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# POP QUIZ!

Did you read last month's ETP? Take the quiz!  
Fill in the blanks with the choices below.

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**either • doesn't ring a bell • just in time  
face to face • just curious • plugged in  
declutter • regret doing it**

- A: What was your favorite subject in school?  
B: My favorite? I guess it was science. Why?  
A: I was ( ).
- A: Your teacher said you **cheated on a test**.  
B: Yes, and I ( ). I  
promise I'll never cheat again.
- A: Did you **make it** back to Tokyo OK?  
B: Yes. I ran to the station and got there  
( ) to catch the  
last train back.
- A: Have you finished your homework?  
B: No. I haven't even started it!  
A: I haven't, ( ).
- A: Oh, no! I don't have my phone!  
B: Do you think you left it on the bus?  
A: No. The battery was really low, so I think  
I left it ( ) at home.
- A: We need a bigger apartment.  
B: No, we don't. This place is big enough. We  
just need to ( ).  
A: You may be right.
- A: Hey, see this guy in the paper? Didn't you  
go to school with him?  
B: I don't **recognize** him.  
A: Are you sure? It says his name is Ben Hope.  
B: That name ( ).
- A: I don't know why, but my son talks to me  
more when we're in the car.  
B: Mine, too. It's easier for him to **open up**  
when we sit side by side rather than when  
we sit ( ).

Answers on p. 11

- \* **cheat on a test** = テストでカンニングする
- \* **make it to A OK** = 無事に～までたどり着く
- \* **recognize** = Aに覚えがある
- \* **open up** = 本当のことを話す

# MATCHING

The examples below contain  
**do something oneself**

[自分で～をする]

Can you match the parts that go together?  
上と下をつないで意味の通る文章を作りましょう。

- My kids are old enough to ... [1]=[ b ]  
**Feel free to** ... [2]=[ ]  
Have you ever tried ... [3]=[ ]  
No, thank you. I can ... [4]=[ ]  
I think it'll be cheaper if we ... [5]=[ ]  
I can't believe your brother ... [6]=[ ]  
Are we supposed to wait for the  
hostess to **seat us**, or ... [7]=[ ]  
That artist got famous overnight  
because she's good at ... [8]=[ ]
- [a] ... **promoting** herself.  
[b] ... make their breakfast themselves.  
[c] ... carry my bags myself.  
[d] ... **paint** the living room ourselves.  
[e] ... should we seat ourselves.  
[f] ... made that computer himself!  
[g] ... cutting your hair yourself?  
[h] ... **help yourself to** anything in  
the fridge.

- ★ feel free to do = 自由に～する
- ★ seat = (人)を席に座らせる
- ★ promote = 宣伝する
- ★ paint A = Aを塗装する
- ★ help oneself to A  
= 自由に食べる[飲む]

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# 1-POINT QUIZ

ボックス内の例を見て、ルールを考えて、クイズを解いて見ましょう。

Using **ALMOST** and **MOST** can be confusing.  
Look at the examples below:

- ① It's **almost** lunchtime.  
= It's **nearly** lunchtime.
- ② I can't believe she's **almost** 40!  
= I can't believe she's **nearly** 40!
- ③ My dog was **almost** hit by a car.  
= My dog was **nearly** hit by a car.
- ④ **Almost** all people like chocolate.  
= **Nearly** all people like chocolate.  
= **Most** people like chocolate.
- ⑤ I met **almost** everyone at the party.  
= I met **nearly** everyone at the party.  
= I met **most** of the people at the party.
- ⑥ He gets up early **almost** every day.  
= He gets up early **nearly** every day.  
= He gets up early **most** days.

## What's the Rule?

Circle the correct answer.

- ① [ **Almost • Most (of)** ] means "nearly" and is often used before words like "all," "never," "every," "the whole," etc. (～の一步手前)
- ② [ **Almost • Most (of)** ] means "nearly all (of)" and can be used directly before a noun, like "people" or "my friends." (大部分の～)

Circle the correct answer in each .

