

# Lesson 1 Reading and Speaking

Unit 1 Bridging the gap



# What is 'to bridge the gap'?

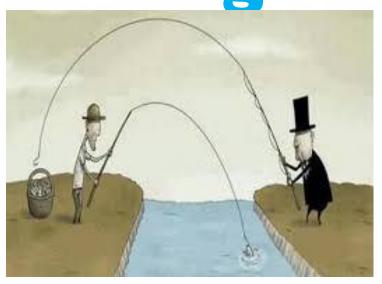


 to reduce the differences that separate two things or groups



# What kind of gap can we 'bridge'?













# ...between

- •the person I am and the person I want to be
- healthy food and delicious food
- rich and poor
- knowledge and practice
- education and employment
- East and West



# (un)reliable

• If you describe a person, machine, or method as unreliable, you mean that you cannot trust them.

'I didn't really like her last boyfriend - he was very unreliable, and they were forever breaking up and getting back together again'.

My phone battery is really unreliable.

Word family: reliable (adj), reliability (n)
a reliable worker / a friendly and reliable taxi driver
These machines were known for their <u>poor reliability</u>.
We need <u>to increase the reliability of</u> our delivery system.



UNRELIABLE SAUCES

# break up

• If a marriage breaks up or two people in a romantic relationship break up, their marriage or their relationship ends.

Jenny and George <u>have broken up</u>.

She's just broken up with her boyfriend.

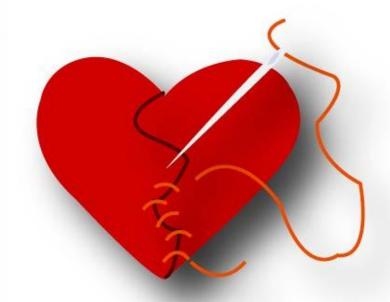


# get back together

• if two people who ended their romantic relationship get back together, they start having a relationship with each other again

I kept hoping we would get back together.

WE ARE NEVER EVER GETTING BACK TOGETHER.



## frustrated

 someone who is frustrated feels angry or upset because something is stopping them doing what they are trying to do

'He tries his best, but then he'll <u>get</u> <u>frustrated</u> and break into Italian, and Molly and I get very confused!'

### **Collocates:**

- frustrated at/about/with something
- feel frustrated
- become/get frustrated

I'm getting increasingly <u>frustrated with</u> the health service.

### **Word Family**

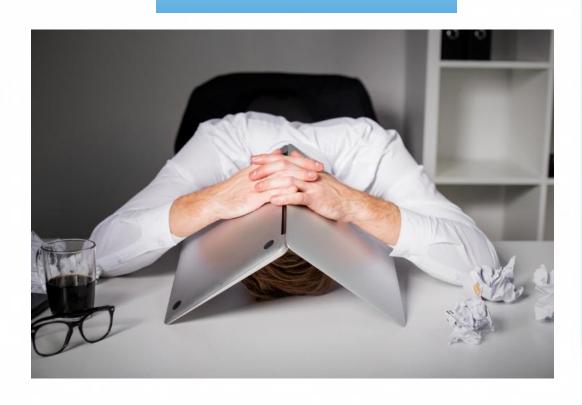
Verb: frustrate

**Adjective:** 

(extremely/incredibly)

frustrating

**Noun:** frustration (at)



# (ir)responsible

 done or said without thinking of the possible results of your actions or words

irresponsible behaviour/decisions
It was irresponsible of you to leave her alone

• not sensible or able to be trusted to behave in a reasonable way 'She'll start telling me how all teenagers today are irresponsible.' an irresponsible driver



# march (v,n)

 a walk by a group of soldiers in which each person matches the speed and movements of the others

'She used to go on peace marches and campaign to ban the bomb.'

They made us march for hours.

He told the sergeant to march us for another five miles.

The march of progress will never end.

We are all part of the march of history.



# campaign (v,n)



• a series of actions intended to produce political or social change an advertising/marketing campaign an election campaign a literacy/recruitment/anti-drug campaign

My boss wants me to run our social media campaign.

- campaign for/against: Local people have <u>launched a campaign against</u> the hospital's closure.
- campaign to do something: There's been a campaign by local fishermen to ban imported cod.

# Complete the sentences about you.

- •1) The most unreliable person is my...
- •2) I'd break up with a person if...
- •3) I'd get frustrated if...
- •4) The definition of irresponsible behaviour is...
- •5) I'd launch a campaign for/against ...

# HOMEWOR K

•Think of 6 adjectives that describe you best. Make up 6 true statements about yourself and add one false.



