

To the teacher: The following pages contain vocabulary and idiomatic expressions found in each episode of *CROSSROADS CAFÉ*. Below are some options for using the vocabulary sheets.

### **BEFORE WATCHING:**

Make a photocopy of the vocabulary sheet for each learner.

Quickly go over phrases and words, allowing students to write in meanings.

Have students read through the sheet as quickly as possible, filling in definitions on their own, with a partner, or in small groups. Ask for volunteers to tell what the words/idioms mean in their own words. Clarify unfamiliar expressions with the whole class.

### **AFTER WATCHING:**

Make a photocopy of the vocabulary sheet for each learner.

Have students read through the sheet as quickly as possible, checking any unfamiliar words or idioms.

Check learners' understanding of the words by having them use the words in their own sentences.

Enlarge some of the expressions, glue onto card stock, and have students write definitions on the opposite side of the card. Learners can work in pairs or groups to quiz each other after they have viewed the video or completed the unit.

# **“OPENING DAY”**

## **Video #1**

It tastes like it's raw!	face it	We will open
on time	That's the least of my problems!	
I'm here to run for president	I can be very flexible about	
the hours I work	Here's my resume`	it runs
in the family	My day has been a total nightmare	
Everyone survived, thank you!	Let me tell you	
about my background	There is a first time for	
everything	I'm sure it's very impressive!	
You are trying to fry us all to a crisp!	Charbroiled	
flambé	This is one of my specialties	
I have to check on	Here, fill this out	
Let's get moving!	personnel office	
I could pull some strings here and there	temp agency	
resource center	funky personality	
conservative colors	dangling bracelets and earrings	
firm handshake	an interviewer is	
likely to ask	How do you see yourself fitting in?	
self-assured and confident	we'll make it!	

I'm sure people will find out eventually of your mind?	never mind	Are you out at this hour?
	less fat	less taste
in case you have a problem		Is this some kind of joke?
	I will give you something for your trouble	
forms and documents		Writing specials on the board is
tacky	Calm down!	It is on the house!
		This place is like a train station at rush hour
	handyman	laid off
tough break		checkmate
running out of time		intersection

# **“GROWING PAINS”**

## **Video #2**

just as efficient	very small violations	
Ms.	every nook and cranny	
We'd like to order something to go	You're not	
making any sense!	What's the big deal?	
That inspector will have a fit!	roaming around on her	
own	Who's going to show me around?	
Isn't there anyone else you can spare?		
Leaving a bussing cart in the wrong place is not the end of the world!		
	Tuck in your shirt	
busboy	Their chicken is absolutely out of this world	
the Ukraine	anti-Semitic	
Our daughter, to some extent, becomes a little more of a parent to us		
than we are to her		
Children adapt better and more quickly to a new country and a new		
culture	family traditions	
delicate balance	highly toxic	lasagna
goat meat	blueprints	
in-depth interview	a bit clumsy at times	

**We're completely against it**                                   **run over by a truck**

**She fell flat on her face**

**I'll look into it right away**                                   **keep up with your  
schoolwork**

**I'm off to class**

**numerous infractions, mostly of a minor nature**

**pending corrective action**                                   **Do you mind if I hang  
around here for awhile?**

**Keep up the good work!**

**“WORLDS APART”**  
**Video #3**

<b>hinge</b>	<b>Monterey Chicken</b>	<b>hombre</b>
<b>not exactly a palace</b>	<b>Chicken San Joaquin</b>	
<b>nurtured</b>	<b>affording me protection</b>	
<b>immense hall</b>	<b>tiers of narrow iron and canvas bunks</b>	
	<b>echo</b>	<b>a more dynamic</b>
<b>lifestyle</b>	<b>Why should we even bother?</b>	
<b>She took charge!</b>		<b>It was about living in two very</b>
<b>different worlds</b>		<b>the great Romanian cure for</b>
<b>insomnia</b>	<b>Do I seem that depressed?</b>	

# **“WHO’S THE BOSS?”**

## **Video #4**

pickup	grilled pork tenderloin	
burglar alarms	a good way to attract new customers	
rock concert	That band has flipped off the	
charts	Everybody mumbles all the time	
I'm just as fit as a young man!	I did not cheat you!	
this is only temporary	becoming quite	
a handful	Senior Management Consultant	
promoted	modest as usual	
civil engineer	caught in the layoffs	
devastated the aerospace industry		
retraining program	redeployment center	
family pressures	wants to show up without	
notice	under normal conditions	
We have to be on our best behavior	You two have	
to get along	clear the dishes	Touchy,
isn't he?	he was insulted	very
sensitive about his age	my handyman is out to lunch	
	not too pretentious	a full moon

