

Lesson 8 Just Out of Curiosity

Part 1 Pre-Reading

Vocabulary Exercises

I Match the following words with their meanings.

- 1 hard-nosed() 2 incurable() 3 romantic()
4 personals() 5 reveal()

- A adj. not able to be cured or changed
B adj. not affected by feelings when trying to get what you want
C v. to make something known that was previously secret or unknown
D n. a person who is emotional and has a lot of imagination, and who has ideas and hopes that may not be realistic
E n. a part of a newspaper in which people can have private or personal messages printed

* n.=名詞 V.=動詞 adj.=形容詞 con.=接續詞 pre.=前置詞
vi=自動詞 vt.=他動詞 adv=副詞 antonym= 反意語

II Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks with the proper words from the list above, using correct grammatical form.

- 1 Yet, I find myself attracted to these personals, because hopes and dreams of everyday life are () in them.
2 Maybe I'm just an incurable ().
3 Perhaps it's the () reporter in me.
4 But for some reason, I find myself turning to the () section in every newspaper I read.
5 Tuberculosis is no longer an () disease.

III Change the following words according to the directions

- 1 reveal(n.) _____ 2 section(adj.) _____
- 3 dream(adj.) _____

IV Match the following column with other column.

- | A | B |
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| 1 for | A to something= to look at a particular page in a book |
| 2 turn | B for= to search |
| 3 look | C doing= to gradually realize that you are doing something without intending or planning to it |
| 4 find oneself | D some reason= for a reason that you do not know |

V Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks from the list above , using correct grammatical form.

- 1 Class, () () page 66 and memorize Part 1.
- 2 We used to have many pigeons in this park, but () () (), they have disappeared.
- 3 I have been happily married for nineteen years and I'm certainly not () () a new husband.
- 4 But for some reason, I () () turning to the personals section in every newspaper I read.

VI For each pair of the following words, three of the underlined parts have the same pronunciation, but one word is different. Find and write in number.

- 1 ① local ② column ③ heartbroken ④ lonely ()
- 2 ① pathos ② raise ③ request ④ amaze ()
- 3 ① pat ② blush ③ husband ④ somehow ()
- 4 ① unchanging ② twinkle ③ chuckle ④ eventually ()

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Perhaps / it's the hard-nosed reporter / in me. Maybe / I'm just an incurable romantic. But / for some reason, I find myself / turning to the personals section / in every newspaper / I read. I have been happily married / for nineteen years / and I'm certainly not looking / for a new husband. Yet, I find myself / attracted to these personals, because / hopes and dreams / of everyday life / are revealed / in them.

GRAMMAR

Page 66 line 2-3 But for some reason, I find myself turning to the personals section in every newspaper I read.

V O = C 「myselfがturnしている」

という関係。find oneself～には「気がついてみたら～だ」というニュアンスがある。

「気がつくとは私は、自分が読む新聞すべての個人広告欄のページを開いているのだ」

Page 66 line 8 Yet, I find myself attracted to these personals, because hopes and dreams of everyday life are revealed in them. 「myselfがattractedされている」という関係。「私は思わずこれらの個人広告に引きつけられてしまう。」

Lesson 8 “Just Out of Curiosity” 「ほんの好奇心から」

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ひょっとすると、私の中の抜け目ない記者魂のせいかもしれない。あるいは私が救いようのないロマンチストなだけかもしれない。しかし、とにかく何らかの理由で、気がつくとは私は、自分が読む新聞すべての個人広告欄のページを開いているのだ。私は 19 年間、幸せな結婚生活を送ってきたし、もちろん新しい夫を探しているわけではない。にもかかわらず、私は思わずこれらの個人広告に引きつけられてしまう、なぜなら日々の生活の中にある希望や夢がそこにあらわになっているからだ。