

Analyzing and Debating Community Issues

OBJECTIVES

In this episode you will:

- *Learn to work with others to solve community issues.*
 - *Learn how to use One, Each, Another, Other and Others.*
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INTRODUCTION

 Read and understand

IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION


WIZARD

The Wizard appears


Whew! So sorry I'm late. My breakfast with Rosalinda went longer than expected. But guess what? I think she really loves me. But that's not important now. We need to get back to the story. The last time we saw Tshombe, he had a big problem. Market Street was closed to street vendors. Today, you will see how Deschambe learns to work with other street vendors to solve this problem. Today, you will also learn how to use the words each, one, another, other and others. Watch and listen.

Wizard disappears.

VOCABULARY

 Read and learn these words

Issues	Local
Source	Boycott
Records	Might
Talk is cheap	Rude
Lobby	City hall
Noisy	Fellow workers
Discuss	Suddenly
Calm down	Merchants
Shut down	Board
Aggressive	Solutions

 Put these words in alphabetical order. Use numbers 1-20.

1. Issues		11. Local	
2. Source		12. Boycott	
3. Records		13. Might	
4. Talk is cheap		14. Rude	
5. Lobby		15. City hall	
6. Noisy		16. Fellow workers	
7. Discuss		17. Suddenly	
8. Calm down		18. Merchants	
9. Shut down		19. Board	
10. Aggressive	1	20. Solutions	

COMPREHENSION

 Read and understand

POLICE STATION

Tshombe and Joe wait in the lobby. They are nervous and uncomfortable. Joe drinks water from a paper cup.

TSHOMBE I can't believe it. If it's not one problem, it's another. First, I have to pay more taxes. Now, I can't even work to pay them.

JOE They can't just shut us down.

TSHOMBE We have rights.

JOE We need to see the chief of police!

DESK SERGEANT Hold it. Hold it. One at a time.

TSHOMBE We want to see the Chief of Police.

DESK SERGEANT Well, do you have an appointment to see him?

TSHOMBE Yes, I have one. I called earlier. My name is Tshombe Gabriel.

DESK SERGEANT How about him? Does he have an appointment?

TSHOMBE No, he's with me.

DESK SERGEANT All right. Hold it. Take a seat. I'll see what I can do.

The Desk Sergeant picks up a phone and dials an extension. Tshombe and Joe go back to their seats. Joe goes over to the water cooler and pours himself a drink.

TSHOMBE (to Joe) You're drinking another one? How many cups of water can you drink?
JOE (off paper cup) I'm very thirsty, and nervous.

Joe drinks more water when...

DESK SERGEANT (os) All right. The Chief will see you both.

Tshombe and Joe move toward the office.

CHIEF SHERMAN'S OFFICE

Tshombe and the others wait in the office. Joe starts to give an inspiring speech.

JOE We will fight with our might. And bring down the people that won't let us sell our stuff on the..

Chief Sherman enters and Joe suddenly quiets down.

SHERMAN Hello? You are the street vendors, right? Please have a seat.

Everyone sits. Chief Sherman reaches for a pitcher of water and pours himself a glass.

SHERMAN (CONT'D) Would anyone like a glass of water.

JOE Oh, yes. Thank you. No, thank you.

SHERMAN Well, what can I do for you?

TSHOMBE Well, I can't speak for all the street vendors. But I know that if they shut us down, I won't be able to sell my lemonade. I have to sell my lemonade to pay my taxes. If I don't pay, the IRS will fine me or put me in jail.

SHERMAN I'm not sure I follow you.

JOE We're street vendors. We sell things. That's how we pay our rent. Our utility bills, our grocery bills. It's our only income.

SHERMAN Well, I understand how important your jobs are, but look at all these letters of complaint.

TSHOMBE I know Mrs. Vargas is unhappy. But do you have any other complaints?

SHERMAN There are many other complaints.

TSHOMBE What do they say? I want to see each one.

SHERMAN Well, let us say that the street vendors are too noisy, that the carts are unsafe, that street vendors are aggressive.

JOE Aggressive?

SHERMAN Yes. People say you are rude. You make people feel bad if they don't buy from you. And they don't come to that area to shop anymore. It hurts everyone.

TSHOMBE But who complained?

Chief Sherman reaches for a pile of letters.

SHERMAN Well, the merchants. I have letters from, uh, a Mrs. Vargas.

TSHOMBE (off letters) Of course, Mrs. Vargas. But do you have any other letters from other merchants? We have never had a problem with anyone else.

SHERMAN Well, um...


Sherman looks through the piles of letters, but he can't find another one that isn't from Vargas.

TSHOMBE There aren't any other complaints. You can't find one from another store owner, can you?

