



Grant and his study group divided the assignments for the big group social studies project. He made slips of paper, and each person has to take one and do the portion listed on the paper. Grace is drawing the first slip and says, “I’m crossing my fingers.”

What is Grace really saying?

- a) I’m smart and do well with any assignment I choose.
- b) If my fingers are sticky, I might accidentally choose two.
- c) Wish me luck that I’ll pick a good assignment.

What would be an appropriate response or action by Grant?



Determining Meaning from Social Language—Teens

Tyler practiced basketball all morning. He was hot, tired, and ready to get a drink from the water fountain. When practice ended, Tyler was putting his shoes in his gym bag when the coach said, “I wouldn’t mind some help putting the balls away.”

What is the coach really saying?

- a) I’m going to pick up all the balls.
- b) Please help pick up the balls.
- c) I’m almost finished picking up all the balls.

What would be an appropriate response or action by Tyler?