Unit 15

- Mailing a Package
- Confronting the Boss
- Comparatives – Part 2
- Comparatives – Good / Bad
ROSALBA DOESN’T FEEL WELL

Rosalba was at the beauty shop. She was washing Mr. Avila’s hair when Marta arrived. She came to have lunch with her sister, Rosalba. Mr. Avila was surprised when he saw Marta. “Who’s this?” he asked. “This is Marta,” said Rosalba. “She’s my sister.” “She’s more beautiful than you are,” said Mr. Avila. “Be quiet,” Rosalba said. “She’s married.”

Rosalba didn’t look well. Marta was worried about her, so she asked her if she was OK. Rosalba was very tired. Marta wanted her to see a doctor. Rosalba promised to see a doctor when she had time. Marta was very concerned.

1. What was Rosalba doing when Marta arrived?

____________________________________________________________________

2. What did Mr. Avila think about Marta?

____________________________________________________________________

3. Did Rosalba look fine?

____________________________________________________________________

4. How did Rosalba feel?

____________________________________________________________________

5. What did Rosalba promise Marta she would do?

____________________________________________________________________
MARTA AND ROSALBA HAVE LUNCH

In a quiet corner of the beauty shop, Marta and Rosalba relaxed and ate their lunch. Marta talked to Rosalba because she was worried about her. Marta told Rosalba that she needed to go to the doctor. Rosalba admitted that she feels sick in the mornings, but in the afternoons, she feels better.

When Mr. Avila came over to give Rosalba a tip, he asked her out on a date. He didn’t know Rosalba was married.

1. Where were Marta and Rosalba talking?

____________________________________________________________________

2. Did Rosalba feel well?

____________________________________________________________________

3. When does Rosalba feel sick?

____________________________________________________________________

4. What did Mr. Avila give Rosalba?

____________________________________________________________________

5. What didn’t Mr. Avila know?

____________________________________________________________________
Study these definitions.

- assign: to give a job to someone
- cheat: to do something dishonestly, like take somebody’s money
- confront: to face a problem
- contract: a written agreement
- hope: to wish for
- tip: extra money you give a waiter or a hairstylist for good service
- witness: a person who saw what happened and can tell the truth

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. Amir saw the purse snatcher who tried to take Tanya’s purse. Amir is a ________________ to the crime.
2. I am studying computers right now. When I graduate from school, I ________________ to get a job as a computer programmer.
3. Mr. Calderon didn’t pay Gustavo the money he owed him. Mr. Calderon is trying to ________________ Gustavo.
4. Gustavo agreed to do all the work when he signed the ________________.
5. If you have a problem with your boss, you must ________________ him about it.
6. Our waitress gave us very good service. Let’s leave her a big ________________.
7. Every Monday our boss ________________ a different part of the job to each of us.
MAILING A PACKAGE

Soo went to the Post Office to mail a package. She wanted to send a package of her jewelry to New York by express mail. The post clerk at the Post Office was very friendly and helpful. Soo showed him some of her jewelry. He thought it was beautiful.

The postal worker weighed Soo’s package. The cost was $9.60, and express mail guaranteed to get it to New York in one day.

1. What did Soo mail?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. Who helped her?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. What kind of mail did Soo use to send her package?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. How much did it cost?

_______________________________________________________________________

5. When will the package arrive in New York?

_______________________________________________________________________
AT THE POST OFFICE

1st class stamp

book of stamps (20 stamps)

envelope

letter

package

airmail

postcard

aerogram
Study the following dialogues.

**DIALOGUE 1**
Postal clerk:  May I help you?
Customer:  Yes.  I’d like to buy a book of stamps.
Postal clerk:  Anything else for you?
Customer:  Do you sell envelopes here?
Postal clerk:  No, we don’t, but we sell aerograms.  With an aerogram, you don’t need an envelope, and you don’t need to put stamps on it either.  The postage is included.

**DIALOGUE 2**
Clerk:   May I help you?
Customer:  Yes.  I’d like to send this package to Argentina.
Clerk: Airmail or surface mail?
Customer:  What’s the difference?
Clerk:  Airmail is much faster, but it’s also much more expensive.  Surface mail is cheaper, but it takes three months to get there.
Customer:  I’ll send it surface mail, please.
Clerk:  Do you want to register this package?  Are you sending valuable things?
Customer:  No, I’m not.
Clerk:  OK.  Please fill out these forms.  They are for customs.
Customer:  Here you are.
Clerk:  That will be $10.60, please.
Choose the correct words from this box to complete the dialogues below.

