Women Teaching Women English – Student Text

Unit 7: How Others See the World

Warm-up

Discuss

Look at the photo below. What is happening in it? Work in a group and step-by-step:

1. Describe what you see (facts only, please, no feelings or opinions yet).
   “I see . . .”

2. Guess: Why is this happening? Think of as many reasons as you can.
   “Maybe . . .”

3. Last of all, what is your opinion? How do you feel about this?
   “I think . . . In my opinion . . . I believe . . . I like / don’t like . . .”
Photo

Put an unusual photo or picture here, and discuss it with your group. Use the same three steps:
Vocabulary

Look at the pictures below. Practice pronunciation of the words (present and past tense irregular verbs) with your teacher. Then match the words with the pictures. In what ways are the pairs of words alike?

bring / brought
buy / bought
fight / fought
think / thought

blow / blew
fly / flew
grow / grew
throw / threw
Vocabulary

Look at the pictures below. Practice pronunciation of the words (present and past tense irregular verbs) with your teacher. Then match the words with the pictures. In what ways are the pairs of words alike?

drink / drank  
sing / sang  
sink / sank  
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cut / cut  
hit / hit  
hurt / hurt  
put / put
Read-Write-Talk

True or False

Write T for true or F for false.

1. _____ I am a lucky person.
2. _____ Some people are born under an unlucky star.
3. _____ You can see the truth in a person’s eyes.
4. _____ You can see the future in coffee or tea cups after you drink.
5. _____ You can see the future in people’s hands (palms).

Mystery Pictures – What Do You See?

Work in pairs or small groups. Look at the two mystery pictures below. Point to the things that you see.

A. Musician or woman? B. How many faces are there? What else do you see?
Group Work

1. Compare your “True or False” answers above. What does it mean to be lucky?

2. What can you know about a person by looking into his or her eyes?

3. Is it possible to know the future? Why?

4. What did you see in the “Mystery” pictures above? What did you find?
   We saw . . .
   We found . . .

The Hilwe w Morra Story

Listen and read along.

(Joumana goes to Dima’s new house to visit. Auntie Hala (Dima’s mother) is there too.)

Dima and Auntie Hala: Welcome, come in! Let’s have coffee and cake!

Joumana: Thank you! Dima, where is your husband, Ramzi, today? Did he go back home to Egypt?

Dima: No, he went to work here in town as usual. But, please, I need your help while he is out. I lost my ring!

Joumana: Oh, no!

Auntie Hala: I can help you. I turned over your coffee cup and read it. I saw signs.

Joumana and Dima: What did you see?!?

Auntie Hala: I saw circles and a bird.

Dima: Huh? A bird came here, stole my ring, and flew away?!

Joumana: No, the circles meant children and the bird meant good news . . . maybe the good news was about the ring, or maybe it meant more babies in our family?

Auntie Hala: Before the wedding I told Dima to think carefully about having babies with a husband from Egypt. I want my grandchildren to be Lebanese too.
Joumana:  Oops, I just **bit** something hard in this cake. Look, I **found** your ring!

Dima:  Wow, I am so lucky!

Auntie Hala:  Maybe we will also have good luck with new laws, and my grandchildren can be Lebanese too.

Words in This Story

Write the past tense form of these verbs from the story. Then write a sentence to show the meaning. The first one is an example for you to follow:

1. go / went   I went to the store for eggs and bread.
2. lose / ________
3. read / ________
4. see / ________
5. come / ________
6. steal / ________
7. fly / ________
8. mean / ________
9. tell / ________
10. bite / ________
11. find / ________

Group Work

Discuss in groups. These questions are about the family in “The Hilwe w Morra Story.” Put as many people as possible from the story on the family tree below. Add more places for people as needed.

1. What are their relationships (for example, mother, sister, aunt, niece . . .)?
2. How old do you think they are?
3. Who is lucky . . . unlucky . . . happy . . . unhappy? Why?
4. On a board or on paper, write one sentence to describe or ask a question about each person. Use the past tense. Review Units 1 through 7 as needed. Add pictures if you like. Ask questions and exchange answers with another group.
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Examples of yes/no past tense questions

1. Did she / he . . . get a new job? . . . get a lot of birthday gifts?
2. Did they . . . go to a wedding yesterday? . . . go to a restaurant last night?

Long answers

- Yes, she got a new job.
- No, she didn’t get a lot of birthday gifts.

Short answers

- Yes, she did.
- No, she didn’t.

