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Vocabulary

Unit7 – Lesson2
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Have your Ss preview the definitions and match them with the words. Check the answers in class.

MATCH the definitions with the words.

confident – challenging – laid-back – intimidating - experienced – supportive

1 : having skills or knowledge because you have done something often

2 : making you feel worried or frightened

3 : relaxed and not seeming to worry about anything

4 : giving help or encouragement

5 : sure that you can do something well

6 : difficult in an interesting way

Teach the challenging words to your Ss. Then play the audio to practice the pronunciation.



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A shout out to Diana for finding the best interns in the business!

1 VOCABULARY Describe work and co-workers

A ▶07-06 Listen. Then listen and repeat.

experienced: having skills or knowledge because you have done something often
intimidating: making you feel worried or frightened
laid-back: relaxed and not seeming to worry about anything
supportive: giving help or encouragement
confident: sure that you can do something well
challenging: difficult in an interesting way

B Circle the correct answers.

1. I don't like to be bored at work. I like ***laid-back*** / ***challenging*** projects.
2. When I have a problem, I talk with my best friend. He's very ***supportive*** / ***experienced***.
3. My boss is always relaxed. She is the most ***laid-back*** / ***intimidating*** person I know.
4. They have done this many times before. They are very ***experienced*** / ***challenging***.
5. He makes me feel nervous when I'm around him. He is ***confident*** / ***intimidating***.
6. I know that I'm going to do well because I'm ***supportive*** / ***confident*** in my experience.

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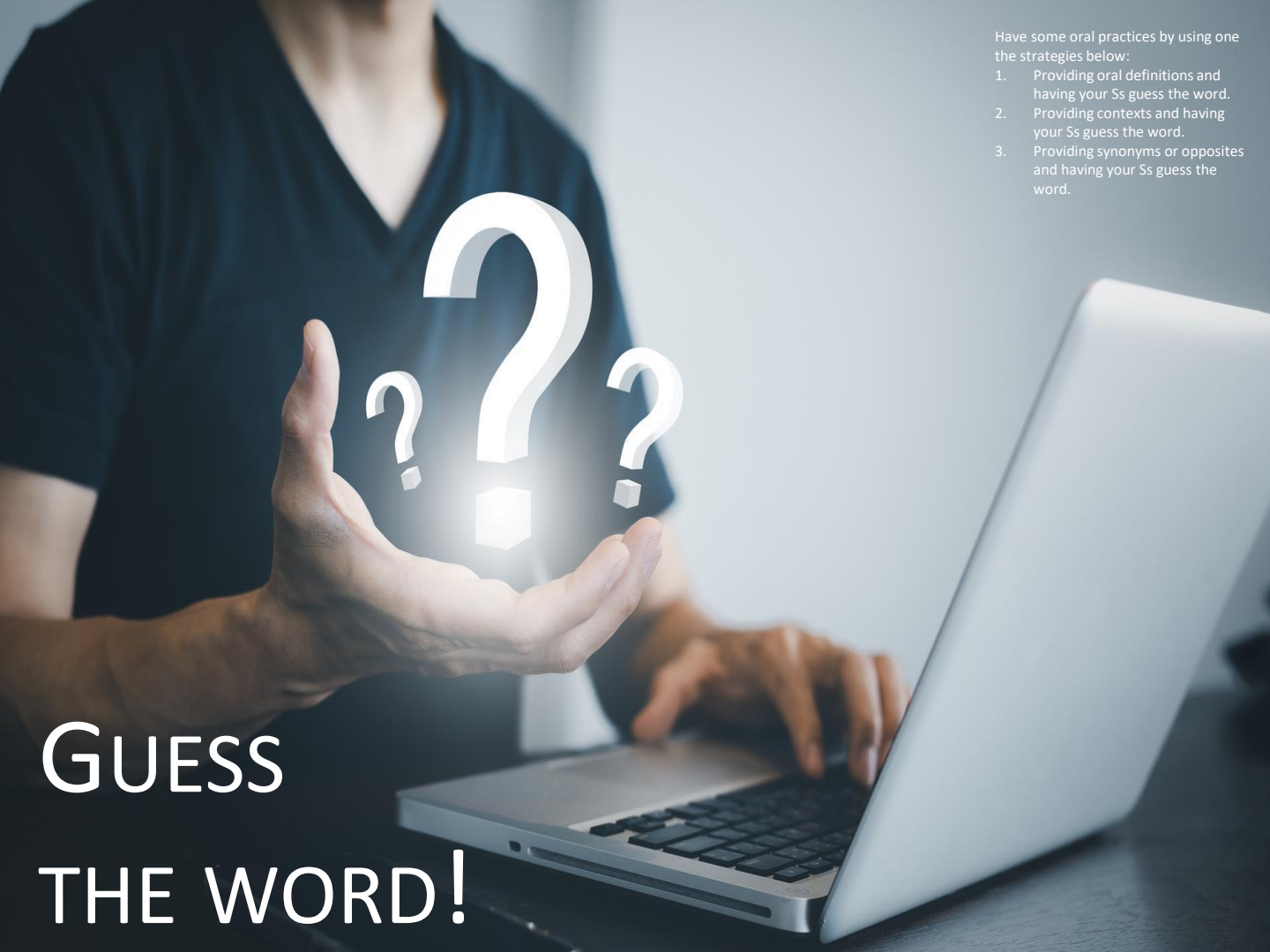
Have the Ss think for a while and do the task in class.

Activity

B Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.



1. You should ask Clara for help. She's very **intimidating / challenging / experienced**.
2. I knew this job would be difficult, and it is **challenging / supportive / laid back**, but I love it!
3. We're very **intimidating / challenging / laid back** here. You can come in anytime you want as long as you get your work done.
4. Mia is so **laid back / confident / challenging**. She's always very sure she can do the job right.
5. Everyone at my new job is very talented but not very friendly. It's kind of **intimidating / laid back / supportive**.
6. My boss is so **confident / challenging / supportive**. When I was having trouble with my work, she helped me out and never got angry.



Have some oral practices by using one the strategies below:

1. Providing oral definitions and having your Ss guess the word.
2. Providing contexts and having your Ss guess the word.
3. Providing synonyms or opposites and having your Ss guess the word.

GUESS THE WORD!

C PAIRS For the sentences in 1B, say if this is true for you. If not, make a true statement.

This is true for me. I don't like to be bored at work. I like challenging projects.

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