**they are very strict**                            **You owe us one, a big one!**

**another robbery**                            **seems to have a bad**

**attitude**                                    **critic from the Restaurant News**

**then, if I'm not mistaken**                    **I had a hunch**

**I was laid off**                            **we like you for**

**who you are**                            **no harm done**                            **he deserves**

**the honor**                                    **pose as the owner**

**All in all, it's an excellent review**

**Would you do the same for me?**

# **“LOST AND FOUND”**

## **Video #5**

Where did you leave them last?		and never give it a
second thought	broad daylight	let's not
overreact	all-city alert	I don't want to
impose	Count Dracula	lunch is on the
house	violence	neighborhood watch
	it wouldn't fly	interaction
	flow of communication	graffiti
rise in residential burglaries		suspect
fancy gadgets	heaviest-gauge steel	
24-hour a day monitoring		all options
included	military school	
take a piece of wood and turn it into a palace		
made like the Titanic . . . glug, glug, glug		
if you want to soften the impact of the command		
people who live on another planet		misbehaving
	I hope you won't take this personally	
curfew	hidin' behind walls	red-tag
special	What's your rush?	high-tech stuff

## **“TIME IS MONEY”**

### **Video #6**

**ground beef**

**miracle**

**recycling center**

**Everyone is in a rush!**

**ceiling fan**

**My children will be advertising**

**for a new mother**

**It's about time!**

**stand in line**

**Let me give you a hand**

**all the paperwork**

**take your time**

**no rush**

**two different approaches to management**

**a challenge, perhaps**

**so far, so good**

**wasting time**

**time is money**

**He's practically a genius**

**running like a fine**

**watch**

**parents struggle against time**

**causes serious problems**

**I cannot run a**

**business on excuses**

**No matter how you look at it,**

**it pays to be on time**

**take-out order**

**How long can they afford to keep it up?**

**investment**

**Can you get along without me for**

**awhile?**

**step aside**

**you'll make**

**more money**

**exams**

**term papers**

**pretty well**                    **I'm sure they'll get over it**

**running a business**            **Don't give up on yourself so**

**quickly**                        **At least we're moving in the right direction**

**mountain of paperwork**

**That was close!**

## **“FISH OUT OF WATER”**

### **Video # 7**

<b>banner</b>	<b>like a palace</b>	<b>he must have</b>
<b>run out of film</b>	<b>you must be starving</b>	
<b>My Romanian is not what it used to be!</b>		<b>it will all make</b>
<b>sense</b>	<b>Have you lost your mind?</b>	
<b>a scar on my knee</b>	<b>take a break</b>	
<b>he can rely on me</b>	<b>typical things</b>	
<b>sharing past experiences</b>	<b>it breaks my heart</b>	
<b>billboards</b>	<b>I was blown away</b>	
<b>cultural shock</b>	<b>when the excitement of the journey</b>	
<b>begins to fade</b>	<b>homesick</b>	<b>to sever your</b>
<b>ties</b>	<b>cultural shock</b>	<b>people seem to be</b>
<b>tied up in themselves</b>	<b>contemplated suicide</b>	
<b>newcomers</b>	<b>negative feeling I had initially</b>	
<b>I have now outgrown</b>		<b>something to</b>
<b>remember him by</b>	<b>handlebars</b>	

# **“FAMILY MATTERS”**

## **Video #8**

late date	it's only a passing phase
meaningful relationships	By all means!
closeout	totally outdated
I can't afford	come straight home
try to get along	Nothing urgent – take your time
Decorating Committee	she was just making
conversation	single-parent family
poverty	nurturing
home demands	exhausting
more prevalent in today's society	tired to the bone
boarding school	
tuxedo	formal dances
losers	
Rosa has a point	she'll flip out
I'd just embarrass myself	that's not an option
You are free to worry about something else	
Their father practically deserted us	
I think this calls for a celebration!	my treat
see it in person	