Short answers, informal

- Yeah, she did.
- Nah, she didn’t.

Examples of wh- past tense questions

1. Where . . . did she go? . . . did they go?
2. What . . . did she buy? . . . did they buy?
3. When . . . did she find the ring? . . . did they find the ring?

Long answers

- She went to the hospital. They went to the hospital too.
- She bought a lot of cake. They bought a lot of cake too.
- She found the ring yesterday. They found the ring yesterday too.

Short answers

- to the hospital
- cake
- yesterday
Reading

“Mystery #1: An Emergency” and “Mystery #2: A Cold House”

Guess

Think about the two titles: “An Emergency” and “A Cold House.” Do you think these sentences about the two stories are T (true) or F (false)? Guess.

1. _____ There are three stories.
2. _____ The stories have some surprises.
3. _____ One story is about an emergency.
4. _____ One story is about a hot house.

Vocabulary

Look at the pictures below. Practice pronunciation of the words with your teacher. Then match the words to the picture.

ambulance   car accident   medic / medics

doctor   emergency room   hospital   monitor
nurse   operate on   patient   surgery
Listen-Read-Find

Listen to the two mystery stories. Now listen again. Review the vocabulary above as needed. Answer the question at the end of each story. Can you guess the answers?

**Mystery #1: An Emergency**

One day, a man and his son were in a **car accident**. Unfortunately, the man **died**. However, an **ambulance** took the boy to the hospital. He needed surgery quickly. The doctor came into the **emergency room**, looked at the boy, and said, "I can't **operate on** this boy; he is my son."

Question: **How can this be true?**

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**Mystery #2: A Cold House**

You were in a cold house in the winter. It was dark. You had one **match**. There was a candle and a wood-burning **stove**.

Question: **What did you light first?**

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What’s the Buzz?
First, practice the questions with the teacher. Then talk to two students in the class and ask them all of the questions. Write their answers below so you can remember them.

Thinking back to your childhood . . .

1. What was your lucky color or number?

2. In the past, some people in the United States had a horseshoe or rabbit’s foot for good luck. Did your family have anything for good luck in your home?

3. Did you have a secret place or imaginary (not real) friend to help you?

4. Were you ever in an accident? If yes, what happened?

5. Were you ever part of an emergency? If yes, when and where?

Discuss with Your Group

1. How many people had lucky things and what were they?

2. What kinds of secret places or imaginary (not real) friends did people have?
3. What kinds of accidents or emergencies did people have?

Discuss with the Teacher All Together

1. Does anyone in the class have a mystery story to share? What is it?

2. In some places in the world, special lakes, mountains, or trees are especially mysterious (full of mystery) or may bring people good luck. Are there any such places near your home?

Writing

The Mystery Pet

Step 1: First, circle one word for each number below. Choose your favorite word or write another word in the blank as you like.

1. **feeling:** happy sad curious __________
2. **house:** bedroom kitchen garden __________
3. **color:** pink white gold __________
4. **color:** orange silver black __________
5. **number:** 4 14 400 __________
6. **food:** bananas pizza cake __________
7. **food:** tomatoes rice candy __________
8. **food:** dates yogurt almonds __________
9. **drink:** orange juice milk river water __________
10. **sport:** play football swim run races __________
11. **animal:** bird fish turtle __________

Step 2: Then exchange lists with your partner. Copy the circled words in the blanks in the story below. Match the numbers. Read the stories out loud together.

1. Was the story funny?
2. Was the story true?
The Mystery Pet

One day my friend called me on my mobile. She said, “Come to my house tonight! You can meet my new pet!” So, I went to her house. She opened the door and asked me to come inside. “Where is your new pet? What is it?” I asked. I felt (1) ______________.

“It’s in the (2) ______________,” she said. “You can see it soon. First, try to guess!” So, I asked her these questions and she gave me these answers:

Question A: Is it (3) ______________?
Answer: No, it is (4) ______________.

Question B: Does it have (5) ______________ legs?
Answer: Yes, of course! And it has a big nose and big ears.

Question C: Does it like to eat (6) ______________?
Answer: No, it likes to eat (7) ______________ and (8) ______________. Yesterday, it also drank a lot of (9) ______________, but not today.

Question D: What does it do for fun?
Answer: It really likes to (10) ______________.

Question E: Wow, this is a big mystery! Is it a big (11) ______________?
Answer: No, but it is big. It’s an elephant!

