







#### INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

# Lesson 61: Wedding Gifts

Conversation Lesson with a Story,
Vocabulary Practice,
Questions and Activities

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- The Story
  - Vocabulary Practice
  - Questions for Discussion
  - Activities
  - A Related Proverb
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  - Ideas to Help You
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# The Story

Jack and his bride were opening their wedding gifts. After unwrapping each package, Lisa would exclaim enthusiastically, 'We really need these towels!' or 'We'll enjoy eating off these pretty plates!' Then she opened one very large box. It contained a vacuum cleaner.

'Jack,' Lisa said, 'look what you've got!'

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- 1) **'Bride'** is ...
  - a) money or a present given to someone so that they will help you by doing something dishonest or illegal
  - b) a road that goes over a river, and the structure that supports it
  - c) a woman on her wedding day
  - d) a man on his wedding day

- 2) To 'unwrap' means to ...
  - a) fasten
  - b) break
  - c) open
  - d) write

- 3) 'Package' means ...
  - a) plate
  - b) parcel
  - c) room
  - d) book

- 4) 'Enthusiastic' means ...
  - a) quite angry
  - b) indifferent
  - c) with great interest
  - d) showing disliking

- 5) Another word for 'vacuum cleaner' is ...
  - a) electric fan
  - b) cleaning machine
  - c) hoover
  - d) electric machine

### **Questions for Discussion**

- 1) What is funny about this story?
- 2) Who do you think should use the vacuum cleaner? Why?
- 3) What housework do you help your mother with?
- 4) Do your (grand)parents ask what you would like to get before they buy you a present?
- 5) What was the best gift you had ever got?
- 6) Do you like shopping for presents? Why (not)?

### **Activities**

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
  - a) wedding gifts
  - b) unwrap a package
  - c) exclaim enthusiastically
  - d) these towels
  - e) vacuum cleaner

### A Related Proverb

'Cut your coat according to your cloth.'

- What does the proverb 'say'?
- Is there a proverb in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

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### A Related Proverb

'Cut your coat according to your cloth.'

 If you 'cut your coat according to your cloth', you only buy things that you have sufficient money to pay for.

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# Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are staying in England and you are sharing a flat with your English speaking friend. S/he doesn't like household chores and would like to hire someone to do them. S/he would like to share the cost with you. However, you do not like this idea very much. Discuss the (dis)advantages and try to convince her/him that doing the chores yourselves is better. Person B will play the role of your English speaking friend and will start the conversation.



#### Role Play:

### Ideas to Help You

#### The following ideas may help you:

- Costs
- Who?
- How often?
- Access to the flat
- Personal things
- Other