

UNIT 22 AT A COED UNIVERSITY



Target
Vocabulary

Noun:	opinion, counterpart, excuse, shyness, weakness
Adjective:	embarrassed, hesitant, recent, frustrated, coed, settled
Adverb:	constantly, loudly, repeatedly, noisily
Verb:	appear, remind, emerge, interpret, mimic, admonish
Phrasal Verb:	take over, stand by, put off (1), put off (2), tell off

While working with young college women in a **coed** university, I found I had to **constantly** encourage the women to speak up, as they **appeared embarrassed** to voice their **opinions** in English in front of their male **counterparts**. They called themselves “shy” and spoke in soft **hesitant** voices, but outside the classroom they proved to be anything but shy. Tired of their **excuses**, I **reminded** them that **shyness** was often **interpreted** as **weakness** by English speakers, so they should try to speak **loudly** and clearly when giving their opinions. At the start of class one day, I asked what the students thought about a **recent** event that had been in the news. One woman, whom I had **repeatedly** asked to speak up, moved her lips as if she were answering me, but no sound **emerged**. I asked her to repeat, since some of the men in class were still **noisily** getting **settled**. She again **mimicked** speech, but I could hear nothing. **Frustrated**, I **admonished** her for forcing me to ask a third time. She hesitated, then stated in a clear voice loud enough for all to hear, “I’m sorry but your blouse is unbuttoned in the front!”

I. Read the passage carefully and circle the choice which is the closest in meaning to the word given.

1. “constantly” in line 2 means

- A. relatively
- B. continually
- C. mutually

3. “hesitant” in line 4 means

- A. unsure
- B. loud
- C. cheerful

2. “embarrassed” in line 2 means

- A. willing
- B. reliable
- C. shy

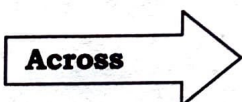
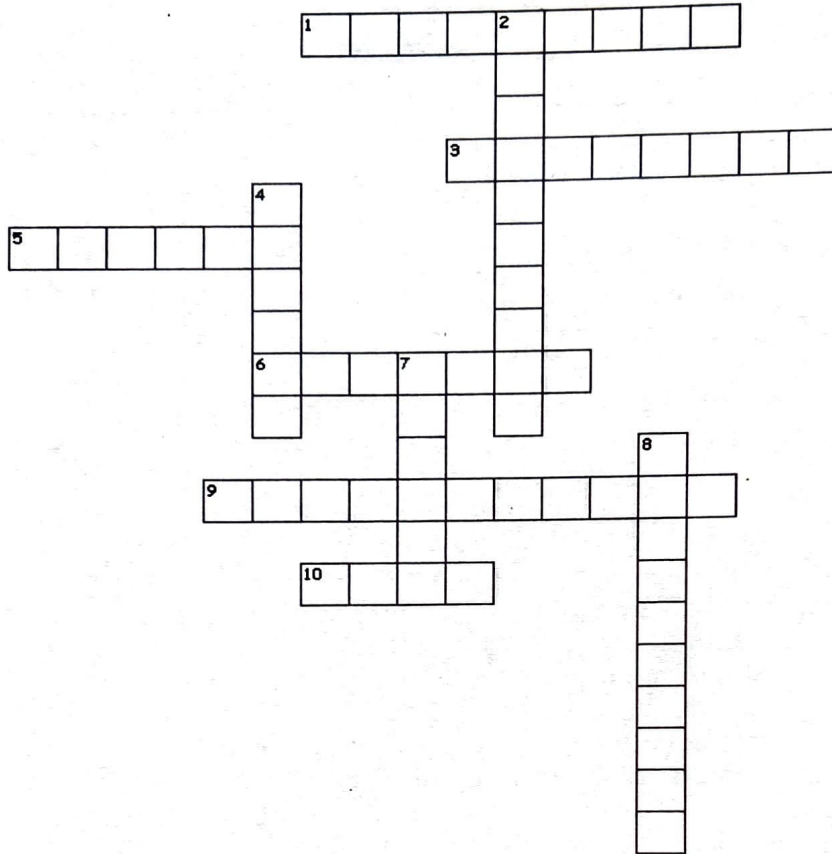
4. “emerged” in line 10 means

