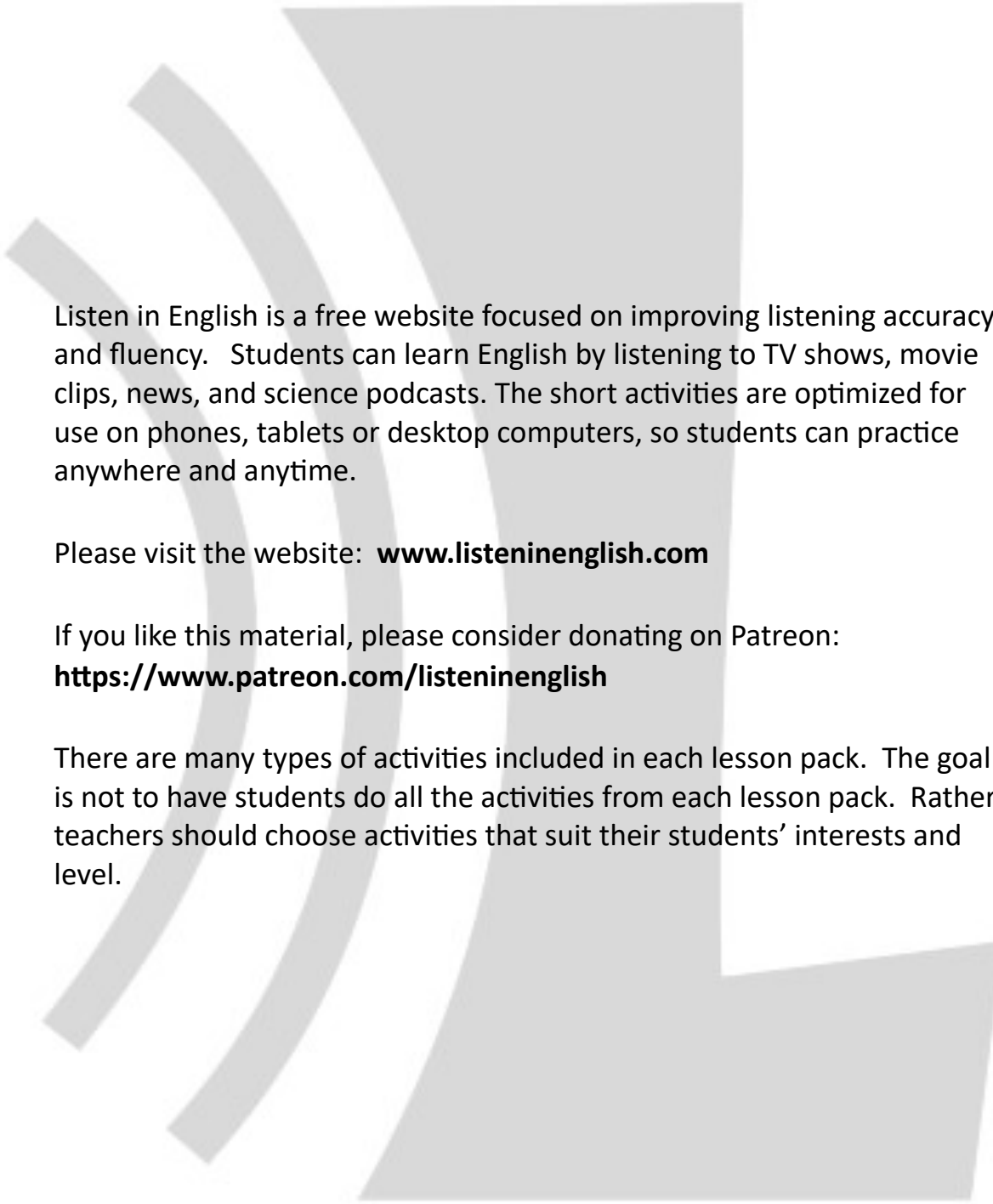


WEDNESDAY

Nevermore

LESSON PACK (COMPREHENSION – VOCABULARY – DISCUSSION – SCRIPT)



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SOURCE

The video is available at:

<https://www.listeninenglish.com/ve301-wednesday-nevermore.php>

Before | PREVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How are you similar to your parents? How are you different?

Before | LANGUAGE PREVIEW

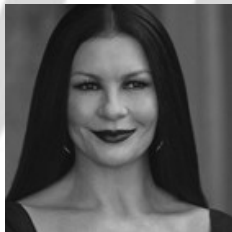
Directions: Read the sentences and try to guess the meaning of the underlined words.

1. When I arrived at the party, my ex-girlfriend gave me the cold shoulder.
2. Even though his parents were very successful, he didn't want to follow in their footsteps.
3. Trying to read in a car or on a bus makes me nauseous.
4. My favorite nursery rhymes are *the Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.
5. She was a great soccer player back in the day. She doesn't play very much anymore.
6. My old job was difficult, but luckily I escaped with my sanity intact.
7. Usually we don't let students take the test late, but I will make an exception for you.

Before | BACKGROUND



Wednesday



Morticia (Tish)



Gomez



Principal Weems

- Wednesday Addams is a 16-year-old girl.
- Morticia and Gomez are Wednesday's parents.
- Principal Weems is the principal of Nevermore Academy.
- Nevermore Academy is a school for outcasts (unusual students).
- Morticia and Gomez both attended Nevermore when they were teenagers.
- Wednesday has to go to Nevermore because she tried to kill two students at her previous high school after they bullied her brother.

