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# Lesson 59:

## Rational Dispute

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

# Content

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

# The Story

A young housewife told me: *‘My husband and I never argue, no matter how angry we may be. Instead we sit down and rationally discuss both sides of the dispute. Then I make a list of all the crockery I intend to smash.’*

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

1) **'Rationally'** here means ...

- a) silently
- b) angrily
- c) not foolishly
- d) very quickly

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

2) **'Dispute'** here means ...

- a) fight
- b) wife
- c) list
- d) talk

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

3) **'Crockery'** here means ...

- a) paper money
- b) ice-cream
- c) cups, plates, etc.
- d) washing machine

# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 4) To **'smash'** here means to...
- a) write something down
  - b) clean something in hot water
  - c) drop something and break it
  - d) put something back

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# Questions for Discussion

- 1) What do you think of the couple?
- 2) Why should the lady smash crockery?
- 3) Do you know a better way to settle a dispute?
- 4) Do you get on well with your parents/brother/sister?
- 5) How do you get on with your classmates?

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# Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
  - a) rationally
  - b) dispute
  - c) crockery
  - d) intend
  - e) smash

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# A Related Proverb

**‘Empty vessels make the most noise.’**

- 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 and your **English speaking girlfriend/boyfriend** would like to **visit a cultural event** together. First, you should **choose a cultural event** and then **talk about the details** of it. Person B will play the role of **your English speaking girlfriend/boyfriend** and **will start the conversation**.



# Role Play:

## Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

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

Possible places to go:

- *Exhibition in an art gallery*
- *Concert*
- *Theatre*
- *Other*