Your English Toolbox

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Short Stories with Peter: The Three Evils

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8 learning entries

Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

deal with

DEF

Take action to solve or manage a problem.

Deal with is common for practical problems and situations.

Chou said he would deal with the danger.

I will deal with that email this afternoon.

2

cause harm

DEF

Hurt someone or create damage.

Harm can be physical, emotional or practical.

Chou admitted that his behaviour had caused harm.

Careless words can cause harm.

3

have reason not to trust someone

DEF

Have a valid cause for being careful about trust.

The phrase recognises that trust may need to be rebuilt.

The villagers had reason not to trust Chou.

She has reason not to trust that promise.

4

match your words

DEF

Do what you say you will do.

It highlights consistency between promises and actions.

Chou's actions matched his words.

Good leaders match their words with action.

5

boast

DEF

Talk too proudly about yourself or your achievements.

It normally has a negative tone.

Chou did not boast about the tiger or river.

He boasted about winning the competition.

6

rebuild trust

DEF

Gradually make people able to trust again.

Trust normally returns through consistent actions over time.

Chou worked to rebuild trust in the village.

An honest apology can help rebuild trust.

7

responsibility

DEF

The duty to act carefully and accept the results of your actions.

It is stronger than simply being in charge.

Chou learned to use strength with responsibility.

Taking responsibility can repair a mistake.

8

without fear

DEF

In a way that is not frightened or threatened.

Here it describes safety created by another person's change.

People could walk past Chou without fear.

Children should be able to ask questions without fear.