

WRITING SYNTHESIS: Lesson 14 - Why I Had to Leave My Job

Ethics in the Workplace, Personal Integrity, & Question Tags Grammar

Objective: Analyze workplace ethics, character traits, and master question tags grammar **Track:** Secondary Level

1. Core Thematic Concepts (Story Summary)

This lesson explores workplace ethics, personal compromise, and the decision to preserve integrity:

A. Narrative Overview

- **The Conflict:** A personal secretary is asked by her boss, James, to cover up his affair and lie for him [cite: 1].
- **The Temptation:** She initially accepts a 15% pay rise because she cannot afford to refuse the salary [cite: 1].
- **The Breaking Point:** After months of lying to the mistress and feeling humiliated when publicly accused in the office, she resigns [cite: 1].

2. Key Vocabulary & Behavior Characteristics

Classifying behavioral traits:

- **Good Traits:** Honest, reliable, truthful, faithful, tolerant, trustworthy [cite: 1].
- **James's Traits:** Deceitful, corrupt, immoral, insincere [cite: 1].
- **Bad Traits:** Immoral, deceitful, corrupt, shameful, suspicious [cite: 1].
- **Secretary's Traits:** Honest, reliable, ultimately reclaiming her integrity [cite: 1].

3. Grammar Focus: Question Tags

Forming confirming questions:

- **Rule:** Positive statement takes a negative tag; negative statement takes a positive tag [cite: 1].
- **Examples:** * *He's not coming back, is he?* [cite: 1] * *I'm not late, am I?* [cite: 1] * *The bank lent him the money, didn't they?* [cite: 1] * *You shouldn't do that, should you?* [cite: 1] * *Everybody will be there, won't they?* [cite: 1]