

THE BANK JOB



a short story for English reading and speaking

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Introductory Questions

1. Have you ever seen a film or TV show about a bank robbery? What happened?
2. Why do you think some people choose a life of crime?
3. Do you think criminals can truly change and become good people? Why or why not?
4. If you saw a crime happening, would you try to stop it? Why or why not?
5. Do you think people should still be punished for a crime even if they later regret it and try to do the right thing?

The Bank Job

And we all charged in as one.

We had done this a hundred times before; we were well-practised at it.

Before we even got through the door, Colin grabbed my arm.

“Not like last time, Joe,” he said, his voice low. “You hear me? We can’t afford another mess-up.”

I nodded, but I didn’t say anything back.

Colin raised his shotgun and made sure all the people in the bank could see it.

“Ladies and gentlemen, this is a bank robbery. Everyone get on the floor and you will not get hurt. All the staff — out front now.”

He spoke calmly and quietly.

Jason, always good with technology, had disarmed all the alarms and cameras. And me, I stood at the door, keeping nosy people out and the customers and staff in.

This was a piece of cake.

“You,” said Colin, and pointed to a middle-aged man by a desk. “Give me the keys to the vault.”

The man faltered and tried to speak, but Colin approached him and waved the shotgun in his face.

“This is no time for heroics, my friend,” he said.

The man produced a set of keys, and Colin took them from him. As he reached across the desk, I caught sight of a small photo frame — two kids on a beach, squinting at the camera, grinning. The man’s hands were shaking so badly he could barely let go of the keys.

From behind me, Jason let out a laugh. “Sweet,” he said.

We had done all our homework on the bank. We knew exactly how much they had in the vaults. We would be raking it in.

I looked around at the people. They were all lying down on their fronts. Some peeked up at me and Jason.

We must have looked pretty intimidating with our masks on — I wore a grinning cartoon duck mask. Jason had a wide-eyed cartoon dog mask. And Colin was a sharp-toothed cartoon rat, because he was in charge, and it suited him.

Near the counter, a middle-aged woman lay with her hands trembling, a plain gold wedding ring catching the light. Beside her, a security guard stared straight ahead, jaw tight, like he was trying not to think about his family.

Just normal people trying to get on with life.

I almost said something then — I felt the words rise up in my throat — but I swallowed them back down.

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I looked at the gun in my hand. It was loaded.

Would I use it if I had to? I don't know. But it now looked so evil, so bad.

That's when I noticed her.

One of the cashiers, a young woman, hadn't lain all the way down like the others. She was on her knees beside the trembling older woman, one hand resting gently on her shoulder, murmuring something too quiet for me to hear.

Not defiant. Not brave in the way you'd expect.

Just steady. Kind and reassuring.

She looked up and caught my eye through the eyeholes of my mask.

She didn't look afraid of me. She looked at me like she could see straight through the mask to whatever was left of the person underneath.

That look did something to me that the photo and the wedding ring hadn't quite managed alone. It finished the job. I turned to the side and placed the gun on a counter where people fill in forms.

Then I removed my mask.

The security guard looked up at me in amazement. He couldn't believe what he was seeing.

Jason stared ahead at all the cashiers' windows. He turned his head and saw me with my mask off.

"What — what are you doing?" he said. He stepped forward.

"Put your mask on. Where's your gun? What the hell are you doing?"

I shook my head at him.

"This is wrong," I said. "This is all wrong. We shouldn't be doing this."

Jason called out to Colin. He didn't say his name, of course. But he shouted out to him.

Colin rushed out from the door leading to the back of the bank. He saw me and stopped moving.

In a stage whisper, he spoke to me. "What's wrong with you? Why have you taken your mask off?"

"I'm sorry, guys," I said. "But this is all wrong. We should not be doing this to these poor people. Look at them. They're decent, hard-working people."

Colin came towards me in three large steps. He put his face close to mine. His rat mask grinning back at me.

"I knew it," he said. "I knew you'd do this again. I told you — not like last time."

"I'm not asking you to stop," I said quietly. "Just me. I'm done."

"This is madness," he said. "This is completely insane."

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"Someone must have hit the silent alarm," Jason said, panic rising in his voice.

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on me instead. But he just shook his head, like I wasn't even worth it anymore.

"You've ruined everything," he said.

