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## **Lesson 1: WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

**Hello.**

Hi.

**How are you?**

I'm good. How are you?

**Good. Do you speak English?**

A little. Are you American?

**Yes.**

Where are you from?

**I'm from California.**

Nice to meet you.

**Nice to meet you too.**

## **Lesson 2: DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?**

**Excuse me, are you American?**

No.

**Do you speak English?**

A little, but not very well.

**How long have you been here?**

2 months.

**What do you do for work?**

I'm a student. How about you?

**I'm a student too.**

### **Lesson 3: WHAT'S YOUR NAME?**

**Excuse me, what's your name?**

My name is Jessica. What's yours?

**John.**

You speak English very well.

**Thank you.**

Do you know what time it is?

**Sure. It's 5:10PM.**

What did you say?

**I said it's 5:10PM.**

Thanks.

**You're welcome.**

## Lesson 4: ASKING DIRECTIONS

**Hi Michael.**

Hi Amy. What's up?

**I'm looking for the airport. Can you tell me how to get there?**

No, sorry. I don't know.

**I think I can take the subway to the airport. Do you know where the subway is?**

Sure, it's over there.

**Where? I don't see it.**

Across the street.

**Oh, I see it now. Thanks.**

No problem.

**Do you know if there's a restroom around here?**

Yes, there's one here. It's in the store.

**Thank you.**

Bye.

**Bye bye.**

## Lesson 5: I'M HUNGRY

**Hi Sarah, how are you?**

Fine, how are you doing?

**OK.**

What do you want to do?

**I'm hungry. I'd like to eat something.**

Where do you want to go?

**I'd like to go to an Italian restaurant.**

What kind of Italian food do you like?

**I like spaghetti. Do you like spaghetti?**

No, I don't, but I like pizza.

## **Lesson 6: DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?**

**David, would you like something to eat?**

No, I'm full.

**Do you want something to drink?**

Yes, I'd like some coffee.

**Sorry, I don't have any coffee.**

That's OK. I'll have a glass of water.

**A small glass, or a big one?**

Small please.

**Here you go.**

Thanks.

**You're welcome.**

## **Lesson 7: THAT'S TOO LATE!**

**Mary, would you like to get something to eat with me?**

OK. When?

**At 10 O'clock.**

10 in the morning?

**No, at night.**

Sorry, that's too late. I usually go to bed around 10:00PM.

**OK, how about 1:30 PM?**

No, that's too early. I'll still be at work then.

**How about 5:00PM?**

That's fine.

**OK, see you then.**

Alright. Bye.

## **Lesson 8: CHOOSING A TIME TO MEET**

**Jennifer, would you like to have dinner with me?**

Yes. That would be nice. When do you want to go?

**Is today OK?**

Sorry, I can't go today.

**How about tomorrow night?**

Ok. What time?

**Is 9:00PM all right?**

I think that's too late.

**Is 6:00PM OK?**

Yes, that's good. Where would you like to go?

**The Italian restaurant on 5th street.**

Oh, I don't like that Restaurant. I don't want to go there.

**How about the Korean restaurant next to it?**

OK, I like that place.



## **Lesson 9: WHEN DO YOU WANT TO GO?**

**Hi Mark.**

Hi.

**What are you planning to do today?**

I'm not sure yet.

**Would you like to have lunch with me?**

Yes. When?

**Is 11:30AM OK?**

Sorry, I didn't hear you. Can you say that again please?

**I said, 11:30AM.**

Oh, I'm busy then. Can we meet a little later?

**OK, how about 12:30PM?**

OK. Where?

**How about Bill's Seafood Restaurant?**

Oh, Where is that?

**It's on 7th Street.**

OK, I'll meet you there.

## **Lesson 10: ORDERING FOOD**

**Hello sir, welcome to the French Garden Restaurant. How many?**

One.

**Right this way. Please have a seat. Your waitress will be with you in a moment.**

**Hello sir, would you like to order now?**

Yes please.

**What would you like to drink?**

What do you have?

**We have bottled water, juice, and Coke.**

I'll have a bottle of water please.

**What would you like to eat?**

I'll have a tuna fish sandwich and a bowl of vegetable soup.

## Lesson 11: NOW OR LATER?

**Chris, where are you going?**

I'm going to the store. I need to buy something.

**Really? I need to go to the store too.**

Would you like to come with me?

**Yeah, let's go together.**

Would you like to go now or later?

**Now.**

What?

**Now would be better.**

OK, let's go.

**Should we walk?**

No, it's too far. Let's drive.

## **Lesson 12: DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY?**

**Laura, what are you going to do today?**

I'm going shopping.

**What time are you leaving?**

I'm going to leave around 4 o'clock.

**Will you buy a ham sandwich for me at the store?**

OK.

**Do you have enough money?**

I'm not sure.

**How much do you have?**

25 dollars. Do you think that's enough?

**That's not very much.**

I think it's OK. I also have two credit cards.

**Let me give you another ten dollars.**

Thanks. See you later.

**Bye.**

## **Lesson 13: HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?**

**Hello Richard.**

Hi Karen. How have you been?

**Not too good.**

Why?

**I'm sick.**

Sorry to hear that.

**It's OK. It's not serious.**

That's good. How's your wife?

**She's good.**

Is she in America now?

**No, she's not here yet.**

Where is she?

**She's in Canada with our kids.**

I see. I have to go now. Please tell your wife I said hi.

**OK, I'll talk to you later.**

I hope you feel better.

## **Lesson 14: INTRODUCING A FRIEND**

**Robert, this is my friend, Mrs. Smith.**

Hi, Nice to meet you.

**Nice to meet you too.**

Mrs. Smith, what do you do for work?

**I'm a doctor.**

Oh. Where do you work?

**New York University hospital in New York City. What do you do?**

I'm a teacher.

**What do you teach?**

I teach English.

**Where?**

At a high school in New Jersey.

**That's nice. How old are you?**

I'm 32.

## Lesson 15: BUYING A SHIRT

**Excuse me.**

Hello sir, may I help you?

**Yes. Can I see that shirt on the top shelf please?**

Sure. Here it is.

**How much does it cost?**

50 dollars.

**50 dollars. That's too much.**

How about this one? It's on sale for only 35 dollars.

**I don't like that one.**

How about the one next to the black gloves? It's very similar to the one you like.

**That's nice. How much is it?**

30 dollars.

**That'll be fine.**

Is this color OK, or would you like a different color?

**That blue one's fine.**

Do you need any more of these shirts?

**Yes.**

How many do you want?

**I'll take two more, a red one and a white one.**

## **Lesson 16: ASKING ABOUT LOCATION**

**Excuse me, I'm looking for the Holiday Inn. Do you know where it is?**

Sure. It's down this street on the left.

**Is it far from here?**

No, it's not far.

**How far is it?**

About a mile and a half.

**How long does it take to get there?**

5 minutes or so.

**Is it close to the subway station?**

Yes, it's very close. The subway station is next to the hotel. You can walk there.

**Thanks a lot.**



## **Lesson 17: DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS?**

**Excuse me. Do you know how to get to the mall?**

Sure, I used to work there. Go straight for about a mile, then turn left at the light.  
The mall will be on the right.

**Do you know the address?**

Yes, the address is 541 Main street.

**Can you write it down for me please?**

No problem.

**Is it faster if I take Highland avenue?**

No, that way is longer. There are more stop lights on that street.

**I think you're right. Thank you.**

## **Lesson 18: VACATION TO CANADA**

**What's today's date?**

It's July 5th.

**When are you going on vacation?**

I'm leaving on Sunday. We're going to Canada.

**Really? The day after tomorrow? That's very soon.**

Yeah I know.

**How long are you going to stay there?**

About 2 weeks.

**When are you coming back?**

I'm coming back on the 17th.

**Alright. Have a nice trip.**

## Lesson 19: WHO IS THAT WOMAN?

**Joseph, who is that woman?**

That's Susan.

**What does she do for work?**

She's a lawyer.

