



English Vocabulary Booster

Episode 18

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My parents recently got me a drone. One of those small drones you can control with your phone. My younger brother and I went to the park to play with it. After a while, he asked me to use it so I let him. I get distracted for a second and I hear him scream. Something had hit him in the eye. We went home right away. I knew my parents would **jump to conclusions** and think that it had been me. Maybe not my mom because she doesn't like to **pick sides**, but my dad... As soon as we walked in, my brother screamed 'Look what Rob did to me!'. What **a low blow**! I hadn't done anything. I could see my dad was about to get angry and I knew it was either **sink or swim**. I took out my phone and played the video from the park, while everybody watched. There it was... my brother flying the drone... suddenly losing control and then BAM!, the thing flew right into his face! He finally **stepped up to the plate** and admitted he'd only accused me because he was jealous that I had a drone and he didn't! I'd probably be pretty angry with my brother if that video wasn't just so dang funny!



Jump to conclusions - I knew my parents would jump to conclusions.

- If you jump to conclusions, do you judge a situation having all the facts or only some of the facts?
- Do you normally jump to conclusions?

Pick sides - She doesn't like to pick sides.

- If two people are arguing and you pick sides, do you support one of them or both of them?
- If two friends or two family members are having a fight, do you normally pick sides?

A low blow - What a low blow!

- If something you say or do is a low blow, is it kind or unkind?
- And is it fair or unfair?
- Is a low blow something expected or unexpected?
- Can you think of something that someone said or did to you that was a low blow?

Sink or swim - It was either sink or swim.

- If you find yourself in a situation where you can only sink or swim, what are the two possible outcomes of the situations?
- If you're in a situation where it's either sink or swim, can you count on anybody's help?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you were left to sink or swim?

Step up to the plate - He finally stepped up to the plate.

- When do you need to step up to the plate? In a crisis or in a good situation?
- If you step up to the plate, do you accept or deny responsibility?
- Imagine a situation in which it's really cold and nobody in the house wants to go out for food. Is this a crisis? And then imagine you offer to go. Can you say you've stepped up to the plate?
- Is it easy for you to step up to the plate in difficult situations?