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The young cashier — Karen, I would learn her name was later, when the police were taking statements — stayed kneeling beside the older woman until it was over.

When the officers came through the door, Colin and Jason tried to bolt for the back exit but didn't get far.

I was arrested too. Of course I was. Taking my mask off didn't undo the first twenty minutes of the robbery, and I never expected it to.

But as they led me out in handcuffs, I heard Karen's voice behind me, talking to one of the officers.

"That one," she said, "he put his gun down. He tried to stop it. I want that written down."

It didn't change what happened to me. I still went to prison, same as Colin, same as Jason, a little less time.

But sometimes, in the exercise yard, I think about that look she gave me — like she could see past the mask — and I let myself believe that when I get out, someone might actually be waiting.

The Bank Job — Story and Reading Comprehension Questions

This is the story divided into clear sections with reading comprehension questions below each section.

This format might be easier for certain classes.

You can find the model answers for the questions at the end of the lesson plan.

Section 1

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Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Who is the narrator of the story?
2. What warning does Colin give Joe before they enter the bank?
3. What does this warning suggest about Joe’s past behaviour?
4. What does Colin say to the people in the bank?
5. What is Jason’s role in the robbery?

Section 2

“You,” said Colin, and pointed to a middle-aged man by a desk. “Give me the keys to the vault.”

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Reading Comprehension Questions

6. What does Colin demand from the middle-aged man?
7. What does Joe notice on the man’s desk?
8. How does Jason react to the situation?

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Reading Comprehension Questions

9. Describe the masks worn by Joe, Jason, and Colin.
10. What details does Joe notice about the middle-aged woman and the security guard?

Section 4

Just normal people trying to get on with life.

I almost said something then — I felt the words rise up in my throat — but I swallowed them back down.

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I looked at the gun in my hand. It was loaded.

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Reading Comprehension Questions

11. What does Joe almost say, and why does he stop himself?
12. How does Joe's view of the gun change in this section?

Section 5

That's when I noticed her.

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13. What is the cashier doing when Joe first notices her?

14. How does she react when she sees Joe?

15. What effect does her look have on Joe?

Section 6

I turned to the side and placed the gun on a counter where people fill in forms.

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Reading Comprehension Questions

16. What does Joe do with his gun and mask?

17. How does Jason react when he sees Joe without his mask?

18. What reason does Joe give for his change of heart?

Section 7

In a stage whisper, he spoke to me. "What's wrong with you? Why have you taken your mask off?"

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"This is madness," he said. "This is completely insane."

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Reading Comprehension Questions

19. What does Colin's reaction reveal about Joe's past?
20. What does Joe mean when he says, "I'm not asking you to stop. Just me. I'm done"?

Section 8

Colin froze. Jason swore under his breath.

"Someone must have hit the silent alarm," Jason said, panic rising in his voice.

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"You've ruined everything," he said.

The sirens grew louder. Blue light flickered against the windows.

Reading Comprehension Questions

21. What sound interrupts the confrontation?
22. How does Colin react when he hears the sirens?
23. Why do you think Colin decides not to use his shotgun on Joe?

Section 9

I didn't run. I sat down on the floor, right where I stood, hands open in front of me.

The young cashier — Karen, I would learn her name was later, when the police were taking statements — stayed kneeling beside the older woman until it was over.

When the officers came through the door, Colin and Jason tried to bolt for the back exit but didn't get far.

Reading Comprehension Questions

24. What does Joe do as the police arrive?

25. What happens to Colin and Jason when the police arrive?

Section 10

I was arrested too. Of course I was. Taking my mask off didn't undo the first twenty minutes of the robbery, and I never expected it to.

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Reading Comprehension Questions

26. Why is Joe arrested even though he tried to stop the robbery?

27. What does Karen tell the police officer about Joe?

28. Does Karen's statement change the outcome for Joe? Explain.

29. How does the story end? What does Joe hope for the future?

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8. How does Jason react to the situation?
9. Describe the masks worn by Joe, Jason, and Colin.
10. What details does Joe notice about the middle-aged woman and the security guard?
11. What does Joe almost say, and why does he stop himself?
12. How does Joe's view of the gun change in this section?
13. What is the cashier doing when Joe first notices her?