**Is she American?**

No, but she speaks English fluently.

**She's really tall. Do you know her?**

Yes, I know her. We're friends.

**Who's that man standing next to her?**

Which man?

**That short guy on her right. What's his name?**

Oh, that's Matt.

**He's really good looking.**

Yeah.

**Do you know him?**

I don't know him, but I think my sister does.

**Is he married?**

Yes, he's married.

**I remember now. I met him before.**

## **Lesson 20: COMMON QUESTIONS**

**Brian, do you know how to speak English?**

Yes.

**Where did you learn?**

I learned in college.

**You speak really well.**

Thank you.

**How long have you been in the US?**

3 weeks.

**Is your wife with you?**

Yes, she just got here yesterday.

**Have you been to California before?**

No. I've never been there.

**Have you ever been to Las Vegas?**

Yes. I went there once on a business trip.

## **Lesson 21: THE SUPERMARKET IS CLOSED**

**Jeff, I'm going to the supermarket. Do you want to come with me?**

I think the supermarket is closed now.

**Oh, When does it close?**

It closes at 7:00 on Sundays.

**That's too bad.**

Don't worry, we can go tomorrow morning. It opens at 8:00.

**Alright. What do you want to do now?**

Lets take a walk for a half an hour. My sister will get here at about 8:30PM and then we can all go out to dinner.

**Where does she live?**

She lives in San Francisco.

**How long has she lived there?**

I think she's lived there for about 10 years.

**That's a long time. Where did she live before that?**

San Diego.

## **Lesson 22: DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?**

**Charles, do you have any children?**

Yes.

**How many children do you have?**

I have two kids. A boy and a girl.

**What are their names?**

Jack and Stephanie.

**How old are they?**

Stephanie is 18 and Jack is 24.

**Are they in school?**

Stephanie is. She goes to college in Washington and Jack works in Florida.

**What does Stephanie study?**

She studies English.

**Is she here now?**

No, she's at school.

## Lesson 23: HELP WITH PRONUNCIATION

**William, do you like studying English?**

I like studying English, and I can read well, but speaking can be difficult.

**It's not that bad. If you talk to your American friends every day, you'll learn quickly.**

Can I ask you a question?

**Sure, what do you want to know?**

I have my book from class here. How do you say this word?

**'Laptop'**

Sorry, I don't understand. What does that mean?

**A laptop is a type of computer that you can carry with you. Do you understand?**

Yes, I think so. Can you say it again?

**'Laptop'.**

'Laptop'. Did I pronounce that correctly?

**Yes, that's right. That's very good.**

Thanks. And this word? How do you pronounce this?

**That word is pronounced 'kitchen'.**

Thanks so much. You're a good teacher.

**Thanks.**

## Lesson 24: I LOST MY WALLET

**Hey, How's it going?**

Not good. I lost my wallet.

**Oh, that's too bad. Was it stolen?**

No, I think it came out of my pocket when I was in the taxi.

**Is there anything I can do?**

Can I borrow some money?

**Sure, how much do you need?**

About 50 dollars.

**That's no problem.**

Thanks. I'll pay you back on Friday.

**That'll be fine. Here you are.**

What are you going to do now?

**I'm going to buy some books and then I'm going to the gas station.**

If you wait a minute I can go with you.

**OK. I'll wait for you.**



## Lesson 25: PHONE CALL AT WORK

**Hello?**

Hi, is James there please?

**Yes. Who's calling?**

Linda.

**One moment please.**

OK.

**Hello?**

Hi James, it's Linda.

**Hi Linda.**

What are you doing now?

**I'm working.**

Are you busy?

**Yes. It's been really busy here all day.**

What time do you get off (of) work?

**8:30PM**

I'll call you back after 8:30PM

**OK. Talk to you later.**

Bye bye.

## Lesson 26: FAMILY TRIP

**David, what have you been up to lately?**

I went on a trip with my family last week.

**Really? Where did you go?**

We went to Europe.

**What cities did you go to?**

London, Paris and a few other smaller cities.

**Did you go to Berlin?**

No, We didn't go there. I'd like to go there next time.

**I think the summer is a good time to visit Berlin. It's a beautiful place and the people there are very nice.**

That's what I've heard.

**I went there last year. If you want, I can give you some information I have about the city.**

Thanks.

## Lesson 27: I WENT SHOPPING

**Sarah, what did you do today?**

I went shopping.

**Did you buy anything?**

Yes, I bought a few things.

**What did you buy?**

I bought this coat. Do you like it?

**Yeah, I like it a lot. It's very pretty. Where did you buy it?**

At the mall on 5th street.

**Was it expensive?**

No, it wasn't expensive. It was on sale for 20 dollars.

**That's cheap.**

I know. It was a really good deal.

**I don't think you'll need to wear it for a while. It's been really hot lately.**

## **Lesson 28: WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE?**

**Paul, what kind of music do you like to listen to?**

All kinds, but mostly Pop, rock and classical. Why?

**I have tickets to a show. Do you want to go with me?**

What kind of music is it?

**Pop. It's Mariah Carey.**

When is it?

**At 8PM tomorrow night.**

Yeah, I'd like to go. Do you think we should have dinner first?

**Yes, that's a good idea.**

Let's eat at the restaurant across the street from my apartment.

**Oh, I think I know the place you mean. We ate there last month, right?**

Yes, that's right. You have a good memory.

## **Lesson 29: GOING TO THE LIBRARY**

**Lisa, would you like to go to the library with me?**

OK. Do you think we can go buy a newspaper first?

**Sure. First we'll go buy a newspaper and then we'll go to the library.**

Are we going to walk or drive?

**The weather is really nice today. Let's walk.**

The weather is good now, but I think it's suppose to rain this afternoon.

**Alright, then let's take an umbrella. Is your brother coming with us?**

No, he's still sleeping.

**Wow, it's already 10:00AM. He must have been up late last night.**

Yeah, he didn't come home until 12:00AM.

**I hope he can come later.**

I hope so too. I'll give him a call when we get there.

**How do we get to the library from here?**

It's straight down this road on the left, next to the museum. It takes about 10 minutes.

## **Lesson 30: WHERE DO YOUR PARENTS LIVE?**

**Hi Melissa, are you going home this weekend?**

No, not this weekend. I have too much work to do.

**Where do your parents live?**

My father lives in Washington DC.

**How about your mother?**

My mother died two years ago.

**Oh, I am sorry to hear that. Is your father still working?**

No, he's retired.

**Do you have any family here?**

Yes, two of my cousins live here and my aunt and uncle live about 30 miles from here.

**Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

Yes, I have two brothers who live in New York and a sister who lives in Boston.

**Do you see them a lot?**

Not as much as I'd like to. Usually just on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## **Lesson 31: CAN YOU HELP ME FIND A FEW THINGS?**

**I can't find my glasses & I can't see anything. Can you help me find a few things?**

No problem. What are you looking for?

**My laptop, do you see it?**

Yes, your laptop is on the chair.

**Where's my book?**

Which one?

**The dictionary.**

It's under the table.

**Where's my pencil?**

There's a pencil in front of the lamp.

**That's not a pencil. That's a pen.**

Oh, sorry. There is a pencil behind the cup.

**How about my backpack? Do you know where that is?**

It's in between the wall and the bed.

**Where are my shoes?**

They're on the left side of the TV.

**I don't see them.**

Sorry, I made a mistake. They're on the right side of the TV.

**Thanks.**

Oh, and here are your glasses. They were next to your cell phone.

## Lesson 32: PAYING FOR DINNER

**Excuse me. Check please.**

OK, how was everything?

**Very nice. Thank you.**

Would you like this to-go?

**Yes, can you put it in a plastic bag?**

Sure, no problem. Here you are. That'll be 25 dollars.

**Do you take credit cards?**

Yes, we accept Visa and MasterCard.

**OK, here you are.**

Thanks. I'll be right back.

**OK.**

Here's your receipt.

**Thank you.**

You're welcome. Please come again.



