

Public Speaking Class

W: Hey, David. What's wrong? You look like you're having a rough morning.

M: Yeah... I just finished a test, and I'm really **bumped out**.

W: Oh, I'm sorry to hear about that. What happened?

M: Well, you know Mike and I take that Public Speaking class, right?

W: **Yeah**, you guys were always talking about how interesting that class was, so I thought you guys were definitely going to get a good **grade**.

M: Well, this week we had a test, which is where we **randomly** are given a topic regarding **politics** to debate about **on the spot**.

W: OK...

M: So, Mike and I decided the day before that we would debate on **every and any** topic that came up throughout our day so that we could prepare ourselves for the test. We practiced debating all day long.

Anyways, we both got bad grades because the teacher said that our preparation was poor! So, I tried to debate my grade with the teacher.

W: Oh, no...

M: And he gave me an even lower grade and told me that I had to **submit** an essay about politics because "I didn't study enough." Can you believe it!?

W: **I don't see** how you could possibly get a bad grade. You both seem like you prepared for your test. What were the topics that you debated about?

M: We debated about which animal is better: dogs or cats. And, at lunchtime we debated **whether or not** hot dogs are sandwiches. The topic that was the MOST fun, and I learned the most from, was who is **better looking**: Mike or me. I really had to **think on my feet** and be creative with my opinions to win that one!

W: Well, in that case I'm NOT surprised the professor thought that you were unprepared for your test considering the fact that those topics are NOT political... They are stupid topics! (Written by Perline Kusunoki)

*** It's a Good Expression ***

(今回の重要表現)

(be) bummed out

落ち込んだ

Yeah

Yes と Yeah の使い分けは意外と大事。Joe の言うように口語では通常 "Yeah" がよく使われる。ただし面接や public speaking などフォーマルな場ではもちろん "Yes"。

grade

成績 ※「学年」の意味も。

randomly

無作為に、ランダムに

politics

政治

on the spot

その場で、即興で

every and any

あらゆるすべての～

submit

提出する (=hand in)

I don't see

わからない (=I don't understand)

whether or not

～かどうか ※「～であろうとなかろうと」の意味も。

better looking

< good(-)looking (イケメンな)

※英語では handsome よりも good-looking の方が多用される。

think on my feet

即座に考える