

# Talk a Lot

## Films

### Multi-Purpose Text

#### Outnumbered (Original Text)

Line

1 Maggie was sitting at the kitchen table working on a school project with her friend  
2 Amy. Kathleen came in and put her shopping bags on the worktop.  
3 "Hi, Maggie. Hi Amy," said Kathleen. "Hi, Mrs. Jones," replied Amy.  
4 "What are you two up to?"  
5 "We've got to write a film review for school," said Maggie. "I'm doing mine on  
6 Scary Movie, and Amy is doing hers on Scary Movie 2."  
7 "Which is better?" asked Kathleen, smiling, "The original is usually the best."  
8 The back door flew open and Dennis ambled in. He slumped in a chair  
9 and began attacking the sausage rolls that Kathleen had just unpacked. He grunted  
10 incoherently. "What's up with you?" asked his mum kindly.  
11 "He's got girl trouble," laughed Maggie, looking up from her notebook.  
12 "How so?" asked Kathleen, "Tell me, love. I'm all ears." "We saw him at the  
13 cinema last night chatting up Mandy White," said Amy helpfully.  
14 "But I thought you were going out with Sarah Shaw?" Kathleen was confused.  
15 "Sarah doesn't need to know," scowled Dennis, helping himself to a third  
16 chocolate éclair. "But what if she somehow found out?" asked Maggie, reaching for  
17 her phone. Dennis got up and shook the crumbs from his overalls. "I'm going back  
18 out, mum," he said, still with a mouthful of pastry, "I'm a bit outnumbered here!"  
(223 words)



#### Outnumbered (Text with 20 Differences)

Maggie was sitting **1. on (at)** the kitchen table working on a school project with her friend  
**2. Jamie (Amy)**. Kathleen came in and put her shopping bags on the **3. table (worktop)**.  
"Hi, Maggie. Hi Amy," said Kathleen. "Hi, Mrs. Jones," **4. said (replied)** Amy.  
"What are you two **5. doing (up to)?**"  
"We've got to write a film review for school," said Maggie. "I'm doing **6. my (mine)**  
on Scary Movie, and Amy is doing hers on Scary Movie 2."  
"Which is **7. best (better)?**" asked Kathleen, smiling, "The original is usually the  
**8. bet (best).**"  
The back door flew open and Dennis ambled in. He **9. jumped (slumped)** in a  
chair and began attacking the **10. bread (sausage)** rolls that Kathleen had just unpacked.  
He grunted **11. clearly (incoherently)**. "What's up with you?" asked his mum  
**12. quietly (kindly)**.  
"He's got girl trouble," laughed Maggie, looking up from her **13. books (notebook)**.  
"How so?" asked Kathleen, "Tell me, love. **14. Am (I'm)** all ears." "We saw him at  
the cinema last night chatting up **15. Andie (Mandy)** White," said Amy helpfully.  
"But I thought you were going out with Sarah **16. Short (Shaw)?**" Kathleen was  
confused.  
"Sarah doesn't need to **17. note (know)**," scowled Dennis, helping himself to a  
**18. furred (third)** chocolate éclair. "But what if she somehow found out?" asked  
**19. Kathleen (Maggie)**, reaching for her phone. Dennis got up and shook the crumbs from  
his overalls. "I'm going back out, mum," he said, still with a mouthful of **20. gravy (pastry)**,  
"I'm a bit outnumbered here!"

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#### Outnumbered (Gap-Fill – Function Words)

Maggie was sitting 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen table working on a school project with her friend Amy. Kathleen came in and put 2. \_\_\_\_\_ shopping bags on the worktop.

“Hi, Maggie. Hi Amy,” said Kathleen. “Hi, Mrs. Jones,” replied Amy.

“What 3. \_\_\_\_\_ you two up to?”

“We’ve got 4. \_\_\_\_\_ write a film review for school,” said Maggie. “I’m doing mine on Scary Movie, 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Amy is doing hers on Scary Movie 2.”

“Which is better?” asked Kathleen, smiling, “The original is usually 6. \_\_\_\_\_ best.”

The back door flew open and Dennis ambled 7. \_\_\_\_\_. He slumped in 8. \_\_\_\_\_ chair and began attacking the sausage rolls 9. \_\_\_\_\_. Kathleen had just unpacked. He grunted incoherently. “What’s up 10. \_\_\_\_\_ you?” asked 11. \_\_\_\_\_ mum kindly.

“He’s got girl trouble,” laughed Maggie, looking up from her notebook.