14. How does she react when she sees Joe?
15. What effect does her look have on Joe?
16. What does Joe do with his gun and mask?
17. How does Jason react when he sees Joe without his mask?
18. What reason does Joe give for his change of heart?
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Essential Vocabulary

charged in	well-practised	shotgun
mess-up	calmly	disarmed
alarms	nosy	piece of cake
faltered	heroics	vault
raking it in	intimidating	sharp-toothed
wedding ring	jaw tight	trembling
murmuring	defiant	reassuring
eyeholes	amazement	stage whisper
decent	hard-working	madness
insane	calculating	ruined
sirens	flickered	handcuffs
bolt	statements	exercise yard
silent alarm	panic	swore
froze	caught sight of	squinting
evil	kneeling	steady

Vocabulary Practice Exercise

Follow the steps below to help you learn and remember new words and phrases more effectively:

Write each new word or phrase in your vocabulary notebook. Look up the meaning of each word in your dictionary. Write a clear and simple definition next to the word.

Create your own sentence using the word or phrase correctly. Try to make the sentence meaningful and connected to your own life or experiences.

Examples

Charged in – *rushed into a place quickly and forcefully, often as part of a group.*

Example sentence: *The firefighters charged in as soon as they saw smoke coming from the building.*

Shotgun – *a type of firearm with a long barrel, typically fired from the shoulder.*

Example sentence: *The farmer kept a shotgun locked away in case of trouble with wild animals on his land.*

Why do this?

Doing this regularly will help you improve all areas of your English — reading, writing, speaking, and listening. By writing

definitions and making your own examples, you are actively using the language, which helps it stick in your memory.

True or False

Read the statements below and decide if they are True or False.

You can find all the correct answers at the end of the lesson plan.

1. Colin warns Joe not to repeat a mistake from a previous robbery.
2. Jason is responsible for threatening the bank staff with the shotgun.
3. Joe notices a photo of two children on the bank employee's desk.
4. Joe, Jason, and Colin all wear identical masks.
5. The young cashier tries to grab Joe's gun during the robbery.
6. Joe removes his mask and puts down his gun.
7. Colin is surprised by Joe's change of heart, since it has never happened before.

8. When the police sirens are heard, Colin considers using his shotgun on Joe.
9. Joe manages to escape arrest because he helped stop the robbery.
10. Karen tells the police that Joe tried to stop the robbery.

What is the Correct Synonym?

Look at the table below.

Match the word on the left with the correct synonym on the right.

A synonym is a word of similar meaning.

Words	Synonyms
intimidating	stable
trembling	destroyed
amazement	crazy
madness	frightening
insane	wicked
ruined	astonishment
panic	respectable
decent	terror
steady	shaking
evil	insanity

What is the Correct Antonym?

Look at the table below.

Match the word on the left with the correct antonym on the right.

An antonym is a word of opposite meaning.

Words	Antonyms
calmly	comforting
decent	sane
insane	obedient
panic	frantically
ruined	good
evil	calm
defiant	persisted
reassuring	dishonourable
faltered	alarming
intimidating	repaired

Words and Meanings

Look at the words below.

Match each word with the correct meaning underneath.

You can find all the correct answers at the end of the lesson plan.

Word Bank

vault • heroics • nosy • sirens • handcuffs • exercise yard •
stage whisper • eyeholes • bolt • silent alarm

Meanings

- a) an outdoor area within a prison where inmates are allowed to walk or exercise
- b) to run away suddenly and quickly
- c) brave or dramatic actions, often done to impress others or unnecessarily
- d) a security alarm that alerts the police without making an audible sound at the scene

- e) loud warning devices, often used on police cars or emergency vehicles
- f) a strong, secure room used for storing money or valuables, especially in a bank
- g) small openings in a mask through which a person can see
- h) overly curious about other people's private affairs
- i) a loud whisper intended to be overheard by others
- j) a pair of linked metal rings used to secure a person's wrists, especially by police

Gap Fill Exercise

Look at the word bank below.

Use each word from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

You can find all the correct answers at the end of the lesson plan.

