

Daily Life Questions

Beginner:

1.) Am I going to see you this weekend?

*Unfortunately I'm **tied up** with work. How about we get together this weekend?*

2.) How long have you known _____ for?

Actually we have been friends for the past several years but have only become real close since we started working together at Hynix.

3.) Hey _____, good to see you. Do you think you can **make it** to the baby shower on Saturday?

*I'm actually looking forward to spending some time with you guys again so **I wouldn't miss it for the world**.*

4.) Hey _____, you haven't seen my phone have you?

*If I **recall** correctly you left it in your car. But, I could be mistaken.*

Intermediate:

1.) I was thinking about **throwing a party** for _____. It's going to be his birthday on Saturday. Any suggestions? The best I could come up with is chicken and beer at TGIF's.

*Umm. He's not really **big on** drinking. Have you considered something more **upscale**, perhaps a formal dinner at Ricardo's?*

2.) You went to Japan right? Was it expensive? What's a reasonable price for a trip for two to Kyoto, **Ballpark figure**?

*Actually, I didn't stay in Kyoto. But I heard it's about a **grand** per person, tops, if you stay away from **lavish** hotels.*

3.) Hey _____, is there anyway you could do me a favor and **cover** a shift **for me** on Friday?

I could do it for you if you return the favor when I need someone to cover for me. What time is your shift?

4.) I'm trying to get my girlfriend something nice for our one-year anniversary. I am clueless to what a woman wants, any ideas for a gift?

You can't go wrong with a bottle of perfume paired with chocolate. If you got the money and are serious take it to the next step and get her some jewelry.

Advanced:

1.) I was wondering if you would be interested in going for a drink sometime, just the two of us?

_____, do you really think it's a good idea? Both of us have the same circle of friends and work together. You're out of your mind.

2.) I've tried everything when it comes to finding a job. Could you give me some advice for getting a job in your field? What steps did you take?

To become an English teacher overseas, it's pretty simple. As long as you have a degree from a university along with a clean background check you can find a job easily.

3.) You look different since the last time I saw you, but I can't put my finger on it. What have you changed?

As a matter of fact, I've actually been on a strict diet and decided to update my wardrobe recently. I'm glad someone is finally noticing.

4.) I'm trying to get tickets to a K-POP concert in Seoul for my favorite artist. What's the best way of getting tickets? In America we often go through scalpers. Does South Korea have scalpers?

Good luck trying to get tickets to a K-POP concert. It's first come first serve through online websites.

Vocabulary:

- **"Tied up"**: Another way of saying "I'm busy." "I'm tied up with work so I won't make it home until after eight."
- **"Make it"**: To attend an event or date. Often used in the negative form. "I won't be able to make it to church this weekend since I am tied up with work. However, I'll see you next weekend for sure."
- **"I wouldn't miss it for the world"**: An expression meaning an upcoming event is very important. "I wouldn't miss your wedding for the world."
- **Recall**: To remember. "I'm sorry I can't recall your name."
- **"Throwing a party"**: Another way of saying "to have a party." "We will be throwing a party for Sung-Jin this weekend at his mother's house."
- **Upscale**: Related to the more expensive sector of the market. "The BMW is an upscale car manufacturing company."
- **"Big on"**: To like very much. "He is really big on golfing and summer sports."
- **"Ballpark figure"**: A rough numerical estimate or approximation. "A ballpark figure for a new apartment is about \$500,000 in downtown Toronto."
- **Grand**: When talking about money a grand is \$1000. "I wasted two grand on my girlfriend's handbag."
- **"Cover for me"**: To help someone avoid getting in trouble or helping him or her when they are in need. "I won't cover for your lies anymore!"
- **Clueless**: Having no knowledge, understanding or ability. "She is completely clueless when it comes to computers."
- **"Circle of friends"**: A close group of friends who usually do things as a group. "I still keep in touch with my circle of friends from college."
- **Field**: A particular branch of study or sphere of activity or interest. "I spoke to experts in the medical field and they agree that a cure for cancer is coming this decade." "I work in the field of education."
- **"I can't put my finger on it"**: When you know something is different or has changed but you aren't exactly sure. "She looks amazing these days, but I can't put my finger on exactly why!"
- **Wardrobe**: A person's entire collection of clothes. "She has an extensive wardrobe."
- **Scalpers**: A person who resells tickets for a large and quick profit. "If you can't find tickets just go to stadium and find some scalpers."

Daily Expressions & Idioms:

- 1.) **"I'm fed up"**: Something you are angry about.

"I'm fed up with my boss. He always makes me work weekends!"

2.) *"It's up to you"*: Giving the choice to someone else. Letting someone else decide.

"I can't decide where to eat, so I'll leave it up to you."

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