

Simplified Speech #163 – Kassy’s trip to Korea

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Episode description

In this special episode, Kassy and Andrew get the chance to meet and chat in person! Our reunited hosts discuss Kassy’s unexpected three-week trip to South Korea and how she has been spending her time there. Be sure to check this one out if you’d like to hear stories about funny travel mishaps, different kinds of cuisine, and extreme weather conditions.

Fun fact

Did you know that Incheon International Airport offers live music performances to visitors of the airport in different terminals throughout the day? If you ever have the chance to travel through this airport, check out one of their classical, jazz, or gugak (Korean folk music) performances!

Expressions included in the study guide

- To fall through
- Everything under the sun
- For the ages
- To count on
- To white-knuckle
- Coulda woulda shoulda



Transcript

Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the Detailed Explanations section that follows the transcript. The transcript has been edited for clarity.

Andrew: Simplified Speech episode 163. Kassy's trip to Korea. Featuring Kassy and Andrew.

Hey Kassy, how's it going?

Kassy: Hey, Andrew and hey, everyone. It's great to be here today. I'm excited to study English together.

Andrew: All right, yeah! Kassy, it's great to actually have you here because it's been a while since we've actually been able to record together, in the same room, in the same place, at the same time. And it's possible right now because you're visiting Korea.

Kassy: Yeah, that's right. I've been vacationing here for almost three weeks, and I'm about to head back to Thailand. But we could meet in person once before I left.

Andrew: Excellent. So, I thought it could be fun for us to talk about your visit to Korea during this episode. How does that sound, would that be OK with you?

Kassy: Sounds great. Let's do it.

Andrew: So, Kassy, you're back. You recently moved away from Korea. How long ago did you move away?

Kassy: About six months ago? A little over six months.

Andrew: OK. So about six months ago, you moved to Thailand but now you're back in Korea already for a long visit. Why did you come back so soon?

Kassy: Yeah, it wasn't the plan originally. Didn't have a plan to come back in the two years I'm planning to teach in Thailand. But it just so happened, my aunt and my sister were supposed to come visit me in Thailand, this Christmas vacation. But plans **fell through**, they couldn't make it. And I missed Korea so badly.

Andrew: Really?

Kassy: Yes. I was like, let's just go back for three weeks.

Andrew: Oh, wow.

Kassy: And my husband's like, sounds great.

Andrew: Well, we're certainly happy that you're back. I'm happy that you're back, it's great to see you. And, yeah, let's talk all about this trip. So, you missed Korea a lot, that's really interesting. Did you feel like you were almost homesick for your second home, that kind of feeling?

Kassy: Yeah, my husband and I joke about it a lot all the time, because he's like, "You never complain about missing America. But you always complain about missing Korea. I'm pretty sure you're Korean now."

Andrew: So, what kind of things did you miss the most?

Kassy: I missed two things specifically, one, the food. I just love Korean food. Every single dish. I think there's only two that I've ever eaten in my whole life that I hate. One of them is red bean soup, for those of you who love that, I'm sorry.

Andrew: Red bean soup like *patjuk*?

Kassy: *Patjuk*. I can't stand it. But everything else, I had dreams about it in Thailand. The second thing is the weather. Thailand is great because it's endless sunshine, but it's also not great because it's endless sunshine. Sometimes you want variety, you know? And then three would be the traffic. I think there's just a lot more sidewalks in Korea compared to Thailand. So, sometimes it's a little scary or crazy walking around. It's hard to walk in Thailand, at least in my neighbourhood.

Andrew: OK, so you missed the food. You missed the variation in the weather. Sometimes it's rainy, sometimes it's sunny. Sometimes it's hot, sometimes it's cold. And also, the safe sidewalks. OK. Which is kind of funny for an American to say because I feel like many Americans when they come to Korea for the first time, that's one thing they notice, they think the sidewalks in Korea are a little bit dangerous compared to American or Canadian sidewalks because you'll have from time to time, I do notice this has gotten better in recent years but there are like delivery drivers who will ride their motor scooters on the sidewalks, sometimes in Korea, which can be a little bit surprising if you're not paying attention. Also, there's like cars parked on the sidewalks often in Korea as well, which can be a little bit strange for an American, I feel.

Kassy: That's true. In Thailand, a lot of the streets just don't have any sidewalks.

Andrew: So, it's really different, each place is different. So, OK, you came back to Korea, and you missed the food. So, I'd be remiss myself if I didn't ask you about what you've been eating. Was there, like, a dish that you really wanted to try right away as soon as you got here?

