

Lesson 1: WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Hello.

Hi.

How are you?

I'm good. How are you?

Good. Do you speak English?

A little. Are you American?

Yes.

Where are you from?

I'm from California.

Nice to meet you.

Nice to meet you too.

Lesson 2: DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

Excuse me, are you American?

No.

Do you speak English?

A little, but not very well.

How long have you been here?

2 months.

What do you do for work?

I'm a student. How about you?

I'm a student too.

Lesson 3: WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Excuse me, what's your name?

My name is Jessica. What's yours?

John.

You speak English very well.

Thank you.

Do you know what time it is?

Sure. It's 5:10PM.

What did you say?

I said it's 5:10PM.

Thanks.

You're welcome.

Lesson 4: ASKING DIRECTIONS

Hi Michael.

Hi Amy. What's up?

I'm looking for the airport. Can you tell me how to get there?

No, sorry. I don't know.

I think I can take the subway to the airport. Do you know where the subway is?

Sure, it's over there.

Where? I don't see it.

Across the street.

Oh, I see it now. Thanks.

No problem.

Do you know if there's a restroom around here?

Yes, there's one here. It's in the store.

Thank you.

Bye.

Bye bye.

Lesson 5: I'M HUNGRY

Hi Sarah, how are you?

Fine, how are you doing?

OK.

What do you want to do?

I'm hungry. I'd like to eat something.

Where do you want to go?

I'd like to go to an Italian restaurant.

What kind of Italian food do you like?

I like spaghetti. Do you like spaghetti?

No, I don't, but I like pizza.

Lesson 6: DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?

David, would you like something to eat?

No, I'm full.

Do you want something to drink?

Yes, I'd like some coffee.

Sorry, I don't have any coffee.

That's OK. I'll have a glass of water.

A small glass, or a big one?

Small please.

Here you go.

Thanks.

You're welcome.

Lesson 7: THAT'S TOO LATE!

Mary, would you like to get something to eat with me?

OK. When?

At 10 O'clock.

10 in the morning?

No, at night.

Sorry, that's too late. I usually go to bed around 10:00PM.

OK, how about 1:30 PM?

No, that's too early. I'll still be at work then.

How about 5:00PM?

That's fine.

OK, see you then.

Alright. Bye.

Lesson 8: CHOOSING A TIME TO MEET

Jennifer, would you like to have dinner with me?

Yes. That would be nice. When do you want to go?

Is today OK?

Sorry, I can't go today.

How about tomorrow night?

Ok. What time?

Is 9:00PM all right?

I think that's too late.

Is 6:00PM OK?

Yes, that's good. Where would you like to go?

The Italian restaurant on 5th street.

Oh, I don't like that Restaurant. I don't want to go there.

How about the Korean restaurant next to it?

OK, I like that place.

Lesson 9: WHEN DO YOU WANT TO GO?

Hi Mark.

Hi.

What are you planning to do today?

I'm not sure yet.

Would you like to have lunch with me?

Yes. When?

Is 11:30AM OK?

Sorry, I didn't hear you. Can you say that again please?

I said, 11:30AM.

Oh, I'm busy then. Can we meet a little later?

OK, how about 12:30PM?

OK. Where?

How about Bill's Seafood Restaurant?

Oh, Where is that?

It's on 7th Street.

OK, I'll meet you there.

Lesson 10: ORDERING FOOD

Hello sir, welcome to the French Garden Restaurant. How many?

One.

Right this way. Please have a seat. Your waitress will be with you in a moment.

Hello sir, would you like to order now?

Yes please.

What would you like to drink?

What do you have?

We have bottled water, juice, and Coke.

I'll have a bottle of water please.

What would you like to eat?

I'll have a tuna fish sandwich and a bowl of vegetable soup.

Lesson 11: NOW OR LATER?

Chris, where are you going?

I'm going to the store. I need to buy something.

Really? I need to go to the store too.

Would you like to come with me?

Yeah, let's go together.

Would you like to go now or later?

Now.

What?

Now would be better.

OK, let's go.

Should we walk?

No, it's too far. Let's drive.

Lesson 12: DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY?

Laura, what are you going to do today?

I'm going shopping.

What time are you leaving?

I'm going to leave around 4 o'clock.

Will you buy a ham sandwich for me at the store?

OK.

Do you have enough money?

I'm not sure.

How much do you have?

25 dollars. Do you think that's enough?

That's not very much.

I think it's OK. I also have two credit cards.

Let me give you another ten dollars.

Thanks. See you later.

Bye.

Lesson 13: HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

Hello Richard.

Hi Karen. How have you been?

Not too good.

Why?

I'm sick.

Sorry to hear that.

It's OK. It's not serious.

That's good. How's your wife?

She's good.

Is she in America now?

No, she's not here yet.

Where is she?

She's in Canada with our kids.

I see. I have to go now. Please tell your wife I said hi.

OK, I'll talk to you later.

I hope you feel better.

Lesson 14: INTRODUCING A FRIEND

Robert, this is my friend, Mrs. Smith.

Hi, Nice to meet you.

Nice to meet you too.

Mrs. Smith, what do you do for work?

I'm a doctor.

Oh. Where do you work?

New York University hospital in New York City. What do you do?

I'm a teacher.

What do you teach?

I teach English.

Where?

At a high school in New Jersey.

That's nice. How old are you?

I'm 32.

Lesson 15: BUYING A SHIRT

Excuse me.

Hello sir, may I help you?

Yes. Can I see that shirt on the top shelf please?

Sure. Here it is.

How much does it cost?

50 dollars.

50 dollars. That's too much.

How about this one? It's on sale for only 35 dollars.

I don't like that one.

How about the one next to the black gloves? It's very similar to the one you like.

That's nice. How much is it?

30 dollars.

That'll be fine.

Is this color OK, or would you like a different color?

That blue one's fine.

Do you need any more of these shirts?

Yes.

How many do you want?

I'll take two more, a red one and a white one.

Lesson 16: ASKING ABOUT LOCATION

Excuse me, I'm looking for the Holiday Inn. Do you know where it is?

Sure. It's down this street on the left.

Is it far from here?

No, it's not far.

How far is it?

About a mile and a half.

How long does it take to get there?

5 minutes or so.

Is it close to the subway station?

Yes, it's very close. The subway station is next to the hotel. You can walk there.

Thanks a lot.

Lesson 17: DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS?

Excuse me. Do you know how to get to the mall?

Sure, I used to work there. Go straight for about a mile, then turn left at the light.
The mall will be on the right.

Do you know the address?

Yes, the address is 541 Main street.

Can you write it down for me please?

No problem.

Is it faster if I take Highland avenue?

No, that way is longer. There are more stop lights on that street.

I think you're right. Thank you.

Lesson 18: VACATION TO CANADA

What's today's date?

It's July 5th.

When are you going on vacation?

I'm leaving on Sunday. We're going to Canada.

Really? The day after tomorrow? That's very soon.

Yeah I know.

How long are you going to stay there?

About 2 weeks.

When are you coming back?

I'm coming back on the 17th.

Alright. Have a nice trip.

Lesson 19: WHO IS THAT WOMAN?

Joseph, who is that woman?

That's Susan.

What does she do for work?

She's a lawyer.

Is she American?

No, but she speaks English fluently.

She's really tall. Do you know her?

Yes, I know her. We're friends.

Who's that man standing next to her?

Which man?

That short guy on her right. What's his name?

Oh, that's Matt.

He's really good looking.

