

ENGLISH Level 6



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Small Talk

- How has life been treating you?
- What are you reading at the moment?
- Do you have change for a ten?

Conversation

- What is popular on the internet at the moment? Something important, or something moronic?
- Do you reckon you are more liberal or conservative in your thinking?
- How would you brainwash someone?



Vocabulary: Disasters (review)

earthquake
landslide
tornado
hurricane
typhoon
flood

flash flood
tsunami
tidal wave
drought
volcano
forest fire

war
famine
epidemic
pandemic

Grammar: Should Have & Shouldn't Have

Uses:

1. Regret

I failed my test; I should have studied harder
I feel sick; I shouldn't have eaten all those hamburgers

2. Strong judgement against others

I've been worried about you. You should have called!
They're going to get divorced because of you. You shouldn't have kissed her!

Linking Phrases: Deduction

then - *If she wasn't here then it couldn't have been her.*

in other words - *'He bought the wrong cake, and then forgot to meet her'*
'In other words: he's an idiot.'

in that case - *'She's a bit angry with you.'*
'In that case I had better go home early tonight.'

otherwise - *She must not know, otherwise why would she still be here?*

this implies that - *He has begun hosting fundraisers. This implies he is thinking of running for mayor.*

if so/not - *Did you do it? If so, you only have yourself to blame.*

in essence - *The company has no money, and the creditors are asking for their cash. The company is, in essence, going under.*



Getting a Refund (pt 1)

Shop Assistant: Hi there. **What can I do you for?**

Dave: Hi. I bought this electric toothbrush from your shop last week but it doesn't seem to be working. It never seems to have any power. **I mean**, I charge it all day and **the little light thing** says it's fully charged, then I get five seconds out of it and it **dies**.

Shop Assistant: I see. Can I have a look at it?

Dave: Sure, go ahead. The receipt and all the original attachments are in the box.

Shop Assistant: (trying the brush) Hmm, **I see what you're saying**. My guess is that there is something wrong with the battery. Rechargeable batteries can be a bit **temperamental**. Anyway, I can exchange the brush for another if you'd like.

Dave: Ah, **that's very kind of you**, but I'd prefer a refund, **truth be told**. I think **I'm done with** electric toothbrushes.

Shop Assistant: Unfortunately the management has a **no refunds policy**. They do store credit, replacements, or exchanges to an **equal value**.

Dave: Is there any way you can **make an exception just this once?**

Shop Assistant: I'm sorry, I'm afraid not. **My hands are tied**.

Dave: You're joking. **Come on, work with me here**. I come here all the time.

Shop Assistant: Let me ask my supervisor. Although I wouldn't **get my hopes up**: he's pretty **tight** when it comes to money.

Dave: I see. I'll try my best **puppy dog eyes** and hope for the best.

Shop Assistant: Good luck.

Western Culture: Ireland's Independence (review)

- When did Ireland become independent?
- What was the Act of the Union, 1801?
- What were the dividing opinions between the north and the south of Ireland?
- In 1910 it looked like Irish independence would be granted without war. What went wrong?
- What was the Easter Rising, 1916? How did it help push the countries towards war?
- Who were the 'Black and Tans'?
- The war finished in 1921. What steps did Ireland then go through before becoming independent in 1949?
- What were 'The Troubles' that followed, and how did they finally come to an end?

Idioms (review)

a cut above
cut from a different cloth
costs an arm and a leg



Hats in this theme: sun hat; Lady Jane; top hat; baseball cap; fedora; bucket hat, beanie