

# **LESSON 1**

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### STORY TASK 1.

Do you know the words/expressions below? Try to translate them into your native language.

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| 1. to go wrong.....                     | 25. unlike somebody.....    |
| 2. a job interview .....                | 26. a beard.....            |
| 3. to say something awkward.....        | 27. hilarious.....          |
| 4. a tricky question .....              | 28. a mix-up .....          |
| 5. accidentally .....                   | 29. genuine.....            |
| 6. unexpectedly.....                    | 30. a misunderstanding..... |
| 7. fame.....                            | 31. a debut.....            |
| 8. exactly .....                        |                             |
| 9. a chance .....                       |                             |
| 10. an IT department .....              |                             |
| 11. staff.....                          |                             |
| 12. the main lobby.....                 |                             |
| 13. until .....                         |                             |
| 14. a live broadcast.....               |                             |
| 15. an appearance.....                  |                             |
| 16. a makeup artist.....                |                             |
| 17. to get somebody ready .....         |                             |
| 18. confused.....                       |                             |
| 19. to greet somebody .....             |                             |
| 20. to go live.....                     |                             |
| 21. visible .....                       |                             |
| 22. recent.....                         |                             |
| 23. a court case .....                  |                             |
| 24. to look nothing like somebody ..... |                             |

Words/phrases with prepositions or adverbs:

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| 32. to spill a drink all over something ..... |
| 33. on live television .....                  |
| 34. to be originally from somewhere.....      |
| 35. to be invited for something .....         |
| 36. to come up to somebody .....              |
| 37. to sit in front of something.....         |
| 38. to introduce somebody as somebody .....   |
| 39. to be in trouble.....                     |
| 40. to play along.....                        |
| 41. a series of something .....               |
| 42. on screen .....                           |
| 43. in complete shock.....                    |
| 44. at least.....                             |

### STORY TASK 2.

Discussion starter: Answer the questions below. Try to speak for around 3-5 minutes in total.

1. Have you ever experienced anything unexpected? What was it? When did it happen? Tell a story about it. If you haven't, tell a story about someone who has.
2. Would you like to be famous? Why (not)? Provide some advantages and disadvantages of being famous.
3. How would you react if somebody unexpectedly asked you to do a live show on TV, and you didn't know anything about the show?

### STORY TASK 3.

Read the text and answer the questions in as much detail as possible. Try to use the bolded and underlined vocabulary from the text. According to the text, what could go wrong during a job interview?

- .....
1. Why did Guy Goma come to the Television Centre in London on May 11, 2006?  
.....
  2. What did the staff do when Guy Goma arrived at the Television Centre?  
.....
  3. Who was Guy Kewney? Why was he at the BBC that day?  
.....

4. Why was Guy Goma confused?  
.....
5. What did presenter Karen Bowerman do when Mr. Goma walked into the TV studio?  
.....
6. When did Goma realize that he was in trouble?  
.....
7. What did Mr. Goma choose to do? What did the presenter ask him about?  
.....
8. What was Guy Kewney doing during Guy Goma's TV appearance?  
.....
9. How did Guy Kewney comment on the situation? What did the BBC say?  
.....
10. What happened after Mr. Goma's TV debut?  
.....

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There are many things that could **go wrong** during a job **interview**. You could **say** something **awkward**, get a really **tricky question**, or **accidentally spill your drink all over** the interviewer's desk. But can you imagine coming to an interview and **unexpectedly** getting your five minutes of **fame on live television**? That was **exactly** what happened to computer technician Guy Goma, who was hoping to get a job at the BBC.

Mr. Goma **is originally from** Congo. After he finished his studies in economics and business, he started looking for a job in the UK. On May 11, 2006, he got his big **chance**: he was **invited for** an interview in BBC's **IT department**. He arrived at the Television Centre in London early, so the **staff** told him to wait in **the main lobby until** someone called his name. At the same time, a producer of *News 24* was looking for a technology expert whose name was Guy Kewney, who came to the BBC to be interviewed during a **live broadcast** that day.

Mr. Kewney was waiting for his TV **appearance** in a different part of the building, but the producer didn't know that. He **came up to** Guy Goma and asked if his name was Guy. The IT specialist said, "Yes," and he was taken to the live broadcast studio. There, a professional **makeup artist got** him **ready**. He was stressed and a bit **confused**, but he still thought that he was there for his job interview. When presenter Karen Bowerman **greeted** him and invited him to **sit in front of** the camera, he still had no idea what was really happening.

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A few minutes later, it was time to go live. The presenter introduced Goma as Guy Kewney, and that was when he finally realized that he was in trouble. The shock on his face was visible. At that point, he had two options: he could either explain the situation and walk out or play along. He chose the second one. Bowerman asked him a series of questions about a recent court case between Apple Computers and Apple Corps. It quickly became clear that Goma didn't really know what he was talking about, but he did his best to continue the conversation.