Yeah.

Do you know him?

I don't know him, but I think my sister does.

Is he married?

Yes, he's married.

I remember now. I met him before.

Lesson 20: COMMON QUESTIONS

Brian, do you know how to speak English?

Yes.

Where did you learn?

I learned in college.

You speak really well.

Thank you.

How long have you been in the US?

3 weeks.

Is your wife with you?

Yes, she just got here yesterday.

Have you been to California before?

No. I've never been there.

Have you ever been to Las Vegas?

Yes. I went there once on a business trip.

Lesson 21: THE SUPERMARKET IS CLOSED

Jeff, I'm going to the supermarket. Do you want to come with me?

I think the supermarket is closed now.

Oh, When does it close?

It closes at 7:00 on Sundays.

That's too bad.

Don't worry, we can go tomorrow morning. It opens at 8:00.

Alright. What do you want to do now?

Lets take a walk for a half an hour. My sister will get here at about 8:30PM and then we can all go out to dinner.

Where does she live?

She lives in San Francisco.

How long has she lived there?

I think she's lived there for about 10 years.

That's a long time. Where did she live before that?

San Diego.

Lesson 22: DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

Charles, do you have any children?

Yes.

How many children do you have?

I have two kids. A boy and a girl.

What are their names?

Jack and Stephanie.

How old are they?

Stephanie is 18 and Jack is 24.

Are they in school?

Stephanie is. She goes to college in Washington and Jack works in Florida.

What does Stephanie study?

She studies English.

Is she here now?

No, she's at school.

Lesson 23: HELP WITH PRONUNCIATION

William, do you like studying English?

I like studying English, and I can read well, but speaking can be difficult.

It's not that bad. If you talk to your American friends every day, you'll learn quickly.

Can I ask you a question?

Sure, what do you want to know?

I have my book from class here. How do you say this word?

'Laptop'

Sorry, I don't understand. What does that mean?

A laptop is a type of computer that you can carry with you. Do you understand?

Yes, I think so. Can you say it again?

'Laptop'.

'Laptop'. Did I pronounce that correctly?

Yes, that's right. That's very good.

Thanks. And this word? How do you pronounce this?

That word is pronounced 'kitchen'.

Thanks so much. You're a good teacher.

Thanks.

Lesson 24: I LOST MY WALLET

Hey, How's it going?

Not good. I lost my wallet.

Oh, that's too bad. Was it stolen?

No, I think it came out of my pocket when I was in the taxi.

Is there anything I can do?

Can I borrow some money?

Sure, how much do you need?

About 50 dollars.

That's no problem.

Thanks. I'll pay you back on Friday.

That'll be fine. Here you are.

What are you going to do now?

I'm going to buy some books and then I'm going to the gas station.

If you wait a minute I can go with you.

OK. I'll wait for you.

Lesson 25: PHONE CALL AT WORK

Hello?

Hi, is James there please?

Yes. Who's calling?

Linda.

One moment please.

OK.

Hello?

Hi James, it's Linda.

Hi Linda.

What are you doing now?

I'm working.

Are you busy?

Yes. It's been really busy here all day.

What time do you get off (of) work?

8:30PM

I'll call you back after 8:30PM

OK. Talk to you later.

Bye bye.

Lesson 26: FAMILY TRIP

David, what have you been up to lately?

I went on a trip with my family last week.

Really? Where did you go?

We went to Europe.

What cities did you go to?

London, Paris and a few other smaller cities.

Did you go to Berlin?

No, We didn't go there. I'd like to go there next time.

I think the summer is a good time to visit Berlin. It's a beautiful place and the people there are very nice.

That's what I've heard.

I went there last year. If you want, I can give you some information I have about the city.

Thanks.

Lesson 27: I WENT SHOPPING

Sarah, what did you do today?

I went shopping.

Did you buy anything?

Yes, I bought a few things.

What did you buy?

I bought this coat. Do you like it?

Yeah, I like it a lot. It's very pretty. Where did you buy it?

At the mall on 5th street.

Was it expensive?

No, it wasn't expensive. It was on sale for 20 dollars.

That's cheap.

I know. It was a really good deal.

I don't think you'll need to wear it for a while. It's been really hot lately.

Lesson 28: WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE?

Paul, what kind of music do you like to listen to?

All kinds, but mostly Pop, rock and classical. Why?

I have tickets to a show. Do you want to go with me?

What kind of music is it?

Pop. It's Mariah Carey.

When is it?

At 8PM tomorrow night.

Yeah, I'd like to go. Do you think we should have dinner first?

Yes, that's a good idea.

Let's eat at the restaurant across the street from my apartment.

Oh, I think I know the place you mean. We ate there last month, right?

Yes, that's right. You have a good memory.

Lesson 29: GOING TO THE LIBRARY

Lisa, would you like to go to the library with me?

OK. Do you think we can go buy a newspaper first?

Sure. First we'll go buy a newspaper and then we'll go to the library.

Are we going to walk or drive?

The weather is really nice today. Let's walk.

The weather is good now, but I think it's suppose to rain this afternoon.

Alright, then let's take an umbrella. Is your brother coming with us?

No, he's still sleeping.

Wow, it's already 10:00AM. He must have been up late last night.

Yeah, he didn't come home until 12:00AM.

I hope he can come later.

I hope so too. I'll give him a call when we get there.

How do we get to the library from here?

It's straight down this road on the left, next to the museum. It takes about 10 minutes.

Lesson 30: WHERE DO YOUR PARENTS LIVE?

Hi Melissa, are you going home this weekend?

No, not this weekend. I have too much work to do.

Where do your parents live?

My father lives in Washington DC.

How about your mother?

My mother died two years ago.

Oh, I am sorry to hear that. Is your father still working?

No, he's retired.

Do you have any family here?

Yes, two of my cousins live here and my aunt and uncle live about 30 miles from here.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Yes, I have two brothers who live in New York and a sister who lives in Boston.

Do you see them a lot?

Not as much as I'd like to. Usually just on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Lesson 31: CAN YOU HELP ME FIND A FEW THINGS?

I can't find my glasses & I can't see anything. Can you help me find a few things?

No problem. What are you looking for?

My laptop, do you see it?

Yes, your laptop is on the chair.

Where's my book?

Which one?

The dictionary.

It's under the table.

Where's my pencil?

There's a pencil in front of the lamp.

That's not a pencil. That's a pen.

Oh, sorry. There is a pencil behind the cup.

How about my backpack? Do you know where that is?

It's in between the wall and the bed.

Where are my shoes?

They're on the left side of the TV.

I don't see them.

Sorry, I made a mistake. They're on the right side of the TV.

Thanks.

Oh, and here are your glasses. They were next to your cell phone.

Lesson 32: PAYING FOR DINNER

Excuse me. Check please.

OK, how was everything?

Very nice. Thank you.

Would you like this to-go?

Yes, can you put it in a plastic bag?

Sure, no problem. Here you are. That'll be 25 dollars.

Do you take credit cards?

Yes, we accept Visa and MasterCard.

OK, here you are.

Thanks. I'll be right back.

OK.

Here's your receipt.

Thank you.

You're welcome. Please come again.

Lesson 33: BUYING A PLANE TICKET

Next please. Hello. How can I help you?

I'd like to buy a ticket to New York.

Would you like one way or round trip?

Round trip.

When will you be leaving?

When does the next plane leave?

In about 2 hours.

I'd like a ticket for that flight please.

First class or coach?