“How so?” asked Kathleen, “Tell me, love. I’m all ears.” “12. \_\_\_\_\_ saw him at the cinema last night chatting up Mandy White,” said Amy helpfully.

“But I thought you 13. \_\_\_\_\_ going out with Sarah Shaw?” Kathleen was confused.

“Sarah doesn’t need to know,” scowled Dennis, helping 14. \_\_\_\_\_ to a third chocolate éclair. “But what if she somehow found out?” asked Maggie, reaching for her phone. Dennis got up 15. \_\_\_\_\_ shook the crumbs from his overalls. “I’m going back out, mum,” he said, still with a mouthful of pastry, “I’m a bit outnumbered here!”



#### Outnumbered (Multiple Choice – Use of English)

Maggie 1. **a) were, b) was, c) been** sitting at the kitchen table working on 2. **a) a, b) some, c) that** school project with her friend Amy. Kathleen came in and put her shopping 3. **a) centre, b) trolley, c) bags** on the worktop.

“Hi, Maggie. Hi Amy,” said Kathleen. “4. **a) Hi, b) Goodbye, c) Yes**, Mrs. Jones,” replied Amy. “5. **a) How, b) When, c) What** are you two up to?”

“We’ve got to write a film review for school,” said Maggie. “I’m doing 6. **a) this, b) hers, c) mine** on Scary Movie, and Amy is doing hers on Scary Movie 2.”

“Which is better?” asked Kathleen, smiling, “The 7. **a) sequels, b) original, c) film** is usually the best.”

The back door 8. **a) flew, b) flied, c) was flying** open and Dennis ambled in. He slumped in a 9. **a) table, b) chair, c) book** and began attacking the sausage 10. **a) eggs, b) cakes, c) rolls** that Kathleen had just unpacked. He grunted incoherently. “What’s up with you?” asked his mum 11. **a) suddenly, b) kindly, c) quietly**.

“He’s got girl trouble,” laughed Maggie, looking up from her 12. **a) notebook, b) worktop, c) plate**. “How so?” asked Kathleen, “Tell 13. **a) her, b) them, c) me**, love. I’m all ears.” “We saw him at the cinema last night 14. **a) chatting, b) telling, c) chatting up** Mandy White,” said Amy helpfully.

“But I thought you were going out with Sarah Shaw?” Kathleen was confused.

“Sarah doesn’t need to know,” scowled Dennis, helping himself to a third chocolate éclair. “But what if she somehow found 15. **a) it, b) up, c) out**?” asked Maggie, reaching for her phone. Dennis got up and shook the crumbs from his overalls. “I’m going back out, mum,” he said, still with a mouthful of pastry, “I’m a bit outnumbered here!”

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#### Outnumbered (Comprehension Questions)

1. What did Dennis eat first?
2. What was wrong with Dennis, according to Maggie?
3. What did Amy call Kathleen?
4. Where was Maggie sitting when Kathleen came in?
5. Which door did Dennis come in by?
6. Which film was Amy writing about?
7. Where did Maggie and Amy see Dennis?
8. What were Maggie and Amy doing when Kathleen came in?
9. What was Maggie writing in?
10. Who was Maggie sitting with when Kathleen came in?
11. What was Maggie and Amy's school project?
12. Who is Dennis supposed to be going out with?
13. How many chocolate éclairs did Dennis eat?
14. Did Maggie talk to her brother?
15. How many people were working on a school project?
16. What was Dennis wearing?
17. What is Amy's friend called?
18. Who grunted incoherently?
19. What did Maggie reach for?
20. When did Maggie and Amy see Dennis at the cinema?
21. Where did Kathleen put her shopping bags.
22. Which room were Amy and Maggie working in?
23. Where did Dennis have crumbs?
24. How many people were in the kitchen at the beginning of the story?
25. Did Kathleen have more than one shopping bag?
26. Who is Amy?
27. Which film was Maggie doing her project on?
28. What does Dennis call Mrs. Jones?
29. Who was Dennis chatting up?
30. Why did Dennis go back out?

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#### Outnumbered (True, False, or Unknown?)

