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ПЕРЕДМОВА

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Курс розрахований на середній рівень знань студентів. Супроводжується аудіозабезпеченням, розміщеним на сервері дистанційного навчання Тернопільського національного технічного університету імені Івана Пулюя. Забезпечує системне вивчення та закріплення лексичного матеріалу і включає діалоги на повторення пройденого. Дуже зручний як доповнення до загального курсу англійської мови і може використовуватися як в групах, так і для самостійної роботи. Незамінний при необхідності швидкого оволодіння навичками усного мовлення, особливо при спілкуванні з іноземцями, задає типові комунікативні ситуації і моделі діалогів, які вчать виражати свої думки та почуття англійською мовою.

В основі курсу лежить комунікативний підхід, що допоможе підготувати студентів до спілкування в повсякденних ситуаціях, збагачуючи їх словниковий запас та розвиваючи мовну компетенцію. Курс містить різноманітні теми, допомагає студентам при спілкуванні в реальному світі, зосереджений на розумінні розмовної англійської в життєвих ситуаціях, допомагає розвивати навички вимови.

Розрахований для студентів усіх спеціальностей для аудиторної та самостійної роботи, а також може бути використана під час навчання на курсах Центру іноземних мов ТНТУ імені Івана Пулюя.

GREETINGS

1

A: Hi, how are you doing?

B: I'm fine. How about yourself?

A: I'm pretty good. Thanks for asking.

B: No problem. So how have you been?

A: I've been great. What about you?

B: I've been good. I'm in school right now.

A: What school do you go to?

B: I go to oxford Economic School.

A: Do you like it there?

B: It's okay. It's a really big campus.

A: Good luck with school.

B: Thank you very much.

2

A: How's it going?

B: I'm doing well. How about you?

A: Never better, thanks.

B: So how have you been lately?

A: I've actually been pretty good. You?

B: I'm actually in school right now.

A: Which school do you attend?

B: I'm attending London Artistic School right now.

A: Are you enjoying it there?

B: It's not bad. There are a lot of people there.

A: Good luck with that.

B: Thanks.

3

A: How are you doing today?

B: I'm doing great. What about you?

A: I'm absolutely lovely, thank you.

B: Everything's been good with you?

A: I haven't been better. How about yourself?

B: I started school recently.

A: Where are you going to school?

B: I'm going to Dublin Musical School.

A: How do you like it so far?

B: I like it so far. My classes are pretty good right now.

A: I wish you luck.

B: Thanks a lot.

SOCIALIZING

GOING TO A PARTY

A: Are you going to be at the party this Saturday?

B: I'm not sure yet. Are you going?

A: Of course I am, because it's going to be great.

B: Is it really? When does it start?

A: The party starts at 8 o'clock, and you should really try to go.

B: I'm thinking about it. Who is going to the party?

A: Pretty much everybody from school.

B: What makes you think it's going to be so much fun?

A: The party is going to have food, drinks, and live music.

B: That does sound like it will be fun.

A: Are you going to go?

B: Certainly. I'm definitely going to go.

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

A: Are you free on the thirteenth in the afternoon?

B: No, I'm afraid not. I'm meeting Ruth then. How about the fourteenth in the morning?

A: I'm sorry. I'm attending a meeting at the Hilton then.

B: What about the next day?

A: No. I'm busy then too. I'm meeting Dorothy Heath at North Bridge Road. Are you free on Thursday afternoon?

B: Yes, I think I am. Let's meet for lunch at mouth restaurant.

A: Good idea! Is two o'clock okay?

B: That's fine. See you there!

MAKING PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND

A: What are you doing this weekend?

B: I am not sure. What are you doing?

A: I was thinking of maybe taking a drive to the beach.

B: That sounds like a great idea!

A: Would you be interested in joining me?

B: Sure, I would love to go with you. When would you be leaving?

A: I thought that we could leave around 8:00 on Saturday morning.

B: That would give us plenty of time to explore. Did you know that there is a music festival on the beach in Santa Barbara?

A: That was part of my plan.

B: Well then, I'll see you on Saturday. Thanks for asking me to go with you.

INVITING A FRIEND TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY

A: Hey, Robert, what are you doing this weekend?

B: I didn't have any big plans.

A: We are putting together a birthday party for Mary.

B: That sounds like fun. Where will it be?

A: We thought it would be fun to have a pool party at Jay's house.

B: Oh good! Can I bring anything?

A: We will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and cake, but people can bring side dishes.

B: I am assuming that the dress is casual.

A: Dress casually and bring your bathing suit!

B: Wonderful. Just e-mail me the time and date and I'll be there.

INVITING BOSS TO A DINNER PARTY

A: Mr Lee, I was wondering if you and your wife had plans for next Friday night?

B: Yes, I think we might be free. What did you have in mind?

A: I've mailed a formal written invitation to your home inviting you to a dinner party at my home.

B: That sounds great. Is it casual?

A: Actually, we thought it would be fun to have a formal sit-down dinner for the holidays.

B: That sounds good. It will give my wife a chance to dress up.

A: Yes, we've invited four other couples, so it should be a good mix of people.

B: That sounds wonderful. Will there be anyone that I know?

A: Oh yes, everyone we are inviting is from our company.

B: Great! I'll look forward to it. We'll make sure and check the mail for our invitation.

AN INVITATION TO LUNCH

A: Hey, what's up?

B: Not a lot; how are you?

A: I'm good. Do you want to go out later today?

B: Sure! Where do you want to go?

A: Maybe we can get some lunch.

B: Sure, that sounds good. Where should we eat?

A: We could go to that Diner, near your house.
B: We could, but we always go there.
A: Yeah, that's true. I want to try something else.
B: How about the pizza place in town?
A: Their pizza is so good.
B: Yeah, it is! It's kind of far away, though.
A: Yeah, and it's really expensive, especially for pizza!
B: Yeah, I'd rather go somewhere a bit cheaper, to be honest.
A: There's nothing wrong with saving money!
B: Hey, why don't we try that new café that just opened?
A: Yeah, I hear they make really good sandwiches.
B: Their coffee is supposed to be really good, too!
A: Hopefully it won't cost too much.
B: I don't think it's that expensive.
A: Awesome. When do you want to meet?
B: Well, I could come pick you up if you like.
A: That would be great! What time?
B: I'll come get you around 1:00 PM.
A: Sounds great. See you then!
B: See you!

THE COUNTRYSIDE

A: Hey. What are you doing this weekend?
B: I don't have any plans. Why?
A: I am going to my uncle's cottage in the countryside.
B: That sounds like fun.
A: It will be. You should come.
B: Who else is going?
A: My brother and his girlfriend are coming. Many other people are invited.
B: How many?

A: At least ten other people are invited.
B: What will we do?
A: We will cook dinner on the grill, play games, and enjoy the scenery.
B: I imagine it is beautiful.
A: It is very beautiful.
B: Tell me more.
A: The air is very fresh and at night you can see the stars very well.
B: How far is it from the city?
A: It is 80 kilometers from the city. You should invite your friend Jim.
B: I will ask him if he wants to come to the countryside.
A: At night we will roast marshmallows.
B: I love marshmallows!
A: So you will come then?
B: Yes. I will come.
A: Great! Let me know if Jim can come too.
B: Okay, I will call him soon and let you know. Thank you for inviting me.
A: You are welcome.

WAITING FOR AN INVITATION

A: Hey, did you hear about Jessica's party this weekend?
B: Yeah, but I'm still waiting for my invitation.
A: Oh really? She gave me mine earlier today.
B: Well, she'll probably just give me my invitation later on today.
A: Yeah, so are you planning on going?
B: I think so. It sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun.
A: It really does, I can't wait.
B: What time does the party start?
A: It starts at 8 o'clock.
B: Oh, well, how many people has she given invites to so far?
A: I'm not sure, but I don't think she's given out that many.

B: Well, hopefully she'll give me my invite later on today.

ACCEPTING AN INVITATION TO A PARTY

1

A: Hey, what's up?

B: Nothing really.

A: I'm throwing a party on Friday.

B: I didn't realize that.

A: You didn't?

B: Nobody has told me anything about your party.

A: Did you want to go?

B: When does it start?

A: At 8:00 p.m.

B: I'll be there.

A: I'd better see you there.

B: Of course.

2

A: Joe, how are you doing today?

B: Pretty good. Mary, I was wondering if you would like to come to a party on Friday night?

A: I am free that night, and a party sounds good.

B: Fine. It will be at my house. Do you know how to get there?