Coach. OK, let me check availability. I'm sorry. Tickets for that flight are sold out.

How about the one after that?

Let me see. Yes, that one still has seats available. Would you like me to reserve a seat for you?

Yes, please.

That'll be 120 dollars.

OK.

Thank you, here's your change.

Lesson 34: PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER

Michelle, Can you help me clean things up before we go?

Sure. Where should I put this cup?

Which cup?

The red one.

Put it on top of the table.

How about this fruit?

Oh, that goes in the refrigerator.

And those pencils? What should I do with them?

Bring those upstairs and put them in the bedroom.

How about this pen?

Give it to me. I need to use it.

What do you want me to do with that paper over there?

You can throw that away. I don't need it anymore.

The trash is full.

Alright, then please put it in a bag and take it outside.

OK. Now what?

I think we're finished. Can you please turn off the lights and shut the door?

Sure.

Lesson 35 – AT THE RESTAURANT

This looks like a nice restaurant.

Yeah, it is. I come here all the time.

Let's sit over there.

OK.

Can you pass me a menu please.

Sure. What are you going to have to drink?

I'm going to have a glass of beer. How about you?

I think I'll have a glass of wine.

Do you want to order an appetizer first?

Not really, maybe we can just order some bread.

OK. What are you going to have to eat?

I'm not sure. I haven't decided yet. Can you recommend something?

Sure, I've had the steak and the lobster before. They're both very good.

I think I'll have the lobster. What are you going to have?

I'm not that hungry. I think I'm just going to have a salad.

I'm gonna go to the bathroom. When the waitress comes back, will you order for me?

Sure. No problem.

Lesson 36: I NEED TO DO LAUNDRY

Hi Anna, come in.

Wow, your apartment is a mess.

I know, I didn't have time to put things away before you got here.

Look! Are those all your clothes on the couch?

Yes.

Are they clean?

Actually most of them are dirty. I haven't done laundry in a while. I usually wait until I can do it at my parent's house.

My sister and I usually go to the laundromat down the street. Why don't you go there?

I know I should, but that place isn't very convenient. You have to wait for a long time.

Yes I know. I have to do it every week. Anyway, are you ready to go?

No I'm not ready yet. I still have to brush my teeth and wash my face. Can you wait for a few minutes?

OK, but please hurry. I think the restaurant is closing soon.

Lesson 37: FINDING A CONVENIENCE STORE

Pam, where's the closest ATM?

It's not that far. Do you see that Yellow building over there?

The big one or the small one?

The big one.

Yes.

It's right next to it, on the right.

Do you know if there's a convenience store around here?

I don't think there's one around here. The closest one is on 3rd street, but that's probably closed now.

I really need to get some things before I leave.

Well, you could go down to 22nd street. There are a lot of stores down there that are open 24 hours a day.

Can I take the subway to get there?

Yes, but that'll probably take about half an hour. You should just take a cab.

Won't that be expensive?

No, from here I think it's only about 5 dollars.

Lesson 38: GEOGRAPHY AND DIRECTION

Professor, where's Canada?

Canada is north of here.

Can you show me on the map?

Sure. Look here. Canada is north of the United States.

Oh, I see. Where's Mexico?

Mexico is south of the United States.

How about Connecticut? Where's that?

Connecticut is east of New York.

What state is west of Pennsylvania?

Ohio.

OK, Where's Los Angeles?

Los Angeles is in California. It's southeast of San Francisco.

Where's Boston.

Boston is in the northeast part of the country.

Where is Las Vegas?

Las Vegas is in the southwest.

Lesson 39: I ATE AT THE HOTEL

Hi Maria, did you have breakfast yet?

Yes, I ate at the hotel with my son and my husband.

Oh, they have good food there. What did you have?

I had some cereal, fried eggs and orange juice.

How was it?

The food didn't taste very good, and actually I don't feel very well now.

That's too bad. Do you want to take a break?

No, I'm going to go back to the hotel at lunch time to lie down.

OK. I'm going to the drug store later. Is there anything I can get for you?

No, that's OK. I think if I rest for a little while, I'll feel better.

Lesson 40: GOING TO THE MOVIES

Ann, what do you want to do tonight?

I'd like to go see a movie.

I heard Titanic is playing at the movie theater.

Oh, I've heard that's a good movie. What time does it start?

6:30PM. It's a long movie. I think it lasts for about 3 hours.

Will you come and pick me up?

What time?

I think we should get there early because they might be sold out. Is 5:00PM OK?

Yes, that'll be fine. I'll meet you at your house at 5:00PM.

Do you want to get something to eat before the movie?

I'm not sure there will be enough time for that. We can have popcorn and hot dogs at the theater if you want.

I don't like the popcorn they have there. I think they put too much salt on it.

OK then, I'll pick you up a little earlier and we can go to the Thai restaurant next to the theater, is that OK?

Yes, I like that place.

Lesson 41: THE FOOD TASTES GREAT

How do you like the food?

It tastes really great. Did you cook it?

Yes. I made it this afternoon. Would you like some more?

OK, just a little though. I'm really full.

Oh. Would you like some soup instead?

What kind is it?

Tomato and rice. Have you had that before?

No. This is my first time. How does it taste?

It's good, try it. What do you think?

Wow. It is good. Did you make that also?

Yes.

You're a really good cook.

Thanks, next time I'll make chicken soup for us.

That sounds good. Did you study cooking in school?

No, I learned by myself. I have a good cook book that I read when I have time.

Lesson 42: HELPING A FRIEND MOVE

Kelly, will you help me take these things to the car?

OK, which car do you want me to put them in?

Bring them to my wife's car.

Which one is hers?

The blue SUV in front of the Honda.

What should I take first?

That chair over there, but please be careful with it. It was a gift from my mother-in-law.

Don't worry, I won't drop it. Wow, it's really heavy. I don't think I can move it by myself.

Let me help you with that. I don't want you to hurt your back.

Where are you taking all this stuff?

Didn't I tell you? We're moving to Florida?

You're moving now? I knew you were moving, but I thought you said you were moving next month.

Yes, that's true, but my wife found a new apartment on the Internet the other day and she wants to move right away.

Lesson 43: VISITING FAMILY

Judy, your husband has a really nice car.

Thanks. It's a lot better than mine, and it's new.

Where are you going?

We're going to visit my sister in the city.

I didn't know your sister lives in the city, when did she move there?

About a year ago. She lives in an apartment on 3rd street, across from the public library.

I see. It's almost 5:00 PM now, don't you think there will be a lot of traffic?

Oh, we're not driving. We're going to take the subway. The subway only takes about 20 minutes.

Yes, but it can be very crowded around this time. I always feel uncomfortable taking the subway.

I take the subway to work everyday, so I'm used to it now.

Doesn't your mother live in the city?

Yes, she's lived there for about ten years.

I remember when she moved there. Apartments were a lot cheaper then.

I know what you mean. It's hard to find anything that's reasonable now.

Have a good time. Next time you're free, give me a call and we'll go play poker.

See you later.

Lesson 44: LOOKING AT VACATION PICTURES

Jim, I heard you took a trip to San Diego. Is that right?

Yeah, I just got back this morning.

That sounds really nice. What did you do there?

Well, we were only there for three days, so we didn't do too much. We went shopping and went out to dinner a few times. At night we walked around the city with some friends.

Did you take any pictures?

Yes, I have them with me. Do you want to look at them?

Sure, I love looking at photos.

This one is of my wife and me on the beach, and this one is our daughter Emily standing next to my wife.