1. What two adjectives would you use to describe Wednesday? Morticia? Gomez? Principal Weems?
2. How are Morticia and Wednesday similar? How are they different?
3. Morticia and Gomez are very affectionate with each other. Were (Are) your parents affectionate with each other? If so, did (does) it bother you?
4. Wednesday does not want to follow in her mother's footsteps. Do (or did) you want to follow in your parents' footsteps? How? Why?
5. Nevermore is a boarding school. (Students live there.) What are the pros and cons of attending a boarding school? Would you consider sending your children to a boarding school?
6. Wednesday is one of the most successful Netflix shows ever. Why do you think it is so popular?
7. On which day of the week were you born? According to this nursery rhyme, what does the day you were born on say about you? Is it accurate?

*Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace.
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go.
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works hard for a living.
And the child born on the Sabbath day
Is bonny and blithe, good and gay.*

fair of face = pretty/handsome
woe = sadness
the Sabbath day = Sunday
bonny = beautiful
blithe = carefree

Directions: Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame.

Eg. Wednesday / give / parent / cold / shoulder / because / she / not / want / go / Nevermore
Wednesday is giving her parents the cold shoulder because she doesn't want to go to Nevermore.

1. Wednesday / not / want / follow / mother / footstep
2. Morticia / hope / Wednesday / will / able / make / friend / Nevermore
3. Gomez / Morticia / meet / fall / love / Nevermore
4. Wednesday / name / come / Morticia / favorite / nursery / rhyme
5. principal / Weems / Morticia / roommate / back / day
6. Wednesday / attend / eight / school / past / five / year
7. Nevermore / not / usually / allow / student / enroll / middle / semester
8. however / Principal / Weems / make / exception / Wednesday / base / perfect / grade / and / family / history
9. Wednesday / will / live / same / dorm / mother / once / live

Directions: Watch the video again and fill in the missing language.

Morticia: Darling, how long do you intend on giving us **1)** _____?

Wednesday: Lurch, please remind my parents that I'm no longer speaking to them.

Gomez: I promise you, my little viper, you will love Nevermore. Won't she, Tish?

Morticia: Of course. It's the perfect school for her.

Wednesday: Why? Because it was the perfect school for you? I have no interest in **2)** _____
_____. Becoming captain of the fencing team, Queen of the Dark
Prom, President of the Séance Society.

Morticia: I merely meant that finally you will be **3)** _____ who understand you. Maybe
you'll even make some friends.

Gomez: Nevermore is like no other boarding school. It's a magical place. It's where I met your
mother. And we fell in love.

Wednesday: You guys are making me nauseous. Not in a good way.

Principal Weems: Wednesday is certainly a unique name. I'm guessing it was the day of the week
you were born?

Wednesday: I was born on Friday the 13th.

Morticia: Her name comes from a line from my favorite **4)** _____: "Wednesday's
child is full of woe."

Principal Weems: You always had a unique perspective on the world, Morticia. Did your mother tell
you we were roommates **5)** _____?

Wednesday: And you graduated with your sanity intact? Impressive.

Principal Weems: You've certainly had a very interesting educational journey. Eight schools in five
years.

Wednesday: They haven't built one strong enough to hold me. I bet this place won't be any
different.

Gomez: I believe what our daughter is trying to say is that she greatly appreciates the
opportunity.

Principal Weems: Nevermore doesn't usually accept students mid-term, but given Wednesday's
perfect grades and your family's long history with the school, I've spoken with the
board, and we've **6)** _____.

Principal Weems: I've assigned you to your mother's old dorm. Ophelia Hall.

Wednesday: Refresh my memory. Ophelia's the one who kills herself after being driven mad by her
family, correct?

Principal Weems: Should we go meet your new roommate?

COMPREHENSION

1. Wednesday is _____ about going to Nevermore. **unhappy**
2. Morticia was NOT _____ when she attended Nevermore. **the head cheerleader**
3. Gomez and Morticia met and fell in love _____ attending Nevermore. **while**
4. Wednesday was born on a _____. **Friday**
5. Wednesday was named after _____. **a line from a children's poem**
6. Morticia and Principal Weems used to be _____. **roommates**
7. Wednesday has been to _____ schools in _____ years. **8, 5**
8. Wednesday had _____ grades at her previous schools. **excellent**
9. Wednesday will live _____. **in her mother's old dorm**
10. The character Ophelia killed _____. **herself**

SCRIPT

1. giving us the cold shoulder
2. following in your footsteps
3. among peers
4. nursery rhyme
5. back in the day
6. made an exception

SUMMARY

1. Wednesday doesn't want to follow in her mother's footsteps.
2. Morticia hopes (that) Wednesday will be able to make (some) friends at Nevermore.
3. Gomez and Morticia met and fell in love at Nevermore.
4. Wednesday's name comes from Morticia's favorite nursery rhyme.
5. Principal Weems and Morticia were roommates back in the day.
6. Wednesday has attended eight schools in the past five years.
7. Nevermore doesn't usually allow students to enroll in the middle of a semester.
8. However, Principal Weems (has) made an exception for Wednesday based on her perfect grades and (her) family history.
9. Wednesday will live in the same dorm (that/which) her mother once lived in.
Wednesday will live in the same dorm in which her mother once lived.