

Conversation

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Article #1 At Home (1)

Scott: Where is Jane?
Patricia: She is in the living room.
Scott: What is she doing?
Patricia: She is playing the piano.
Scott: Where is the car?
Patricia: It is in the garage.
Scott: Where is the dog?
Patricia: The dog is in front of the door.
Scott: What is the dog doing?
Patricia: The dog is eating.

Article #2 At Home (2)

Husband: Where you are?
Wife: I am in the kitchen.
Husband: What are you doing?
Wife: I am cooking dinner.
Husband: Where are Bill and Mary?
Wife: They are in the living room.
Husband: What are they doing?
Wife: They are watching TV.
Husband: Where is the cat?
Wife: she is in the dining room.
Husband: What is she doing?
Wife: She is sleeping.

Article #3 My Favorite Photographs (1)

Susan: Who is she?
Roger: She is my sister.
Susan: What's her name?
Roger: Her name is Jennifer.
Susan: Where is she in this photograph?
Roger: She's in Toronto.
Susan: What is that building behind her?
Roger: She's standing in front of the CN Tower.

Article #4

Location (1)

Edward: Where is the school?

Diana: It's between the library and the park.

Edward: Where is the post office?

Diana: It's across from the movie theater.

Edward: Where is the royal bank?

Diana: It's next to the supermarket.

Edward: Where is the gas station.

Diana: It's around the corner from the church.

Edward: Where is the barbershop?

Diana: It's near the bus station.

Article #5

Location (2)

Scott: Excuse me?

Can you tell me the way to the nearest bank?

Ann: Yes, it's on Geneva Street. As a matter of fact, I am going that way myself.

So if you come with me, I will show you.

Scott: Thanks very much.

Ann: You are welcome.

Article #6

Color (1)

Stewart: May I help you?

Sera: Yes, please. I am looking for an umbrella.

Stewart: What's your favorite color?

Sera: It's black.

Stewart: Sorry, we have no black umbrella right now.

Here is a nice umbrella.

Sera: But this umbrella is yellow.

Stewart: That's OK. Yellow umbrellas are very popular this year.

Article #7

Color (2)

Allen: Excuse me?

Is this your umbrella?

Sera: No, it isn't.

Allen: Are you sure?

Sera: Yes, I am sure.

That umbrella is brown, and my umbrella is yellow.

Article #8

No Questions

Dennis: Are you married?

Jane: No, I'm not. I'm single.

Dennis: Tell me about your new car. Is it large?

Jane: No, it's not. It is small.

Dennis: Tell me about the questions in your English book.

Are they difficult?

Jane: No, they're not. They are easy.

Dennis: Tell me about your new neighbors?

Are they quiet?

Jane: No, they aren't. They are noisy.

Article #9

Short Answer

Linda: Is Alice young or old?

Glen: She is young.

Linda: Is Bill tall or short?

Glen: He is short.

Linda: Is Albert's apartment big or little?

Glen: It's small.

Linda: Were the last examinations easy or difficult?

Glen: They were difficult.

Linda: Is Julie married or single?

Glen: She is single.

Article #10

Telephone Call (2)

Dave: Hello, Jack. This is Dave.

I want to return the book I borrowed from you last night.

Will you be at home at about six o'clock?

Jack: Yes, I will. I will be cooking dinner.

Dave: Oh! Well. Then I won't come over at six.

Jack: Why not?

Dave: I don't want to disturb you.

Jack: Don't worry! You won't disturb me.

Dave: OK. I will see you at six.

Article #11

What's A Grant?

Ted: My daughter is going to college.

Keith: That's great, but it must be expensive.

Ted: Yes, but she has a grant.

Keith: A grant? What's a grant?

Ted: The government is giving her money.

Keith: To pay for her education?
Ted: That's right.
Keith: Does it pay for everything?
Ted: No, she has a loan, too.
Keith: What's the difference between a loan and a grant?
Ted: You have to pay back a loan; a grant is a gift.

