, I should not now be bearing, together with his burden, himself as well."

**-"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"-**

1. **The Ass and the Old Shepherd**

A SHEPHERD, watching his Ass feeding in a meadow, was alarmed all of a sudden by the cries of the enemy. He appealed to the Ass to fly with him, lest they should both be captured, but the animal lazily replied, "Why should I, pray? Do you think it likely the conqueror will place on me two sets of panniers?' "No," rejoined the Shepherd. "Then," said the Ass, "as long as I carry the panniers, what matters it to me whom I serve?'

**In a change of government, the poor change nothing beyond the name of their master.**

1. **The Ass and the Wolf**

AN ASS feeding in a meadow saw a Wolf approaching to seize him, and immediately pretended to be lame. The Wolf, coming up, inquired the cause of his lameness. The Ass replied that passing through a hedge he had trod with his foot upon a sharp thorn. He requested that the Wolf pull it out, lest when he ate him it should injure his throat. The Wolf consented and lifted up the foot, and was giving his whole mind to the discovery of the thorn, when the Ass, with his heels, kicked his teeth into his mouth and galloped away. The Wolf, being thus fearfully mauled, said, "I am rightly served, for why did I attempt the art of healing, when my father only taught me the trade of a butcher?'

1. **The Ass in the Lion's Skin**

AN ASS, having put on the Lion's skin, roamed about in the forest and amused himself by frightening all the foolish animals he met in his wanderings. At last coming upon a Fox, he tried to frighten him also, but the Fox no sooner heard the sound of his voice than he exclaimed, "I might possibly have been frightened myself, if I had not heard your bray."

**Clothes may disguise a fool, but his words will give him away**

1. **The Ass in the Lion's Skin**

An Ass once found a Lion's skin which the hunters had left out in the sun to dry. He put it on and went towards his native village. All fled at his approach, both men and animals, and he was a proud Ass that day. In his delight he lifted up his voice and brayed, but then everyone knew him, and his owner came up and gave him a sound cudgeling for the fright he had caused. And shortly afterwards a Fox came up to him and said: "Ah, I knew you by your voice."

**Fine clothes may disguise, but silly words will disclose a fool.**