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## PRE – ASSESSMENT



### PRE 1 – True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.

	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 In Atlanta, a man's home was torn down by accident.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The man who demolished the home works for a Russian-based company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 I have these dreams of going back and buying the old houses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 The moral of the story is that whatever you're doing, if someone says you're doing something wrong, maybe double check.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned in the audio in 3-5 sentences using at least 3 vocabularies from the article.

## 01

## Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar** with or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.

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- 00:00 In Atlanta, a woman's home was **torn down** by accident, and now she's looking for answers, but she's not getting them. It all started when Susan Hodson got a call from a neighbor.
- 00:14 The neighbor: Did you hire someone to demolish your home because it's getting demolished?
- 00:20 Susan: "No, I did not hire someone to demolish my home. (Now, keep in mind that the home had been vacant for many years, and she had been paying the property taxes on it, claiming it had been **boarded up**).
- 00:32 They had been maintaining the landscaping around the home; **apparently**, the home has been in the family for many, many years. She didn't want to get rid of it, but no one was living in it. Luckily, at that point, the neighbor went over to confront the worker.
- 00:49 The individual **demoing** this home, who replied in a **harsh** tone, "He told her to shut up and **mind your own business.**" At that point, she decides to **hit up** one of her family members to go see what the hell is going on, and this is where things get crazy, so my family member said, Well, I want to see a permit or something, and the guy pulled it out and said, "Oh, I'm at the wrong address, and he just packs everything up and leaves" and the house is just gone.
- 01:42 Susan has filed a police report, she's getting some lawyers involved who's trying to **figure out** what's going on with the man. The man who demolished the home works for an Atlanta-based company called We Haul It, which is great, and we sent the wrong house to pieces, but I just love how **indifferent** the guy was. It's like, Let me see the permit. Oh, it looks like I demolished the wrong home. I'm going to **pack it up** and go home now. Even though that was a mistake on his part, no look at the **arrogance**. In the beginning is the problem, right? Hey brother, when somebody tells you you're demolishing your own home, maybe double check. Meanwhile, he's like, let's roll the you know **wrecking ball** here, and somebody comes up and says, "Hey, brother, it's the wrong house." The other mistake that he made is when he finally realized he was at the wrong address. If you think about what the correct answer is, you know what? I actually have someone who's going to tell you what happened here, everybody knows you **screwed it up**.

03:03

Susan **obviously** wants answers. At first, she wasn't really getting any, but in a statement, the company said that it is investigating and working to **resolve the mess**. They literally destroyed her home now. With that, I have a somewhat **controversial** state statement to make, I guess. I mean, I don't even think it should be controversial. Just think about this **in your own context**. I don't think that it's okay to just leave a **vacant** home in the neighborhood and like **board it up** like that it makes the neighborhood look **terrible** and it's not fair to your neighbors so if you're not interested in living in the home if you're not renting the home out then how about you sell the home and call it a day like I get that it's been in the family for many years but it had been sitting vacant .I don't want to have a home with boarded up windows and doors in my neighborhood that looks terrible yeah to be fair then they paid all their bills and they would have the the lawn **tended to** and made sure that it didn't fall into **disrepair** but it was boarded up and so that does give you some context to the story too and it attracts. It looks like a boarded-up home. I know from personal experience that it attracts crime.



04:19

It's a sign to people who want to find their next **drug den** to break in and do their drugs, and what ends up happening, at least in the context, is that within a month that house burst down, like I'm keeping it real, so I have a proposed **compromise** solution.

04:36

First of all, when you board up the house, you're basically saying to people, Look here, this is empty, right? I wouldn't do that. Find a neighbor or something or a friend in the neighborhood and have them come **check in on it** once a month. Make sure whatever the number you're comfortable with, you pay them a small amount, you know, and especially if they live nearby, it's not going to be a big deal and they're going to have access to your house. That's a slight **downside**, but it's a lot better than boarding it up, drawing attention, and having it be kind of a **bland** neighborhood. On the other hand, I love the idea of you keeping it, like I have these dreams of going back and buying the old houses I lived in **hilarious** fantasies. I should be so lucky to be able to buy one of them back, and having said that, I get the **urge**. That's my family home; that's the home I grew up in. I love that home, which, by the way, makes the story even more tragic because that's the home that they just **smashed to pieces**. So to me, the **moral of the story** is that whatever you're doing, if someone says you're doing something wrong, maybe double check.

## 02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

<b>A fantasies</b>	<b>1</b>	_____	used to describe something that appears to be true based on what is known
<b>B urge</b>	<b>2</b>	_____	to show something and explain how it works
<b>C compromise</b>	<b>3</b>	_____	a particular time when an event or circumstance occurred, as opposed to "now"
<b>D hilarious</b>	<b>4</b>	_____	an attitude of superiority manifested in an overbearing manner
<b>E apparently</b>	<b>5</b>	_____	giving rise or likely to give rise to public disagreement
<b>F arrogance</b>	<b>6</b>	_____	to cover a window or door with thin, flat pieces of wood
<b>G at that point</b>	<b>7</b>	_____	an agreement in an argument in which the people change their opinion in order to agree
<b>H controversial</b>	<b>8</b>	_____	extremely funny and causing a lot of laughter
<b>I demoing</b>	<b>9</b>	_____	a pleasant situation that you enjoy thinking about but is unlikely happen
<b>J moral</b>	<b>10</b>	_____	a strong wish, especially one that is difficult or impossible to control

## 02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

compromise

urge

apparently

fantasies

demoing

at that point

controversial

moral

hilarious

arrogance

- 1** I love the idea of you keeping it, like I have these dreams of going back and buying the old houses I lived in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. I should be so lucky to be able to buy one of them back, and having said that, I get the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2** Even though that was a mistake on his part, no look at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3** I'm keeping it real, so I have a proposed \_\_\_\_\_ solution.
- 4** I have a somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ state statement to make, I guess.
- 5** \_\_\_\_\_, the home has been in the family for many, many years. She didn't want to get rid of it, but no one was living in it. Luckily, \_\_\_\_\_, the neighbor went over to confront the worker, the individual \_\_\_\_\_ this home.
- 6** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the story is that whatever you're doing, if someone says you're doing something wrong.

## 03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 What will you do if someone mistakenly demolishes your house?

2 Can you give me some requirements before demolishing the house?

3 If your house is mistakenly demolished, how do you feel?

## 04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

### FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

WORD	01
+ example	

### INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

WORD	01
+ example	

### DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

WORD	01
how can I understand better + example	

WORD	02
+ example	

WORD	02
+ example	

WORD	02
how can I understand better + example	

## You need to break it first before you re-build it into something better.

### Notes

[1] <b>screwed it up</b>	to make a mistake or spoil something
[2] <b>figure it out</b>	to think about it thoroughly and understand it
[3] <b>hit up</b>	to ask (someone) for something
[4] <b>torn down</b>	destroy or remove it completely
[5] <b>break in</b>	to interrupt or disturb something
[6] <b>wrecking ball</b>	something or someone that is very destructive

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



#### KEY ANSWERS

##### A1

1I 2J 3G 4H 5A 6D 7F 8C 9E 10B

##### A2

1 hilarious, fantasies, urge  
2 arrogance  
3 compromise  
4 controversial  
5 apparently, at that point, demoing  
6 moral

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