- A. disappeared
- B. came out
- C. answered

5. "admonished" in line 12 means

- A. criticized
- B. congratulated
- C. thanked

II. Do the puzzle with the help of the clues below. Use the words in bold from the passage.



- 1. to explain the meaning of something
- 3. a fault in someone's character
- 5. a reason that you invent to explain an action
- 6. making a lot of noise
- 9. someone or something that has the same job or purpose as someone or something else in a different place
- 10. using a system in which students of both sexes are educated together

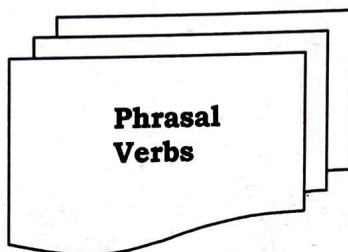


- 2. many times
- 4. current
- 7. to become quiet and calm
- 8. feeling annoyed, upset, and impatient, because you cannot control or change a situation, or achieve something

III. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the list below making changes if necessary.

shyness	remind	opinion	loudly	appear
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- Differences in _____ should be tolerated and not lead to hatred.
- Thank you for _____ me to send the e-mail to the staff informing them of the meeting; I had totally forgotten about it.
- Our neighbours next door were arguing so _____ that it was impossible for me not to hear what they were saying.
- It is interesting that she attracts boys because of her _____.
- Writing the exercise book _____ to take longer than I have anticipated.



tell off:	speak angrily to someone who has done something wrong
put off (1):	delay an event or arrangement until a later date
put off (2):	discourage, or distract, (someone) from doing something
stand by:	keep to an agreement
take over:	gain control of; assume responsibility for, or control of, (something or a situation) from someone else

IV. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the list above making changes if necessary.

- My brother _____ the manager's job from his boss when he retired.
- The company agreed to _____ its original commitment.
- Our neighbour _____ his son _____ for breaking a window with his football.
- I tried to read, but the noise from the television _____ me _____ and I had to stop and sleep.
- When Jennifer saw the huge pile of dirty dishes in the kitchen, she decided to _____ the washing-up until the next day.

MINI TEST

1. **The movie, recently being shot in New Zealand, will be ---- in theatres this summer.**
A) reminding B) appearing
C) mimicking D) admonishing
E) establishing
2. **A new study shows that many of the species ---- after the last ice age period.**
A) emerged B) interpreted
C) reminded D) imprisoned
E) admonished
3. **The committee ---- the denial of the defendant as a sign of his guilt.**
A) mimicked B) interpreted
C) appeared D) occurred
E) reminded
4. **Earth's climate is ---- changing; the Earth's temperature has remarkably increased in the 20th century.**
A) originally B) loudly
C) deliberately D) prematurely
E) constantly
5. **Although I don't share his ---- on politics, I respect him greatly for his vast knowledge.**
A) excuse B) opinion
C) shyness D) weakness
E) counterpart
6. **The Foreign Affairs Minister had a meeting with his European ---- to talk about the war against terrorism.**
A) opinions B) weaknesses
C) counterparts D) excuses
E) barriers
7. **Men see illness as a(n) ----; the vast majority of men have a negative attitude towards showing their illness to others.**
A) counterpart B) excuse
C) opinion D) shyness
E) weakness
8. **Students should not be ---- to ask questions because, in order to learn thoroughly, they should know every detail they are curious about.**
A) frustrated B) loud
C) settled D) hesitant
E) recent
9. **I was ---- to say that I was scared of the rollercoaster; therefore I had to have a ride with them.**
A) frustrated B) embarrassed
C) mere D) recent
E) constant
10. **Could you please ---- the reception while I make myself a cup of coffee?**
A) take over B) tell off
C) put off D) keep out
E) come about