## **Lesson 33: BUYING A PLANE TICKET**

**Next please. Hello. How can I help you?**

I'd like to buy a ticket to New York.

**Would you like one way or round trip?**

Round trip.

**When will you be leaving?**

When does the next plane leave?

**In about 2 hours.**

I'd like a ticket for that flight please.

**First class or coach?**

Coach. OK, let me check availability. I'm sorry. Tickets for that flight are sold out.

**How about the one after that?**

Let me see. Yes, that one still has seats available. Would you like me to reserve a seat for you?

**Yes, please.**

That'll be 120 dollars.

**OK.**

Thank you, here's your change.

## Lesson 34: PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER

**Michelle, Can you help me clean things up before we go?**

Sure. Where should I put this cup?

**Which cup?**

The red one.

**Put it on top of the table.**

How about this fruit?

**Oh, that goes in the refrigerator.**

And those pencils? What should I do with them?

**Bring those upstairs and put them in the bedroom.**

How about this pen?

**Give it to me. I need to use it.**

What do you want me to do with that paper over there?

**You can throw that away. I don't need it anymore.**

The trash is full.

**Alright, then please put it in a bag and take it outside.**

OK. Now what?

**I think we're finished. Can you please turn off the lights and shut the door?**

Sure.

## Lesson 35 – AT THE RESTAURANT

**This looks like a nice restaurant.**

Yeah, it is. I come here all the time.

**Let's sit over there.**

OK.

**Can you pass me a menu please.**

Sure. What are you going to have to drink?

**I'm going to have a glass of beer. How about you?**

I think I'll have a glass of wine.

**Do you want to order an appetizer first?**

Not really, maybe we can just order some bread.

**OK. What are you going to have to eat?**

I'm not sure. I haven't decided yet. Can you recommend something?

**Sure, I've had the steak and the lobster before. They're both very good.**

I think I'll have the lobster. What are you going to have?

**I'm not that hungry. I think I'm just going to have a salad.**

I'm gonna go to the bathroom. When the waitress comes back, will you order for me?

**Sure. No problem.**

## Lesson 36: I NEED TO DO LAUNDRY

**Hi Anna, come in.**

Wow, your apartment is a mess.

**I know, I didn't have time to put things away before you got here.**

Look! Are those all your clothes on the couch?

**Yes.**

Are they clean?

**Actually most of them are dirty. I haven't done laundry in a while. I usually wait until I can do it at my parent's house.**

My sister and I usually go to the laundromat down the street. Why don't you go there?

**I know I should, but that place isn't very convenient. You have to wait for a long time.**

Yes I know. I have to do it every week. Anyway, are you ready to go?

**No I'm not ready yet. I still have to brush my teeth and wash my face. Can you wait for a few minutes?**

OK, but please hurry. I think the restaurant is closing soon.

## **Lesson 37: FINDING A CONVENIENCE STORE**

**Pam, where's the closest ATM?**

It's not that far. Do you see that Yellow building over there?

**The big one or the small one?**

The big one.

**Yes.**

It's right next to it, on the right.

**Do you know if there's a convenience store around here?**

I don't think there's one around here. The closest one is on 3rd street, but that's probably closed now.

**I really need to get some things before I leave.**

Well, you could go down to 22nd street. There are a lot of stores down there that are open 24 hours a day.

**Can I take the subway to get there?**

Yes, but that'll probably take about half an hour. You should just take a cab.

**Won't that be expensive?**

No, from here I think it's only about 5 dollars.

## **Lesson 38: GEOGRAPHY AND DIRECTION**

**Professor, where's Canada?**

Canada is north of here.

**Can you show me on the map?**

Sure. Look here. Canada is north of the United States.

**Oh, I see. Where's Mexico?**

Mexico is south of the United States.

**How about Connecticut? Where's that?**

Connecticut is east of New York.

**What state is west of Pennsylvania?**

Ohio.

**OK, Where's Los Angeles?**

Los Angeles is in California. It's southeast of San Francisco.

**Where's Boston.**

Boston is in the northeast part of the country.

**Where is Las Vegas?**

Las Vegas is in the southwest.

## **Lesson 39: I ATE AT THE HOTEL**

**Hi Maria, did you have breakfast yet?**

Yes, I ate at the hotel with my son and my husband.

**Oh, they have good food there. What did you have?**

I had some cereal, fried eggs and orange juice.

**How was it?**

The food didn't taste very good, and actually I don't feel very well now.

**That's too bad. Do you want to take a break?**

No, I'm going to go back to the hotel at lunch time to lie down.

**OK. I'm going to the drug store later. Is there anything I can get for you?**

No, that's OK. I think if I rest for a little while, I'll feel better.

## Lesson 40: GOING TO THE MOVIES

**Ann, what do you want to do tonight?**

I'd like to go see a movie.

**I heard Titanic is playing at the movie theater.**

Oh, I've heard that's a good movie. What time does it start?

**6:30PM. It's a long movie. I think it lasts for about 3 hours.**

Will you come and pick me up?

**What time?**

I think we should get there early because they might be sold out. Is 5:00PM OK?

**Yes, that'll be fine. I'll meet you at your house at 5:00PM.**

Do you want to get something to eat before the movie?

**I'm not sure there will be enough time for that. We can have popcorn and hot dogs at the theater if you want.**

I don't like the popcorn they have there. I think they put too much salt on it.

**OK then, I'll pick you up a little earlier and we can go to the Thai restaurant next to the theater, is that OK?**

Yes, I like that place.



## Lesson 41: THE FOOD TASTES GREAT

**How do you like the food?**

It tastes really great. Did you cook it?

**Yes. I made it this afternoon. Would you like some more?**

OK, just a little though. I'm really full.

**Oh. Would you like some soup instead?**

What kind is it?

**Tomato and rice. Have you had that before?**

No. This is my first time. How does it taste?

**It's good, try it. What do you think?**

Wow. It is good. Did you make that also?

**Yes.**

You're a really good cook.

**Thanks, next time I'll make chicken soup for us.**

That sounds good. Did you study cooking in school?

**No, I learned by myself. I have a good cook book that I read when I have time.**

## Lesson 42: HELPING A FRIEND MOVE

**Kelly, will you help me take these things to the car?**

OK, which car do you want me to put them in?

**Bring them to my wife's car.**

Which one is hers?

**The blue SUV in front of the Honda.**

What should I take first?

**That chair over there, but please be careful with it. It was a gift from my mother-in-law.**

Don't worry, I won't drop it. Wow, it's really heavy. I don't think I can move it by myself.

**Let me help you with that. I don't want you to hurt your back.**

Where are you taking all this stuff?

**Didn't I tell you? We're moving to Florida?**

You're moving now? I knew you were moving, but I thought you said you were moving next month.

**Yes, that's true, but my wife found a new apartment on the Internet the other day and she wants to move right away.**

### **Lesson 43: VISITING FAMILY**

**Judy, your husband has a really nice car.**

Thanks. It's a lot better than mine, and it's new.

**Where are you going?**

We're going to visit my sister in the city.

**I didn't know your sister lives in the city, when did she move there?**

About a year ago. She lives in an apartment on 3rd street, across from the public library.

**I see. It's almost 5:00 PM now, don't you think there will be a lot of traffic?**

Oh, we're not driving. We're going to take the subway. The subway only takes about 20 minutes.

**Yes, but it can be very crowded around this time. I always feel uncomfortable taking the subway.**

I take the subway to work everyday, so I'm used to it now.

**Doesn't your mother live in the city?**

Yes, she's lived there for about ten years.

**I remember when she moved there. Apartments were a lot cheaper then.**

I know what you mean. It's hard to find anything that's reasonable now.

**Have a good time. Next time you're free, give me a call and we'll go play poker.**

See you later.

## **Lesson 44: LOOKING AT VACATION PICTURES**

**Jim, I heard you took a trip to San Diego. Is that right?**

Yeah, I just got back this morning.