## **“RUSH TO JUDGEMENT”**

### **Video #9**

**crime**

**depressed**

**comics**

**against department policy**

**Senior Citizen Center**

**flu shots**

**not all policemen are alike**

**Is there some sort of problem?**

**verify his**

**story**

**under arrest**

**under investigation**

**biggest influence**

**come in contact**

**negative**

**positive**

**influx of people**

**an asset**

**fighting crime**

**an officer that they can look up to**

**the fairest**

**policeman in town**

**this is hopeless**

**Slow down; I can't understand you**

**burglaries**

**wanted in a string of recent burglaries**

**medium build**

**he fits the description**

**innocent**

**Let me get this straight**

**crowbar**

**no ID**

**Does that about cover it?**

**Did you locate my wife?**

**Do I look like a criminal?**

**Do I look like I'm joking?**

**not a clue**      **calm down**      **We have different last names**

**possible suspect**      **I would swear my life on his good**

**name**      **next-of-kin?**      **show up soon**

**I'm volunteering**      **when I get a hold of**

**Henry**      **describe**      **focus of this episode**

**middle-aged**      **height and build**      **slender**

**heavy-set**      **frail, stooped man**      **We're not**

**forgetting anyone's rights**      **we can't confirm**

**a terrible imposition**      **a valued employee**

**your story checks out**      **sorry for the**

**inconvenience**      **file a complaint**

**put it all behind him**      **enough to get by**

**give me a raise**

## **“LET THE BUYER BEWARE”**

### **Video #10**

<b>advertise</b>	<b>clear out their sinuses</b>	
<b>get the word out</b>	<b>let people know you’re available</b>	
	<b>leak</b>	<b>What do you recommend?</b>
	<b>apple strudel</b>	<b>deserves the credit</b>
	<b>a very charming man</b>	<b>on the house</b>
<b>I have a date!</b>	<b>It sounds very glamorous</b>	
<b>sensational</b>	<b>service has been superb</b>	
<b>promoter</b>	<b>elegant</b>	<b>leaky sprinkler</b>
<b>system</b>	<b>publicity</b>	<b>compliment</b>
<b>a financial empire</b>	<b>so it’s settled</b>	
<b>fair enough</b>	<b>con artist</b>	<b>What’s</b>
<b>Catherine up to now?</b>	<b>incredible</b>	<b>demonstrate</b>
<b>sales pitch</b>	<b>national sweepstakes</b>	
<b>entry fee</b>	<b>Better Business Bureau</b>	
<b>let the buyer beware</b>	<b>That’s up to you</b>	

## **“NO VACANCY”**

**Video #11**

**locker**

**what in the world**

**how-to video**

**journalism class**

**video cameras**

**it's the 90's**

**big, breaking story**

**played hockey**

**Mr. Anchorman**

**charge her half as much**

**produce list**

**party animal**

**my pipes**

**sounds like a**

**science-fiction movie**

**landlord**

**You've got nothing to lose**

**property manager**

**practically under my nose**

**everything seems to be in**

**order**

**process this application**

**designed with simplicity in mind**

**manual focus control**

**I don't have a clue**

**passing grade**

**video projects**

**socially significant**

**Give me a break!**

**plumbing**

**personal reference**

**offer you the penthouse**

**some sort of mix-up**

**uh oh!**

**discrimination comes in a lot of different packages**

**prejudice doesn't always come dressed up in a**

**white sheet**

**discriminate**

**tenant**

I'm a widower	Keep your fingers crossed
How is the big romance going?	We're takin' it sort of
slow and easy	just between you and me
the senorita was never really in the running	
not quite our type	It sounds like I did you a big favor
	incidents of prejudice
	counter the effects
of prejudice	as you can see by my resume`
Civil Rights Act	creed
laude	classic example
	attendance record
	an open and shut case
	That spells it
out pretty clearly	you're not going to let this woman get
away with this	a number of different options
Let's hightail it back to the story	before she shows up
	your kind is not welcome here
	Do I have
to spell it out?	some kind of villain
Well, I hope you're satisfied	petty revenge
Chiquita	try to evict me
see you in court	I don't like the view
my treat	she was giving you the eye
going to get away with it	file a complaint

## **“TURNING POINTS”**

### **Video #12**

<b>my feelings exactly</b>	<b>gangs</b>	<b>Who do you think?</b>
<b>Unbelievable!</b>		<b>Forget about it!</b>
<b>there might be fingerprints</b>		<b>might be upset about</b>
<b>something</b>	<b>oatmeal is lumpy</b>	<b>Wow!</b>
<b>What happened?</b>		<b>teacher conferences</b>
<b>Hey, I don't make the rules</b>		<b>gang-related</b>
<b>young kids trying to make their mark</b>		<b>disturb the</b>
<b>evidence</b>	<b>checked for fingerprints</b>	
<b>what a mess</b>	<b>you will be punished</b>	
<b>I just can't stand her!</b>		<b>throwing away your future</b>
<b>She only wants what's best for you</b>		
<b>put up with all this crap</b>	<b>I don't drive</b>	
<b>that's a coincidence</b>		<b>You're kidding!</b>
<b>all that traffic</b>	<b>What is your problem?</b>	
<b>major phobia</b>		<b>How'd the knife end up at the café`?</b>
<b>How should I know?</b>		<b>How are</b>
<b>you going to explain all those bruises?</b>		<b>From a</b>
<b>three-story building?</b>	<b>cut the crap</b>	

<b>They've been messing with me</b>	<b>They'll keep</b>
<b>beating me up, even worse</b>	<b>breaking into the restaurant</b>
<b>part of joining</b>	<b>hanging around with a gang</b>
<b>take care of it myself</b>	<b>The cops have been all over the</b>
<b>café`</b>	<b>collection of rare coins</b>
<b>I dunno</b>	
<b>the possibilities are endless</b>	<b>to indicate possibility</b>
	<b>If only real driving was this easy!</b>
<b>wait to the last minute</b>	<b>Put your foot on the brakes</b>
<b>back to normal</b>	<b>one of the punks who</b>
<b>broke in the other night</b>	<b>running around with a pretty</b>
<b>tough crowd</b>	<b>It's not the same thing</b>
<b>down to the station</b>	<b>taught a lesson</b>
<b>unfortunate aspect of modern life</b>	<b>sense of belonging</b>
<b>status</b>	<b>safe harbor</b>
<b>youngsters who have become alienated</b>	
<b>low self-esteem</b>	<b>positive role model</b>
<b>negative peer pressure</b>	<b>gang-awareness programs</b>
<b>one-on-one counseling</b>	<b>high-risk student</b>
<b>at-risk student</b>	<b>You've got a long way to go</b>
<b>It's a good first step</b>	<b>bossing him around</b>