A: I kind of know where you live, but could you e-mail me your address?

B: I can do that. Do you have anyone that you would like to bring with you to the party?

A: I would really like to bring my friend Jake, if that would be OK.

B: Oh yeah, I remember Jake. That would be fine.

A: Would you like some help with the food?

B: Just bring along whatever it is that you and Jake would like to drink.

DECLINING AN INVITATION TO A PARTY

1

A: What's going on?

B: Nothing really, you?

A: I'm throwing a party next Saturday.

B: Is that right?

A: Yeah, are you going to come?

B: I'm sorry, I can't.

A: Why not?

B: I don't really want to.

A: Well, why don't you?

B: I hate going to parties.

A: Well, that's okay.

B: Yeah, sorry.

2

A: What's up?

B: Nothing much, what's going on?

A: I'm having a party this Friday.

B: Oh, really? That's nice.

A: I wanted to see if you wanted to come.

B: This Friday? Sorry, I already have plans.

A: Doing what?

B: I'm going to dinner with my family.

A: I really wanted you to come, but I understand.

B: Yeah, maybe next time.

A: I'll hold you to that.

B: Sounds like a plan.

THE PARTY

A: This party is really fun.

B: How long will it last?

A: My friend said it will last until midnight.

B: Awesome.

A: What do they have to eat in the fridge?

B: I think they have submarine sandwiches.

A: That's great!

B: Yeah, I love them too!

A: Are you going to stay the entire night?

B: I was planning on it!

A: Me too!

B: Why do you ask?

A: Can you give me a ride home?

B: Sure, where do you live?

A: I live right across the street from the mall.

B: Okay, I'm driving right past that anyway!

A: Good, maybe we can stop and get something to eat.

B: Won't you eat here at the party?

A: I'm not hungry now, but I will be later.

B: That makes sense!

A: Hey look, they have cheese and crackers!

B: Sweet! I love them!

A: Let's go and get a plate!

B: This is going to be a great party!

A: I know, it has that kind of feeling to it!

BUYING FLOWERS

A: I need some flowers for my wife because it is her birthday.

B: We have some fresh red roses.

A: How much are the roses?

B: Twenty dollars per dozen.

A: That sounds like a good deal.

B: Yes, that is today's sale price.

A: I'll take a dozen.

B: Is there anything else you'd like to get?

A: No, the roses will be fine.

B: I'm sure your wife will love them.

CHOOSING A GIFT

A: I have no idea what to buy for Mary for her birthday.

B: Me, neither! Would you like to go in and buy her a gift together?

A: Yes, that would be good!

B: We need to think about what she might like. What are her interests?

A: If I remember right, she likes music, skiing, and reading.

B: You know, maybe we could get her some concert tickets. Who would know her favorite groups?

A: Her roommate, Malia, might know what her favorite groups are.

B: Yeah, Malia would be able to help us choose a concert.

A: Let's give Malia a call and ask her for her help right now.

B: Good! Maybe Malia would like to go in with us on this gift.

GREETING A VISITOR

A: Welcome, Ron, come on in!

B: Hi, Malia! What a nice home!

A: We enjoy it too!

B: How long have you lived here?

A: About four years now.

B: Well, it is very beautiful.

A: Ron, have a seat and I'll get us something to drink.

B: Good! I am really thirsty. You know it really is hot outside!

A: I have lemonade, iced tea, and mango juice.

B: Mango juice would be perfect. Thank you!

RECEIVING VISITORS

A: Thanks for coming to see me today.

B: It's no problem. I was really missing you anyway.

A: I missed you too.

B: Why haven't you tried to come see me then?

A: I've been really busy.

B: Doing what?

A: Working.

B: I would've come to see you sooner, but I've been busy too.

A: What have you been doing?

B: I've been working too.

A: Well regardless, I'm very happy that you came to see me.

B: I am too.

VISITING A FRIEND

A: Come and sit down. Would you like a drink?

B: Oh, yes please! I'd love a gin and tonic.

A: Do you like olives? Or would you prefer crisps?

B: Oh, just olives please. What music is this?

A: Do you like it? It's Irish music?

B: It's great! Where did you get the CD?

A: Erm - I think it was in the CD shop in the Mall. Have you been there?

B: Yes. I buy a lot of stuff from there. It's a good shop, isn't it?

A: Yes. Hey, I've got some photos of our holiday in Ireland. Would you like to see them?

B: Why not? I'd love to!

GREETING AN OLD FRIEND

A: Hi, I haven't seen you in a while.

B: Yes, it has been a long time!

A: How long has it been since we last saw each other?

B: I think that we last saw each other two years ago.

A: What have you been doing for the past two years?

B: I have been going to graduate school at USC.

A: What are you majoring in?

B: I am studying international communications.

A: You should easily be able to find a job with that major.

B: I am counting on being able to get a good job.

ACCEPTING FOOD OR DRINKS

A: Ashley, what a great dinner party!

B: Thank you, Joe. What would you like to drink with your meal? I can offer you wine, mango juice, or water.

A: Just water would be fine.

B: Excellent choice. Can I dish you up some chicken?

A: Yes, the chicken looks wonderful!

B: How about some salad to go with your chicken?

A: Sure, I love salad!

B: Would you like to have rice with your chicken?

A: Yes, I think that rice will go perfectly with my chicken!

B: Good! Julie, if you could pass this plate down to Joe, I think we are all set.

DECLINING FOOD OR DRINKS

A: Mary, it's good to see you!

B: Josh and I were just on our way back home from the beach and thought we'd drop by.

A: I am so glad that you decided to stop by!

B: Yes, it has been a long time since we have seen you.

A: Mary, can I get Josh or you something to drink?

B: Oh no, thank you. We aren't all that thirsty.

A: How about a little snack then?

B: No, thank you, we just ate lunch a little while ago.

A: Well then, how is your family?

B: Everyone is doing great. My sister finally had her baby.

LEAVE-TAKING

A: Well, it was nice talking to you.

B: It was nice talking to you too.

A: We should really hang out again.

B: That would be fun.

A: Where do you want to go?

B: I think we should go out to eat.

A: That sounds good.

B: All right, so I'll see you then.

A: I'll call you later.

B: Okay, I'll talk to you later then.

A: See you later.

B: Bye.

GOSSIPING

A: Hi Julie, how are things going?

B: Everything is great, Tad. How are you?

A: I'm doing really well.

B: Tad, I'm pretty hungry right now. Want to walk over and check out the food table?

A: Julie, do you know who that woman is over there by the window?

B: That is Mary. I heard that she's just moved in with Lee.

A: I thought that he was with Malia.

B: Oh, that relationship is history. Malia hooked up with a guy she met on holiday.

A: I bet that Lee wasn't too happy with that!

B: Actually, he was OK with it. They hadn't been getting along too well.

WEDDING DISCUSSION

A: Their wedding was absolutely beautiful.

B: It really was. I want a wedding like that.

A: How much do you think they spent on their wedding?

B: I think it might've cost them a nice chunk of change.

A: Do you want a big wedding like that?

B: Not really. I'd rather have a small wedding.

A: I wouldn't want a small wedding.

B: Why not?

A: I want my wedding to be big and memorable.

B: It can be small and memorable too.

A: Well, to each his own.

B: You are absolutely right.

GOING TO THE BEACH

A: Do you want to go to the beach tonight?

B: Sure, which beach are we going to?

A: I wanted to go to Malibu beach.

B: I like Santa Monica.

A: The water there looks so dirty.

B: I just like the pier they have at Santa Monica.
A: I like the pier too, because it's beautiful at night.
B: Is Malibu beach nice?
A: It's a lot nicer, and I really like it better.
B: So you want to go to Malibu?
A: If that's okay with you.
B: Sure, let's go to Malibu.

THE BEACH

A: The water looks beautiful today!
B: I know, I've been waiting to hit the beach for weeks!
A: How hot will it get today?
B: I've heard as high as 90 degrees.
A: I'm glad we are at the beach today!
B: Yeah, if we get hot, we can go swimming!
A: The kids are going to have a blast too!
B: Yes, they will. Johnny already said he's building a sandcastle.
A: Can you hand me the sun tan lotion from my bag.
B: Sure, do you mind if I use some first.
A: No, not at all.
B: Thank you. I'd hate to get a sun burn today!
A: I know, I had one last year and it hurt so bad.
B: How long did it take to heal?
A: It hurt for at least a week or two.
B: Ouch!
A: Yeah, now I never leave the home without lotion.
B: Good idea!
A: Especially on hot days like today!
B: Let's set up our towels over here.
A: Good, this way we are close to the water.