**That sounds really nice. What did you do there?**

Well, we were only there for three days, so we didn't do too much. We went shopping and went out to dinner a few times. At night we walked around the city with some friends.

**Did you take any pictures?**

Yes, I have them with me. Do you want to look at them?

**Sure, I love looking at photos.**

This one is of my wife and me on the beach, and this one is our daughter Emily standing next to my wife.

**Your daughter looks like her mother.**

I know, they look very similar.

**Where was this picture taken?**

That was taken at the train station before we left.

**Did you have time to go to the zoo?**

No, not this time. We went there last time.

**It looks like you all had a nice time.**

Yeah, it was a lot of fun.

## Lesson 45: ORDERING FLOWERS

**Good afternoon, how may I help you?**

Hi, I'd like to order some flowers.

**Who are they for?**

They're for my Wife. Her name is Samantha.

**What kind of flowers would you like?**

I don't know. I don't know too much about flowers. Can you recommend something?

**OK. What's the reason you are sending her flowers?**

Today's her birthday and she told me she wants me to buy her flowers.

**Do you know what kind of flowers she likes?**

I'm not sure. I know I should know that, but I can't remember right now.

**Well, they're for your wife, so I think you should give her roses.**

Roses will be fine.

**What color?**

I think red would be nice.

**Do you want to pick them up or should we deliver them?**

Can you deliver them please?

**What's the address?**

241 Main street.

**Alright, they'll be there within 2 hours.**

## Lesson 46: LEAVING A MESSAGE

**Hello?**

Hi, is Heather there please?

**Sorry, I think you have the wrong number.**

Is this 617-228-2289?

**Yes. Who are you looking for again?**

Heather Johnson.

**Oh, I thought you said Laura. Sorry about that. This is the right number, but Heather's not here right now.**

Do you know where she went?

**She went to the store to buy some groceries. Would you like to leave a message?**

Yes, would you please tell her Eric Martin called?

**Hi Eric, this is her roommate Kathy. I met you a couple months ago at the Christmas party.**

Oh, yes. How are you?

**Good. Heather will be back in about 20 minutes. I'll tell her you called.**

OK. Thanks.

**Bye bye.**

## Lesson 47: TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

**Hello?**

Hi Tina, It's Joe.

**Hi Joe.**

How's the weather there today?

**It's really cold. It snowed all day and the schools closed early.**

What's the temperature?

**It's 30 degrees now. It was even colder this morning.**

Have you heard what the weather is going to be like tomorrow?

**I was watching the news a little earlier. They said it's probably going to snowtomorrow.**

I really don't like the winter. I wish it were summer.

**Me too. How's the weather where you are?**

It's not too bad, but it's pretty cold here too. It was about 45 today and it rained this afternoon. I heard it's going to be a little warmer tomorrow.

## Lesson 48: MAKING PLANS

**It's almost Christmas. What are you doing this weekend?**

Nothing special, just working. Why do you ask?

**Well, I still haven't finished my Christmas shopping. Do you want to go shopping with me this weekend?**

I'd like to, but I'm not sure if I can. Work has been really busy lately. Why don't we go on Friday instead?

**Friday's not good. I think the stores will be very crowded and I have to work.**

OK, then let's try to go this weekend. I should know if I can go by Friday. Is it OK if I call you then?

**Yeah, that's fine.**

What's your number?

**233-331-8828. Let me give you my email address too. It's sara@gmail.com**

OK, I'll talk to you soon.

**OK.**



## Lesson 49: MEETING A FRIEND

**Hello?**

Hi Vicky.

**Are you there yet?**

Yes.

**I just got off the subway. I'm almost there. Sorry I'm late.**

That's no problem. I just wanted to tell you I'm inside.

**Where are you?**

On the second floor.

**Should I come to the second floor or do you want to come to the first floor?**

Come upstairs.

**What?**

Oh, Can you hear me OK? I said, come to the second floor.

**Oh, OK. What are you doing there?**

Just looking at some books on how to learn English.

**Do you want to get something to eat later?**

No, I'm still full from dinner.

**What do you want to do?**

I don't know for sure. When you get here we'll talk about it.

**OK, see you soon.**

Bye.

## Lesson 50: I'M A STUDENT

**Craig, what do you do for work?**

I'm still a student.

**What school do you go to?**

BostonUniversity.

**That's a good school. What do you study?**

I'm studying english, math, and history. My major is english.

**How long have you been studying english?**

More than six years.

**That's a long time.**

Yeah, I started to learn english when I was in high school.

**No wonder your english is so good.**

Actually, it's not that good. I can read but I can't speak very well. I haven't had a lot of chance to practice.

**I see. Talking with other people is very important.**

Yes, but I still don't have many friends here yet.

**I'm having a party tonight at my apartment. You should come.**

Oh thanks for inviting me. I'd love to come.

## Lesson 51: STUDYING FOR EXAMS

**Hi Kim.**

Hey Shawn, good to see you again.

**How have you been?**

OK, I didn't sleep much last night though. I stayed up until 2AM studying for an exam.

**I was up late last night too. The semester is almost over. I've had exams all week.**

Are you going back to California after you graduate?

**I think so. After I graduate I'll probably go back home and try to get a job.**

Do you know where you'd like to work?

**Not yet, but I want to be an english translator.**

That'd be really cool. I'd like to be a translator too, but I don't think my english is good enough.

**Don't worry about that. Your english is better than most of my classmates.**

Thanks. Where are you going now?

**I'm going to study at the library. I have to take an exam tomorrow.**

Me too. How late does the library stay open?

**I think it's open until 11:30PM.**

OK, Good luck.

**You too.**

## Lesson 52: DID YOU GET MY MESSAGE?

**Hello?**

Hi Angela, it's Dan.

**Hi Dan. How are you?**

Good.

**I called you yesterday. Did you get my message?**

Yes, I was taking a shower when you called. I saw that you called and I tried to call you back, but I think your phone was off.

**No problem. I wanted to remind you that my friend is getting married next week. You're still coming to the wedding with me, right?**

Oh, is that next week?

**Yes. Did you forget?**

No, of course not. I already bought them a present.

**That's good. I want to invite Megan also. Next time you see her, can you tell her for me.**

Sure. Does she know your friend?

**Yes, I think they might have gone to the same college or something like that. I'm not exactly sure how they know each other.**

Are we all going to drive together?

**Yes. I'll pick you up first, and then we'll go get Megan.**

## Lesson 53: MAKING A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

**Hi, I'd like to see the doctor, please.**

Do you have an appointment?

**No.**

When would you like an appointment?

**Is today possible?**

Yes. Today is fine. What time would you like?

**As soon as possible. My stomach really hurts.**

Please wait a moment. I'll see if the doctor is available.

**OK.**

Sorry, he's with a patient right now. It's probably going to be about another 30 minutes. Would you mind waiting a little longer?

**No problem.**

May I see your insurance card please?

**Here you are.**

Thanks. That's going to be 25 dollars for today's visit.

**Really? I didn't think it would be that much.**

I know how you feel.

**I'll pay with cash.**

Thank you.

**Would you please turn on the heat? It's really cold in here.**

It is cold in here, isn't it? I'll take care of that in a moment. Please have a seat and fill out these forms. Bring them back to me when you're done.

## Lesson 54: MAIL

**Hey Jane, did you get the mail yet?**

Yes. I picked it up this morning. There were a few bills and a letter from my mother. There was also a lot of junk mail.

**Was there anything for me?**

I don't remember, let me check. Yes, it looks like there's something here for you.

**Who's it from?**

The American Embassy.

**My hands are dirty. Will you open it for me?**

What does it say?

**It says your passport is ready. You can pick it up anytime.**

Do you think you can drive me there?

**Sure, when?**

I think we should go get it now. I'm going to wash my hands and then we'll go. Is that OK?

## Lesson 55: I HAVE A COLD

**How are you feeling?**

I still have a cold.

**Still? It's been over a week now, hasn't it?**

Yeah, its been a while. I started feeling this way last Monday.