During that short and awkward interview, the "real" Guy, Mr. Kewney, was still waiting in the lobby and watching "himself" on screen in complete shock. The technology expert looked nothing like Guy Goma. Unlike Goma, he had hair and a beard, and he was white. Later, he commented that the situation was "hilarious to anybody who isn't *News24*." The BBC described the mix-up as "a genuine misunderstanding" and promised to make sure that it "never happens again."

A few minutes after his television debut, Guy Goma had the real job interview. Unfortunately, it didn't go well. He didn't get his dream job, but at least he was invited to the BBC studio once again a few days later to talk about his interview with Karen Bowerman, which is still a hit today.

### STORY TASK 4.

Look through the text again and make some notes. Retell the whole story to your teacher/fellow students. Try to use as much vocabulary from STORY TASK 1 as possible. Your notes cannot contain full sentences.

### STORY TASK 5.

Conversation: Answer the questions below. Try to speak for around 3-5 minutes in total.

1. How would you behave if you went for a job interview at a TV station and somebody started putting make-up on your face? What would you think to yourself?
2. Was the whole misunderstanding advantageous or disadvantageous for Mr. Guy Goma? Why?

### STORY TASK 6.

Now, it is your turn to ask questions. Think of 10 more questions about the story and ask them to your teacher/ fellow students.

### VOCABULARY TASK 1.1

Match each of the following words and phrases (1-41) with the right meaning (A-OO).

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
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| 2. a job interview          | 12. the main lobby        |
| 3. to say something awkward | 13. until                 |
| 4. a tricky question        | 14. a live broadcast      |
| 5. accidentally             | 15. an appearance         |
| 6. unexpectedly             | 16. a makeup artist       |
| 7. fame                     | 17. to get somebody ready |
| 8. exactly                  | 18. confused              |
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| 29. genuine                       | 40. on screen                           |
| 30. a misunderstanding            | 41. in complete shock                   |
| 31. a debut                       |   |

**DEFINITIONS:**

- A. a part of a company (and a team of people who work there) that works with computers and other electronic equipment and is responsible for electronic communication
- B. if something is \_\_\_\_\_, it happened or started a short time ago
- C. to tell a person or a group of people who somebody is for the first time by giving them a particular name, nickname, or title
- D. unable to understand what is happening or what somebody is saying
- E. if something is \_\_\_\_\_, it is real and just what it seems to be
- F. the state of being known or recognized by many people because of something that you do or have done
- G. different from somebody else
- H. on television
- I. somebody whose job is to put cosmetics on other people's faces
- J. a situation in which people don't understand each other correctly
- K. something that somebody asks you, and it is difficult to answer
- L. a big open space on the lowest floor of a public building, near the door
- M. if something is \_\_\_\_\_, you can see it
- N. extremely funny
- O. to be asked to come somewhere for a specific purpose
- P. to start showing something on television or on the internet at the same time as it is really happening
- Q. to move closer to somebody
- R. a meeting during which somebody asks you questions to decide if you should work for their company
- S. to prepare somebody to do something
- T. an occasion that makes it possible for you to do something that you want to do
- U. to be in a problematic situation
- V. the hair that grows on the lower part of a man's face
- W. to say something that makes you or somebody else feel nervous or stupid
- X. the people who work for a particular company or organization
- Y. a serious disagreement between people or companies that needs to be officially ended by a judge
- Z. precisely, in every detail
- AA. to say something friendly, e.g. *Hello!*, to somebody when you meet them
- BB. to act like you agree with somebody or know what is happening even though you really don't
- CC. if you do something \_\_\_\_\_, you do it by mistake, without planning or wanting to

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- DD. a program that is shown on television or heard on the radio at the same time as it is really happening
- EE. to cause a liquid to flow out of a cup and onto something, e.g. the whole desk, your clothes, etc.
- FF. an occasion when somebody can be seen *in public* or on television
- GG. during a TV program that is shown on television at the same time as it is really happening
- HH. if a situation \_\_\_\_\_s \_\_\_\_\_, a problem happens and makes your plan fail
- II. a mistake that happens because you don't have correct information or enough details about something
- JJ. to have a completely different appearance than somebody else
- KK. extremely surprised by something
- LL. to come from a particular country or town, different than the one that you live in now
- MM. if something happens \_\_\_\_\_, it happens without planning and surprises you
- NN. a situation when somebody does something, especially performs on television or in public, for the first time
- OO. not before a particular event happens

