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Lesson 43: **News Stand**

Conversation Lesson with a Story,
Vocabulary Practice,
Questions and Activities

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The Story

A newsboy was standing on the corner with a stack of papers, yelling, 'Read all about it. Fifty people swindled! Fifty people swindled!' Curious, a man walked over, bought a paper, and checked the front page. What he saw was yesterday's paper. The man said, 'Hey, this is an old paper, where's the story about the big swindle?' The newsboy ignored him and went on calling out, 'Read all about it. Fifty-one people swindled!'

Source: [Best Collection of English Humour](#)



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

1) To **'yell'** means ...

- a) To have yellow colour
- b) to say something in a loud voice, or to make a loud noise because you are angry, afraid, excited, or in pain
- c) to make a loud high cry because you are hurt, frightened, or excited

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

2) To **'swindle'** means ...

- a) to say something that is not true
- b) to move from side to side
- c) to cheat someone in order to get their money

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

3) **'Curious'** means ...

- a) impatient about something
- b) very annoyed
- c) wanting to find out about something

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

4) **'A paper'** here means ...

- a) covering for walls
- b) newspaper
- c) something which you use for wrapping things in

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

5) To '**check**' here means ...

- a) to examine something in order to find out whether it is how it should be
- b) to examine something in order to find out if something is present
- c) to look at pictures in order to get information about something

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Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is funny about this story?
- 2) How did the man react after he found out what had happened?
- 3) How would you react if you were the man?
- 4) Do you ever buy newspapers? Why/why not?

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Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) newsboy
 - b) on the corner
 - c) stock of papers
 - d) swindled
 - e) curious
 - f) walked over

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A Related Proverb

‘Don’t let yesterday use up too much of today.’

- What does the proverb mean?
- Is there a proverb in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

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Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are studying in England and you are **working on a project together with your English speaking classmate**. **Your classmate likes studying in the library** and s/he wants to find the resources for your project in the books there. However, you think that using the internet is better. Try to **convince your classmate** that finding information on the internet has its advantages. Person B will play the role of **your classmate** and **will start** the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Speed*
- *Amount of information*
- *Downloading*
- *Availability*
- *Most recent information*
- *Other*