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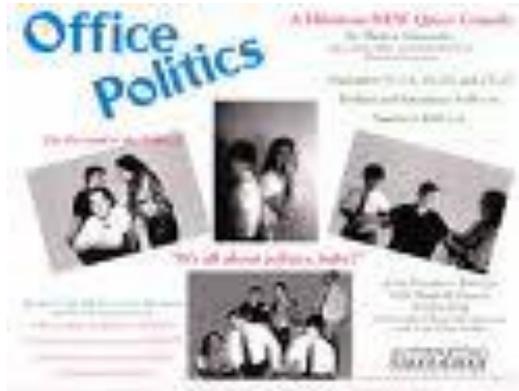
Circumstances



Unit I: Office Setting



Office Politics



Kevin: They just announced that the boss picked John over Kate to get promoted as the senior marketing assistant.

Susan: So what else is new? The boss is a chauvinistic pig.

Kevin: You think it has something to do with sexism?

Susan: Of course, Kate is way more qualified than that airhead John.

Kevin: I wouldn't call him an airhead, but I also think Kate is more qualified.

Susan: Kate will go bonkers when she hears about that.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Chauvinistic pig— a term used to describe someone who is a bigot and a sexist

Sexism – discrimination or devaluation based on a person's sex

Airhead – a stupid person

Go bonkers— to go crazy or get wild

Chauvinistic pig/ a bigot

Airhead / idiot, moron, imbecile She will go bonkers / She will go ballistic

Activity

**Do you think there is sexual discrimination in your office?
Elaborate.**

Unit I: Office Setting



Office Gossip



Gina: I heard Vivian and Dana had a spat last Thursday.

Helen: Really? What have you heard?

Gina: They said that Dana found out that Vivian was telling people she was grubby.

Helen: How did you know about that?

Gina: Kelly gave me the low down this morning.

Helen: Well don't believe everything you hear on the grapevine Gina, I was there. Nothing of that sort happened.

Expressions/vocabulary

Had a spat– had an argument or altercation

Grubby – dirty or unhygienic

Gave me the low down– got the full disclosure of a situation

Grapevine– gossip

Had a spat/ got into a row

Grubby / grungy

Gave me the low down/ got the skinny Grapevine/ Rumor mill

Activity

Can you give words or expressions that are opposites of the term 'spat'?

Unit I: Office Setting



Making a Business Proposal



Dave: When can I see the list of heavy equipment up for purchase?

Paul: Hold your horses Dave, don't get too excited.

Dave: Sorry man. It's just that this deal can land us serious megabucks.

Paul: I know but we have to be careful not to screw up.

Dave: Yeah, you're right. So how much can we make from this? Give me a ball park figure.

Paul: If they purchase the construction equipment package, that's nearly a mil.

Expressions/vocabulary

Hold your horses– to wait or give time in making a decision

Megabucks – a slang term that means a lot of money

Screw up– to make a mistake

Give me a ball park figure– give me a rough estimate of costs

A mil – one million

Hold your horses/ wait up

Megabucks/ bazillion or gazillion Ball park figure/ guesstimate

Activity

Americans use a slang term for the \$100 bill. They call it the:

- a) Lincolns
- b) Benjamins
- c) Washingtons

Unit I: Office Setting



Asking One's Opinion



Getty: Hey Lou, what do you think of electronic greeting cards?

Lou: I think they're rubbish.

Getty: Why are you knocking it?

Lou: Well there's no more personal touch to it. It's too frigid.

Getty: I think it's dope. It's very creative and it's free!

Expressions/vocabulary

Rubbish– nonsense and unimpressive

Knocking it– a term that means degrading something

Too frigid– cold and unfriendly

It's dope– a slang term that simply means nice.

Hold your horses/ wait up

Knocking it/ condemn it

It's dope/ it's cool

Activity

What is your opinion on electronic greeting cards? Are you with Getty or Lou?

Unit I: Office Setting



Little Fish in a Big Pond



Jerry: Hey Bill, you got ants in you pants or something? Stop fidgeting.

Bill: Sorry dude. I'm just a little jittery. It's my first day at work.

Jerry: I've never seen you nervous. Why should you be? You were a smart, popular jock in college.