Kassy: Not specifically, no, but I've eaten **everything under the sun**, Andrew. It has been a food trip **for the ages**. I've eaten everything from seaweed soup to Korean style sushi, tons of Korean style sushi. Korean style sushi is, it's more like sashimi where there's no rice and it's not in a roll. It's just like fresh fish or squid chopped up, and then they serve it to you on a plate with like some wasabi or red sauce, it's delicious.

Andrew: Yeah, essentially, it's just sliced raw seafood, right? And I know your husband is from Jeollanam-do, which is a province towards the southern part of the peninsula. And that area of the country is famous for food as having some of the most delicious food but also famous for seafood as well.

Kassy: Exactly, and then also it is winter, which means that it is *kimjang* season, which means that it is kimchi making season. So, all of my husband's family and friends, their refrigerators are just filled with fresh, delicious kimchi of every variety. Yeah, I have eaten so much kimchi the last three weeks.

Andrew: Now, did you get a chance to make some kimchi or just eat it?

Kassy: Not this year, but I have done it in the past.

Andrew: Done it in the past. OK, awesome. What other things have you been up to? Did you do any activities or any tours or go to any attractions? How have you been spending your time?

Kassy: Yeah, we've done a lot of visiting of different families and friends. And we also went skiing.

Andrew: Oh, yeah?

Kassy: Yeah, it's my first time in years, it was really fun. And we went on a weekday morning. So, it was really early, I think we woke up at like, 5:30am to drive there. But when we got there, the slopes were empty. And I heard usually it's pretty packed in Korea. Yeah. So, we rode up the lift and down the mountain, like, four or five times without any lines.

Andrew: Really? Wow, you got lucky, I think. Wow, that's awesome. How was skiing again, after many years of not doing it?

Kassy: Scary, but fun. I fell almost every time going down, but only once.

Andrew: How was the snow?

Kassy: Yeah. So, for listeners who don't know, Thailand, even in winter is like, you know, a nice balmy 26 to 30 degrees Celsius, right? So, we get on the airplane and then we touched down in Korea, and there's snow everywhere, Andrew.

Andrew: Yeah, we've been having a really real winter, like a genuine winter this year. I feel like in Korea, it varies, like, you can't **count on** there being snow in Seoul every year. But this year, I think throughout most of the country, there's been really cold temperatures and lots of snow. So that must have been like shocking to come from such a hot, tropical place in Thailand to suddenly being in this winter wonderland here in Korea.

Kassy: It was. I think if I lived here full time, I wouldn't love it as much because it was, you know, be cold forever. But it's been so fun being here with the snow and skiing right after it snowed was amazing.

Andrew: So, you had like fresh powdery snow?

Kassy: Yes.

Andrew: Ah, that's so nice.

Kassy: And Andrew, I don't know if you know this, but it snowed in Seoul. But it snowed in Gwangju.

Andrew: I like what you did there, Kassy, you showed—I mean, you use the same word, right? It's snowed and it's snowed. But just the emphasis in your voice communicated that there was much more snow, in Gwangju than in Seoul, right?

Kassy: Yeah, I think it was a—a record, the biggest snowfall in over a decade, or something like that.

Andrew: Some of my friends who live there posted on social media and I saw some of the photos and yeah, we had like, a few centimeters of snow in Seoul. It wasn't anything crazy. But it looked like a huge dumping of snow down south.

Kassy: Yeah, I think it was about 50 centimeters.

Andrew: Wow.

Kassy: And my father-in-law drives a bus in the city of Gwangju and it snowed, constantly, without stop, for two days straight. I think it was like a Thursday, Friday. And he had to drive the bus on Friday, like that Friday. And I go, "Is it even possible to drive?" And he's like "I gotta do it." He gets there, starts his route. He drives for eight hours, and he gets through a single route.

Andrew: Really?

Kassy: Just one time in eight hours.

Andrew: Oh my god. He was probably **white knuckling** it in the driver's seat. I know I would be if I had to drive a bus in a snowstorm.

Kassy: Yeah, he said the bus was doing pretty good. But he said all of the normal sedan cars that are not used to that weather they were just swerving and like, couldn't move in the middle of the road. It was crazy.

Andrew: Well, it's probably nice for you to experience winter though, you know, to be able to come back here and have some winter weather.