B: Yes, I may want to jump in at any moment.

A: We are lucky to have a clear beach today!

B: I noticed that too! No one is here. I wonder why.

A: Me too, but I'm going to enjoy the peace!

TAKING A PICTURE

A: Excuse me. Could you please take a picture of us with this camera?

B: Sure. Which button do I press to shoot?

A: This one.

B: Do I have to focus it?

A: No, this is a focus-free camera. All you have to do is point and press the button.

B: All right. Say "cheese".

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

CALLING A FRIEND

1

A: Hello, may I speak to Alice please?

B: This is she. How's it going?

A: I've been trying to call you all day.

B: Sorry about that. I was cleaning up.

A: It's okay.

B: So what were you calling me about?

A: Oh, I just wanted to see if you wanted to hang out tomorrow.

B: Sure, what did you want to do?

A: Maybe we can go see a movie or something.

B: That sounds like fun. Let's do it.

A: I'll see you tomorrow then.

B: See you then. Goodbye.

2

A: Hi, how are you? Is Alice there?

B: Speaking. What's up?

A: Why haven't you answered the phone?

B: My bad, I had chores to do.

A: That's all right.

B: What was the reason for your call?

A: I want to do something tomorrow with you.

B: Sounds good. What did you have in mind?

A: I was thinking about seeing a movie.

B: Okay, let's go see a movie.

A: Until then.

B: Talk to you later.

A WRONG NUMBER

A: Hello. Manchester 6739792.

B: Hello. Is that Nicholas?

A: Nicholas? Nicholas Nickleby? No. He doesn't live here any more. He's moved to Morecombe.

B: Never! Do you know his new number?

A: Yes. I've got it somewhere. Let me see. Where did I put it? Ah – I remember, it's on the memo. Here it is. Do you have a pen to write it down?

B: Yes, I do. Go on.

A: His number's 4945939.

B: 4945939. Marvellous! Thanks for your help.

ENDING A CONVERSATION

1

A: It was nice talking to you.
B: Why are you trying to rush me off the phone?
A: I really have to go.
B: Why? I still wanted to talk to you.
A: I have things to do.
B: Like what?
A: Don't be nosey.
B: I'm not. I just want to know.
A: Well, it's really none of your business.
B: That's harsh.
A: I'm sorry, but I have to go.
B: Fine.

2

A: I've enjoyed conversing with you.
B: Is there a reason why you're trying to get off the phone so fast?
A: I've got to go.
B: I wasn't done talking to you.
A: I have to do some things, and besides, it's not polite to be nosey.
B: I'm not being nosey. I'm just asking.
A: I really don't think it's any of your business.
B: That's not nice.
A: I apologize, but I'm getting off the phone now.
B: Okay.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

A: Hello?
B: Hi Kelly, it's Sam.
A: Hi Sam, how are you doing?
B: Great. I just got back from a concert. It was so much fun!

A: That's cool. What band did you go see?

B: It was a co-headlining show between My Chemical Romance and The Used. A newer band called Drive A opened for them. It was pretty amazing.

A: That sounds like so much fun!

B: It was. The music was great and I got some neat souvenirs while I was there.

A: Oh yeah?

B: I got a setlist and a couple picks from one of the guys in Drive A and they all signed my CD. A couple of the guys from My Chemical Romance signed my ticket, too.

A: Wow!

B: They are all really nice guys. But you know the best part?

A: What?

B: After the show was over, I went to get some food and ran into the singer from The Used and got to buy him a drink. We talked for a while and he thanked me for coming to the show. It was so exciting!

A: I would have loved to have seen that.

B: I got pictures of me with a bunch of the guys in the bands. I'll show them to you next time I see you.

A: That would be great.

B: I'll bring my Drive A CD with me so you can listen to it. I think you'll really like them.

A: Cool. I'm always looking for new music. Is Drive A similar to My Chemical Romance and The Used?

B: They are more punk rock. But they are very high energy and their songs are very catchy.

A: Oh good. I can listen to them when I'm running on my treadmill.

B: Yeah, it's great music for working out.

A: Well, I can't wait to listen to them. Are you busy this weekend? You could stop by then.

B: I don't think I have anything important going on. I'll probably stop by Saturday afternoon.

A: Ok, that sounds good. See you then.

B: Talk to you later.

A: Bye.

B: Bye.

WEATHER

1

A: It's an ugly day today.

B: I know. I think it may rain.

A: It's the middle of summer, it shouldn't rain today.

B: That would be weird.

A: Yeah, especially since it's ninety degrees outside.

B: I know, it would be horrible if it rained and it was hot outside.

A: Yes, it would be.

B: I really wish it wasn't so hot every day.

A: Me too. I can't wait until winter.

B: I like winter too, but sometimes it gets too cold.

A: I'd rather be cold than hot.

B: Me too.

2

A: It's such a nice day.

B: Yes, it is.

A: It looks like it may rain soon.

B: Yes, and I hope that it does.

A: Why is that?

B: I really love how rain clears the air.

A: Me too. It always smells so fresh after it rains.

B: Yes, but I love the night air after it rains.

A: Really? Why is it?

B: Because you can see the stars perfectly.

A: I really hope it rains today.

B: Yeah, me too.

3

A: I would like to take a trip to the beach this weekend.

B: A trip to the beach would be fun. How is the weather going to be?

A: The forecast says that it will be warm on the weekend.

B: So do you think it'll be perfect weather for the beach?

A: It sounds like it will be.

B: I really hope it doesn't get cold.

A: That would ruin things, I want to go so badly.

B: The weather in California is unpredictable, so you never know.

A: That is true. The weather is constantly changing.

B: It would be nice if the weather would never change.

A: That would be great, then we could plan things sooner.

B: True. Predictable weather would make life easier.

4

A: Hey man.

B: Hey! Good to see you.

A: How have you been?

B: Not bad, you?

A: Hot. Too hot. Can you believe this summer we're having?

B: Tell me about it. I've been working as a roofer this summer.

A: Ouch. That must be brutal in this heat.

B: It is. Somehow I haven't fainted yet while on a roof.

A: Well, staying alive in the heat is all about staying hydrated.

B: I know. I drink at least three Gatorades a day.

A: Dude, I don't know if that's good for you.

B: Why wouldn't it be?

A: Gatorade has a lot of sugar. In this heat your best bet is just water.

B: But I need my electrolytes to keep me going.

A: I don't know, people have done fine with just water for thousands of years.

B: Yeah but have those people ever had to roof a house in a hundred-degree weather?

A: Yeah. Well, some of them must have.

B: Well, too much sugar or not, Gatorade gets me through the hottest days.

A: More power to you, man. I get to work in air conditioning, so I shouldn't really complain.

B: Lucky. What are you doing?

A: Just a boring office job, but it keeps me out of the sun so I'm happy.

B: You're not a real "summer guy", are you?

A: Nope. I'm just waiting for fall to get here so I can feel a cool breeze on my face.

B: Yeah, that will be nice.

A: Until then, I'm beating the heat with plenty of water and AC.

B: Well, enjoy your temperature-controlled work environment.

A: And you enjoy the sun. I gotta run but I'm sure I'll talk to you later.

B: Alright. It was good running into you. Catch you later.

RELIGION

A: Are you religious?

B: Yes. I am very religious.

A: What religion are you?

B: I am a Muslim.

A: I have a neighbor who is Muslim. He is a very nice man.

B: Most Muslims try to be nice. That is what we are taught.

A: Are you religious?

B: Yes. I come from a religious family.

A: What religion are you?

B: I am a Christian.

A: Which denomination?

B: I am a Latter-day Saint.

A: I've never heard of them.

B: There aren't a lot of us, but we try to get along with everyone.

A: That's good. It's pretty foolish to fight about religion.

B: I agree. As long as the religion is teaching the believers to do good things then I don't have a problem.

A: I have a co-worker who is Jewish. We get along fine.

B: That's good. I play football with a Chinese man and his family is Buddhist.

A: I know a Buddhist as well. He meditates a lot.

B: It seems to me that you can find good people in every religion.

A: That's true.

B: Would I be allowed to visit your mosque sometime?

A: Yes. You can visit. Can I visit the Latter-day Saint church?

B: Yes. Visitors are welcome.

A: Then you can come on Friday to the Mosque and I'll come to church on Sunday this week.

B: Sounds good.

MEETING PEOPLE

MAKING FRIENDS

A: Hey, how are you doing?

B: I'm trying to make friends.

A: Oh, that's great!

