



Coffee and Conversation for ESL Listening



with Donielle and Khrystyna

Episode 38: Coffee Break 5 – Finish the Sentence

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This is another installment of our Coffee Break series featuring a short discussion about a topic, a quick Q&A or a fun game. Show notes are also brief – just focusing on a few key words and phrases used in our discussion that we think may be helpful to explain. In today’s episode, Donielle and Khrystyna are discussing questions where we have encouraged funny or unexpected answers. We hope you enjoy it!

Vocabulary: Words and Phrases Used in the Conversation

live on the edge	take risks or do exciting (sometimes dangerous) things
slash	the keyboard character [/] Used to mean "and/or" in casual speech
backstory	the background or history behind something
mousse	a light and airy cream or custard dessert
nutty	silly or a little crazy in a fun way
a hot mess	informal: something or someone that is in a state of extreme disorder or disorganization
dump cake	a simple dessert where you “dump” ingredients into a pan and bake it
exotic	unusual, interesting, or from far away
gland	a small organ in the body that makes a substance (like the smell in a skunk)
groomer	a person who washes and cuts the hair of pets
Do your thing	a casual way to say, “Go ahead and do what you do best.”
I bet	I am very sure about my guess
in season	when fruits or vegetables are naturally ready to eat
segments	small sections or parts of something, like pieces of citrus fruit
whiff	a quick smell of something
chickpeas	round, beige-colored beans used in salads and other dishes; also called <i>garbanzos</i>
obligatory	something done because it’s expected, not because you want to

Animals mentioned in this conversation:



skunk

small, black and white animal that sprays a bad smell when scared



hedgehog

small, round animal with short legs and spines on its back that curls into a ball when scared



porcupine

large animal with very sharp protective quills on its back

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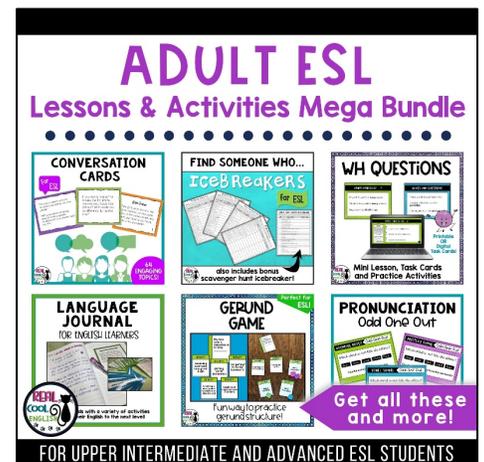
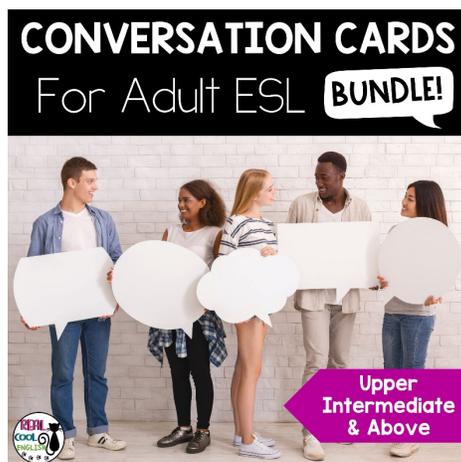
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