UNIT 06. You Don't Say (Lesson1)

- Collocations about meaning
- Making assumptions
- Discussion questions
- Review

1. Collocations about meaning

(1) figure out

- The best way to **figure out** a word you don't know is to explain how and when it is used.
- It was difficult at first but in the end I was able to **figure out** what was going on.

(2) get something across

- Sometimes it's difficult to **get** your **meaning across** with just words.
- Once I could speak the language it was easier to **get** my **point across.**

(3) pass judgment

- It's not fair to **pass judgement** on someone because of how they look.
- I'm here to help you through your difficulties not to **pass judgement.**

(4) make eye contact

- It's important to **make eye contact** with the interviewer during a job interview.
- **Keeping eye contact** while someone is talking to you is important to show that your listening.

(5) avoid eye contact

- It was obvious that he was guilty because he kept **avoiding eye contact.**
- Every time I looked at them they **avoided eye contact**, they just kept looking at the floor.

2. Making assumptions

(1) Seems like vs. seems

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- We use 'seems' and 'looks' to make an assumption.

- It **seems/looks** like 'noun'.
- It **seems/looks like** (that) **they** are having fun.
- They **seem** 'adjective'.
- They **seem fun**.
- They **seem** to 'verb'.
- They **seem** to **be** having fun.

(2) Practice with seems/looks

• Comparing two people you don't know

- He **looks easygoing** but he also **seems like he** is a little disorganised.
- It **seems like she** is professional but she also **looks** somewhat **creative**.

- It **looks like he** is trying to be healthy which he **seems happy** about.

- She **looks like she** is enjoying that food but it **looks like she** might have a problem. She does **seem** to **be** eating too quickly.

3. Discussion questions

Q: Is it important to make eye contact with someone when speaking?

It's definitely important to **make eye contact** with someone while they're speaking to you. Otherwise if you're **avoiding eye contact** then it **seems like** you're not listening to the speaker.

Q: How do you get your meaning across if you can't speak a language well?

In order to **get** my meaning **across** I try to use body language, to try to help them **figure out** what it is that I'm trying to say. Sometimes they **seem** to misunderstand but I always try anyway.

Q: How does the face you show affect your chances of success?

I think the face that someone shows really does **seem** to affect a person chances of success. People often easily **pass judgment** based on **first impressions** even though this it isn't always correct to do so.