Change partners and do it again. Change the ending if you like.

1. Did you change your answers?
2. Did you like the new story?
3. Did your partner write a funny story?

Project Possibilities

Act out the “Hilwe w Morra” dialogue. Change the ending if you like. Option: Videotape it and share it on YouTube or Vimeo.
Internet: Webquest

Here are some places to Go and things to Do online. Do at least two of them. Doing more is even better. Bring your answers to class to talk about them.

- **Go:** [Wacky Web Tales](http://www.eduplace.com/tales/)
  **Do:** Fill in the blanks, and guess how the story goes. Then read your funny story! Share it with a friend.

- **Go:** [Irregular Verb Wheel Game](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/verb_wheel/)
  **Do:** Play the game to practice past tense verbs.
  **Do:** For more practice, try **Levels 1, 2, and 3:**
  [http://interactive.cambridge.org/media/games/level2/game3_jungle/](http://interactive.cambridge.org/media/games/level2/game3_jungle/)

- **Go:** [Irregular Verbs Quiz](http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/verbs/5.htm)
  **Do:** Play the game to practice past tense verbs.

- **Go:** [Learn English Feel Good – Irregular Verbs](https://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl-irregular-verbs1.html)
  **Do:** Play the game to practice past tense verbs.

- **Go:** [Riddles](http://www.rinkworks.com/brainfood/p/riddles1.shtml)
  **Do:** Riddles are funny question games. Read the riddles and guess the answers. Do you know any good riddles?

Supplementary Activities

Flashcards

At the end of each unit, there is a set of flashcards with some of the vocabulary from the unit. You can copy them by hand onto paper or enlarge and photocopy them. Cut out the cards and create your own sets of flashcards. You can make new cards and add more words too.

Sorting Game

Work in pairs or groups. Sort the flashcards in these ways:

- things (nouns) / places (nouns) / people (nouns) / actions (verbs)
- used for emergencies / not used for emergencies
- can be a mystery / not a mystery
- something I would do / something I would not do
### Flashcards to Enlarge and Copy

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Unit 7: How Others See the World

Warm-up

There are no wrong answers to the warm-up activities. This encourages independent thinking and gives students an opportunity to personalize their learning. This is an opportunity to engage in multi-perspective thinking and discuss the ways in which other people may view things or have reasons for acting as they do (e.g., images, news, real events in the community, home, or workplace).

Discuss

In this section, students can use the vocabulary and grammar that they have studied and, in this case, practice the critical thinking activity “Describe-Interpret-Evaluate” by Stella Ting-Toomey. Following is the visual from the Voice of America Let’s Teach English (https://learningenglish.voanews.com/z/5203/about) video for this unit:
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Photo

This section lets students personalize the activity and link it to their own lives. It also offers a hands-on element to their learning.

Vocabulary

These more complete definitions, in alphabetical order, are from the Merriam-Webster Learner’s Dictionary (http://www.learnersdictionary.com):

- **blow** (verb) – to cause air or something carried by air to move
- **bring** (verb) – to come with something or someone to a place
- **buy** (verb) – to get something by paying money for it
- **cut** (verb) – to use a sharp tool to open or divide something
- **drink** (verb) – to take a liquid into your mouth and swallow it
- **fight** (verb) – to use weapons or physical force to try to hurt someone; to defeat an enemy, etc.
- **fly** (verb) – to move through the air
grow (verb) – to increase in size, amount, etc.

hit (verb) – to move your hand, a bat, etc., quickly so that it touches someone or something in a forceful or violent way

hurt (verb) – to cause pain or injury to yourself, someone else, or a part of your body

put (verb) – to cause someone or something to be in a particular place or position

sing (verb) – to use your voice to make musical sounds in the form of a song or tune

sink (verb) – to go down below the surface of water, mud, etc.

stink (verb) – to have a very bad smell

think (verb) – to form or have a particular thought in your mind

throw (verb) – to cause (something) to move out of your hand and through the air by quickly moving your arm forward

Read-Write-Talk

There are no wrong answers to this exercise. This is another example of student-centered learning.

The Hilwe w Morra Story

“Hilwe w Morra” loosely translated from Arabic means “Sweet and Sour,” representing the universal mix of life’s events. This is a serial, soap opera-style story that continues throughout the book, unit by unit. Each unit gives more information about the women and the things that are happening in their lives.

The bold words are the vocabulary focus. Note that the grammar focus for this unit is past tense irregular verbs. See the Appendix at the end for a list of common irregular verbs and forms.