### VOCABULARY TASK 1.2

Fill in each gap with the correct word(s) from VOCABULARY TASK 1.1 Remember to use the correct forms of words/expressions.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ better \_\_\_\_\_ the TV set. If you break it, your father will kick you out of the house and tell you not to come back.
2. Danny came back home \_\_\_\_\_ around two hours earlier than usual and found his son playing video games instead of doing homework.
3. Silence! The host \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ and started her presentation. I need to hear exactly what she is saying, so you must not bother me.
4. Just before you came to the room, Ben \_\_\_\_\_ something so \_\_\_\_\_ that I didn't know what to reply, so I just stood there staring at him in disbelief.
5. The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ fired the pistol while he was cleaning it, and he injured himself. Weirdly, he said that it wasn't completely unexpected as it had happened to him once before.
6. Garry was telling me how great his trip to Paris on Sunday was. He didn't know that I saw him at the mall exactly on the same day, so I \_\_\_\_\_ and pretended that I believed him. I even asked him some questions about Paris.
7. You won't leave the table \_\_\_\_\_ you finish eating. You may be sitting here all day and all night, so you had better finish.
8. I used \_\_\_\_\_ the baby \_\_\_\_\_ earlier than wait until we had to leave. He sometimes threw a tantrum while getting dressed.
9. Gabriel's \_\_\_\_\_ charity campaigns have put hope into our lives again. In just three days, he has collected \$2 million for medical equipment.
10. If he \_\_\_\_\_ me, people wouldn't be confusing us all the time. But he is almost my identical twin.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ you, I always drink my coffee black. Why do you even add so much milk and sugar? We have totally different tastes when it comes to food and drinks.

12. If Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ me yesterday and said 'Hi!', I would have been on cloud nine. Unfortunately, she was too shy to do it.

**VOCABULARY TASK 2.**

Use each of the given prompts to tell a story. Each story should be about three minutes long.

1. Have you or a person you know ever **said** anything **awkward**? Why was it **awkward**? How did you/people react to it?
2. What **questions** would you consider **tricky**? In what situation do people get usually asked **tricky questions**? Have you ever been asked a **tricky question**? What was it? How did you respond?
3. Describe a famous **court case**. Why was it so famous? What was it about? What was the verdict in the **court case**?
4. Have you ever experienced a **mix-up**? What led to that **mix-up**? Did it get resolved? How?
5. Imagine that you are on a busy street, and suddenly, a girl/boy grabs your hand and says, 'I'm in danger. Pretend to be my partner, please.' Would you **play along**? What do you think would happen next?

**VOCABULARY TASK 3.1**

Fill in the table with the missing **PARTS OF SPEECH WITHIN THE SAME FAMILY OF WORDS**. A cross (X) means that a given word doesn't exist. If there are two options, think of two different words within the same family of words. If there are two options with the word 'opposite' in the second line, think of a word and its opposite within the same family of words. Sometimes, there will be a lot of options to choose from but try to think of the options that would be the most useful for you in everyday life.

To form a **VERB**, choose one of the following **endings (suffixes)**: *-ate, -ize, -en, -ify, -fy*. (Note: only some verbs are created by adding a suffix).

To form a **NOUN**, choose one of the following **endings (suffixes)**: *-ance, -ence, -ment, -ion, -ity, -cy, -ery, -ness, -ing, -ation*.

To form an **ADJECTIVE**, choose one of the following **endings (suffixes)**: *-able, -ive, -al, -ful, -ous, -(e)d, -ing*. To form an **OPPOSITE** meaning, choose one of the following **beginnings (prefixes)**: *-un, -im, -in, -ir, -dis*.

**Note:** There are some additional suffixes that you **DON'T NEED TO USE**.

**Note:** Some **VERBS, NOUNS, and ADJECTIVES** do not follow these patterns (they are not created by adding a suffix).

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE
X	.....	awkward

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.....	.....	tricky
.....	.....	1. .... 2. broadcastable

.....	.....	1. confused 2. ....
.....	a misunderstanding	.....
.....	.....	1. .... 2. debuting
to spill	1. .... 2. ....	.....
.....	trouble	1. .... 2. ....
.....	.....	1. .... 2. introduced
.....	1. .... 2. ....	1. complete 2. (opposite) .....

### VOCABULARY TASK 3.2

Fill in the gaps with the right words from the table from VOCABULARY TASK 3.1. Use **ONLY ONE** word from **EACH** family of words.

1. If you \_\_\_\_\_ me with my brother all the time, I would be upset with you. It would be crazy if you thought that I was him.