Article #12 I'm Busy On Friday

John: Would you like to go to a pop concert?
Chris: Well, I'd like to... but when is it?
John: On Friday evening.
Chris: What a pity! I'm busy on Friday.
John: Maybe you could change your plans? It's going to be a really great concert.
Chris: Maybe I will, I wouldn't want to miss it.
John: Great, I'll see you Friday!

Article #13 Bless You

Wild: Ah-choo!
Smith: God bless you!
Wild: Thank you.
Smith: Do you have a cold?
Wild: Yes, that's why I'm sneezing so much.
Smith: I hope you feel better soon.
Wild: I get a bad cold every winter.
Smith: Are you taking anything for your cold?
Wild: I'm taking Contac.
Smith: Does it help?
Wild: Yes, but it makes me sleepy.
Smith: You'd better not drive then!

Article #14 I Don't Feel Well

Phil: What are you looking for?
Donald: My jacket. I'm going to the doctor.
Phil: Why? What's the problem?
Donald: I'm not sure, but I don't feel well.
Phil: Do you have a fever?
Donald: No, but I have a pain in my chest.
Phil: What time is your appointment?
Donald: Eleven-thirty. I'm going now. Bye.
Phil: Good-bye. I hope it's nothing serious.
Donald: Thanks. See you.

Article #15 Can You Help Me?

Ron: Can you help me, officer?
Steve: I'll try. What's the problem?
Ron: I can't get into my car.
Steve: Where are your keys?
Ron: They're in the car.
Steve: Don't worry. I can open it.
Ron: How can you do that?
Steve: With a coat hanger. It's easy.
Ron: Where can we get a coat hanger?
Steve: There's one in the police car. Wait here.
Ron: Thanks a lot! You're very kind.

Article #16 Taking a Cab

Cab Driver: Hello.
Michael: Hello.
Cab Driver: Where do you want to go?
Michael: 70 Maple Street, please.
Cab Driver: 70 Mibble Street.
Michael: No, Maple street.
Cab Driver: Maple Street...let's see... Is that near St. David Street?
Michael: I don't know. I've been here only one week.
Cab Driver: Oh, where are you from?
Michael: Toronto.

Article #17 I Hate to Get Up

Mike: I hate to get up in the morning.
Ray: Me too! What time do you get up?
Mike: At six o'clock.
Ray: Why do you get up so early?
Mike: I have to be at work by seven.
Ray: I don't get up until eight.
Mike: You're lucky. What do you do?
Ray: I own a bookstore.
Mike: What time does your store open?
Ray: At eight-thirty.

Article #18 A Hot Day

Mel: This heat is killing me!
Matthew: Me too! It must be ninety-five degrees.

Mel: I would like a cold drink.
Matthew: I'll get you one.
Mel: Thanks. Mmm. This tastes good!
Matthew: It does, jeez, this hot weather makes me lazy.
Mel: Me too, get me another drink?
Matthew: I guess if you're lazy no one else is allowed to be!
Mel: He he he, thanks for understanding!

Article #19 Phone Out of Order (1)

Gerald: Hey! Hey!
Walter: What's wrong?
Gerald: There is something wrong with the phone. I'm getting a strange noise.
Walter: Are you? I can hear you very clearly.
Gerald: Hello! Hello!
Walter: This pay phone might be out of order. I'll call you again with another phone....
Walter: Hello! How about now? Is there still a strange noise?
Gerald: Yes. Perhaps my phone is out of order.
Walter: You should get in touch with the phone company.

Article #20 Phone Out of Order (2)

Gerald: Hey! What's the matter with the phone?(Handing the receiver to B) Listen to this peculiar noise.
Thomas: It doesn't sound like a dial tone.
Gerald: It must be out of order. We'd better notify the phone company.
Thomas: How do we do that? We can't use the phone.
Gerald: Let's go next door and use our neighbour's phone.
Thomas: He's always complaining about people. I don't want to ask any favours of him.
Gerald: How about across the street?
Thomas: I forgot about Mrs. Riley! I'm sure she'd let us use her phone.

Article #21 Getting A Visa

Henry: Does it take long to get a visa?
Mr. Chandler: It depends on the season. Anywhere from one month to two months.
Henry: What do I need to do?
Mr. Chandler: Fill out an application form and wait.
Henry: Will there be a long waiting period?
Mr. Chandler: Not if you don't run into any government delays.

