

Daily Life - Vaccinations (C0351)

- A: Hello Mrs Parker, how have you been?
- B: Hello Dr Peters. Just fine thank you. Ricky and I are here for his vaccines.
- A: Very well. Let's see, according to his vaccination record, Ricky has received his Polio, Tetanus and Hepatitis B shots. He is 14 months old, so he is due for Hepatitis A, Chickenpox and Measles shots.
- B: What about Rubella and Mumps?
- A: Well, I can only give him these for now, and after a couple of weeks I can administer the rest.
- B: Ok great. Doctor, I think I also may need a Tetanus booster. Last time I got it was maybe fifteen years ago!
- A: We will check our records and I'll have the nurse administer the booster as well. Now, please hold Ricky's arm tight, this may sting a little.

Key Vocabulary

vaccine	<i>N</i>	a medical substance that protects people or animals
Polio	<i>N</i>	acute viral disease, usually affecting children and young adults
Tetanus	<i>N</i>	an infectious, often fatal disease caused by a specific bacterium that enters the body through wounds
Hepatitis	<i>N</i>	inflammation of the liver, caused by a virus or a toxin
Rubella	<i>N</i>	a mild contagious viral disease characterized by fever, mild upper respiratory congestion, and a fine red rash lasting a few days
Chickenpox	<i>N</i>	A disease common of children, characterized by mild headache and fever, and eruption of blisters on the skin

Measles	<i>N</i>	an acute infectious disease occurring mostly in children. red spots being a common symptom
Mumps	<i>N</i>	characterized by inflammatory swelling of the usually other salivary glands
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Supplementary Vocabulary

Global View - The 7 Wonders Of The World (C0352)

A: Have you seen this news article? Apparently an organization has made a list to name the new seven wonders of the world and people could vote for them online.

B: Wow, that's really interesting. So who won?

A: Well, the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal in India.

B: I've been there! It really is an amazing work of architecture and art. The entire complex is made of white marble and in the interior of the tomb, the walls are covered with gems and emeralds!

A: Cool! Also amongst the winners is Petra, in Jordan, Machu Picchu in Peru and the pyramid in Chichenitza in Mexico.

B: Wait a minute! It also says that the Christ Redeemer statue in Brazil and the Colosseum in Rome are wonders. I would love to go to Italy and see the Colosseum, stand in the middle like a gladiator!

A: Well, let's see if we can find some cheap airfare and we can go towards the end of the year.

B: Good idea!

Key Vocabulary

Taj Ma-hal	<i>N</i>	A mausoleum located in India made entirely of white marble.
Great Wall	<i>N</i>	An extensive wall in China that kept invaders at bay
architecture	<i>N</i>	the art and science of designing buildings
Petra	<i>N</i>	A historical city in Jordan which was carved out of the mountain,
Machu Pichu	<i>N</i>	An Inca ancient city set high in the Andes mountains in Peru
pyramid	<i>N</i>	a structure where the outer surfaces are triangular and converge at a point

Colosseum	<i>N</i>	An ancient amphitheater located in Rome
wonder	<i>N</i>	A monumental human creation that is amazing
gladiator	<i>N</i>	A person trained to entertain the public by engaging in mortal combat
tomb	<i>N</i>	A grave or other place of burial

Supplementary Vocabulary

world heritage site	<i>N</i>	an area or structure designated by UNESCO as being of global significance
Mausoleum	<i>N</i>	an external free-standing building constructed as a monument enclosing the interment space or burial chamber of a deceased person

Temple	<i>N</i>	a structure reserved for religious or spiritual activities, such as prayer and sacrifice
Ruins	<i>N</i>	the remains of human-made architecture: structures that were once complete, as time went by, have fallen into a state of partial or complete deterioration
Ancient	<i>A</i>	having been of long duration; of great age; very old.

Global View - College Life (C0353)

A: Hey, Jordan, is that you? Long time no see!

