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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

VOCABULARY	DEFINITIONS
1. INFECTION (Noun)	a. Relating to the abdomen, the belly, that part of the body that contains all of the structures between the chest and the pelvis
2. ABDOMINAL (Noun)	b. An adult who cares for an infant or child.
3. TODDLER (Noun)	c. characterized by a strain upon the nerves or feelings:
4. CAREGIVER (Noun)	d. sharp or severe in effect; intense:
5. STAMINA (Noun)	e. serving for or pertaining to digestion; having the function of digesting food:
6. TENSE (Adjective)	f. Acute, strong, or vehement, as sensations, feelings, or emotions.
7. FOOTAGE (Adjective)	g. To eject from the stomach through the mouth; spew.
8. REVEALS (Verb)	h. harsh; unnecessarily extreme:
9. SEVERE (Adjective)	i. To lay open to view; display; exhibit.
10. VOMITING (Verb)	j. a motion-picture scene or scenes:
11. INTENSE (Noun)	k. strength of physical constitution; power to endure disease, fatigue, privation, etc.
12. ACUTE (Adjective)	l. A person who toddles, especially a young child learning to walk.
13. DIGESTIVE (Verb)	m. An infecting with germs of disease, as through the medium of infected insects, air, water, or clothing.

Section Two

Reading Comprehension and Pronunciation skills.

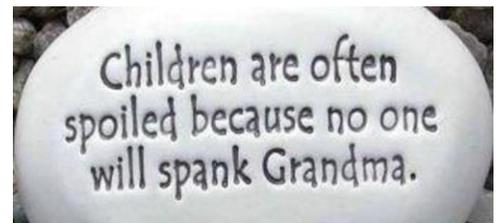
Evaluation Criteria

- Ability to effectively read and comprehend written English in a social or business environment.

A. WHY YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE BEFORE USING GRANDPARENTS FOR DAY CARE

Source

- When I told my mother-in-law that our friend’s mom would be watching her baby when she went back to work full time, I’m pretty sure I saw her jaw hit the floor. “Full time?” she questioned in bug-eyed disbelief. Both she and my mother appreciate the sacrifices we’re making so that I can stay home with their grandson.



One reason they're so appreciative is that they know how much stamina is required to care for an infant, a baby, a toddler, even a preschooler. It's one thing to foster great relationships between your child and their grandparents. It's quite another to put the responsibility of your child's full time care on your parents' aging shoulders. Where do you draw the line?

For many families, grandparent day care is a financial godsend. They simply couldn't afford to quit their jobs or send their child to a day care facility. According to recent statistics,

- 61% of grandparents provided at least 50 hours a year of care for grandchildren at least one year between 1998 and 2008; 70% provided care for two years or more.

Questions:

What did the author say is a "financial godsend"?

How many hours each year did grandparents provide help in the years between 1998 and 2008?

2. But, do you really want to hire family, let alone unpaid family, to perform a job? Because honestly, that's what you're doing. And when it comes to the care of your child, crossing the work/family divide can become awkward. Fast.

Recently, CBS reporter Lesley Stahl wrote a book about the "new grand parenting." She focused on grandparents who took on major caregiving roles in their grandchildren's lives. One reason many of these grandparents jumped at the chance was that they felt they weren't able to parent the way they wanted to, usually because they had to work. Now that their children have to work, the retirees are content to live life over again, the good bits at least. Unfortunately, nostalgia can have disastrous results on parent-child relationships. As one mommy blogger who used grandparent day care recounted:

It's hard to tell your parents how to parent your children, especially when you are a brand-spanking-new parent and they have done it for over 30 years.

It's also a delicate situation to tell your parents that you aren't happy with how they are caring for your child. They don't really like it and you still have to sit across from them during Thanksgiving dinner.

Questions:

What was Lesley Stahl's book about?

What were some of the specific problems cited by a "mommy blogger"?

3. Tips for parents considering grandparent day care include discussing rule setting, along with concerns about a grandparent's ability to physically keep up with the baby, and remembering to baby proof their surroundings, lest the toddler get into granny's pill stash. These are good points to consider before putting any elderly person in charge of your child.

But, in the end, the choice to hire a grandparent really does come down to the politics of balancing grandparent and caregiver roles. This balance isn't just the responsibility of the grandparent, it's yours as well. The one question to ask yourself before hiring grandma to do the job is this: Do you have it in you to tell your mom to stop mothering your own child because you're the boss now?

Questions:

What were some of the tips for grandparent daycare?

Who does the responsibility of having a grandparent care for your child come down to?

B. TENSE STANDOFF WITH GRIZZLY BEARS LEAVES FAMILY ANGRY AND SHAKEN

Source

1. A family in Alberta, Canada, discovered recently that grizzly bears don't always scare off so easily.

The accompanying footage shows a tense encounter, during which three aggressive bears hoped to raid a duck pen adjacent to the family's house

<https://youtu.be/zNPPNqmauHk>



The encounter became scary when horn blasts from a truck, and persistent barking from the family dog were not sufficient to frighten the bears. "There was no fear in those bears," Keith Lang, the father, told CBC News on Sunday. "We were laying on the horn because I don't want grizzly bears in the yard."

