

# Advanced Level

## Catch the News and Keep Alert

### WARM-UPS

1. Do you know what an intuition is?
2. Have you ever felt something was going to happen even before it happened?
3. How does it feel when something you guessed to happen actually happens?
4. Do you know anyone who's really good in guessing?
5. If someone could give you that ability, would you like to have it? The ability to know what's going to happen and when it's going to happen? Why or Why not?

### CONVERSATION

Note the underlined phrases; they're called business idioms.

A: What are you doing, Aya?

B: Hi, Kenji! I'd bought some stock in this company yesterday, and I'm monitoring the trading that's going on with it. It's been slowly going up all day!

A: How do you find the time to keep in touch with your broker?

B: Hey, you're looking at my broker! I do all my own trades these days. Courtesy of the internet!

A: Is that so? Where did you learn to do that?

B: It's easy. I'll give you the addresses to some sites that will show you how to do it. The tricky part is researching the market and predicting which stocks to invest in.

A: What factors influence how you trade?

B: I just catch the news and keep alert to what's in the wind! Having women's intuition doesn't hurt, either.

A: I guess you have me beat, there.

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### VOCABULARY

Find the meaning of the words below in the following:

Impact            business            compliment / favor  
middleman                            Element            forecasting

1. trades/trading(n) \_\_\_\_\_
2. broker(n) \_\_\_\_\_
3. courtesy(n) \_\_\_\_\_
4. predicting(v) \_\_\_\_\_
5. factors(n) \_\_\_\_\_
6. influence(n) \_\_\_\_\_

| Business Idioms                  | Meaning   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Monitoring                       | watching  |
| Find the time                    | have the time                                     |
| Keep in touch                    | communicate; talk                                 |
| Tricky part                      | difficult part                                    |
| Catch the news                   | watch or listen to news                           |
| Keep alert to what's in the wind | to hear or find out about rumours and information |
| Women's intuition                | women's ability to predict things                 |
| Doesn't hurt                     | also helps  |
| You have me beat                 | you have something that I don't                   |