# **Definition Paragraphs**

### **The Hostess**

A dining room hostess's position is very important in a Burger King restaurant. For instance, she makes sure the dining room is always neat and clean. She is responsible for washing the windows and ledges, sweeping and mopping the floor, and making sure each table is cleaned after each customer finishes his meal. Also, the hostess is very much responsible for making the kids happy by distributing new toys: iron-ons, race cars, boats, puppets, pencils, bikebags, and all sorts of other things. Furthermore, the hostess's relationship with the adult customers must always be on a friendly basis, whether they are regular or new. She is there to get the customer whatever he didn't get at the counter such as napkins, salt, straws, or even a refill on his coffee. It is very important to keep the customers happy so that they will continue to come to Burger King, and the hostess's cheerful attitude is one reason they always come back.

#### Mother's day

A traditional thought about Mother's Day is expressed thusly, "A day for honoring mothers and motherhood, observed annually on the second Sunday in May." Actually, mother's day is a celebration, but it is much more too. For the family, it is not a normal day, busy with chores and work around the house, and empty of excitement. It is a day when children get up earlier than usual, and excitedly try to keep their plans for celebration secret from their mothers. It is a day when mothers pretend not to hear the kids excitement and preparations, and show absolute surprise when they, smiling and parading down the hall, carefully and awkwardly bring orange juice and overdone toast for her breakfast in bed, as a sign of love. Mother's Day is a day for remembering - a happy day for people who warmly think of their mothers, a sad day for those who no longer have them, and a day for most of the world to celebrate a very special member of the family - the mother. It is a day when kids and adults buy all kinds of gifts for their special women from jewelry to food, to cards and flowers, and restaurants are full of families trying to give their mothers a day off from the kitchen.

#### Racist

A racist can be defined as a prejudiced person who discriminates because of another individuals outer appearance or race. Racism can all start as a child being raised with negative thoughts, or can be brought upon by personal reasons. For example, growing up in a racist family will give adolescent awful thoughts about a race without even experiencing how they really feel first hand. A different example of how one might unfortunately choose to be racist would be if a person visits a country, and a negative event took place; this person might become racist toward a group of people that lived there all because of one personal event that happened. This is not a type of person that treats people like how they want to treated, but it is a form of hatred toward a set of people. This kind of person might use mental abuse, or they can even get physically abusive toward the kind of race they are discriminate towards. They also can have a type of attitude that thinks that they are better than certain groups and cultures. Racism is a negative concept that put down people for no real reason. Racism is a form of ignorance and inequity and only one could wish for this discrimination to stop all together in order for everybody to get along.  $\sim$ © 2005 Fallon Fauque~

#### Deja vu

Deja vu is a French word meaning "already seen", it has also been described as a feeling or experience that one has seen or done something before. For example, you are waiting in line to check out at the grocery store and the lady behind you asks you to hand her a pack of gum. Suddenly you get an overwhelming feeling that you have been there in that exact same spot, talking to the same lady, even the same brand of gum. Even though everything seems so familiar you know there is no way that could have happened before. There are many theories as to why and how this phenomenon happens. One theory is that deja vu is connected with temporal-lobe

epilepsy, but people without a history of epilepsy have also experienced deja vu. Psychiatrists believe it is something in your brain that confuses an event that happened in the past with the present. Another theory is parapsychologist think it is connected with past life experiences. Whether deja vu is an experience of the paranormal or simply some confusion in the brain, it is a perplexing feeling of having "already seen."

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## Youth

A youth is a person who is going to carry on what an adult has started. He is going to sit in the Congress where adults are presently sitting and attend Rule Committee meetings which adults think are important. Although adults may legislate drug, alcohol, and traffic laws, this youth will determine the success or failure of these laws by obeying or defying them. Also, he will assume control over adult duties, states and nations. Furthermore, he is going to move in and take over adult churches, schools, universities and corporations. In addition, all adult publications, such as Time and the Wall Street Journal, are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention.

## The Cuban

A Cuban is not only a person with origins in Cuba, but also a favorite lunch specialty of Tampa, Florida. A Cuban is not like a regular sandwich, poor boy, grinder, or submarine. It is special and unique because of the massive Cuban population in Tampa, and the resulting abundance of restaurants that offer their wonderful cuisine. Other parts of Florida offer a version of a Cuban, but the intense flavors and homemade style of Tampa's Cuban truly cannot be duplicated. The sandwich starts with a long, slightly sweet narrow roll made on the premises. The roll is sliced lengthwise and piled high with pulled pork from a freshly roasted pig. The pig starts roasting the night before it is to be used. It cooks slowly over an open pit all night long to preserve its rich, juicy texture. The pork is pulled by hand with two large forks as soon as you place your order. The pork and bread is drenched in a sauce made from onions, garlic, oil and vinegar. Then, Swiss cheese is added right on top of the pork and sauce. What makes this sandwich different from others of its kind (besides the freshness of every ingredient) is the sandwich press. The sandwich press looks like a dry cleaners' ironing press. The sandwich is placed in the middle of the press and "pressed" until the cheese is melted, the roll is crusty and the sandwich is somewhat flattened and sealed. It is truly a unique sandwich. In some of the better Cuban sandwich shops in Tampa, the line of people waiting can be stretched outside the door and around the corner. Sometimes the wait can be up to an hour, but it is well worth the wait. I cannot imagine doing that at a "Subway" shop. The meat in those franchised shops is "pulled" from a vacuum-sealed package; slightly slimy and slightly shiny. The lettuce is brown, and the tomatoes are soggy. It is anyone's guess how old any of the ingredients are. I prefer an original.

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#### Tracks

An amtrack is not a boat; however, it is a military vehicle that moves on the ocean as well as on land. It's an armored vehicle that weighs twenty-six tons. An amtrack's job is to carry troops from ships off shore onto the beach in an amphibious assault. It's made out of aluminum, with steel suspension. It has a tracked suspension, much like a bulldozer. Its front end slopes upward toward the headlights in an effort to give it greater ground clearance. It's propelled on land by its tracked suspension; however, in the water it uses two water jets. It has a turret that holds a fifty caliber machine gun, and a forty millimeter, fully automatic, grenade launcher. It has a ramp on the back that can be raised or lowered for the easy loading and unloading of troops. There is a door built into this ramp so that when the ramp is up, people can still get in and out through the back. It has three hatches behind the turret that can be opened to allow the dropping of supplies into the vehicle, or to allow embarked infantry a means of looking out. The driver looks out of a hatch on the front left side of the vehicle, while the troop commander sits just behind him. The vehicle commander, sits in the turret of the vehicle, and mans the machine guns. The amtrack is fully amphibious.  $\sim @$  2005 Kristian Anderson $\sim$