**Are you feeling any better?**

A little. I took some medicine this morning and I feel a little better now.

**What's wrong?**

I have a bad cough.

**Did you go see the doctor yet?**

Not yet, I might go tomorrow.

**I'm going to the drug store now, can I get you anything?**

Yes, if it's not too much trouble, would you get me some tissues.

**Sure. Anything else?**

No, that's it.

**OK, I'll be back in about an hour. If you think of anything else you need, give me acall.**

Thanks.

## Lesson 56: DINNER INVITATION

**Hi James, it's good to see you again.**

Hi Barbara.

**Are you here for work?**

Yes.

Is Steve with you?

**No, I'm here alone. Steve couldn't come this time.**

How long will you be staying?

**4 days. I'm going back on Friday.**

My brother and I are getting together for dinner. Do you want to come with us?

**Yeah, that would be nice. I have a meeting in an hour. I can meet you afterwards, if that's OK. The meeting shouldn't last long.**

That's fine. Who is your meeting with?

**The Boston Insurance Company. I'll call you when it's over.**

OK.

**Can I use your phone? I left mine in the car and I want to call them to get directions.**

Sure, here you go.



## Lesson 57: SEND ME THE DIRECTION

**Hello?**

Hi Frank, it's Pam.

**Hey Pam, what's up?**

Not much. Where are you?

**I'm in the car driving home.**

When you get home, will you send me an email with directions to the party tonight?

**Sure, no problem.**

When do you think you'll get home?

**I don't know, maybe in about 30 minutes or so. There's a lot of traffic.**

I have to go out soon. Can you just send me a text message with the address instead.

**OK, I'll do that as soon as I get home.**

Thanks a lot. Drive carefully.

**OK, I'll see you tonight.**

Bye.

## **Lesson 58: BAD CELLPHONE RECEPTION**

**Hello?**

Hi Sharon, it's George again. What time do you think you'll get to the party tonight?

**Sorry, what did you say?**

Hello, can you hear me? I said what time do you think you'll be getting to the party?

**Sorry, I can't hear you.**

Can you hear me now?

**No, not very clearly. It's really noisy here.**

It might be my cell phone, I don't think I have very good reception.

**Oh, that's OK.**

Can I call you right back?

**OK.**

## Lesson 59: GOING TO THE GYM

**Ed, what should we do today?**

I have been studying all week. I'd like to exercise.

**Me too. Let's go to the gym.**

Good idea. What are we going to do there?

**We can lift weights or play basketball.**

I like to play basketball. Are you good at it?

**Not really, but I like to play. I use to play a lot when I was in school, but nowthere's no time.**

I know what you mean. I used to play soccer a lot. Do you think we can play soccer there?

**No, there's not enough room. I think it's better if we play outside.**

OK, maybe we can go play soccer later this afternoon.

**It's too cold outside today. Let's wait until the weather gets a little warmer.**

OK.

## **Lesson 60: CAR ACCIDENT**

**Anthony, are you OK?**

I'm OK now, but I got into an car accident this morning.

**Were you hurt?**

No, but my neck is still a little sore.

**What happened?**

I wasn't paying attention and I hit a car that stopped in front of me.

**Were the people in the other car all right?**

Yes, they're fine. I wasn't going very fast.

**Were you wearing a seatbelt?**

Yes.

**Did the police come?**

Yeah, I called them on my cell phone right after it happened.

**Do you want me to drive you home?**

No, I need to go get my car fixed this afternoon.

## Lesson 61: DOCTOR'S VISIT

**Hello Mrs. Wilson.**

Hi Doctor.

**How are you feeling?**

I don't feel good.

**What's bothering you?**

I have a stomachache and a headache.

**Where does it hurt?**

Here.

**Do you have a fever?**

No, I don't think so.

**OK. Let me look at your throat. Open your mouth. Your throat's red. Does it hurt?**

Yes. It's sore.

**When did it start to feel this way?**

Last week.

**I think you have a virus. It might be the flu. I'm going to give you a prescription for some medicine.**

Thank you.

**Try to get some rest, and be sure to drink lots of water and orange juice.**

## **Lesson 62: MAKING A HOTEL RESERVATION**

**Hello, Marriott Hotel, how may I help you?**

Hi. I'd like to make a reservation.

**Just a moment. OK, for what date?**

July 25th.

**How many nights will you be staying?**

2 nights. What's the room rate?

**75 dollars a night plus tax. Would you like me to reserve a room for you?**

Yes please.

**Your name?**

NancyAnderson.

**Miss Anderson, how will you be paying?**

Visa.

**Card number please.**

4198 2289 3388 228.

**Expiration date?**

Jan 9, 2012

**OK, You're all set. We'll see you on the 25th.**

## **Lesson 63: I CHANGED MY MIND**

**Kevin, what would you like to do?**

I don't know. Maybe watch TV.

**That's a good idea. We're going shopping later so I think you should rest for awhile.**

I don't think I want to go anymore.

**What do you mean? I thought you said we were going shopping.**

I know, but I changed my mind. I'm too tired.

**Well, I still have a lot of stuff to buy. When do you think we'll go?**

Maybe tonight.

**OK, would you mind if I use your phone?**

Sorry I don't have signal.

**Are you kidding? I usually have really good reception here.**

My phone is very old and it doesn't work very well.

**What if I take it outside?**

Yes, that's fine. It works well outside.

## **Lesson 64: DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME?**

**Andrew, would you like to play a game?**

OK, what kind of game?

**Let's play cards. Do you know how to play Blackjack?**

Yes, that's an easy game. I don't want to play that right now.

**OK, Do you remember how to play poker?**

I think so, but you're going to have to explain the rules to me again.

**OK. Look at this piece of paper. It has all the rules on it.**

OK, yes. I remember now. I think the last time we played this game, you won and I lost.

**Yes, that was fun.**

OK, let's play, but this time I don't want to bet money.

**OK, we won't bet. We'll just play for fun.**



## Lesson 65: BIRTHDAY PRESENT

**Angela, come in.**

Happy Birthday!

**Thanks. I can't believe you remembered that.**

Well, I have a calendar in my computer. It helps me remember things like that.

What are you up to?

**I'm reading a book my cousin gave me for my birthday.**

Let me see. Oh, I have this book at home. I want to give you a present too.

**Wow, it's a guitar. I already have one, but I like this one better. Thank you.**

You're welcome. Do you know how to play the guitar?

**Yeah, I know how to play. My father taught me when I was young.**

Will you play it now? I want to listen to some music.

**OK. Do you know this one?**

Yeah, I've heard that one. I could sing that song when I was in middle school.

**It's an old one. It makes me feel old. When I was in college they use to play it on the radio all the time.**

## Lesson 66: CHECKING INTO A HOTEL

**Good evening.**

Hi. Do you have any vacancies tonight?

**Yes. The rate is 55 dollars.**

Do the rooms have internet access?

**We have wireless. If you have a computer you can use the wireless network for an additional 5 dollars.**

OK, I'd like a room please.

**Would you like a smoking or a non-smoking room?**

Non-smoking.

**How will you be paying?**

Visa. Here you are.

**How many people?**

Two.

**Would you like a king size bed or two double beds?**

King size please.

**You're in room 237. It's on the second floor. Here's your key. Sign here please.**

What time is checkout?

**11:30AM**

## Lesson 67: SENDING A PACKAGE

**Hello, how may I help you?**

I'd like to send this package to California.

**Would you like to send it overnight or by regular mail?**

How much is it to send it overnight?

**20 dollars**

And by regular mail?

**12 dollars.**

I'd like it to get there tomorrow.

**Please fill out this form. When you're finished, come back to this window.**

OK, I think I'm done, is this correct?

**Yes, that's right.**

I'd also like to mail this letter.

**Do you need to buy stamps?**

Yes.

**A book of stamps costs 3 dollars. So that'll be 23 dollars for everything.**

Oh, I forgot my wallet in the car. I'll be right back.

