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# Lesson 54: **Book Sale**

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

# Content

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

# The Story

‘I may want to read it again one day’ is the reason why my husband keeps every book he reads. Over 25 years most of them, never opened again after the first reading, have accumulated in our cellar. One day, however, thinking he’d never notice their absence, I donated most of them to a charity book sale. As I stood admiring the empty cellar, I heard Frank call to me, ‘I’m home early so I can get to the book sale before it closes.’

While he was gone, I prepared for the worst. But when he arrived home empty-handed, I asked him if there had been any books that interested him. ‘Yes, there were lots of good ones,’ he replied, ‘but I’ve got them all.’

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 1) To **'accumulate'** here means to ...
- a) become more
  - b) sell sth
  - c) read a book
  - d) become useless

# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

2) **'Cellar'** is ...

- a) a room in a hotel
- b) an underground room
- c) a very large building
- d) a big shelf for books

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 3) To '\_\_\_\_\_' means to make a gift of something, especially for a good purpose ...
- a) admire
  - b) call to
  - c) donate
  - d) notice

# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

4) **'Charity'** means ...

- a) some books which are no longer needed
- b) help for people who are poor or in trouble
- c) an organization for selling books
- d) a group of people living together

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# Questions for Discussion

- 1) Does Frank have the books now? Where are they?
- 2) Do you think it is a good idea to keep the books after reading them? Discuss.
- 3) What do you think Frank will do when he understands what has happened?
- 4) How would you describe Frank's wife?

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# Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
  - a) accumulate
  - b) cellar
  - c) notice
  - d) absence
  - e) donate
  - f) charity
  - g) admire
  - h) empty-handed

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# A Related Proverb

**‘Genius is one precent inspiration  
and ninety-nine percent perspiration.’**

***Edison***

- What does the quote ‘say’? Discuss.
- How does the quote refer to the story?
- Do you know any other sayings about being a genius?

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# Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are **studying in England** and your school would like to **take part in a charity project**. **Your teacher** has asked you to **help him/her decide** in which project to participate. You should **discuss the advantages and disadvantages** of the different projects and then **agree on at least one** that would be appropriate. Person B will play the role of **your teacher** and **will start** the conversation.



## Role Play:

# Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Child sponsorship*
- *Volunteer work in an animal shelter*
- *Adopting an animal from the ZOO*
- *Taking and selling photographs to raise money for a children's home in the nearby town*
- *Organizing free PC courses for senior citizens*
- *Other*