

**Read the conversations. Check you understand the words in bold.**

Alice: Hey, I read your article, and I love it when you **quote** me. It really adds a personal touch to your writing.

Bob: Thanks, Alice. Your insights are always so thought-provoking. By the way, did you hear what happened with John at the hospital?

Alice: What happened?

Bob: **Blame** Sally, she took him off the respirator. It was a difficult decision.

Alice: She could have waited, don't you think?

Bob: Well, it's a complex situation. You wouldn't understand; it was a matter of life and death.

Alice: I see. I don't **blame** you for thinking that way. I suppose I wouldn't understand the full gravity of it.

Bob: Am I that **self-involved**? I didn't mean to sound dismissive.

Alice: No, not at all. It's just a very sensitive topic, and it's hard to comprehend unless you've been in that situation.

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

He wouldn't _____ unless you promised not to **quote** it in your article.

It's not fair to **blame** her for the accident unless we have _____

He might seem **self-involved** unless we understand _____

Read the three conversations. Guess who and where is talking

Married freelancers at home

Colleagues at the end of the working week in the office

A couple of colleagues in the cinema

1

Alex: Hey, guys, **wrap it up**. It's time to head home.

wrap it up - finish (idiom)

Ben: Great work today, fellas. We made some good progress.

Carl: I see you all next week. Same time, same place.

2

David: Stop **rushing** me; I'm almost done with these reports.

rush me (verb) - try to make me do things faster

Ella: I know, but we've been working overtime all week. I'm exhausted.

David: Well, you wouldn't understand, Ella. I've got a tight deadline.

3

Fiona: Is your **bladder** empty, David? We've been in this meeting forever.

if your **bladder** is full you need to go to the bathroom

David: Now that you mention it, I could use a break. Would you **save our place** in line?

Fiona: No problem. I won't let anyone **cut in front of me**.

Read the conversation from the fashion world.

Alice: Have you seen Grace's **outfit** for the fashion show tonight?

Bob: Yeah, I have. It's amazing. She really knows how to make a **stunning** look.

Alice: Unless you insist on wearing those **dreadful** shoes, you can make a statement with your fashion choices like Grace.

Bob: Well, these are my comfort shoes. You wouldn't understand; you don't have comfort clothing like I do.

Alice: I get it; we all have our preferences. But when I dress up, these high heels make me feel confident.

Bob: I understand that. Grace always says, "These shoes connect me to the earth. Once my feet are grounded, so goes the rest of me."

Alice: That's poetic, but sometimes, you need to **draw a little attention** in the fashion world.

Bob: You're right. I'll leave my comfort shoes at home tonight.

(At the fashion show)

Alice: OMG, Holy shit. Grace looks **stunning** on the runway.

We use them for WhatsApp and other messengers: OMG - Oh My God

Bob: She really does. Very cute **outfit**, and those shoes, they're incredible.

Match the words with the definitions.

outfit	very beautiful
stunning	to make someone notice you
dreadful	a set of clothes
to draw attention	extremely bad

**Read the conversation about different celebrations. Try to guess what the marked words mean.**

Alice: I heard about Larry's funeral. It's such a sad occasion.

Bob: Yes, it is. The funeral is private; we're just going to the house afterward for the **reception**. I'm quite sure that everyone there will be focused on celebrating Larry's life.

Alice: It's true. Larry was a wonderful person. I blame Larry for making everyone love him so much.

Bob: Speaking of celebrations, have you heard about Connie's **baby shower**?

Alice: Yes, I can't believe your baby is all grown up and having a baby of her own. It's such a joyful time. It's incredible how different celebrations can be.

Bob: Absolutely, and it shows how important these gatherings are for connecting with people and sharing our lives.