## **Lesson 68: I HAVE ALLERGIES**

**Patrick, why didn't you call me last night? I was worried about you.**

Sorry, I was sick. I went to bed early.

**What's wrong?**

I had a cough and my eyes were really dry.

**Are you better now?**

Yes, I'm feeling a lot better. Much better than yesterday.

**Do you have allergies?**

Yes. Last time I went to the doctor, he did some tests and told me I have allergies.

It gets worse in the spring.

**What time did you wake up this morning?**

Around 9:30AM.

**Are you going to work today?**

No. I think I'll just stay home and watch TV. I can work from home today.

**Good. Get some rest and I'll bring over some food later.**

Thanks.

## Lesson 69: JOSH WORKS AT A SOFTWARE COMPANY

**Hi Rachel!**

Hi Josh! It's been a long time. Where are you working now?

**I work at a software company downtown. I'm an engineer.**

That's interesting. What kind of software do you write?

**It's a database for small businesses.**

Does your company have a website?

**Yes.**

What's the website address?

**<http://www.sun.com>**

How can I get the software?

**You can download it from the website. It's very popular and it's free.**

OK, I'll do that. I have to go now. It was really nice seeing you again.

**It was nice seeing you too. Email me next week and we'll get together for coffee.**

My computer is broken so I can't send email right now. Can I call you?

**Sure, my number is 233-288-2328.**

## Lesson 70: LISTENING TO MUSIC

**What are you listening to?**

I'm listening to the radio.

**I know that. Who are they playing?**

Guess.

**I think that's the Beatles, right?**

That's right. How did you know that?

**In my country everyone knows who they are. They're famous.**

Really?

**Of course. My parents saw them at a concert a long time ago.**

Did you know that they're from England?

**Yes, of course.**

What kind of music do you usually listen to?

**I listen to everything, but my favorite is Pop.**

I see. Who's your favorite singer?

**Celine Dion.**

I like her too. She's got a great voice.

## Lesson 71: TAKING A TAXI

**Hello Miss, do you need a taxi?**

Yes.

**Do you have any luggage?**

Just these two suitcases.

**OK, I'll put them in the back for you. Where are you going?**

The Comfort Inn.

**I think there are two in Boston. Which one are you going to?**

The one downtown.

**Is this your first time in Boston?**

No. I've been here many times. I come here for work all the time. Do you know how long it'll take?

**It shouldn't take long. Probably about 15 minutes.**

Wow, it looks like the traffic is really bad.

**Yeah, there might be an accident up ahead.**

OK, then stop at the next intersection. I'm gonna get out there and take the subway.

## Lesson 72: WE'RE NOT LOST

**Are you hungry?**

No, why?

**We've been driving for a long time. I think we'd better find some place to eat soon.**

No, I'm OK. We're late so we'd better not stop.

**We've passed that same store three times already. I think we're lost. We should ask someone for directions.**

We're not lost.

**I've never gone this way before. Do you know where you're going?**

Yes, this road goes through town. It's faster than the highway.

**OK. Would you mind driving a little slower please?**

Sure, no problem.

**Did you see that sign back there? I think this is a one way street.**

No, I didn't see it. I'm going to have to turn around.

**You can't turn around here. I think you should let me drive.**

I think you're right. I'm getting tired.



## Lesson 73: HELP ME FIND MY PURSE

**Adam, can you do me a favor?**

Sure.

**I can't find my purse. Can you help me?**

No problem, I'll help you look for it.

**Thanks.**

What color is it?

**It's black.**

Did you look in the kitchen?

**Yes, I already looked there.**

I'll look in the living room.

**Did you find it?**

No. It's not in there. When was the last time you saw it?

**I had it when I went to the library this morning.**

Do you think you might have left it there?

**Maybe. I'll call the library and ask them if anyone found it.**

Wait! Is this it?

**Yes, That's it. That's my purse. Thanks for helping me find it.**

## Lesson 74: TAKING PICTURES

**Excuse me, sir, will you take a picture of us?**

Sure. This is a really nice camera.

**Thanks, my parents gave it to me.**

How do you use it?

**You press this button here.**

Come a little closer. Wait, that's too close. Move a little to the left. Move back a little farther. OK, stay right there.

**Do you mean here?**

Yes, that's good. Oh, I can't get it to work.

**You need to hold down the button for about 3 seconds.**

OK I got it, are you ready?

**Yes.**

Smile.

## Lesson 75: I DROPPED YOUR CALCULATOR

**Hi Tracy. What's going on?**

Hi Thomas. I'm waiting in line to buy a DVD player.

**The line is too long. Why don't you come back tomorrow.**

I think you're right. They're going to close soon.

**Let's go get some coffee.**

OK. Wait a minute, I have to get something out of my purse. Will you hold this for me?

**Sure. Oops.**

What happened?

**I dropped your calculator. Is it broken?**

I'm not sure. Let me have a look. No, I don't think it's broken. The button came off though. I can fix it.

**Sorry about that.**

Don't worry about it. I do that all the time. If it is broken, I have another one in my car.

## Lesson 76: I BROUGHT YOU AN APPLE

**Hey, how did you get here?**

I rode my bike.

Are you serious? Why did you do that? I could have picked you up.

**That's OK, I didn't want to bother you. I know you don't like to wake up early.**

That's so nice of you. Aren't you cold?

**No, not really. I wore a coat.**

What's in the bag?

**It's a special type of apple.**

Oh. Can I try one? It's very sweet.

**I put sugar on it. These apples are really good. They were only 30 cents each.**

Aren't those more expensive than the ones at the supermarket?

**Yeah, they're more expensive, but they taste better.**

Did you buy any other fruit?

**Well, besides the apples, I bought oranges and bananas.**

## Lesson 77: MY MOTHER-IN-LAW IS COMING TOMORROW

**Hello?**

Hi. Are you still up?

**Yes.**

You sound tired, is everything OK?

**Yeah, everything's fine. I'm just getting ready to go to bed. It's been a really long day.**

Do you have time to get some coffee with me later? I've something I want to talk to you about.

**No, sorry. Not today. I have to get up early tomorrow.**

Oh, What are you going to do tomorrow?

**My mother-in-law is coming over so I have to get up early and clean the house.**

I see.

**Are you free tomorrow?**

Yes, in the afternoon. I have to finish something I'm working on, but I'll be free after 3:30.

**Do you want to get together after you finish work?**

Do you think you'll have time?

**Yeah, my mother-in-law will be leaving here around 2PM.**

## **Lesson 78: JIM CANCELLED THE MEETING**

**Hey, I just talked to Jim.**

What did he say?

**He said he had to cancel the meeting this afternoon.**

Oh, I see.

**Is there a problem?**

No, It's not a big deal. He and I were supposed to talk to some new customers today.

**Sorry to hear that.**

It's OK. This has been happening quite a bit recently.

**That's strange. I wonder why?**

His wife has been sick, so sometimes he has to go home early to take care of her.

**I see. How's work been going?**

Things are slow right now. Would you mind if I borrow your phone, mine's out of batteries and I have to call my boss to tell him about this.

**OK, let me go get it. Its in the car.**

## Lesson 79: BILL GOT FIRED

**Hello?**

Hi John, sorry for calling so late, I hope I didn't wake you up.

**Actually, I was just finishing some work. I haven't gone to bed yet.**

Did you hear Bill got fired yesterday?

**No. I didn't hear that. Are you sure?**

Yeah, Sarah told me this afternoon. She was pretty upset about it.

**That's too bad. Bill's a nice guy.**

Yeah, I know.

**Why did they fire him?**

She didn't say.

**I see. Well, if you talk to Sara again, tell her there's a job opening at my company. Bill can have an interview this week if he wants.**

Oh, thank you so much. I'll call her and tell her.

## Lesson 80: NERVOUS ABOUT SURGERY

**Hi Jim.**

You look upset, what's wrong?

**It's nothing. I'm just a little nervous.**

Is everything all right?

**Well, I'm having surgery tomorrow on my finger.**

What's wrong with your finger?