SHERMAN Well, there were others. At least, I thought there were others.

TSHOMBE I can't believe it. One person can shut us down.

SHERMAN No, that's not true. The City Council needs to vote on it.. I suggest you talk to your City Council member to see what you can do.

 Next to the number, write Y for a correct statement , N for incorrect.

- N 1. Market Street is closed permanently.
- 2. Tshombe can work on other streets to pay his taxes.
- 3. The vendors make an appointment to see the chief of police.
- 4. Joe is very calm at the office of the chief of police.
- 5. Sherman, the chief of police, shows the vendors many letters of complaint.
- 6. Chief Sherman tells Tshombe the letters say street vendors are aggressive.
- 7. The only letters of complaint are from Mrs. Vargas.
- 8. Joe tells Chief Sherman street vendors depend on their businesses.
- 9. Chief Sherman tells the vendors to get a lawyer.
- 10. Joe is nervous and drinks a lot of water.

LIFE SKILLS

 Read and understand

CITY COUNCILWOMAN'S OFFICE

Tshombe and Joe stand in front of City Councilwoman JANET TUCKER. Janet reads over the file.

JANET According to our records, we have several complaints. We discussed them at our last meeting. Unfortunately, only Mrs. Vargas showed up from your community. None of the street vendors came.

TSHOMBE We didn't know about the meeting.

JANET It's important to stay informed.

TSHOMBE But how do we find out about these things?

JANET You can find out about issues in your community three ways. One -- by reading the local newspaper. Two -- by watching the local public access TV station. And three -- by calling up City Hall and asking about specific meetings.

JOE Is it too late? What can we do now?

JANET Well, you can present your case to the board at its next meeting. We will decide about street vendors then.

TSHOMBE When is that?
 JANET The day after tomorrow.
 JOE That doesn't give us much time.
 JANET I must tell you, Mrs. Vargas has hired a very powerful attorney and she also has friends in the community.
 TSHOMBE Oh, no. We don't have a chance.
 JANET That's not true. You have power too. If you can get community support for your cause, then you have a chance.
 JOE How do we do that?
 JANET Well, the best way is to start a petition. Ask registered voters in the community if they will sign a petition in support of street vendors.
 JOE Voters. That's a good idea.
 JANET You can also talk to the media.
 JOE The media?
 JANET That's right. If there is an article in the local newspaper about you, that will help.
 TSHOMBE These are all great ideas, but we don't have that much time.
 JANET That's true. That's true. The best way to win your case is to organize the vendors and be very specific about what you want to change.
 TSHOMBE *(to himself)* Stay organized and be specific.

MEETING ROOM

The room is filled with street vendors and other community activists. Tshombe stands in front of the room, unable to get anyone's attention. There is constant talking and general confusion under the following conversations.

TSHOMBE We have to decide something.
 JOE I just want to stay on Market Street.
 BOB I have my family to support.
 MARY What are we going to do?
 Joe You know what we're going to do? We are going to buy Market Street. And after we buy Market Street...
 SILVIA Joe, c'mon, be serious.
 JOE I am. And let me tell you one thing. The businesses don't like us because they say we take their customers. They went to City Council. They went to the police.
 BOB Let's just boycott their stores.
 VENDER But we still won't be on Market Street.
Tshombe looks distressed. He knows this is not working. We slowly dolly into his face.

A DEMONIC APPARITION, or mini-Tshombe, pops up on Tshombe's shoulder. He's dressed like the devil. The sounds of the room fade under this Apparition's voice.

DEMONIC APPARITION Man, all these people are stupid. You are wasting your time here. JGet out of here and go sell your lemonade somewhere else.

ANGELIC APPARITION A more ANGELIC APPARITION appears on Tshombe's other shoulder. Don't listen to him, Tshombe. He's wrong.

DEMONIC You are telling me I'm wrong? (LAUGHS
 APPARITION
 ANGELIC *(to Tshombe)* Help your friends, Tshombe. Working together with the other
 APPARITION street vendors is the only way you'll win your case.
 DEMONIC Think about number one, Tshombe. That is you. Forget about all the others.
 APPARITION
 ANGELIC What? You must work together, Tshombe. Listen to each other. Choose the
 APPARITION best ideas from the group and organize.
 DEMONIC Tshombe, you think ...
 APPARITION


 Tshombe shoos the Apparitions away.

 Finally Tshombe stands up.
 TSHOMBE Be quiet. I have something to say.
 WIZARD And freeze.

