

DESTINATION AMERICA: CONFIDENT ENGLISH & AMERICAN IDIOMS

TRAVEL CONVERSATION

SEMESTER 2, LESSON 011



REVIEW

Use this photo as a useful way to review the previous topic and vocabulary. Students should use the vocabulary they have learned to describe the pictures.



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TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

Table Topic:

What's your favorite idiom?

Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine you have the chance to make up a new idiom. What would the topic and idiom be and why?



IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom.
It's great to use with this topic!

get something rolling - to make something begin or happen

Let's **get rolling** on mastering English. One of the hardest parts of accomplishing something is starting it or taking the first step.



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

safe ground - to be in a safe situation to talk about something, especially something dangerous or hurtful

The right environment is very important for learning English. If your learning environment is a **safe ground**, you will become more confident in learning and speaking English.

accountable - to be responsible or trustworthy

It's great to find someone to hold you **accountable** in reaching your English speaking goals. You will become confident more quickly in learning and speaking English.

it's a long hard road- things in life do not come easily or in a short time, especially when you are trying to reach a goal in life

Yeah... are you thinking about quitting English again? Well, **it's a long hard road**. You have to keep up your confidence!

take the pressure off - to reduce the amount of stress felt by

Practicing your English outside of the classroom with friends and classmates is very important. It **takes the pressure off** learning English and will make you more confident in what you've been learning.

talk your self into something/talk yourself out of something - to persuade yourself to do something, or to decide to do something/to persuade yourself not to do something, or to make yourself take back a decision

Sometimes you have to **talk yourself into something**, to gain more confidence. That's great for learning English too!



GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Do you consider yourself a confident person?
Why or why not?

What are you most confident at?

What are you least confident at?

What's your confidence like for learning English?

Has learning English been a long hard road?

Do you ever talk yourself into or out of things?

Have you ever been talked into something by a friend or loved one?



ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

Speed Conversation

Example situation: Your conversation partner is planning on giving up on learning English. Find out why, and talk them out of it!

Students should sit across from a classmate. The teacher will assign a situation for each group of students to talk over. Students should rotate partners every 2-3 minutes.



HOMework

Homework! Daily practice is essential for language learning.

1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

Talk about an interest, subject, or hobby that you are confident about. Give a 1 minute speech presenting it (After the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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