EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn some confusing words in English, review false friends, practise expressions for when you don't understand something

Misunderstandings

Icebreaker

- Are you good at understanding situations?
- Have you ever had a misunderstanding with a friend?
- Are you good at understanding people when they speak English?
- Do you find some English words confusing?
- Do you ever mix up your words?
- What do you do when you don't understand?

Activity 1: Read the information about words which are often confused

fun and funny	Both of these are positive adjectives. fun: something that is enjoyable. Something that we enjoy. funny: something that makes us laugh is funny.	*'Going to the park with friends is fun.'* *'The comedy I saw last night was really funny. I laughed and laughed.'*
lose and loose	These two words are often confused in written English. They have very different meanings. lose is a present tense verb. The simple past and past participle forms are both lost. Lose has two meanings: To no longer possess something because you do not know where it is. Not to win or draw (tie) in a game or sport. To be beaten. Loose: is an adjective which means the opposite of tight. Something which does not fit properly is loose.	*'Try not to lose this key, it's the only one we have.'* *'I always lose when I play tennis against my sister. She's too good.'* *'His shirt is too loose because he is so thin.'*
advise and advice	Both of these have the same meaning. They mean recommend. Advice is the noun form. Advise is the verb form.	*'She never listens to my advice.'* *'I advise you to spend more time planning projects in the future.'*
embarrassed and ashamed	The difference between these two adjectives is that ashamed is a much stronger word. It is used in very serious situations. Embarrassed: to feel uncomfortable in a social situation because of your actions or because of what someone has done to you. Ashamed: to feel guilt or strong embarrassment over your actions.	*'I felt embarrassed when I fell over in the street. Lots of people saw me fall. My face turned red.* *'I am ashamed to tell you that I was arrested by the police*.'
lend and borrow	Both lend and borrow are verbs. Although they are used in the same situation, they are opposites. Lend: to give something to someone. They will give it back to you when they are finished with it. Borrow: to receive or 'get' something from someone for a short period of time.	*'I will lend you my car while I am away on holiday.'* *'Can I borrow your pen, please?'*

Activity 2: Fill the gap with the correct word from the information above

1. I enjoyed the amusement park. It was a lot of ___.
2. Your brother is so ___. How does he remember all those jokes?
3. Be careful with that jar. I think the lid is ___.
4. We don't play cards for money so it doesn't matter if I ___.
5. Can I offer you a piece of ___?
6. The bank will ___ you on which account is best for you.
7. I was ___ when I called my neighbour by the wrong name.
8. I am ___ over my government's treatment of political prisoners.
9. Don't ___ him your pen; you'll never see it again.
10. I tried to ___ my brother's hammer, but he said 'no'

Activity 3: Half a crossword: **Do not prepare at home!**

Each partner can see one of the crosswords on page 5 (at the end of this lesson). Fold the paper so you can only see one! You must give clues to your partner to help them fill in the missing words.
For example:
A: What's 1 down?
B: Something made of wood you use to write with.
A: Pencil?
B: Yes! What's 2 across?
…

Activity 4: French false friends:

Match the words below to their definitions

actually	an educational talk to an audience, especially in a university
journey	a drug or other preparation to prevent disease
lecture	become aware of something, understand clearly
location	begin again or continue after a pause
medicine	moderate, soft – not strong or violent
resume	as the truth or facts of a situation, really
sympathetic	taking care to avoid danger or mistakes
gentle	a place or position
deceive	travelling from one place to another
caution	cause someone to believe something false
realise	successfully reach a desired result
achieve	feeling or expressing pity or sorrow for someone else

Activity five: Funny misunderstandings:
https://www.cartoonstock.com/directory/p/parachute.asp
https://theawkwardyeti.com/
https://www.instagram.com/4amshower/

What do you think these cartoons mean?







Watch the videos and answer the questions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYxe7c1Gm3c

- Who is the patient?
- When can the patient go home?
- What did the doctor say about the fly?
- What did the woman and child think he meant?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CACKFD81EdI

- What did the man have in his hand?

- Why did he drop it?
- What did the old lady say?
- Why were the old lady and the girl shocked?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4SpQqP2zuU

- What is the man doing in his kitchen?
- Why does he have a knife?
- What does the cat do?
- What does the woman think has happened?

Activity six: Useful Expressions

Practise these expressions with your teacher

Polite ways to get someone's attention:

Pardon me…
Excuse me…
(flat intonation)

Expressions for when you don't understand something:

Excuse me?
Pardon?
I'm sorry?
(rising intonation)
Could you repeat that, please?
Could you say that slower, please?
I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.
I'm sorry, I don't understand what _____ means.
Sorry but I don't quite follow you.

Questions for when you need more information:

What do you mean?
Do you mean…?
Could you be more specific, please?
Could you give me an example, please?
Could you say it in another way?

Phrases for when you're clarifying something:

For example…
In other words…
I meant to say…
To put it another way,…

Activity seven: Role plays

With a partner or your teacher, role play the following situations, using the expressions from activity seven

Situation 1
You are in a bank and you want to open a new account. The bank representative is describing the different types of accounts and telling you about online banking. You are not sure you understand his explanation of online banking. Express your lack of understanding and ask for clarification.

Situation 2
You missed an important assignment in one of your university classes. Your professor is telling you about things you can do to improve your grade. But she is not giving a lot of detail and hasn't said how much each thing will raise your grade. Ask her for more information.

Situation 3
You are at a doctor's office telling your doctor about a health problem. Your doctor gives you several suggestions to improve the problem. You think you understand but you want to make sure. Check that you've understood what your doctor has said.

Activity eight: Song gap fill

Baby, do you understand me ___
Sometimes I feel a little mad
But don't you know that no one alive
Can always be an _____
When things go wrong I seem to be bad
But I'm just a soul whose intentions are good
Oh Lord,____ don't let me be misunderstood
Baby, sometimes I'm so carefree
With a joy that's hard to hide
And _____it seems that all I have do is worry
Then you're bound to see my other side
But I'm just a soul whose intentions are ____
Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood
If I seem edgy I want you to ____
That I never mean to take it out on you

Life has it's _____and I get my share
And that's one thing I never meant to do
Because I ____ you
Oh, Oh baby don't you know I'm human
Have thoughts like any other one
Sometimes I find myself long regretting
Some foolish _____some little simple thing I've done
But I'm just a soul whose intentions are good
Oh Lord, please don't let me be _____
Yes, I'm just a soul whose intentions are good
Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood
Yes, I'm just a soul whose intentions are good
Oh_____, please don't let me be misunderstood



HANDOUTS FOR CROSSWORD ACTIVITY THREE



