

## Vocabulary List: 2/ 21

Conflict

### **Nouns:**

1. Resolution
2. Point of view
3. Perspective
4. Consensus
5. Ultimatum
6. Mutual agreement
7. Cooperation
8. Alternative
9. Resentment
10. Dispute

Resolution: the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict.

Point of View: a particular attitude or way of considering a matter

Perspective: a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view

Consensus: general agreement, everyone agrees

Ultimatum: a final threat: a promise that force or punishment will be used if someone does not do what is wanted

Mutual Agreement: the act of agreeing or of coming to a same arrangement

Cooperation: an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit; joint action

Alternative: available as another possibility

Resentment: a feeling of anger or displeasure about someone or something unfair

Dispute: to argue about (something)

**Adjectives:**

1. Stubborn
2. Flexible/inflexible
3. Hostile

Stubborn: not willing to change ones mind

Flexible: susceptible of modification or adaptation

Hostile: unfriendly, unwilling

**Verbs:**

1. Resolve
2. Negotiate
3. Compromise
4. Clarify
5. Comply
6. Confront



## **talking to a brick wall:**

- the person you are speaking to does not listen

*Example: I tried to explain why I was upset but it was like talking to a brick wall.*

*Make your own:*

## **to dig yourself into a hole:**

- you didn't help yourself any by what you just did
- you keep getting into a more worse situation

*Example: I want to resolve this problem but I have dug myself into a hole now and I don't know how to get out of it.*

*Make your own:*

## **dig in (one's) heels:**

- To resist opposition stubbornly
- refuse to yield or compromise

*Example: I had to dig my heels in when Stacy told me she wasn't going to the mall after she had already promised to come with me.*

*Make your own:*

## **Easier said than done:**

- less difficult to talk about than to do
- you can talk about it, but actual getting up and doing the action is harder than one may think.

*Example: I know that I need to resolve things with Bill but it is easier said than done.*

*Make your own:*

**Gloves are off:**

- Used when there are signs that a fight is about to start

*Example: Both political candidates are out of their seats after that heated argument. The gloves are off!*

*Make your own:*

**Up in arms:**

- very angry with someone
- totally disagree to the point of "war"
- If you are *up in arms about something*, you are very angry.

*Example: The people of Muncie were up in arms over the demolition of the old theatre.*

*Make your own:*

**Bury the hatchet:**

- make peace with someone and stop arguing or fighting.

*Example: We buried the hatchet after I told Bob I was sorry for breaking his video game.*

*Make your own:*

**Dodge the bullet:**

- to successfully avoided a very serious problem

- not an actual bullet\*\*

*Example: I dodged a bullet when avoiding my ex boyfriend in the mall.*

*Make your own:*

**Drop a bombshell:**

- To announce something that changes a situation drastically and unexpectedly

*Example: She dropped a bombshell when she told her mother she was pregnant.*

*Make your own:*

**A Loose cannon:**

- A person who is very difficult to control and unpredictable is a loose cannon.

*Example: My partner for the project is a loose cannon, I was worried she would say something unpredictable during our presentation.*

# Conversational Questions: Conflict

## Conversation Questions

What do you think are the main causes of conflicts between people?

What do you think causes conflicts between countries?

Is there conflict in your country?

Over what issue?

Are you good at handling conflicts?

What are the best ways to resolve conflicts?

What are the worst ways to approach conflicts?