

THE FLASH



A) Before you watch the episode. Match the vocabulary to the definitions.

1) Hang on	a) Show someone a naked part of your body
2) Run over	b) To hit with a car
3) To flash someone	c) Wait
4) To sue someone	d) Girl (informal)
5) A stray (dog)	e) An inconvenience for others
6) To nudge	f) A light push or touch
7) Spine	g) One without a home
8) Put down (an animal)	h) Large bone going down the centre of your back
9) A burden	i) Expression someone says when someone has lived for a long time (it comes from cricket)
10) Decent / good innings	j) Kill an animal. Normally because it is not well
11) Make yourself at home	k) Take someone to court to get money from them
12) Chick	l) Expression used when someone visits your house to say feel relaxed and do what you would in your own house

B) Watch the episode and answer the following questions.

- 1) Why does Gordon run over the dog?
 - a) Because he is driving too fast
 - b) Because Ashley flashes Gordon and he gets distracted.
 - c) Because Gordon is a terrible driver.
- 2) What is the best case scenario for Colin (the dog)?
- 3) How does Gordon know the vet?
- 4) How much is Colin's vet bill?
- 5) What is Gordon's nickname and why?
- 6) What is Ashley's relationship with James?
- 7) Why is there confusion over which vet is doing the operation?
- 8) Why does Ashley have to leave her flat?
- 9) Why does Ashley throw her poo out of the window?
- 10) What is Gordon's job?
- 11) What does Ashley do?

After you have watched.....

C) Put the words from exercise A in the following sentences. You may need to change the form

- 1) Can I make myself a coffee?
Sure. Go ahead. _____
- 2) We had to _____ my cat Twinkle yesterday. The vet found a tumour and said it was better to put him out of his misery.
- 3) We found a dog outside our office, so we took it to the vet, but as it had no microchip they assume it is a _____.
- 4) Poor Susan. Her neighbour was _____ by a car on Friday just as she was leaving the house. Susan saw everything and is in a massive state of shock.
- 5) Nick's grandfather died the other day at 105.
Wow! That's _____!
- 6) Beth _____ my arm to get my attention just as we walked right past Brad Pitt.
- 7) Gail needs to get an x-ray done as the doctor is worried she may have damaged her _____ in the car crash.
- 8) Could I stay with you for a few days until they have finished decorating my house
Only if it is OK with you of course. I don't want to be a _____.
- 9) The CEO is currently on another line, but if you can _____ for 5 minutes I am sure he will finish soon.

- 10) The police are concerned that a person has been seen _____ young women as they walk down the street.
- 11) We are being _____ by a client as they feel that we have damaged their image and want compensation.
- 12) There is a _____ from work who is going to organise after work drinks for everyone from our team.

D) Mini Vocabulary: Euphemisms

In this episode the euphemism 'put him to sleep' is used. A euphemism is basically a word or expression that is used to replace a word that may be more embarrassing, upsetting or offensive. 'Put him to sleep' actually means to 'kill' an animal but it sounds nicer. Have a look at the following euphemisms in *italics* and think what they could mean.

- 1) - What do you do for a living?
- I am *between jobs* at the moment?
- 2) Can you please excuse me for one moment? I am going to *powder my nose*.
- 3) Our vicar *passed away* rather unexpectedly last week. No one knows what happened and he had been in perfect health. A bit of a shock really.
- 4) I am *feeling a bit under the weather* so I won't be in the office today.
- 5) James is rather *big boned* if you ask me.
- 6) We are going to have to *let you go*. I know you have been here for some years now but we simply just don't have enough work coming in at the moment.
- 7) What do you think of Sam's new apartment?
Well *it's cosy*.
- 8) Annie can be a bit *economical with the truth* at times.



ANSWERS

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| 1) c | 7) h |
| 2) b | 8) j |
| 3) a | 9) e |
| 4) k | 10) i |
| 5) g | 11) l |
| 6) f | 12) d |

B)

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| 1) b | 6) They used to date. She is obviously still interested and he is not |
| 2) He'll be a high needs dog. They may need to manually express the dog's bladder and bowels. He might need wheels for legs | 7) Because the vet is called Yvette, which is pronounced 'a vet' |
| 3) They dated for a while. It was obviously not a good end to the relationship | 8) Because there are no dogs allowed |
| 4) Around \$12,000 | 9) Because the toilet fails to flush / the toilet doesn't work |
| 5) Flash. After flash Gordon the comic book hero. But they do also later call him Gordy for short | 10) He is a brewer. He runs a brewery |
| | 11) She is a medical student in her 6th year. |

C)

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| 1) Make yourself at home | 7) spine |
| 2) put down | 8) burden |
| 3) stray | 9) hang on |
| 4) run over | 10) flashing |
| 5) good / decent innings | 11) sued |
| 6) nudged | 12) chick |

D)

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| 1) Unemployed | 7) Small |
| 2) Go to the toilet | 8) Lie |
| 3) Died | |
| 4) Ill (with a cold) | |
| 5) Fat | |
| 6) Fire / sack you | |