

## Dirty John LWS 2

What can you remember from the previous lesson?

**1. Read the words and collocations, then listen, drag and drop them at their places**

thick dark hair

a little weathered

whatever he was selling

according to everything

a big warm friendly smile

a physician

invited trust



He looked very successful \_\_\_\_\_ in his profile. He posted a few pictures, said he was \_\_\_\_\_. So, I thought "hmm, interesting, seems safe." So, we started talking.



John Michael Meehan had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.

If you saw his smile on a billboard, you would want \_\_\_\_\_.

He looked \_\_\_\_\_, but he might have once been an All-American quarter back on a trading card.

They exchanged texts, then phone calls.

**2\_A. Some of the words in the transcript have been changed for their synonyms. Look at them (in bold). Which words were there originally, do you think?**

John was 55, 6ft2', with **wide** \_\_\_\_\_ shoulders.

He had **impeccable** \_\_\_\_\_ teeth, a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ jaw, and hazel-green eyes.



He focused on her **attentively** \_\_\_\_\_.

Debra wore black Gucci stiletto heels and designer jeans.

John seemed to care almost nothing about his **outfit** \_\_\_\_\_.

He looked like an **excessive** \_\_\_\_\_ college guy, with his preppy shirt and his shorts.

He was smart and **lovable** \_\_\_\_\_ and **eloquent**.

He was divorced with two daughters.

**B. Listen and type in the original words** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Listen** \_\_\_\_\_ **and fill in the gaps with prepositions.**

He said he had houses \_\_\_\_ Newport Beach and Palm Springs, that he was an anesthesiologist, just back \_\_\_\_ ER in Iraq, where he worked \_\_\_\_ Doctors Without Borders. He told stories \_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_ a front line, jumping \_\_\_\_ a helicopter.

### 3. Listen to the clip and answer the questions



What did Debra think was a good trait?

“He moved very fast.” – What does Debra mean?

Now read the lines from the clip and either report the direct speech (D=>R) or reconstruct the direct statement from the reported speech (R=>D)

He asked a lot of questions about my business and how it worked. **R=>D**

I thought it was a good trait that he is more interested in me than himself. I think it's healthy when conversation goes back and forth. **D=>R**

John told her that she was beautiful, that she stopped his heart. **R=>D**

Remember him rubbing my back. He moved very fast. **D=>R**

He even threw himself on her bed and said “This feels incredible!” **D=>R**

She had to insist he leave. **R=>D**

And she had to kick him out. **R=>D**

### 4. Listen to the clip and ask questions for the following answers

You can use these verbs and verb phrases as prompts:

had spent supervised liked to hire took through is crammed with

- she was sad and tried to lose herself in her work
- 30 years
- Ambrosia Interior Design
- A team of devoted designers, marketers, and project managers.
- Because she could remember how it felt to be alone with one child and another



on the way after her first marriage broke up.

- Her storage warehouse in Irvine.
- It's as big as a supermarket
- Sofas, modern art, mirrors, frames, and a thousand other furnishings.



### 5. Listen \_\_\_\_\_ What's about the books in Debora's model homes? Report back the description.

When people walk into one of Debra Newell's model homes, they're invited to imagine their futures in them. She calls them 'approachable dreams'. Her warm, flawless rooms are like glossy ads and upscale lifestyle magazines: no kids' toys or dirty dishes inside, none of the messiness of actual living.



Why do you think Christopher decided to tell this and in this particular way?

6. \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Listen and shadow.

### B. Reconstruct the direct speech in 6

### C. Report 7 (start with “Debra said...”)



1. \_\_\_\_\_ It's like the face you show someone on a date.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ You're inviting someone to fantasize about the piece that may complete his or her life.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ If your eagerness, or loneliness, or desperation show too soon, you're done. Maybe that had been John's mistake.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ One of Debra's daughters was working with her the day after her disastrous date with him. She told her about it.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I told “What a jerk.”
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Later that day John called her. He told her he was sorry, he knew he'd overstepped. He just wanted to spend every minute with her. Would she give him another chance?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I was still attracted to him. So, I was curious to hear what he had to say. And of course, he persuaded me.

### 7. Listen and complete \_\_\_\_\_

## idiosyncrasy

Word Frequency ●●●●●

in American English

(ɪdɪəʊ'sɪŋkrəsɪ; ɪdɪəʊ'sɪŋkrəsɪ)

**NOUN**

Word forms: plural **idiosyncrasies**

1. the temperament or mental constitution peculiar to a person or group
2. any personal peculiarity, mannerism, etc.
3. an individual reaction to a drug, food, etc. that is different from the reaction of most people

John had some idiosyncrasies. He showed up for dates in his faded \_\_\_\_\_ scrubs as if fresh from surgery. (2wds)

He even wore them to a formal-dress cancer \_\_\_\_\_ she invited him to. (1wd)

Some people snickered, but she thought “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”. (2wds)

By the second or third date he was telling her he loved her, that he wanted \_\_\_\_\_. (3 wds)

Two weeks after they met, she emailed him “So, you are \_\_\_\_\_ ” with a smiley face emoji. (3wds)

And he replied “Best thing that \_\_\_\_\_ to you ”. (3wds)