**I broke it the other day playing basketball.**

Oh, that's terrible.

**Yeah, it's been bothering me since that day.**

Are you afraid of having surgery?

**Yes. I've never had surgery before.**

I wouldn't worry. I had to have surgery on my leg last year. Everything went fine.

**Were you nervous before the surgery?**

A little. Who's your doctor?

**Dr. Allen.**

Oh, I've heard he's really good. I don't think you have anything to worry about.

**Good. That makes me feel much better.**



## Lesson 81: A ROMANTIC STORY

**Betty, are you and John still dating?**

Yeah, things are going really good.

**Where did you meet him?**

I met him at the library a couple of weeks ago. We were sitting at the same table and he asked to borrow my pen.

**Wow, that's a nice story.**

I was telling Jim about it the other day. He thought it was pretty romantic.

**Do you two have plans for tonight?**

Yes, I think we're going to rent a movie. Have you seen anything good lately?

**I saw Spider-Man the other day.**

I've heard that's a really funny movie.

**Are you kidding? That movie's not funny. It's sad. I was crying at the end.**

You're really sensitive, aren't you?

**I guess so. Maybe that's why I can't find a girlfriend.**

## **Lesson 82: WORRIED ABOUT DAD**

**Hi Peter, can I talk to you for a moment. I just heard the cookie factory downtown is going out of business.**

Where did you hear that?

**Sara told me.**

I'm not sure that's true. I haven't heard anything about it.

**She said that they have already started to lay people off.**

Doesn't your father work there?

**Yes, I'm really worried he might get laid off, he just started to work there about three months ago. What do you think I should do?**

I'd talk to your father.

**Yeah, but if there was something wrong I don't think he'd tell me. He doesn't like to upset me, but I really would like to know what's going on.**

So what are you gonna do?

**Aren't you good friends with the president of that company?**

Yes, we used to work together at a different company about five years ago.

**Maybe you could call him and see what's going on.**

Well, I don't know. I guess I could. It's pretty late now, but I'll call him in the morning.

**OK, thanks so much.**

## Lesson 83: I'M GETTING FAT

**Wow, I'm really getting fat.**

You don't look fat.

**Yes, but I am. I've gained 10 pounds in the last two months. Look at my stomach.**

How much do you weigh?

**I think about 170 pounds.**

What kind of foods do you eat?

**I usually have pasta for dinner. Sometimes I get take-out or fast food if I don't have enough time to cook.**

I was reading a diet book the other day. It said that if you eat meat and nothing else, you'll lose weight quickly.

**Wow, does that work?**

I don't know, but someone told me they tried it and lost 20 pounds.

**That sounds good, but I'm not sure how long I could do that.**

I know, once you start eating vegetables and bread again you'll probably start gaining weight.

**Well, I think I'm going to try it anyway. Who's the author?**

I can't remember. It's not that popular anymore. When I get home I'll check and give you a call.

## Lesson 84: I'LL TAKE YOU TO WORK

**Hello?**

Hi Sarah, it's James.

**Hey James, I can't talk now. Can I call you back later?**

Sure. Is there a problem?

**I'm late for work and my car isn't working, so I need to find someone to take me to work.**

I can take you.

**Oh, really? Thank you. That would help a lot.**

Do you need me to pick you up after work also?

**Yes, if it's not too much trouble.**

It's no problem. I'm leaving my house now. I'll be right there.

**OK. I'll wait for you in front of my apartment building.**

Do you know what's wrong with your car?

**I'm not exactly sure. I think there's a problem with the engine.**

OK, I'll have a look when I get there. I know a lot about cars. When I was younger my father and I used to fix old cars.

## Lesson 85: SNOWING OUTSIDE

**Hey, what have you been doing today?**

Nothing, just watching TV. I'm really bored. I don't have anything to do.

**I don't have anything to do either. I didn't do anything today except clean myhouse.**

I know. I was planning to go to the mall today with one of my friends, but it snowed so much we couldn't go anywhere.

**I hope it snows all night because I don't want to go to school tomorrow.**

Do you know anyone who has a camera? I want to take a picture of all this snow.

**No, I don't know anyone who has a camera.**

Have you seen Sara today? I think she might have one.

**No, she hasn't been around all day. She said she had something important to do today?**

Oh, where did she go?

**Nobody knows. I called her roommate and she doesn't know either.**

## Lesson 86: MISSED CALL

**Mandy, did you know Heather called you?**

No. When did she call?

**Two hours ago, I think.**

Two hours ago? Why didn't you tell me earlier?

**Sorry, I forgot.**

What did she say?

**She said she's waiting for you at her sister's place.**

OK, I was going to cook dinner first, but I don't think I have enough time now. I'll just warm up some leftovers in the microwave.

**OK.**

If she calls again, tell her I'm gonna to be late.

**OK, no problem.**

This is very important. Don't forget.

**Don't worry. I won't forget.**

Actually, would you please hand me my phone? I think I should give her a call now. She's probably wondering where I am.

**Sure, I'll get it for you.**

## Lesson 87: SHOPPING FOR A FRIEND

**I'm going shopping. Do you want to come?**

I thought you went shopping yesterday.

**I did, but an old friend called me last night and invited me to his birthday party. I need to buy a gift for him.**

I see. What are you going to get him?

**I really have no idea what he likes. I haven't seen him in a long time. What do you think?**

Maybe a cake?

**Well, that's a good idea, but I think I should probably get him something else, like something he can wear.**

How about a sweater? I saw a really nice one in the mall the other day. Maybe we can go there and take a look.

**OK, what store was it in?**

It was at Macy's. I think they're having a sale this weekend.

**Oh, that's a really nice store. I like the clothes there.**

## Lesson 88: WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?

**Hey Diane, what are you doing here?**

Hi, Tim, how are you? I'm waiting for a friend.

**I heard you're going to graduate this summer. Is that true?**

Yes. If everything goes alright, I'll be getting my bachelors degree in August. Then I need to start looking for a job.

**I had to do that last year. It wasn't easy. Do you have any job offers?**

No, not yet. I sent out a lot of resumes, but I didn't receive many responses. It's pretty hard to find a job right now.

**What's your major?**

Psychology.

**That was my major when I started college, but I switched to engineering after the first year.**

I think it's easier for engineers to find a job.

**I'm not sure about that. It took me about 3 months to find a job. I finally was able to get a job after I put my resume on one of those job websites.**

Anyway, it really doesn't matter. If I can't find a job I'll probably go back to school to get my Masters degree.



## Lesson 89: NEW APARTMENT

**Hello?**

Hey Gary. What's up?

**I haven't talked to you in a long time, what's been happening?**

Well, I don't know if you heard, I just moved into a new apartment in LA.

**No, I heard you were thinking about moving but I didn't know you'd already found a place. That's cool.**

Yeah, I'm really happy about it.

**Do you have any roommates?**

No, not this time. It's a big change for me 'cause I've never lived alone.

**Don't you think you'll be lonely?**

Not really, I have two friends who live in the same building. We all had dinner together last night.

**Are they students also?**

No, they're not students, but there are a lot of students living in the building.

**Sounds like a nice place.**

Yeah, I think it's a good environment for learning English.

**Well, I'm glad to hear everything worked out.**

You should come out here and visit me sometime. There's even a pool.

**That would be nice. I'll think about it.**

## **Lesson 90: HAVE YOU FOUND A GIRLFRIEND YET?**

**Justin, have you found a girlfriend yet?**

No, not yet.

**What about Jenny?**

She has a boyfriend.

**Oh, I thought they broke up.**

No, they're still together.

**How about that girl from work you were telling me about last year?**

Who, Emily? She's married now. She got married last month.

**I see. It seems like everyone our age is married.**

Yeah, it's not easy.

**Is there anyone you're interested in?**

There is one girl I like who lives in my building. I talk to her a lot because she's also studying English.

**What's she like?**

She's really nice. She moved here from Texas about 3 months ago.

**What does she do?**

She's an accountant.