B: But could you give some advice?

A: Yes, talk more often with the people who you want as friends.

B: Okay, thanks.

A: You're welcome.

B: I have one more question, though.

A: Go on ahead and ask me. I'll be happy to help you earn new friends.

B: Should I try to get their phone numbers?

A: Yes, of course. Friends need to communicate with each other.

B: Now I will ask them if they are available to go out somewhere.

A: That's good. You can become friends with any type of person.

B: Oh really?

A: Yes, I became a friend to a senior citizen and to a young kid.

B: Wow, that's amazing. I didn't know making friends would be easy.

A: You shouldn't have that much trouble making friends.

B: I'm determined now to make more personal bonds with others.

A: Friends are people who understand and enjoy being around you.

B: And right now, I'm going to eat somewhere with people I want as friends.

A: That's very good.

B: I'm on my way to make more friends.

A: Good luck on that.

B: Thank you for your advice.

A: Goodbye.

MEETING PEOPLE

A: Hi Jane! I'm Jessica.

B: It's nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you too. Do you like meeting new people?

B: I love meeting new people. What about you?

A: I get a bit nervous when I meet new people.

B: Me too. Sometimes, I don't know what to say.

A: Same here. I don't want to offend people.

B: Neither do I. First impressions aren't that important, though.

A: You think so? I think they are very important.

B: They can be, but a lot of times they are wrong.

A: Yeah, that's true. What do you normally do when you first meet someone?

B: Well, I introduce myself just like I did with you!

A: Me too! Sometimes, I tell people my age when I meet them.

B: I worry about asking someone their age, because they might be offended.

A: Where I come from, it isn't impolite to ask.

B: That's cool. So, are you still nervous?

A: Not really, now that we've talked for a bit.

B: I'm always a bit shy around people anyway.

A: Really? I'm the opposite!

B: Yeah, I tend to stay pretty quiet.

A: I'm quiet if I don't know what to say.

B: What do you normally talk about when you first meet someone?

A: I usually talk about my hobbies or interests.

B: That's cool. I usually ask a lot of questions.

A: Aren't you afraid you'll ask something inappropriate?

B: Not really. I don't ask really personal questions.

A: That's good. So, do you meet new people a lot?

B: Not really. This is pretty rare for me!

A: Oh, I meet new people all the time. I go out a lot.

B: Where do you go to meet people?

A: I meet people at parties and when I'm with my friends.

B: Oh, okay. I don't go to a lot of parties.

A: Maybe I'll take you to one.

A: Cool, I'll get to meet more people!

MEETING AN OLD FRIEND

A: How are you?

B: I'm fine, thanks. How about you?

A: I'm okay. What are you doing these days?

B: Not a lot, actually. Busy at work of course - we've got a big project coming up in Malaysia. I may have to go to KL in a few weeks.

A: That's great. When are you starting?

B: Probably in a week or two. I'll let you know.

THE FAMILY

MY FAMILY

A: Hey, how many people do you know in your family?

B: I know several cousins, aunts, and uncles.

A: I only know my two sisters and one brother in my family.

B: That's okay.

A: You know a lot of people in your family.

B: Well, that's because I visit them often.

A: Wow, I don't really visit other family members.

B: You should as it keeps you close to them.

A: I need to ask my parents more about my other family members.

B: Do your parents even keep connections with others?

A: I think so, since I do hear them talk about my cousins sometimes.

B: I hope your parents keep you in contact with them.

A: Me too, since I'm really curious.

B: That's very good.

A: I would be more closer with them.

B: There should also be a family reunion.

A: That would be awesome, since I don't think we ever had one.

B: And you should be able to reconnect with distant relatives.

A: It makes me happy thinking about it.

B: Tell me more about your relatives if you meet them.

A: Yes. How often do you see your family?

B: Almost every day.

A: Wow, I feel like I should do that.

B: Being around your family should make you more kind.

A: It's going to be a great experience for me.

TELLING AGE

A: How old are you?

B: I am twenty-two years old. How old are you?

A: I am forty years old.

B: How old is your wife?

A: She is in her mid-thirties.

B: I have a sister who is in her mid-thirties.

A: How old are your parents?

B: My Dad is 56 and my mom is 54. How old are your parents?

A: They are both old. My father is 82 and my mother is 78.

B: Wow. Are they healthy?

A: They can still move, just slower.

B: Ha-ha. My little brother is a teenager.

A: How old is he?

B: He is 15.

A: Do you have any other siblings?

B: Yes. I have a baby sister. She is a toddler.

A: How old is she?

B: She is two years old.

A: Cute!

B: She is a cute toddler.

A: My sister has a newborn.

B: How old is the newborn?

A: He is three weeks old.

B: Wow. Tell her congratulations.

A: Thank you. I will.

BIRTHDAY

A: I can't wait until my birthday this weekend.

B: Me too, your birthday was awesome last year.

A: I hope this year is going to be better.

B: That's hard to accomplish.

A: I know, but I have a feeling that it would.

B: Birthdays only happen once a year, so it should be really awesome.

A: Yes, so I'm hoping for something great.

B: Are you having a giant cake?

A: Yes, and hopefully a lot of gifts.

B: Maybe, but you shouldn't be expecting too much.

A: It's all about celebrating the day of your birth!

B: This year is also going to have a lot of people at your party.

A: I know my friends are preparing to give me a big surprise.

B: How would you know?

A: They're horrible at keeping secrets.

B: But they can't help it.

A: The more I think about my birthday, the more I get excited.

B: So do I.

A: I think my parents planned out the whole party already.

B: Your sister is also going to do something special at your party.

A: My sister is incredibly nice, so I wouldn't be surprised.

B: Every year just gets better and better.

A: You are very right.

B: Okay then, see you at your birthday party.

A: See you later.

BAD HABITS

A: Do you have any bad habits?

B: Yes. I smoke.

A: I used to smoke too.

B: I really want to quit but I can't.

A: Have you tried chewing gum?

B: Yes. I have tried gum and it didn't work for me.

A: Have you tried nicotine patches?

B: Yes. Those were better than the gum but still didn't work.

A: I used a quit smoking program.

B: Really what did you do?

A: I did a lot of different things.

B: Like what?

A: I drank grapefruit juice and brushed my teeth.

B: That would make a cigarette taste horrible.

A: That's why I did it.

B: What else did you do?

A: I made sure I ate a good breakfast and didn't drink coffee.

B: Why didn't you drink coffee?

A: Because I always smoked after I drank coffee so I decided to stop. I still don't drink it actually.

B: Wow. What else?

A: I had my friend hide my cigarettes.

B: That would be hard. I really want to quit but I don't think I can do it alone.

A: If you want I can help you quit.

B: I would appreciate that.

A: It will take a lot of will power but with help, you can do it.

B: This time, I am determined.

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

A: Have you seen the new girl in school?

B: No, I haven't.

A: She's really pretty.

B: Describe her to me.

A: She's not too tall.

B: Well, how tall is she?

A: She's about five feet even.

B: What does she look like, though?

A: She has pretty light brown eyes.

B: I may know which girl you're talking about.

A: So you have seen her around?

B: Yes, I have.

ASKING FOR A DESCRIPTION OF A PERSON

A: What does she look like?

B: Well, she was pretty tall, about 5 feet 10 inches and kind of scary looking!

A: What do you mean, scary?

B: Well, she had a crazy sounding laugh and wild hair. Do you know what I mean?

A: Yes, I know what you mean.

B: And her piercing eyes! She looked like an alien who just came down from outer space. Do you believe that people from outer space live amongst us?

A: No, that's impossible!

B: Unless they beam us up for a ride, we will never know for sure. Have you ever thought that you saw a flying saucer?

A: Are you crazy?

B: Hah, I guess we never know what can happen. Do you like Star Wars movies?

A: Yes, I have seen all of the Star Wars movies.

B: I loved Star Wars movies. My favorite character was Yoda. What about you?

A: I liked Darth Vader.

B: Yeah, that character was pretty cool. If you had to describe that character, what would you say about them?

A: They were very beautiful.

B: Yeah, I know what you mean!

SCHOOL

A SICK CLASSMATE

A: Have you attended school today?

B: I attended school today. Did you?

A: I wasn't able to attend school because I was feeling ill.

B: I'm sorry to hear that. Would you like the assignments from English class?

A: I would really appreciate that, thanks.

B: It's no trouble at all.

A: If you get sick, I'll return the favor.

B: Thanks. See you at school tomorrow if you feel better.

CHANGING THE SUBJECT

A: Did you go to school today?

