



Lesson 1: Budget Cuts

Anna: Hum. Oh! “Important meeting. Everyone must come.” Well, back to work! And my boss has called a meeting. I **wonder** what it's about. Maybe we're all getting **raises**! Ooo, there's Jonathan! Maybe he knows.

Professor Bot: Hi! I'm Professor Bot! This video is all about work. People talk about jobs and things that happen at work. Your assignment is to find as many work words as you can. Don't worry, I'll help.

Anna: So, Jonathan, what do you think today's meeting is about?
The **email** sounded important.

Jonathan: Well, I have heard people in the building talking about **budget cuts**.

Anna: Oh! Budget cuts? Wait, who has been talking about budget cuts?

Jonathan: Mark in **Accounting**.

Anna: Mark in Accounting? That's one person. That's not “people.”

Jonathan: I know, but Mark knows everything that **goes on** at The Studio.

Anna: That is true. But wait, look at us. We shouldn't **gossip**. That's how **rumors** start. We'll just go to the meeting and see what happens.

Jonathan: You're right. No more talk about budget cuts.

Amelia: Budget cuts? Oh no!





Amelia: I just heard Anna and Jonathan talking about budget cuts.

Kaveh: That must be what the meeting is about. When there are budget cuts, people **lose** their jobs.

Amelia: Not you. You're a good reporter.

Kaveh: And it's not you. You've done a great job as a **videographer**.

Amelia: I can't go back to being a **detective**. **Criminals scare** me!

Kaveh: And I can't go back to being a teacher! High school kids scare me!

Professor Bot: Did you hear any work words? They talked about a lot of jobs. You can make the name of a job by adding an ending to a verb! Kaveh reports, so, he's a reporter. Amelia used to detect, so she was a detective. If you teach, you're a teacher. And a videographer....uh, I think you understand. Back to the story.

Kaveh: Penelope, have you heard the news? Today's meeting is about budget cuts.

Penelope: That's awful! What should I do?

Kaveh: **Update** your **résumé**. I've already updated mine. I'll see you at the meeting.

Ms. Weaver: Hello everyone! Quiet, please. Quiet, please!

Ms. Weaver: This meeting won't take long. Then you can all leave.

Ms. Weaver: What is wrong with everyone? You look like I'm going to fire you. Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha! Seriously, what is wrong with everyone?

Anna: Excuse me, Ms. Weaver?



Ms. Weaver: Yes, Anna.

Anna: Well, everyone has been worrying about, you know ... We've been worrying that you are going to fire us!

Ms. Weaver: I'm not going to fire any of you! No! The reason for this meeting is to tell you what a good job you've been doing and give out new **assignments**. Budget cuts have been happening. But only one person has lost their job -- Mark in Accounting? Now, let's talk about those new assignments.

Professor Bot: Ms. Weaver's team is doing a good job! How did you do? Did you find all of the work words? Here's a list you can check.

