

## The Weekend - Vampires (C0301)

A: You want to go to the movies tonight?

B: Sure! What's playing?

A: The new Twilight movie!

B: Twilight? As in the vampire movies? No way I am watching that. I don't understand why everyone is so excited about these films about vampires. It doesn't make sense.

A: Of course it does. It's like a modern tale of Romeo and Juliet. You have a couple that is in love but can't be together because they are so different. Add in the fact that immortality and super human strength is really sexy and there you have it! Plus the cast is hip, young people that make the movie even more enticing.

B: I don't buy into that. I think it's just a fad. Pretty soon this will pass and everyone will be into werewolves or zombies!

## Key Vocabulary

movie

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vampire	<i>N</i>	a dead person who sucks the blood of living person
tale	<i>N</i>	a story
fad	<i>N</i>	a temporary fashion or notion
werewolves	<i>N</i>	a wolf with extraordinary strength
zombie	<i>N</i>	a dead corpse, likes to eat brain
immortal	<i>A</i>	live forever
entice	<i>V</i>	to lead on by exciting hope or desire
hip	<i>A</i>	cool, fashionable
super human strength	<i>P</i>	extraordinary power

### Supplementary Vocabulary

Ghoul	<i>N</i>	spirit or ghost
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horror	<i>A</i>	centered upon or depicting terrifying events
nightmare	<i>N</i>	a terrifying dream in which the dreamer experiences feelings of helplessness
fan	<i>N</i>	an enthusiastic devotee or follower of a celebrity, pastime, etc
obsess	<i>V</i>	to think about something unceasingly or persistently

**Global View - Phobias** (C0302)

A: Are you excited about your trip next month?

B: Yes and no. I can't wait to go to Europe, but at the same time I am terrified.

A: Why?

B: Well, I have aerophobia. I have a chronic fear of flying.

A: Oh really? I have an uncle who is also terrified of flying. It's not that bad though, I mean, it is pretty scary to be in this big machine flying through the air at seven hundred miles per hour. I actually have arachnophobia.

B: You're scared of spiders? I actually have two more phobias. Acrophobia and glossophobia.

A: I guess that explains why you are afraid of flying, but public speaking is not that bad.

B: Are you kidding? When I get on stage, my palms start to sweat, I get really nervous and I can hardly speak.

A: Well, I must confess I am a bit claustrophobic. I hate being in an elevator for more than 5 seconds.

B: We are such weirdos right?

### Key Vocabulary

trip	<i>N</i>	journey to a place
terrify	<i>A</i>	to fill with terror or alarm; make greatly afraid
aerophobia	<i>N</i>	an abnormal fear of drafts of air, gases, or airborne matter
chronic	<i>A</i>	constant, habitual
phobia	<i>N</i>	irrational fear of a specific object, activity
glossophobia	<i>N</i>	the fear of public speaking
Acrophobia	<i>N</i>	a pathological fear of heights

sweat	<i>V</i>	to excrete (perspiration, moisture, etc.) through the pores of the skin
nervous	<i>A</i>	being worried about what might happen
kidding	<i>V</i>	fool or joke
claustrophobia	<i>N</i>	an abnormal fear of being in enclosed or narrow places.
confess	<i>V</i>	To admit or acknowledge something damaging
weirdo	<i>N</i>	a strange person

### Supplementary Vocabulary

Venustraphobia	<i>N</i>	the fear of beautiful women
panic	<i>N</i>	a sudden overwhelming fear
scary	<i>A</i>	causing fright or alarm.

**Daily Life - Mexican Food** (C0303)

A: Hello sir, welcome to Pistolera restaurant. May I take your order?

B: Yes, I would like the chicken cheese enchiladas with a side of guacamole.

A: I'm sorry sir, but we ran out of chicken. May I suggest our delicious beef burritos or cheese quesadillas? Both include a side of guacamole and jalapenos.

B: Sure I'll have the burrito.. Do you have nachos?

A: Of course sir. Our nachos come with melted cheese and chili.

B: Sounds good.

A: Would you like anything to drink?

B: Sure, I'll have a Corona.

**Key Vocabulary**

corona	<i>N</i>	a type of beer from mexico
jalapeno	<i>N</i>	a spicy green pepper
guacamole	<i>N</i>	a dip of mashed avocado mixed with tomato, onion, and seasonings
melt	<i>V</i>	to become liquefied by warmth or heat
burrito	<i>N</i>	a tortilla folded over a filling

### Supplementary Vocabulary

taco	<i>N</i>	crisply fried tortilla folded over and filled
tortilla	<i>N</i>	a kind of thin pancake made from corn, cooked on a hot griddle until dry
dip	<i>N</i>	a liquid or soft substance into which something is dipped



Churro

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a Spanish and Mexican pastry resembling a doughnut or cruller and made from deep-fried dough

**Daily Life - Neat Freak** (C0304)

- A: Ugg, this bathroom is a pigsty!
- B: Helen, why do you keep flushing the toilet? What's wrong?
- A: I just can't stand it. It's really gross in here! There's a stain on the toilet seat, and the floor was wet and slippery. So I cleaned it!
- B: You did what? Helen, I know it's gross, but I've seen many public washrooms that are much worse. Why are you cleaning the counter top? are you out of your mind?
- A: I can't help myself; it's just so disgusting in here!
- B: Helen, this is not like your own bathroom. Just leave it to the cleaners, okay?
- A: Hang on. I'm just gonna quickly wipe the sink and sweep the floor.
- B: You're such a neat freak! I'm outta here!