B: Of course. Did you?

A: I didn't want to, so I didn't.

B: That's sad, but have you gone to the movies recently?

A: That's a switch.

B: I'm serious, have you?

A: No, I haven't. Why?

B: I really want to go to the movies this weekend.

A: So go then.

B: I really don't want to go by myself.

A: Well anyway, do you plan on going to school tomorrow?

B: No, I think I'm going to go to the movies.

RETURNING A CALL TO CHILD'S TEACHER AT SCHOOL

A: Did you call me?

B: Thank you for returning my call.

A: What was your call about?

B: I wanted to have a talk with you about your son.

A: What did he do?

B: He was messing around last week in class.

A: Exactly what did he do?

B: Even though I asked him not to, he kept speaking out in class.

A: I don't know what his problem is.

B: I need you to talk to him, if you don't mind.

A: That won't happen again, I'm sorry.

B: Thank you. Hopefully I won't have to call about him again.

MEETING CHILD'S TEACHER AT SCHOOL

A: It's nice to meet you.

B: I'm glad we're meeting today. Thank you.

A: You're welcome.

B: I would like to talk to you about your daughter.

A: Is there a problem?

B: No, your daughter is great.

A: That's great news.

B: Your daughter is a wonderful student.

A: She isn't messing up in class?

B: Of course not. Your daughter is smart and very well behaved.

A: I'm so glad to hear that she's doing well.

B: It is my pleasure to have her in my class.

TALKING WITH ANGRY PARENT

A: Do you realize what time it is?

B: I'm sorry, I lost track of time.

A: Do you honestly believe that that is a good excuse?

B: Not at all--that is what really happened.

A: How many times do I have to ask you to call if you're going to be late?

B: Yes, I know. I must've forgotten.
A: That's beside the point, you still should have called.
B: You're right. I'm sorry.
A: Next time you come in late without calling, you're gone.
B: You're really going to kick me out?
A: Yes, maybe then you'll figure out how to follow the rules.
B: Actually, if you kick me out, your rules won't matter anymore.

WAKING UP FOR SCHOOL

A: Wake up, it's time for school.
B: I'm so tired. Let me sleep for five more minutes.
A: You have to get up and get ready for school.
B: I know, but just five more minutes.
A: I can't let you go back to sleep, because you won't wake back up.
B: I promise I'll wake up, in five minutes.
A: You still need to eat breakfast, take a shower, and get dressed.
B: I realize that, and I can do all that when I wake up in five minutes.
A: I don't want you to be late for school today.
B: I'm not going to be late today.
A: Fine, five more minutes.
B: Thank you.

TWO STUDENTS IN A LANGUAGE SCHOOL CAFÉ

A: Hi! I'm Hong lei. What's your name?
B: Hello, Hong Lei. My name's Ricky.
A: Hi Ricky. Are you a new student here?
B: Yes, I had my first lesson this morning. Are you a new student too?
A: No, I've been here for six months.
B: Six months. That's a long time.
A: It's not so long really. What class are you in? Intermediate or ...?

B: Intermediate Three. And what about you?

A: I'm in Advanced One. Who's your teacher?

B: I can't remember her name, but she's got curly red hair.

A: Ah! Does she wear glasses?

B: Yes, I think so.

A: That's probably Anne Wallis.

B: Yes that's right. Do you know her? Is she your teacher too?

A: No. But she taught me last term. How long have you been here?

B: Only a week.

A: Wow, not long. Where do you live? With a family?

B: Well, I'm staying at the YMCA at the moment. I'm looking for somewhere more permanent. Do you know of any good places?

A: Yes. Actually my friend has a spare room in here apartment and she's looking for a flatmate. Would you like her phone number?

B: That would be great! Thanks for your help. Can I buy you coffee?

SCHOOL TIME BLUES

A: Joe, what time does our Math class start?

B: I am sure it starts at 11 AM.

A: I don't want to go.

B: Why not?

A: We have that huge algebra test.

B: Yeah, I'm sure you studied for it.

A: Well, that's the thing.

B: Don't tell me...

A: Yeah, I didn't study a lick last night.

B: What were you doing?

A: I was watching movies all evening!

B: Which ones?

A: I don't remember the name of the movie.

B: What was it about?
A: It was really good!
B: I said what was it about?
A: It was about a boy who didn't know he was a wizard.
B: That sounds interesting.
A: It was really good. There are like seven more movies.
B: Wow, you have a lot to watch!
A: Yeah, plus there are a bunch of books too!
B: Really, it sounds like something I'd like to read.
A: So, what are you going to do about the math test?
B: I don't know, probably fail.
A: Well, good luck!

GRADUATION PARTY

A: Hi!
B: Hey. It's good to see you.
A: You too.
B: Do you want something to drink?
A: No, thank you.
B: Are you sure?
A: Yeah, I'm fine.
B: Okay. If you want anything, help yourself.
A: Cool thanks.
B: Can you believe we graduated?
A: I know. It is crazy.
B: What are you going to do now?
A: I am going to go to college.
B: Oh cool. Which college?
A: It is a community college. I want to stay close to home.
B: That's smart.

A: Thanks. What are you doing now?
B: I am gonna keep working at my grandpa's shop for now. When I get enough money I want to go to college.
A: Cool. Hey, I think Samantha just came in?
B: Really? She came?
A: Yes. She is here! You should go talk to her.
B: No, I wouldn't know what to say.
A: Oh Come on. Everyone knows you like her. Go ask her to dance.
B: Maybe later.
A: You have been saying that for years! We graduated! This is your last chance.
B: You are right. Fine, I'll do it.
A: Atta Boy!

COLLEGE LIFE

REGISTERING FOR A CLASS

A: Hello, I need to register for a class.
B: What class are you trying to take?
A: I want to take a Psychology class.
B: Well, there are only two classes open.
A: Can you tell me what days the classes are on?
B: One class is on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A: And the other class?
B: That class is from ten to twelve on Monday and Wednesday.
A: Are you sure these are the only open classes?
B: Yes, I am sure.
A: Okay, sign me up for the class on Monday and Wednesday.
B: Very well then.

MEETING NEW STUDENTS

A: Hello, how are you doing?

B: Pretty good, and you?

A: I'm doing great.

B: That's great to hear.

A: So how long have you been going to PCC?

B: I've been going here for a couple years now. You?

A: This is my first year.

B: How do you like it so far?

A: It's all right.

B: You don't like it?

A: I'll like it better once I finish my GE.

B: That's exactly how I used to feel.

FINDING A CLASSROOM

A: Could you help me?

B: What do you need?

A: I can't seem to find my class.

B: What building is it in?

A: It's in the C building.

B: Oh, I know exactly where that is.

A: Do you think you can tell me where it is?

B: Sure, what room number is it?

A: It's room number 261.

B: I have a class around there right now.

A: Could you show me where it is?

B: No problem, come on.

BUYING TEXTBOOKS

A: How do I buy my textbooks?

B: Do you have your book list for your class?

A: Yes, I have my list.

B: Fine. Once you have it, you can go to the bookstore. Do you know where that is?

A: Yes, I know where the bookstore is.

B: OK, so once you pass the gym, it's the first door on your left. Do you know you can also sell your used textbooks there?

A: No, I didn't know I could do that.

B: You just take them with you and trade them with the used textbook man just outside the door. Do you think you will be doing that today?

A: Yes, I am going today.

B: Well, if you decide to go, I could meet you over there at 1:00 today or tomorrow to help you. Would that work for you?

A: Yes, thank you. That would be great.

B: Well, then, I'll talk to you later. Have a good day!

TALKING ABOUT A PROFESSOR

A: Could you tell me if you have ever taken a class from Dr. Miller?

B: Yes. Are you going to be taking a class from him?

A: Yes, but I have never taken his class before.

B: He is very interesting and challenging. Is that what you are looking for?

A: Yes, that's what I need.

B: He is really clear on what you need to learn to get a good grade. Are you willing to study hard?

A: Yes, I guess so.

B: What I really liked about him is that he was an understanding and friendly teacher. Do you enjoy that in a teacher?

A: Yes, I had a teacher like that before.

B: Did you know that he has 20 years teaching experience?

A: No, I didn't, but that could be a good thing.

B: Well, take a look at everything and figure out what is best for you. Good luck!

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR PROFESSOR

A: Professor, could I make an appointment with you?

B: I am free tomorrow afternoon between two and four; do you have a particular time in mind?

A: Two o'clock would be the best time.

B: Fine, do you know where my office is?