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**DIALOGUE 1**

Clerk: Can I help you?
Customer: Yes. I’d like to buy an ____________ and send these ____________ to Guatemala.
Clerk: That will be $2.32, please.

**DIALOGUE 2**

Clerk: May I help you?
Customer: Yes. I’d like to send this _______________ to Japan. How long will it take to get there?
Clerk: It will take one week if you send it ____________ and three months if you send it ____________.
Customer: It must arrive soon. Send it ________________, please.
Clerk: Are you sending valuables? Do you want to ________________ it?
Customer: Yes, I do.
Clerk: Please fill out these ________________. They are for customs.
CONFRONTING THE BOSS — Part 1

When Gustavo arrived at Mr. Calderon’s office, Gustavo was angry. When he knocked on the door, Mr. Calderon didn’t want to see him. Mr. Calderon did not open the door. He changed his voice and said, “Mr. Calderon is not here.” Gustavo didn’t believe him and continued to knock.

Finally, Mr. Calderon opened the door. Gustavo asked him for his pay. Mr. Calderon didn’t pay Gustavo because he didn’t like Gustavo’s work. Gustavo didn’t finish the job and he never returned to speak to Mr. Calderon. Gustavo explained that he hurt his back because he worked too hard. He worked harder than the other workers. He had to stop because of his back. Gustavo warned Mr. Calderon. If Mr. Calderon didn’t pay him soon, he would talk to his lawyer.

1. Did Mr. Calderon lie when Gustavo knocked on the door?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. Why was Gustavo so angry with Mr. Calderon?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. Did Gustavo finish the job for Mr. Calderon?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. Why did Gustavo stop work?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. Does Gustavo have a lawyer?

_____________________________________________________________________
CONFRONTING THE BOSS — Part 2

Mr. Calderon was upset that Gustavo had a lawyer. He didn’t understand why. Gustavo called a lawyer because Mr. Calderon cheated him. Mr. Calderon said that he didn’t want to cheat Gustavo, but Gustavo’s lawyer will cheat Gustavo. Gustavo surprised Mr. Calderon when he explained that his lawyer was helping him for free. Also, Gustavo has witnesses. They saw Mr. Calderon hire Gustavo, and they saw Gustavo get hurt.

Then Mr. Calderon surprised Gustavo. He showed him the contract that he signed when Mr. Calderon first hired him. The contract said that he would not get paid until he finished the work. Gustavo didn’t finish the work. Gustavo was angry. He didn’t quit! He didn’t finish the work because he hurt his back. Gustavo left to call his lawyer.

1. Why did Gustavo call a lawyer?

_________________________________________________________________

2. Was Gustavo’s lawyer expensive?

_________________________________________________________________

3. Why did Gustavo stop work?

_________________________________________________________________

4. Does Gustavo have witnesses who saw him get hurt?

_________________________________________________________________

5. Did Gustavo sign a contract?

_________________________________________________________________
CONFRONTING YOUR BOSS

Confronting your boss means:

If you think that your boss is not being fair to you, you must talk to him. You must tell him you know what employers’ responsibilities are. That means you know what bosses must do for workers.

These are employers’ responsibilities:

1. An employer must pay an employee (worker) for all work that the employee does.
2. Employers must provide a safe work place for their employees.
3. Employers must have workers’ compensation insurance. This is insurance that pays a worker if he is injured (hurt) on the job. This insurance also pays a worker part of his salary if the worker cannot work because of an injury.

If your boss is not meeting his responsibilities, you must tell him you will file a complaint against him at the State Government offices. That means you can fill out a form at the correct department and the government will investigate your boss.

Answer true or false.

1. You should never confront your boss. T F
2. Employers must be responsible to their workers. T F
3. An employer doesn’t have to pay an employee if he doesn’t like the work the employee did. T F
4. Employers must keep the work area safe for the employees. T F
5. Employers must have workers’ compensation insurance. T F
COMPARATIVES — Part 2

The comparative form of an adjective with three or more syllables is more + adjective. Some two-syllable adjectives also take this form.

Examples:

- beautiful > more beautiful
- interesting > more interesting
- handsome > more handsome

Fill in the blanks with the comparative form of these adjectives.

1. This woman is intelligent, but I am __________________________.

2. This movie was interesting, but that one was ____________________.

3. This car is powerful, but that one is ____________________________.
4. This cake is delicious, but that one is ________________________.

