

Are You a Critical Thinker? (book two)

The main activity is the third page of every chapter (page 6 for example). It is quite long so below are some suggestions for teaching it.

Teacher or a student reads line by line out loud. Check for comprehension and explain as needed. At this time students can begin to rank the degree to which they agree with the sentence.

You might want to have students do half, check and discuss, then later the second half.

The wrap-up class survey is a key aspect of the activity. Depending on time and the ability of students, I like to choose several of the more interesting or useful (language-wise or idea-wise) lines and poll the class regarding their answers. There's a handout on the last page of this guide that teachers can print and use. Conversely, teachers can write something similar on the board.

Finally, it is good practice to either choose one of the sentences or have students choose, and have students write a short written response regarding it. The last activity in every chapter invites students to do this with "Writing inside the box" activity. Also, there are more ideas for students to write about on page 64, the final page of the textbook.

page 4, Preparing

1. **feral - c** a) something set up to catch someone or something
2. **trap - a** b) for example, "If you don't do XX I will punch you"
3. **cruel - e** c) an animal that was tame but becomes wild
4. **threat - b** d) a person who fights for social justice
5. **breed - f** e) the opposite of kind
6. **activist - d** f) make babies, often to keep certain characteristics in animals

1. **chain - a** a) a strong iron "rope" used to control something like a dog
2. **social animal - f** b) lots of room
3. **capture - e** c) a place where fish or other animals swim/live
4. **aquarium - c** d) a female chicken
5. **spacious - b** e) catch; get control of
6. **hen - d** f) a creature that prefers to lives with others of its kind

- » The mouse got caught in a **trap**.
- » I saw many different kinds of fish at the **aquarium**.
- » Compared to my tiny apartment in Tokyo this place is **spacious**.
- » That man **breeds** horses that run faster.
- » The police **captured** the criminal.

page 8, Preparing

1. **protest - c** a) a place where goods are bought and sold
2. **apply oneself - e** b) to keep doing something, even if it's unhealthy
3. **heroin - d** c) take action, like carrying signs on the street, to stop injustice
4. **market - a** d) a strong, illegal drug
5. **addicted - b** e) do one's best

The choices for the 7 matching below (highlighted in red) are all wrong. The correct column definitions are to the right.

1. **painkiller ___ a) money paid regularly to a person, often a child** a) couple separates
2. **depression ___ b) surgery** b) hourly pay
3. **laziness ___ c) a verb for communicating with a seller to get a better price** c) medicine like aspirin
4. **wages ___ d) people buy this to partly own a company and make money** d) person who lives near you
5. **bankruptcy ___ e) using money, like buying stock, to make money** e) a company goes broke
6. **divorce ___ f) receive from one's parents** f) feeling sad for a long time
7. **neighbor ___ g) receive from one's parents** g) lacking motivation and energy

- » If it hurts too much take two **painkillers**.
- » After five years of marriage, that couple **divorced**.
- » After she had a lot of bad luck she fell into a **depression**.
- » I've been **addicted** to cigarettes but sugar is just as hard to quit.
- » Even though the price of goods keeps going up **wages** stay the same.

page 9, Fill in the blanks

(start YouTube clip at 0:12): streets, dangerous, stick, hang out, addicted, losing, industry, painkillers, painkillers, downhill, dog, basically, probably...

(move video to 3:16) sober, pause, quit, get, back

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1. **undernourished - b** a) a woman who will give birth to a child
2. **inadequate - e** b) not enough vitamins, minerals, etc.
3. **pregnancy - a** c) something a person owns
4. **empower - d** d) give someone the capability, and the chance, to do something
5. **possession - c** e) not good enough

1. **discrimination - e** a) a lack of energy and motivation to do anything
2. **laziness - a** b) a group or society, often newly established
3. **corruption - f** c) a period away from work
4. **colony - b** d) something good received, like a salary or a paid vacation
5. **benefit - d** e) unfair treatment because of race, sex, etc.
6. **leave - c** f) dishonesty of people in power

- » The dogs were **undernourished** when they were found but now they're healthy.
- » India used to be a **colony** of Great Britain.
- » This much money is **inadequate**; we need more to travel abroad.
- » People thought he was **lazy** but it turns out he was ill.
- » She doesn't have much money but she has many **possessions**.