A: No, I'm not sure.

B: Remember, it is in the E building on the third floor.

A: I see.

B: Don't worry; it will work out fine once you get there. I'll see you then.

A: I'll see you then.

B: Looking forward to meeting with you!

TURNING HOMEWORK IN LATE

A: Excuse me, Professor. I have to talk to you about why my homework didn't get done.

B: What happened that you didn't get it done?

A: I had to watch a football game instead.

B: Well, you had more than one day; couldn't you have fit it in on another day?

A: Yes, I think so.

B: Either way, I only allow one missed assignment per semester. When will you be turning the make-up in?

A: I'll make it up next week.

B: Fine, but it cannot happen again if you want an "A" in the class.

A: OK, I can do that.

B: Remember that you are in college now, not high school.

FINDING AN ERROR IN YOUR TEST SCORE

A: Excuse me, Professor. I think there might be an error in my test score.

B: Sure. Do you think that the total is wrong or that you got something marked wrong that should have been marked right?

A: I think that the percentage is incorrect.

B: Let's just go over all of it to double-check.

A: Sure, let's do it.

B: Here is the answer sheet. Do you see a place where I marked something wrong that should have been right?

A: I don't see any mistakes.

B: OK, now that we've gotten those straightened out, let's total the score.

A: Yes, let's total it.

B: Well, if I total that like this and divide by this number, I get this total. Do you agree?

A: Yes, you're right.

B: Well then, we are all straight. Have a good day and thanks for bringing that to my attention.

BORROWING CLASS NOTES

A: Do you have the notes from last week's class?

B: Did you come late?

A: I couldn't make it.

B: Why is that?

A: I was sick.

B: Oh, okay. Well, here you go.

A: Are these all of them?

B: Oh, wait, here are the rest.

A: Thanks a bunch.

B: Don't mention it.

GRADING POLICY

A: I was wondering how you are going to calculate our final grades.

B: Grades are based on many things: homework, attendance, quizzes, mid-term, and final.

A: What counts the most?

B: Actually I look at all of it and let's not forget class participation.

A: Do you grade on a curve or use percentages?

B: Homework, attendance, and quizzes are sixty percent; the mid-term and final are worth twenty percent each.

A: What if we miss something?

B: I will allow one unexcused absence; after that you need to contact me ahead of time.

A: Will you tell us if we are failing during the year?

B: You will be able to track your progress during the year.

DISCUSSING YOUR GRADES WITH YOUR PROFESSOR

A: I'd like to talk to you about my grades.

B: Sure! What exactly do you have questions about?

A: I am worried that I messed up on a test.

B: Well, let me take a look at my grade book. How do YOU think you are doing?

A: I think I am doing great, except for that one test!

B: Well, your scores show that you could do a little better. What do you think you could improve on?

A: I think that I could study a little harder for tests.

B: Fine! Please remember that regular attendance is the most important way to begin.

A: Yes, I know.

B: I'm sure you'll do fine.

TALKING TO PROFESSOR ABOUT BEING ABSENT

A: Excuse me, Professor. I am going to miss next week's class.

B: Is this something that you could schedule for another time?

A: No, I have to do this; it's important!

B: Have you arranged for someone to take notes for you?

A: I've made arrangements with a friend to help me.

B: You know that I only allow one absence per semester, don't you?

A: Yes, I know.

B: Write down your name and the date on a piece of paper and give it to me.

A: OK, I can do that.

B: Well, have a good day off from class.

TALKING TO PROFESSOR ABOUT LEAVING EARLY

A: Professor, I am going to need to leave class early today.

B: What is the problem?

A: I need to go to the airport to pick up a relative.

B: Are you planning on having someone take notes for you?

A: Yes, I've got that part covered.

B: When, exactly do you need to leave?

A: I don't need to leave until the very end of class.

B: Fine, but next time try and not have to miss class again.

A: Thanks, Professor. See you later!

B: See you later! Drive carefully.

TALKING TO A COUNSELLOR

A: I'm here for my appointment.

B: What can I do for you today?

A: I have an issue with my schedule.

B: Tell me the problem.

A: I have two classes on here that are at the same time.

B: Oh, I see.

A: Can you change that for me?

B: Do you still want both classes?

A: Yes, I would like to keep both classes.

B: I'll try to change one to a different day.

A: I would greatly appreciate that.

ADDING A CLASS

A: I am unsure how to add a class and need help.

B: I have an opening. Do you have an add sheet for me to sign?

A: Yes, I have an add sheet.

B: After I sign it, you must take it to the Admissions and Records Office to add the class. Do you know where that is?

A: No, I'm not sure.

B: When you cross the quad, the office is right in front of you. Go inside and follow the signs to the correct line.

A: Thanks. I understand what to do now.

B: It should be easy to find. After you add the class, check with me in a few weeks to make sure that you are on my roll sheet.

A: That sounds good.

B: Good, just make sure that you do the same thing if you ever need to drop a class. Good luck!

DATE AND TIME OF A FIELD TRIP

A: When are we leaving for our field trip?

B: Our science field trip is next Monday at 8:00 in the morning. Can you mark that on your calendar?

A: Yes, I will write that down.

B: That will be Monday, December 2nd. We need to start loading the buses half an hour early, so plan to arrive at 7:30.

A: Yes, I will be there on time.

B: We will return 6 days later on December 8th. Will someone be picking you up?

A: Yes, someone is coming to get me.

B: The return bus will leave the campground at 5:00 p.m. and return to campus 3 hours later at 8:00 p.m.

A: What should we bring with us?

B: I am going to post all of that information on the geology club web page. Check it out when you get a chance. See you Monday!

WHERE TO BUY LUNCH

A: Hi, could you help me find a place where I could buy some lunch?

B: Sure! What kind of food would you like?

A: I was thinking of pizza or something else Italian, maybe.

B: I know the perfect place!

A: Good! Where is it?

B: It's right past that last building on the left. Do you want me to go with you?

A: That would be great.

B: Glad you asked me to join you. This will be fun!

USING A VENDING MACHINE

A: Can you help me figure out how to use this machine?

B: Yes, I would be happy to help. What do you want to buy?

A: I want to buy that candy.

B: OK. So this machine will make change if you need it. Do you have your dollars ready?

A: Yeah, so far, so good.

B: Next, you feed your dollars into the machine in the slot. Make sure they are smooth.

A: Yeah, I already knew that.

B: I'm sure you know that if the dollar gets stuck, you might have to re-feed it.

A: OK, let's move on!

B: Now you just make your selection and pray. If nothing comes out, try again or call the number on the side of the machine.

A: I hope it works!

B: Well, good luck!

GETTING A LIBRARY CARD

A: Excuse me. I am interested in getting a library card.

B: Sure, let me give you an application. You can fill it out right here at the counter.

A: OK, here it is.

B: Let me take a look at this for you. May I have your driver's license, please?

A: Here's my license and form.

B: You seem to have filled the form out all right. Are you familiar with our rules and fines?

A: Yes, I know what to do.

B: The hours and limitations are printed on the card and this handout.

A: OK, I see.

B: Thank you for joining the library; we look forward to serving you.

RETURNING OVERDUE BOOKS

A: Can you help me with returning my late books?

B: This is the right spot to pay your fee. Put your books down right here.

A: OK, here they are.

B: I can see that you owe 25 cents a day. That will be one dollar and fifty cents total.

A: OK, here's the money.

B: We are interested in getting our books back; so as long as all the fines are paid off by the end of the semester, you will be fine. Does that make sense?

A: I'm not sure.

B: Your registration and transcripts can be held up if there is an outstanding fine.

A: Now I understand.

B: Well, you can always keep your late fees down by using the night drop if we are closed. Enjoy the library!

USING A PARKING METER

A: Excuse me, could you help me figure out how to use this new parking meter?

B: Sure, it was confusing for me also. Have you ever used a regular meter?

A: Yes, I understood the old one.

B: Well, on this one you can use coins or a debit or credit card; which one would you like to use?

A: Debit or credit card.

B: OK. Now, do you see what the rate is on the sticker?

A: Yes.

B: OK, now that we know what it will cost, put the money or card into the machine.

A: Yes, I can do that.

B: Wonderful; now, this machine asks you the number of your spot, so put that in also.

A: Yes, I'm ready.

B: All you have to do now is take your receipt and put it on your dashboard.

PURCHASING A PARKING PERMIT

A: I'll need a parking permit for next semester.

B: Do you attend school during the day or only at night?

A: I only attend class part-time in the evenings.

B: Do you drive a motorcycle or an automobile?