Bill: Yeah, but this is a whole new different ballgame now. Smart people in my office are a dime a dozen.

Jerry: Don't worry too much pal; I'm sure you'll pull through.

Expressions/vocabulary

Ants in your pants– To be nervous or to be unable to sit still.

Popular jock– a well-known athlete in school

A whole new different ballgame – a totally different environment

A dime a dozen– an idiom that means common.

Ants in your pants/ jumpy; bouncy

A dime a dozen/ 4 for a dollar

You'll pull through/ you'll make it

Activity

What are the main differences of school and work?

Day 7 Time Frame : 10 Min.

Unit II: Explaining Events



Road Accidents



Kyle: Harry I heard you were in accident.

Harry: Yeah, I was driving in the freeway when some loser cut me off. I lost control of the wheel.

Kyle: So what did you get... a broken arm?

Harry: Nah, just a sore shoulder. My car almost got totaled though.

Kyle: Man, you lucked out. By the way your car looks, people would think you would've bitten the big one.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Loser – a bungling and worthless person.

Lost control of the wheel– The 'wheel' being referred to here is the steering wheel inside the car.

Got totaled – to be totally destroyed

Lucked out– an idiom that means to get lucky

Bite the big one – to die

Got totaled/ got wrecked **Luck out / be fortunate**

Bite the big one/ kick the bucket

Activity

List down three things that you might often see in a road accident.

Unit II: Explaining Events



Cracked Bones



Mark: The pain in my shoulder is excruciating. What happened doc?

Doctor: Well according to the x-rays, you have a broken clavicle.

Mark: That's a bummer. Do you have to cut me up?

Doctor: We'll do something called arthroscopy. This allows me to insert a pencil-thin device with a small lens into tiny incisions to look inside the joint.

Mark: You gotta do what you gotta do doc.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Excruciating – agonizing or unbearable

That's a bummer– A word describing the misfortune of something or someone.

Cut me up – to undergo surgery

You gotta do what you gotta do – you have to do whatever is necessary

Excruciating/ piercing

That's a bummer/ That's whack

Cut me up/ go under the knife

Activity

Can you name some of the bones in your body?

Unit II: Explaining Events



Circumcision



Gary: Hey when I stayed in California, I felt like a pariah.

Wayne: Huh? I don't follow you?

Gary: Well I found out American men don't get circumcised like us.

Wayne: Oh, some of them do. The Jewish in particular.

Gary: For real?

Wayne: Yes. It's because of their religion or something.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Pariah – a social outcast

I don't follow you– this expression is said when one cannot understand another

For real? – a question that asks for confirmation

Pariah/ reject

I don't follow you/ I don't get it/ I don't understand

For real? / Really? / Is that true?

Activity

Is circumcision a part of your culture?
What is your opinion on it?

Unit II: Technology



Wrong Side Out Shirt



Shannon: Hi Mike. What's crackin'?

Mike: I'm all good.

Shannon: It doesn't seem like it.

Mike: No? Why not?

Shannon: It's your shirt. You've got the wrong side out. That is whack.

Mike: Hey I just made a boo boo. No big deal.

Expressions/Vocabulary

What's crackin' – a greeting that asks how one is doing

I'm all good – a response that means I'm okay

That is whack – this implies something that is appalling in nature, unconventional

Boo boo – a mistake

What's crackin' / What's up?

That is whack / That reeks

I'm all good/ I'm fine

Boo boo/ blunder

Activity

What is/are your most embarrassing moment(s)?

Unit II: Explaining Events



Caught while sneaking out (of the house)



Kyle: Jack, I'm going over at Fred's crib tonight. Do you wanna come?

Jack: I want to but I can't. I got grounded.

Kyle: Again? I thought you were grounded a week ago?

Jack: I was, but my mom caught me sneaking out of the house.

Kyle: Downer. So what do you plan to do all weekend?

Jack: I'll just kick back and surf the net.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Crib— a slang term for 'house'

I got grounded— when a person is grounded, he or she has to stay at home for a given period of time.

Kick back— to relax and unwind

Crib / pad

I got grounded/ I'm house-bound

Kick back/ chill/ chillax

Activity

Have you ever been grounded? What would be valid reasons for a person to be grounded?

