

Daily Life - Making A Collect Call (C0314)

A: This is the operator, how may I help you?

B: Yes, I would like to make a collect call.

A: Ok sir, please dial the number. Now please state your name.

B: Tommy.

A: Please wait a moment. Hello, you have a collect call from Tommy. Would you like to accept the charges?

C: Yes of course.

A: Dad?

C: Yeah Tommy, what happened are you ok?

A: Yeah dad everything is ok. I'm calling you because I want to know if it's ok for me to go to my friend's house today after school.

C: Yeah sure no problem. You scared me to death! I've told you to make a collect call in case of an emergency only! Why didn't you call me from your mobile phone?

B: I ran out of credit and I also didn't have twenty five cents N forthe payphone. Sorry dad.

Key Vocabulary

operator	<i>N</i>	a person who operates a telephone switchboard
charge	<i>N</i>	amount of money to be paid
credit	<i>N</i>	the positive balance in a person's mobile phone account
payphone	<i>N</i>	a public telephone operated by coins or a phonecard
collect call	<i>N</i>	a telephone call that the receiving party is asked to pay for

Supplementary Vocabulary

network	<i>N</i>	telephones interconnected by telecommunication equipment or cables
landline	<i>N</i>	a home telephone
connect	<i>V</i>	to establish communication between
reception	<i>N</i>	the quality attained in receiving radio or television broadcasts