Your daughter looks like her mother.

I know, they look very similar.

Where was this picture taken?

That was taken at the train station before we left.

Did you have time to go to the zoo?

No, not this time. We went there last time.

It looks like you all had a nice time.

Yeah, it was a lot of fun.

Lesson 45: ORDERING FLOWERS

Good afternoon, how may I help you?

Hi, I'd like to order some flowers.

Who are they for?

They're for my Wife. Her name is Samantha.

What kind of flowers would you like?

I don't know. I don't know too much about flowers. Can you recommend something?

OK. What's the reason you are sending her flowers?

Today's her birthday and she told me she wants me to buy her flowers.

Do you know what kind of flowers she likes?

I'm not sure. I know I should know that, but I can't remember right now.

Well, they're for your wife, so I think you should give her roses.

Roses will be fine.

What color?

I think red would be nice.

Do you want to pick them up or should we deliver them?

Can you deliver them please?

What's the address?

241 Main street.

Alright, they'll be there within 2 hours.

Lesson 46: LEAVING A MESSAGE

Hello?

Hi, is Heather there please?

Sorry, I think you have the wrong number.

Is this 617-228-2289?

Yes. Who are you looking for again?

Heather Johnson.

Oh, I thought you said Laura. Sorry about that. This is the right number, but Heather's not here right now.

Do you know where she went?

She went to the store to buy some groceries. Would you like to leave a message?

Yes, would you please tell her Eric Martin called?

Hi Eric, this is her roommate Kathy. I met you a couple months ago at the Christmas party.

Oh, yes. How are you?

Good. Heather will be back in about 20 minutes. I'll tell her you called.

OK. Thanks.

Bye bye.

Lesson 47: TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

Hello?

Hi Tina, It's Joe.

Hi Joe.

How's the weather there today?

It's really cold. It snowed all day and the schools closed early.

What's the temperature?

It's 30 degrees now. It was even colder this morning.

Have you heard what the weather is going to be like tomorrow?

I was watching the news a little earlier. They said it's probably going to snowtomorrow.

I really don't like the winter. I wish it were summer.

Me too. How's the weather where you are?

It's not too bad, but it's pretty cold here too. It was about 45 today and it rained this afternoon. I heard it's going to be a little warmer tomorrow.

Lesson 48: MAKING PLANS

It's almost Christmas. What are you doing this weekend?

Nothing special, just working. Why do you ask?

Well, I still haven't finished my Christmas shopping. Do you want to go shopping with me this weekend?

I'd like to, but I'm not sure if I can. Work has been really busy lately. Why don't we go on Friday instead?

Friday's not good. I think the stores will be very crowded and I have to work.

OK, then let's try to go this weekend. I should know if I can go by Friday. Is it OK if I call you then?

Yeah, that's fine.

What's your number?

233-331-8828. Let me give you my email address too. It's sara@gmail.com

OK, I'll talk to you soon.

OK.

Lesson 49: MEETING A FRIEND

Hello?

Hi Vicky.

Are you there yet?

Yes.

I just got off the subway. I'm almost there. Sorry I'm late.

That's no problem. I just wanted to tell you I'm inside.

Where are you?

On the second floor.

Should I come to the second floor or do you want to come to the first floor?

Come upstairs.

What?

Oh, Can you hear me OK? I said, come to the second floor.

Oh, OK. What are you doing there?

Just looking at some books on how to learn English.

Do you want to get something to eat later?

No, I'm still full from dinner.

What do you want to do?

I don't know for sure. When you get here we'll talk about it.

OK, see you soon.

Bye.

Lesson 50: I'M A STUDENT

Craig, what do you do for work?

I'm still a student.

What school do you go to?

BostonUniversity.

That's a good school. What do you study?

I'm studying english, math, and history. My major is english.

How long have you been studying english?

More than six years.

That's a long time.

Yeah, I started to learn english when I was in high school.

No wonder your english is so good.

Actually, it's not that good. I can read but I can't speak very well. I haven't had a lot of chance to practice.

I see. Talking with other people is very important.

Yes, but I still don't have many friends here yet.

I'm having a party tonight at my apartment. You should come.

Oh thanks for inviting me. I'd love to come.

Lesson 51: STUDYING FOR EXAMS

Hi Kim.

Hey Shawn, good to see you again.

How have you been?

OK, I didn't sleep much last night though. I stayed up until 2AM studying for an exam.

I was up late last night too. The semester is almost over. I've had exams all week.

Are you going back to California after you graduate?

I think so. After I graduate I'll probably go back home and try to get a job.

Do you know where you'd like to work?

Not yet, but I want to be an english translator.

That'd be really cool. I'd like to be a translator too, but I don't think my english is good enough.

Don't worry about that. Your english is better than most of my classmates.

Thanks. Where are you going now?

I'm going to study at the library. I have to take an exam tomorrow.

Me too. How late does the library stay open?

I think it's open until 11:30PM.

OK, Good luck.

You too.

Lesson 52: DID YOU GET MY MESSAGE?

Hello?

Hi Angela, it's Dan.

Hi Dan. How are you?

Good.

I called you yesterday. Did you get my message?

Yes, I was taking a shower when you called. I saw that you called and I tried to call you back, but I think your phone was off.

No problem. I wanted to remind you that my friend is getting married next week. You're still coming to the wedding with me, right?

Oh, is that next week?

Yes. Did you forget?

No, of course not. I already bought them a present.

That's good. I want to invite Megan also. Next time you see her, can you tell her for me.

Sure. Does she know your friend?

Yes, I think they might have gone to the same college or something like that. I'm not exactly sure how they know each other.

Are we all going to drive together?

Yes. I'll pick you up first, and then we'll go get Megan.

Lesson 53: MAKING A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

Hi, I'd like to see the doctor, please.

Do you have an appointment?

No.

When would you like an appointment?

Is today possible?

Yes. Today is fine. What time would you like?

As soon as possible. My stomach really hurts.

Please wait a moment. I'll see if the doctor is available.

OK.

Sorry, he's with a patient right now. It's probably going to be about another 30 minutes. Would you mind waiting a little longer?

No problem.

May I see your insurance card please?

Here you are.

Thanks. That's going to be 25 dollars for today's visit.

Really? I didn't think it would be that much.

I know how you feel.

I'll pay with cash.

Thank you.

Would you please turn on the heat? It's really cold in here.

It is cold in here, isn't it? I'll take care of that in a moment. Please have a seat and fill out these forms. Bring them back to me when you're done.

Lesson 54: MAIL

Hey Jane, did you get the mail yet?

Yes. I picked it up this morning. There were a few bills and a letter from my mother. There was also a lot of junk mail.

Was there anything for me?

I don't remember, let me check. Yes, it looks like there's something here for you.

Who's it from?

The American Embassy.

My hands are dirty. Will you open it for me?

What does it say?

It says your passport is ready. You can pick it up anytime.

Do you think you can drive me there?

Sure, when?

I think we should go get it now. I'm going to wash my hands and then we'll go. Is that OK?

Lesson 55: I HAVE A COLD

How are you feeling?

I still have a cold.

Still? It's been over a week now, hasn't it?

Yeah, its been a while. I started feeling this way last Monday.

Are you feeling any better?

A little. I took some medicine this morning and I feel a little better now.

What's wrong?

I have a bad cough.

Did you go see the doctor yet?

Not yet, I might go tomorrow.

I'm going to the drug store now, can I get you anything?