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2. This liquid is highly toxic, so any \_\_\_\_\_ should be removed ASAP.
3. 'We interrupt this \_\_\_\_\_ to bring you breaking news.'
4. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ recently \_\_\_\_\_ on stage. A performance in front of 10.000 people is a challenging thing to do for the very first time.
5. I don't like that \_\_\_\_\_ look on your face! What's wrong?
6. I booked a seat for the train to the capital, and it turned out that I was sitting next to my workmate Carol. We don't get along, so we did not talk the whole way. The silence was pretty \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Upon \_\_\_\_\_ of the course, every student will receive a certificate confirming their language skills.
8. Bane is highly \_\_\_\_\_. Not many people get his jokes and appreciate his unique personality.
9. As soon as you \_\_\_\_\_ me to her, I will ask her to perform at our charity event. Please get me acquainted with her.
10. Maggie \_\_\_\_\_ Luka for the past couple of weeks. Two weeks ago, she told him that she was going to London. The truth is that she went to Paris, and she has been there since. He doesn't know anything about it.

**VOCABULARY TASK 3.3**

Answer each question/task with **AT LEAST THREE** examples. Use full sentences each time.

1. Where/when could you experience a feeling of awkwardness?  
.....
2. What things can be tricky?  
.....
3. Provide examples of a broadcast.  
.....
4. What situations can cause confusion?  
.....
5. In what situations do people usually misunderstand each other?  
.....
6. Provide examples of a debut.  
.....
7. What can you spill?  
.....
8. What situations are troubling to you?  
.....

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9. Provide examples of things that could be introductory.

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10. What can you complete?

.....

### VOCABULARY TASK 4.

Try to **explain the meaning of the words/expressions given (1-10)** without using the words in brackets. You also can't use any words from the same word family as the word you are trying to explain or any of the parts of the expression you're trying to describe.

**Example:** if you're trying to describe the word "untouched", don't use the words "touch", "touching", etc.; if you're trying to describe the noun "construction worker", don't use the words "construction" and "worker", "construct", "work", etc.

Let your teacher/fellow student guess which word you are describing.

1. fame (DO NOT USE: known, recognized)
2. a chance (DO NOT USE: an occasion, possible)
3. an IT department (DO NOT USE: a company, a computer)
4. staff (DO NOT USE: people, a company)
5. an appearance (DO NOT USE: an occasion, public)
6. a makeup artist (DO NOT USE: a job, cosmetics)
7. visible (DO NOT USE: can, to see)
8. a beard (DO NOT USE: hair, a face)
9. hilarious (DO NOT USE: extremely, funny)
10. genuine (DO NOT USE: real, to seem)

### VOCABULARY TASK 5.

Choose **10** words from VOCABULARY TASK 1.1 and use them to create a short story. The more creative the story, the better. Then, share the story with your teacher/fellow student.

### VOCABULARY TASK 6.1

Complete the expressions (1-13) with the right prepositions/adverbs (A-K). Some prepositions/adverbs can be used more than once. These **EXPRESSIONS ARE FROM THE TEXT**. Other versions are sometimes possible, but you should focus only on the ones FROM THE TEXT.

A) for, B) at, C) from, D) of, E) in (x2), F) all over, G) up to, H) on (x2), I) as, J) along, K) in front of

1. to spill a drink \_\_\_\_\_ something
2. \_\_\_\_\_ live television
3. to be originally \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere
4. to be invited \_\_\_\_\_ something

5. to come \_\_\_\_\_ somebody
6. to sit \_\_\_\_\_ something
7. to introduce somebody \_\_\_\_\_ somebody
8. to be \_\_\_\_\_ trouble
9. to play \_\_\_\_\_
10. a series \_\_\_\_\_ something
11. \_\_\_\_\_ screen
12. \_\_\_\_\_ complete shock
13. \_\_\_\_\_ least

### **VOCABULARY TASK 6.2**

Now, complete each sentence with the right expression from **VOCABULARY TASK 6.1**. Remember to use the correct tenses/forms of the verbs.

1. While I \_\_\_\_\_ Jack to talk to him about the situation, he simply looked at me and left the room.
2. – Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?  
– I was born in Kenya.
3. Once you \_\_\_\_\_ the TV and start watching your favorite TV series, you will not be able to do any chores. Please do them first.
4. I woke up \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning. All my belongings were gone. I just sat at the edge of the bed and stared at a white wall.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ with his lie since 2012. It's high time to tell the truth. I don't want to pretend and lie anymore.
6. This one is just the first one of \_\_\_\_\_ painful injections. I still need nine of them to complete the treatment.
7. When you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ your friend, I was a bit confused. I thought we were something more than friends.
8. – When will I receive my package?  
– \_\_\_\_\_ three days. We do not expect a shorter delivery time.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ my laptop. How is it possible that you have managed to do this four times already?
10. Please turn on the device and follow the instructions \_\_\_\_\_. If you encounter any problems, don't hesitate to contact one of our assistants.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ the dinner party yet, but I am sure that Christy will get in touch with me soon and tell me to come.

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12. His appearance \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday morning was met with pure enthusiasm from his family and friends. They knew how much it meant to him. He has always wanted to be an expert on a morning show.
  
13. If you \_\_\_\_\_, you would tell me, right? Remember that I would help you with anything.