**That's a good job. She must be really smart. Have you asked her out yet?**

Actually we're going to dinner on Friday.

**Good luck.**

## Lesson 91: COMPUTER PROBLEMS

**Hi Jason, Sorry to bother you. I have a question for you.**

OK, what's up?

**I've been having a problem with my computer. I know you're an engineer so I thought you might be able to help me.**

I see. What's the problem?

**I have a file that I can't open for some reason.**

What type of file is it?

**It's a Word document I've been working on. I need to finish it by tomorrow.**

Were you able to open it before, on the computer you're using now?

**Yes, I was working on it last night and everything was fine, but this morning I couldn't open the file.**

Do you think your computer might have a virus?

**No, I checked and there weren't any.**

OK. I'm not sure what's wrong. If it's possible, email the file to me and I'll see if I can get it to open.

**OK, I'll do that when I get home. Are you going to be around tonight?**

Yeah, I'll be home after 8PM. Send it to me when you get a chance and I'll call you later.

## Lesson 92: DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET DOWNTOWN?

**Hi George, do you know how to get downtown?**

Sure. Why are you going there?

**I want to buy a new computer.**

OK, are you driving?

Yes.

**Go straight down this road. When you get to the second light, take a left. Then get on the highway and take exit 52.**

That sounds really complicated. Can you tell me again? Which road do I take first?

**You go down this road, then at the second light, turn left. That road is Main street.**

OK, I think I've got it now.

**Why are you buying a new computer anyway? Didn't you just get one a few months ago?**

Yes, but it doesn't work anymore.

**Where did you buy it?**

At Wal-Mart.

**I think you're computer should still be under warranty. You can bring it back to them and they'll fix it for free.**

I think you're right. I didn't think about that. I should go talk to them about it.

Where is the closest Wal-Mart?

**It's about 2 blocks from here. I have to go there to get some stuff now anyway. Do you want to follow me?**

Sure.

## **Lesson 93: DID YOU SEE THE NEWS TODAY?**

**John, did you see the news today?**

No, what happened?

**There was a big earthquake in San Diego.**

Oh my goodness.

**The president was on the news talking about it earlier.**

Was anyone hurt?

**I think they said two people were killed.**

Oh, that's terrible.

**Yeah, I can't believe you hadn't heard about it. They were talking about it on CNN all day.**

Oh, I don't watch TV that often.

**Don't you watch the news?**

No, I usually read the news online, but I haven't had time to turn on my computer today.

## Lesson 94: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPORT?

**What's your favorite sport?**

I like basketball. I watch the games on TV all the time.

**Who's your favorite team?**

The Boston Celtics.

**They're really good this year, aren't they?**

Yes. Do you like them?

**Yes. Everyone around here does.**

Do you think they'll win the championship this year?

**It's possible. They have some really good players.**

Did you watch the game last night?

**A little, not the whole thing. I watched the second half though and I saw some of the highlights online.**

It was a great game, wasn't it?

**Yeah. Do you know who they're playing tomorrow night?**

I think they're playing LA.

**That's going to be a tough game. LA has a good team.**

## Lesson 95: MAKING A WEBPAGE

**Hi Liz. Are you working on your webpage now?**

No, I'm still waiting for you to send me that image file for the homepage?

**You mean you didn't get it? I sent it to you over an hour ago.**

Let me check. It's going to take a second 'cause I have to start up my computer.

**OK. Did you get it?**

One second. I just have to open my web browser and check my hotmail account.

**OK.**

OK, here it is. I got it.

**How do I find the webpage? I tried to search for it on Yahoo but I couldn't find it.**

Don't use Yahoo, use Google.

**I tried that also and it didn't work.**

If you go to Google and search for my name, you should be able to find it.

**OK. Let me try that. I see it now.**

## **Lesson 96: WOULD YOU MIND DRIVING?**

**Hey Michael, I'm tired. Would you mind driving for a while?**

Sorry. I would like to, but I don't know how to drive.

**Really? You don't have a license? I thought everyone had a license.**

No, I've lived in cities all my life and when I'm at home I usually take the subway or bus.

**I see. Do you think you'll learn to drive in the future?**

Yes. I plan to buy a car next year. I think you need one in the US.

**Actually, now that I think about it, a lot of people in cities here take the bus also.**

Well, I'd like to travel more. I've been here for a few months already and I feel like I haven't seen anything yet.

**How are you going to learn to drive? Do you want me to teach you?**

No, I wouldn't want to trouble you. I've already signed up for a class near my house. It starts next month.



## Lesson 97: YOUR ENGLISH IS SO GOOD

**Thomas, your English is so good. How did you learn it?**

Well, in my country everyone has to take English starting in the first grade. I've been taking English courses for 12 years now.

**Wow, that's interesting. I remember when we took that trip last year and visited your family. It seemed like there weren't many people that could speak with me in English.**

Oh, that's because they don't speak English that much.

**But they speak it in school, right? Maybe they just didn't like me so they didn't want to talk to me.**

No, actually they liked you a lot. They told me they thought you were very nice. They are just shy. They're not use to talking with foreigners. I remember when I first came to the US. I was really nervous about speaking with people.

**I see. I thought there were lots of Americans teaching English in your country.**

Yes, that's true. There are probably twice as many now as there were five years ago, but they are mostly in the cities. My family lives in the country.

**I wonder why. Personally I prefer the country to the city. It's so quiet and peaceful. If I were to teach, I would want to teach in the country.**

Do you think you would want to teach someday? I know the schools around my town are looking for teachers, so if you want, I can call them and get more information.

**No, I don't think so. I would need to stay there for a year, and I don't think I can take that much time off work.**

Well, if you change your mind, let me know. I think you would be a really great teacher.

## Lesson 98: GIFTS

**Dorothy, what are your plans for Christmas?**

Oh yes, it's almost Christmas, isn't it? I'm not sure what I'll be doing then.

**Well, if you don't have any plans, your family could have dinner at my house.**

That's very nice of you, thanks. Have you finished your shopping yet?

**No, I still have to do that. I think I'll go to the mall this weekend.**

It's going to be really crowded at the mall. You should shop online.

**You're right. My family loves to read, so I can probably get them all presents from Amazon.com.**

What do you think you'll get for your wife?

**Probably a romance novel. It seems like she's always reading one of those.**

Don't you think you should get her something a little more expensive, like jewelry or maybe a new computer?

**Maybe you're right. It's hard buying gifts. I think my wife has everything she wants. Maybe I should just ask her.**

## Lesson 99: ELECTION

**Martin, who are you going to vote for?**

You mean for president?

**Yes.**

I'm not sure yet.

**You should make up your mind soon. The election is next month.**

Yes, I know. I hear about it every day on the news.

**I'm going to vote for Obama.**

I think he is a good choice, but I think McCain would make a good president also.

**I know. They're both good. It's hard to decide. McCain is older but he has more experience. Obama seems to have a lot of good ideas, but some people say he wants to raise taxes.**

I heard he wants to lower taxes. It's hard to know what the truth is. That's the reason I really don't pay attention to politics.

**Yes, it can be frustrating, but it's important and it's interesting to watch.**

## Lesson 100: BOOK CLUB

**Hey John, can I talk to you for a minute?**

Sure, what's up?

**I wanted to let you know about a book club I joined a couple months ago. I know you do a lot of reading so I thought you might want to come with me next month.**

Oh, that sounds like fun. When does the group meet?

**Usually the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 in the evening. Is that too late for you?**

No, I think that's ok. What do you talk about in the group?

**Well, every month we choose a new book and then during the next meeting we discuss it.**

What book are you reading now?

**The Kite Runner.**

I've heard that's a good book. What's it about?

**It is a good book. I'm almost finished. The book is about a boy who grows up in Afghanistan during the 1980s. It's called the Kite Runner because the main character takes part in a kite flying competition.**

That sounds really interesting. I'd love to come.

**Ok, great. The next meeting isn't for another two weeks, so you still have time to read the book.**