

**Global View - Thai Food** (C0321)

A: What did you cook?

B: Well, as you know I was in Thailand last month, and I took a cooking class! So I prepared some of my favorite dishes.

A: Great idea! As long as I don't get food poisoning! So what is on the menu tonight?

B: Ok, for starters we have Tom Yam soup. It's a bit spicy, but really good!

A: This is delicious! The ginger and lemongrass really gives it a nice taste!

B: Now this next dish is one of the most famous. Foreigners call it papaya salad but the proper name is Tom Sam. It is a spicy salad made from a mix of fresh vegetables including shredded unripened papaya and tomato.

A: This is delicious! The combination of sour and spicy is really interesting! I could have this every-day!

B: Ok, now for the last and best dish in my opinion. This is called Pad Thai. It's stir-fried noodles with eggs, fish sauce, tamarind juice, red chili pepper plus bean sprouts, shrimp and tofu and garnished with crushed peanuts and coriander. It's practically Thailand's national dish!

A: Wow, this is great! I never knew Thai food was so creative and delicious!

B: Want some more?

A: I'm stuffed!

### Key Vocabulary

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| combination | <i>N</i> | the result of mixing two or more things together |
| stuff       | <i>A</i> | filled with food; no longer hungry               |
| creative    | <i>A</i> | having the ability to think of new ideas         |

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| foreigner | <i>N</i> | a person not native to or naturalized in the country or jurisdiction under consideration |
| delicious | <i>A</i> | tasty  |
| dish      | <i>N</i> | food   |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| Stir Fry | <i>V</i> | technique for cooking food in a wok while stirring it   |
| Bitter   | <i>A</i> | Having or being a taste that is sharp, acrid, and unpleasan                                     |
| Sour     | <i>A</i> | Having a taste characteristic of that produced by acids; sharp, tart, or tangy                  |
| Fishcake | <i>N</i> | A food consisting of a filleted fish and potato patty sometimes coated in breadcrumbs or batter |

Tangy

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A distinctively sharp taste, flavor, or odor, as that of orange juice.

## The Office - Small Talk 6 - Talking About Yourself

(C0322)

Michelle: Excuse me, is this seat taken?

Stranger: No, please feel free.

Michelle: Thanks a lot.

Stranger: Do you work in Shanghai?

Michelle: Yes I do. How about you?

Stranger: No, I'm a tourist. This place is amazing! It's much bigger than I imagined, and much more exciting! There's so much to see here.

Michelle: You can say that again! It's much more modern than people imagine. Where are you from?

Stranger: Um, well let's see.....I'm from Kansas originally. A much quieter and more peaceful place than here, that's for sure!

Michelle: Uh huh....

Stranger: But I'm living in Paris right now.

Michelle: Oh Paris! Wonderful, I'd love to visit some time!

### Key Vocabulary

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| tourist    | <i>N</i> | a person who is traveling      |
| amazing    | <i>A</i> | causing wonder or astonishment |
| modern     | <i>A</i> | high-tech                      |
| originally | <i>R</i> | originally                     |
| peaceful   | <i>A</i> | calm or tranquil               |
| imagine    | <i>V</i> | to form a mental image of      |
| exciting   | <i>A</i> | excite                         |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| ego | <i>N</i> | self-importance |
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| vain                 | <i>A</i> | excessively proud of or concerned about one's own appearance, qualities, achievements |
| historic             | <i>A</i> | well-known or important in history  |
| seclude              | <i>A</i> | sheltered or screened from general activity   |
| off the beaten track | <i>P</i> | out of the way  |

**Daily Life - Cancelled Flight** (C0323)

A: Good afternoon Sir, may I please see your passport and reservation?

B: Here you go.

A: I'm sorry sir, this flight has been cancelled due to some mechanical problems.

B: Cancelled! So what am I supposed to do now?

A: We apologize for any inconveniences that may be caused by this. If your flight is urgent, I can put you on a waiting list for another flight this evening, but it's on a first come first served basis, so there is no guarantee that you will be able to take that flight.

B: What's my other option?

A: If you can wait until tomorrow, we will put you up in a hotel for today and you can take scheduled flight for tomorrow morning.

B: That's fine. I'll do that then.