## **“TRADING PLACES”**

**Video #13**

<b>Here you are</b>	<b>This is much better for you</b>
<b>trout</b>	<b>one big fish</b>
	<b>Niagara Falls</b>
	<b>I will camp and fish</b>
	<b>enjoy the mountain</b>
<b>scenery</b>	<b>only in my dreams</b>
<b>leaky pipe</b>	<b>The distance between my daughter</b>
<b>and me is more than just miles</b>	
<b>ketchup</b>	<b>how can I possibly</b>
<b>get along without me</b>	<b>Feeling guilty?</b>
	<b>nothing more, nothing less</b>
	<b>It won't bite you!</b>
	<b>It must have cost a fortune</b>
<b>We can't afford it</b>	<b>can afford some extras</b>
	<b>I just lost my appetite</b>
	<b>play many</b>
<b>different roles</b>	<b>no specific rules about the roles</b>
<b>husbands and wives play</b>	<b>traditional patterns</b>
	<b>reverse</b>
	<b>excel in her field of expertise</b>
	<b>extended family members</b>
	<b>no right or</b>
<b>wrong way</b>	<b>choose roles that work for them</b>
	<b>observe</b>
	<b>trade</b>
	<b>food poisoning</b>

bus the tables	makes a lot of sense	Let the
customers in	sample menu	It's no big deal
it always has been	Let's just do it your way	
Stop moping around all day		
get on with your life	chairman of the board	
Mr. Nothing	I do count!	coffee cake
kind of nice	all peaceful and quiet	
get yourself a life	that is what really matters	
I'm trying to keep things simple		It looks like your
experiment is really working out		the lunch crowd will
be here	We ordered ages ago	lose some
business	No harm done	number one priority
I'm on my lunch break	working out	
grand experiment	switch jobs	Trading places
is a lot more difficult than they imagined		
it's about change	it's not easy	Believe me, I
came close	I need a refill	What a time to be alone

## **“LIFE GOES ON”**

**Video # 14**

<b>paramedics</b>	<b>Any word yet?</b>	<b>It seems like</b>
<b>forever</b>	<b>mild heart attack</b>	<b>out of danger</b>
<b>Are visitors allowed tonight?</b> <b>We'll be by</b>		
<b>to see him tomorrow</b>	<b>go broke</b>	<b>The rules are</b>
<b>very strict</b>	<b>old ticker fixed up</b>	<b>besides</b>
<b>combination to the safe</b>	<b>life-threatening emergency</b>	
<b>like a small city</b>	<b>specific rules that</b>	
<b>govern its operations</b>	<b>teams of professionals</b>	
<b>their goal</b>	<b>part of the treatment</b>	
<b>limit the hours and the number of visitors</b>		
<b>hospital stays tend to be short</b>	<b>open as usual</b>	
<b>I'm not paying you overtime for this</b>	<b>Who made</b>	
<b>you the boss?</b>	<b>in charge</b>	<b>bark orders</b>
<b>strong suggestions</b>	<b>not such a bad idea</b>	
<b>I am honored</b>	<b>I must turn down the offer</b>	
<b>I've got my hands full</b>	<b>Not on your life!</b>	
<b>unanimously elected</b>	<b>that leaves you</b>	
<b>only as a volunteer</b>	<b>He's got everything under control</b>	

He's very organized	invent a system	
looks good to me	a note to myself	doctor's
orders	You're on a restricted diet	
paperwork is a disaster	maintenance	
so absent-minded	haven't spoken to each other	
were very close	I made some choices he	
didn't approve of	We're out of each other's lives	
didn't make it	every little thing	
half-price	just in time	Thank you for filling in
have you back	checkmate!	
a bill that's been buried in my desk	not even close!	
secret admirer	You must be very proud	
I hope she did not inherit	my appetite	

## **“BREAKING AWAY”**

**Video #15**

**the place next door**

**vacant building**

**shabby**

**glamorous establishment**

**could**

**you tell**

**the windows are papered over**

**health club**

**peace and quiet**

**free period**

**see what you're up to**

**going together**

**pretty obvious**

**momentous occasion**

**a business to run**

**good practice for when we tell our**

**parents**

**It's not like I have to ask their permission**

**you'll never guess**

**is being**

**transferred**

**good-looking**

**going to MIT**

**She's a babe!**

**you can get out of it**

**So is this**

**set this whole thing up**

**This**

**sounds serious**

**your Mother and I always assumed**

**Who said anything about marriage?**

**I would be prepared if I were you**

**what**

**they will say**

**what they will mean**

**foreman of the crew**

**laundromat**

**asking for change**

**nothing but a nuisance**

department of water and power	what a mess
looks like a gypsy	looks like what they
used to call a hippie	my niece
chaperones	courtship
won them over	
it worked out	Ivory Coast
Peace Corps volunteer	racial question
blending different cultures	interpreting body language
tight Filipino family unit	repainting the lines in the
parking lot	diagonal
	taking my parking
places	violent game
	finesse
rough play	Sarah and I are going together
Sarah thought you should know	give this more
thought	put it off
	You don't
approve of me	she hangs up
	choose
between her family and you	see my side
hinted pretty strongly	goof ball
ill-mannered adolescent	getting it from both sides
You make it sound so simple	
very clever	catch their interest
	What a
coincidence!	happened to be in the neighborhood

