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New Shortcut To Discussion

Teach & Learn English Through Discussion



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In the Name of God

Movie Discussion

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MY SHOES

A. Watch the movie until 2':35". What do you think will happen next?

B. Watch the rest of the movie and talk about it.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. Do you ever wish to be in other people's shoes? Why or why not?
2. Are you satisfied with your life and what you have?
3. Why do you think some people are not happy with the life they lead?
4. Do you like to be a multi-millionaire but disabled?
5. What will you do and how do you feel if you suddenly become handicapped?
6. Which one is more important; health or money? Why?
7. What can disabled people teach those without disabilities?
8. What misunderstandings do people have about disability?
9. What kinds of discrimination do people with disabilities face?
10. Do you think it would be harder to live with a physical disability or an intellectual disability? why?

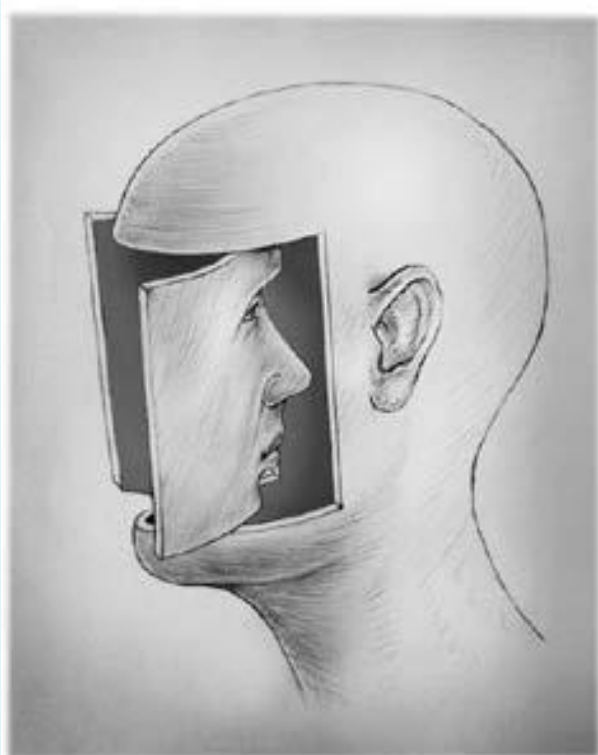
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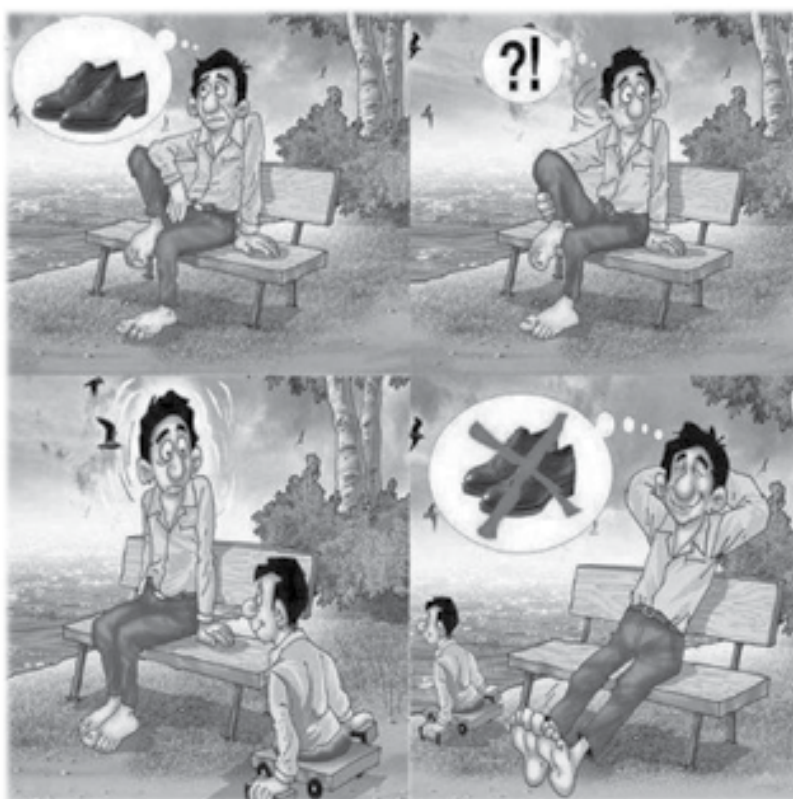
- Being happy with one's life
- Money and happiness
- Importance of physical and mental health
- Fairness, God and nature

Putting Cartoons into Words

D. Look at the following cartoons and discuss the meaning behind each one.







If you have any problems understanding the message of the cartoons you can use the following prompts.

- Being satisfied with one's own life
- Avoiding hasty judgment
- Disability is not always limitation
- Being yourself
- Problems disabled people may face in society / their private lives
- Our point of view towards life

Useful Phrases and Expressions

Giving an Opinion

It is very important to show people when you are saying an opinion and show that it is not a fact. Giving an opinion as a fact is not very polite in the UK.

Expressions to Use in Speaking and Writing	How to Use These Phrases in Your English
1. I reckon ...	1. We follow all the phrases with a sentence or clause that shows the speaker's opinion. 2. Phrases 1 - 3 are really quite informal. You can use these phrases when you are discussing something with friends or people who you know well. 3. In phrase 1, 'reckon' is a very common word in the UK today. It means 'I think' but British people use the word 'reckon' much more often than 'think'.
2. I'd say ...	
3. Personally, I think ...	
4. What I reckon is ...	
5. If you ask me ...	

