

V42 – Two and a Half Men: When you turn into a tree

Part 1 – Topic Speaking: Coping

Directions: Discuss the following questions with a partner.

1. What is a difficult situation you have had to deal with recently?
2. How do you get rid of stress?
3. Have you ever been through a bad break up?
4. Do you like listening to music to make you feel better?
5. If you have a bad day, what do you do to make yourself feel better?
6. What is a good way to cope with the pressure of exams?
7. What are some things students must learn to cope with?
8. What are some things parents must cope with?
9. Do you prefer to talk about your feelings with someone, or to bury your feelings?
10. Do you agree with the quote, "That which doesn't kill us makes us stronger!"?

Part 2A - Vocabulary Review:

Directions: Discuss the meaning with a partner. Next, review as a class.

Vocabulary	*	Definition or Translation
1. chat	1	
2. run over	5	
3. conversation	6	
4. in other words	12	
5. fall behind	15	
6. delayed	16	
7. divorce	16	
8. take a while	18	
9. split up	20	
10. geometry	29	

*NOTE: the number indicates where the vocabulary is located in the script.

Part 2B - Vocabulary Speaking:

Directions: Choose 5 vocabulary words and create a question. Next, discuss your questions with a partner.

Word	Question
Ex: tough	What is the <i>toughest</i> course you have ever taken?
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Part 3 – Script & Video

Directions: Complete Back2Back Reading (see Script below), then watch the video.

Part 4 - Comprehension Questions:

Directions: Discuss with a partner then review as a class.

1. Why does Alan initially get upset at Charlie's remark?

2. Why is Kandi okay with Alan's ex-wife?

3. In line 5, what can we assume about Kandi?

4. How is Jake doing in school?

5. Why does Jake think has been doing badly in school?

6. How does Kandi's intervening remark seem to influence the conversation?

7. Other than Alan, who is the person that seems to try to transition to new topics whenever things take a wrong turn?

8. What does Alan do when he gets fed up with conversation?

Part 5 – Writing:

Directions: In 2 to 3 sentences, write your opinion about the video.

A – Back2Back Reading

Directions: Read 'odd' numbers +
Listen & fill in 'even' numbers



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2. **Alan:** Oh, _____
_____?

3. **Kandi:** I like her.

4. **Alan:** _____? _____ ..._____?

5. **Kandi:** Well, unlike most ex-wives I've known, she's never tried to run me over with her car.

6. **Alan:** Ok..._____. Jake, _____
_____?

7. **Jake:** I don't think having this conversation will make you any happier, Dad.

8. **Alan:** _____, _____?

9. **Jake:** We had a surprise test, today.

10. **Alan:** _____?

11. **Jake:** I was really surprised.

12. **Alan:** So _____, _____
_____.

13. **Jake:** You can't prepare for a surprise, Dad.

14. **Charlie:** _____?

15. **Alan:** Jake, what are we gonna do? You've really fallen behind this year.

16. **Jake:** I know. I think _____
_____.

17. **Alan:** Oh?

18. **Jake:** Yeah. _____, but my teachers _____.

19. **Kandi:** You know, I'm a child of divorce too, Jake.

20. **Alan:** Really? How old were you _____
_____?

21. **Kandi:** Twenty-two.

22. **Alan:** _____.

23. **Kandi:** Twenty-two and a half. Boy, what I'd give to be twenty-two again.

24. **Charlie:** _____?

25. **Alan:** No, no, no more conversation. Jake, if you're finished, just go do your homework

26. **Jake:** _____.

27. **Alan:** You don't need help. You need to focus.

28. **Kandi:** _____, Jake.

29. **Jake:** Do you know anything about geometry?

30. **Kandi:** Well, I know it's what you say _____
_____. Get it? Gee, I'm a tree.

31. **Jake:** Good one.

32. **Kandi:** _____!

B – Back2Back Reading

Directions: Read 'even' numbers +
Listen & fill in 'odd' numbers



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2. **Alan:** Oh, can't we just have a nice dinner?

3. **Kandi:** _____.

4. **Alan:** Why? Uh...why?

5. **Kandi:** Well, _____, she's never _____ with her car.

6. **Alan:** Ok...new dinner conversation. Jake, how was school?

7. **Jake:** I don't think _____, Dad.

8. **Alan:** What, now?

9. **Jake:** _____, today.

10. **Alan:** And?

11. **Jake:** _____.

12. **Alan:** So in other words, you weren't prepared.

13. **Jake:** _____, Dad.

14. **Charlie:** New conversation?

15. **Alan:** Jake, what are we gonna do? _____.

16. **Jake:** I know. I think it's a delayed reaction to your divorce

17. **Alan:** _____?

18. **Jake:** Yeah. It took a while, but my teachers have finally stopped feeling sorry for me.

19. **Kandi:** You know, _____, Jake.

20. **Alan:** Really? How old were you when your parents split up?

21. **Kandi:** _____.

22. **Alan:** But you're 22 now.

23. **Kandi:** Twenty-two and a half. Boy, _____ twenty-two again.

24. **Charlie:** New subject?

25. **Alan:** No, no, no more conversation. Jake, _____.

26. **Jake:** I'm gonna need help.

27. **Alan:** You don't need help. _____.

28. **Kandi:** I'll help you, Jake.

29. **Jake:** _____?

30. **Kandi:** Well, I know it's what you say when you turn into a tree. Get it? Gee, I'm a tree.

31. **Jake:** _____.

32. **Kandi:** Thanks!

V42 - ANSWER KEY



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Part 4 - Comprehension Questions & Answers

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS	
1. Why does Alan initially get upset at Charlie's remark?	He initially gets upset because he brought up his ex-wife while they were having dinner.
2. Why is Kandi okay with Alan's ex-wife?	She is okay with his ex-wife because unlike many other ex-wives, Alan's isn't as aggressive.
3. In line 5, what can we assume about Kandi?	We can assume that she has made other people's ex-wives very angry by dating their husbands.
4. How is Jake doing in school?	His performance at school seems to have faltered.
5. Why does Jake think has been doing badly in school?	Jake thinks he is doing poorly in school because of his parent's divorce.
6. How does Kandi's intervening remark seem to influence the conversation?	It seems to have been well-intentioned but irrelevant to what Jake was saying.
7. Other than Alan, who is the person that seems to try to transition to new topics whenever things take a wrong turn?	Charlie seems to be the one to do so.
8. What does Alan do when he gets fed up with conversation?	He tells Jake to go do his homework if he is finished with dinner.