<b>What will I say?</b>	<b>This is the last straw!</b>		
<b>lose power</b>	<b>figure out what goes where</b>		
<b>Do you believe that woman?</b>	<b>I was very rude</b>		
	<b>I read something else into it</b>	<b>You thought</b>	
<b>we were prejudiced</b>	<b>no bearing</b>	<b>none</b>	
<b>whatsoever</b>	<b>I don't want to insult you</b>		
<b>see things differently</b>	<b>complicated</b>		
<b>We'll just have to trust them</b>	<b>all the trouble I've caused</b>		
<b>you</b>	<b>You've got something on your mind</b>		
<b>pushy</b>	<b>snack</b>	<b>Not to worry!</b>	<b>In no time</b>

# **“THE BOTTOM LINE”**

## **Video #16**

waiting for my order	chicken pot pie	
the special	You can say <u>that</u> again	
It's bad enough hearing it once	down at the	
Senior Center	I can count on a game every day	
You're only as old as you feel	I spoke to the bank	
about a loan	The café isn't making enough money to qualify	
	firm handshake	
look him in the eye	What is everyone staring at?	
	fresh approach	
on the cutting edge	very direct	Our records
tell a different story	a downward profit curve	
a sharp pencil to the figures	Your expenses are	
too high	just a figure of speech	reduce
your figures	debits	running a business or
raising a family	print up some flyers at school	
From the first moment of life, the aging process begins		
clearly-defined roles	experiencing life fully	
intergenerational staff	chronological	

**perspective on life**                                   **I'm still needed**

**I would definitely recommend**                                   **overslept**

**doing well**   **upward profit curve**                                   **This is a**

**disaster**   **The last of the big spenders**

**oatmeal**   **sharing an order of toast**                                   **are you aware**

**I don't know what you're trying to pull**

**I'll be expecting to hear from you**                                   **take strong**

**measures**   **reduce my expenses**

**cut my expenses**   **an equal-opportunity "unemployer"**

**laid off**   **Let's see what I can do**

**the least of my worries**                                   **I don't know which weapons to**

**use**   **sooner or later**

**I don't want to let anyone go**

**I'm trying to come up with a solution**

**bingo tournament**   **keep an open mind**

**regular meeting place**                                   **make some dishes low-fat,**

**low-salt, and low-sugar**                                   **low-cal bread pudding**

**trying to avoid me**   **doesn't want to put you on**

**the spot**   **Pick up!**   **Can I interest you in a**

**credit card?**   **perfect timing**   **never underestimate**

## **“UNITED WE STAND”**

**Video #17**

What if the bus ran out of gas? hijacked

Just kidding Oh well, at least my face will smell fresh

I only have two hands sleep on a board

under the mattress trust me the third time

this month I would have given a lot to see that

plumbing problem water problem

wouldn't mind stopping by and taking a look

not much pressure fall into the bathtub

that could be dangerous basic service

renters have rights That should hold it until I get a

new faucet fills a basic human need

responsibility is shared landlord and tenant

maintaining the unit He became an

alcoholic health and safety of the tenant

landlord abuse paint flaking, mildew

certified mail, return receipt reasonable period of time

compensate her arbitration both parties

satisfied one-sided agreement

mediation agreement	that thing in my face	
bring several problems to your attention		
apologizing	more aggressive	
The grounds are infested with rats	video project	
they wouldn't dare	a documentary	
Back still sore?	That's great if you're a statue!	
acupuncture	I don't believe in that stuff	
as good as new	share the cost	
not <u>the</u> Michael Mcallister	top reporter	
guest instructor	traffic reporter	
do the weather	property management company	
the tile is cracked	late fee	I'm just doing my job
Test it someplace else	You're not going to give up, are you?	
	Get all the tenants together	
set things up	I nominate you	I second it!
I own some property in the neighborhood		
No water, no rent!	It won't kill him	
president of the tenants' association		
one of the investors	to get to the bottom of this	
take an active role	chiropractor	