Read and understand

Community Issues

It is important to stay informed and work with others to solve community issues. Mrs. Vargas had the upper hand because she was more informed. You can find out about issues by: reading the local newspaper, watching public access TV, going to city council meetings and asking about specific meetings. You can also use the Internet to find out local news. If you are presented with a difficult situation, like Tshombe, there are ways to work together to contest an issue. You can do this by circulating petitions and gathering many signatures. Go to city council meetings with a plan. Contact the media. It is important to organize your group and have a concrete vision and plan of action. There are legal aid centers that may be able to help you with your cause. Ask around your community, look in your local papers, on the Internet and in the local community centers.

 Next to the number, write T for a true statement , F for false.

- T 1. Tshombe needs to learn how to fight unjust laws together with others.
- 2. To be able to fight unjust decisions from government you need to be informed.
- 3. If you are fighting powerful business, it is better to quit.
- 4. To find out more about what's happening in the community you should go to city council meetings.
- 5. You don't have to prepare when you have a complaint.
- 6. Newspapers can help your cause.
- 7. Organizing your people is very important in achieving a goal.

- ___8. Inform yourself and you will be better prepared.
- ___9. If you scream louder than everybody else, you will be heard.
- ___10. Legal aid centers can help you prepare your case.

GRAMMAR

Read and understand

WIZARD	The Wizard is sitting in the audience as one of the vendors. What do you think Tshombe will do? Will he help his fellow workers organize before the City Council meeting? Or will he just care about himself? About number one? Hmm. Before we find out, let's review today's lesson. The word one can be used instead of a noun to represent a single person or thing. Watch and listen.
DESK SERGEANT	Well, do you have an appointment to see him?
TSHOMBE	Yes, I have <u>one</u> .
TSHOMBE	There aren't any other complaints. You can't find one from another store owner.
WIZARD	The word each refers to a single item or person within a group of the same type.
SHERMAN	There are many other complaints.
TSHOMBE	What do they say? I want to see each one.
WIZARD	Now, the word other or others refers to additional people or things of the same type. Watch and listen.
DEMONIC APPARITION	Forget about all the others.
WIZARD	The word another usually refers to one additional person or thing of the same kind.
TSHOMBE	(to Joe) You're drinking <u>another</u> one? How many cups of water can you drink?

Read, understand and practice


One, each, another, other, others

Use one or ones, each, another, other, and others to avoid repeating an earlier word in a sentence. They are used in place of nouns. Sometimes they are used with an adjective that differentiates the second object from the first.

Examples in context:

I have a new car. I have an old **one**.
 I like the red, the orange, and the green. I will buy one of **each**.
 If it's not **one** problem it's **another**.
 I drank a glass of water a few minutes ago. I will drink **another**.

I can't speak for the **other** vendors.
Do you have any **other** complaints? There are many **others**.

 Choose the correct answer

- a 1. The desk sergeant asks the men to speak _____ at a time.
a) one b) each c) another
2. Joe is drinking _____ cup of water.
a) each b) other c) another
3. Tshombe cannot speak for the _____ vendors.
a) other b) another c) each
4. _____ vendor needs a permit.
a) other b) each c) others
5. _____ person needs to take a seat.
a) each b) other c) others
6. Tshombe could go to _____ street to sell his lemonade.
a) other b) another c) each of
7. _____ street vendor quit yesterday.
a) all b) another c) other
8. Let me tell you _____ thing.
a) each b) one c) other
9. _____ time the police officer sees Tshombe, he gives him a ticket.
a) others b) other c) each
10. Tshombe says to the officer, "Not _____ one."
a) other b) each c) another
11. This is my _____ car.
a) other b) another c) each of
12. You can't have _____ dress. They are expensive.
a) all b) another c) other

- ___13. I want to congratulate _____ of you.
 a) each b) one c) other
- ___14. I went to your house the _____ day.
 a) anothers b) other c) each
- ___15. Those tapes cost \$5 _____.
 a) other b) each c) another

SPECIAL SKILLS

Read and understand

WIZARD Good job. Now, let's watch what Tshombe does. Ready? And action.

MEETING ROOM

TSHOMBE Quiet. I have something to say. *The crowd is momentarily quiet.*

I don't care about your silly ideas.

JOE What?

TSHOMBE We can't fight City Council. We can't fight the people with the connections and money. This is a big waste of time. Do you have any more time to give to this? I don't. I need to make money.

BOB How are we going to make this money if we can't sell on Market Street.

TSHOMBE I'm leaving Market Street.

JOE What?

TSHOMBE It's not the only street in the world.

MARY That's so selfish, Tshombe. We all can't move to another street.

BOB Don't you see that we are all connected.

TSHOMBE I don't care. I need to sell my lemonade. I am wasting my time here.

Tshombe exits.

JOE Tshombe, wait! Tshombe, wait!

BOB I can't believe him.

