

Vocabulary - Key Words and Phrases

Conversation 1

How dumb! - A phrase to show dissatisfaction

Make no sense - Something that is confusing.

What a waste - A phrase to show dissatisfaction

Waste of time - An activity or event that isn't worth the time it takes.

It is what it is - Used to say that a situation cannot be changed and must be accepted.

Conversation 2

Season the eggs - Added spices or herbs to make eggs taste better.

Go easy on - To use something carefully and not too much.

Conversation 3

Going out of business - When a company closes forever, usually because it has no money.

Went bankrupt - When a person or business has no money and can't pay what they owe.

Sign of the times - Shows what is typical or common during a particular time period.

Dog eat dog world - A situation where people do anything to succeed, even if it means hurting others.

What comes around goes around - The idea that how you treat others will eventually affect how you are treated.

Conversation 4

Break up - To end a romantic relationship.

I don't blame her - I understand her actions.

None of our business - Used to say when something is a private matter.

Speak of the devil - Said when the person you were just talking about shows up or is mentioned.

Grammar - Noun Clauses

Point 1: A noun clause can be the subject or object of a clause or phrase.

1. You do not know **what you are talking about**.
2. **What I really need** is a vacation.

Point 2: A noun clause with question words is just a modified relative clause.

1. I like **the way that** you made this.
2. I like **how** you made this.

Point 3: Use "what" for things.

1. I like **the shirt that** you are wearing.
2. I like **what** you are wearing.

Point 4: Use "how" for ways.

1. I like **the way** you did that.
2. I like **how** you did that.

Point 5: Use "who" for people.

1. This is the **man that** I was telling you about.
2. This is **who** I was telling you about.

Point 6: Use "why" for reasons.

1. I don't understand **the reason why** you did that.
2. I don't understand **why** you did that.

Point 7: Use "where" for places.

1. **The place where** I grew up has changed.
2. **Where** I grew up has changed.

Noun Clauses

Watch four videos using **noun clauses** in conversation.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Well, that was a terrible movie. That is not *what I expected* .

Woman: Yeah, I didn't like it at all. The acting was terrible, but *what I really hated* was the ending. How dumb!

Man: *What got me* was the plot line. It made no sense.

Woman: So, what do you want to do now?

Man: Well, *what I would really like to do* is forget the last two hours that I wasted on this rubbish.

Woman: Yeah! What a waste of two hours. It is *what it is*, I guess.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, how did you like breakfast?

Woman: Everything was delicious. The toast, the jam, the coffee. But *what I really loved* was *how you seasoned the eggs*. They were delicious.

Man: I'm glad you liked it. That wasn't usually *how I cook them*.

Woman: Oh! What did you do differently?

Man: Well, *what I usually do* is add the seasoning after I cook the eggs, but this time I did it before I cooked them.

Woman: That's a good tip. I'll try that myself next time.

Man: *What you don't want to do*, though, is add too much salt.

Woman: Okay. I'll go easy on the salt. I'll remember that

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What's going on across the hall?

Woman: From *what I heard*, the company in that office is going out of business. They went bankrupt.

Man: Really? I would love to know *why their business failed*. I thought they were doing well.

Woman: From *what I could gather*, they lost a lot of their clients to a new tech rival.

Man: That's too bad. I guess that is the sign of the times. It's a dog eat dog world.

Woman: Well, back in the day, when they first got started, they put a lot of local firms out of business. *What goes around* comes around.

Man: I get *what you're saying*, but it's still hard to not feel bad for them.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: It's too bad Jason couldn't make the trip.

Man: Maybe he didn't want to be around his ex-girlfriend.

Woman: *What I heard* was that she asked him not to come.

Man: Well, he did break up with her, so I don't blame her.

Woman: That's not *what I heard*. I heard she broke up with him.

Man: Well, *what really happened* is none of our business, I suppose

Woman: You are right, it's still not the same without him.

Man: Hey, speak of the devil. There she is.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What made no sense?

a) The ending

b) The plot line

c) The bad reviews

2) What did the woman like most?

a) The jam

b) The eggs

c) The coffee

3) What did the company lose?

a) clients

b) tech secrets

c) money in the bank

4) What did Jason and his girlfriend do?

a) Break up

b) Go skiing

c) Start a business

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- **terrible**
- **plot**
- **waste**

- **expected**
- **rubbish**
- **would**

- **guess**
- **didn't**

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- seasoned

- remember
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- differently

- try
- seasoning
- usually

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- goes

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Question 4 of 4

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- couldn't
- break

- not
- didn't
- heard

- broke
- none

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