## **“OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS”**

**Video #18**

**Whaddaya looking for?**                           **It's a surprise**

**Our toaster's not working**                       **Isn't it obvious?**

**What do they think I am, a machine?**                   **I'll give you**

**a hand**   **the best and most popular music**

**There are no song titles**                           **B-7, my lucky**

**number in Bingo**                                  **jukebox**   **who's in a**

**worse mood**                                       **I'm not about to lose my investment**

**sign off on the job**                               **Am I making**

**myself clear?**                                      **the answer to our problems**

**practically impossible**                             **economic downturn**

**This could be a real opportunity**

**A waste of time**                                   **it couldn't hurt**

**that ridiculous music**                           **constant battle against the**

**clock**   **industrial development**

**something less stressful**                           **compliance engineer**

**matches the architectural plans**                   **project manager**

**Joe's my right-hand man**

**knows those people backwards and forwards**

life begins and ends with building code  
computer files I'll put it in one of the drawers  
I got an opportunity I can't pass up  
It's like a dream come true  
It won't be the same around here without you  
I would never stand in your way  
faster than a bolt of lightening swifter than a  
speeding train hooking up my phone  
spilled coffee all over computer disk  
I'm not panicking boot up damaged  
before I take off beam A-7 safety in  
the workplace concern of government  
goggles hard hats protective clothing  
workers' compensation insurance unemployment  
insurance social security  
provides benefits the vent handyman  
extraordinaire run two ads I fired him  
support beams are cracked any seismic  
movement they won't hold  
The schematics have been altered

**second-hand materials** passing them off as new

**don't over-react** sign off on these

**before next week's inspection** Department of

**Building and Safety** I'll let you know

**excellent references** It's a long story

**only temporarily** finest technical school

**Now, that's what I call service!**

## **“THE PEOPLE’S CHOICE”**

### **Video #19**

**What a mess!**                                   **take a miracle**

**campaigning for re-election**                                   **he reminds me of**

**someone**   **blocking the traffic**

**tour guide**   **make your acquaintance**

**accounting department**                                   **apply for a refund**

**hotline**   **no political experience**                                   **vote of**

**confidence**   **meatloaf**   **needs your final**

**touch**   **I've had it up to here**                                   **run for city**

**council**   **You know this city like the back of your hand**

**professional politicians**                                   **still crooked**

**if the election were held today**                           **“others” 6%**

**I'm a nobody**   **It wasn't much of a speech**

**Maybe I'm not cut out for this political stuff**

**the bottom line is**   **You haven't got a prayer**

**I'm talking big money**                                   **buying votes**

**the role of the mayor**                                   **chairing meetings**

**official spokesman**   **long-range plan**

**city manager**   **operate the city on a day-to-day basis**

make your thoughts known	really have an impact
What are we doing in this dive?	Tired of caviar?
how the other half lives	that's the point
I'm not paying you to talk in riddles	team player
on the council	The downtown parking structure will
be history	judging by the polls
a candidate to get behind	I'd like to offer my support
I believe in what you stand for	Hang on; you're in
for quite a ride	My advisers think I oughta spruce up
my image a bit	an issue I should get involved with
	tore down half the buildings
	cost the city 1,200 jobs
turn your back on the issues	your new look
political puppet	Promises, promises,
promises!	my fellow citizens
look ahead	confront the difficult decisions that loom
before us	The stakes could not be higher
unnecessary rules and regulations	This is not
me – definitely not me	somebody ought to step in
tired of getting ripped off	you really had a shot

**“OUTSIDE LOOKING IN”**  
Video #20

guest teacher                    It's a date                    hunting trip

business conference                 chicken mole

What's for dessert?                 the new lease

acid indigestion written all over it                    meet with my

accountant                         property taxes are going up

                                       pass on the cost to my tenants

just coming out of the oven                 act normal

call me Andrew                         I've already eaten

standing in front of a blackboard                 ask you a favor

Are you free tonight?                         I've gotten myself into a bind

translator                         You'll do fine                    extra credit

                                       My schedule's a little busy  
writing a paper on

how to run a small business                 he'll be thrilled

                                       interesting proposal                 take a little break

won ton soup                         foie gras                         goose liver

translating skills                         one of my investors

lots of dollars coming your way                 You've caused a

fuss over that painting                         What do you think it's about?

a statement about chaos	clash between reason and passion
	What does the painting say to you?
I hope you won't take this the wrong way	
way out of your league	How can I put this
delicately?	push your way into this world
talking to the help	Why the sudden interest in
Modern Art?	carry on an intelligent conversation
one thing led to another	so sophisticated
a lot of ground to cover	No doubt!
accounts payable	occupational hazard
Federal safety rules are very strict	You don't have
to be so defensive	the end of my patience
end to our misery	formally trained
figures of respect	teenagers can be particularly
challenging	primary issue
emphasis on material goods	children are revered
more homogeneous way of raising a kid	instant gratification
more to say!	That's easy for you
	a few soccer moves
excellent goalie	The financing has come through
hard to say	marketing plan
	so naïve

