

### Parks and Recreation – Soda sizes

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdNrxpt4rZM>

**Description:** This is a clip from the American TV series Parks and Recreation. The show is a mockumentary about the daily lives of the workers in the Parks and Recreation department in the small fictional town of Pawnee, Indiana. In this clip, the main character Leslie has a discussion about the unhealthy foods being sold in their town with a representative from the food distributor.

#### Formulaic expressions:

- A whopping (amount) - a way to emphasise how large of an amount something is
- More bang for the buck – an American expression meaning ‘better value for your money’
- Put (something) on trial – to prosecute someone or something and decide whether he/she/it passes or fails. The phrase is in reference to a trial in a court of law.
- A real bargain – A collocation referring to a good item that was cheaply bought
- Not (one’s) place to – When someone does not have the authority or status to say/do something

#### Quiz:

##### Multiple Choice

- 1) Which of these situations gives you more bang for the buck?
  - a) buying 3 items on sale rather than 1 item at full price
  - b) saving some money from your pay check each month
  - c) buying that expensive watch you’ve always wanted
  - d) donating to charity
- 2) In which of these situations might someone think “it’s not her place to do that?”
  - a) A mother tells her child to clean their mess
  - b) A teacher reprimands a student for misbehaviour
  - c) A boss fires her employee for stealing
  - d) One cashier demands that another cashier clean her register
- 3) Which of these would most people consider to be a real bargain?
  - a) A bunch of bananas for £2
  - b) A high-quality jumper on sale for 50% off
  - c) A new Apple iPhone for £900
  - d) A £2 pen marked down to £1.50
- 4) In which of these situations would someone be put on trial?
  - a) A doctor gives their patient some bad news
  - b) A woman breaks up with her boyfriend
  - c) A man is suspected of robbing a bank
  - d) A child accidentally lets the dog out of the house
- 5) For which of these items would 6 feet (1.8 meters) be considered a whopping height?
  - a) A 13-year-old girl
  - b) A fully-grown man
  - c) A tree
  - d) A wall inside a house

Answer key:

Situation	Answer
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For which of these items would 6 feet (1.8 meters) be considered a whopping height?	A 13-year-old girl