

Lesson 70

She is a real blabbermouth.

Target: Having a conversation about gossip.

Vocabulary

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Gossip



Related vocabulary

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| - (rumor) to go around | - dirt | - a blabbermouth |
| - to keep... hush hush | - to go on and on about... | - to keep a secret |
| - to keep... to oneself | - to spill the beans | - to keep one's word |
| - to keep... on the down-low | - to blurt ... out | - to spread a rumor / lie |
| - to have a big mouth | - a tattletale | - to shoot the breeze |
| -... behind someone's back | - to have a gossip | - chit chat |
| - to blab | - a scandal | - hearsay |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What do you like to gossip about?
2. What are some interesting rumors that are going around at the moment?
3. What is something that your boss / friend / partner always goes on and on about?
4. Do any of your friends have a big mouth?
5. What's something that someone has asked you to keep on the down low?
6. Are you or any of your friends tattletales?
7. Are you good at keeping things to yourself or do you usually just blurt stuff out?
8. Finish the following sentence: I heard through the grapevine that...
9. Do you think it's important to keep your word? Why?
10. Do you have dirt on anyone?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Do you think it's a good or bad idea to take part in gossiping at the workplace?
2. What's an unbelievable rumor you heard that ended up being true?
3. Have you ever witnessed someone talking about someone behind their back?
4. What's a recent scandal that has been on the news?
5. Have you ever accidentally spilled the beans about something important?
6. Do you think word of mouth is an effective way to advertise?
7. Finish the following sentence: A little birdie told me that...
8. Who in your family is a big blabbermouth?
9. Are you good at keeping things hush hush?
10. How often do you get to shoot the breeze with your friends?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role play:** Partner #1: You have heard some interesting gossip lately. Share it with your partner.
Partner #2: You too have heard some interesting gossip. Share your gossip as well.
- 2. Speech:** Tell a story about a person who loves to gossip and as a result loses their friends.
- 3. Speech:** Explain how the topics people gossip about have changed as you have gotten older.
- 4. Debate:** You think it's bad to gossip about other people, but your partner doesn't agree.