

Only the Best Intentions: Answer Key

PREVIEW

DISCUSS THE TITLE, pg. 8.

a: Maybe the person's roommate felt bad. The person tried to help by making her eggs. However, the eggs made the roommate feel worse.

b: Probably a student helped another student with homework, but the teacher considered it cheating. The teacher is trying to be understanding but also explaining that what the student did was wrong.

c: The daughter probably took some scissors and cut her brother's hair. The mother is explaining that he did not need a haircut. The brother probably does not look good, and maybe it was dangerous for the four-year-old to use sharp scissors with a sibling.

READ FOR BACKGROUND: VOCABULARY, pg. 9

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LIFE IN THE AGE OF SCREENS: DISCUSSION, pg. 13

Students' answers will vary. These are sample answers.

1. I usually text with friends, but when I play games, I talk to them or use chat. I don't call people very much because that takes longer and I might interrupt the person.
2. I think texting gives me more time to think about what I want to say. Sometimes I delete my text and start over because I don't like the first thing I said. I also agree that it's hard to give

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someone bad news face to face. When I want to really connect with someone though, I like to be with them in a real place.

3. I love face to face conversations when the situation is right. I enjoy meeting friends at a coffee shop or a park. We can talk and laugh. Or sometimes we go to someone's house and have a meal.

A GAMER IN THE FAMILY: DISCUSSION, pg. 17-18

Students answers will vary. These are samples.

1. My dad likes to play computer games. He goes online early in the morning and plays before work. He is kind of like the dad in the article because my mother does not like it. I used to play Minecraft, but now I am too busy with school to play. I rarely watch games online, but sometimes if I am with friends, we might watch a tournament game for League of Legends.
2. In my opinion, parents do not understand games unless they are young and played them as kids. As a result, they get angry when their kids do not get off the computer for meal time or to go somewhere with the family. The gamers are unhappy because if they leave a game in the middle, their friends can get mad. The game website might even ban them from playing for a few days. So, I can understand both sides. I think that the solution is to communicate about the amount of time someone needs to finish a game beforehand.
3. If someone is a serious gamer, that person should not marry a non-gamer if they want to stay married. Gaming can take up many hours of free time, and it will cause a lot of arguments if the gamer ignores their husband or wife.

THE RISE OF ESPORTS: DISCUSSION, pg. 21

Students' answers will vary. These are samples.

1. At first, I thought sports had to be physical like soccer or basketball, but now I think esports are a sport because I understand that players have the same structure as traditional sports. First, they play on teams, and each player has strengths and skills that help the team. Second, they have strategies. Third, there are rules, and they have to follow the rules. Finally, there are tournaments, so the best team becomes the winner.

2. They are popular because they are fun. Gamers like the thrill of competition and the ability to use skills to become a winner. The games are challenging, but they are also leveled so the competition is fair. Finally, people can play any time of the day or night. There is always a game happening, and a person can play the game at home.
3. I do not want a career in esports. I don't think I'm good enough at video games and I don't like sitting looking at a screen all day. But I have friends who might be interested. They like designing games in Minecraft, and they understand the elements that make a game successful. They can also be very competitive when they play.

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DISCUSSION, pg. 47

1. Gigi is upset because Oscar only plays computer games, and he is ignoring her. She is not aware of Oscar's skill and passion for a game called Epic Storm.
2. The family is very proud of Jaime because he is a soccer player. His team is doing well, and they like watching the games. They do everything they can to help him. On the other hand, most of the family does not understand esports at all. They don't take it seriously, except for Jaimie. I think that's because he is a teenager.
3. *Students' answers will vary. Suggested answer:* The second article talks about problems when there is a gamer in the family. Gigi's family loves soccer, but her relatives do not understand the gaming world, so Oscar does not get any support for his talent. Jaime is the only one who understands him. Like the gamers in the article, Oscar's screen causes emotional problems. However, in the play, the family changes their attitude. When Gigi finally decides to accept gaming because she doesn't want to lose Oscar, she opens up the possibility of Oscar getting more support. I also think it is interesting that the family uses a lot of technology in the play, like Uber, drones, smartphones. It reminded me of the first article. Our lives are getting filled with screens and we need to be careful to keep connections to real people, as the first article said.
4. *Students' answers will vary. Suggested answer:* Oscar doesn't really change. He stays focused on gaming even though he loves Gigi. He thinks she'll come back but he's worried. Gigi changes because, at first, she leaves Oscar. She hopes he'll come back, but he

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decides to go to L.A. Gigi changes when she decides to try and understand gaming. Then the whole family starts to show interest and support Oscar.

