

Advanced Level

I changed my mind in a hurry



WARM-UPS

1. Do you know what an accident is?
2. Have you experienced or seen an accident before? When? What happened?
3. What about road accidents, have you seen or experienced one?
4. How can we prevent road accidents?
5. How can the government help prevent accidents?

CONVERSATION

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

A: Mr. Yokiro, this makes three times this week that you've been late to work. When I hired you to teach at this institute, I told you not to keep the kids waiting for your arrival.

B: I'm really sorry, Mrs. Jun. I just started taking the bus instead of the train, but I haven't gotten the hang of reading the bus schedule yet.

A: Isn't the subway faster than the bus?

B: Sure, providing that you live near a station. But I live in kaisoku, and they still haven't cut the ribbon on the kaisoku station. It was supposed to have opened in February which would have made my life a whole lot easier.

A: I thought you were going to start riding a motorcycle. Didn't you buy a used bike last month?

B: Yeah, but I chickened out and sold it. I thought that commuting with the bike will be in a snap, but I changed my mind in a hurry after a few hair-raising experiences on the roads. Those delivery guys on bikes of this country must have a death wish.

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VOCABULARY

Choose the correct meaning of the words from the following:

Haste/fast school coming employed in place of
On the condition required traveling

1. hired(adj.) _____
2. institute(n) _____
3. arrival(n) _____
4. instead of (prep.) _____
5. providing(conj.) _____
6. supposed(adj.) _____
7. commuting(v) _____
8. hurry(adj.) _____

Business Idioms	Meaning
Haven't gotten the hang of (something)	haven't learned how to do something
Chickened out	got scared
In a snap	very easy; very simple
Hair-raising experiences	very scary experiences
Must have a death wish	doing something very dangerous