Yes, if it's not too much trouble, would you get me some tissues.

Sure. Anything else?

No, that's it.

OK, I'll be back in about an hour. If you think of anything else you need, give me acall.

Thanks.

Lesson 56: DINNER INVITATION

Hi James, it's good to see you again.

Hi Barbara.

Are you here for work?

Yes.

Is Steve with you?

No, I'm here alone. Steve couldn't come this time.

How long will you be staying?

4 days. I'm going back on Friday.

My brother and I are getting together for dinner. Do you want to come with us?

Yeah, that would be nice. I have a meeting in an hour. I can meet you afterwards, if that's OK. The meeting shouldn't last long.

That's fine. Who is your meeting with?

The Boston Insurance Company. I'll call you when it's over.

OK.

Can I use your phone? I left mine in the car and I want to call them to get directions.

Sure, here you go.

Lesson 57: SEND ME THE DIRECTION

Hello?

Hi Frank, it's Pam.

Hey Pam, what's up?

Not much. Where are you?

I'm in the car driving home.

When you get home, will you send me an email with directions to the party tonight?

Sure, no problem.

When do you think you'll get home?

I don't know, maybe in about 30 minutes or so. There's a lot of traffic.

I have to go out soon. Can you just send me a text message with the address instead.

OK, I'll do that as soon as I get home.

Thanks a lot. Drive carefully.

OK, I'll see you tonight.

Bye.

Lesson 58: BAD CELLPHONE RECEPTION

Hello?

Hi Sharon, it's George again. What time do you think you'll get to the party tonight?

Sorry, what did you say?

Hello, can you hear me? I said what time do you think you'll be getting to the party?

Sorry, I can't hear you.

Can you hear me now?

No, not very clearly. It's really noisy here.

It might be my cell phone, I don't think I have very good reception.

Oh, that's OK.

Can I call you right back?

OK.

Lesson 59: GOING TO THE GYM

Ed, what should we do today?

I have been studying all week. I'd like to exercise.

Me too. Let's go to the gym.

Good idea. What are we going to do there?

We can lift weights or play basketball.

I like to play basketball. Are you good at it?

Not really, but I like to play. I use to play a lot when I was in school, but now there's no time.

I know what you mean. I used to play soccer a lot. Do you think we can play soccer there?

No, there's not enough room. I think it's better if we play outside.

OK, maybe we can go play soccer later this afternoon.

It's too cold outside today. Let's wait until the weather gets a little warmer.

OK.

Lesson 60: CAR ACCIDENT

Anthony, are you OK?

I'm OK now, but I got into an car accident this morning.

Were you hurt?

No, but my neck is still a little sore.

What happened?

I wasn't paying attention and I hit a car that stopped in front of me.

Were the people in the other car all right?

Yes, they're fine. I wasn't going very fast.

Were you wearing a seatbelt?

Yes.

Did the police come?

Yeah, I called them on my cell phone right after it happened.

Do you want me to drive you home?

No, I need to go get my car fixed this afternoon.

Lesson 61: DOCTOR'S VISIT

Hello Mrs. Wilson.

Hi Doctor.

How are you feeling?

I don't feel good.

What's bothering you?

I have a stomachache and a headache.

Where does it hurt?

Here.

Do you have a fever?

No, I don't think so.

OK. Let me look at your throat. Open your mouth. Your throat's red. Does it hurt?

Yes. It's sore.

When did it start to feel this way?

Last week.

I think you have a virus. It might be the flu. I'm going to give you a prescription for some medicine.

Thank you.

Try to get some rest, and be sure to drink lots of water and orange juice.

Lesson 62: MAKING A HOTEL RESERVATION

Hello, Marriott Hotel, how may I help you?

Hi. I'd like to make a reservation.

Just a moment. OK, for what date?

July 25th.

How many nights will you be staying?

2 nights. What's the room rate?

75 dollars a night plus tax. Would you like me to reserve a room for you?

Yes please.

Your name?

NancyAnderson.

Miss Anderson, how will you be paying?

Visa.

Card number please.

4198 2289 3388 228.

Expiration date?

Jan 9, 2012

OK, You're all set. We'll see you on the 25th.

Lesson 63: I CHANGED MY MIND

Kevin, what would you like to do?

I don't know. Maybe watch TV.

That's a good idea. We're going shopping later so I think you should rest for awhile.

I don't think I want to go anymore.

What do you mean? I thought you said we were going shopping.

I know, but I changed my mind. I'm too tired.

Well, I still have a lot of stuff to buy. When do you think we'll go?

Maybe tonight.

OK, would you mind if I use your phone?

Sorry I don't have signal.

Are you kidding? I usually have really good reception here.

My phone is very old and it doesn't work very well.

What if I take it outside?

Yes, that's fine. It works well outside.

Lesson 64: DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME?

Andrew, would you like to play a game?

OK, what kind of game?

Let's play cards. Do you know how to play Blackjack?

Yes, that's an easy game. I don't want to play that right now.

OK, Do you remember how to play poker?

I think so, but you're going to have to explain the rules to me again.

OK. Look at this piece of paper. It has all the rules on it.

OK, yes. I remember now. I think the last time we played this game, you won and I lost.

Yes, that was fun.

OK, let's play, but this time I don't want to bet money.

OK, we won't bet. We'll just play for fun.

Lesson 65: BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Angela, come in.

Happy Birthday!

Thanks. I can't believe you remembered that.

Well, I have a calendar in my computer. It helps me remember things like that.

What are you up to?

I'm reading a book my cousin gave me for my birthday.

Let me see. Oh, I have this book at home. I want to give you a present too.

Wow, it's a guitar. I already have one, but I like this one better. Thank you.

You're welcome. Do you know how to play the guitar?

Yeah, I know how to play. My father taught me when I was young.

Will you play it now? I want to listen to some music.

OK. Do you know this one?

Yeah, I've heard that one. I could sing that song when I was in middle school.

It's an old one. It makes me feel old. When I was in college they use to play it on the radio all the time.

Lesson 66: CHECKING INTO A HOTEL

Good evening.

Hi. Do you have any vacancies tonight?

Yes. The rate is 55 dollars.

Do the rooms have internet access?

We have wireless. If you have a computer you can use the wireless network for an additional 5 dollars.

OK, I'd like a room please.

Would you like a smoking or a non-smoking room?

Non-smoking.

How will you be paying?

Visa. Here you are.

How many people?

Two.

Would you like a king size bed or two double beds?

King size please.

You're in room 237. It's on the second floor. Here's your key. Sign here please.

What time is checkout?

11:30AM

Lesson 67: SENDING A PACKAGE

Hello, how may I help you?

I'd like to send this package to California.

Would you like to send it overnight or by regular mail?

How much is it to send it overnight?

20 dollars

And by regular mail?

12 dollars.

I'd like it to get there tomorrow.

Please fill out this form. When you're finished, come back to this window.

OK, I think I'm done, is this correct?

Yes, that's right.

I'd also like to mail this letter.

Do you need to buy stamps?

Yes.

A book of stamps costs 3 dollars. So that'll be 23 dollars for everything.

Oh, I forgot my wallet in the car. I'll be right back.

Lesson 68: I HAVE ALLERGIES

Patrick, why didn't you call me last night? I was worried about you.

Sorry, I was sick. I went to bed early.

What's wrong?

I had a cough and my eyes were really dry.

Are you better now?

Yes, I'm feeling a lot better. Much better than yesterday.

Do you have allergies?

