



LESSON EIGHT

RESOLUTION

PREVIEW AND PREPARATION

Look up the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases in the preview table.

resolve/resolution

casual

get-together

blacklist

absolutely

apologize

instead of

resolution

put the kibosh on

Hunt it/them for sport.

The good news is...

Paul was telling me...

He met a girl at some party of yours last week.

Did I do something to get on your blacklist?

It wasn't really a party.

It was more of a casual get-together.

Listen, I just want you to know that I'm really sorry.

I don't want to be the kind of guy who...

I knew you were back. I'm sorry you weren't invited.

I would rather have known about all of this sooner, though.

You must have thought I was still in Alberta.

You should have heard it from me instead of Paul.

I personally would have loved to have you there.

If only you were a non-smoker, there would be no issue.

It's nothing like that.

I don't give a damn.

Knock it off.

LISTENING PRACTICE

Why didn't Ray invite Mark to the party?

- a. Mark is a smoker.
- b. Mark was in Alberta.

Who told Mark about the party?

- a. Paul.
- b. Christine.

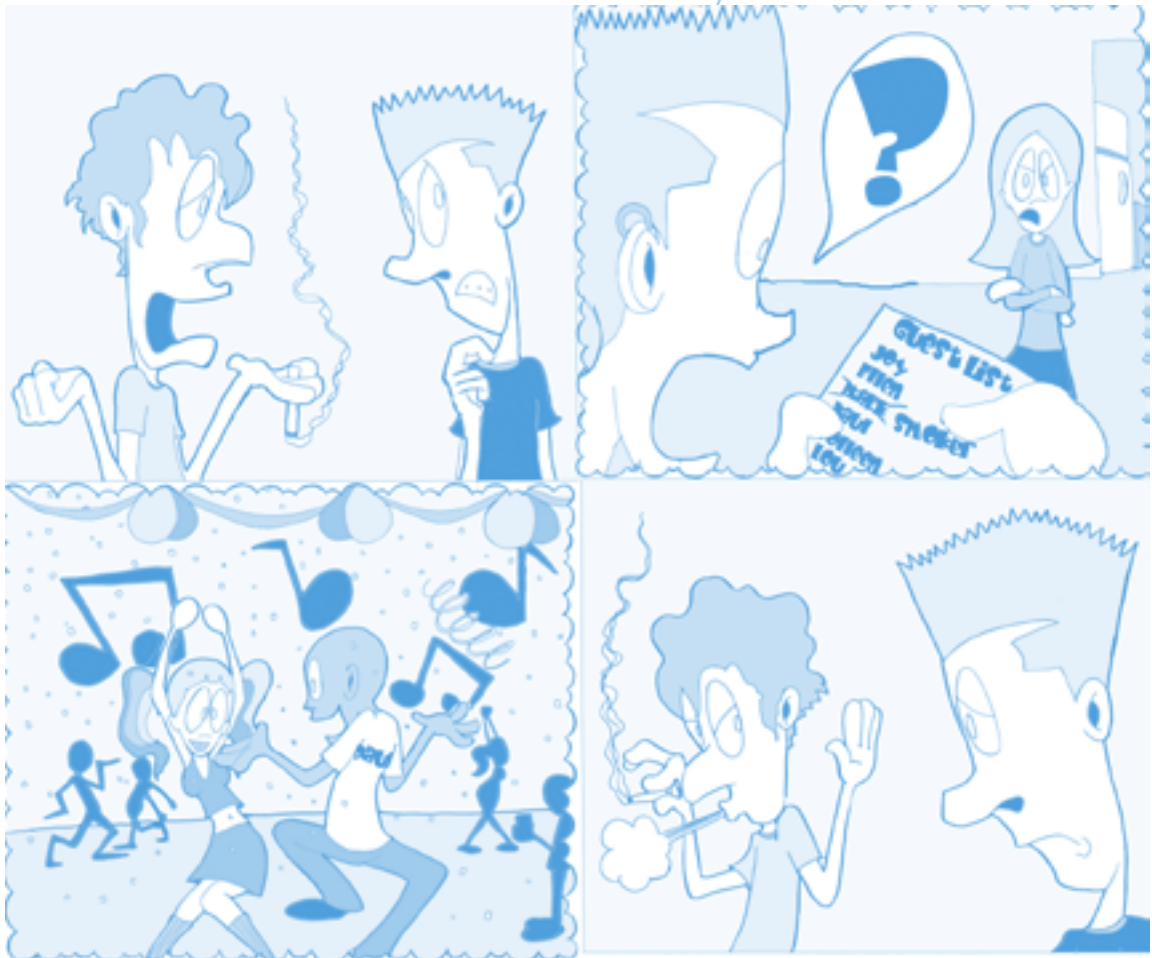
Who is Christine?

