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Lesson 44: **Shredder**

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

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- The Story
 - Vocabulary Practice
 - Questions for Discussion
 - Activities
 - A Quotable Quote
- Role Play
 - Ideas to Help You

The Story

The new employee stood before the paper shredder looking confused.

‘Need some help?’ a secretary asked.

‘Yes,’ he replied. ‘How does this thing work?’

‘Simple,’ she said, taking the fat report from his hand and feeding it into the shredder.

‘Thanks, but where do the copies come out?’

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



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

- 1) A **'paper shredder'** means ...
- a) a machine that destroys documents by cutting them into long thin pieces
 - b) a machine that copies documents or pictures from one piece of paper to another
 - c) a long thin knife used for opening envelopes

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Story

Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

2) **'Confused'** means ...

- a) extremely frightened
- b) unable to understand something or think clearly about it
- c) very good or interesting

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

3) **'Fat'** here means ...

- a) relating to a very large amount of money
- b) thicker than other objects of the same type
- c) weighing too much

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

4) To '**feed**' here means ...

- a) to give food to
- b) to make a feeling stronger
- c) to push something into machine

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Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is the main (funny) point in this story?
- 2) What do you think will happen next?
- 3) How would you react if you were the secretary / the employee?
- 4) Whose mistake was it?
- 5) How does a paper shredder work?

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Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) employee
 - b) paper shredder
 - c) confused
 - d) secretary

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A Quotable Quote

‘The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do.’

B. F. Skinner

- What does the quote ‘say’?
- Do you know a similar saying in your mother tongue?

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Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You and your English speaking friend would like to **spend more time together** and so you have decided to start doing a regular activity together. You **would like to join a course**. First you should **agree on a course** and then **talk about the details** of it. Person B will play the role of **your English speaking friend** and **will start** the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *What?*
- *Where?*
- *When?/How often?*
- *How to get there?*
- *How much?*
- *Other*

Possible courses to join:

- *web design*
- *digital photography*
- *dancing*
- *cooking*
- *yoga*
- *other*