**Key Vocabulary**

pigsty	<i>N</i>	a dirty or untidy place
flush	<i>V</i>	to cause water to clean a toilet
gross	<i>A</i>	disgusting
are you out of your mind	<i>P</i>	saying to indicate someones idea or actions is unbelievable or crazy e.g are you out of your mind? you can't fight a bear!
neat freak	<i>P</i>	likes to have every element of their life tidy and in order

### Supplementary Vocabulary

dump	<i>N</i>	an accumulation of discarded garbage
litter	<i>N</i>	scattered rubbish
tidy	<i>A</i>	neat, orderly, or trim
revolting	<i>A</i>	disgusting; repulsive
odour	<i>N</i>	smell, aroma

## The Weekend - Bowling (C0305)

A: Alright, so the first thing that you need to know about bowling is that you should never cross that line where the lane begins.

B: Why not?

A: Because they polish and oil it to make the ball slide down. If you step there you will slip and fall.

A: OK, so I got my bowling shoes, my ball, our names on the scorecard, so now, how the heck do I play this?

A: You throw the ball down the lane and try to knock down all the pins. If you do, that is called a strike. If you don't knock them all down on the first try, then you get a chance to get the spare. After ten frames, we add up the points and see who has the most. Three hundred is a perfect score, but very hard to get.

B: Got it! OK, I'm gonna give it a go. Oh no! My ball went in the gutter!

A: I told you, its harder than you think. Now let a pro show you how it's done.

### Key Vocabulary

bowling	<i>G</i>	a game where you try to knock pins down with a ball
polish	<i>V</i>	to make smooth and glossy, esp. by rubbing or friction
lane	<i>N</i>	any narrow or well-defined passage, track, channel, or course
knock	<i>V</i>	to strike in collision
gutter	<i>N</i>	a sunken channel on each side of the lane
pro	<i>A</i>	an expert player

### Supplementary Vocabulary

split	<i>N</i>	separate or apart
perfect game	<i>P</i>	a game in bowling of 12 consecutive strikes.

pin	<i>N</i>	a small, slender, often pointed piece of wood, metal
strike	<i>V</i>	to hit, collide
gutter ball	<i>P</i>	A ball that goes into the gutter

## The Weekend - Pick Up Lines (C0306)

A: Let's got out tomorrow night. We can go to a bar and try to find you a girlfriend.

B: I don't think that's a good idea. I am just not good with approaching someone and starting up a conversation.

A: Maybe you just need a few pick up lines, you know, break the ice.

B: Pick up lines don't work!

A: Come on! You can just walk up to a girl and say: "If you were a booger I'd pick you first."

B: What? Come on! That's just lame! No girl would fall for that!

A: Fine, then you can say: "So there you are! I've been looking all over for YOU, the woman of my dreams!"

B: That's a good one! I think that's pretty funny.

A: Yeah, so you make her laugh, you make a fool of yourself a little bit and then you buy her a drink.

B: Ok, how does this sound: “I was so enchanted by your beauty that I ran into that wall over there. So I am going to need your name and number for insurance purposes.”

A: Nice! Let’s go!

### Key Vocabulary

bar	<i>N</i>	a place one goes to drink alcohol
girlfriend	<i>N</i>	a female friend with whom a man or boy is romantically involved with
break the ice	<i>P</i>	to overcome reserve, awkwardness, or formality within a group
lame	<i>A</i>	not cool
pick up lines	<i>P</i>	conversation opener with the intent of engaging an unfamiliar person for romance or dating.



fool	<i>V</i>	a silly person
enchant	<i>V</i>	to delight to a high degree, charm

### Supplementary Vocabulary

seduce	<i>V</i>	to persuade or induce to have sexual intercourse
flirt	<i>V</i>	to toy or play with another's affections
connection	<i>N</i>	a bond between two people
wing man	<i>P</i>	Wingman is a role that a person may take when a friend needs support with approaching potential partners
stud	<i>N</i>	a man seen as desirable

## The Office - Small Talk Series - Showing Interest

(C0307)

Tina: Hey Michelle, this is my friend James. He's visiting Shanghai from New York.

Michelle: Oh, hi James. Nice to meet you. So, uh. you visiting for business or pleasure?

James: Well, actually a little of both. I'm meeting some business contacts but I'm also taking some Mandarin classes too.

Michelle: That's cool! How's it going?

James: Well, I'm finding the classes pretty tough actually, but I'm having a great time in Shanghai. It's really an amazing city.

Michelle: It sure is. Are you staying for long?

James: Only two weeks unfortunately. I wish I could stay longer but.

Michelle: Well listen, if you need someone to show you the sights then just call me. I'm having a little get together at my new apartment next week so if you want to drop by then.

