



### **The high-speed age**

W: Sarah, may I see you after the class please?

Sarah: oh...is it important? Because I must dash, my boss has asked me to replace my colleague at the restaurant for tonight's service.

W: Well, I wanted to talk to you about that Sarah, I think you live in the fast lane and don't take the time to enjoy life.

Sarah: I know but I have such a busy timetable that I am always racing against the clock...

W: Nowadays, we speed up everything, for example our work, our entertainment, our travel, the way we communicate and the way we eat. We are under ever-increasing pressure to work faster and faster.

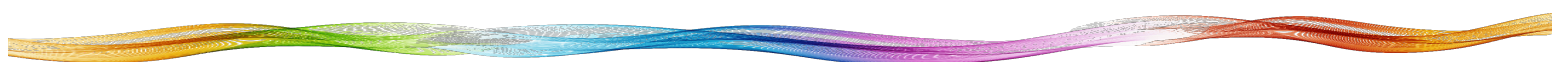
Sarah: But I have to if I want to be able to pay for my rent, and my everyday life! There are so many things we have to buy every day.

W: I agree with you even though I think it's sad. Kids are being rushed out of childhood by the modern world, and today speed is associated with almost every aspect of life. It is the yardstick through which we measure the value of our activities.

Sarah: I know, I just don't know how to take things easy any more...

W: Few people realize that this rush to nowhere gradually drives them crazy. It's time we slammed on the brakes, because this race against time is mainly due to an economy dedicated to perpetual growth, and this acceleration in our consumption of resources (fertile soil, trees, water, oil, fish), is bound to have terrible consequences sooner or later.

Sarah: You're absolutely right Wentworth, but today slowness is a real handicap in the modern world. I'm sorry, but I'll have to go, I'm already late...





**GLOSSARY:**

The high-speed age	Tonight's service
To dash	Life
To replace	A busy timetable
To live in the fast lane	Our entertainment
To enjoy	Our travel
To race against the clock	The way
To speed up	Ever-increasing pressure
To communicate	A rent
To work	Everyday life
To pay	Kids
To buy	Childhood
To agree	The modern world
To rush	Speed
To associate	Aspect
To measure	The yardstick
To take it easy	The value
To realize	Our activities
To drive someone crazy	Few people
To slam on the brakes	This rush to nowhere
To be due	A race
To dedicate	An economy
To be bound to	Perpetual growth
The class	Acceleration
My boss	Consumption
A colleague	Resources
Fertile soil	Terrible consequences
Trees	Slowness
Oil	A real handicap
Late	Nowadays
Such	Faster and faster
Even though	Through which
Sad	Gradually
Against time	Mainly
Sooner or later	



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