

Lesson 75

That was a risky move.

Target: Having a conversation about risk.

Vocabulary

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Risk



Related vocabulary

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| - a risk / to risk... / the risk of... | - to risk one's neck | - a danger of... |
| - to be risky | - a calculated risk | - to be cautious |
| - to be at risk of... | - to run the risk of... | - to be unprotected / vulnerable / exposed |
| - to minimize risk | - a reward | - to jeopardize... |
| - to take a risk | - (risk) to pay off | - to be at the mercy of... |
| - ... at one's own risk | - to play it safe | - to be in harm's way |
| - to put... at risk | - to play with fire | - to have a back up plan |

Conversation

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

Partner #1: Questions

- How often do you take risks?
- Have you ever received a threat from someone before?
- Have you ever risked losing your job?
- Do you usually play it safe?
- What's a danger of lying to your boss?
- What's something you've done at your own risk?
- Who around you is usually quite cautious?
- Would you do something bad if there was no risk of being caught?
- Do you have antivirus software on your computer, or do you usually leave it unprotected?
- Would you take a risk if the rewards greatly outweighed the risk?

Partner #2: Questions

- Have you ever been at the mercy of someone else?
- Have you been in a lot of risky situations?
- How do you feel when you are vulnerable? When was the last time you felt vulnerable?
- Do you usually take calculated risks? What do you factor in?
- What's a risk you took that really paid off?
- How can people minimize risk?
- When was the last time you risked your neck doing something?
- What is your company at risk of?
- Do you usually try to factor everything in before you make a decision?
- Do you usually have a backup plan, or do you simply wing it?

- 2** Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role play:** Partner #1: You are considering different options in a meeting. Discuss the risks involved.
Partner #2: You are considering different options in a meeting. Discuss the risks involved.
- Interview:** Interview a famous businessman on some risks that he has taken.
- Speech:** Talk about some risks that you have taken.
- Debate:** You think that you have to take risks to make big money, but your partner disagrees.