- I cook [**most / almost**] of my meals.
- He calls his mother [**most / almost**] every night.
- [**Most • Almost**] of the students in my class do their *assignments* on time.
- I didn't get a cellphone until I was [**most / almost**] twenty-five years old.
- My dog is 15 years old. He sleeps [**most / almost**] of the time now.
- [**Most / Almost**] of the restaurants in that small town close by 11:00 p.m.
- [**Most / Almost**] all of her friends are artists or musicians.
- I used to see Bob at the gym, but these days, he [**most / almost**] never comes.
- You have to go to the bathroom? Can you wait? We're [**most / almost**] home.
- My grandfather has lived in this small town for [**most / almost**] of his life.
- Oh, I [**most / almost**] forgot! I told Maya I'd call her back. I'd better do that now.
- [**Most / Almost**] of the people in my office have to come in to work. Only a few people can *work from home*.

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- assignment = 宿題(可算名詞)
- work from home = 在宅勤務

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Fill in the blanks with the choices below.  
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**anything goes** • **ups and downs**  
**work out** • **infectious** • **a page-turner**  
**come in handy** • **a big if** • **mooch off**

- A: Why are you here so early this morning?  
B: I didn't ( ) today. I **overdid it** at the gym yesterday.
- A: That shop has been open for 100 years.  
B: Wow! Imagine the ( ) they've been through in that time!
- A: Go ahead! Open it!  
B: OK... Oh! It's a portable charger! This will ( ) the next time we go camping!
- A: If I get the **job I applied for**, and that's ( ), I can move into a bigger place.  
B: I hope you get it!
- A: Are you already done with that book?  
B: Yes. It was a real ( )!  
I read it in a day and a half!  
A: Can I borrow it?
- A: Let's order some tiramisu, too!  
B: It looks good, but I really shouldn't.  
A: Oh, come on. It's Valentine's Day!  
( ) on holidays.
- A: You can stay with us till you find a place.  
B: Really? That's so nice of you. But I don't want to ( ) of you. I **insist on** paying rent.
- A: I'm worried about the new virus **strains**.  
B: Me, too, especially the one from South Africa. It's more ( ) than the one that's already in Japan.

Answers on p. 11

- \* **overdo A** = Aをやり過ぎる
- \* **apply for a job** = 仕事に応募する
- \* **insist on ~ing** = ~すると主張する[言って聞かない]
- \* **strain** = (ウィルス・細菌の)株



# Your turn

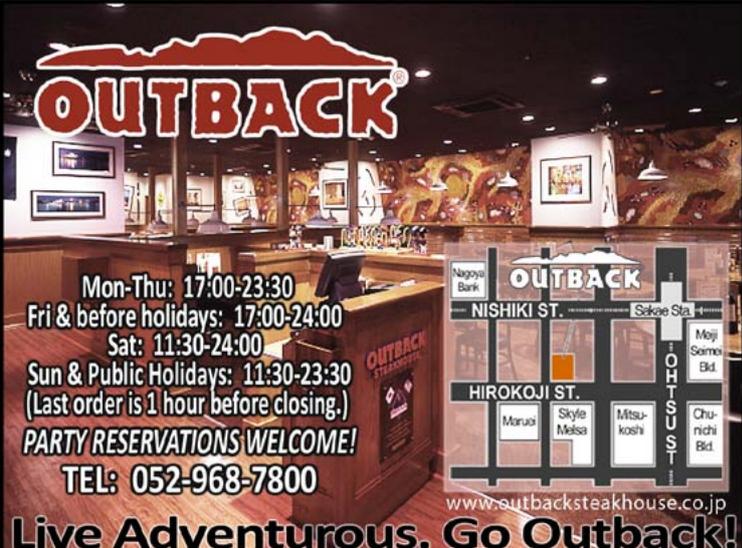
空欄に入る言葉を考えてみましょう。  
数字、動詞、熟語などを入れてください。  
答は11ページを参考にしてください。

Use your imagination to fill in the blanks in the story below with a number, a verb, a phrase, etc. There isn't just one right answer. Then compare your answers to Yuko's on p.11.

