UNIT 05. Better Safe than Sorry (Lesson2)

- Idioms about disaster
- Express unexpected results
- Discussion questions
- Review

1. Collocations about disaster

(1) better safe than sorry

- Putting the cup on the edge of the window is just an accident waiting to happen. Put it on the table, it's **better to be safe than sorry.**
- It looked like it was going to rain so I cancelled the picnic. **Better safe than sorry.**

(2) brink of disaster

- The company was on the **brink of disaster**, but since the new management came in, we've been doing well.
- He was pulled back from the **brink of disaster** by his closest friends and family.

(3) a recipe for disaster

- Working way too hard or having too much free time are both a **recipe for disaster.**
- Making decisions without thinking about the consequences is a **recipe for disaster.**

2. Express unexpected results

(1) 'Even though' & 'Although'

- We use 'even though' and 'although' to express an unexpected result.
- In conversation, we can also end the sentence simply with 'though'.

- **Even though** Jack studied hard, he failed the exam.
- Jack failed the exam **even though** he studied hard.
- Jack studied hard. He failed the exam **though.**

(2) Practice unexpected results

- Susan went on a diet.
- She still gained weight.

. - **Although** Susan went on a diet, she still gained weight.
- Susan still gained weight, **although** Susan went on a diet.

- Lisa feels lonely.
- She has a lot of friends.
  - **Even though** Lisa has a lot of friends, she feels lonely.
  - Lisa feels lonely, **even though** she has a lot friends.

(3) Comparing big ideas

- Consumerism (소비지상주의) VS. conservationism (자연보호주의)
- Buying a new car VS. using public transportation
  - **Even though** a new car would be comfortable, it creates a lot of pollution.
  - Taking public transport takes a lot longer though. And **even though** cars create pollution they are convenient.
- Buying vegetables VS growing vegetables
  - **Even though** growing vegetables might be healthier and cheaper, buying vegetables is much easier, takes less time and doesn't really cost that much anyway.

3. Discussion questions

Q: Do you prefer to live carefully or take risks?

Although it's **better to be safe than sorry**, I would rather take risks. Sometimes taking risks can lead to some great benefits **even though** there is a chance that everything can go wrong.

Q: What disasters are possible in your country?

Every summer in the state of Victoria in Australia, the state is on the **brink of disaster**. The combination of **drought**, dry hot summer weather and possibility of forest fires is a **recipe for disaster**. **Even though** everyone takes precautions, people still worry about it.

In Korea we've been having earthquakes in the south and every now and then a typhoon strikes the country. A couple of years ago we also had an **outbreak** of a disease named MERS which put the country **on alert**. Thankfully there wasn't quite an **epidemic** in South Korea.