Word Bank

shotgun • disarmed • alarms • mess-up • faltered •
trembling • amazement • sirens • panic • handcuffs

Sentences

a) She _____ halfway through her speech, unable to remember her next line.

b) Loud _____ rang through the office building when smoke was detected.

c) The audience gasped in _____ when the magician made the car disappear.

d) The soldier carried an old _____ over his shoulder as he patrolled the farm.

e) The sudden fire alarm caused a wave of _____ among the shoppers.

f) His hands were _____ so badly that he could barely hold his coffee cup.

g) The police officer placed the suspect in _____ before leading him to the car.

h) The security team _____ the building's alarm system before the drill began.

i) The ambulance _____ could be heard from several streets away.

j) Forgetting the client's name during the meeting was an embarrassing _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of story is this? A crime story? A story about conscience? Both?
2. How does the story begin? Describe the scene and the characters involved.
3. What does Colin's warning to Joe at the very start tell us about their history together?
4. How long do you think the three men have worked together? What other crimes might they have committed?
5. What role does each character play in the robbery? How are their skills useful?
6. Why do you think the writer chose cartoon animal masks (a duck, a dog, and a rat) for the three robbers? What might each animal suggest about the character wearing it?
7. What details does Joe notice about the hostages? Why do you think these details affect him so strongly?

8. How does Joe's perspective change as the robbery progresses? What specific moments trigger this change?
9. Do you think Joe would have changed his mind without Karen? Why or why not?
10. How would you describe Karen's personality, based on her actions in the story?
11. Why do you think Karen comforts the older woman instead of reacting with fear or panic herself?
12. Why does Joe decide to remove his mask and put down his gun? What moral dilemma is he facing?
13. How does Jason react when Joe takes off his mask? How does Colin react? What does this tell us about each of them?
14. What does Colin mean when he says, "I knew you'd do this again"? What does this suggest about Joe's past?
15. Why does Joe say, "I'm not asking you to stop. Just me. I'm done"? What does this show about his character?
16. Why do you think Colin decides not to use his shotgun on Joe, even though he considers it?

17. Do you think Joe deserved to be arrested, even though he tried to stop the robbery? Why or why not?

18. What does Karen do for Joe after the police arrive? Why do you think she does this?

19. Does Karen's statement to the police seem fair, given that Joe still took part in the robbery?

20. How do you think the story will continue after the final page? What might happen to Joe?

21. What do you think the final line of the story means: "someone might actually be waiting"?

22. Do you think Joe deserves a second chance? Why or why not?

23. What is the significance of the photo frame and the wedding ring that Joe notices during the robbery?

24. Reflect on the theme of conscience in this story. What makes someone change their mind about doing something wrong?

25. If you were in Joe's position, do you think you would have made the same choice? Why or why not?

Role Play: The Parole Hearing

This is a role play activity.

There are two characters in the role play.

1. Joe
2. A member of the parole board

The Situation

Several years have passed since the robbery. Joe has been a model prisoner, and today is his parole hearing — his chance to convince the board that he has changed and deserves to be released early.

Joe must explain what happened on the day of the robbery, why he changed his mind, and why he believes he deserves a second chance.

The parole board member is not easily convinced. They will ask difficult questions:

- *Why did Joe take part in the robbery in the first place?*
- *What is different about him now?*
- *Can he really be trusted?*

In pairs, create a conversation that you can present to the class.

Take some time to prepare your role play.

When you are ready, show the class.

Debate: Does Trying to Stop a Crime Deserve a Lighter Sentence?

The Motion

“This house believes that a person who tries to stop a crime they took part in deserves a lighter punishment.”

Option A — Full Two-Team Debate

Divide the class into two teams.

Team A — For the Motion

You must argue that Joe’s change of heart matters, and that the justice system should reward people who try to undo their wrongdoing, even partway through a crime.

Team B — Against the Motion

You must argue that a crime is a crime the moment it begins, and that a change of heart partway through should not reduce the consequences — otherwise criminals could use this as a strategy to receive lighter sentences.

Preparation (10 minutes)

Each team should prepare their arguments. Think about:

- Does intent matter more than actions, or do actions matter more than intent?
- Is it fair to punish Joe the same as Colin and Jason, who never changed their minds?
- Could rewarding a “change of heart” be exploited by criminals who don’t genuinely mean it?
- What message does each side’s position send to society?

The Debate

1. Team A gives an opening statement (2 minutes).
2. Team B gives an opening statement (2 minutes).
3. Rebuttal round — each team responds to the other’s points (2 minutes each).
4. Closing statements — each team sums up their strongest argument (1 minute each).

The Vote

After the debate, the rest of the class votes on which side made the more convincing argument. The teacher can act as moderator and timekeeper throughout.