JOE Me neither. What are we going to do?

The Next Day... Blistering heat rises off the pavement - it's a scorcher.

Tshombe has his lemonade cart parked on a different corner. A few

PEOPLE are buying lemonade. The cop approaches.

TSHOMBE There you go. Thank you very much. One glass? Each of you?

POLICE OFFICER Hi, again. I see you found a new place to sell lemonade.

TSHOMBE Yes, sir. With all the customers in the park, I will pay off my taxes in two or three weeks.

POLICE OFFICER Good for you. May I see your permit?

TSHOMBE My permit? You saw my permit.

POLICE OFFICER Yes, but that was for selling on Market Street. This is Westside Park. And I

TSHOMBE
POLICE OFFICER
TSHOMBE
POLICE OFFICER

need to see your permit for selling here in this park.
Oh, please. You know I don't have a permit for this park.
I'm sorry. I have to give you another citation.
Another citation? Please, officer. They are about a hundred dollars.
That's right.

The Police Officer fills out the ticket.

Tshombe sells more lemonade in a busy street. He looks around to see if there are any cops. No one.

He sells a few cups to some KIDS, then he gets a tap on the shoulder. Tshombe turns around. It's the cop.

TSHOMBE
POLICE OFFICER

Thank you very much. Enjoy them. Come back again. Not again, Officer. Please. I beg you.
Sorry.

Just then Silvia and Joe walk by.

TSHOMBE
POLICE OFFICER

Hey, guys. Can you believe I'm getting another ticket for selling lemonade?
Silvia and Joe give him the cold shoulder and keep walking. Tshombe looks ashamed and defeated.

MEETING ROOM

WIZARD

With crystal ball he watches Tshombe get another ticket.
Poor Tshombe. He's in trouble with the law and his friends aren't speaking to him. It's important to work together. To make changes in our communities, we need to identify the problem and the solution. And then give it our full attention. Let's go back and give Tshombe another chance. And action

TSHOMBE

There is still confusion and overlapping dialogue.
Be quiet. *The crowd quiets.* I have something to say. I know we are all angry and upset. But I think we need to work together. We want to show that street vendors help the community.

SILVIA
TSHOMBE

Tshombe begins to feel more confident.
How can we do that?
I know we don't have much time. But maybe we can find some support from the community leaders.

SILVIA
JOE

That's a good idea.
Maybe we can start a petition. It will say we support street vendors and want them on Market Street.

BOB
MARY
TSHOMBE

We could write a letter to the editor of the newspaper.
Yeah. Maybe they'll write a story about us.
Those are all excellent ideas. Now, who wants to be in charge of the petitions? Okay, Joe. You are in charge of the petitions. What else do we need?
TSHOMBE (CONT'D)
Okay, Mary and Silvia will go around to get signatures.

MARY
TSHOMBE

What about posters?
These are all excellent ideas everyone. Okay. Remember. We only have two days. Give it all of your attention. And don't forget -- tell everyone you see.

JOE


I have another idea.

Suddenly he gets up and runs off.

Tshombe's Calendar

April 2001

April 6 - Go to St. Andrews Church for income tax help
April 7 - Go shopping for supplies
April 8 - Call my mother
April 12 - File income taxes
April 15 - Last day to file income taxes
April 19 - Meeting with Chief of Police
April 22 - Meeting with Market Street vendors
April 22 - Call my mother
April 23 - Begin petition to keep vendors on Market Street

 Read the information above and choose the correct answer.

1. b What's this?
a) A shopping list b) A calendar c) A letter
2. This calendar is for which month?
a) April 2001 b) April 2000 c) May 2001
3. When does Tshombe get help with his taxes?
a) April 9 b) April 6 c) April 23
4. What does Tshombe do on April 8?
a) File income taxes b) Go shopping c) Call his mother

ANSWERS

EPISODE ELEVEN

VOCABULARY			COMPREHENSION		LIFE SKILLS
1. 8	2. 18		1. N		1. T
3. 14	4. 20		2. N		2. T
5. 9	6. 13		3. Y		3. F
7. 6	8. 4		4. N		4. T
9. 16	10. 1		5. N		5. F
11. 10	12. 3		6. Y		6. T
13. 12	14. 15		7. Y		7. T
15. 5	16. 7		8. Y		8. T
17. 19	18. 11		9. N		9. F
19. 2	20. 17		10. Y		10. T

GRAMMAR				SPECIAL SKILLS	
1. a	2. c	3. a		1. b	2. a
4. b	5. a	6. b		3. b	4. c
7. b	8. b	9. c		5. a	6. b
10. c	11. a	12. b		7. a	8. a
13. a	14. b	15. b		9. c	10. a