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Facing Facts about Poverty solutions: 1. a; 2. d; 3. b; 4. Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, India, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, Senegal, Uganda; 5. c; 6. c, d; 7. b; 8. a

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1. **owner - f** a) do inappropriately or wrongly
 2. **victim - e** b) a much noticed or famous person
 3. **skip - c** c) not attend by choice
 4. **fluent - d** d) ability to speak very well, almost like a native speaker
 5. **star - b** e) the person hurt or injured
 6. **mess up - a** f) the one who bought and has something
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1. **punch - f** a) say "I'm sorry"
 2. **ignore - d** b) say a person will be harmed if they don't do something
 3. **apologize - a** c) to not allow to do or continue
 4. **suspend - c** d) to purposely not pay attention to
 5. **a threat - b** e) to feel what another person feels
 6. **empathy - e** f) to hit with a fist

- » We can't **ignore** global warming any longer. Action is required.
- » Did Todd **skip** class again? He's going to fail!
- » The crime **victim** went to the police station to identify the criminal.
- » The game was **suspended** because of the storm. It will be played tomorrow.
- » We need to find the **owner** of this bicycle. It's been here for two weeks.

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1. **reproduce - d** a) to claim someone did something bad or wrong
2. **accuse - a** b) harsh
3. **sensitivity - f** c) to make according to law
4. **legalize - c** d) to make; to make a child
5. **recreational - e** e) for fun or amusement
6. **severe - b** f) awareness of how others feel, for example

1. **kidnap - e** a) to fool in order to get money
2. **traffic - g** b) to touch inappropriately
3. **molest - b** c) steal
4. **rob - c** d) the law that a person's artistic creation can't be used by others
5. **scam - a** e) take a person, usually a child, and demand money
6. **copyright - d** f) breaking the law
7. **violation - f** g) sell illegally across borders

- » She **accused** me of stealing her pen but I didn't do it!
- » I got an email saying I won \$1,000,000 but I think it's a **scam**.
- » That dog had surgery so it can no longer **reproduce**.
- » Most of Canada's handguns are **trafficked** in from the U.S.
- » The thieves planned to **rob** a bank.

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1. **kick out - g** a) to "steal" another person's words
2. **plagiarize - a** b) to do something dishonestly
3. **cheat - b** c) opposite of polite
4. **rude - c** d) to not do what you're told to do
5. **disobey - d** e) a useful instrument
6. **tool - e** f) the area where prisoners are forced to live
7. **cell - f** g) to force someone to leave a place

1. **slap - c** a) an amount paid as a punishment
2. **temporary - f** b) to admit you did something bad or wrong
3. **suspect - g** c) to hit with an open hand
4. **confession - b** d) to kill in a formal setting, often as a punishment
5. **torture - e** e) to cruelly hurt on purpose
6. **execute - d** f) opposite of "permanent"
7. **fine - a** g) a person who is believed to have committed a crime

- » Just before he died the man **confessed** to several crimes.
- » She was so angered by his comment that she **slapped** his face.
- » I want to build a doghouse but I don't have enough **tools**.
- » The teacher scolded the boy for **cheating** on the test.
- » The mother scolded the girl who spoke **rudely** to the elderly woman.

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1. **tip - c** a) the person who works the register
 2. **cashier - a** b) something that lives off another, often harming the host
 3. **surgery - e** c) extra money given for good service
 4. **practical - f** d) to stand for or in place of another
 5. **parasite - b** e) an operation
 6. **represent - d** f) useful
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1. **dispatch - e** a) to force someone to stop working a job
 2. **peer - d** b) a group of workers fighting for their rights
 3. **labor - c** c) physical work
 4. **strike - f** d) same or similarly leveled people, i.e. the same generation
 5. **fire - a** e) send
 6. **union - b** f) to refuse to work until certain demands are met

- » The supermarket replaced all **cashiers** with machines.
- » The athlete was proud to **represent** her country in the Olympics.
- » After the accident I had **surgery** on my hand.
- » He is very **practical**; he would never waste money.
- » I got medicine for my dog because she has a **parasite** in her stomach.

