

Daily English 31

Which do you prefer?

1. Expressions:

- a. *I'm caught between this and that.*
- b. *Which is which?*
- c. *Make up your mind.*

2. Dialogue:

Denver: We've been coming back here for the nth time, and I hope by this time you've made up your mind which bag to buy. Remember, this is the last day of our vacation. It's now or never.

Joyce: I know. I'm really caught between this one and that other bag over there. Oh my... I know I go for this, but that other one is really getting my attention too.

Denver: Look, we don't have time for this. You just follow what your gut tells you. So, which is which?

Joyce: Can I not take both of them?

Denver: Darling, that's greedy. You can't have the best of both worlds. I can't believe we need to spend a lot of time just for this. Look, let me toss a coin and make it easy for you. Heads and it's this one, tails you take the other. Deal?

Joyce: Hold, I'm really of two minds 'round here.

Denver: What do you mean?

Joyce: Still having second thoughts.

Denver: Joyce dear, look, we were here yesterday, and you said you'll sleep on this matter, and now we're back here again. Alright, just choose one that tickles your fancy, and then let's get out of here and check the other shops. Lest you forget, we have a lunch rendezvous with Mikee at Toto's.

Joyce: I can't stand this anymore! Where's that coin?



Denver: Finally, let's leave it to chance now. Okay, so heads it's this and tails is that one over there. Ready?

Joyce: Wait! Make it the other way around. Heads and it's that bag over there, tails is this one. Shoot!

Denver: Your wish is my command. Time to flip the coin, here we go! Congratulations! We're taking that bag with us.

Joyce: No, we're not! We're taking this one.

Denver: I think you should seriously consider seeing a doctor.

Joyce: I'm fine. We all have our crazy moments. Shall we?

Denver: Those are the best words I heard today. Ladies first.

3. Let's Practice!

- A. Answer the following questions related to the story above:
1. How did they decide which one to buy? Why decide in that manner?
 2. Where did the conversation most probably take place?
 3. What is the meaning of 'stand' in the sentence, "I can't stand this anymore!"?
- B. Based on the dialogue, briefly describe Joyce's character.
- C. Make an essay on any one of your experiences that involved making choices. What was it difficult for you to make a choice? Why or why not?

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