## **“WALLS AND BRIDGES”**

**Video #21**

**Romanian goulash**

**beef stew with paprika**

**enchiladas**

**tailor shop**

**agreed to be my**

**big sister**

**we knew you when**

**How are**

**you coming with your studying?**

**handle something**

**study the board**

**no response**

**honor student**

**You were there for her**

**now more than ever**

**I'll see what I can do**

**counter stools**

**wobbles too much**

**I owe this country a lot**

**repay my debt**

**I'm in no hurry**

**He thinks he's back in**

**the Old Country**

**a seamstress**

**He's not going to get away with it**

**keep interfering**

**would have fooled me**

**solve all that**

**at least**

**for now**

**work-study program**

**do me a favor**

**a good-bye letter**

**meddling is causing her hurt**

**I'm not giving up**

**absent-minded professor**

**no response**

**I'd be glad to lend a hand**

**I thought I made it clear to you**

**I think you speak a**

little more than a little	part-time worker
the salary	paid by the city
charity	a commercial skill
	certain to get a scholarship
	keep her grades up
empty dreams	look at life for what it is
“honey-do” list	How goes the studying?
nothing sticks	It was my pride
bull-headed	a little stubborn
	pull an all-nighter
What have you got to lose?	I’m trying to cool off
	character reference
	procedure
proficient in English	intimidating
My life was in the hands of someone else	good
impression	citizenship oath
	I am very blessed
	new country, new ways
	Do you look down
on me because I am only a tailor?	Give me a chance
to be what I want to be	

## **“HELPING HANDS”**

**Video #22**

<b>It's weird</b>	<b>It's a working trip</b>	
<b>spend some time together</b>		<b>He's got other things</b>
<b>on his mind</b>	<b>hanging around</b>	
<b>checking out the place</b>		<b>no law against that</b>
<b>leftovers</b>		<b>big misunderstanding</b>
	<b>check the circuit box</b>	<b>relay switches</b>
<b>repositioned the contacts</b>		<b>unfortunately, it's only</b>
<b>temporary</b>	<b>cooking was irresistible</b>	
<b>go to waste</b>	<b>part of my training</b>	<b>auto mechanic</b>
	<b>at least what I used to do</b>	<b>lately I've sort</b>
<b>of given up</b>	<b>doors slammed in my face</b>	
<b>money exerts a powerful influence</b>		<b>a lack of money</b>
<b>can cause anxiety</b>	<b>dumpster diving</b>	
<b>effects of poverty</b>	<b>late fee</b>	<b>we kept on</b>
<b>moving</b>	<b>family survival</b>	<b>You can't have</b>
<b>everything you want</b>	<b>decisions and choices</b>	
<b>meeting should be over by ten</b>		<b>The meeting</b>
<b>lasted much longer than I expected</b>		<b>breakfast meeting</b>

We'll have to wait and see		It still jams
hardware store	deadbolt	It keeps jamming
pay you back	relay switch	at a junkyard
fill in for the week	minimum wage	You hardly
know him	taken to him	laid off
no good at interviews	freeze up	
You jumped to conclusions		chief mechanic
	what an angel	You've hardly said a word
all night	Lately I seem to have all the burden	
	my job before my family	resume`
I am no good at that sort of thing		You'll knock 'em
dead	all sorts of things	give me a little bit more
of an example	I froze up	I used a trick
my father taught me		Imagine the audience in their
underwear	things went smoothly	
very impressed	All I had to do was think of you	

**“THE GIFT”**  
**Video #23**

**He'll take one look at you and know we're up to something**

**nothing out of the ordinary**

**so much for that idea**

**supposed to be a surprise**

**my ride's waiting**

**You'll think**

**of something**

**Are you kidding?**

**fix the ice machine**

**bills**

**disappeared off the**

**face of the earth**

**cabin**

**like paradise**

**giving yourself a present once in a while**

**that locker**

**driving me crazy**

**That would be great, but tonight is bad for me**

**karate tournament**

**cover for me**

**Mr. Brashov will be right out**

**Your appetite is**

**is getting as big as mine**

**not quite**

**the answer to our problems**

**your ticket to Paradise**

**the cabin in the mountains**

**You're welcome to use it**

**It's a shame to let it go**

**to waste**

**a waterfall**

**Your staff is on top of**

**things**

**Never leave 'til Monday what can be done on Friday**

I've got a brochure with directions for starters

Any sign of him? So much for my vacation

efficiency expert When you're dealing

with the IRS taxes around for centuries

serfs feudal lords protest of

unfair taxes operations of government

income taxes property taxes sales taxes

building and maintaining highways benefit the

community as a whole maintaining the quality of life

He doesn't suspect a thing

making a fuss over me He's not a part of our lives

anymore I want to have my daughter back

This isn't the place to talk

another number on the calendar part of the joke

brought me back to my family

**"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"**  
Video #24

synchronize our watches	not a military invasion	
go over everyone's jobs	beef stroganoff	
put up the decorations	pick up the flowers	
Hold on, soldier	special delivery	
wedding gown	lucky girl	give me a signature
	get to work on my pastries	need a referee
tossed around	Oh, boy!	immediately
Balengo fever	tough break	no reason to panic
close the airport	Grandfather won't make it	
having some problems with the recipe	I didn't do it on	
purpose	You can tell me	I've got to hand
it to you	ring-bearer	just a little nervous
luckiest woman	set up for the big bash	
It can't be that bad	We need a magician with a lot of	
thread	appear unique at first glance	
certain customs are common across cultures		
join the festivities	bring gifts	their new
union	toasts to the bride and groom	