Article #22 Employing a new member

Mr Orwell: Well, this woman may be suitable for the job. But is she energetic enough?

Mr Bays: Yes, she certainly seems to have lots of energy.
Mr Orwell: Mm. She's got to be ambitious too. Is she?
Mr Bays: Yes, she has plenty of ambition.
Mr Orwell: And we really need a flexible sort of person. Do you think she is?
Mr Bays: Mm. She seems to be determined enough, but she's a little tough.
Mr. Orwell: Well I guess we will give her a try, and see how she works out!

Article #23 A Date (1)

Harry: What are you so happy about? You're grinning from ear to ear.
Gill: Sandy and I are going to go out this weekend.
Harry: Oh, yeah? That's fast work. That's great! Which night are you going to see her--
Friday or Saturday?
Gill: On Friday. She isn't going to be in town on Saturday and Sunday. She's going to
visit a friend in Quebec.
Harry: What are you going to do on Friday?
Gill: I don't know yet. Do you have any ideas?
Harry: How about taking her out to a Chinese restaurant? I've heard that she likes
Chinese food.
Gill: That's a great idea.
Harry: What are you going to wear on your date?
Gill: I am going to wear my new suit.
Harry: That's too formal. Wear your jeans and a T-shirt.
Gill: How about your sports jacket? Are you going to wear it Friday night?
Harry: No, I am not. Go ahead and wear it.

Article #24 What did you do yesterday?

Richard: Hi, how are you? You look tired. Did you sleep okay last night?
Dave: No, I didn't.
Richard: Why? What did you do yesterday?
Dave: I went to a nightclub last night and danced all night.
Richard: Oh, yeah? Did you have a good time?
Dave: I had a wonderful time, but I'm beat today.
Richard: What time did you leave the nightclub?
Dave: I left at about 3:00 a.m.
Richard: I'm not surprised that you're tired. Which nightclub did you go to?
Dave: Fantastic. It's on Ontario Street. It's really nice.

Article #25 Travelling by Air

Henry: Do I check in here for Air Canada to Mexico?
Mr. Silver: Do you already have your ticket?
Henry: Yes. Here you are.
Mr. Silver: Thank you. Can you put your luggage up here, please?

Henry: Sure, I have three suitcases.
Mr. Silver: We allow only two pieces. You'll have to pay an extra charge.
Henry: Oh! Can I carry this one with me?
Mr. Silver: No, I'm sorry. It won't fit under your seat. That's \$45.00.
Henry: Here you are.
Mr. Silver: Thank you. You can choose your seat. A window seat or aisle seat?
Henry: I'd like a window seat, please.
Mr. Silver: Fine. Seat 15A. Here's your ticket and your boarding pass. Enjoy your flight!

Article #26 At the Customs

Customs Officer: Good morning. Can I see your passport?
Clark: Certainly. Here it is.
C. O.: Yes, that's all right. Have you got anything to declare?
Clark: Yes, I have. I've got some whisky and some cigarettes.
C. O.: How much whisky have you got?
Clark: A litre.
C.O.: That's all right. And how many cigarettes have you got?
Clark: Two hundred.
C.O.: Fine. What about perfume?
Clark: Er...No, I haven't.
C.O.: Good. Open your case, please.
Clark: Pardon?
C.O.: Open your case, please. Open it now! Oh, dear! Look at this! You've got three bottles of whisky, four hundred cigarettes and a lot of perfume!
Clark: Does that mean I can't go?

Article #27 A New Baby

Mr Palmer: Well, hello, Mr Wallace. You seem unusually happy today.
Mr Wallace: I just became a father!
Mr Palmer: Congratulations. A boy or a girl?
Mr Wallace: You never saw such a cute girl. Nine pounds, three ounces...and as cute as a button.
Mr Palmer: Doesn't this call for cigars?
Mr Wallace: Oh, yes. I forgot about the cigars. Here, have one.
Mr Palmer: Thank you. How is your wife?
Mr Wallace: She's just fine.