Option B — Simplified Class Discussion

If a full debate doesn't suit the class, the teacher can instead run this as an open discussion: pose the motion to the whole class, and go around asking individual students whether they agree or disagree and why.

The teacher moderates, encourages disagreement, and draws out different opinions rather than assigning fixed sides.

Writing

This is a creative writing exercise.

You are Joe, and you are in prison.

Write a letter to Karen, the cashier who spoke up for you to the police.

In your letter, think about the following:

- Thank her for what she told the police officer.
- Explain why you changed your mind during the robbery.
- Reflect on your past, and on the previous “last time” that Colin mentioned.
- Describe what you hope your life will look like when you are released.

Now write your letter.

When you have finished writing your letter, read it out loud in front of the class.

Or, if you prefer, you can give it to your teacher for review.

Reading Comprehension Questions — Model Answers

1. The narrator is Joe, one of the three bank robbers.
2. Colin warns Joe, “Not like last time,” reminding him not to make the same mistake again.
3. It suggests that Joe has hesitated, or caused a problem, during a previous robbery.
4. He tells them it is a robbery, orders everyone onto the floor, and tells the staff to come to the front.
5. Jason is responsible for disarming the alarms and the security cameras.
6. He demands the keys to the vault.
7. He notices a photo frame showing two children on a beach.
8. He laughs and seems excited, saying “Sweet.”
9. Joe wears a duck mask, Jason wears a dog mask, and Colin wears a rat mask.
10. He notices the woman’s trembling hands and her wedding ring, and the security guard’s tense, clenched jaw.

11. He almost speaks up against the robbery, but stops himself because he feels it isn't the right moment yet.
12. He begins to see the gun as evil and wrong, rather than simply a tool for the job.
13. She is kneeling beside the frightened older woman, quietly comforting her.
14. She looks at him without fear, as if she can see past his mask to the person underneath.
15. It finishes changing his mind — he decides, in that moment, to stop.
16. He places the gun on the counter and takes off his mask.
17. He is shocked and confused, telling Joe to put his mask back on.
18. He says the robbery is wrong, and that the people in the bank are decent, hard-working people.
19. It reveals that Joe has done something similar before — Colin says, "I knew you'd do this again."
20. He means that he is only responsible for his own decision to stop; he isn't asking Colin and Jason to give up the robbery too.
21. The sound of police car sirens in the distance.

22. He freezes, realising that the robbery has gone wrong.
23. Possible answer: he realises it isn't worth it, or there isn't time before the police arrive. (Answers may vary.)
24. He sits down on the floor with his hands open, showing that he isn't resisting.
25. They try to run out of the back exit but are caught by the police.
26. Because he still took part in the first part of the robbery — changing his mind afterwards doesn't undo that.
27. She tells the officer that Joe put his gun down and tried to stop the robbery, and asks for this to be recorded.
28. It doesn't stop him from being arrested, but it may explain why he receives a shorter sentence than Colin and Jason.
29. The story ends with Joe in prison, hoping that when he is released, Karen might be waiting for him.

True or False — Answers

1. True.
2. False. In fact, it is Colin who threatens the bank staff with the shotgun.
3. True.
4. False. In fact, Joe wears a duck mask, Jason wears a dog mask, and Colin wears a rat mask.
5. False. In fact, the young cashier comforts the frightened older woman instead of trying to grab the gun.
6. True.
7. False. In fact, Colin says “I knew you’d do this again,” suggesting Joe has done this before.
8. True.
9. False. In fact, Joe is arrested along with Colin and Jason.
10. True.

What is the Correct Synonym? — Answers

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panic	terror
decent	respectable
steady	stable
evil	wicked

What is the Correct Antonym? — Answers

Words	Antonyms
calmly	frantically
decent	dishonourable
insane	sane
panic	calm
ruined	repaired
evil	good
defiant	obedient
reassuring	alarming
faltered	persisted
intimidating	comforting

Words and Meanings — Answers

Words	Meaning
vault	f
heroics	c
nosy	h
sirens	e
handcuffs	j
exercise yard	a
stage whisper	i
eyeholes	g
bolt	b
silent alarm	d

Gap Fill Exercise — Answers

Words	Sentence
shotgun	d
disarmed	h
alarms	b
mess-up	j
faltered	a
trembling	f
amazement	c
sirens	i
panic	e
handcuffs	g

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