

Warm-Up

Stand up and chat with a bunch of different classmates.

1. How do you usually feel before a test?
2. Do you consider yourself a lucky or unlucky person? Why?
3. What do you sometimes have trouble remembering?
4. Do you think students should be allowed to use dictionaries or calculators during tests? Why or why not?



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.

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| _____ 1. Just my luck. | a) an expression used sarcastically to say that you are unlucky |
| _____ 2. breeze | b) in big trouble |
| _____ 3. Easy for you to say. | c) You aren't the one with the problem. |
| _____ 4. jump to conclusions | d) an expression used before trying something difficult or risky |
| _____ 5. I couldn't have said it better myself. | e) to make assumptions |
| _____ 6. one's mind goes blank | f) That's exactly how I feel. |
| _____ 7. nervous wreck | g) someone can't remember anything |
| _____ 8. Pipe down. | h) really easy |
| _____ 9. Here goes nothing. | i) a person who is very worried |
| _____ 10. toast | j) Be quiet. |

A Nervous Wreck: Introduction

In the thirteenth episode of *Moving to New York*, Eugene and Carlos are about to take a test. Who is relaxed and who is a nervous wreck?



Carlos



Mrs. Lynn



Eugene

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.*



All books away except English-English dictionaries.



_____. I left my dictionary on the subway.



No worries. This test is going to be a _____.



_____, Eugene. You've been working like a dog.



Hey, just because I'm late every day doesn't mean I never hit the books.



Sorry. I'll try not to _____.



Just try to think in English, buddy.



_____.



But _____ when I hear the word "test."



You're a _____, Carlos! Relax. It's no biggie.



Okay, _____, everyone.



_____. Can we leave when we're done?



By all means. You're free to go as soon as you hand in your test.



Ah! There's that word again. Now I'm really _____.

Listen Again – Put in Order

Listen to the dialogue again and put the sentences into the correct order by numbering them.

















Carlos



Mrs. Lynn



Eugene

- _____  No worries. This test is going to be a **breeze**.
- _____  Ah! There's that word again. Now I'm really **toast**.
- _____  But **my mind goes blank** when I hear the word "test."
- _____  Just try to think in English, buddy.
- _____  **Just my luck**. I left my dictionary on the subway.
- _____  **Easy for you to say**, Eugene. You've been working like a dog.
- _____  Hey, just because I'm late every day doesn't mean I never hit the books.
- _____  **I couldn't have said it better myself**.
- _____  All books away except English-English dictionaries.
- _____  Sorry. I'll try not to **jump to conclusions**.
- _____  **Here goes nothing**. Can we leave when we're done?
- _____  You're a **nervous wreck**, Carlos! Relax. It's no biggie.
- _____  Okay, **pipe down**, everyone.
- _____  By all means. You're free to go as soon as you hand in your test.

Making Predictions

What do you think will happen? Make two predictions.
Discuss your predictions with a partner.

Hint: The title of the next episode is "Down-to-Earth" and it takes place in a library.

- I *think* Carlos *will* ace the test.
- I *bet* Eugene *will* flunk.

1. _____
2. _____

Comprehension Questions

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

1. Where does the conversation take place?

2. What word does Carlos not like, and why?

3. How does Eugene feel during the conversation?

4. What suggestion does Eugene give to Carlos?

5. Why does Carlos say “Now I’m really toast”?

Vocabulary Review

Substitute the idiom or expression with another word or phrase.

1. The interview is going to be _____. I bet I already have the job.
(a breeze)

2. _____ whenever I have to remember people’s names.
(My mind goes blank)

3. _____. It’s time to hit the books.
(Pipe down)

4. Why do you think Ella stole the money? Don’t _____.
(jump to conclusions)

5. A: Karen is talented and kind. She’s perfect for the job.
B: _____.
(I couldn’t have said it better myself)

It's a Breeze!

PRONOUNCING WORDS WITH "BR"

Words that start with "br-" are pronounced "burr." This is the same sound that you will find in words that end in "-ber." Practice these words with a partner.

- breeze
- brain
- branch
- Brad
- breath
- breakfast
- broccoli
- brush
- number
- November
- October
- barber
- cucumber

Note:

Some words that end in "-mber" have a silent b, such as "plumber," "dumber," and "climber,"

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 ("**A Nervous Wreck**") but make it between you and one of your classmates. What is making one of you nervous? Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

Write an Email

Write an email telling a friend or family member that you are nervous about an upcoming event. Tell them why you are afraid. If possible, try to use a few idioms that you learned from this episode. Write your letter in your notebook or type it on the computer and email it to your teacher or a partner.

Keywords

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

Just my luck.	
breeze	
Easy for you to say.	
jump to conclusions	
one's mind goes blank	
Pipe down.	
toast	
nervous wreck	
Here goes nothing.	
I couldn't have said it better myself.	

A Nervous Wreck – Survey

Walk around your class and survey your classmates.

#	Find someone...	Classmate
1	who is nervous of flying.	
2	who is nervous of driving.	
3	who is nervous of talking to native English speakers.	
4	who is nervous of singing in public.	
5	who is nervous of having an interview.	
6	who is nervous of doing presentations.	
7	who is nervous of dogs.	
8	who is nervous of dating.	
9	who is nervous of crowds.	
10	who is nervous of talking to people of the opposite sex.	
11	who is nervous of talking to their friends' parents.	
12	who is nervous of walking in the dark.	
13	who is nervous of being home alone.	
14	who bites their nails when they are nervous.	
15	who clenches their teeth when they are nervous.	
16	who moves around a lot when they are nervous.	
17	who sweats when they are nervous.	
18	who doesn't make eye contact when they are nervous.	
19	who breathes heavily when they are nervous.	
20	who holds their breath when they are nervous.	

What other things are your classmates nervous of?

What other things do your classmates do when they are nervous?