Article #28 Is English Difficult?

Nancy: Where are you going?
Maggie: To Canada.
Nancy: Why are you going there?
Maggie: I'm going to learn English; there is a school there that has an excellent program.

Nancy: Is learning English going to be difficult?
Maggie: Yes. I have to study and practice a lot.
Nancy: Where is your school?
Maggie: It's in a town called St.Catharines. In Ontario.
Nancy: I'm jealous, I'll bet you're excited.
Maggie: Yes, but I'm also really nervous.

Article #29 Washing His Car

Debbie: Where's Kevin?
Tania: He's in front of the house.
Debbie: What is he doing?
Tania: Washing his car.
Debbie: Not again?
Tania: Yes, he takes good care of his car.
Debbie: But he never cleans his room.
Tania: I know. It's always dirty.
Debbie: And nothing is in order.
Tania: You're right. His room is a mess.
Debbie: Maybe he should move into his car!

Article #30 At the Restaurant

Jamie: This is a big menu.
Katy: Yeah, what are you getting?
Jamie: Chicken, peas, and baked potatoes.
Katy: I don't know what to get.
Jamie: They have very good turkey.
Katy: I had turkey yesterday.
Jamie: How about steak?
Katy: Perfect. I'll get steak and mashed potatoes.
Jamie: What vegetable are you getting?
Katy: I'm not getting any. I don't like vegetables.

Article #31 When's the Baby Due?

Sharon: I have some good news.
Mel: What is it?
Sharon: Lisa is going to have a baby.
Mel: That's great! I'm so happy for her.
Sharon: Me too!
Mel: Do they want a boy or a girl?
Sharon: A girl.
Mel: When's the baby due?
Sharon: In the beginning of September.

Mel: I'm going to phone Lisa tonight.
Sharon: That's nice. Say hello for me.

Article #32 Bus Stop

Barbara: Jean!
Jean: Barbara! Do you work around here?
Barbara: Yes, I work in that building across the street.
Jean: Really? What do you do?
Barbara: I work in a law office, I'm a secretary.
Jean: Oh, that's interesting.
Barbara: What about you? What do you do?
Jean: I work at Duru Restaurant.
Barbara: Oh...are you a cook?
Jean: No, I'm a waitress.
Barbara: That's a really hard job; I don't envy you.
Jean: Me neither!
(In the bus)
Barbara: Do you live alone, Jean?
Jean: No, I don't. I live with my family. How about you?
Barbara: I'm married now. I got married last year.
Jean: Really? Congratulations!
Jean: Whom did you marry?
Barbara: His name's Jeff Hunt. He lives in my building.
Jean: Oh, what does he do?
Barbara: He's a doctor.
Jean: How wonderful, I'm very happy for you!

Article #33 Gardening

Constance: Your garden is really lovely.
Gwen: Thank you. I enjoy working in the garden.
Constance: Do you do everything yourself?
Gwen: I trim the bushes and weed the flowerbeds myself.
Constance: Who cuts the grass?
Gwen: Oh, it's so big that I hire one of the boys in the neighbourhood to do it for me.
Constance: Well, I must say he does a good job.
Gwen: Yes. His work is more than satisfactory.

Article #34 A Lazy Boy

Sheila: I'm very angry with my son, Harry.
Connie: Why? What's the problem?
Sheila: He's not doing well in school.
Connie: That's a surprise. Harry is a smart boy.

Sheila: Yes, but he never studies.
Connie: Did you talk to his teachers?
Sheila: Yes, I did.
Connie: What did they say?
Sheila: He's a nice boy, but he's very lazy.
Connie: Maybe they're right.
Sheila: I'm afraid so.
Connie: Have you thought about getting him a tutor?
Sheila: Maybe that's a good idea; I really want him to excel.
Connie: Let's go look in the phone book now then.

Article #35 Can I Drive There?

Maggie: What time is it?
Fran: It's three o'clock.
Maggie: Oh no, I'm late.
Fran: Where are you going?
Maggie: To the dentist.
Fran: Can I drive you there?
Maggie: Sure! That will help.
Fran: Do you have a toothache?
Maggie: Yes, and it's very bad.
Fran: I'm sorry to hear that.
Maggie: I've had it for weeks, and this is the first time that I could get in. My dentist is always so busy!
Fran: I guess that's a good thing! It means a lot of people like him.