A: I have both, but I usually use my car to get to school.

B: Great, the price for that permit is thirty dollars; cash, check, or credit card?

A: I'll pay cash.

B: Do you need to buy a duplicate permit for a second vehicle?

A: No, thank you.

B: OK, here is your permit; enjoy the new semester.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

A: Can you tell me where I can park?

B: Are you driving a motorcycle or an automobile?

A: I drive an automobile.

B: Fine. You can either park in the student lot or on the street. Do you know what a handicapped space is?

A: Yes, I have seen those spots.

B: Well, when you see the blue spots with the handicapped logo, do not park there unless you have a special permit. Are you going to be parking in the daytime or evening?

A: I park in the evenings.

B: Then you also need to be aware of the time limits on the street signs. Have you seen those signs?

A: Yes, I have seen those signs.

B: The signs always tell you how long you can park there and on what days. Do you know how to read the curb colors?

A: Yes, I know what the curb colors mean.

B: Well, just as long as you realize that red means no parking and white means loading and unloading, I think you know what you need to know.

FIGHTING A PARKING TICKET

A: Hey, I got this parking ticket; can you help me figure a way out of it?

B: First of all, did you park somewhere too long or in the wrong spot?

A: I was there too long.

B: Was the area clearly labeled with the time limit and all?

A: Yeah, I saw it.

B: You will need to convince the judge that you couldn't see the signs.

A: Yeah, I understand.

B: Whatever you do, you need to be respectful and polite to the judge.

A: Yeah, you're right.

B: Just try to talk to him about how IF you made a mistake that it won't happen again.

A: OK, I will.

B: Good luck!

CLASSROOMS

A: Hey, do you like this classroom?

B: Yeah, it's small, clean, and new. I also like my classmates and my teacher.

A: I agree, but I would like to have more than one teacher because I learn better that way.

B: So do I. I don't like having assigned seats either.

A: I agree! I don't think the teacher should assign seats to students because I like to sit with my friends.

B: Me too. I do like the classroom though.

A: Yeah, it's small and pretty relaxed. I like the layout, too.

B: The layout is okay. I think it'd be better if all the desks faced forward and the teacher's desk was at the front and corner, facing the students.

A: Well, that's easier to do when there are less students.

B: Yeah, I like classrooms with few students because I feel like I learn better.

A: Me too. So, what bothers you about the classroom?

B: Well, sometimes it is too hot.

A: I also don't like the desks; they are uncomfortable.

B: I don't like the homework or classwork when it is too hard, and I don't like the chalkboard because it is too small.

A: Yeah, If I could, I would get a bigger chalkboard.

B: And I'd get some more comfortable desks!

A: What would make them more comfortable?

B: Well, the desks would be movable so we could sit where we wanted, and they wouldn't be attached to the chairs.

A: If I could improve the classroom, I would also make the air conditioning system better.

B: I think we should get more breaks from studying. We spend way too much time in here.

A: Agreed! We're in here at least 6 hours every day.

B: I wish we changed classrooms more often because I get bored easily. What do you do to pass the time?

A: When I get bored, I stare out the window for hours.

B: Even though I get bored, I still think the classroom is a good place to study because it is usually quiet.

A: I think it's too quiet. At least, it is where I sit.

B: You sit in the front, don't you? You sit with all the smart kids.

A: Yeah. You sit closer to the back, correct?

B: I do. I like where I sit because I sit next to the window, and the students that sit around me are nice.

A: Even though you're in the back, they're still pretty smart, and they pay attention.

B: We should probably pay more attention.

A: Yeah, class isn't that bad.

B: I agree. Let's go!

REGISTERING FOR UNIVERSITY

A: Hi there, what have you been up to lately?

B: I have been looking for universities to apply to.

A: Really? So have I!

B: Cool! For what semester will you apply?

A: I will apply for the fall semester. How about you?
B: I will apply for the spring semester. I need to work until then.
A: Yeah, college can be very expensive.
B: How are you paying for college?
A: I am taking loans.
B: That's cool. Have you started any applications?
A: Yes, I have. The applications take a while!
B: They do! Don't you have to write essays, too?
A: Yes, those are hard. I'm not really sure what to write about.
B: I'm glad I'm not registering until the spring.
A: Yeah, my applications are due pretty soon.
B: Are you applying for financial aid?
A: Yes, but I don't have to do that until a few months from now.
B: What else do you have to do?
A: I have to get recommendations from two people.
B: Oh, really? Who will you ask?
A: I think I'll ask my pastor and my boss at work.
B: Wow, seems like a lot of work to apply.
A: I guess so, but it's definitely worth it.
B: Oh, okay. I'll have to ask you to help me when I apply!
A: Sure, I'll help you.
B: Awesome! Good luck!
A: Thanks!

AT THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY

A: Good afternoon!
B: Hello! Are you looking for a book in particular?
A: No, not really. I need a book about cats.
B: Do you want a fiction or nonfiction book?

A: Nonfiction, please. I want a list of cat breeds.
B: Oh, alright. One moment, please.
A: Are you looking it up on the computer?
B: Yes. We have a full database of our collection on the computer.
A: That's pretty cool! Did you find anything?
B: I did, in fact. Here, I'll write down the call number for you.
A: Thank you! Sorry, I don't come to libraries often. This might be hard to find.
B: It's fine, I'll go get it for you.
A: Thanks! So, how long may I have the book checked out?
B: You can have the book for three weeks.
A: How much are fines after that?
B: Every day you don't turn it in after 3 weeks, you're charged 10 cents.
A: Oh, okay. I'll try to get it in then!
B: Do you have a library card?
A: I sure do! Here it is.
B: Awesome, will that be the only book for you today?
A: Actually, I think I'll browse for a little bit.
B: Alright. Hope you enjoy your visit!
A: Thanks!

APPLYING FOR A LIBRARY CARD

A: May I help you?
B: Could I check out this book?
A: Let me see your library card.
B: I need to get one.
A: You can apply for one right now, if you'd like.
B: Okay. Let me do that right now.
A: Could you fill out this application?
B: I'm finished. Here you go.
A: Could you please sign the back of the card?

B: All right.

A: That's it.

B: Now may I check this book out?

APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT

A: How may I help you?

B: I want to get a passport.

A: You need to apply for a passport.

B: When can I apply for it?

A: You can apply right now.

B: I'd like to do that.

A: Fill this out, please.

B: What's next?

A: I will need to take your passport picture.

B: When will my passport be ready?

A: It will take about three weeks.

B: That's great. Thank you.

ASKING QUESTIONS AT THE INFORMATION DESK

A: May I help you?

B: What time will the library be closing?

A: It closes at six.

B: Does it always close at six?

A: No, not every day.

B: Will the library be open on Saturday?

A: Absolutely.

B: What are your hours on Saturday?

A: Saturday's hours are from nine in the morning to six-thirty at night.

B: All right. Thank you.

A: What else can I help you with?

B: That's it. Thank you.

ASKING THE LIBRARIAN FOR ASSISTANCE

A: How are you?

B: I'm great. Thanks.

A: Did you need something?

B: I need your help.

A: How may I help you?

B: I need to find this newspaper article.

A: Have you checked the periodicals section yet?

B: I forgot about that section.

A: If you'd like, I can show you where to find it.

B: Could you do that?

A: Follow me.

B: Thank you for all your help.

RESERVING A BOOK

A: May I help you?

B: I can't find the book I want.

A: Why don't you try looking at the database?

B: I checked it already.

A: Do we have it available?

B: It wasn't there.

A: I guess it is lost.

B: Will you be getting another copy?

A: Yes, we will.

B: Could you reserve a copy for me?

A: I can do that.

B: That's great. Thanks a lot.

LATE FEES

A: May I help you?

B: I would like to check out these books.

A: May I see your library card, please?

B: Yes. Here you go.

A: Apparently, you have unpaid late fees.

B: I do?

A: You owe some money.

B: Exactly how much do I owe?

A: You owe \$24.50.

B: I won't be able to pay that right now.

A: Until you pay it, you can't check out books.

B: I will pay it. Don't worry.

BORROWING A BOOK FROM ANOTHER LIBRARY

A: May I help you?

B: I would like to find this book.

A: Is there a problem?

B: I don't think you guys have it.

A: You should look it up on our computer.

B: I did that.

A: What came up?

B: It should be on the shelf, but I didn't see it.

A: I can try to get the book from a different library.

B: I didn't know you could do that.

A: I will call you when I find it.

B: I appreciate your help.

