

INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDELAVAINI

Lesson 62: **Beggar Replacement**

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

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The Story

The doorbell rang, and the housewife answered it. She found two beggars outside. 'So, you're begging in twos now?!' she exclaimed.

'No, only for today,' one of them replied. 'I'm showing my replacement the ropes before going on holiday.'

Source: The Internet TESL Journal



- 1) A 'beggar' is a person who ...
 - a) sells food and clothes
 - b) has no money
 - c) asks for money
 - d) does the housework

- 2) To 'exclaim' means to ...
 - a) say something kindly
 - b) say something suddenly and loudly
 - c) walk quickly
 - d) look angrily

- 3) A '_____' is a person that you put in place of yourself or another.
 - a) beggar
 - b) rope
 - c) housewife
 - d) replacement

- 4) 'Ropes' here means ...
 - a) the rules and customs in a place or activity
 - b) pieces of strong thick cord
 - c) people you probably meet in a special place
 - d) houses which are expensive

Questions for Discussion

- 1) This joke is telling us something about beggars' life. What is it?
- 2) Do you know a joke or a true story about beggars?
- 3) How would you feel/react if there was a beggar at your door?
- 4) Do you think begging on the streets should be banned? Why / Why not?

Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) beggar
 - b) exclaim
 - c) reply

- d) replacement
- e) ropes
- f) only for today

A Related Proverb

'A man is known by the company he keeps.'

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

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Story

A Related Proverb

'A man is known by the company he keeps.'

- i.e. A person tends to associate with people who are like him or her.
- If you want to know what kind of person
 George is, look at his friends. A man is known
 by the company he keeps.

Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

Your class would like to take part in an exchange programme in England, but you have no information about it. You have to visit an International Exchange Agency to find out some details about possible exchange programmes. First you should choose a programme to take and then talk about the details of it. Person B is going to play the role of the English travel agent and will start the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- Programme
- When (date/length)
- Number of people
- Accommodation
- Trips/Activities/Excursions
- Other