Changed Vocabulary

Hello, this is A J and welcome to the vocabulary lesson for Changed. Let's start.

In the beginning the woman writes, my husband of 39 years, so they have been married 39 years. My husband of 39 years, no longer hugs me. No longer means not anymore. No longer means in the past yes, in the past he did it. In the past he did, but now he does not. So he no longer hugs me. Hugs means holds. Hug means to hold someone that you like or love to hug. Okay so, her husband does not hug her anymore.

No longer hugs me or shows me any affection. Affection means kindness, love. Usually affection means touching, touching somehow maybe kissing, maybe hugging, maybe holding. Those are all affections. So, affection means how you show your love… kissing, hugging, holding hands… those are all affections. So, no more affection from him. She says I have seen him through cancer and diabetes. Diabetes is a blood-sugar disease, blood-sugar problem.

Cancer, you probably know, cancer is a serious disease serious disease hard to cure. So, cancer is hard to cure difficult to cure. Her husband in the past, he had cancer and diabetes. She says I have seen him through, seen him through cancer and diabetes. To see someone through means you helped them with. It means you stayed with them, you stayed with them and you helped them. So, I have seen him through cancer means I stayed with him and helped him when he had cancer. When he had I did not leave, I stayed and I helped him. That's what see him through or seen him through means.

For example, I might say my mom saw me through many diseases. When I was a child I was sick. My mom saw me through those diseases. She stayed with me. She took care of me. She helped me. She saw me through. So this wife saw him through cancer and diabetes. She stayed with him. She helped him.

Learn the whole phrase– to see someone through– don't worry about each word. If each word you think I don't understand, just remember the whole phrase the three words together, to see someone through something, some problem, see someone through a problem.

She says we have four grown children. The children are older now, they're adults and we have been seeing a therapist for a year and a half. A therapist is a professional helper, maybe a psychologist, maybe a family counselor. So, a therapist helps you with your problems. You talk to them and they help you. So, maybe if you feel bad you say I feel bad, I'm sad and the therapist talks to you and helps you feel better. So, the husband and the wife are going to a therapist, seeing a therapist.

Here seeing means meeting or going to, so sometimes the verb see has a different meaning. It means to meet or to go to. Sometimes it means to date, like a man and a woman. If I say I'm seeing her that means I'm dating her. I'm going with her I'm meeting her a lot. So, they're

meeting a therapist a lot, they're seeing a therapist. They started a year and a half ago. They go they say we have problems please help us. Then she says he is kind, generous, and friendly. So her husband is nice, but there are no compliments.

Compliments, a compliment is a nice word or sentence about someone. You say something nice to someone. For example, you say you are very beautiful. That sentence, you are very beautiful, that is a compliment. It's something nice you say to another person. It's a compliment. So, her husband does not say nice things to her now, not anymore, no more compliments. Also, she says there are no compliments or any of the flirtatious banter we use to enjoy. Banter, banter means fun conversation, not serious. Banter is not serious conversation. Banter is fun conversation and maybe funny conversation.

Flirtatious comes from flirt, to flirt a verb to flirt means to attract the opposite sex. For example, a man talks to a woman, because she is beautiful. He says I like you, you are pretty. Come to dinner with me. We call that flirting, talking to someone you want a date with, talking to someone you are attracted to, someone you like. So, flirtatious is an adjective, so flirtatious banter the phrase flirtatious banter means, fun conversation about dating, about affection or maybe about sex. That's flirtatious banter.

It's playing with conversation with someone you like, maybe husband and wife, maybe you know woman and man. We call that flirtatious banter a kind of fun conversation between a man and a woman. That's not that's not happening now.

Finally, last paragraph– she says he's swears he's not having an affair. The verb to swear, to swear here means to promise. So, he promises he's not having an affair, he swears. Swear has another meaning so be careful. Swear also means to say bad words like… shit. If you say shit then you are swearing and that's the second meaning. But here swear means to promise to promise. He promises, he swears he's not having an affair.

An affair means dating another person when you are married. If you are married, but you have another girlfriend or boyfriend then you are having an affair. So, an affair means seeing and extra girlfriend or boyfriend, or meeting an extra girlfriend or boyfriend, that's having an affair. We use the verb have, having an affair. So, he promises he's not having an affair. He doesn't have another woman. He doesn't know why he has changed. He doesn't know why he's not showing affection, he's not fun with his wife anymore. He doesn't know why.

Finally, she says perhaps you do? You meaning, Abby or us, the people reading the letter, perhaps we know and it's got a question. She signs this Grace in Phoenix. Grace is a woman's name. Grace is a name. Phoenix is a city, Phoenix Arizona. Arizona is the state, Phoenix is the city. Phoenix, Arizona is in the southwest part of the United States, so she lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

That is all of the vocabulary lesson. Listen to it many times.

Bye.