

Stephen Colbert on Late Night Show – Trump faces impeachment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYPto01lvM>

I KEY VOCAB Insert the words from the table into the sentences below.

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| whistleblower | extort | probe | toddlers | collusion | withhold |
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1. Hi, I'm looking for a gift for a two-year-old, is this toy suitable for _____ ?
2. The _____ explored allegations of corruption in the police department.
3. Healthcare professionals should not _____ information out of concern that it will upset a patient.
4. The world's most famous _____, Edward Snowden, says he'd love to be offered asylum in France.
5. The gang is accused of _____ing money from local store owners.
6. The companies were accused of acting in _____ to fix prices.

How are the words from the table used in the video?

II IDIOMS AND COLLOCATIONS Rearrange the words in each line to make phrases from the video. What do these fixed expressions mean?

1. the ground feet your feel under shifting
2. the here thing is but
3. it be thing the might
4. pleaded the guilty defendant
5. a president finally on the check
6. tat tit for

How were they used in the video?

III PHRASAL VERBS Use the prepositions in the table to complete the phrasal verbs in bold. One gap ___ stands for one preposition.

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| for | up | over | down | up | forward | to | up |
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1. Don't forget, **buckle** ___ before you drive off.
2. Hey, would you **be** ___ some drinks at the pub later tonight?
3. We can **move** ___ **with** construction as soon as we have the necessary permits.
4. Eventually they had to **turn** the evidence ___ the police.
5. I didn't **make** that ___, I'm telling the truth, I swear!
6. After the lost World Cup final she **stepped** ___ as captain of the team.

IV FOLLOW-UP Read the transcript of the actual call in question https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/09/25/us/politics/trump-ukraine-transcript.html?action=click&module=STYLN_guide_impeachment&variant=1_guide_impeachment&state=default&pgtype=Article®ion=footer

V DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has just happened in the U.S. according to the report presented by Stephen Colbert? Use the vocabulary from this lesson giving your account of events
2. Do you think that Democrats have enough incriminating evidence against President Trump?
3. An American president can be impeached for « high crimes and misdemeanors » ; how do you understand this term?
4. Are leaders of your country impeachable?
5. What do you make of the whistleblower in this case? What fate do you think is awaiting him/her once his/her identity is revealed?
6. What do you make of President Zelensky of Ukraine?
7. Would you blow the whistle if you discovered something shady going on in your school or workplace?