

Ted Lasso Guide

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Pilot

00.54 - The episode starts with Rebecca auctioning off paintings and other items that remind her of her husband. After seeing one of the paintings, Higgins complements her on her **exquisite** taste.

*Do you know anyone who has **exquisite** taste?*



1.35 - "I love what you've done to the place. Did you do it yourself or get some **poof** to help you," says the coach who is about to get fired. "I could ask the same of your hair," responds Rebecca in a well-balanced and self-assured way. "A **cheeky** one, isn't she?"



replies George, "I've got training in a minute, so whatever it is you need to **get off your impressive chest**, let me have it."

*Do you find George's comment casually **misogynistic** or prejudiced? Why does Rebecca fire the coach? Is it because of the team's **remarkably** average performance, his tiny shorts that force Rebecca to see one of his **testicles**? What was the real reason, and what is your opinion of Rebecca?*

4.24 - The first scene with Ted Lasso is on the plane. A young man asks to get an “ussie” with Ted, because he thinks that Ted is a legend for doing something as stupid as agreeing to coach an English Premiere League team. The young man thinks it’s **wicked** and **sick** (both slang words) but approves the idea.



Rad is another one of those words.

4.47 - Coach Beard is reading a book about soccer. Ted calls him a sponge. When Ted learns a new soccer term he says, “You owe me five bucks if I sneak that into a sentence later.”

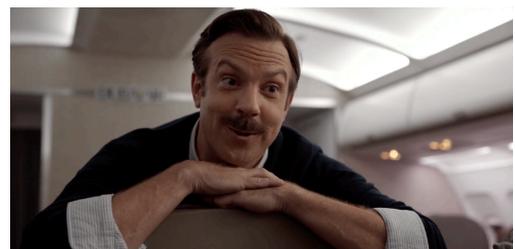


Do you remember how coach Beard responds when he accepts the bet?

You a ___ ___.

Ted says, “Taking on a challenge is a lot like riding a horse, isn’t it? If you’re comfortable while you’re doing it, you’re probably doing it wrong.”

What was the last time you took on a challenge? Were you comfortable? What is your opinion of Ted’s statement?



In this scene, we see Ted’s determined optimism shine in a conversation with Beard when he says, “If we see each other in our dreams, let’s **goof around** a little bit, pretend like we don’t know each other.”

How often do you goof around with your kids, nephews, nieces...?

6.14 - Does Ted get enough sleep on the plane? Do you remember his answer? "**Not a w_____.**"

6.44 - What kind of a traveler are you? Are you one of those



people who likes to make a **pit stop** after a long-haul flight?

Do you know where the idiom "**we're not in Kansas anymore**" comes from and what it means?

8.14 - After seeing Coach Beard and Lasso on the **pitch**, Nathan tells them to get off the grass. His attitude suddenly changes when he finds out that Ted is the new coach.



9.30 - Rebecca seems thrilled to meet Lasso and Beard and wants Higgins to get IDs, housing information, or anything they might need. What seems to be really important for Ted and Beard are: Wi-Fi



password, **wet wipes**, and **humidifier**.

What is important for you when you travel? Can you complete the idiom "When in Rome..."? Have you ever taken your drink right back to the **counter**, 'cause someone made a horrible mistake? What do you think of Ted's frank response after tasting the tea?

Do you believe in ghosts? What does Ted mean when he says, "More importantly, I think they need to believe in themselves"?

11.23 - Ted is taken aback when Rebecca throws him to the lions—the press.

Why do you think Rebecca decides to surprise him in such a way?

*When Ted says, "Does anybody have any questions," a lot of the reporters' hands go up. He says, "Should've saw that coming." Is that grammatically correct? Can you think of any other mistakes by native speakers? What does Ted talk about when he addresses the "larger than average **elephant in the room**"? What is an example of an **elephant in the room**?"*



16.19 - After that horrifying press-conference, Ted is headed to say hello to the team. And when Rebecca says, "Can't keep a **gaffer** from his **pitch**," he smiles as if he understands what she means, but then says, "I'm o for 2 in that sentence," to Coach Beard.

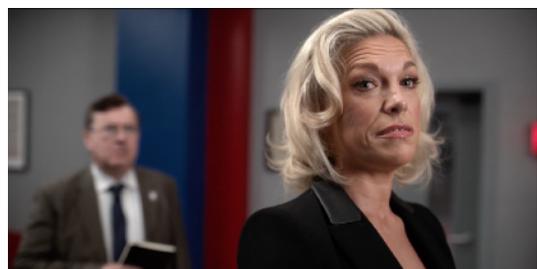


Why do you think he says that?

16.45 - When Ted leaves, Rebecca talks to Higgins and reveals the real reason behind hiring someone like Ted - she wants Ted to help her **burn the club to the ground**.

She wants to **get back** at her husband and hit him where it really hurts—below the belt. She also mentions a **splintered** cricket bat.

*What other materials have **splinters**? Is it pronounced as "gif" or "jif"?*





17.32 - *What does Ted mean when he says "training makes perfect"?*

Both Ted and Beard are quite impressed with the energy drink made by Nathan.

They also treat him as a human being, something no one seems to do around Nate. When asked about Jamie Tart, Nathan says, "He's great. You know, at football."

20.25 - Ted and Beard enter the locker room for the first time. Ted smells potential and notes of Axe body spray or its British variant. When players return from their training or practice, Ted introduces himself and Beard and says, "I know we don't officially start quite yet, but, you know, we just wanted to **pop in**, say howdy, let you know how excited we are to be here."

What's the difference between "pop in" and "visit"?



21.49 - Ted has his first conversation with Roy Kent, the team captain. It doesn't go so well, because Roy seems to be upset that his career is going to end with Ronald f***** McDonald. "If he thinks he's mad now, wait till we **win him over**," says Lasso to the assistant coach when Roy leaves.



What does Ted mean by "win him over"?

23.21 - Keeley catches Ted off guard while he's trying to put duct tape on Keeley's naked photos in the locker room. Apparently, Keeley is the only person who is welcoming towards Ted. She points out that the sign "believe" is **crooked** and even helps Ted make the right adjustments. Ted thought that the room was **out of wack** 😂. Keeley also tells Ted not to go on Twitter.



Do Keeley and Ted get off on the wrong foot?

25.23 - When Rebecca sees Ted and Beard leaving late, she says, "Already **burning the midnight oil**, I see, Ted."



*What do you think she means by that?
Does Higgins get **promoted** or demoted?
Do we say pay rise or pay raise?
Why is Higgins feeling sick to his*

stomach?

When Ted **goofs around** with the horn, Rebecca says, "You're a **godsend**, Ted Lasso." *Does she mean it?* Ted responds with, "**Takes one to know one.**"

29.16 - After taking a shower, Ted gets in touch with his son and wife in America.

What kind of problems do you think he's dealing with? What does he mean by "I am giving you that space"?

"I love you. No, no, that's ok. You don't have to." What is that all about?



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Much love.

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- *Get a speaking partner or preferably a small group of B2+ English learners and schedule a meeting with them (twice a week generally works well).*
- *Watch the episode at home.*
- *Study the **Quizlet vocabulary set** for the episode.*
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