Article #36 A New Dress

Kay: Who is it?
Pamela: It's me, dear.
Kay: Don't you have your key?
Pamela: No, let me in! (Lets her in)
Kay: What's in that box? What did you get?
Pamela: A new dress, honey.
Kay: But you have a closet full of dresses.
Pamela: I know, but I need a new one.
Kay: What's wrong with all the other dresses?
Pamela: They're not this one!

Article #37 A Picnic

Louise: Let's go for a picnic.
Esther: That's a great idea! Where shall we go?
Louise: Let's go to the park.

Esther: How far is it?
Louise: About a mile.
Esther: Is it a nice place?
Louise: Sure. It has picnic tables and a beautiful lake.
Esther: Good. I'll make some sandwiches.
Louise: I'll bring soda and cookies.
Esther: The kids will love it.

Article #38 I'm Going Skiing

Laura: We've got ten inches of snow.
Stacy: Wow! That's terrific!
Laura: What's so terrific about it?
Stacy: I'm going skiing.
Laura: Skiing? Are you serious?
Stacy: Yes. It's a lot of fun.
Laura: Maybe, but it's also dangerous.
Stacy: You need to live on the edge!
Laura: And you need to make sure you don't fall off it!

Article #39 Traffic Rules (1)

Kay: Sara! You can't park here! It's a bus stop.
Sara: Oh, we'll be back in a few minutes. It's OK.
Kay: Oh, no, it isn't. You'll get a parking ticket if you leave it here.
Sara: No, I won't. It's half past five. All the traffic wardens have gone home.
Kay: Sara!
Sara: Yes?
Warden: Is this your car, ma'am?

Article #40 Housework

Wendy: Whew! I'm really tired and now I have to go home and cook.
Sue: Do you make dinner every night?
Wendy: Yes, I usually make dinner, and my husband washes the dishes.
Sue: I live alone, so I do everything. Sometimes I eat out, though. There are some good restaurants in my neighbourhood.
Wendy: Where do you live?
Sue: Near the Pen Centre.
Wendy: That's good. There aren't any good restaurants near my house.
Sue: Does your husband help you do housework much?
Wendy: Umm...yes. He sets the table almost every night, and he makes our bed every morning. But I usually make all the meals.
Sue: How about cleaning?
Wendy: We clean the house together every weekend. I vacuum the rooms, and he usually

sweeps the floor of the kitchen, and he does yard work.
Sue: Your husband helps you so much. Does he help do the laundry too?
Wendy: Well, he's never helped me do the laundry.

Article #41 Oral Exams

Mary: Hey, Cindy! Have you finished the exam?
Cindy: Yes, I have. Whew!
Mary: Was it hard?
Cindy: Well, yes. It was hard--pretty hard.
Mary: Did you pass?
Cindy: I don't know. Mrs. Lester didn't tell me.
Mary: What questions did she ask?
Cindy: First she asked me what my name was.
Mary: That was easy, wasn't it?
Cindy: Yes, except I couldn't remember! Then she asked me where I came from, and how long it took to get here from my country.
Mary: And what else did she ask?
Cindy: She asked how long I'd been studying English here in Canada, and she asked how I would use English in the future.
Mary: Yes, yes, go on.
Cindy: Then she asked me to explain the difference between my country and Canada.
Mary: Anything else?
Cindy: I'm trying to remember. Oh, yes! She asked if I spoke any other language.
Mary: Is that all?
Cindy: Oh, there were a lot of other questions. She asked me what my hobbies were, where I visited in Canada. Then I was asked to read a passage.
Mary: What did she say at the end?
Cindy: Hmm. Let's see... Oh, Yes! She asked me to tell you to go in--right away.

Article #42 Would You Call me?

