

# Unit 11

## THAT'S NOT MY JOB

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### Pre-reading

1. How can we learn to be a **self-starter** and to **take responsibility**?
2. What do you think of the saying “Everybody’s business is nobody’s business?”
3. Being a student on duty, have you ever **shuffled off** your work onto your partner?      shrink their responsibility

This is a story about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody **realized** that Everybody wouldn't do it. It **ended up** that Everybody **blamed** Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done it.

## Mini-dictionary

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| 1. self-starter (n) 主動積極的人         | 4. realize (v) 知道；了解    |
| 2. take responsibility (v phr) 負責任 | 5. end up (v phr) 結果；最後 |
| 3. shuffle off (v phr) 推卸          | 6. blame (v) 責備         |

## Grammar

**A.** 句首、專有名詞及寓言故事主角的第一個字母，須大寫。

\* **He** is a chain smoker.

\* He studies in **National Taiwan University of Science and Technology**.

\* A Fox invited a Crane to supper and provided none for entertainment.

**B.** would/ could + V 除了指過去時間外，亦可表禮貌請求。而 could + have + pp 表示「過去可以做或發生但未做或發生的事情」

\* She believed that her husband **would** soon get well.

\* **Could** you please write down your address here?

\* Atlanta Braves **could have won** the game.(但勇士隊卻未贏得比賽)

Without your love, my life would have been in black and white.

**C.** What 的三種用法 1. 疑問代名詞 2. 關係代名詞 3. 感嘆詞

\* What are you talking about?

\* You are what you were. (你還是老樣子)

\* What a fool you are!

What a jerk! (真是混球，大笨蛋)

What a relief!

## **Exercise**

### **Match the Words With Their Definitions**

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. realize     | a) avoid doing what one ought to do |
| 2. shuffle off | b) understand or be fully aware of  |