**Unit 17 Lesson 3 My Favorite Comedy**

**I. Write down the words according to the definitions:**

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| 1.dress up | to wear special clothes for fun, or to put special clothes on someone |
| 2.turn sb. off | to make someone decide they do not like something |
| 3.make out | to say that something is true when it is not |
| 4.put on | to pretend to have a particular feeling, opinion, way of speaking etc especially in order to get attention |
| 5.attempt | an act of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 6.busy oneself doing | to use your time dealing with something |
| 7.regardless of | without being affected or influenced by something |
| 8.compensate | to replace or balance the effect of something bad |
| 9.deliberately | done or said in a slow careful way |
| 10.desperate | willing to do anything to change a very bad situation, and not caring about danger |
| 11.convince | to make someone feel certain that something is true |

**II. Complete the following sentences with the words you’ve learnt in the lesson:**

1. Her intelligence can compensate for her lack of experience.
2. He shook his head slowly and deliberately, deeply worried about the consequences.
3. He went to the party dressed up as a Chicago pop singer.
4. Any potential buyer will be turned off by the sight of the low quality materials used.
5. She always tried to make out that I was wrong and she was right. But it’s not true.
6. Time was running out and we were getting desperate.
7. Her arguments didn't convince everyone, so little change was made.
8. He made a deliberate attempt to be humorous and it worked – everyone burst out laughing.
9. He busied himself answering letters from fans.
10. The law requires equal treatment for all, regardless of race, religion, or sex.

**III. Put down the meaning of the underlined words or fill in the blanks with the proper forms of the word:**

1. It's a small informal party - you don't have to dress up. (to dress more formally)

Politicians dress up their personal ambition as a pursuit of the public good. (to make it seem more attractive, acceptable, or interesting than it really is)

1. Don't forget to turn the lights off when you leave. (to shut)

Mark turned off the highway and drove into a town. (to leave the road you are travelling on)

1. I couldn't make out what he was saying. (to be just able to see or hear something)

I couldn't make out what I had done to annoy her. (to understand, esp. the reason why sth. Has happened)

He makes me out to be some sort of idiot. But actually that is what he is. (to say that something is true when it is not)

1. The team need to put on another world-class performance next week. (SHOW WHAT YOU CAN DO)

Rosie's put on five kilos since she quit smoking. (to become fatter and heavier)

She put on some music while they ate. (to put a record, tape, or CD into a machine and start playing it)

1. In the previous class, the teacher attempted to explain what led to the revolution. (to try to)

He admitted being guilty to attempted murder. (an act of trying to kill or harm someone, kill yourself etc)

That was his first unsuccessful attempt to become a president.

1. He was desperate to get a job, for he was running out of money. (needing or wanting something very much)

He was in desperate need of help, for he had been starving for 3 days. (a desperate situation is very bad or serious)

* 1. The doctors tried desperately to save her life.
1. The officials were eager to convince us of the safety of the nuclear energy.

I've been trying to convince Jean to come with me. (to persuade someone to do something)

* 1. The police have found convincing evidence of his guilt.

**IV. Translate the sentences into English.**

1. 他决心不在孩子面前抱怨工作。(in sb.’s presence / in the presence of sb.)

He was determined not to complain about work in the presence of his children.

1. 他试着装出各种嗓音，以博观众一笑。(attempt)

He made an attempt to put on different voices to amuse the audience. / He attempted to put on different voices to amuse the audience.

1. 即便他的表演很具天赋，观众们还是不感兴趣。（regardless of, turn off）

Regardless of his talented performance, the audience were turned off.

1. 他装作她真的是误会了他。（make out）

He made out that she did misunderstand him.

1. 几句同情的话绝对无法弥补与孩子分隔十年的痛苦。（compensate）

Those sympathetic words could never compensate for the pain of being separated from her children for 10 years.

1. 虽然我很快就让他相信了我的清白，但是他还是有些怀疑我的话。（convince）

Although I soon convinced him of my innocence, he still had some doubts about my words.

1. 在和我聊天的时候，Bill一直忙着准备午饭。(busy <v.>)

While we were talking, Bill busied himself preparing lunch.