A teenager is being called a hero for saving her family from a ( a ). The girl was asleep in the family room on the first ( b ) when the fire started. Her two brothers and parents were sleeping upstairs in their rooms, where they **had been quarantining** since they **tested positive for** the coronavirus. The girl was the only member of the family who had not caught the virus. The girl woke up when her ( c ) started **pawing at her**. Thinking the dog wanted to go ( d ), she got out of bed. That's when she smelled ( e ) and burning plastic. She knew that her brothers and parents were sleeping and that they probably wouldn't smell the smoke because they had lost their sense of ( f ), which is a common **symptom of COVID**, so she ran up to their rooms, woke them, and helped them all get out of the ( g ) safely. When asked by a reporter how it felt to be a hero, the girl said, "Our dog is the real hero!"

- quarantine = 隔離する
- test positive for A = Aの検査で陽性反応が出る
- paw at A = 前足でAをたたく
- symptom of A = Aの症状

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# Taking a Profile Pic

Paul is a divorced father. When he got divorced almost ten years ago, his **main priority** was his kids, Trevor and Gabrielle. He had **joint custody** with his **ex-wife**, so the kids lived with him half of the time. Paul loved his kids and spent as much time as he could with them. He was happy to drive them to soccer practice or take them shopping for school supplies. He was always there when they needed to talk. They were the most important thing in the world to him.

Now his kids are teenagers. Paul still has a great relationship with them, but they, like most teenagers, spend more time with their friends than with their dad. So recently Paul decided it was time to start dating again.

First, he joined an online dating service. He didn't have a good photo to use as his **profile pic**, so he tried **taking a selfie**. He took several, but he wasn't happy with any of them. He couldn't find a **good angle** and the lighting was bad. He went to his son's room to ask for help.

"Hey, Trevor, you're pretty **good with a camera**. Could you take a few pictures of me?" he asked.

"As long as it's not for a dating site," he said.



"Um, actually I ... uh...," Paul **stammered**.

"I'm just kidding, Dad. Come on, let's go outside where the light is better," Trevor suggested.

Gabrielle **overheard** them and said, "Let me fix your hair first."

"What's wrong with my hair?" Paul asked.

"Well, it's getting a little **thin**," she said.

"Yeah," Trevor added. "**Pretty soon** you won't need to go to the barber shop."

"I know. Whenever I **vacuum**, all I pick up is my hair!" Paul said.

Gabrielle, still trying to make his hair look good, said, "Pretty soon you won't need to vacuum, either!"

main priority = 主な優先事項

have joint custody = 共同親権を持つ

ex-wife = 元妻

profile pic = プロフィール写真

take a selfie = 自取りする

a good angle = 良い(カメラの)角度

(be) good with A = Aにたけている

as long as SV = ~する限り, ~である限り

stammer = 口ごもる, 口ごもりながら言う

overhear A = Aをふと耳にする

thin = (髪が)薄い

pretty soon = 近いうちに, 近い将来

vacuum = 掃除機をかける

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# PREPOSITIONS

Put the prepositions in the blanks to finish Karen's story.  
Use each ONLY ONCE and write X if none is needed.  
空欄に前置詞を入れましょう。それぞれ一度しか使うことはできません。  
前置詞の必要ない場所にはXを入れて下さい。(Answers on p.11)

for with after about under inside X

Last year, I bought a new hair dryer. I like it because it has just a few functions and a simple design and because it's really powerful. I use it only ( a ) my bath. I use another hair dryer when I **do my hair**. About a week ago, when I was using it, I noticed a burning smell, but I didn't think much ( b ) it. I just cleaned it and thought it would be fine. But the burning smell just got stronger. The next time I used it, I checked the vent, and just then, I saw a **spark** ( c ) the hair dryer. I was very surprised and turned it off in a hurry. Last weekend, I took it to the store because it was still ( d ) **warranty**. I won't have that hair dryer ( e ) a little while, so I googled how to dry my hair quickly ( f ) a low-powered hair dryer and found some good ideas. I tried ( g ) them right away.

- do someone's hair = 人の髪を整える
- spark = 火花
- warranty = 保証

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# Sentence Scramble

Can you unscramble E-class's sentences?  
単語を並べ替えて文章を作りましょう。  
Use **AS LONG AS + SV** in each sentence.  
[～する限り・～である限り]

EX: to learn from It's OK to make mistakes as long as you learn from them.

It's OK to make mistakes as long as you learn from them.