5. *Students' answers will vary. Suggested answer:* There are many ideas, but one thing I liked was the idea that some families with gamers should try to learn about gaming before they criticize it. Gaming might be very important to one of their family members and it hurts the person when relatives do not understand. On the other hand, the audience should think about how much young people are willing to sacrifice for a computer game. Oscar was ready to go to L.A. and lose Gigi and her family.

PRODUCTION

ANALYZE THE PLAY, pg. 49-50

Notes

1. Oscar and Gigi have a conflict. They are engaged to be married, but Gigi breaks it off because Oscar is an esports athlete and is very involved in a tournament. Gigi hopes that by breaking up with him, he'll quit and they can get back together, but Oscar feels he can't quit. There's also a minor conflict in that Gigi's family appreciate and support the soccer player, Jaime, but they do not appreciate the gamer, Oscar.
2. The social issue involves the effects of having a gamer in the family. Relatives that do not know about computer games struggle with family members who deeply love gaming. Conflicts arise around expectations for how and when people will spend time together.
3. Gigi's response to Oscar's gaming is very familiar because in many relationships, one person thinks the other person will change and they do not. This could be funny because it is a lesson that people have to learn again and again in life. It is also funny how Baba reacts to Gigi's breakup. She is experienced and so she is not worried even though Gigi and Oscar feel that their lives are over.
4. *Answers will vary. Suggested answer:* I empathize with Oscar because I also really like video games. I am not as good at them as Oscar is and I could never be a professional. But I am a

very good artist. I have told my family many times that I want to be a professional artist, but they always say that this is not a real job. You can't pay the bills with art. I think that many people feel the same way about esports, and like esports a few people are very successful in art while other people need to do other jobs. I understood how Oscar felt when Gigi wouldn't support him in his dream.

LEARN YOUR PART, pg. 50-51

Sample Answers

	Example two
defensive	Prima does not like it when her husband tells her how to drive, even when she makes a mistake.
distracted	Jodi is cooking and watching television at the same time. She can't focus, and she burns the rice.
distressed	Trevor lost his phone going through security in the airport. It has all his information and boarding pass, so he has a big problem.
dramatic	Kim screams and jumps on a chair when she sees a spider.
gentle	Tal rocks the baby to sleep slowly and carefully.
humble	Thien looks at the ground when people try to compliment him.
hurt	Christof was not invited to his classmate's graduation party.
proud	Everyone in the country is happy because their team won the World Cup.
in denial	Keith is spending a lot of money traveling and eating in restaurants and now he is in debt but he does not admit he has a problem.
indignant	Sheida is the owner, and it bothers her when people think she is an employee.
resigned	Tin Tin understands that he will never be the star of the basketball team.
smug	Flo gets an award and he spends a lot of time explaining why he got it and others did not. Others are annoyed.
tentative	Manny knocks softly on the door because he thinks Glenn might be sleeping.

POST-PERFORMANCE

PRACTICE PRAGMATICS, pg. 63

Roleplays will vary. Here is a sample.

Situation: A. is upset with B. because B. missed Pierre's birthday party.

A: Hey Jake. I haven't seen you for a while.

B: I know. I've been kind of busy. How is it going?

A: Okay, We had a good time at Pierre's birthday the other night. We missed you.

B: Oh, right!

A: Yeah, everyone was expecting you to be there, you know.

B: I'm sorry. I meant to go, but I've had a lot going on. My teacher asked me to do my presentation first, so I didn't have much time to work on it.

A: Uh-huh. Well, we didn't know. Pierre didn't know.

B: It wasn't my fault. The teacher just picked me.

A: Yeah, I get that, but you could have sent a text or something. It just seemed like you didn't care.

B: That's not true.

A: But that's the way it seems!

B: Okay, okay. I'm sorry.

A: Don't apologize to me. Apologize to Pierre.

B: Right. I'll text him now. Maybe I can make it up to him, take him out to dinner or something. I didn't mean to let him down.

A: I'm sure you didn't. These things happen, but it would be good to make it up to him somehow.

B: Okay, I'll text him now.

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- They are friends and maybe they go to school together. They are high school or college-aged.
- They know each other well because A. can criticize B. directly.
- A is annoyed with B's behavior. B is surprised at first. He has not really thought about his rude behavior until A brings it up.
- They seem to be equal.
- *Answers will vary.*