A: Thank you for your understanding sir. I will book your flight now.

### Key Vocabulary

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| reservation   | <i>N</i> | an arrangement to secure accommodations at a restaurant or hotel |
| cancel        | <i>V</i> | to decide that something will not happen                         |
| inconvenience | <i>N</i> | the quality or state of being inconvenient.                      |
| urgent        | <i>A</i> | important  |
| scheduled     | <i>V</i> | planned at a specific time                                       |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| route     | <i>N</i> | a customary or regular line of passage or travel                   |
| diversion | <i>N</i> | the act of diverting or turning aside, as from a course or purpose |
| delay     | <i>V</i> | to put off to a later time   |

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| depart | <i>V</i> | to go away, leave                                |
| refund | <i>V</i> | To give back, especially money; return or repay: |

## Global View - Thanksgiving Dinner (C0324)

A: So what are you doing for Thanksgiving?

B: Not much really. It's more of an American tradition, so back home we don't really celebrate it. In fact, I am not even sure of what exactly is being celebrated!

A: Well you know, it's a time to get together with all your family and be thankful for everything!

B: Yeah but, how did this holiday come to be?

A: Well, the first settlers of Massachusetts arrived there because of religious persecution from England and King James. Once in the New World, they befriended a native named Squanto, who taught them how to harvest food from the area such as corn.

B: Interesting! I am amazed how big and delicious thanksgiving dinners are!

A: Come to my house for Thanksgiving! We are having turkey, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes with gravy, and lots of stuffing!

B: Count me in!

### Key Vocabulary

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| Thanksgiving | <i>N</i> | a holiday   |
| tradition    | <i>N</i> | special way of doing things that is accepted by a   |
| celebrate    | <i>V</i> | hold a feast in memorial of   |
| religious    | <i>A</i> | exhibiting religion, faithful, devout   |
| persecution  | <i>N</i> | to exterminate, drive away, or subjugate a people because of their religion, race, or beliefs |
| befriend     | <i>V</i> | to make friends or become friendly with   |
| native       | <i>A</i> | of indigenous origin  |
| harvest      | <i>N</i> | the gathering of crops  |
| gravy        | <i>N</i> | sauce for meat, potatoes  |

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| turkey | <i>N</i> | a large American bird similar to the chicken |
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| Cranberry | <i>N</i> | a firm, sour, edible, red berry |
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| Pilgrim | <i>N</i> | the English settlers of New England, who celebrated the "First Thanksgiving" with the Natives |
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| Cider | <i>N</i> | a fermented beverage made from apple juice |
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| Cornucopia | <i>N</i> | a hollow, horn-shaped wicker basket filled with various kinds of festive fruit and vegetables |
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| Yam | <i>N</i> | specifically its orange-fleshed cultivars, often marketed as 'yams' in North America and as 'kumara' in New Zealand |
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**The Office - Small Talk 7 - Talking About A Trip** (C0325)

Jim: Hey Michelle. Good to see you. Are you at lunch?

Michelle: Oh hi Jim. No I just got back. I thought you were on vacation now.

Jim: No, I wish I was! I just got back from Spain actually.

Michelle: Oh wonderful! Have you been there before or was it your first time?

Jim: My first time. I've traveled around Europe a lot, but this was my first time to Spain. It was amazing, and the weather was just beautiful! No rain, and just sun, sun, sun....

Michelle: I'm so jealous of you. I've never been anywhere in Europe. I've always dreamed of traveling around and seeing the sights.

Jim: Well, I really recommend Spain. You really should go. Anyway, it's been great to catch up, but I must be going, this is my floor. Speak again soon I hope.

Michelle: For sure. Take care.