1. as I'll go with me you long

2. to I'll you you not tell tell as long as anyone promise

3. a is can Kids swim with here them parent as long as

4. You you can the yard play don't leave outside as long as

5. I can as as it's read long neatly **cursive** written

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• cursive = 筆記体

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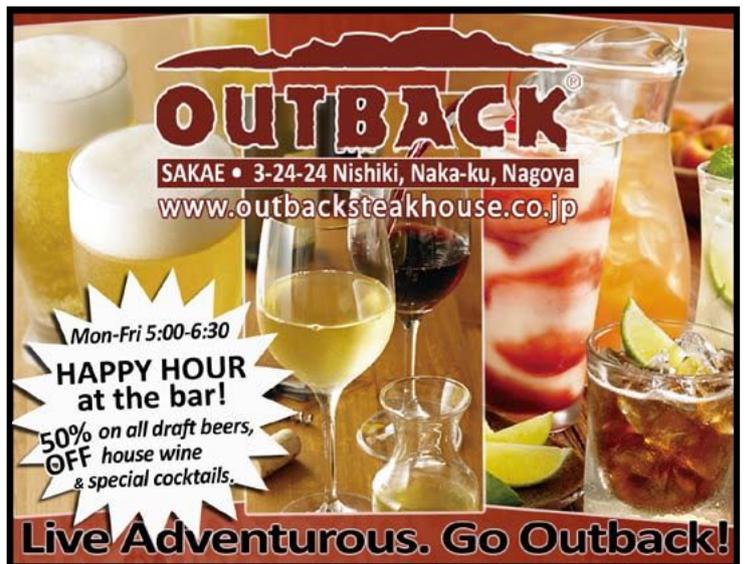
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# Susan's Diary

Thursday, January 21st (9:05 p.m.)

I'm a little tired because I stayed up last night to watch Joe Biden's **inauguration** ceremony. A friend and I watched it together, virtually of course. We video-chatted while we watched the live stream. It was different from any other inauguration because of the coronavirus and because of the attack on the United States Capitol just two weeks earlier on January 6, but it was held outside at the Capitol, as usual. It was very safe because the area was guarded by 25,000 National Guard soldiers. When Kamala Harris **was sworn in** as vice president, she became not only the first woman but also the first Black woman and first Asian American to ever hold that position. She was sworn in with her hand on two Bibles. One belonged to a close family friend who was like a second mother to her. The other once belonged to Thurgood Marshall, who was a **civil rights** leader and the first Black **Supreme Court justice**. Her husband, Doug Emhoff, who in another **first** is now the first **Second Gentleman** in American history, held the Bibles for her. Joe Biden was sworn in on a huge Bible that has been in his family since 1893. He has used that Bible at every swearing-in ceremony. It was held by his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, when he was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States.

Notes and examples:

**inauguration** = 大統領就任

- ① JFK gave an inspiring\* inauguration speech.
- ② A: When is Inauguration Day?  
B: It's January 30.

**be sworn in** = 宣誓就任する

- ① After Kamala Harris was sworn in as vice president, she went straight to work.
- ② A: What Bible did Obama use when he was sworn in?  
B: He used the Bible Lincoln had used.

**civil rights** = 公民権

- ① Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the most famous civil rights leaders of the sixties.
- ② A: What ever happened to Dennis?  
B: He is a civil rights lawyer in Florida now.

**Supreme Court justice** = 最高裁判事

- ① There are nine Supreme Court justices.
- ② A: What do you want to be someday?  
B: I want to be a Supreme Court justice.

**a first** = 初めてのこと

- ① Inauguration Day was a day of many firsts.
- ② A: Bart was on time to class today.  
B: Well, that's a first!

**Second Gentleman** = 副大統領の夫君

- ① We've never had a Second Gentleman before because we've never had a woman vice president until now.
- ② A: Dr. Jill Biden is the First Lady, but what do we call Kamala Harris's husband?  
B: He's called the Second Gentleman.

\* *inspiring* = 心を動かす、奮起させるような

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可能な返事が3つあります。

当てはまらないものに X をつけましょう。

There are 3 correct responses and 1 that doesn't fit. Find the ONE answer that DOES NOT make sense.

