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Lesson 51:

Vacuum Cleaner

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

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

The Story

A man selling vacuum cleaners appeared at the door of an old lady's cottage and, without allowing the woman to speak, rushed into the living room and threw a large bag of dirt all over her clean carpet. He said, 'If this new magical cleaner doesn't pick up every bit of dirt, I'll eat it.'

The woman, who by this time was losing her patience, said, 'Sir, if I had enough money to buy that, I would have paid my electricity bill before they cut it off. Now, what would you prefer, a spoon or a knife and fork?'

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

1) A '**cottage**' is a ...

- a) kind of shop
- b) small house in the country
- c) very big expensive house
- d) kind of car

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

2) To '**rush**' means to ...

- a) drive slowly
- b) talk rapidly
- c) move quickly
- d) walk heavily

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

3) To '**cut off**' here means to ...

- a) remove by cutting
- b) make by cutting
- c) disconnect
- d) pay the bill

Questions for Discussion

- 1) Why did the man throw the bag of dirt over the carpet?
- 2) Why should the man choose either a spoon or a knife and fork?
- 3) What do you think the man will do the next time he wants to sell something?

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Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) vacuum cleaner
 - b) appear (at the door)
 - c) lose (sb's) patience
 - d) electricity bill
 - e) knife and fork

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A French Proverb

‘Write injuries in sand, kindness in marble.’

- What does the proverb ‘say’?
- 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 your school is organizing a **project called 'Healthy lifestyle'**. Your class will be **contributing to this project**. Your **topic is 'Healthy eating habits'**. Together with your English speaking classmate **you should discuss which activities would be interesting** for the students. In the end, you should **agree on two or three activities**. 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:

- *How to cook healthy? (workshop school canteen)*
- *Bad eating habits (presentation)*
- *Healthy food (workshop – creating a poster)*
- *On a diet (lecture about new dieting trends)*
- *To be or not to be a vegetarian (discussion)*
- *Other*