Unit III: Giving Instructions



How to tie shoe laces



Lenny: Don, your shoe laces are untied.

Don: Hmm. How did this happen. I used the double loop method. I thought that was fool-proof.

Lenny: No way man. I use the single-ear bunny method.

Don: That's lame.

Lenny: That's what we did back in the day.

Don: That doesn't mean it will work for everyone today. Besides you always wear loafers.

Expressions/vocabulary

Fool-proof – never failing, effective.

Lame– This word means pathetic or nonsense as used in the dialog

Back in the day– many years ago

Loafers– slip-on shoes with no laces

Fool proof/ infallible

Lame / whack

Back in the day/ eons ago

Activity

Do you prefer shoes with shoe laces or without shoe laces? Cite the advantages and disadvantages.

Unit III: Giving Instructions



How to solve a Rubik's Cube



Jean: I'm going bonkers with this piece of crap.

John: Okay, first of all, the Rubik's cube is a great toy.

Jean: Alright, but it's too difficult to solve. How do I do it?

John: Listen up, first you have to start solving the first cross.

Jean: What the heck is that?

John: It's when the colors lines up to form a cross. The important thing to remember is...the center color does not move.

Jean: Gotcha. I'll work on that first.

Expressions/vocabulary

Bonkers– going bonkers mean going insane

Piece of crap– a derogatory expression to refer to an inferior product

Listen up– another way of saying 'listen closely'

Gotcha– A slang term that means 'I understand' (I got you)

Bonkers/ mental/ Ballistic

Piece of crap/ garbage

Listen up/ lend me your ears

Activity

Look at the list of toys/puzzles below. Which do you prefer and why?

- Chess
- Sudoku
- Scrabble
- Boggle

Unit III: Giving Instructions



How to Make Songpyeon



Lisa: Kaye, I need your help. I need to know how to make Songpyeon.
Kaye: Well I can tell you how but it's nothing to sneeze at.
Lisa: I know, but I need to try. I told my beau I'd prepare some for him for Chuseok.
Kaye: Okay. There are two main processes, both of which are very tedious. First make the dough then make the filling.
Lisa: Can I just buy some dough and buy some filling?
Kaye: Oh forget about it! You'll never learn.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Nothing to sneeze at– not easy (to do)

Beau– another term for 'boyfriend'

Tedious– requiring a lot of work

Forget about it– another way of saying 'never mind'

Nothing to sneeze at/ ain't no chicken feet

Beau/ boo

Tedious / tiresome

Activity

Do you know how to cook? What is your favorite food? Tell me how to make it.

Unit III: Giving Instructions



How to make people like you

Paul: Dude you look down and out, what happened?

Kevin: I feel I've hit rock bottom. My girlfriend ditched me and so did my other friends.

Paul: What a drag.

Kevin: How do I make people like me?

Paul: I think you're trying to please them too much. Just be yourself. Don't worry if they will or will not like you.

Kevin: I guess I ought to give that a try.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Down and out– without any means of support

Hit rock bottom– to be at the lowest point of your life

Ditch– to ditch someone is to leave someone

What a drag– an expression that conveys disappointment

Down and out/ Out of luck

Hit rock bottom/ in the doldrums

Ditch/ get rid of

Drag/ downer

Activity

List down five traits you like about a person and another five traits which you don't like about a person.

Unit III: Giving Instructions



What to buy for a Barbecue



Jane: Hey is Roger's barbecue pushing through on Saturday?

Kelly: Yes, unless an act of God prevents it. I'm still wondering what to bring though. I'm afraid Roger's wife might knock it.

Jane: She an armchair critic, don't mind her. So what are you thinking of bringing?

Kelly: I'm thinking of making lasagna. Do you like lasagna?

Jane: Big time! Bring a lot then will you?

Expressions/Vocabulary

Pushing through– when things push through, it means it will happen

Knock it– to criticize something

Armchair critic– someone who always criticizes without doing anything

Big time– an expression that means 'very much'

Knock it / carp on it

Armchair critic/ back seat driver

Big time/ For sure

Activity

The word 'barbeque' in our dialog refers to the event. There may be other definitions for it. Do you know some?