5. This dress is attractive, but that one is ________________________.

6. This man is handsome, but that one is ________________________.

7. This chair is comfortable, but that one is ________________________.
COMPARATIVES — GOOD AND BAD

The comparative form of the adjective **good** is **better**.
The comparative form of the adjective **bad** is **worse**.

good > better
bad > worse

Examples:

This TV is **good**, but that one is **better**. This hotel is **bad**, but that one is **worse**.

**Fill in the blanks with the comparative forms of good and bad.**

1. This bed is **good**, but that one is ________________________________.
2. Marta’s stove is **bad**, but Soo’s stove is even ________________________.
3. Jose’s car is **good**, but Amir’s car is ______________________________.
4. This movie was **bad**, but the other one was ________________________.
5. I bought a **good** bicycle, but Roberto bought a ______________________ one.
FOCUSED LISTENING WORKSHEET

Watch the video section called “Focused Listening.”
Then circle the correct answer in each group.

SCENE 1

Why is Express Mail the most expensive way to send a package?
   a. Because you use Express Mail to send heavier packages.
   b. Because Express Mail is the fastest way to send a package.
   c. Because you get insurance when you send Express Mail.

Watch the video and fill in the correct information in the package below.
   1. Who is sending the package?
   2. Where is it going?
   3. How much is the postage stamp?
UNIT 15 TEST

Choose the correct answer.

1. You go to the _________________________ to mail a package.
   a. post office
   b. social security office
   c. supermarket

2. When you mail a letter, you need to put a ________________ on the envelope.
   a. package
   b. postcard
   c. stamp

3. _________________ is faster than surface mail.
   a. Aerogram
   b. Airmail
   c. 1st class stamp

4. If you use _________________, you don’t need an envelope and a stamp.
   a. an aerogram
   b. package
   c. letter

5. _________________ is cheaper than airmail.
   a. Package
   b. Stamps
   c. Surface mail

6. If you want to be certain that your package gets there, you should __________ it.
   a. register
   b. mail
   c. send

7. Boss is another name for _________________.
   a. worker
   b. employee
   c. employer

8. Worker is another name for _________________.
   a. gardener
   b. employee
   c. employer
UNIT 15 TEST

9. Employers must _________________ employees for all the work that they do.
   a. pay
   b. thank
   c. hire

10. _________________ pays an employee who is hurt on the job and cannot work.
    a. Worker’s compensation
    b. Employer
    c. Government Insurance

11. Ernestina is _________________ than Billie.
    a. beautiful
    b. more beautiful
    c. good

12. My sofa is _________________ than your sofa.
    a. big
    b. comfortable
    c. more comfortable

13. The blue dress is _________________ than the red dress.
    a. cheap
    b. expensive
    c. more expensive

14. This is a good car. It’s _________________ than your new car.
    a. expensive
    b. better
    c. fast

15. This TV is bad. It’s _________________ than my old TV.
    a. better
    b. bad
    c. worse

16. I saw the accident. The big truck hit the little car. I am a _________________.
    a. witness
    b. driver
    c. mechanic
UNIT 15 TEST

17. If you like the service at this restaurant, you can leave a _____________ on the table for the waiter.
   a. note
   b. tip
   c. check

18. Don’t be afraid to ___________________________ your boss about this problem.
   a. confront
   b. talk
   c. speak

19. When Gustavo signed the _____________________, he agreed to do all the work.
   a. paper
   b. application
   c. contract

20. _________________ is the fastest way to send a package.
   a. Airmail
   b. Express mail
   c. Surface mail
UNIT 15
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 56)
1. witness
2. hope
3. cheat
4. contract
5. confront
6. tip
7. assigns

COMPARATIVES — GOOD AND BAD (page 66)
1. better
2. worse
3. better
4. worse
5. better

AT THE POST OFFICE (page 60)
1. aerogram
2. letters
3. package
4. airmail
5. surface mail
6. airmail
7. register
8. forms

FOCUSED LISTENING (page 67)
1. b.
1. Soo Kim
   20 W. 49th St.
   Los Angeles, CA 90045
2. Mr. Jones
   1777 Oak St.
   New York, NY 10019
3. $6.00

CONFRONTING YOUR BOSS (page 63)
1. F
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. T

COMPARATIVES—Part 2 (pages 64 & 65)
1. more intelligent
2. more interesting
3. more powerful
4. more delicious
5. more attractive
6. more handsome
7. more comfortable