### Key Vocabulary

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| vacation  | <i>P</i> | have holidays   |
| jealous   | <i>A</i> | feeling resentment against someone because of that person's rivalry, success, or advantages |
| catch up  | <i>P</i> | meet each other   |
| floor     | <i>N</i> | one of the many levels of a building  |
| take care | <i>V</i> | deal with   |
| for sure  | <i>P</i> | phrase of agreement   |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| envy | <i>N</i> | a feeling of discontent with regard to another's advantages, success, possessions |
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| tourist         | <i>N</i> | a person who is traveling  |
| rat race        | <i>P</i> | endless pursuit with little reward or purpose such as job.   |
| mid life crisis | <i>P</i> | period of dramatic self-doubt that is felt by some individuals in the "middle years" or middle age of life |



## Daily Life - Report Card (C0326)

- A: Look, Jimmy's report came today.
- B: Let's have a look. What is this? Where are all the grades?
- A: He's in the third grade Sam! You see under each subject that he is being taught in school, he receives a mark from one to three. A one means his achievement or work is excellent. Here in Science for example he got a two, which means its satisfactory.
- B: What about here in physical education?
- A: He got a three here which means it's unsatisfactory. We should work on that with him.
- B: So confusing! In my day we got an A or B if we were doing well and if we failed an exam we would get an F!

## Key Vocabulary

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| report       | <i>N</i> | written document that provides information about a persons achievements    |
| grade        | <i>N</i> | a position or degree in a scale, as of quality, rank, size, or progression |
| subject      | <i>N</i> | a branch of knowledge as a course of study                                 |
| mark         | <i>N</i> | a symbol used in rating conduct, proficiency, attainment                   |
| achievement  | <i>N</i> | something that has been done or accomplished                               |
| satisfactory | <i>A</i> | fulfilling all demands or requirements                                     |
| exam         | <i>N</i> | formal test taken at the end of a course                                   |

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| pass | <i>V</i> | to complete successfully |
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| fail        | <i>V</i> | to receive less than the passing grade or mark in an examination, class, or course of study |
| distinction | <i>N</i> | special honour, recognition   |
| award       | <i>N</i> | something awarded, such as a prize or medal   |
| principal   | <i>N</i> | the head or director of a school  |

## Daily Life - Buying A Pair Of Jeans (C0327)

- A: Excuse me, can I try on this pair of jeans?
- B: Sure. Let me see... I'm afraid we don't have any size eights left.
- A: What are you talking about? I'm always a size four. Here, I'll try these.
- B: They seem a bit too tight. Shall I find you a larger size?
- A: No, they fit fine! They show off my curves perfectly!
- B: Yeah, your love handles. Yeah, they sure do, although... here, you forgot to close this button.
- A: Yeah right, I'll do it now...

### Key Vocabulary

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try on, to put clothing in order to judge its appearance and fit

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| tight        | <i>A</i> | affording little or no extra room; fitting closely |
| fit          | <i>V</i> | to go into or through a particular space           |
| love handles | <i>N</i> | bulges of fat at the sides of the waist.           |
| show         | <i>V</i> | get someone to pay attention                       |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| loose       | <i>A</i> | not fitting closely or tightly                                      |
| change      | <i>V</i> | to remove and replace   |
| wear        | <i>V</i> | to have on the body   |
| denim       | <i>N</i> | cotton for jeans, overalls, and other work and leisure garments     |
| appropriate | <i>A</i> | suitable or fitting for a particular purpose, person, occasion, etc |

**The Office - Small Talk 8 - Talking About Work** (C0328)

Mr. Campbell: Ah Michelle hi. I was hoping to see you. How have you been? How's the family?

Michelle: Oh hello Mr. Campbell. I'm fine and Jack's doing well. How are you?

Mr. Campbell: I'm fine thanks. I got your report this morning. Thank's for that. Are you joining the conference today?

Michelle: Yes, I'm leaving at four pm.

Mr Campbell: Good, well we can discuss this more then, but I think the figures are looking very good for this quarter.

Michelle: Yes, me too.

Mr Campbell: I'm planning to discuss the advertising budget at the conference. I don't think we should continue with the TV advertising.

Michelle: No, me neither. It's far too expensive.

Mr. Campbell: Well, let's discuss this more at the conference. Maybe we can share a taxi there.

Michelle: Yes, sure.

