



# 1<sup>st</sup> semester

# Topic 47:

## WORD SKILLS - BINOMIAL PAIRS

### READING - HOW LANGUAGE



**UNIT 4 CHANGES**  
**WORD SKILLS - BINOMIAL PAIRS**  
**READING - HOW LANGUAGE CHANGES US**

A **BINOMIAL PAIR** is an expression containing two words which are joined by a conjunction (usually **and** or **or**). The word order of a binomial pair is usually fixed.



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#### **READING - HOW LANGUAGE CHANGES US**

**black and white** - right and wrong / in writing or print  
**comings and goings** - arrivals and departures, movements  
**day and night** - continuously  
**do's and dont's** - instructions, rules, regulations  
**give and take** - mutual compromise  
**good and evil** - principle of moral and immoral, of virtuous and sinful  
**the goodies and (the) baddies** - people representing two opposite forces in stories, films etc  
**the great and the small** - people of all ranks  
**the haves and the have-nots** - those who are wealthy and those who are not  
**to move heaven & earth** - to put in all one's effort or to use all ones power in order to achieve something



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**husband and wife** - married couple

**ins and outs** - the detailed facts of a procedure, a thing etc

**ladies and gentlemen** - a form of address

**laughter and tears** - amusement and sorrow contrasted

**left and/or right** - both sides

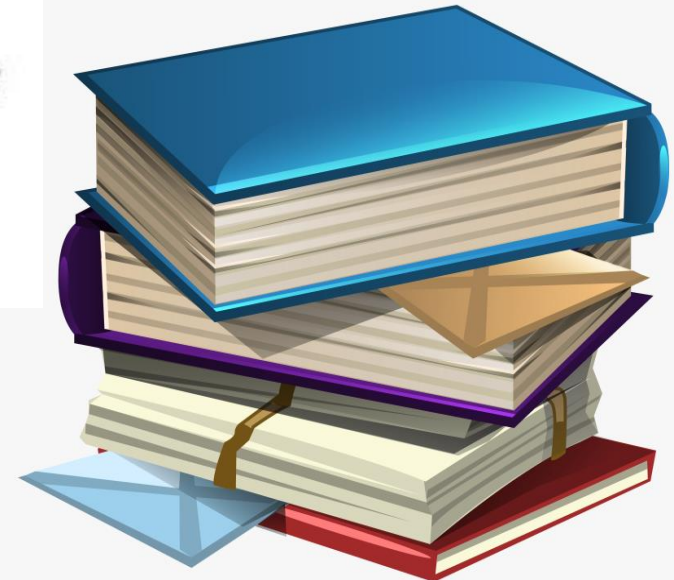
**(a matter of) life and death** - something that is urgent or crucial to the success or survival

**the long and the short** - the essential point, the result

**(the) pros and cons** - reasons in favour of and against something, arguments for and against a thing

**rich and poor** - rich and poor people as two contrasted classes

**ups and downs (of sb / sth)** - good and bad periods







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**young and old** - of all ages

**black and white** - two opposing views

**high and low** - of all classes

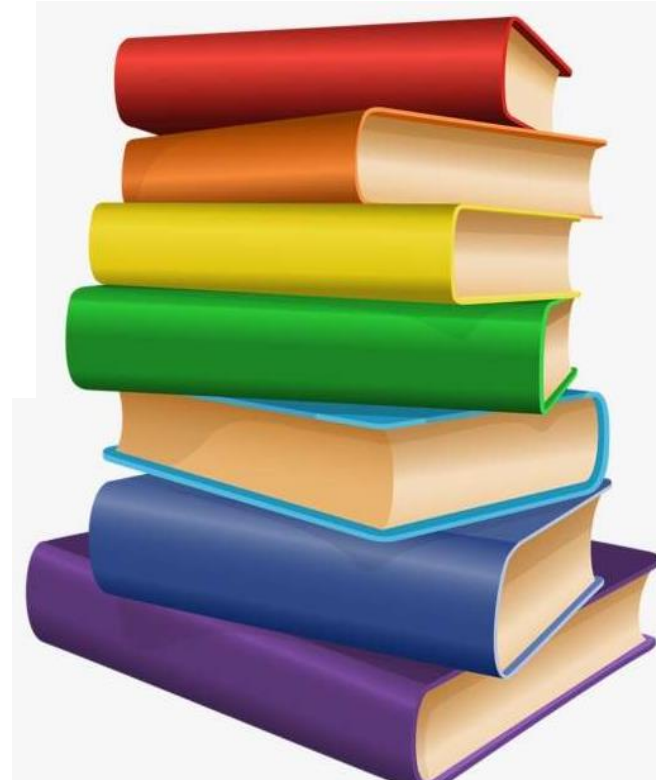
**hot and cold** - If you blow hot and cold on an idea, your attitude and opinion keeps changing; one minute you are for it, the next you are against

**right and wrong** - moral or immoral, correct or incorrect

**through thick & thin** - to continue doing something determinedly despite all the difficulties

**come and go** - arrive and depart

**give and take** - the idea of mutual toleration and mutual concessions / to indicate that the number (quantity) given is not precise



## READING - HOW LANGUAGE CHANGES US

Could it be that **BILINGUALS** who speak two (or more) languages change their personality when they change language? After all, the Czech proverb does say, "**LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AND GET A NEW SOUL.**"



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### READING - HOW LANGUAGE CHANGES US

**BILINGUALS** use their languages for different purposes, in different domains of life, with different people. Different contexts and domains trigger different impressions, attitudes and behaviors.



BEING  
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It is the environment, the culture, and the interlocutors that cause bicultural bilinguals to change attitudes, feelings and behaviors (along with language)—and not their language as such.