6. The way I see it ...	<p>4. Phrases 5, 6 and 7 are all quite polite and show clearly that the statement is only an opinion.</p> <p>5. Phrase 8 is more polite because it says to the other speaker that they might not agree with what you are saying.</p> <p>6. Phrase 9 shows a very strong opinion. The speaker has no doubt at all that it is true.</p> <p>7. Phrase 10 is the most polite expression of the ten. It is often written on the Internet as the abbreviation 'IMHO' or 'imho'.</p>
7. As far as I'm concerned ...	
8. If you don't mind me saying ...	
9. I'm utterly convinced that ...	
10. In my humble opinion ...	

Vocabulary You May Need

- aimlessness
- ambitions
- aspire
- confident
- cripple
- disability
- disappointment
- encourage
- endeavor
- envious
- expect
- give up
- hopeless
- inspiration
- jealous
- physical
- prejudice
- resist
- strive
- struggle
- surrender
- yearn
- yield

6. Could anyone tell me ...?	<p>5. Phrases 5 and 7 are more informal if you say them without the part in () brackets.</p> <p>6. Phrases 9 and 10 are very formal and in an informal situation some people may react strangely if they think that you are being sarcastic.</p> <p>7. By using phrases 1 to 10, we make it easier for the listener to say 'Sorry I don't know'.</p>
7. (Do / Would) you happen to know ...?	
8. I don't suppose you (would) know ...?	
9. I wonder if you could tell me ...?	
10. I wonder if someone could tell me ...?	

Vocabulary You May Need

- authoritarianism
- authorities
- clarify
- dethrone
- dictatorship
- dynasty
- enlighten
- faith
- frustrated
- heedless
- inferior
- inform
- massacre
- monarchy
- murder
- obedience
- oppression
- overthrow
- political system
- politician
- satisfy
- slaughter
- superior
- uprising

LIGHTHEADED

A. Watch the short animation and talk about it.

B. Answer the following questions.

1. What do the candle and the light in the sky symbolize?
2. Do they know what will happen to them? If yes, why do they continue running?
3. In what way(s) are they similar to human beings?
4. Is there any relation between their destiny and ours?
5. "Each one of us is born for some reasons and our goal in life is to find those reasons." Do you agree?
6. Why do they freeze and die when they leave the candle for the light in the sky?
7. Why do they need a torch to stay alive? What is that torch and why do they hand it to each other after they die?
8. Can you find any similarities between this movie and "The Story of Creation"?

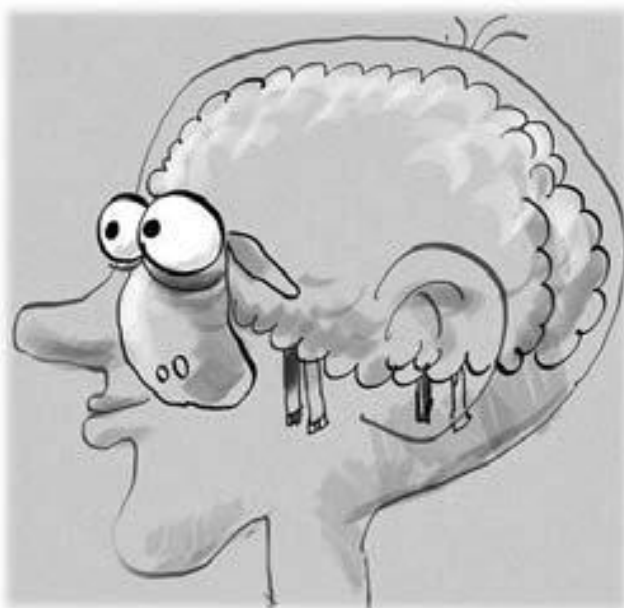
Use the following prompts to help you make sentences.

- Looking for the reality
- Purpose of life
- Making hard decisions
- Doing something / Being different
- The main reason of our existence

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- Never give up
- Accepting anything without enough consideration
- Teachers and their duty
- Importance of thinking
- Benefits of books
- Thinking differently

Useful Phrases and Expressions Saying Somebody Is Correct

Somebody asks 'You're an English student, aren't you?'. Here are ten expressions that you can use to say that this information is in fact correct.

Expressions to Use in Speaking and Writing	How to Use These Phrases in Your English
1. Yes, that's right.	1. Phrases 1, 2, and 3 are quite neutral and are just saying that what the other person asked is true.
2. You're quite right.	
3. Yes, that's correct.	
4. That's spot on.	2. Phrases 4, 5, and 6 also say that the information is very exact and maybe you are surprised at how accurate the other speaker is.
5. You're dead right (there).	3. Phrase 7 is an idiom that means that the other person's question or statement is exactly true.

6. Absolutely.	<p>4. Phrase 8 says that you think this is correct but other people disagree.</p> <p>5. Phrases 9 and 10 are saying that the other speaker is correct but that you are unhappy about this information.</p>
7. You've hit the nail on the head.	
8. You could say so.	
9. I'm afraid so.	
10. (I'm) sorry to say so.	

Vocabulary You May Need

- creation
- creator
- dizzy
- endanger
- endeavor
- effort
- goal
- hardship
- individual
- intend
- jeopardize
- leader
- lifestyle
- meaningful
- purpose
- reality
- risk
- sacrifice
- strive
- struggle
- unity
- ups and downs
- venture