- a. Ray's girlfriend.
- b. Paul's girlfriend.

Has Mark decided to quit smoking?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

Listen to the audio program and try to answer these questions.



SMOKED OUT

Dialogue between Mark (M) and Ray (R).

- M: Say, Paul was telling me he met a girl at some party of yours last week. 1
- R: Well, it wasn't really a party. It was more of a casual get-together.
- M: I guess you must have thought I was still in Alberta. I didn't hear about it. 5
- R: Actually, no. I knew you were back. I'm sorry you weren't invited.
- M: Did I do something to get on your blacklist?
- R: No, it's nothing like that. I personally would have loved to have you there, but Christine kind of put the kibosh on that. 10
- M: Christine? Does she not like me?
- R: It's just that you smoke, Mark. She hates the smell of smoke.
- M: Oh, I see.
- R: Now, myself, I don't give a damn, but Christine is from California. They hate smokers there. They hunt them for sport. 15
- M: That must be easy, we smokers can't run very far.
- R: Listen, I just want you to know that I'm really sorry. If only you were a non-smoker, there would be no issue. I don't want to be the kind of guy who stops seeing old friends whenever he gets a new girlfriend. 20
- M: Hey, if you really care for her, then I understand. I'd rather have known about all of this sooner, though.
- R: You're absolutely right. I apologize. You should have heard it from me instead of Paul. 25
- M: Really, it's not that big of a deal. And the good news is it gives me one more reason to quit smoking.
- R: Hey, this is not the first time you've said that. So, how many good reasons do you need?
- M: Knock it off, would you? 30

STUDY GUIDE

1. *Paul was telling me he met a girl...*
This is basically the same as saying “Paul told me...” But “was telling” uses a more informal, conversational style than “told,” and it also suggests that Paul told Mark other things (what she’s like, what they talked about, etc.) as well.
2. *You must have thought I was still in Alberta.*
“Must” shows this is an assumption Mark made. And since this is about what Ray thought in the past, Mark used “have thought.” If he were guessing what Ray is thinking now, he would use “You must think...” or “You must be thinking...”
3. *But Christine kind of put the kibosh on that.*
To “put the kibosh” on something is to ban or stop it from happening. Obviously Ray wanted to invite Mark but Christine didn’t allow Ray to do so. Ray felt bad about that, so he added “kind of” to soften the tone when he broke the news.
4. *Some party of yours.*
Here “some” doesn’t mean “several” but “a,” as in “a party of yours held for some reason I am not aware of and to which I was not invited (or that I didn’t know about).” If he meant “several parties,” he would use the plural, as in “He met her at **some** of your parties.”
5. *If only you were a non-smoker, there would be no issue.*
“If only” almost always implies wishful thinking. In this case, because Mark **is** a smoker, Ray has to use “were” in his hypothetical (unreal) statement. If Ray is talking to a stranger and doesn’t know if the person smokes or not, he can say “If you **are** a non-smoker, there **will** be no issue” or “If you **are** a non-smoker, you **can** sit here,” etc.
6. *I personally would have loved to have you there.*
This is a statement about how Ray felt (would have loved) in a past situation that no longer exists (the party is over). If Ray said “I would love to have you there,” he would be talking about a party that will happen in the near or distant future.
7. *I would rather have known about this (party) sooner.*
“Would rather” shows this is also a personal preference. Since Mark didn’t know it sooner, he was making a statement about the party he had already missed. If he said “I would rather know about this now (sooner),” he would be talking about a party in the near or distant future, and it is still possible for him to know it sooner (before the party is held).
8. *You should have heard it from me instead of Paul.*
This is the same as “I **would rather** you **had heard** it from me instead of Paul.” Again, Mark **has** already **heard** it from Paul, so it’s too late for Ray to say “You should **hear** it from me...”

■ COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

WHAT WILL YOU SAY TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE?

1. *If you had told me you were thirsty on the phone...*
 - a. I should have brought you a bottle of water.
 - b. I can bring you a bottle of water.
 - c. I could have brought you a bottle of water.
2. *If you can get out of work before 7 pm today...*
 - a. I will take you to the show.
 - b. I would take you to the show.
 - c. I would have taken you to the show.
3. *I was late for school this morning...*
 - a. I should have gotten up earlier.
 - b. I could have gone to bed earlier last night.
 - c. I would get up earlier this morning.
4. *I can't find your car key anywhere.*
 - a. I would have left the key in the car.
 - b. I must have left the key in the car.
 - c. I should have left the key in the car.

Now try to make your own statement about something that has happened in your life that you wish could/should/would have happened differently:

Example: I'm not happy with *the Major*.
He **should have done** a much better job to improve the traffic.

5. I'm not happy with _____ .

6. I'm not happy with _____ .

7. I'm not happy with _____ .

IN OTHER WORDS

Referring back to the dialogue. Check the statement(s) that expresses the same meaning. There may be more than one answer.

1. *Did I do something to get on your blacklist?*
 - a. What was my problem?
 - b. What did I do wrong?
 - c. Did I do anything to your blacklist?
2. *Christine kind of put the kibosh on that.*
 - a. Christine didn't want to talk about it.
 - b. Christine didn't want any one to smoke.
 - c. Christine put a ban on inviting you.
3. *Does she not like me?*
 - a. Does she have a problem with me?
 - b. Do I have a problem with her?
 - c. What is our problem?
4. *I guess you must have thought I was still in Alberta.*
 - a. You probably didn't know I was back.
 - b. You probably knew I was back.
 - c. You should have known I was back.
5. *If only you were a non-smoker, there would be no issue.*
 - a. If you didn't smoke, things would be different.
 - b. If you smoke, you will have a health issue.
 - c. If you don't smoke, you will be invited.
6. *It's nothing like that.*
 - a. It's a different issue.
 - b. It's none of your business.
 - c. It's not what you think.
7. *I don't give a damn.*
 - a. I don't care at all.
 - b. I don't want to give anything.
 - c. I don't mind it too much.
8. *Knock it off, would you.*
 - a. Never mind.
 - b. Let's change the subject.
 - c. Don't mention it.

IN ANOTHER CONTEXT

Practice the following sentence patterns by reading them aloud to the class.
Try to make one new sentence for each pattern using your own words.

Did I do something to
get on your blacklist?
offend Suzie?
cause a problem?
create this mess?

It isn't really
a party.
a meal.
a job.
a gift.

It is more of
a casual get-together.
a light snack.
a personal hobby.
a hand-me-down.

If only you
were a non-smoker,
were over 21,
liked to dance,
had money,

there would be no issue.

You must have thought that
I was still in Alberta.
he stayed at home.
she was my sister.
he would never come back.

You should have
heard it from me
worked for us
come to the party
told me this last night

instead of
(from) Paul.
(for) them.
staying home.
this morning.

CONVERSATION PRACTICE

Practice your skills in patching up after a regrettable incident.

STEP 1 — Continue the situation in lesson 7, where A sold B a used CD burner. B later found this CD burner didn't work and wanted to return it to A. But A had already spent the money on a new CD burner. A suggested that B could come to his place and use the new burner any time he wanted to. B felt he had no other choice but to accept the offer.

STEP 2 — Separate the class into 4 teams. Each team makes up a resolution dialogue between A and B. You can talk about:

- What A or B should have done to prevent this dispute from happening?
- What A could do to make it easier for B when using A's CD burner?
- What B could do to make his visits less trouble for A?
- Any way they could benefit from sharing a CD burner?

*Practice **could/could have**, **should/should have**, **would/would have** and **must/must have** in the dialogue:*

A. Hey, I'm really sorry about this whole thing.

B. Well, it's not all your fault....

A. _____

B. _____

A. _____

B. _____

A. _____

B. _____

A. _____

B. _____

A. _____

B. _____

STEP 3 — Each team send two teammates to take a turn to role-play in front of the class. You have three minutes. The team that gets the most cheers from the class wins.