Kassy: Yeah, it's been really great. I think it also helps me appreciate Thailand as well. Like, in just a few days, I'll be back with my T-shirt and shorts, living it up in the tropics again.

Andrew: I'm jealous about that, I have to say. Kassy, have you noticed any differences between living in Korea and visiting as a tourist like for a short trip?

Kassy: I think because I stayed in Gwangju at my parents-in-law's house, it felt almost like I was living here again, for three weeks. It wasn't necessarily like a vacation, but more just like a coming home feeling. It was so nice.

Andrew: So, Kassy, we're getting close to the end of this episode. But before we wrap up, I did want to ask you a final question here. And that is, how is this trip comparing to trips that you've taken in the past?

Kassy: So, I love living abroad but I'm actually not much of a traveller. I don't like planning things, so planning big trips is stressful for me. What I do love is visiting family and now it's really cool that I live away from Korea but now I'm married to a Korean I have Korean in-laws. So, when I come back here, this is like a travel destination as well now. And so, whether I visit Korea or the States or my family in Sweden, it's always amazing and it's stress free. You know, I get there, my family has all the activities prepared, all the food ready, I can just show up and have a good time, you know? And this trip was no different.

Andrew: Yeah, you're really lucky that you have family in so many countries. I think that's kind of rare, right? To have family in so many places. Sweden, Korea, America, and so diverse as well.

Kassy: Yeah, it makes it hard to see each other frequently. But I think one special thing about my family is that we really work hard to see each other every year or every two years to keep that bond going.

Andrew: Yeah, that's great. Kassy, I think we'll wrap it up here for our regular listeners. But we're going to keep the discussion going a little bit longer on our ad-free members only edition of this episode. So, if you're a Culips Member, and you're listening to this

regular episode, please make sure to go to our website and get the ad free version, so you can listen to the extra bonus content.

So, Kassy and I wanted to keep our conversation going for a few more moments for all of our Culips Members, you have some exclusive bonus content here. Kassy, you were telling me earlier in the day when we first met up a funny story about your coat. And I thought that could be interesting to share with our listeners. We met up outside out in front of a subway station here today. And I noticed that you were wearing a really lovely winter coat and I thought oh my god, Kassy came from Thailand with that big winter coat. And that must have been like really tough to travel with but in fact, that's not what happened. Could you tell us the story of that coat?

Kassy: Yes, this is another reason why I love Korea. So, I travelled from Thailand with nothing but like the essentials, all summery stuff. But there's a service you can do where you can get your winter coat shipped to Incheon Airport and you can pick it up and then walk out of the airport with your winter coat that you didn't have to pack.

Andrew: So, in Thailand, they'll pick up your coat, and they'll send it?

Kassy: No, in Gwangju, where my parents-in-law live, they had our coats stored, and they shipped it to the airport for us. So, when we flew in from Thailand to Korea, we picked it right up in the airport post office.

Andrew: Got you. OK, so your coat was already in Korea and your in-laws just sent it to the airport, so it was ready for you?

Kassy: Exactly. I don't know if you can do that in other countries. I'm pretty sure you can't do that in the US. Have you heard about that in Canada, Andrew?

Andrew: No, but I've done something similar, actually. I guess it was in 2019, my wife and I went to Bali in Indonesia. And we went in the winter. And of course, you don't need a winter parka or a big coat in Bali, in the winter. So, in the airport in Incheon, there's a dry cleaner. So, we actually left our coat at the dry cleaner, got it dry cleaned, and they stored it for us. And then when we arrived back at the airport, we just picked it up. We had brand new, fresh, clean coats to wear and go home with.

Kassy: That's amazing. It's like me in reverse.

Andrew: A long time ago, probably 10 or 12 years ago, I visited Vietnam in the winter. I was living very far from the airport. My flight was in the afternoon. So, I decided to wake up early in the morning and travel to the airport. I was living in Gangwon-do, which is a small province in Korea here at the time and the distance from where I was living to the Incheon International Airport, the big airport here in Korea—that was a distance—well, it took about like five or six hours—it was far away. So, I went with my buddy. We both woke up really early in the morning and it was freezing cold. He decided, he's like, "I don't need my coat. I

