

# Common English Patterns: Part 4

Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

Here is the fourth installment of commonly used English patterns that will help you break away from basic English and help you sound more natural in your English speaking.

## 1.) I'm thinking about ~ / I feel like ~

**We use this English pattern to express something we are considering doing. Some variations include: "*I have been thinking about ~ a lot lately.*"**

a.) Have you decided what you will do after you graduate from university next month?

*I'm thinking about studying English abroad in Australia. I think it would be a life changing experience.*

b.) What's wrong you don't seem like yourself lately?

*I can't stop thinking about my final exam next week. I feel like I won't do well.*

c.) Have you decided what you want yet?

*I feel like we should split a pizza and a burger. What do you feel like having?*

## 2.) There's nothing I like better than~

**We use this English pattern to show what our favorite thing to do at a certain time or place is.**

a.) What will you do on your day off?

*You know me, there's nothing I like better than sleeping in and watching t.v. on a day off.*

b.) How are you and your girlfriend getting along?

*Lately, the two of us are fantastic. There is nothing we like better than spending time together exploring around the city.*

c.) Where's your sister and your mom?

*You know Korean women; there 's nothing they like better than spending the day window-shopping and browsing for the latest fashion.*

### 3.) Did you use to ~ ?

**We can use this pattern when we want to double-check something we are uncertain of. Another form of this patten is in the negative: "Didn't you use to ~"**

a.) You look really familiar, did you use to work at the bakery located at Sachong intersection in downtown Cheongju?

*As a matter of fact I did, but that was years ago.*

b.) You speak English really well. Did you use to live overseas?

*Actually, I spent several years living in Canada when I was in my teens. Thanks for noticing.*

c.) Hey Dan, didn't you use to drive a Honda? What did you think?

*Yes, I did. As a matter of fact my last two vehicles were both Honda's. One was a Civic and the other model was an Accord. I thought they were quite reliable and stylish.*

### 4.) As a matter of fact~

**We use this statement to give more information and details about something that was already said. We can also use this phrase if we have information that contrasts with what was already said.**

a.) Will you be coming to the wedding next week?

*Yes of course I wouldn't miss it for the world. As a matter of fact, I will be bringing my new girlfriend as well.*

b.) Have you met Jason? He is my Korean friend from Seoul.

*Nice to meet you, but as a matter of fact, I'm not from Seoul, I'm actually from a small city just South of Seoul called Cheongju.*

c.) You're going to Japan next week right?

*As a matter of fact I'm leaving tomorrow. I'll be sure to pick you up a souvenir.*

### Tips:

1.) Starting a statement with "as a matter of fact" is strange. We should only use this pattern when responding to a question or when we are correcting someone.

### Questions:

- 1.) Pattern #1: What do you feel like eating for lunch?
- 2.) Pattern #1: Where would you like to go for your next vacation?
- 3.) Pattern #2: What do you enjoy doing the most during the cold winter months in your country?
- 4.) Pattern #2: What would be the perfect meal for you?
- 5.) Pattern #2: What kind of woman are you attracted to?
- 6.) Pattern #3: Did you use to live in Seoul?
- 7.) Pattern #3: Didn't you use to study Chinese or is English the only language you've studied?
- 8.) Patter #4: Aren't you an Engineer for Samsung?
- 9.) Patter #4: haven't we met before?
- 10.) Patter #4: Busan is the capital city of South Korea right?

### Match:

Match the words from column 1 with the best-suited answer from column 2.

Column 1	Column 2
1.) life changing	a.) actually
2.) window shopping	b.) gift / memento
3.) as a matter of fact	c.) abroad
4.) souvenir	d.) wake up late
5.) quite	e.) trendy
6.) overseas	f.) altering
7.) sleeping in	g.) different
8.) latest fashion	h.) very
9.) contrast	i.) browsing

## Daily Expressions, Phrasal Verbs & Idioms:

- 1.) **"Life changing experience"**: An experience that results in changing the way someone looks at their own life.
- 2.) *"Living overseas can be quite life changing. Seeing how other people live and experiencing their culture first hand can really shape your personality. "*
- 2.) **"I wouldn't miss it for the world"**: This expression is used to show how important an upcoming event is to you.

*Of course I will go to my son's graduation. I wouldn't miss it for the world.*