

Who is responsible and why?

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Level: Intermediate to advanced (**adults**)

Aims: Speaking reading and Writing.

Time: 60 min

Procedure:

1. **Speaking:** Write down on the board these questions (might be useful to have the questions on index cards).

Do you think that being alone is a good reason to look for a lover?
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<i>Are you obligated to help a friend? Why?</i>
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<i>How often do you help strangers on the street? Why?</i>

<i>Would you help anybody for money?</i>

<i>Do you think that insane people should be forgiven for the things they do?</i>
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Ask the students to stand up and ask these questions to 2 or 3 different persons.

2. Elicit information from the prior questions.
3. Show a picture and elicit information, age, relationship and about what happened before the picture. (Appendix 1)
4. Hand in pictures with visual and ask students to write a conversation between the 2 characters (appendix 2)
5. Have students read their conversations.
6. Elicit information about what happened after the picture
7. Hand in reading and have students read; who is responsible for the woman's death? (Appendix 3)
8. Make groups of 4 to 5 students
Mutual dictation
9. Stick statements (appendix 4) on the board and have students race to the board to read one statement, the student returns to where his team is and dictates what he read, the students change places. The team that finishes first wins
10. Have students arrange the statements in chronological order.
11. Have students retell the story in their own words. Write the character of the story n the board.
12. Ask students to sit in pairs, decide and arrange which of these people has the most responsibility for her death: the woman, her husband her lover, the stranger, her childhood friend, or the maniac being 1 the most and 6 the least responsible.
13. Sit them with another pair and discuss the same (group of 4)
14. Sit them with another group and decide the same (group of 4) until the whole group comes to an agreement.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

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A young married woman, who was very lonely because her husband spent most of his time working, decided to take a lover. Her husband was on a business trip so she agreed to spend a night in her lover's house on the opposite bank of the river to where she lived. To get back to her house before her husband returned, she left at dawn the next morning and in order to get home, she had to cross a bridge. Unfortunately there was a maniac on the bridge who threatened her, and refused to let her cross. She ran to a stranger to ask for help but he refused to help her unless she gave him some money. She did not have any and explained this to him, but the stranger refused to do anything unless he was paid in advance. The woman decided to go to her lover for money, but he refused and asked her to stay with him. She did not want to, so she went to see a childhood friend who lived near her lover. Her friend was a bachelor and had always declared his love for her, but she had never accepted him. She decided to tell him the whole story, and asked him for help. He refused to help her because he was disappointed in the way she had behaved. The woman went back to the bridge, and when the stranger still refused to help her, she decided to try to cross on her own. The maniac killed her.

Which of these people has the most responsibility for her death: the woman, her husband her lover, the stranger, her childhood friend, or the maniac?

(Source unknown)

Appendix 4

Arrange the following statements in chronological order being one the first event.

- () She spent a night on her lover's house
- () She returned to the bridge
- () She tried to cross the bridge again
- () A maniac threatened her
- () She left her lover's home in order to return home
- () She asked a stranger for help
- () Her husband left on a business trip
- () A maniac refused to let the woman cross
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- () She got killed by the maniac
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