A: I finally joined a gym.

B: What made you do that?

A: I need to lose weight.

B: ( 1 )

a. I am, too.

b. So do I.

c. Join the club.

d. Welcome to my world.

.....

A: Hey, John. You're back!

B: Yes. I had a great trip.

A: Where did you get that cool watch?

B: ( 2 )

a. I bought it in Spain.

b. My dad gave it to me.

c. It was made in Switzerland.

d. I found it in the parking lot. Is it yours?

.....

A: Have you moved yet?

B: Yes. I got the keys last month.

A: How do you like your new place?

B: ( 3 )

a. It's very well.

b. I'm still getting used to it.

c. It's nice, but I miss being in the city.

d. I love it. It's much bigger than my old place.



# What Comes Next?

Use the expressions below to fill in the blanks.

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Matt (M) runs into Carl (C) in the hall at work.

M: Hi, Carl. You heard about the meeting with Blue Sky Company, right?

C: No. ( a )?

M: It's been **postponed**.

C: Really? I thought they wanted to meet with us as soon as possible.

M: They did. But someone in their main office has ( b ) the coronavirus.

C: Oh, no. Do you know who it was?

M: No, but ( c ) it's Mr. Nakagawa. Everyone who works closely with him or sits near his desk is **working from home** now.

C: Whoever it is, I hope he **recovers** fast.

M: Me, too. When everything is back to normal there, they will contact us to ( d ) the meeting.

C: OK. ( e ).

M: I will.

reschedule • the rumor is that • what about it  
tesed positive for • keep me posted

• postpone A = Aを延期する

• work from home  
= 在宅勤務をする

• recover = 回復する, 治る

Answers on p.11



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# OUT OF ORDER

Can you put the story back in order?

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**A** Knowing the vaccine would **expire** before they could get back to the hospital where they worked, they decided to use up the remaining **doses** of the vaccine.

expire = 有効期限が切れる ・ dose = (ワクチンの)投与

**B** They soon learned that, due to an accident that **involved** a truck and several cars, they would probably be waiting for several hours.

due to A = Aのせいで ・ involve A = Aを巻き込む

**C** The workers were on their way back from a COVID-19 vaccination event held at a stadium when they **got stuck in traffic** on the highway.

get stuck in traffic = 渋滞で動けなくなる

**D** Afterwards, one lucky driver told a reporter, "I was **skeptical** at first, but Dr. Johnson was there, an ambulance was nearby, and the team had the necessary **paperwork**. I feel really lucky!"

skeptical = 懐疑的, 疑い深い ・ paperwork = 書類

**E** Healthcare workers gave vaccines to people in their cars during a traffic jam.

**F** The team, which included a doctor, went from car to car until they found ten people **willing to receive the vaccine**.

be willing to do = ~するのをいとわない

The correct order is \_\_\_\_\_. (Answer on p.11)

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[The following is from a morning news show.]

Host: Dr. Hall, thank you for coming on *Good Morning Today* to talk about vaccines. Many healthcare workers have already gotten their ( a ) **doses** of the vaccine, but most of us are still waiting for our ( b ). I'm **anxious to get** the vaccine, but some are a little **anxious about getting** it. What can you tell us about the vaccines?

Guest: Well, first of all, the vaccines will protect you from getting ( c ) COVID-19. That means getting vaccinated will keep you out of the hospital and keep you from ( d ). That's the most important thing to understand. Second, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses. After the first shot, you'll have a bit of ( e ), but you won't be fully protected until a week or two after your second shot, so it's important to get both shots, even if you have some side effects after the first one. You may have a ( f ), fever, chills, and tiredness. These symptoms occur more often after the second dose, and they can be treated with over-the-counter ( g ).

• dose = (ワクチンの)投与, (薬の)1回分

• be anxious to do  
= ~したいと切望している

• be anxious about A  
= Aについて不安に思う

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# SIMPLIFY IT!

This story is easy to understand if you replace the words in bold with the words/phrases below.