The home is in a rural community south of Calgary. Lang has seen grizzlies before, but they've always steered clear of the house. He spotted these bears in the distance while filling cattle troughs, and thought they'd also "make a wide berth around the place." Instead, they walked boldly into the yard, and through fences, as if to investigate food prospects.

Questions:

How many bears were involved?

What did the family try to do to scare away the bears?

What was the owner of the house doing when the bears came into his yard?

2. Lang's wife exclaimed, "Oh my God, they are already in the yard." That was when Lang's daughter Kayla began to videotape the encounter. The footage reveals the determination by Lang – now in his truck – to spook the bears, and their determination to get closer to Kayla's pet ducks. "Once you spook them, usually they will get out of Dodge, so to speak," Lang said. "These ones did not care whatsoever and they weren't going to be told what to do and they weren't going to leave."

But the family remained on edge, wondering if the bears would return before hibernation season begins. The Fish & Wildlife department will not trap the bears, which like other bears are a little bolder while trying to fatten up before hibernation. But the agency has offered electric fencing for the duck pen.

That may or may not be sufficient, and many of those posting comments beneath Kayla's YouTube video suggested the use of Bear Banger launchers, bear repellent, or a gun to scare the grizzlies away, should they return.

Questions:

What is Lang's daughter named?

What was putting the family on edge?

What did the Fish & Wildlife Service recommend to keep the bears from the ducks?

3. 'MISDIAGNOSED FIVE TIMES': MOM SPEAKS OUT AFTER TODDLER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Source

1. Less than a week after he woke up feeling ill, 2-year-old Grayson Dunham was dead — the victim of an E. coli infection complication that took a grave turn. Now, his grieving mom is sharing his story hoping to spread awareness so that other families don't have to go through a similar ordeal.



"It is a parent's worst nightmare," Kayla Dunham, 25, who lives in Sheridan, Indiana, told TODAY. "He had never been sick... When you think of things happening, you think of severe illnesses like cancer or car accidents. You don't think of E. coli."

The family had been enjoying the summer, visiting a state fair, going to a petting zoo and eating out last month, when Grayson suddenly started vomiting and experiencing diarrhea on the morning of Aug. 10.

Doctors couldn't settle on an exact cause, Dunham said. At first, the family was told it was stomach flu, then indications that the boy's intestines may have been folded over each other, then possible problems with his appendix. As time went by, Grayson started having intense abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea.

Questions:

What was the disease that Grayson died from?

What were the symptoms of the disease that were first noticed on August 10th?

2. "We were misdiagnosed five times before they said, yes this is HUS," she recalled. HUS, short for hemolytic uremic syndrome, can strike after an E. coli infection of the digestive system, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. It destroys red blood cells and clogs the kidneys' filtering system. HUS is the most common cause of acute kidney injury in kids.

Dangerous strains of E. coli can be found in undercooked meat, unwashed contaminated fruits and vegetables and contaminated juice. Animals can also spread E. coli.

Grayson's stool sample ultimately tested positive for Shiga toxin-producing E. coli, Dunham said. The family tried to figure out how he could have been infected: Was it the petting zoo? The restaurants they visited? Produce that his mom bought at a supermarket? The local health department told Grayson's parents they may never know the source.

Questions:

How many times was the disease misdiagnosed?

Where are the dangerous strains of E Coli found at?

3. Grayson finally ended up in the intensive care unit of a children's hospital in Indianapolis, Dunham said. Doctors told his parents he was stable for the night and urged them to take a nap in a nearby room, but the family was soon jolted by news the boy was deteriorating. His hemoglobin — a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen — had dropped from the normal range to zero, his mom said.

Doctors were not able to get his heart pumping on its own and performed CPR for an hour and 45 minutes, but to no avail, she recalled. Grayson passed away at 4:30 in the morning on Aug. 15.

"My heart is in shock, I'm numb, and I don't have words for what even happened," Dunham wrote on Facebook. Doctors still don't know why her son deteriorated so suddenly, she said.

It's important to note HUS can be life-threatening, but most children recover without long-term health problems, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases reports. The mortality rate for patients with HUS is less than 10 percent.

That's no comfort to parents like Dunham. She urges families to be aware of the symptoms — including vomiting, bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever — and to be an advocate for their children if they suddenly get ill. Ask lots of questions, do your own research and be aware you can demand a stool sample be taken, she said.

She's now extra careful about washing hands and has signed up for FDA alerts about food and safety recalls. The family has set up a fund in Grayson's name at Riley Children's Hospital. As Dunham and her husband grieve for Grayson, they're also getting ready for the arrival of a new member of the family. Dunham is expecting to give birth to a baby girl in January. She plans to name her Graysie.

Questions:

What is hemoglobin?

Do most children die from E Coli infections?

What are the symptoms that families should be aware of?