Yes. Last time I went to the doctor, he did some tests and told me I have allergies.
It gets worse in the spring.

What time did you wake up this morning?

Around 9:30AM.

Are you going to work today?

No. I think I'll just stay home and watch TV. I can work from home today.

Good. Get some rest and I'll bring over some food later.

Thanks.

Lesson 69: JOSH WORKS AT A SOFTWARE COMPANY

Hi Rachel!

Hi Josh! It's been a long time. Where are you working now?

I work at a software company downtown. I'm an engineer.

That's interesting. What kind of software do you write?

It's a database for small businesses.

Does your company have a website?

Yes.

What's the website address?

<http://www.sun.com>

How can I get the software?

You can download it from the website. It's very popular and it's free.

OK, I'll do that. I have to go now. It was really nice seeing you again.

It was nice seeing you too. Email me next week and we'll get together for coffee.

My computer is broken so I can't send email right now. Can I call you?

Sure, my number is 233-288-2328.

Lesson 70: LISTENING TO MUSIC

What are you listening to?

I'm listening to the radio.

I know that. Who are they playing?

Guess.

I think that's the Beatles, right?

That's right. How did you know that?

In my country everyone knows who they are. They're famous.

Really?

Of course. My parents saw them at a concert a long time ago.

Did you know that they're from England?

Yes, of course.

What kind of music do you usually listen to?

I listen to everything, but my favorite is Pop.

I see. Who's your favorite singer?

Celine Dion.

I like her too. She's got a great voice.

Lesson 71: TAKING A TAXI

Hello Miss, do you need a taxi?

Yes.

Do you have any luggage?

Just these two suitcases.

OK, I'll put them in the back for you. Where are you going?

The Comfort Inn.

I think there are two in Boston. Which one are you going to?

The one downtown.

Is this your first time in Boston?

No. I've been here many times. I come here for work all the time. Do you know how long it'll take?

It shouldn't take long. Probably about 15 minutes.

Wow, it looks like the traffic is really bad.

Yeah, there might be an accident up ahead.

OK, then stop at the next intersection. I'm gonna get out there and take the subway.

Lesson 72: WE'RE NOT LOST

Are you hungry?

No, why?

We've been driving for a long time. I think we'd better find some place to eat soon.

No, I'm OK. We're late so we'd better not stop.

We've passed that same store three times already. I think we're lost. We should ask someone for directions.

We're not lost.

I've never gone this way before. Do you know where you're going?

Yes, this road goes through town. It's faster than the highway.

OK. Would you mind driving a little slower please?

Sure, no problem.

Did you see that sign back there? I think this is a one way street.

No, I didn't see it. I'm going to have to turn around.

You can't turn around here. I think you should let me drive.

I think you're right. I'm getting tired.

Lesson 73: HELP ME FIND MY PURSE

Adam, can you do me a favor?

Sure.

I can't find my purse. Can you help me?

No problem, I'll help you look for it.

Thanks.

What color is it?

It's black.

Did you look in the kitchen?

Yes, I already looked there.

I'll look in the living room.

Did you find it?

No. It's not in there. When was the last time you saw it?

I had it when I went to the library this morning.

Do you think you might have left it there?

Maybe. I'll call the library and ask them if anyone found it.

Wait! Is this it?

Yes, That's it. That's my purse. Thanks for helping me find it.

Lesson 74: TAKING PICTURES

Excuse me, sir, will you take a picture of us?

Sure. This is a really nice camera.

Thanks, my parents gave it to me.

How do you use it?

You press this button here.

Come a little closer. Wait, that's too close. Move a little to the left. Move back a little farther. OK, stay right there.

Do you mean here?

Yes, that's good. Oh, I can't get it to work.

You need to hold down the button for about 3 seconds.

OK I got it, are you ready?

Yes.

Smile.

Lesson 75: I DROPPED YOUR CALCULATOR

Hi Tracy. What's going on?

Hi Thomas. I'm waiting in line to buy a DVD player.

The line is too long. Why don't you come back tomorrow.

I think you're right. They're going to close soon.

Let's go get some coffee.

OK. Wait a minute, I have to get something out of my purse. Will you hold this for me?

Sure. Oops.

What happened?

I dropped your calculator. Is it broken?

I'm not sure. Let me have a look. No, I don't think it's broken. The button came off though. I can fix it.

Sorry about that.

Don't worry about it. I do that all the time. If it is broken, I have another one in my car.

Lesson 76: I BROUGHT YOU AN APPLE

Hey, how did you get here?

I rode my bike.

Are you serious? Why did you do that? I could have picked you up.

That's OK, I didn't want to bother you. I know you don't like to wake up early.

That's so nice of you. Aren't you cold?

No, not really. I wore a coat.

What's in the bag?

It's a special type of apple.

Oh. Can I try one? It's very sweet.

I put sugar on it. These apples are really good. They were only 30 cents each.

Aren't those more expensive than the ones at the supermarket?

Yeah, they're more expensive, but they taste better.

Did you buy any other fruit?

Well, besides the apples, I bought oranges and bananas.

Lesson 77: MY MOTHER-IN-LAW IS COMING TOMORROW

Hello?

Hi. Are you still up?

Yes.

You sound tired, is everything OK?

Yeah, everything's fine. I'm just getting ready to go to bed. It's been a really long day.

Do you have time to get some coffee with me later? I've something I want to talk to you about.

No, sorry. Not today. I have to get up early tomorrow.

Oh, What are you going to do tomorrow?

My mother-in-law is coming over so I have to get up early and clean the house.

I see.

Are you free tomorrow?

Yes, in the afternoon. I have to finish something I'm working on, but I'll be free after 3:30.

Do you want to get together after you finish work?

Do you think you'll have time?

Yeah, my mother-in-law will be leaving here around 2PM.

Lesson 78: JIM CANCELLED THE MEETING

Hey, I just talked to Jim.

What did he say?

He said he had to cancel the meeting this afternoon.

Oh, I see.

Is there a problem?

No, It's not a big deal. He and I were supposed to talk to some new customers today.

Sorry to hear that.

It's OK. This has been happening quite a bit recently.

That's strange. I wonder why?

His wife has been sick, so sometimes he has to go home early to take care of her.

I see. How's work been going?

Things are slow right now. Would you mind if I borrow your phone, mine's out of batteries and I have to call my boss to tell him about this.

OK, let me go get it. Its in the car.

Lesson 79: BILL GOT FIRED

Hello?

Hi John, sorry for calling so late, I hope I didn't wake you up.

Actually, I was just finishing some work. I haven't gone to bed yet.

Did you hear Bill got fired yesterday?

No. I didn't hear that. Are you sure?

Yeah, Sarah told me this afternoon. She was pretty upset about it.

That's too bad. Bill's a nice guy.

Yeah, I know.

Why did they fire him?

She didn't say.

I see. Well, if you talk to Sara again, tell her there's a job opening at my company. Bill can have an interview this week if he wants.

Oh, thank you so much. I'll call her and tell her.

Lesson 80: NERVOUS ABOUT SURGERY

Hi Jim.

You look upset, what's wrong?

It's nothing. I'm just a little nervous.

Is everything all right?

Well, I'm having surgery tomorrow on my finger.

What's wrong with your finger?

I broke it the other day playing basketball.

Oh, that's terrible.

Yeah, it's been bothering me since that day.

Are you afraid of having surgery?

Yes. I've never had surgery before.

I wouldn't worry. I had to have surgery on my leg last year. Everything went fine.

