

Debra&John LWS 8 Part 1. If you had to leave John, what would be the plan?



1. Shadow the following snippets, trying to imitate the pronunciation and intonation as close as possible.

A. John Dzialo can't be sure how John Meehan found him. And he was apprehensive about taking him on as a client.

B. His paralegal had done some research on Meehan and was so spooked that she told her boss that she wanted no part of the case.

C. Meehan had done a prison time for stalking and terrorizing a Laguna Beach woman and now, on April 8 2015, Meehan was sitting in Dzialo's Santa Ana law office. Meehan wanted Dzialo to sue the Laguna Beach woman claiming she had cheated him of a quarter million dollars.

D. Meehan had other ideas for lawsuits too: there was yet another woman who had supposedly cheated him; he also accused police who had arrested him of stealing his cash.

E. The blizzard of lawsuits was part of John Meehan's plan to win back the trust of his wife Debra, who was sitting beside him. He wanted Dzialo to prove he'd been the victim in case after case, not at all the dangerous swindler portrayed in mountains of court papers.

F. Dzialo told me that he planned to turn down the case even though he would be getting a 25000-dollar retainer. But meeting Debra, listening to Debra gave him second thoughts. She seemed naïve and helplessly in her husband's grip.

G. She struck me right off the bat as a very genuine, very sweet, very vulnerable lady. And she was obviously in love with him.

H. Although I really only met him face-to-face once, and that was in about a two-hour interview, he was the scariest man I had ever met in my life.

I. I'm seventy years old, I practiced law for 42 years before I retired last year in September, John Meehan was scary.

J. We don't wanna believe the really bad things about people. We just don't. We wanna think that people are good. And when you meet somebody like this and you realize, I'm sitting here in the presence of evil incarnate, you know that people like him really do exist and one has just come into your orbit.

Find in the transcripts above words for these meanings and synonyms:

anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen (adj) – _____

a person trained in subsidiary legal matters but not fully qualified as a lawyer – a _____

a severe snowstorm with high winds// a large or overwhelming number of things arriving suddenly – a _____

an amount of money that you pay to someone so as to be sure that person can work for you when you need them to – a _____

a firm hold; a tight grasp// effective control over something – a _____

without hesitation, immediately (4-word phrase) – _____

in human form (adj) – _____

2. Fill the gaps with verb forms _____

Debra's kids thought that it was flat-out crazy that she had _____ to John. And Meehan _____ her kids, particularly her two oldest daughters, out of her life. He _____ them for the troubles in the marriage, blamed them for hiring a Private Eye to probe his past, blamed them for temporarily _____ his wife against him.

3. Type 3 words into each gap _____

John's hatred for Debra's family did not seem to _____, Debra's youngest and quietest daughter, even though she had _____. He found her least troublesome of his step-daughters. Terra feared _____ him. He was the reason she carried _____. She said she was willing to sit _____ and try to _____.

4. Listen to Jimmy and Terra. What happens in the episode Jimmy is talking about? _____



5. Listen and fill the gaps with 4 adjectives _____

A Zombie is an uncomplicated dream of Evil. Almost everything else in the world is ambiguous. There's good&bad people and bad&good people and grey everywhere.

But zombies are not _____ and are not _____. They are only _____ or _____. As the shadow

of John's menace seemed to lengthen, this was the feeling evoked in people who had come to fear him.

6. What things would be there in your “Apocalypse Kit”? Listen and type in the correct things above each picture



7. Listen and ask questions for the following answers _____:

- a) Cash, the Australian shepherd.
- b) She had a tighter bond with Cash than Jimmy did.
- c) Debra
- d) She was crestfallen.
- e) No, he didn't.
- f) As a kennel attendant and dog groomer.



8. Listen, fill the gaps and shadow:



A. Fill the gaps with toponyms, google if you are not sure about the spelling

John and Debra were living in a luxury apartment near the Irvine Spectrum in upscale area. They travelled a lot: _____ and Colorado Springs, San-Francisco and _____, Santa-Barbara and _____. He was back to his doting ways.

B. Fill each gap with 4 words

_____ I mean, obviously, it feels good. So, you _____, I think, at times.

_____ And I was a little nervous going home. I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know what he was doing on his computer all day, I didn't know what he was doing. I was scared. I think that I was scared for my life and for my kids' life. I'd made _____.

_____ I didn't want anyone to worry. So, I _____. I did call psychologist few times and talked to them. [What did they say?] They said, you need to protect yourself, so, it's best not to just _____ very quickly, but plan it.

9. Listen and fill the gaps with names of dishes _____

Debra would have to play the role of the happy wife for now. Sometimes he seemed to sense that something had changed. He said, you don't look at me in the same way. He said, I know you're going to leave me. She told him it was just his imagination, that she was busy at work, that she was stressed, that she was sorry. And she made him one of his favorite meals – _____, _____, _____ from scratch.

