Misunderstandings – vocabulary

1. uncombed hair not combed, meaning someone is not neat

2. to head (straight) for to go (directly) toward a particular direction

3. to tap to gently hit (your finger or foot) against something

4. a bum someone who has no job or home, a street person

5. to pull over to drive to the side of the road and stop your car/bus

6. a traffic jam a long line of vehicles on a road that can’t move, or that move very slowly

7. to search the bus to look carefully for something, in this case, on the bus

8. takeoff the time when an aircraft rises into the air

9. to gasp to make a short, sudden noise when shocked or surprised

10. a flight attendant steward or stewardess on an airplane

11. not uncommon common, happening in large numbers, frequent

12. among in a particular group of people or things; (contrast between)

13. confusing causing confusion; unable to understand something clearly

14. a boss the person who employs you or is in charge of your work

15. embarrassed being ashamed, anxious or nervous

16. to whisper to speak or say something very quietly

17. suddenly quickly and unexpectedly

18. to turn out all right (in the end) to have a good result (in the end)

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1. In your country, if someone tried to ride a bus without paying what do you think other passengers would do? What would you do?

2. Have you ever confused two similar sounding words (like seventy and seventeen?) Which two words did you confuse? What happened?

3. In your native language, are there similar sounding words that people sometimes confuse? What are the words?

4. The man in the story said, “I always wanted to see New Zealand.” Is there a place you’ve always wanted to see? Why do you want to go there; what do you want to see?

5. Have you ever had a misunderstanding about food? in a restaurant, a home, a market?

 Computer class: November 4. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In your text book on page 274, you’ll find a map of the United States. Select one of the states to research in the computer lab this morning.

In the Google search field, type Wikipedia.

When Wikipedia is found, look in the left column under “languages” for “simple English” and click.

In the search field, enter the name of any US state that you’d like to research. (Ex: Alaska, Virginia, Montana, Texas, Hawaii, Rhode Island, California, Wyoming, etc.) Do not choose Massachusetts. After reading the article and looking at the exhibits about the state, answer these questions.

1. Name of state \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Rank in size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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3. Population \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Rank in population \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Capital City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Largest City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. List two interesting things you learned about the state (history, economy, historic sites, geography, weather, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. If you could visit this state, what 2 things would you want to do?

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1. If you have time, look up Massachusetts using Wikipedia in your language. What did you learn that you didn’t know before? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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