Were you nervous before the surgery?

A little. Who's your doctor?

Dr. Allen.

Oh, I've heard he's really good. I don't think you have anything to worry about.

Good. That makes me feel much better.

Lesson 81: A ROMANTIC STORY

Betty, are you and John still dating?

Yeah, things are going really good.

Where did you meet him?

I met him at the library a couple of weeks ago. We were sitting at the same table and he asked to borrow my pen.

Wow, that's a nice story.

I was telling Jim about it the other day. He thought it was pretty romantic.

Do you two have plans for tonight?

Yes, I think we're going to rent a movie. Have you seen anything good lately?

I saw Spider-Man the other day.

I've heard that's a really funny movie.

Are you kidding? That movie's not funny. It's sad. I was crying at the end.

You're really sensitive, aren't you?

I guess so. Maybe that's why I can't find a girlfriend.

Lesson 82: WORRIED ABOUT DAD

Hi Peter, can I talk to you for a moment. I just heard the cookie factory downtown is going out of business.

Where did you hear that?

Sara told me.

I'm not sure that's true. I haven't heard anything about it.

She said that they have already started to lay people off.

Doesn't your father work there?

Yes, I'm really worried he might get laid off, he just started to work there about three months ago. What do you think I should do?

I'd talk to your father.

Yeah, but if there was something wrong I don't think he'd tell me. He doesn't like to upset me, but I really would like to know what's going on.

So what are you gonna do?

Aren't you good friends with the president of that company?

Yes, we used to work together at a different company about five years ago.

Maybe you could call him and see what's going on.

Well, I don't know. I guess I could. It's pretty late now, but I'll call him in the morning.

OK, thanks so much.

Lesson 83: I'M GETTING FAT

Wow, I'm really getting fat.

You don't look fat.

Yes, but I am. I've gained 10 pounds in the last two months. Look at my stomach.

How much do you weigh?

I think about 170 pounds.

What kind of foods do you eat?

I usually have pasta for dinner. Sometimes I get take-out or fast food if I don't have enough time to cook.

I was reading a diet book the other day. It said that if you eat meat and nothing else, you'll lose weight quickly.

Wow, does that work?

I don't know, but someone told me they tried it and lost 20 pounds.

That sounds good, but I'm not sure how long I could do that.

I know, once you start eating vegetables and bread again you'll probably start gaining weight.

Well, I think I'm going to try it anyway. Who's the author?

I can't remember. It's not that popular anymore. When I get home I'll check and give you a call.

Lesson 84: I'LL TAKE YOU TO WORK

Hello?

Hi Sarah, it's James.

Hey James, I can't talk now. Can I call you back later?

Sure. Is there a problem?

I'm late for work and my car isn't working, so I need to find someone to take me to work.

I can take you.

Oh, really? Thank you. That would help a lot.

Do you need me to pick you up after work also?

Yes, if it's not too much trouble.

It's no problem. I'm leaving my house now. I'll be right there.

OK. I'll wait for you in front of my apartment building.

Do you know what's wrong with your car?

I'm not exactly sure. I think there's a problem with the engine.

OK, I'll have a look when I get there. I know a lot about cars. When I was younger my father and I used to fix old cars.

Lesson 85: SNOWING OUTSIDE

Hey, what have you been doing today?

Nothing, just watching TV. I'm really bored. I don't have anything to do.

I don't have anything to do either. I didn't do anything today except clean myhouse.

I know. I was planning to go to the mall today with one of my friends, but it snowed so much we couldn't go anywhere.

I hope it snows all night because I don't want to go to school tomorrow.

Do you know anyone who has a camera? I want to take a picture of all this snow.

No, I don't know anyone who has a camera.

Have you seen Sara today? I think she might have one.

No, she hasn't been around all day. She said she had something important to dotoday?

Oh, where did she go?

Nobody knows. I called her roommate and she doesn't know either.

Lesson 86: MISSED CALL

Mandy, did you know Heather called you?

No. When did she call?

Two hours ago, I think.

Two hours ago? Why didn't you tell me earlier?

Sorry, I forgot.

What did she say?

She said she's waiting for you at her sister's place.

OK, I was going to cook dinner first, but I don't think I have enough time now. I'll just warm up some leftovers in the microwave.

OK.

If she calls again, tell her I'm gonna to be late.

OK, no problem.

This is very important. Don't forget.

Don't worry. I won't forget.

Actually, would you please hand me my phone? I think I should give her a call now. She's probably wondering where I am.

Sure, I'll get it for you.

Lesson 87: SHOPPING FOR A FRIEND

I'm going shopping. Do you want to come?

I thought you went shopping yesterday.

I did, but an old friend called me last night and invited me to his birthday party. I need to buy a gift for him.

I see. What are you going to get him?

I really have no idea what he likes. I haven't seen him in a long time. What do you think?

Maybe a cake?

Well, that's a good idea, but I think I should probably get him something else, like something he can wear.

How about a sweater? I saw a really nice one in the mall the other day. Maybe we can go there and take a look.

OK, what store was it in?

It was at Macy's. I think they're having a sale this weekend.

Oh, that's a really nice store. I like the clothes there.

Lesson 88: WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?

Hey Diane, what are you doing here?

Hi, Tim, how are you? I'm waiting for a friend.

I heard you're going to graduate this summer. Is that true?

Yes. If everything goes alright, I'll be getting my bachelors degree in August. Then I need to start looking for a job.

I had to do that last year. It wasn't easy. Do you have any job offers?

No, not yet. I sent out a lot of resumes, but I didn't receive many responses. It's pretty hard to find a job right now.

What's your major?

Psychology.

That was my major when I started college, but I switched to engineering after the first year.

I think it's easier for engineers to find a job.

I'm not sure about that. It took me about 3 months to find a job. I finally was able to get a job after I put my resume on one of those job websites.

Anyway, it really doesn't matter. If I can't find a job I'll probably go back to school to get my Masters degree.

Lesson 89: NEW APARTMENT

Hello?

Hey Gary. What's up?

I haven't talked to you in a long time, what's been happening?

Well, I don't know if you heard, I just moved into a new apartment in LA.

No, I heard you were thinking about moving but I didn't know you'd already found a place. That's cool.

Yeah, I'm really happy about it.

Do you have any roommates?

No, not this time. It's a big change for me 'cause I've never lived alone.

Don't you think you'll be lonely?

Not really, I have two friends who live in the same building. We all had dinner together last night.

Are they students also?

No, they're not students, but there are a lot of students living in the building.

Sounds like a nice place.

Yeah, I think it's a good environment for learning English.

Well, I'm glad to hear everything worked out.

You should come out here and visit me sometime. There's even a pool.

That would be nice. I'll think about it.

Lesson 90: HAVE YOU FOUND A GIRLFRIEND YET?

Justin, have you found a girlfriend yet?

No, not yet.

What about Jenny?

She has a boyfriend.

Oh, I thought they broke up.

No, they're still together.

How about that girl from work you were telling me about last year?

Who, Emily? She's married now. She got married last month.

I see. It seems like everyone our age is married.

Yeah, it's not easy.

Is there anyone you're interested in?

There is one girl I like who lives in my building. I talk to her a lot because she's also studying English.

What's she like?

She's really nice. She moved here from Texas about 3 months ago.

What does she do?

She's an accountant.

That's a good job. She must be really smart. Have you asked her out yet?

Actually we're going to dinner on Friday.

Good luck.