Angela: Well, see you tomorrow.
Vicky: I'd better go, too. Oh, would you do me a favour?
Angela: Sure.
Vicky: Would you call me tomorrow at six o'clock in the morning? Tomorrow is my daughter's birthday. I want to get her a new robe, and I have to pick up the dry cleaning, and pick up the cake from the bakery. Anyway, I have lots of things to do. But I'm not sure I can get up early.
Angela: Do you need a hand?
Vicky: Oh, can you? That would be great; can you go to the mall and buy her a new robe, pick up the dry cleaning, and get the cake from the bakery?
Angela: And what will you be doing?
Vicky: Sleeping in of course!

Article #43 Can I Let You Know?

Margaret: Are you going out with Leonard tonight?

Frances: Uh-huh. He's supposed to pick me up at six thirty. What time is it now?

Margaret: Quarter to six. You'd better get going.

Frances: You're kidding. I haven't even taken a shower.

Margaret: Where are you going?

Frances: We haven't made up our minds yet. Maybe to a movie, maybe to a party.

Margaret: Go and see Forrest Gump. It's supposed to be interesting.

Frances: Oh, maybe we will. I've heard The Sixth Sense is good, too.

Margaret: Well, personally I prefer Forrest Gump. I really should be going. Do you want to go shopping tomorrow?

Frances: I'd like to go, but it depends. I might have to go to the store tomorrow and do some work. Can I let you know first thing in the morning?

Margaret: OK, that would be all right. (Rrring, rrring)

Frances: Oh, there's the phone. It must be Leonard.

Margaret: Well, I'll be going. Call me up tomorrow.

Frances: I will. Have a good evening.

Margaret: You too.

Article #44 On the Phone-A Less Formal Call

Miss Wallace: Good afternoon, Scott and Smith. May I help you?

George: May I speak to Mr. Scott or Mr. Smith, please?

Miss Wallace: I'm sorry, they aren't here right now. Who's calling, please?

George: George Martin.

Miss Wallace: Is there any message I can take, Mr. Martin?

George: No, I'll call back later.

Miss Wallace: Thank you for calling Scott and Smith.

Article #45 A Cup of Coffee

Bill: Can I get you something to drink?

Robin: A cup of coffee, please.

Bill: With milk and sugar?

Robin: A little milk, but no sugar.

Bill: I never drink coffee at night.

Robin: Why not?

Bill: It keeps me awake.

Robin: What do you drink with supper?

Bill: Tea, it helps me relax.

Robin: I don't like tea.

Bill: There are so many kinds of tea; maybe you should shop around and try to find one you like because coffee is so bad for you.

Robin: That's a good idea.

Article #46 How About a Drink?

Chris: How about a drink, tonight?

Loretta: I'd love to.

Chris: Where can we meet?

Loretta: How about the Relax Bar?

Chris: All right. What time?

Loretta: Is eight o'clock OK?

Chris: Yes that's fine.

Loretta: I will meet you there; I'm really looking forward to it!

Chris: Me too!

Article #47 I Have a Sore Throat

Matt: You sound terrible.

Judy: I have a sore throat.

Matt: You should rest your voice.

Judy: I know. It hurts when I talk.

Matt: What are you taking for your throat?

Judy: Hot tea and honey.

Matt: That should help. Are you going to work today?

Judy: No, I'm staying home.

Matt: Good idea.

Judy: I'll feel better tomorrow.

Matt: I hope so.

Article #48 On Sale

Emily: Do you like my new coat?

Scott: It looks terrific!

Emily: I'm glad you like it.

Scott: How much was it?

Emily: Eighty dollars.

Scott: That's a good price.

Emily: Yeah, it was on sale.

Scott: Where did you get it?

Emily: At Sears.

Scott: I like to shop there, too; they always have really good sales!

Emily: Maybe you should go there today, you the have a sale on shirts if you're interested.

Scott: Good idea! I need some.

Article #49 Not a Cloud in the Sky

Eddie: What a beautiful day!

Rita: Yes, there's not a cloud in the sky.
Eddie: What's the temperature?
Rita: It's seventy degrees.
Eddie: I love October.
Rita: Me too. It's not too hot and not too cold.
Eddie: Fall is my favourite season.
Rita: Mine, too.
Eddie: The weather is almost perfect.
Rita: And the leaves are very pretty when they change colours.