Words in This Story – Answer Key

Students example sentences will vary.

1. went
2. lost
3. read
4. saw
5. came
6. stole
7. flew
8. meant
9. told
10. bit
11. found

Vocabulary from “The Hilwe w Morra Story”

These more complete definitions, in alphabetical order, are from the Merriam-Webster Learner’s Dictionary (http://www.learnersdictionary.com/):

- **bite** (verb) – to press down on or cut into someone or something using teeth
- **come** (verb) – to move toward someone or something
- **find** (verb) – to get or discover something by looking for it
- **fly** (verb) – to move through the air
- **go** (verb) – to move or travel to a place
- **lose** (verb) – to be unable to find something or someone
- **mean** (verb) – to indicate or signify something
- **read** (verb) – to look at and understand the meaning of letters, words, symbols, etc.
- **see** (verb) – to notice or become aware of someone or something by using your eyes
- **steal** (verb) – to take something that does not belong to you
- **tell** (verb) – to say or write something to someone

Reading

“Mystery 1: An Emergency” and “Mystery 2: A Cold House”

Guess – Answer Key

Students try to predict the content of the story just from the title. This is a critical thinking skill and an important reading strategy. Have students go back after they read the story to see if they were right or wrong in their guesses.

1. **F** = There are three stories.
2. **T** = The stories have some surprises.
3. **T** = One story is about an emergency.
4. **F** = One story is about a hot house.
Listen-Read-Find

Listen to the two mystery stories. Review the vocabulary above as needed. Answer the questions at the end of each one. Can you guess the answers?

Mystery #1: The doctor is the boy’s mother. (Some people get stuck thinking only men are doctors.

Mystery #2: The first thing to be lit is the match.

Vocabulary from the Reading

These more complete definitions, in alphabetical order, are from the Merriam-Webster Learner’s Dictionary (http://www.learnersdictionary.com/):

- **accident** (noun) – a sudden event (such as a crash) that is not planned or intended and that causes damage or injury
- **ambulance** (noun) – a vehicle used for taking hurt or sick people to the hospital especially in emergencies
- **doctor** (noun) – a person who is skilled in the science of medicine
- **emergency** (noun) – an unexpected and usually dangerous situation that calls for immediate action
- **emergency room** – a hospital room or area that is used for treating people who need immediate medical care
- **fire** (noun) – the light and heat and especially the flame produced by burning
- **firewood** (noun) – wood (trees) used to make a fire
- **hospital** (noun) – a place where sick or injured people are given care or treatment and where children are often born
- **match** (noun) – a short, thin piece of wood or thick paper with a special tip that produces fire when it is scratched against something else
- **medic** (noun) – a person who does emergency and other medical work
- **mystery** (noun) – something that is difficult to understand or explain
- **nurse** (noun) – a person who is trained to care for sick or injured people and who usually works in a hospital or doctor’s office
- **operate on** (verb) – to perform surgery
- **patient** (noun) – a person who receives medical care or treatment
- **stove** (noun) – a device that burns fuel for heating or cooking
- **surgery** (noun) – medical treatment in which a doctor cuts into someone’s body in order to repair or remove damaged or diseased parts
What’s the Buzz?

This activity lets students personalize what they have been learning in this unit.

Writing

The Mystery Pet

This is an opportunity for your students to have fun with reading and create their own stories. They should each write original content. Following is an example of what one story might look like:

One day my friend called me on my mobile. She said, “Come to my house tonight! You can meet my new pet!” So, I went to her house. She opened the door and asked me to come inside. “Where is your new pet? What is it?” I asked. I felt (1) curious.

“It’s in the (2) bedroom,” she said. “You can see it soon. First, try to guess!” So, I asked her these questions and she gave me these answers:

Question A: Is it (3) pink?
Answer: No, it is (4) orange.

Question B: Does it have (5) 14 legs?
Answer: Yes, of course! And it has a big nose and big ears.

Question C: Does it like to eat (6) bananas?
Answer: No, it likes to eat (7) tomatoes and (8) almonds. Yesterday, it also drank a lot of (9) orange juice, but not today.

Question D: What does it do for fun?
Answer: It really likes to (10) run races.

Question E: Wow, this is a big mystery! Is it a big (11) bird?
Answer: No, but it is big. It’s an elephant!

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**List of Irregular Past Tense Verbs, in Alphabetical Order by Base Form**

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