James: That sounds great. I'd love to! Let me take down your number Michelle.

### Key Vocabulary

visit	<i>G</i>	go to someplace in a formal way
class	<i>N</i>	lesson
sight	<i>N</i>	something seen or worth seeing
get together	<i>P</i>	spend time together
pleasure	<i>N</i>	feeling of happiness
drop by	<i>V</i>	an informal visit

### Supplementary Vocabulary

rendezvous	<i>N</i>	an agreement between two or more persons to meet at a certain time and place.
reunion	<i>N</i>	the act of uniting again.

**Daily Life - Boxers and Briefs** (C0308)

A: Lily, I found a pair of men's boxers in the laundry machine this morning!

B: What?! That's weird. Are they your boyfriend's?

A: Nah, Kevin only wears briefs. Plus, this pair is extra small!

B: What do they look like?

A: They're light blue with thin pink stripes... Oh, and there's a Snoopy on it which is hilarious, hahah...

B: Those are my undies!

**Key Vocabulary**

boxers	<i>N</i>	loose-fitting under-shorts with an elastic waistband
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laundry	<i>N</i>	clothes that need to be washed
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briefs	<i>N</i>	close-fitting, legless underpants with an elastic waistband
hilarious	<i>A</i>	very amusing
undies	<i>N</i>	underwear (informal)

### Supplementary Vocabulary

bra	<i>N</i>	a woman's undergarment for supporting the breasts
iron	<i>N</i>	an appliance with a flat metal bottom, used when heated, as by electricity, to press or smooth clothes
maid	<i>N</i>	a female servant
washing machine	<i>N</i>	appliance for washing clothing

**Global View - Indian Food** (C0309)

A: So where is this mystery restaurant that we are going to?

B: It's an Indian restaurant! I know you have never had Indian food, so I thought you might want to try.

A: That sounds great! I am craving some type of beef dish.

B: Well, Indian cuisine actually doesn't serve beef. You see, cows are a sacred animal, a very important element in the Hindu religion, so beef is not eaten.

A: I see, so what are we having? Chicken?

B: There are many amazing dishes to choose from. We can have some chicken tikka masala which is an amazing curry. It's a bit spicy, but I think you can handle it.

A: Sounds good! I have always heard that Indian spices give a rich flavor to food.

B: Yeah. Also, we can have some Naan bread which is baked in a tandoori oven. Since you don't use any utensils to eat, you can use this bread to scoop up the curry or rice.

A: What about veggies?

B: They have a good variety of vegetable based dishes like palak paneer, vegetable samosas or Daal.

A: It all sounds exquisite! I can't wait!

### Key Vocabulary

mystery	<i>N</i>	mystery
Hindu	<i>N</i>	a person who adheres to the religion of Hinduism
cuisine	<i>N</i>	a style or quality of cooking
samosa	<i>N</i>	a stuffed pastry, triangular in shape.

daal	<i>N</i>	a meal containing lentils
exquisite	<i>A</i>	possessing qualities of unusual delicacy and fine
chicken tikka masala	<i>N</i>	Chicken marinated in yogurt and spices, served in
sacred	<i>A</i>	holy
craving	<i>V</i>	want something very much

### Supplementary Vocabulary

cricket	<i>N</i>	a game played by two teams of eleven players on a field with a wicket at either end of a 22-yard pitch
secret	<i>N</i>	done, made, or conducted without the knowledge of others
spiritual	<i>A</i>	of or pertaining to sacred things or matters



savory

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pleasant or agreeable in  
taste or smell

**The Office - Small Talk 2** (C0310)

James: So Michelle, let me introduce you to Maria. She's my colleague from Brazil. Maria, this is Michelle.

Maria: Hi Michelle. So what do you do here in Shanghai? I mean, what work do you do?

Michelle: I work in advertising right now. How about you?

Maria: I'm actually in the wine business.

Michelle: That sounds really great. I love wine myself! Is this your first time to Shanghai Maria?

Maria: No actually, I often visit. I usually come to China for business at least once a year. Also, I love the restaurants in Shanghai, so that's a good reason to come.

Michelle: Me too. Actually, there's a great Brazilian restaurant I recommend. I mean, the food is delicious but the service isn't so good. I often like to get together with friends and have a great barbecue there.

James: We should go together some time.

Michelle: Wonderful idea! I'd love that!

### Key Vocabulary

recommend	<i>V</i>	say something deserves to be chosen
service	<i>N</i>	an act of help or assistance
colleague	<i>N</i>	the person who works with you together
barbecue	<i>N</i>	a framework, as a grill or a spit, or a fireplace for cooking meat or vegetables over an open fire

introduce	<i>V</i>	to present (a person) to another so as to make acquainted.
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### Supplementary Vocabulary

acquaint	<i>V</i>	to become more or less familiar, aware of something
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advocate	<i>V</i>	to speak or write in favor of; support or urge by argument
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impression	<i>N</i>	a strong, favourable, or remarkable effect
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picnic	<i>N</i>	excursion or outing in which the people carry food with them and share a meal in the open air.
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