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1. **surface - f** a) feeling no fear or keeping fear under control
 2. **precipitation - d** b) the process that fertilizes plants
 3. **drought - e** c) a product that certain insects make
 4. **pollination - b** d) rain, snow, sleet, etc.
 5. **beeswax - c** e) a period of time with no rain
 6. **brave - a** f) the top or outer layer
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1. **extinction - d** a) to throw trash on the street or a public place
 2. **pollute - b** b) to make air or water, for example, dirty
 3. **climate - c** c) the weather for a region
 4. **atmosphere - f** d) the last of a species disappearing
 5. **litter - a** e) a man-made object in space
 6. **satellite - e** f) the layer of gases that surround Earth

- » Although they faced great danger, the rescuers **bravely** worked to save the hikers.
- » Bubbles are rising up from the bottom to the **surface**.
- » The **extinction** of honey bees would be a disaster for humanity.
- » The **climate** in Hokkaido is much different from Kyushu.
- » Agricultural chemicals have been **polluting** the water for decades.

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1. **spit - f** a) to remove the skin of a fruit
2. **peel - a** b) like a poison in the air
3. **radioactive - b** c) put under the ground
4. **bury - c** d) gas, oil, kerosene, for example
5. **coal - e** e) black fuel mined from the Earth
6. **fuel - d** f) to suddenly put something out of your mouth

1. **landfill - e** a) a fun place with rides and games
2. **melt - b** b) to change from a solid to a liquid
3. **compost - f** c) products
4. **fertilize - d** d) to provide something like soil with nutrients
5. **amusement park - a** e) a place where an area's trash is thrown
6. **goods - c** f) raw waste

- » I eat whole grapes but my Japanese friends **peel** them.
- » A chick will only hatch out of an egg if it's **fertilized**.
- » Sea levels are rising because North Pole ice is **melting**.
- » Burning **coal** causes a lot of pollution. Solar energy is better.
- » In the past, pirates would **bury** gold under the ground.

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1. **excess - c** a) a coin worth about 1 yen
2. **possessions - e** b) not moral
3. **penny - a** c) too much
4. **finance - d** d) related to money
5. **account - f** e) things we own
6. **unethical - b** f) a place (not necessarily a physical place) where money is kept

1. **luxury - b** a) a milkshake
2. **blend - d** b) great comfort
3. **smoothie - a** c) to use until no longer usable
4. **wear out - c** d) mix
5. **mansion - e** e) a big, beautiful house
6. **yard - f** f) an area, usually grassy, around a house

- » After we move to Tokyo we'll have to open a bank **account** there.
- » I brake so much going down steep hills that my tires are **wearing out** already.
- » Peace Pilgrim walked around the U.S. with no money and few **possessions**.
- » This coffee is a **blend** of beans from Kenya and Ethiopia.
- » I will plant grass in my **yard** for dogs and kids to run around and play.

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| 1. fine - c | a) illegally hunt and kill wild animals |
| 2. certificate - e | b) unlike plastic, can decay and disappear into the earth |
| 3. minority - f | c) an amount to be paid as a punishment |
| 4. poach - a | d) for example heart, liver, lung, etc. |
| 5. organ - d | e) an official paper that shows an accomplishment |
| 6. biodegradable - b | f) the lesser or smaller amount or group in a larger one |
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| 1. fertilizer - f | a) a kind of punishment |
| 2. patch - d | b) an area where ocean rock-like creatures live |
| 3. suck - e | c) poison used to kill unwanted insects and animals |
| 4. pesticide - c | d) a thing or area on something else |
| 5. desertification - g | e) bring in with a mouth or vacuum |
| 6. penalty - a | f) something like manure than provides nutrients to soil |
| 7. coral reef - b | g) the process of soil becoming sand |

- » Of all the foreigners in Japan, Canadians are a small **minority**.
- » If you go over the time limit the **penalty** will be losing your turn.
- » She doesn't have a license but did earn a/an **certificate** for teaching English.
- » The hospital is looking for people willing to donate their **organs**.
- » Farmers are reducing the use of **pesticides** due to environmental concerns.

