

# Story Module Part 1

## READ AND LISTEN

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What comes to your mind when you hear the name of the American state Wyoming? Chances are you haven't heard much about this state yet. As a matter of fact, Wyoming is the least searched for American state on the internet, which means it can be called the least interesting state based on the number of searches. At least that's what you can read in online magazines; however, just take a closer look at this state, and you'll discover it's **nothing short of exciting**.

One reason Wyoming doesn't receive many Google searches is its small population. Wyoming has only 600,000 inhabitants, with the largest city, Cheyenne, having no more than 60,000 inhabitants. That might seem very small; however, slightly more than one-half of the American population lives in jurisdictions -- cities, towns, boroughs, villages and townships -- with fewer than 25,000 people. In any case, you can **leave behind the hustle** in Wyoming because it's **a safe haven** for those desperately needing a break.

The **main economic drivers** of Wyoming are tourism, mining, and agriculture. Wyoming **boasts** tourist attractions that are very different from Hollywood or New York City. Wyoming's not about glamor and skyscrapers or wealth and fame. It's one of the few American states offering a glimpse into the Wild West, the America of the 1800s with thousands of emigrants fighting for a better future. In Wyoming, you can experience the Wild West like nowhere else. Mining towns, buffalos roaring across the prairie, Native Americans still living in an **unspoiled environment**, small towns, and fascinating natural scenery make this state a time-machine back to the age of pioneers, the brave immigrants who built America. Wyoming has more Native American battle sites than any other U.S. state. You can still see here the prisons and forts of the Wild West era.

Grand Tetons mountain range in the autumn





## Explanation Fourteen

### *Sense*

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**He was still pretty hungry and was thinking to break open a bag of peanuts he had gotten on the flight. He had a sense that he would be screwing up if he did.**

In this sentence, we can even spot two useful phrases. One of them is the cornerstone of English mentality. The word “**sense**” has become a central English word in the 17th century. This is the period when English scientists made many breakthroughs and discovered the laws of nature.

Scientists want to see and measure everything. They rely on their senses, not like poets or philosophers who use their imagination and emotions. As England was fascinated with the results of science, English society adopted words from science into daily conversation. Sense is one of the word people started to use frequently. It's enough to look at the modern English language, it's full of expressions using the word “**sense**”: a sense of urgency, common sense, make sense, a sense of humor and tons of others.

An entire lesson wouldn't be enough to do justice to all the nuances



Here's the next part. **If a teacher can show you the ins and outs of language learning, you'll be able to put the best methods to use. Instead of blood, sweat, and tears, you'll start enjoying the process.**

— How did I say, ***"If a teacher can show you the ropes of language learning"?***  
"If a teacher can show you the ins and outs of language learning."

— How can you say, ***"Lots of difficulty"?***  
"Blood, sweat, and tears."

— How can you say, ***"To put into practice, to apply the best methods"?***  
"To put the best methods to use."

Okay, you did a great job. I'm sure you enjoyed it very much, and most importantly, you made a giant step toward cementing all of this into your memory.

Review these exercises again, again, and again, and you'll see your English improve more and more. You'll be able to speak more and more easily, with less and less thinking. You'll easily use advanced phrases and idioms that most people understand only after many years of living in the U.S. and U.K. I hope you recognize the potential and make use of it. Go ahead and do it!



## EXERCISES

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**A** OBSERVE THE LANGUAGE How are the following ideas expressed in this part of the story? Change the underlined parts.

1. Although they're famous for maple syrup, their identity has much deeper roots than you think.
2. Canada is a place where many language and cultures exist together in one country.
3. On the other hand, the OQLF also has a most unusual task.
4. Listen to some of the crazy stories that became well-known in the media over the past few years.
5. Not even towns are exempt from the language rules.

**B** REFLECT Answer the following questions. Use the underlined phrases in your answer.

1. What do you know about Canadian identity and culture?

*Example: Well, Canadian identity has always been a bit of a mystery for me as I don't have a deep knowledge of the country ...*

2. What is the first thing you would think of when you hear "Canada"?

*Example: First, I'd think of the maple syrup and breathtaking natural landscapes ...*

3. How could you sum up the role and function of the Quebecian Language Police?

*Example: As far as I understand it, the function of the Language Police is to monitor public signs and announcements and ensure that the French language is used in every such context ...*



Panoramic view of Tofino, Vancouver Island