

Summary 12 (level 2)

Polite Noise: Checking in

Read the PN. There are key words in the column on the left. You have to reproduce the dialogue using the key words without looking at the text.

Listening

Have you ever had a time in your life when you had to make a very important decision? What was the decision? (choosing which university to go to after school, getting a first job, choosing who to marry, moving house, changing career, having children, deciding what to do when you retire, etc).

What/Who helped you to make this decision?

Ricardo has to make a difficult decision. Can you guess what kind of choice he has to make? We're going to listen to him talk to his friends about it.

1. Listen to Ricardo talking to his friends and put the verbs in brackets into correct forms.

2. Listen again and answer the questions.

Homework 12 (level 2)

1. Review 1 and 2 Conditional rules.

2. Memorize and practice Polite Noise #5.

3. What would you do in these situations?

1. What would you do if you came to Easy School and found your class in the school bathroom? _____

2. What would you do if you ran over (переехать на машине) a cat? _____

3. What would you do if you found \$200 on an empty bus late at night? _____

4. What would you do if your ex-boy/girlfriend wanted to come and stay with you for two days while your current partner is out of town? _____



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5. What would you do if someone in a shop gave you \$50 instead of \$5? _____
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6. What would you do if your teacher came into class with toothpaste on his/her nose? _____
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7. What would you do if you went to use your your friend's bathroom during a dinner party and found their 10 year-old son smoking inside? _____
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Answers:

- Ricardo: Guys, can I talk to you for a minute?
- Mark: Sure. What about?
- Ricardo: Well, I've got a bit of a problem.
- Juan: What is it? Are you all right?
- Ricardo: Yes, I'm fine, but I need your advice. You know I've just started dating Lisa. We've been going out for a few months, we do lots of fun things together, we never fight and I'm really enjoying spending time with her. I like her a lot, but...
- Mark: I was waiting for a but!
- Ricardo: Yes, you're right! But I also want to travel. I've already told you that Valentina and I are planning a trip across the USA. I've always dreamed of seeing the world!
- Juan: And you don't know what to choose. Is that it?
- Ricardo: Absolutely! Valentina wants me to break up with Lisa. She says that if I broke up with her, I **would be** (be) free. I **would meet** (meet) some amazing people and I **would have** (have) some awesome experiences.
- Mark: I agree!
- Ricardo: If I **decided** (decide) to leave, Valentina and I could go to Florida, California and we might even go to Alaska! That would be amazing!
- Juan: If you **leave** (leave) Lisa, it will break her heart!
- Ricardo: That's true!
- Juan: Besides, if you broke up with Lisa and then realized that you **wanted** (want) to be with her, what would you do?

- Ricardo: Exactly! That's the problem! If I **don't give** (not give) this relationship a chance, I'll regret (сожалеть) it for the rest of my life! This is my one big chance to find love!
- Mark: Hmm, but if your relationship with Lisa doesn't work, you **won't have** (not have) a chance to travel in the future! Right now, you're absolutely free, you don't have a job, you can go anywhere you like, and you have a great friend to travel with.
- Ricardo: Help me! What should I do?
- Mark: If I **were** (be) you, I would choose to travel. Break up with Lisa and then just disappear... You'll experience so many different cultures and visit so many beautiful places. You'll **meet** (meet) a lot of other hot girls, too!
- Juan: Well, I think you should stay here and try it with Lisa. If it doesn't work, it's not the end of the world. I'm sure you'll be very unhappy if you **break up** (break up) with her.

2. Listen again and answer the questions.

1. What is the problem? **Ricardo wants both to travel and to keep his relationship with Lisa**
2. What are the possible options? **Ricardo can either stay with Lisa or break up with her and travel**
3. What are the pros and cons of each option?

Stay with Lisa: pros: big chance to find love;

cons: won't be able to travel

Break up with Lisa: pros: Ricardo would be free; can travel; meet amazing people, experience different cultures, meet other girls; visit beautiful places

cons: It will break Lisa's heart, Ricardo will be unhappy

4. What do the friends advise? **Juan thinks Ricardo shouldn't break up with Lisa. Mark thinks Ricardo should travel.**