

Warm Up

Mad Gab is an American board game in which teams compete to solve word puzzles quicker than the other teams. An example of a Mad Gab word puzzle is ***Debt Score Wrecked***.

If you read these three words with the right intonation, or if you read them quickly enough, your partner will hear the correct answer. In this case, the answer is ***That's correct***.

Let's practice one time. Listen to me read these words. What do you hear?

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Often, when native speakers talk, the beginning and end of words blend together making sounds that are hard for non-native speakers to catch. This game is a good way for you to practice not only blending words together and speaking like a native speaker, but also hearing native speech.

Activity

Make small groups. Have each person in your group read each puzzle four or five times. As you listen to your group members, see if you can solve the puzzle. If you can't, that's okay. Just move on to the next puzzle and keep trying.

1. **Ape Hand Hub Hair**
2. **Pretty Shack Scent**
3. **Why Tail Huff Hunt**
4. **Stirring Beak He Knee**
5. **Ache Inks High Sped**
6. **Sick Steamy Knits**
7. **Mike Ranch Healed Wren**
8. **House The Why Fink Its**

Useful Expression

In today's scene, Toros says, *If you think for a second this is gonna be allowed, you're dead wrong*. When we pair the word *dead* with a word like *wrong*, it intensifies the meaning of the word it is modifying. In this case, *dead wrong* means *absolutely wrong, or 100% wrong*.

Some other common expressions that use the word *dead* in a similar way are as follows:

dead ahead	dead broke	dead serious	dead drunk
dead even	dead calm	dead last	dead silent

Activity

With a partner, read the sentences below, and fill in the blanks with the expressions in the chart above.

1. During the sailing race, the sea suddenly went _____. As a result, the race took a lot longer to finish than anyone expected.
2. The whole time the teacher was talking, the student just sat there, staring _____.
3. At the end of the marathon, two runners were _____ when they crossed the finish line.
4. I got _____ with my mates last night. Now I feel horrible.
5. I ran into an old classmate last week that I hadn't seen in years. He was _____ and living on the street. I couldn't believe it.
6. The horse I bet on to win the Kentucky Derby came in _____.
7. He's _____ about his plan to quit his job and travel the world.
8. The room was _____ after the shocking news.

Today's Scene

Prior to today's scene, **Ani**, a young woman who works as a stripper and an escort in New York City, married a young man named **Ivan**. Ivan is the son of **Nikolai Zakharov**, an extremely wealthy Russian oligarch. Ivan's parents do not want their son to be married to a sex worker.

Toros is a man who works for Ivan's father. His job is to keep Ivan out of trouble and to straighten out the many problems that Ivan creates.

Just before today's scene begins, **Toros** and two enforcers (people who use violence to get things done) go to Nikolai Zakharov's house to find out if Ivan has really gotten married. When Toros tells Ivan that Ivan's parents are on their way to the United States to bring him back to Russia, Ivan runs away, leaving Ani behind in his father's house.

Ani doesn't understand the situation and thinks that Toros and his two men are breaking into Ivan's house. As a result, she physically attacks the *enforcers*.

When today's scene begins, Ani has her hands tied behind her back and Toros is telling her that she must divorce Ivan. Let's listen to their conversation and see how it goes.



Role Play

Today's scene gives you plenty of opportunity to try speaking with attitude and anger, so speak with as much attitude and anger as you can.

Ad Lib

We watched today's scene three times, and we did a role play of this scene's dialogue, so we know how Ani and Toros talk to each other when they are being forceful and defensive.

Imagine you are Ani and Toros, and you are both being very kind and polite to each other.

If you are Ani, you still want Toros to leave Ivan's house, and you still refuse to divorce Ivan and give the 4-karat ring he gave you to Toros, but you speak to Toros in a kind and polite way.

If you are Toros, you still want Ani to divorce Ivan, and you still want her to give you the ring that Ivan gave her, but you speak to Ani in a very gentle and polite way.

Please choose one character to role play and try acting out today's scene with compassion and kindness.