don't need my jacket. I'm just going to go in my shorts and T-shirt." And I was like, "I can't do that. I'm too sensitive to the cold." So, I wore my parka, I had this big parka at the time. And I wore that, and I was really cozy and comfortable all the way to the airport. And he was like shivering all the way to the airport, on the train and on the bus. But then once we arrived in Vietnam, I was really jealous. Like he had just a light bag and I had this big travel backpack, which was mostly filled with just my winter coat and like the jeans and the sweatshirt that I was wearing because I brought my winter clothes, I had this big extra bag. And when we were travelling in Vietnam, we took a bus trip. And I want to say "bus" in quotations because really, it was like a minivan, we bought a ticket thinking that we're going to be riding in a bus, but it turned out we were riding in a minivan. And my bag was too big to hold on my lap. So, the driver just put it in the trunk. But my buddy, he had a small backpack, so he just put it on his lap, and he was holding it on his lap, which was great, because a fire ended up breaking out in the back of the minivan and my bag got burned. And it didn't burn all the way but it like melted half of the bag. Looks like that kind of plastic-coated waterproof fabric, it's like waterproof but not fireproof, and it melted. And so that was another thing that was like oh, and my winter parka too also kind of melted so it was unfortunate. I really suffered a lot because of that winter coat.

Kassy: That's a hilarious story.

Andrew: Still had a great time in Vietnam and a good trip overall. But yeah, it's nice that there's that service at the airport for this awkward situation when you're going to a hot place, but you have to have your winter clothes just to get to the airport.

Kassy: You should have done that then left your parka at the dry cleaners.

Andrew: If only I had known. This was my very first year in Korea and I don't think I really knew about all the services that were on offer. But yeah, would have been a good idea.

Coulda, woulda, shoulda.

Kassy: I say **coulda, shoulda, woulda**.

Andrew: **Coulda, shoulda, woulda.** Both work. All right. Thank you, everybody for listening to this bonus content. And Kassy, let's wrap the episode up here.

Kassy: Sounds good, Andrew.

Andrew: See you later.

Kassy: See ya.

Andrew: That brings us to the end of this lesson. Talk to you next time. Bye.

Detailed Explanations

To fall through

Phrasal verb

Kassy was not planning to visit South Korea again for another year or two. However, she says that because her mom and sister's plans to visit her in Thailand around Christmas **fell through**, she decided to spend her vacation time in Korea because she missed it so much.

To fall through is an intransitive phrasal verb that means to not happen or to fail. This phrasal verb is often used with nouns like plan, negotiation, deal, arrangement, or sale. For example, "I was going to host a surprise party for my brother, but he suddenly caught a cold and my plans **fell through**."

This is a great phrasal verb that can be used in a wide variety of scenarios, however, try to avoid using it with things that don't require a lot of planning. For example, it doesn't sound natural to say, "I usually have a cup of coffee before work, but it **fell through** this morning." **To fall through** should be used for things that take a little more time, effort, or intent to make happen. Instead, you could say, "I was planning to go check out the new coffee shop this morning, but it **fell through**."

Here are a couple more examples with **to fall through**:

Veronica: Brian, how was the aquarium in Osaka?

Brian: Oh, we didn't end up going.

Veronica: What? Why not? I thought you were really excited to go see the whale sharks.

Brian: Well, our plans to visit **fell through** because my son got sick as soon as we got to Osaka. Once he was finally feeling better, we showed up and found out that the aquarium was closed for some scheduled maintenance on the tanks.

Derek: Hey, are you alright? You look kind of upset.

Jenny: I *am* upset. I just got out of my meeting with our biggest client. They want to back out of our sales deal. I can't believe everything I've been working on for the past three months is going to **fall through**. What a waste of time and effort!

Everything under the sun

Idiom

After the two hosts chat about how much Kassy loves Korean food, Andrew asks her whether there was anything specific she wanted to eat as soon as she arrived in the country. She says that there was no food in particular but that she has been eating **everything under the sun** during the past three weeks.

Everything under the sun is an idiomatic expression that means to indicate everything a large amount of things, or anything you could imagine. If you called your sister and talked for three hours about **everything under the sun**, that means you chatted about every topic imaginable. If your friend tells you that he has read just about **everything under the sun**, he means that he has read a huge number of books.

Although it is slightly less common, you can replace the indefinite pronoun *everything* with *anything*—**anything under the sun** would also mean anything imaginable. For instance, he'll buy **anything under the sun** if it's on sale. The same goes for other indefinite pronouns like *anywhere*, *everywhere*, *anybody*, and so on. For example, you might say, "I'm really well-travelled. I've visited **everywhere under the sun**."

Here are a couple more examples with **everything under the sun**:

Tim: Wow! You have an incredible record collection. And look at these signed posters!