Article #50 Cold and Windy

Eileen: Is it cold out?
Nelson: Yes, it's cold and windy!
Eileen: I'm going to wear my heavy coat.
Nelson: Good idea! Where are you going?
Eileen: To the post office.
Nelson: Why?
Eileen: To mail this package.
Nelson: Would you buy some stamps for me?
Eileen: Sure. How many do you want?
Nelson: Ten. Here's the money for the stamps.
Eileen: Okay. I'll be back in twenty minutes, unless I get blown away!

Article #51 It's Beginning to Snow.

Jason: Do you like snow?
Kristin: No! I hate it!
Jason: Why? Snow is so pretty.
Kristin: Yes, but I don't like to drive in it.
Jason: Well, it's beginning to snow.
Kristin: And I have to drive to work.
Jason: How far is it to work?
Kristin: Six miles. Are we going to get much snow?
Jason: About twelve inches, they say.
Kristin: Oh no! Driving will be dangerous! Please be careful!
Jason: I will, by the way, can I borrow your car?

Article #52 A House at the Shore

Roberto: When is your vacation?
Sandra: It starts next week.
Roberto: Where are you going?
Sandra: We're renting a house on the shore.
Roberto: That's wonderful!

Sandra: Yes, we love the ocean.
Roberto: Do you swim a lot?
Sandra: Not very much.
Roberto: Then, why are you going to the shore?
Sandra: Because we all bought new swim suits!

Article #53 A Soccer Game

Denis: I'm going to play soccer.
Barbara: Who are you playing with?
Denis: Some friends from work.
Barbara: Are you a good soccer player?
Denis: Yes, but I'm not the best player on the team.
Barbara: What time does the game begin?
Denis: Nine o'clock. Why don't you come with me?
Barbara: I can't today. I'm very busy.
Denis: Okay. See you later.
Barbara: I hope your team wins.

Article #54 Not So Young

Keith: My son is graduating from high school today!
Sally: And my daughter is graduating next year.
Keith: How old is she?
Sally: She's sixteen.
Keith: I remember when she was a baby.
Sally: I know. We're getting old.
Keith: Don't say that!
Sally: Why not? It's true.
Keith: No, it isn't. We were young when we got married.
Sally: That's right, but we got married 25 years ago!

Article #55 Is She Single?

Lynn: Today is my cousin's birthday.
Roger: What's your cousin's name?
Lynn: Kathy. I'm going to her house after dinner.
Roger: How old is she?
Lynn: She's twenty-four.
Roger: Hmm. She's my age. Is she pretty?
Lynn: Yes, and she's very nice, too.
Roger: Is she single?
Lynn: No, she's married and has two children.
Roger: Oh that's too bad.
Lynn: Not for her! He he he...

Article #56 To Buy a Birthday Present

Mark: What are you getting Jim for his birthday?

Leslie: I don't know yet.

Mark: You can always get him a shirt.

Leslie: But I got him one last year.

Mark: Oh, that's right. Let me think.

Leslie: I want to get him something different.

Mark: How about a briefcase?

Leslie: Good idea! His briefcase is getting old.

Mark: And it's something he'll use every day.

Leslie: Of course! Why didn't I think of that?

Article #57 Telephone

Mr Palmer: Hello?

Sue: Hello, is Mary there?

Mr Palmer: I'm sorry, you have the wrong number.

Sue: Oh...is this 685-5290?

Mr Palmer: No, it's not.

Sue: I'm sorry.

Mr Palmer: That's OK.

Article #58 A Light Eater

Frances: Would you like anything else? You haven't eaten very much.

Grace: No, thanks. I'm already full.

Frances: Oh, come on. Have some more.

Grace: No, I really can't. I've never been much of an eater.

Frances: Have some coffee then.

Grace: That would be nice.

Frances: How do you take it?

Grace: With sugar please, no cream.

Frances: Here you are.

Grace: Thank you.

Article #59 A Nice Flat (1)

Agent: This is a nice flat.

Jane: Mmm...