Unit IV: Circumstances



Birth



Kevin: Congratulations Fred. I heard your wife just gave birth yesterday.

Fred: Thanks. We're ecstatic about it, but at the same time, pensive.

Kevin: Why pensive?

Fred: Well first, my new baby came on the heels of my firstborn, so we are worrying about finances.

Kevin: That is something to worry about all right. Is there another reason?

Fred: Yes. My wife is diabetic. The doctor said she nearly died while giving birth. It's a close shave.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Ecstatic – very happy

Pensive – contemplating something

Came on the heels of – If something comes on the heels of something, it follows very soon after it.

Close shave – If you have a close shave, you very nearly have a serious accident or get into trouble.

Ecstatic / On cloud nine Pensive / thoughtful/ preoccupied

Close shave/ close call

Activity

In your country, do you suffer from overpopulation or under population?

Is it just right? Elaborate.

Unit IV: Circumstances



Bereavement



Holly: Mr. Tanner succumbed to cancer yesterday. His chemo therapy went down the pan.

Mark: That's too bad. He was a stand-up guy.

Holly: Yeah. I remember him helping me out with my project when I couldn't hack it.

Mark: He will be missed.

Holly: The bigger problem of the company would be who to replace him.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Succumbed– to give way or to be defeated

Down the pan – to fail

Stand-up guy– a dependable person

Can't hack it – unable to perform an act, duty, job etc.

Succumb / surrender

Down the pan / down the drain

Stand-up guy/ solid

Activity

What are some of the customs of burial in your country?

Unit IV: Circumstances



Marriage



Jack: Is it true that Tom is getting hitched?

Wally: That's true. Tom told me so yesterday.

Jack: Wow. I thought he and Jackie called it quits after that spat they had.

Wally: Yeah that was sick. The gloves are totally off when those two fight.

Jack: Well to Tom's credit, he can now get a grip unlike in the old days.

Wally: Apparently, he uses his gray cells more now.

Expression/Vocabulary

Getting hitched– getting married

Spat– an argument

The gloves are off– When the gloves are off, people start to argue or fight in a more serious way.

Get a grip – to get a grip means control your emotions so that they don't overwhelm you

Gray cells – the brain

Spat/ row **Get a grip / Control yourself** **Gray cells/ gray matter**

Activity

What age is perfect for marriage?
Name the pros and cons of getting married at a young age?

Unit IV: Circumstances



Christening



Rick: John, are you going to the baptism of Mike's son?

John: I can't. My hands are tied on Sunday. By the way, did you know that Mike is Catholic?

Rick: I didn't. I would have never guessed it. Mike's as nutty as a fruitcake.

John: Sure he's off the wall but what does that have to do with being a Catholic?

Rick: Nothing. I'm just saying I'm expecting Catholics to behave more seriously.

John: I think you're thinking of the men of the cloth, not Mike.

Expressions/Vocabulary

My hands are tied– you are unable to act for some reason

As nutty as a fruitcake– Someone who's nutty as a fruitcake is irrational or crazy

Off the wall– an unconventional person

Man of the cloth– a priest

My hands are tied/ I'm busy **Fruitcake/ psycho**

Off the wall/ weirdo

Activity

How important is religion to you?

Let's discuss.

Unit IV: Circumstances



Miscarriage



Helen: Jane Tim told me you had miscarriage three weeks ago. Are you alright?

Jane: Yes. I had severe bleeding that caused me to lose my child. The doctor said I'm not out of the woods yet.

Helen: Why? What happened?

Jane: I couldn't really understand the doc. What he said went over my head but it has something to do with an infection.

Helen: Oh my. Is that for sure?

Jane: He wouldn't say something without rhyme or reason so I figured it was legit.

Helen: Well, I'm sure you're going to beat whatever illness you may have.

Expressions/Vocabulary

Out of the woods– out of danger

Went over my head– to not understand

Without rhyme or reason– be unreasonable

Man of the cloth– a priest

Out of the woods/ not on solid ground

Went over my head/ (I'm) getting a blank picture

Without rhyme or reason/ beyond rhyme or reason

Activity

What tips would you give a pregnant woman to avoid miscarriages and other misfortunes?



Thank You !

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