Fran: Haha, thanks. I'm pretty proud of my collection.

Tim: So, tell me, Fran, what's your favorite genre of music? I'm seeing a lot of variety here.

Fran: That's a really tough question for me. I listen to just about **everything under the sun**. But if I had to choose... I might say post-punk.

Wallace: How was the wedding?

Becca: It was really romantic. Everyone was tearing up when they were reading their vows.

Wallace: I wish I could have gone! How about the reception? How was that?

Becca: Fabulous! The DJ was great and everyone danced for hours. Oh, and you wouldn't believe how unique and delicious the food was. They had **everything under the sun**! I ate it all! You really should have been there.

For the ages Idiom

After explaining to Andrew that she ate everything under the sun during her long trip to Korea, Kassy says that it was a food trip **for the ages**.

For the ages is a great expression used to describe something that is very memorable and will not be forgotten for a long time.

This idiom can be used to describe either good or bad things. For instance, you might call a brutal winter snowstorm that disrupts life in a small town for several weeks “a storm **for the ages**.” However, you can also call a beautiful, original novel that is receiving a lot of attention “a work **for the ages**.”

It's common to replace the subject you are describing with the indefinite pronoun “one” if you have already mentioned the subject before and don't want to repeat yourself. For example, you might say, “That party last night was incredibly fun. It was **one for the ages!**” You could also say “The question, ‘What's the meaning of life?’ is **one for the ages**.”

Here are a couple more examples with **for the ages**:

Cassidy: I think this has been the most fun I've had at a music festival in a long time.

Tyler: I know, right? The weather has been perfect, the crowds have been energetic but haven't gotten out of control, and my favorite bands have been playing amazingly. This festival was totally worth the money.

Cassidy: Exactly! And I just got to meet the singer of my favorite group. This has truly been one **for the ages**.

Tyler: I couldn't agree more.

Annie: Can you believe that tennis match?

Hugh: I'm still in shock. What a game!

Annie: I've never seen a player hit so many smashes in a single game and then end up losing. Her opponent had a fierce comeback!

Hugh: It was a match **for the ages**, that's for sure.

To count on

Phrasal verb

Once Andrew and Kassy finish discussing all the delicious food you can find in Korea, they move on to the topic of weather. Andrew says that this year has been particularly snowy in Korea, which is rare because you can't **count on** there being snow in Seoul every winter.

To count on means to hope or expect that something will happen. It can also mean to rely on something. For example, if you have a friend who is always there to help in a bad situation, you could say he's someone you can **count on**. You could also say that you can always **count on** great weather in Hawaii.

If you're following **count on** with a verb (like how Andrew says "you can't **count on** there *being* snow in Seoul every winter"), you will use the gerund (-ing) form of the verb. For instance, I'm **counting on** *finding* an affordable hair stylist in the city.

Please remember that **count on** is not a separable phrasal verb, so the object should always come after **count on** and never between **count** and **on**.

Here are a couple more examples with **to count on**:

Randy: What happened? The living room is a complete mess!

Scarlet: Oh, Johnny brought his friends over after school and they were playing around in there. His buddies Mark and Tom were here.

Randy: I should have known. You can always **count on** Tom to make a huge mess. Didn't his parents ever teach him to clean up after himself?

Rachel: Where are you going, dear?

Edward: I'm heading to the doctor's office to ask them about my recent migraines.

Rachel: I didn't know you had a doctor's appointment today.

Edward: I don't. I didn't have time to call this week, but they never seem particularly busy, so I'm **counting on** them letting me walk-in and make an appointment.

Rachel: Seems a little risky to me. Good luck, though! I hope they can see you.

To white-knuckle Verb

Kassy tells Andrew a story about how snowy it's been in the southern city of Gwangju. She says her father-in-law is a bus driver there and he was only able to finish a single bus route in eight hours because of all the snow. Andrew is shocked and says he must have been **white-knuckling** it while he drove.

To **white-knuckle** is a transitive verb that means to grip something so hard that your knuckles turn white. We often use it when we're talking about operating vehicles in frightening situations. The reason Andrew says Kassy's father-in-law must have been **white knuckling** it while driving is because driving a bus in so much snow is a dangerous and scary experience.

You can **white-knuckle** a steering wheel, an armrest, a handrail, handlebars, and so on. As Andrew said, you can also just use "it" for the object of the sentence. For example, "There was a lot of turbulence and we were **white-knuckling** it the whole flight home."