### Key Vocabulary

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| conference | <i>N</i> | a formal meeting where many people talk about ideas                       |
| report     | <i>N</i> | written document that provides information about something                |
| discuss    | <i>V</i> | talk about  |
| quarter    | <i>N</i> | one fourth of a calendar or fiscal year                                   |
| budget     | <i>N</i> | money available to spend  |
| advertise  | <i>V</i> | to announce or praise in order to raise awareness in a product or service |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| marketing | <i>N</i> | act of buying or selling<br>in a market  |
| publish   | <i>V</i> | to issue publicly the<br>work of   |
| segment   | <i>N</i> | a different group  |
| graph     | <i>N</i> | a diagram representing<br>a system of connections<br>or interrelations among<br>two or more things |



**Daily Life - Going To The Bakery** (C0329)

A: Welcome to Al's Bakery. What can I get you?

B: Hi! Let me get a dozen croissants, four blueberry muffins and a loaf of sourdough bread.

A:: Sure. Would you like to have the loaf sliced?

B: No, that's OK. Do you have any whole wheat bread?

A: We are out at the moment. May I suggest some rye bread?

B: Sure that sounds good. Do you have any cakes?

A: We have various birthday cakes and also ice cream cakes.

B: I'll just take a cheesecake.

A: Will that be all?

B: Yes.

A: Your total is forty three dollars and twenty cents.

### Key Vocabulary

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| bakery     | <i>N</i> | store that bakes and sells bread and pastries                  |
| loaf       | <i>N</i> | any shaped or moulded mass of food                             |
| slice      | <i>V</i> | cut into thin slices   |
| wheat      | <i>N</i> | the grain of of some grasses, used in making flour, pasta, etc |
| bread      | <i>N</i> | a kind of food made of flour                                   |
| muffin     | <i>N</i> | a small cake   |
| blueberry  | <i>N</i> | the edible, usually bluish berry of various shrubs             |
| rye        | <i>N</i> | a widely cultivated cereal grass                               |
| total      | <i>A</i> | complete amount  |
| cheesecake | <i>N</i> | a type of cake   |

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| cake | <i>N</i> | a baked dessert |
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### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| sausage<br>roll | <i>N</i> | a roll of sausage meat in<br>pastry |
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| pavlova | <i>N</i> | a meringue cake topped<br>with whipped cream<br>and fruit |
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| pie | <i>N</i> | a baked food having a<br>filling of fruit, meat,<br>pudding |
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| chop | <i>V</i> | to cut or sever with a<br>quick, heavy blow or a<br>series of blows |
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| bake | <i>V</i> | to cook by dry heat in<br>an oven or on heated<br>metal or stones |
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## The Weekend - Fortune Telling (C0330)

- A: Look at this newspaper article about this famous local medium. It says that she is really gifted and so popular now, that she is booked solid with appointments for the next twelve months!
- B: You don't really believe in all that hocus pocus mumbo jumbo do you?
- A: Well I have had many friends that went to a psychic and got their palms read and most of the things the psychic told her came true!
- B: Of course it does! They tell you general and obvious things like that you will be successful or have a big house. I think most of the times they are just scam artists.
- A: Well historically it is a practice that many cultures share. Reading the tarot cards, in the east they would even read tea leaves! I even heard that there are people that make you smoke a cigar, and then read your ashes.
- B: All superstitious nonsense! I would still like to go to one and see what he or she has to say, just for kicks.

A: Great! I'll make an appointment!

### Key Vocabulary

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| medium   | <i>N</i> | a person through whom the spirits of the dead are alleged to be able to contact the living.   |
| gifted   | <i>A</i> | having great special talent or ability  |
| psychic  | <i>A</i> | sensitive to influences or forces of a nonphysical or supernatural nature.                    |
| historic | <i>A</i> | of, pertaining to, treating, or characteristic of history or past events                      |
| practice | <i>V</i> | to do or perform (something) repeatedly   |
| tarot    | <i>N</i> | any of a set of 22 playing cards bearing allegorical representations, used for fortunetelling |

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| ash                              | <i>N</i> | the powdery residue of matter that remains after burning |
| superstition                     | <i>A</i> | irrational fear of what is unknown or mysterious         |
| hocus<br>pocus<br>mumbo<br>jumbo | <i>P</i> | foolish religious reverence, ritual, or incantation      |

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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| talent         | <i>N</i> | a special natural ability or aptitude                              |
| far<br>fetched | <i>A</i> | improbable   |
| voodoo         | <i>N</i> | black magic; sorcery   |
| gypsie         | <i>N</i> | a member of a people scattered throughout Europe and North America |