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| 1. consumption - g | a) mass hunger because crops are not growing |
| 2. fertility - c | b) very hungry, maybe even dying from a lack of food |
| 3. sustainability - f | c) the capacity to reproduce and make babies |
| 4. famine - a | d) spreading out or handing out |
| 5. stable - e | e) not too high or too low; steady |
| 6. distribution - d | f) the capacity to keep going |
| 7. starving - b | g) eating, drinking, using, etc. |
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| 1. prediction - c | a) lots of room |
| 2. nursery - e | b) an official plan |
| 3. policy - b | c) a guess based on data or logic |
| 4. discrimination - d | d) prejudice; unfair treatment |
| 5. spacious - a | e) caring for young |

- » After many ups and downs last year the economy is **stable**.
- » My **prediction** for who will win the championship was right two years in a row.
- » When is dinner? I'm **starving**!
- » Australia's alcohol **consumption** has decreased in recent years.
- » Laws have been effective to reduce **discrimination** of minorities.

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1. **determined - d** a) to die in water
 2. **torture - f** b) to have a lover while married
 3. **drown - a** c) love
 4. **spouse - e** d) a feeling of “nothing will stop me from doing this!”
 5. **affection - c** e) husband or wife
 6. **affair - b** f) to deliberately cause pain
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1. **cheat - f** a) a job working a cash register
 2. **a bother - d** b) the one before; the previous one
 3. **pirate - c** c) to break copyright; to download illegally
 4. **cashier - a** d) annoy
 5. **ex - b** e) buy this to receive money if needed to deal with illness or disaster
 6. **insurance - e** f) a dishonest action

- » The applicant’s **spouse** should sign the document too.
- » A person can **drown** even if the water is just a little over their head.
- » After 50 years of marriage they still show **affection**.
- » After just six months of marriage he started having a/an **affair**.
- » Could you call to wake me up tomorrow morning if it isn’t a/an **bother**.

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1. **gene - a** a) made from DNA, this determines human characteristics
 2. **nurture - b** b) to take care of, to help bring up
 3. **obedient - f** c) say something nice like “You look great today!”
 4. **compliment - c** d) sexually explicit material
 5. **pornography - d** e) dig out of the ground
 6. **executive - g** f) to do what you’re told; to respect authority
 7. **to mine - e** g) management level, like a company president
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1. **severe - d** a) a person who moves to a region, usually to work
 2. **pessimistic - c** b) opposite of “intelligent”
 3. **stiff - f** c) opposite of “optimistic”
 4. **migrant - a** d) strict; not generous, tolerant or kind
 5. **labor - g** e) can believe
 6. **ignorant - b** f) too hard; too firm
 7. **trustworthy - e** g) physical work

- » There are many jokes about how Americans tend to be **ignorant** about geography.
- » The farmer hired many Mexican workers to **labor** in fields harvesting fruit.
- » She received many **compliments** about how nice her new hair style looks.
- » The dog responds well to commands. It is very **obedient**.
- » The salary of **executives** at that company is too high.

1. **justice - e** a) respect
2. **courage - h** b) will keep supporting a person no matter what happens
3. **mercy - g** c) extreme comfort, delicious foods, etc.
4. **luxury - c** d) stand; deal with
5. **honor - a** e) regarding right and wrong
6. **duty - f** f) responsibility
7. **trivial - j** g) showing kindness to one weak or criminal
8. **bear - d** h) bravery
9. **loyal - b** i) the one above like a boss, senior or elder
10. **superior - i** j) insignificant

1. **discriminate - e** a) separate
2. **segregate - a** b) humans eating humans
3. **admiration - c** c) looking up to or respecting another
4. **cannibalism - b** d) something that needs to be avoided
5. **taboo - d** e) to treat unfairly

- » He gave up all **luxuries** and started living in a cabin in the woods.
- » He always did his **duty** to support his family and community.
- » For 17 years that dog was by my side and was incredibly **loyal**.
- » It's easy to do the same thing but takes **courage** to start on a new adventure.
- » It is a/an **honor** to win the award for the fifth year in a row.