CHECKING OUT A BOOK

A: What can I do for you today?

B: I need to return a book.

A: Can I do anything else for you?

B: I want to check these books out.

A: Is that all?

B: That's all.

A: May I see your library card, please?

B: It's right here.

A: Will that be all for today?

B: Yes. That's it.

A: These are due back in two weeks.

B: All right. Have a good night.

CHECKING OUT A MAGAZINE

A: How may I help you?

B: I want to return this video.

A: Is that all you need?

B: I also need to check this magazine out.

A: You're not allowed to do that.

B: I don't understand.

A: It's our policy.

B: What can I check out?

A: Only books or videos.

B: I need this magazine.

A: You will have to read it here.

B: That's weird.

CHECKING OUT A VIDEO

A: What can I do for you today?

B: I need to return a book.

A: Can I do anything else for you?

B: I would also like to check out this video.

A: Is that all?

B: Yes, just the video.

A: May I see your library card?

B: Here you go.

A: You have to take care of this video.

B: Oh, I will.

A: You will be fined if you damage it.

B: I understand. Thank you very much.

PAYING FOR DAMAGE MADE TO A BOOK

A: How may I help you?

B: I need to return these books.

A: What happened to this one?

B: The cover came off.

A: You're going to need to pay for the damage.

B: How much are you talking?

A: It's going to be five dollars.

B: That's not bad at all.

A: It really isn't.

B: Here you go.

A: Thank you very much.

B: You're welcome. Have a nice day.

RETURNING BOOKS LATE

A: What can I do for you?

B: I'm returning these books.

A: Let me have them.

B: Here are all of them.

A: These books are two weeks late.

B: I didn't have time to return them.

A: You're going to have to pay late fees.

B: How much?

A: 25 cents a day.

B: 25 cents a day?

A: That means 25 cents for each late book.

B: That's expensive.

USING A COMPUTER

A: What can I do for you today?

B: I would like to use a computer.

A: Do you have your library card?

B: I sure do.

A: There is a wait for the computers.

B: That's all right.

A: You need to print your name on this list.

B: Okay. Now what?

A: Once a computer is available, I will let you know.

B: How am I supposed to log on to the computer?

A: All you do is type in the number on the back of your card.

B: That's it? Thank you very much.

USING A COPIER

A: What can I do for you?

B: I would like to use the copy machine.

A: The machine is over there.

B: Do I have to pay to use the machine?

A: Yes, you will have to pay to use it.

B: How much?

A: It costs ten cents a copy.

B: Am I limited to a certain number of copies?

A: You can copy as much as you'd like.

B: Could you show me how to use the copier?

A: The instructions for the copier are posted on it.

B: That's fabulous. Thank you.

UNEMPLOYMENT

COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A: I was wondering if I could collect unemployment benefits.

B: Did you get laid off?

A: I am still working for now, but I might get laid off.

B: You may collect unemployment if you are working fewer hours or got laid off.

A: Does everyone who gets laid off get to collect unemployment?

B: No, some jobs are exempt from paying into unemployment.

A: How can I find out if I can collect?

B: Your employer can tell you if you have been paying into unemployment and now qualify to collect.

A: How will I know how much I can collect on unemployment?

B: It depends on how much you earned. When you file, they will determine the amount.

FORMS TO FILL OUT

A: What forms should I fill out to collect unemployment?

B: You need to fill out a special form to apply for unemployment benefits.

A: Where do I get the application form for unemployment benefits?

B: You can call the Employment Development Office and request a form.

A: What information will I need to provide to apply for unemployment?

B: Be prepared to provide your employer's name and address and what dates you worked.

A: What else will the Employment Development Office need?

B: You need to be prepared to show that your unemployment is not your fault. If you have a termination notice, that would be great.

A: What will happen next?

B: The Employment Development Office will call you for an interview.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FORMS

A: After I am accepted for unemployment benefits, what will happen next?

B: You will receive a Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award letter.

A: What will that tell me?

B: The Award Letter will tell you how much you will receive weekly.

A: Are there any other forms that I need to fill out?

B: You will need to fill out a Continued Claim Form every two weeks.

A: What information will I need to provide on that form?

B: They will need to know where you worked and how much money you made.

A: Are there any other questions on the form?

B: Basically, they want to know that you were available for work and not sick.

EDD OFFICE

A: How do I get to the EDD?

B: Actually, you do not need to go into the office to file a claim. You can do it over the phone or the Internet.

A: Can I go in to look for a job at their office?

B: That's a good decision. They have many good job search tools there.

A: Is there an office near me?

B: The Internet has a list of Employment Development Offices listed online.

A: Do you know where the local office for this area is?

B: Our office is over on Green Street, just west of the college.

A: If I go there, will I be able to collect money right away?

B: Everyone has a one-week waiting period before they can collect.

PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED

A: I am calling to find out why I didn't receive an unemployment check this week.

B: Did you send in your Continued Claim Form for the last period?

A: I think I forgot to send it in!

B: You need to be very careful to send that form in every two weeks if you want to get paid.

A: Can I send it in now?

B: You should look at your claim form and see if it has been more than fourteen days since it was due. If it hasn't been, we will still accept it.

A: Can I mail it in early next time so it isn't late?

B: Actually, you cannot mail it in early, as it needs to reflect all of the information up to the due date.

A: Will my paycheck come right away now?

B: Your check will arrive a little late.

REDUCED PAYMENT

A: Is there someone I can talk to about a payment question?

B: Yes, we can handle that here. How can I help you?

A: My paycheck that just arrived is less than last week's check.

B: Did you work at all during the last pay period?

A: Yes, actually, I did make a little bit of money.

B: Did you report it on your Continued Claim Form?

A: Yes, I showed that income on the Continued Claim Form.

B: Well, we deducted a portion of the income that you made from this week's check.

A: Maybe I just shouldn't show the income then.

B: That is cheating and, if you get caught, you will be fined and disqualified from collecting unemployment.

LOOKING FOR JOBS AT EDD

A: I was wondering if you could go over the services available at EDD to help me get a job.

B: The best opportunity is called CalJOBS, which is an Internet-based job placement service that you can make use of.

A: Do I have to have a computer at home?

B: There are computers at our EDD offices for you to use in your job search.

A: Do you have any other services available?

B: We have information available about the job market as well as workshops.

A: What kinds of workshops are available at the EDD?

B: We have workshops in Resume Writing and Interviewing, to name a few.

A: Are there other places, outside of EDD, that I may look for work?

B: College job placement services can help.

TALKING TO PEOPLE AT EDD

A: Hey there, how are you doing?

B: I am great. How are you?

A: Well, I got laid off, and I'm looking for work.

B: Yeah, me too! What are you thinking you would like to do?

A: Right now, I'll take about anything that will pay the mortgage.

B: Have you gone out on any interviews so far?

A: I went out on one interview, but I haven't heard back from them.

B: Did you see the posting for the electrician apprentice program?

A: You know, I saw that and it looks pretty good!

B: Let's go check it out again!

ATTENDING A WORKSHOP AT EDD

A: Is this the Resume Writing Workshop?

B: Yes, this is the Resume Writing Workshop. Welcome!

A: I really don't know that much about putting together a resume.

B: It's easy. Don't worry about it.

A: What's the most important part?

B: Well, the most important thing we need to do is make sure that our name and contact information are across the top.

A: What comes next?

B: You can either list your job experience next or your education--whichever is the most impressive should be first.

A: Can I list my interests next?

B: Sure, that would be a good place for them.

HOW TO GO TO AN INTERVIEW

A: Is this the class to prepare for interviews?

B: This is the right place. Please join us.

A: I have an interview tomorrow, so I hope I can learn everything quickly.

B: We are all going to have great interviews. What are some things that we need to remember in an interview?

A: I think that we should make sure that our looks are the best they can be.

B: Right, and what about our friendliness and attitude?

A: Yes, and being friendly and having a good attitude also help me relax.

B: Did you know that they pay as much attention to what you ask as to what you say in an interview?

A: No, I didn't. What else should I keep in mind?

B: Just relax, listen carefully to the questions, and be honest in your responses.

FINDING A JOB

A: What should I do when I find a job?

B: There are a few considerations. Is this a part-time or full-time job?

A: Does it make a difference?

B: Basically, you really don't need to do much of anything. On the Continued Claim Form, you will note that you now have a new job and also note what you are earning.

A: If I get work for a few weeks, will I be terminated from EDD?

B: You will not mess up your job benefits by taking work. You can always come back and notify EDD that you are once again in need of assistance.