This is also commonly used as an adjective, as in "a **white-knuckle** rollercoaster ride." You could also say, "Watching that horror movie was a **white-knuckle** experience. I still felt tense after the movie ended."

Here are a couple more examples with **to white-knuckle**:

Carlos: I've never seen rain like that before. What a downpour!

Zoey: Me neither. I'm just glad that we got home safe.

Carlos: No kidding! Thank you so much for driving us. I would have been terrified to be in the driver's seat in those conditions.

Zoey: I was definitely **white knuckling** the steering wheel most of the way.

Juliet: Oh man, I'm so relieved that Mr. Smith didn't call our names to present in class today.

Robby: I know! I was **white knuckling** the edge of my desk the whole time he was announcing who would present today. I'm totally unprepared. I really need to work on my presentation tonight in case he calls my name tomorrow.

Juliet: Me too. I hate public speaking. I wish we didn't have to do these presentations.

Coulda woulda shoulda Expression

At the end of the episode, Andrew tells Kassy a story about having to carry a heavy winter parka around with him during a trip to the hot and sunny Vietnam. She tells him he should have used the winter item delivery service that Korean airports offers mentioned in a different story. He didn't know about the service at the time, but he agreed and tells Kassy "**Coulda woulda shoulda.**"

This is a funny expression based on a shortened version of the past modal verbs 'could have,' 'would have,' and 'should have.' We often use these modals to describe regrets and past hypothetical situations—for example, "I could have gone to the party if I hadn't been sick," "If I had known about the meeting, I would have been there!" and "I'm sorry, I should have called you yesterday."

When you combine them all into "**coulda woulda shoulda,**" it becomes an expression that means you regret what happened in the past and wish it turned out differently. Usually, we say this after learning something that would have changed our past decisions if we had known it at the time. Let's say you never asked your high school crush on a date because you were too scared of rejection. However, years later, you learn from your friend that your crush liked you back in high school. This is the perfect time to sigh and say, "**Coulda shoulda woulda.**"

Andrew says "**Coulda woulda shoulda,**" but Kassy says that she usually says this expression in a different order—"**Coulda shoulda woulda.**" Either way is okay and these are probably just regional differences.

Here are a couple more examples with **coulda woulda shoulda**:

Tony: Did you hear that Greg got promoted to sales manager?

Trixie: What? Greg?!

Tony: Yeah. What's wrong?

Trixie: It's just... well, I was thinking of applying for the position, but I didn't think I was qualified enough. But Greg is way less qualified than me! Oh, well. **Coulda shoulda woulda.**

Josephine: You look tired.

Vince: I'm really tired. I wish I took an extra day off before coming back to work after my vacation. The jet lag is killing me. **Coulda shoulda woulda,** right?

Quiz

- 1. If your teacher says that you can count on there being a test tomorrow, she means...**
 - a) Your test will involve math problems
 - b) You can expect a test tomorrow
 - c) She hasn't decided whether to give her students a test tomorrow
 - d) You should tell her if you want there to be a test or not

- 2. Your friend says he was white-knuckling it throughout the entire movie. He means...**
 - a) He felt anxious while watching the movie
 - b) He felt sleepy while watching the movie
 - c) He felt bored while watching the movie
 - d) He felt happy while watching the movie

- 3. Which of the following is NOT a good situation to say, "Coulda shoulda woulda"?**
 - a) You forgot there was a test today and didn't study
 - b) You found out about a free online coupon after buying an item for full-price
 - c) You entered a raffle and won a great prize
 - d) You chose not to go to a party but then found out your crush was there and asking about you

- 4. Which is a synonym for "to fall through"?**
 - a) To fail to happen
 - b) To trip
 - c) To sharply decrease
 - d) To succeed

- 5. If your friend says she'll watch "anything under the sun," she...**
 - a) only likes movies set in the desert
 - b) only likes to watch movies during the daytime
 - c) doesn't particularly enjoy movies
 - d) isn't picky and likes all kinds of different movies

Writing and Discussion Questions

1. What was the last big vacation you took? Where did you go and what did you do?
2. When was the last time you had plans fall through? Why did they fall through? What did you do instead?
3. Think back on some of your regrets. Which ones make you think, “Coulda shoulda woulda?”
4. Have you ever had a white-knuckle experience? Please describe.
5. If you could take a three-week trip to any country in the world right now, where would you go? Why would you go there?

Quiz Answers

1.b 2.a 3.c 4.a 5.d

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