B: Oh, hey, no kidding! I haven't seen you since orientation three months ago! So how've you been? Settling into college life OK?

A: Yeah, I think so! I pledged Phi Iota Alpha, so I'm living at the frat house now.

B: Oh, so you're a frat boy now, huh?

A: Yeah, yeah, I know, it's totally cliché, but really, I think it's been a good decision. I've got a lot of support and good suggestions from the guys. What about you? What have you been up to?

B: Not much. I'm still living at home and commuting to school. I ended up dropping that metalworking class I was so excited about. It just wasn't as interesting as I'd hoped. The guidance counselor suggested that I focus on my prerequisite courses so that I can make sure the credits count.

A: That sounds smart... but kind of boring.

B: Yeah, it is, a little bit. I joined the Great Outdoors Club, though, which has been a lot of fun. We've gone on two camping trips already, and I've made some good friends.

A: That's cool. Hey, so have you decided on your major yet?

B: Definitely pre-med. What about you?

A: I still have no clue...but we don't have to declare a major 'til our sophomore year, so I've got time! Oops, I'm late for class. Gotta run!

B: OK, take care! Hey, nice running into you!

A: Yeah, you too!

Key Vocabulary

Long
time no
see

V

phrase used to express
that you haven't seen
someone in a very long
time

orientation	<i>N</i>	a class where instructions are given on the first day at school
settle into	<i>V</i>	to become accustomed to one's new surroundings
frat house	<i>N</i>	Fraternity house, place where members of a fraternity live and socialize
frat boy	<i>N</i>	a term used to call people that are part of a fraternity
drop	<i>V</i>	to quit or not continue a class
credit	<i>N</i>	academic mark
major	<i>N</i>	the specific focus of your undergraduate program

Supplementary Vocabulary

gap year	<i>N</i>	A temporary one year absence from university
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thesis	<i>N</i>	A dissertation advancing an original point of view as a result of research
minor	<i>N</i>	secondary course of study
pre-law	<i>N</i>	any course of study taken by an undergraduate in preparation for study at a law school
freshman	<i>N</i>	a first year student in high school or university

Global View - Homeschooling (C0354)

A: I think we should home school our children when we decide to have kids.

B: What? Why?

A: Well, our public schools here are not very good and private school are just too expensive. I have been reading up on home schooling and it has a lot of advantages.

B: Like what? I think that by doing something like that we would be isolating our children from social interaction.

A: Well, first of all, I would be able to teach them everything they learn in school in a more relaxed and fun way. I also think that having a one-on-one class is much better since you can focus more on his or her strengths or weaknesses.

B: I think neither your parents or mine would agree to such an idea.

A: I will bring it up over Sunday brunch.

B: Good luck with that!

Key Vocabulary

home school	<i>V</i>	to educate kids at home by a parent or tutor
first of all	<i>P</i>	firstly
read up	<i>V</i>	to do research or instruct yourself on a topic
isolate	<i>V</i>	to set apart from others; place alone
social interaction	<i>N</i>	meeting, talking, doing activities with people
one-on-one	<i>P</i>	a meeting or class between two people
strengths	<i>N</i>	a quality that makes someone effective or useful
weakness	<i>N</i>	the quality or state of being weak

bring some- thing up	<i>P</i>	to mention or open for discussion
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Supplementary Vocabulary

GED	<i>N</i>	general education diploma which is the equivalent of a high school diploma
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SAT	<i>N</i>	Scholastic Aptitude Test is a test which is taken throughout the US as an admission test to US colleges
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tutor	<i>N</i>	a person employed in the education of others, either individually or in groups.
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recess	<i>N</i>	a short period of free time between school classes.
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quiz	<i>N</i>	a short quick test
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Daily Life - Lending Money (C0355)

A: Can I borrow five bucks?

B: No!

A: Come on! I'll pay you back on Tuesday.

B: Last time I lent you money, you never paid me back.