joyful occasion	power outages	
airport officials	nervous breakdown	
Any luck?	still just static	Let me have
a look	payday	This should take care
of the ride	Are you sure this is a good idea?	
in a flash	reggae	Keep your eyes on the
road	pulling up to the café	pull over
	born to be in our family	nice curly, dark hair
	beautiful bambino	pretty enough to be his wife
	life of the party	dying to meet everyone
of you	very shortly	make it fast
I don't have all night	identification	passport
with flying colors	pull over to the side of the road	
frostbite	You think I'm too old	
give him some room	auto repair club	think of
your children	What will your Grandfather say?	
Pull yourself together	propose a toast	
keep their sense of humor	I'll drink to that!	

## **“COMINGS AND GOINGS”**

### **Video #25**

all yours	I'll have an omelet	
a side of scrambled eggs	very funny	
seems like only yesterday	That wasn't confidence –	
that was desperation!	get along without you	
Seriously – what are you going to do?		
one thing's for sure	spend more time with	
my kids	law school	I'm only laughing
because	anything more perfect	
Who knows what life has in store for us?		
replacement	final task	joking
who better than you	find someone who is qualified	
to step into your shoes		excellent idea
not bad at all	sign us to a contract	I hear
bands from morning 'til night	A lot of them sound	
promising, just like you	push the right buttons	
turn dials	It's technology	
in front of 20,000 people	we can play live	
cool place in town	rock stars that are still in high school	

once I sign a contract	Cairo	I insist
she took to the place	a few more candidates	
12 <sup>th</sup> person	Who are you waiting for, Mother Theresa?	
	most qualified	less time to build Rome
back out again	gone over the supply order	
early grave	the Big Game	
practicing with my band	coming in on time	
record producer	lose all my customers	
rock and roll	I'm in a jam	Don't do me any
favors!	help me out	You won't regret this
	friends from home	all part of being a
parent	chief engineer	left the firm
Are you kidding?	a real job	read a blueprint
	wouldn't hesitate	I will not shame you
I will be honored	accept the job	
something to discuss	vary from person to person	
decision to stay	starting from ground zero	
my field	I feel too alienated	
no longer in that culture	I don't fit	I think in
English	making a living	adjust back to certain ways

from the sitter's I couldn't sleep

Things have not been perfect lives are getting

better It's only a question of time Time is

slipping away feel a little less like a man

I'm a handyman We're getting by

You do not hear me I can't do this anymore

My daughter was in a hurry to be born

get the hang of it I'll let you know

I can find my way out I'm still looking

I'm starting to believe I've gotten so used to

We're like a family scared nothing to

look forward to I envy you if I didn't believe

in front of the counter free concert

famous rock star what's the difference

never mind you sounded good We've got it!

I can't predict the future distinct possibility

I don't get it dropped out

only decision I've ever regretted give up on you

me neither going away party

I wouldn't miss it for the world an accident

**“WINDS OF CHANGE”**  
Video #26

Don't get over-confident                            I haven't got all day  
  
It took you long enough                            It's your move  
  
You had your chance                                so long  
  
cleaned out my files                                ship our things  
  
unpacking    nice of you to join us  
  
Since when did you become the boss around here?  
  
I don't have to be the boss to know  
  
very selfish    you'll have to give up  
  
unless it's what you really want to do                someone  
  
named Sally    down the street  
  
It's the thought that counts                        paperwork  
  
more leftovers than we know what to do with  
  
staring at this board                                There's so much of Jess  
  
in this house                                         makes me feel better or worse  
  
taking a cruise                                        the Greek Islands  
  
coast    It wouldn't be the same  
  
changed your mind                                    changed it back again  
  
Here comes trouble                                    this side of the counter

civilian	Don't rub it in	back in a second
	catalogues	city college
What's next, the Supreme Court?		a lot of late nights
and strong coffee	better you than me	
get moving	clear off	so-so
handle things	first aid kit	Faster is not another
word for reckless	stitches	recertified
busboy	collect garbage	venture out
full-time employee	great fortune	
financial comfort	the issue of giving	priority
	acceptable volunteer	in touch with
the American Dream		the best person you can be
	step into my office	Let me walk you out
I know exactly what you mean		I can't take these
Never wait for the perfect time		Haitian food
I don't get it	a life outside this café	
fair and honest man		It's not an option
necessity	to go smoothly	employees
who have been loyal to me for years		I wouldn't have
the heart to let them go		in a carpool together

<b>the same college</b>	<b>no regrets</b>	
<b>right decision</b>	<b>much success</b>	
<b>after all</b>	<b>run the café</b>	<b>so fast</b>
<b>smart and ambitious</b>	<b>hiring someone to replace</b>	