

LESSON PLAN

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EMPTY POCKETS



SHORT STORY

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Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	 To practice a. making use of contextual clues to determine meaning of descriptive words (action verbs, adjectives and adverbs) b. identifying tone and mood of text 	
Warmer	 Teacher arranges students into small groups. Teacher instructs students to plan a shopping spree with a specific budget (teacher can decide on any amount). Each group needs to make a shopping list in 1 minute. Teacher elicits responses from each group and gets the class to decide if they are thrifty or extravagant shoppers. Teacher leads into the topic of the day. 	5mins
Pre-reading	 Teacher distributes Task 1 to each group. Without referring to the article, students complete the paragraphs with the words provided. Teacher elicits responses from each group. 	7mins
While-Reading	 Teacher gets students to scan for the answers from the article for Task 1. Teacher confirms answers with the students. Next, each group needs to select two representatives: one to read a paragraph aloud from Task 1 and another to act out what is read. Teacher can allocate each group with different paragraphs. Tell students to pay attention to the descriptive words as they act (action verbs, adjectives and adverbs). Next, teacher distributes Task 2. Students work with their partners to match each statement to the correct mood and tone. Teacher checks answers. 	15mins
Post-reading	 Teacher goes through the 'Easy Budget Planner' on page 58 with students. Students work on their budget planning on page 59 and share with others in their groups. 	8mins
Wrap	1. Teacher facilitates whole class discussion to wrap up lesson.	5mins

TASK 1

Read each paragraph below and fill in the blanks with the words provided.

1.	on the lig	As	s soon as sh to the flo the car k ally,		he let them c ey bowl, her coat of	off her heels,
	switched			walked took		
2.	the week the dining herself. The of her din	before and g table. It w he placema iing room a	I carefully _ vould be a l ats nd Mandy _ up the res	ovely dinner, s was pleased st of the shopp	she the no	ew ones around to the colour scheme over to le of envelopes
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3.	the count purse, amount o before. Sh	er, Mandy of change. It ne age girl at th	t was empt	wn to the coffe and t and y. She had for	ee shop arour I gotten to with dit card to pay	od the corner. At out her for the right ndraw cash the day y for her breakfast. a few moments,

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4	. Mandy _		h	ome that	day, tire	d and exha	usted. Sh	е
			off her coa	at and		0	n the ligh	its. The
	lights w	ould not com	ne on. The	heating	system di	d not work	and the	house
	was cold. Mandy had never so down. She							
			_a candle.	Then, in	the flicke	ring light, s	she saw t	he new
	placema	ats on the tal	ole, the de	corations	on the w	all that ha	d been	
			_countless	s times, t	he scente	d candles t	hat	
			_ the she	lves, the	expensive	electronic	gadgets	and the
	overprio	ed furniture	•		into	her room	, she saw	the
	countless number of jackets, dresses, bags and shoes – they all seemed so				ied so			
	unneces	sary now th	at her poc	kets were	e empty.			
	switched		walking		lit		went	
		changed		took		felt		lined
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TASK 2

Read the statements below and put them under the correct mood and tone.

- a. Her palms grew cold and her heart froze for a moment or two.
- b. She picked up the phone countless of times only to put it down again.
- c. Mandy had never felt so down.
- d. She smiled, looking around at her tastefully furnished apartment.
- e. "My next salary is coming soon. It's going to be fine."
- f. She didn't go out for lunch with her colleagues because she was too ashamed to borrow money from them.
- g. Walking into her room, she saw the countless number of jackets, dresses, bags, and shoes – they all seemed so unnecessary now that her pockets were empty.
- h. It would be a lovely dinner, she thought to herself.
- i. She stood frozen at the cash machine, facing her reality.
- j. If she did go over her credit card limits, she would pinch some money from the savings account her mother had set up for her.
- k. She had not spoken to her mother for a long time and was not sure how to approach the subject of asking for money now.
- I. Her cheeks turning bright red when she saw the long line of customers behind her who were watching wide-eyed.

Mood and Tone
1. Satisfied
2. Anxious
3. Distressed
4. Guilty
5. Embarrassed
6. Imprudent

ANSWERS

Task 1

- The nine shopping bags swayed clumsily as Mandy walked. As soon as she got home, she let them drop to the floor, kicked off her heels, threw the car keys into the key bowl, switched on the lights, and finally, took her coat off. She smiled, looking around at her tastefully furnished apartment.
- 2. She tossed aside the placemats she had bought the week before and carefully placed the new ones around the dining table. It would be a lovely dinner, she thought to herself. The placemats fitted right in with the colour scheme of her dining room and Mandy was pleased. Bending over to pick up the rest of the shopping bags, a pile of envelopes caught her attention.
- 3. She rushed down to the coffee shop around the corner. At the counter, Mandy ordered and took out her purse, unzipped it and looked for the right amount of change. She pulled out a credit card to pay for her breakfast. The teenage girl at the counter swiped it. In a few moments, an error buzz sounded. The credit card did not work.
- 4. Mandy went home that day, tired and exhausted. She took off her coat and switched on the lights. The lights would not come on. They heating system did not work and the house was cold. Mandy had never felt so down. She lit a candle. Then, in the flickering light, she saw the new placemats on the table, the decorations on the wall that had been changed countless times, the scented candles that lined the shelves, the expensive electronic gadgets and the overpriced furniture. Walking into her room, she saw countless number of jackets, dresses, bags and shoes they all seemed so unnecessary now that her pockets were empty.

Task 2

- 1. Satisfied (d, h)
- 2. Anxious (a, i)
- 3. Distressed (c, g)
- 4. Guilty (b, k)
- 5. Embarrassed (f, I)
- 6. Imprudent (e, j)