ポールド体の難しい単語や熟語を下の簡単な単語に置き換えてみましょう。

If you're like most people, you spend a lot of time sitting down. And since the beginning of the pandemic, the amount of time you spend sitting has probably increased, not decreased. Unfortunately, whether you're typing, ①**gabbing** on the phone, reading or cheering on your favorite team, if you spend too much time sitting down, you are ②**elevating** your risk of cancer, ③**cardiovascular** disease and type 2 diabetes. But how much sitting is too much? According to research, you don't want to spend more than 8 hours ④**on your rear**. And if you do have to sit a lot for work or other reasons, be sure to take periodic breaks and get regular exercise. This cannot ⑤**completely counteract** the damage from sitting, but it can lower your risk for illness and death.

heart • cancel out  
chatting • raising • sitting down

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# ANSWERS

## P2 POP QUIZ

1-just curious 2-regret doing it 3-just in time  
4-either 5-plugged in 6-declutter 7-doesn't ring a bell 8-face to face

## P2 MATCHING

1-b 2-h 3-g 4-c 5-d 6-f 7-e 8-a

## P3 1-POINT QUIZ

①-Almost ②-Most 1-most 2-almost 3-Most  
4-almost 5-most 6-Most 7-Almost 8-almost  
9-almost 10-most 11-almost 12-Most

## P4 TWITTER QUIZ

1-work out 2-ups and downs  
3-come in handy 4-a big if 5-page-turner  
6-Anything goes 7-mooch off 8-infectious

## P4 YOUR TURN

a-fire b-floor c-dog d-outside  
e-smoke f-smell g-house

## P6 PREPOSITIONS

a-after b-about c-inside d-under  
e-for f-with g-X

## P6 SENTENCE SCRAMBLE

1-I'll go as long as you go with me.  
2-I'll tell you as long as you promise not to tell anyone.  
3-Kids can swim here as long as a parent is with them.  
4-You can play outside as long as you don't leave the yard.  
5-I can read cursive as long as it's written neatly.

## P8 HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND?

1-a 2-c 3-a

## P8 WHAT COMES NEXT?

a-What about it? b-tested positive for  
c-the rumor is d-reschedule  
e-Keep me posted

## P9 OUT OF ORDER: E-C-B-A-F-D

## P9 LISTEN CAREFULLY

a-second b-turn c-severe d-dying  
e-protection f-headaches g-medicine

## P10 HOW MUCH DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

1-T 2-F 3-F

## P11 SIMPLIFY IT!

1-chatting 2-raising 3-heart  
4-sitting down 5-cancel out

# That's Not ENGLISH!

Nozomi (N) and her roommate, Mari (M), are trying to decide what to watch on TV.

N: I think *When the Camellia Blooms* is on Netflix.

M: I've never heard of that one. Is it a Korean TV show?

N: Yes. Why did you know?

M: Oh, just a *wild guess*.

N: Ha ha. You know me too much.

M: So, what's it about?

N: It's about a single mom who opens up a bar in small town, and then she falls in love with a local police officer.

M: It sounds like a love story.

N: Actually, it's a roma-comedy and a thriller combined. The review says, "It's a comedy that will keep you in suspense!"

M: Oh! I like suspense.

N: I know you do! That's why I picked it. It says there's a serial killer in it.

M: OK, *I'm sold*. Let's watch it.

N: OK. I'll find it and set up the computer while you go make some popcorn!

★ a wild guess = 大ざっぱな推測

★ I'm sold = 納得した/ そうしよう

Read the conversation and find the 3 words or phrases that native English speakers don't use.

この会話は不自然なところがあります。3 個すべて見つけることができますか？

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**Did you find all 3 of the mistakes?  
Let's check and practice the phrases:**

① **Why... know → How... know**

- a He called me Sally. That's weird. I wonder **how he knew my name**.
- b A: I'll give this to John at the gym tomorrow.  
B: **How do you know** he'll be there?  
A: He always works out on Sundays.

② **know... too much → know... too well**

- a A: You'd better set two alarms.  
B: **You know me too well**.
- b A: You've had a rough day. Want some ice cream?  
B: **You know me too well**.

③ **roma-comedy → rom-com  
→ romantic comedy**

- a I'd rather watch a **rom-com** than a thriller.
- b A: I'm not in the mood for a **romatic comedy**. Pick something else.  
B: How about this? It's an action adventure.

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