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Lesson 64: **A Soldier's Lie**

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

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 - A Related Proverb
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The Story

Once a soldier asked his commanding officer for a day's leave to attend his sister's wedding.

The officer asked him to wait outside the door for a few minutes while he considered the request.

The officer then called the soldier back in and said: 'You are a liar. I've just phoned your sister and she told me she's already married.'

'Well, sir, you're an even bigger liar,' the soldier replied, 'because I don't even have a sister.'

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

- 1) **'Leave'** here means ...
- a) going out from a place
 - b) one part of a tree
 - c) permission to be absent from work
 - d) asking a person for some money

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Story

Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

2) To '**attend**' here means ...

- a) take care of
- b) pay for
- c) be present at
- d) look at

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

3) To '**consider**' here means ...

- a) think about
- b) ask somebody
- c) call somebody
- d) arrange something

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

4) **'Request'** means ...

- a) necessary for a particular purpose
- b) a long difficult search
- c) an act of asking for something in a polite or formal way
- d) A set of questions for getting information about what people think or do

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

5) A **'liar'** is someone who ...

- a) tames lions
- b) is good at telling stories
- c) does not tell the truth
- d) helps people with legal advice and services

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Questions for Discussion

- 1) Why did the soldier tell the officer a lie?
- 2) Why did the officer tell the soldier a lie?
- 3) What do you think will happen next?
- 4) Do you ever lie to your parents/friends?
Why/Why not?
- 5) What qualities do you look for in a friend?

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Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) commanding officer
 - b) wait outside
 - c) consider the request
 - d) Call the soldier back.
 - e) You are a liar!
 - f) She's already married.

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A Related Proverb

‘One foot cannot stand on two boats.’

Chinese proverb

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

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A Related Proverb

‘One foot cannot stand on two boats.’

- It simply means that you cannot row two boats at the same time, i.e. a man cannot serve two masters or cannot go two ways at the same time.

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Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You want to attend your **sister's/brother's wedding** and you need to **ask** your boss **for a day's leave**.

Talk about the details of the event.

Person B is going to play **the role of your boss** and **will start the conversation**.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Day off*
- *When*
- *Where to go*
- *Reasons to go*
- *Other*

Useful Vocabulary: **WEDDING**

- bride / groom
- newly married couple
- get married (to sb.)
- wedding ceremony
- wedding reception
- wedding journey / honeymoon trip
- witness

Useful Vocabulary: **DAY OFF**

- be off work
- day off
- work overtime / work shifts / work part-time
- holiday
- (one day's) leave (n.)

Asking for permission – formal style