1. Maggie is Amy's friend from work.
2. Maggie likes Scary Movie.
3. Kathleen has got big ears.
4. Amy and Maggie are friends.
5. At the beginning of the story, Maggie and Amy are working on their project.
6. Dennis likes sausage rolls.
7. Kathleen comes home after going shopping.
8. Dennis comes home from work.
9. Amy is doing her project on Scary Movie.
10. Dennis spoke with his mouth full.
11. Dennis walks in quickly.
12. Maggie is Kathleen's mum.
13. Dennis wants to go out with both Sarah and Amy.
14. Dennis likes spring rolls.
15. Dennis wants to go out with both Sarah and Mandy.
16. Maggie phoned Sarah Shaw.
17. Amy and Maggie were winding up Dennis.
18. Amy likes Dennis.
19. Dennis was wearing clean overalls.
20. Amy was at the cinema last night.
21. Dennis came in by the front door.
22. Kathleen spoke to Dennis kindly.
23. Dennis is going out with Sarah Shaw.
24. Dennis was full of the joys of youth.
25. Dennis came in by the back door.
26. Kathleen was unpacking her shopping.
27. Dennis felt outnumbered.
28. Dennis has got problems with girls.
29. Maggie is Amy's best friend.
30. Kathleen came in carrying two shopping bags.

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#### Glossary of New Words

Here are some words and phrases from the text that may be new to students. You could either pre-teach them, or encourage your students to find translations in a bi-lingual dictionary and write them in the gaps below. Stressed syllables are underlined.

1. **worktop** (*noun*: work surface in kitchen) \_\_\_\_\_
2. **to be up to something** (*phr. verb*: to be doing something) \_\_\_\_\_
3. **amble** (*verb*: to walk slowly) \_\_\_\_\_
4. **slump** (*verb*: to sit in a very relaxed way) \_\_\_\_\_
5. **attack** (*verb*: in this context, to eat quickly and greedily) \_\_\_\_\_
6. **sausage roll** (*noun*: sausage meat baked in pastry) \_\_\_\_\_
7. **grunt** (*verb*: trying to speak without words) \_\_\_\_\_
8. **incoherently** (*adverb*: not clearly; cannot be understood) \_\_\_\_\_
9. **I'm all ears** (*colloquial*: I'm listening; tell me) \_\_\_\_\_
10. **chat up** (*phrasal verb*: try to impress a potential partner) \_\_\_\_\_
11. **go out with** (*phr. verb*: to be in a close relationship with) \_\_\_\_\_
12. **help yourself** (*phr. verb*: to take without asking) \_\_\_\_\_
13. **chocolate éclair** (*noun*: chocolate-covered pastry with cream) \_\_\_\_\_
14. **crumb** (*noun*: small flake of pastry or bread) \_\_\_\_\_
15. **be outnumbered** (*phr. verb*: more people are against you than for you) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Answers

##### Outnumbered (Gap-Fill – Function Words)

- |        |          |             |
|--------|----------|-------------|
| 1. at  | 6. the   | 11. his     |
| 2. her | 7. in    | 12. We      |
| 3. are | 8. a     | 13. were    |
| 4. to  | 9. that  | 14. himself |
| 5. and | 10. with | 15. and     |

##### Outnumbered (Multiple Choice – Use of English)

- |       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 1. b) | 6. c)  | 11. b) |
| 2. a) | 7. b)  | 12. a) |
| 3. c) | 8. a)  | 13. c) |
| 4. a) | 9. b)  | 14. c) |
| 5. c) | 10. c) | 15. c) |

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#### Outnumbered (Comprehension Questions)

- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Sausage rolls.               | 16. Overalls.                    |
| 2. He had girl trouble.         | 17. Maggie.                      |
| 3. Mrs. Jones.                  | 18. Dennis.                      |
| 4. At the kitchen table.        | 19. Her phone.                   |
| 5. The back door.               | 20. Last night.                  |
| 6. Scary Movie 2.               | 21. On the worktop.              |
| 7. At the cinema.               | 22. In the kitchen.              |
| 8. Working on a school project. | 23. On his overalls.             |
| 9. Her notebook.                | 24. Two.                         |
| 10. Amy.                        | 25. Yes.                         |
| 11. To write a film review.     | 26. Maggie's friend.             |
| 12. Sarah Shaw.                 | 27. Scary Movie.                 |
| 13. Three.                      | 28. Mum.                         |
| 14. Yes.                        | 29. Mandy White.                 |
| 15. Two.                        | 30. Because he felt outnumbered. |

#### Outnumbered (True, False, or Unknown?)

*(T = True, F = False, U = Unknown)*

- |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. F  | 11. F | 21. F |
| 2. U  | 12. F | 22. T |
| 3. U  | 13. F | 23. T |
| 4. T  | 14. U | 24. F |
| 5. T  | 15. T | 25. T |
| 6. T  | 16. U | 26. T |
| 7. T  | 17. T | 27. T |
| 8. U  | 18. U | 28. T |
| 9. F  | 19. U | 29. U |
| 10. T | 20. T | 30. U |

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