A: I promise if you lend me five dollars today, I will repay you in full next week.

B: Ok, but I'm taking your skateboard as collateral.

A: Fine! I can't believe you don't trust me.

B: It's nothing personal, just business.

Key Vocabulary

borrow	<i>V</i>	to take or have something temporarily
bucks	<i>N</i>	dollar (slang)

lend	<i>V</i>	to give something to someone temporarily
repay	<i>V</i>	pay back
trust	<i>V</i>	confident expectation of something; hope.
collateral	<i>N</i>	security pledged for the payment of a loan

Supplementary Vocabulary

barter	<i>V</i>	the act of exchanging goods for other goods
mooch	<i>N</i>	a person that is always asking to borrow money or food
loan	<i>N</i>	Something lent for temporary use
interest	<i>N</i>	a percentage added to a loan as a fee for lending money

past due

A

the status of a scheduled loan payment that has not been paid on time.

Daily Life - Coins and Money (C0356)

A: Help me organize these coins.

B: That's a lot of money! What did you do? Break the piggy bank?

A: Yeah, I'm gonna go to the bank and change it for bills, but first I have to separate them into little piles.

B: Ok, I'll find all the quarters and dimes while you sort the nickels and pennies.

A: Great, then we can add everything up and take it to the bank.

B: I found some coins that are not from here.

A: Oh yeah, those are from my trip to London. I have a couple of different pence, but in all it won't add up to one pound.

B: Are you sure the bank will change these coins for you?

A: Hopefully!

Key Vocabulary

coin	<i>N</i>	a small round piece of money usually made from metal
piggy bank	<i>N</i>	a small container used to store coins
bill	<i>N</i>	form of money that is made from paper
quarter	<i>N</i>	a coin worth one fourth of a dollar
dime	<i>N</i>	a coin worth one tenth of a dollar
nickel	<i>N</i>	a coin worth one twentieth of a dollar
penny	<i>N</i>	a coin that is worth one cent or one one hundredth

Supplementary Vocabulary

Mint	<i>V</i>	To make or fabricate coins
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Treasury	<i>N</i>	A place in which private or public funds are kept
Safe	<i>N</i>	A large metallic vault used to store money safely
Bling	<i>N</i>	Slang term used for money, gold and jewelry
Money Press	<i>N</i>	Machine that prints and produces bills

Daily Life - Making A Dinner Reservation (C0357)

A: Bruno Bistro, how may I help you?

B: Yes hello, I would like to make a reservation please.

A: Certainly sir, For which day and time please?

B: Tonight at seven.

A: I'm sorry sir, but we are fully booked tonight until eight.

B: In that case, eight o'clock is fine.

A: Very well, and how many people will attend tonight?

B: Four people.

A: Lastly, may I please know what name I should make the reservation under?

A: Mark.

Key Vocabulary

bistro	<i>N</i>	mid-priced restaurant
make a reservation	<i>P</i>	to make an arrangement to hold something for later
fully booked	<i>P</i>	all sold out or full of reservations
in that case	<i>P</i>	if something said earlier is true
attend	<i>V</i>	go to
reservation	<i>N</i>	Something that is kept back or withheld

Supplementary Vocabulary

steakhouse	<i>N</i>	a restaurant that specializes in beef steaks.
diner	<i>N</i>	A place that offers a wide range of foods, mostly American, a casual atmosphere and late operating hours.

Soup Kitchen	<i>N</i>	a place where food is offered to the hungry for free or at a reasonably low price
saltshaker	<i>N</i>	a container with a perforated top for sprinkling salt
Cutlery	<i>N</i>	Utensils such as knives, forks, and spoons used as tableware

Daily Life - Text Me (C0358)

A: Why didn't you text me last night?

B: What? I sent you three or four messages!

A: I didn't get any of them. I was waiting for you to text me the address of where the party was and I never got your message.

B: Why didn't you just call? I hate sending SMS messages.