Lesson 91: COMPUTER PROBLEMS

Hi Jason, Sorry to bother you. I have a question for you.

OK, what's up?

I've been having a problem with my computer. I know you're an engineer so I thought you might be able to help me.

I see. What's the problem?

I have a file that I can't open for some reason.

What type of file is it?

It's a Word document I've been working on. I need to finish it by tomorrow.

Were you able to open it before, on the computer you're using now?

Yes, I was working on it last night and everything was fine, but this morning I couldn't open the file.

Do you think your computer might have a virus?

No, I checked and there weren't any.

OK. I'm not sure what's wrong. If it's possible, email the file to me and I'll see if I can get it to open.

OK, I'll do that when I get home. Are you going to be around tonight?

Yeah, I'll be home after 8PM. Send it to me when you get a chance and I'll call you later.

Lesson 92: DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET DOWNTOWN?

Hi George, do you know how to get downtown?

Sure. Why are you going there?

I want to buy a new computer.

OK, are you driving?

Yes.

Go straight down this road. When you get to the second light, take a left. Then get on the highway and take exit 52.

That sounds really complicated. Can you tell me again? Which road do I take first?

You go down this road, then at the second light, turn left. That road is Main street.

OK, I think I've got it now.

Why are you buying a new computer anyway? Didn't you just get one a few months ago?

Yes, but it doesn't work anymore.

Where did you buy it?

At Wal-Mart.

I think you're computer should still be under warranty. You can bring it back to them and they'll fix it for free.

I think you're right. I didn't think about that. I should go talk to them about it.

Where is the closest Wal-Mart?

It's about 2 blocks from here. I have to go there to get some stuff now anyway. Do you want to follow me?

Sure.

Lesson 93: DID YOU SEE THE NEWS TODAY?

John, did you see the news today?

No, what happened?

There was a big earthquake in San Diego.

Oh my goodness.

The president was on the news talking about it earlier.

Was anyone hurt?

I think they said two people were killed.

Oh, that's terrible.

Yeah, I can't believe you hadn't heard about it. They were talking about it on CNN all day.

Oh, I don't watch TV that often.

Don't you watch the news?

No, I usually read the news online, but I haven't had time to turn on my computer today.

Lesson 94: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPORT?

What's your favorite sport?

I like basketball. I watch the games on TV all the time.

Who's your favorite team?

The Boston Celtics.

They're really good this year, aren't they?

Yes. Do you like them?

Yes. Everyone around here does.

Do you think they'll win the championship this year?

It's possible. They have some really good players.

Did you watch the game last night?

A little, not the whole thing. I watched the second half though and I saw some of the highlights online.

It was a great game, wasn't it?

Yeah. Do you know who they're playing tomorrow night?

I think they're playing LA.

That's going to be a tough game. LA has a good team.

Lesson 95: MAKING A WEBPAGE

Hi Liz. Are you working on your webpage now?

No, I'm still waiting for you to send me that image file for the homepage?

You mean you didn't get it? I sent it to you over an hour ago.

Let me check. It's going to take a second 'cause I have to start up my computer.

OK. Did you get it?

One second. I just have to open my web browser and check my hotmail account.

OK.

OK, here it is. I got it.

How do I find the webpage? I tried to search for it on Yahoo but I couldn't find it.

Don't use Yahoo, use Google.

I tried that also and it didn't work.

If you go to Google and search for my name, you should be able to find it.

OK. Let me try that. I see it now.

Lesson 96: WOULD YOU MIND DRIVING?

Hey Michael, I'm tired. Would you mind driving for a while?

Sorry. I would like to, but I don't know how to drive.

Really? You don't have a license? I thought everyone had a license.

No, I've lived in cities all my life and when I'm at home I usually take the subway or bus.

I see. Do you think you'll learn to drive in the future?

Yes. I plan to buy a car next year. I think you need one in the US.

Actually, now that I think about it, a lot of people in cities here take the bus also.

Well, I'd like to travel more. I've been here for a few months already and I feel like I haven't seen anything yet.

How are you going to learn to drive? Do you want me to teach you?

No, I wouldn't want to trouble you. I've already signed up for a class near my house. It starts next month.

Lesson 97: YOUR ENGLISH IS SO GOOD

Thomas, your English is so good. How did you learn it?

Well, in my country everyone has to take English starting in the first grade. I've been taking English courses for 12 years now.

Wow, that's interesting. I remember when we took that trip last year and visited your family. It seemed like there weren't many people that could speak with me in English.

Oh, that's because they don't speak English that much.

But they speak it in school, right? Maybe they just didn't like me so they didn't want to talk to me.

No, actually they liked you a lot. They told me they thought you were very nice. They are just shy. They're not used to talking with foreigners. I remember when I first came to the US. I was really nervous about speaking with people.

I see. I thought there were lots of Americans teaching English in your country.

Yes, that's true. There are probably twice as many now as there were five years ago, but they are mostly in the cities. My family lives in the country.

I wonder why. Personally I prefer the country to the city. It's so quiet and peaceful. If I were to teach, I would want to teach in the country.

Do you think you would want to teach someday? I know the schools around my town are looking for teachers, so if you want, I can call them and get more information.

No, I don't think so. I would need to stay there for a year, and I don't think I can take that much time off work.

Well, if you change your mind, let me know. I think you would be a really great teacher.

Lesson 98: GIFTS

Dorothy, what are your plans for Christmas?

Oh yes, it's almost Christmas, isn't it? I'm not sure what I'll be doing then.

Well, if you don't have any plans, your family could have dinner at my house.

That's very nice of you, thanks. Have you finished your shopping yet?

No, I still have to do that. I think I'll go to the mall this weekend.

It's going to be really crowded at the mall. You should shop online.

You're right. My family loves to read, so I can probably get them all presents from Amazon.com.

What do you think you'll get for your wife?

Probably a romance novel. It seems like she's always reading one of those.

Don't you think you should get her something a little more expensive, like jewelry or maybe a new computer?

Maybe you're right. It's hard buying gifts. I think my wife has everything she wants. Maybe I should just ask her.

Lesson 99: ELECTION

Martin, who are you going to vote for?

You mean for president?

Yes.

I'm not sure yet.

You should make up your mind soon. The election is next month.

Yes, I know. I hear about it every day on the news.

I'm going to vote for Obama.

I think he is a good choice, but I think McCain would make a good president also.

I know. They're both good. It's hard to decide. McCain is older but he has more experience. Obama seems to have a lot of good ideas, but some people say he wants to raise taxes.

I heard he wants to lower taxes. It's hard to know what the truth is. That's the reason I really don't pay attention to politics.

Yes, it can be frustrating, but it's important and it's interesting to watch.

Lesson 100: BOOK CLUB

Hey John, can I talk to you for a minute?

Sure, what's up?

I wanted to let you know about a book club I joined a couple months ago. I know you do a lot of reading so I thought you might want to come with me next month.

Oh, that sounds like fun. When does the group meet?

Usually the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 in the evening. Is that too late for you?

No, I think that's ok. What do you talk about in the group?

Well, every month we choose a new book and then during the next meeting we discuss it.

What book are you reading now?

The Kite Runner.

I've heard that's a good book. What's it about?

It is a good book. I'm almost finished. The book is about a boy who grows up in Afghanistan during the 1980s. It's called the Kite Runner because the main character takes part in a kite flying competition.

That sounds really interesting. I'd love to come.

Ok, great. The next meeting isn't for another two weeks, so you still have time to read the book.