

On Second Thought

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Warm-Up

Stand up and chat with a bunch of different classmates.

- Have you ever made up with someone who you had a fight with? How does it feel to be on speaking terms again?
- 2. What types of spectator events do you enjoy attending?
- 3. How do you usually get tickets to a sporting event?
- 4. Are you often free (available) to do something when a friend asks, or do you keep your personal schedule full?

Vocabulary Preview

A. Idioms and Expressions

Your teacher will give each student one or more strips of paper. Your strip(s) will have an English idiom/expression OR a definition for an idiom/expression. Try to find the student that has your match. When all of the matches have been found, read the strips out loud to see if they all make sense.



B. Matching

Match these words to their correct definitions.

- _____ 1. bucket list
- _____ 2. Sweet!
- _____ 3. get over
- 4. score
- _____ 5. on second thought
- _____ 6. be in
- _____ 7. swing by
- _____ 8. on someone
- _____ 9. free
- _____ 10. wide open

- a) having no plans whatsoever
- b) to no longer have a problem with something
- c) available
- d) to get something you really want
- e) a list of things you want to accomplish before you die
- f) someone's treat, someone will pay
- g) Great! / Awesome!
- h) to stop by a location for a short time
- i) actually (used before expressing a new, different idea)
- j) to agree to participate in something



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Carlos

On Second Thought: Introduction

In the ninth episode of *Moving to New York*, Eugene bumps into Carlos at a coffee shop. Will Carlos give his old pal the cold shoulder?

Listening – Gap Fill

Fill in the gaps as you listen. Then read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. *Underline or highlight any new words or phrases that you don't understand.*

Y	Fancy meeting you here, Eugene. Can I buy you a coffee?					
V	Carlos! Does that mean you forgive me for moving out?					
P	Yeah. I	that.				
	That's music to my ears. I've missed hanging out with you.					
Ø	You took the words right out of my mouth. We should catch a movie this week.					
	Good idea!	, let's catch a ball game	?			
Y	I've been dying to see a baseball g	game. I'll	the ticket booth on my way home.			
		-	the ticket booth on my way home. this week?			
		When are you _				
	No way! The tickets are	When are you	this week?			
	No way! The tickets are My schedule is Great. I'll see if I can	When are you	this week? urday's game.			

Eugene



Listen Again - Put in Order

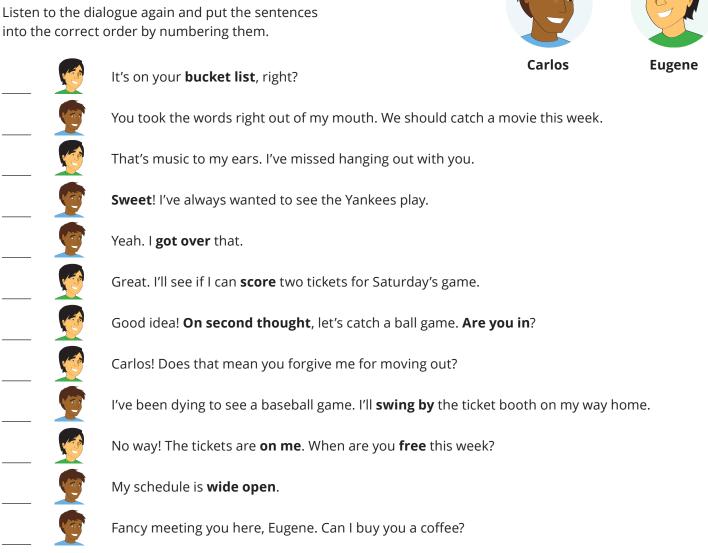
Making Predictions

What do you think will happen next? Make two predictions. Discuss your predictions with a partner. Hint: The title of the next episode is "Third Wheel."

1.

2. _____

- I think Eugene and Carlos will score some great tickets.
- I bet Eugene will have second thoughts about being friends again.





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Comprehension Questions

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1.	Where does Eugene run into Carlos?	4.	What do the friends decide to do instead of catching a movie?
2.	What does Carlos say about their disagreement?	5.	What does Eugene mean when he says, "It's on your bucket list, right?"?
3.	What have the friends missed doing?		
V	ocabulary Review		
Su	bstitute the idiom or expression with another word or	r phras	e.
1.	Put your wallet away. Lunch is		today.

2. I was upset that she didn't call, but I ______. (got over it)

3. I'll ______ the library and drop off the books. (swing by)

4. ______, call me on my cell phone.

5. You want to schedule a meeting, right? I'm ______ on Friday. (wide open)

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Busy Bee: When Are You Free?

People these days are very busy! It can be difficult to find time to get together. Here are some useful questions and answers to use when you are trying to find a good day to get together with someone.

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Walk around the room and try to make plans with your classmates. Find a date that works for both of you! You can plan a coffee date, study session, movie, etc.

Expressions

- When is a good time?
- How about Tuesday at 9 pm?
- What day works for you?
- Are you available on the weekend?
- Are you free in the afternoons?
- I'm busy that day.
- That's a bad week for me.
- I'm free on Wednesday.
- Sorry, I can't make it.
- I'm available on weekdays after five.

Write Your Own Dialogue

In your notebook, write a *new* dialogue with a partner. Use idioms and expressions from page 1. Use the same subject ("**On Second Thought**") but make it about you and one of your classmates. Come up with a plan for the weekend, and then change your mind. Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

Write an Email

Write an email telling a friend or family member that you are free to do something this weekend. Tell them that your schedule is wide open and you are *up for anything*. If possible, try to use a few idioms that you learned from this episode. Write your email in your notebook or type it on the computer and email it to your teacher or a partner.



Keywords

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Write your own example sentences using the idioms and expressions you've learned.

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Ordinal Expressions Challenge

You know what "on second thought" means now. Look at some more English expressions that feature **ordinal numbers**. What do you think each expression means? Take a guess. Then find out the real answer from your teacher. Who came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd?



1.	at first glance	10	19
2.	a second wind	11	20
3.	have second thoughts	12	21
4.	a second opinion	13	22
5.	the third degree	14	
6.	third time's a charm	15	24
7.	a third wheel	16	25
8.	a sixth sense	17	26
9.	in seventh heaven	18.	27