A: Well, because I didn't have any credit on my phone. I used it all up this month.

B: I thought you had an unlimited SMS plan?

A: I do, but if I don't have any credit in my phone, it won't let me call or send messages.

B: No wonder you didn't get my texts!

Key Vocabulary

text	<i>V</i>	act of sending a text message via a mobile phone
SMS	<i>N</i>	abbreviation for Short Message Service
credit	<i>N</i>	amount of money that you have available to make ca
use it up	<i>V</i>	to completely finish or extinguish something
unlimited	<i>A</i>	without limits or restrictions
no wonder	<i>P</i>	not surprisingly

Supplementary Vocabulary

voicemail	<i>N</i>	A service that allows you to leave a recorded message
calling card	<i>N</i>	A prepaid card that allows you to make international phone calls

pay as you go *P*

Credit purchased in advance in order to make phone calls on a mobile phone

coverage *N*

The area that the mobile phone operator covers or allows for making phone calls

drop a call *V*

To lose connection of a call

Global View - E-mail Scam (C0359)

A: I got an urgent email from Tom! He says he is in London and got robbed and needs us to wire him some money for his hotel.

B: What? That sounds really dodgy tome.

A: No way, Tom is an honest person, he wouldn't lie tome.

B: No I mean, it seems like someone may have hacked his email account and sent that out. I mean think about it, why would he email you instead of calling you.

A: Do you really think someone is trying to scam people into sending money?

B: For sure! There are so many con artists out there, you never really know.

Key Vocabulary

urgent

A

important

get
robbed

A

to be victim of a robbery,
something stolen

wire	<i>V</i>	to send money electronically
dodgy	<i>A</i>	questionable, suspicious
hack	<i>V</i>	to gain access illegally or without authorization
scam	<i>V</i>	to swindle (someone) by means of a trick
con artist	<i>N</i>	a swindler who exploits the confidence of his victim

Supplementary Vocabulary

swindle	<i>V</i>	To cheat or defraud of money or property
Ponzi Scheme	<i>N</i>	is an investment fraud that involves the payment of purported returns to existing investors from funds contributed by new investors.

con	<i>V</i>	to persuade by deception
Fraud	<i>N</i>	a person who makes deceitful pretenses
Pirate	<i>N</i>	a person who uses or reproduces the work or invention of another without authorization.

Global View - Urban Legends (C0360)

A: Have you read all these crazy things that are going on around the world?

B: What do you mean?

A: I was reading about how some people get tricked or drugged in their hotel rooms and have their organs removed! Then they are sold on the black market.

B: Don't tell me you actually believe all that? Don't be so gullible, they are just urban legends. They are just stories people make up to scare you.

A: Well, I was also reading about how some popular songs have subliminal or even satanic messages if you play them backwards! Can you believe that?

B: You really think an artist or songwriter is going to go through the trouble of putting subliminal or satanic messages in a song? Don't be so naive!

A: Well maybe you are right, but how about the story of how KFC has rows of headless chickens which are super grown in order to get bigger chickens faster!

B: Sounds a bit too far fetched to be true don't you think?

Key Vocabulary

black market	<i>N</i>	any system in which goods are sold and bought illegally
gullible	<i>A</i>	easily believing something that is not true
urban legend	<i>N</i>	stories that are exaggerated or not true
make up	<i>P</i>	invent
subliminal	<i>N</i>	something that persuades in a subconscious way
satanic	<i>A</i>	relating to Satan or the devil
naive	<i>A</i>	having or showing a lack of experience, judgment,

far fetched	<i>A</i>	improbable; not naturally pertinent
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Supplementary Vocabulary

Myth	<i>N</i>	an untrue story
boogie man	<i>N</i>	a fictional being that scares children
cynical	<i>A</i>	a person who believes that only selfishness motivates human actions
grounded	<i>A</i>	quality of not letting emotions or impulses get the best of you
realist	<i>N</i>	a person who tends to view or represent things as they really are.