Agent: There's a living room. There's a kitchen, a bedroom, and a bathroom, and there's a bidet!

Jane: What is a bidet?

Agent: It's like a toilet, only better, I'll let you figure it out!

Jane: Well, none of my friends have a bidet, and even if I don't know what it is, they will be jealous when I tell them!

Article #60 A Nice Flat (2)

Agent: Well, here's the kitchen.

Jane: Hmm...It's very small.

Agent: Yes, it isn't very large, but there's a cooker and a fridge. There are some cupboards under the sink. Jane: Are there any plates?

Agent: Yes, there are.

Jane: Good. Are there any chairs in here?

Agent: No, there aren't, but there are some in the living room.

Jane: Hmm. There aren't any glasses!

Agent: Yes, there are! They're in the cupboard.

Jane: ...and ...er... where's the toilet?

Article #61 Afraid of Flying

Bert: Where is your meeting?

Linda: In Dallas, Texas.

Bert: How are you going?

Linda: By plane.

Bert: Do you like to fly?

Linda: Sure. It's fast and comfortable.

Bert: I'm afraid of flying.

Linda: That's silly. Flying is very safe.

Bert: Maybe, but I don't feel safe in a plane.

Linda: I understand. A lot of people feel that way.

Article #62 A Plane Reservation

Henry: I'd like to reconfirm my plane reservation.

Miss Lester: What flight are you taking?

Henry: Flight 207.

Miss Lester: And your name, please?

Henry: Henry Chandler.

Miss Lester: Yes, sir. You're booked on Flight 207. Please check in at the airport an hour before flight time.

Henry: Thank you.

Article #63 Getting Together

Walter: Are you free Friday night?

Rebecca: I might not be in town. I'm not sure yet. A friend suggested I go to Vancouver.
Walter: Well, a few of us are getting together, and I thought you might want to come, too.
Rebecca: What are you thinking of doing?
Walter: We're not sure yet. We might go to a bar, but we'll probably go see A. I.
Rebecca: Oh, I haven't seen yet.
Walter: Well, come then.
Rebecca: Sure, if I'm in town. I'll call you and let you know.

Article #64 How's Your New Job Going?

Mr Adams: Oh, Miss Wallace! Long time no see.
Miss Wallace: How are you?
Mr Adams: Good. Thank you. How's your new job?
Miss Wallace: I started working today.
Mr Adams: How does it seem so far?
Miss Wallace: It's demanding, but I'm happy to be working.
Mr Adams: What's your boss like?
Miss Wallace: He appears to be very thoughtful and kind, but they all do at first. I guess we will have to see.
Mr. Adams: Well, I wish you the best of luck.
Miss Wallace: Thanks, take care.

Article #65 We Eat a Lot

Mario: Did you see my car keys?
Eva: They're on top of the TV.
Mario: You're right. Thanks!
Eva: Where are you going?
Mario: To the supermarket.
Eva: Again?
Mario: Yes, we eat a lot.
Eva: Do you want me to go with you?
Mario: Sure, if you can.
Eva: Good. The packages will be heavy.
Mario: There is a new health store right up the road; maybe since you guys eat a lot you should try and eat more healthily.
Eva: Maybe you're right; we have all put on a little weight.

Article #66 I'll Take You

George: Diana!
Diana: Oh, George...hi, how are you? Listen, I'm in a terrible hurry. The bank closes in twenty minutes.
George: Is your bank near here?
Diana: Yes, it's only four blocks away--on Vine Street.

George: Well, get in. I'll take you.
Diana: Are you sure? It's not out of your way?
George: No, not at all.
Diana: This is so nice of you, George. Thank you.
George: You're welcome.

Article #67 We Must be Out of Them

David: Hi! Sorry I'm late. I missed the bus.
Edie: Oh, that's O. K. I had time to clean up before you come.
David: You don't look very good.
Edie: I must be getting a cold. I've been sneezing all day. A-A-ATCHOO!
David: Bless you.
Edie: Thank you.
David: You must be getting a cold. Why don't you go lie down? I'll bring you some aspirin.
...
David: I don't see any aspirin in the medicine cabinet.
Edie: We must be out of them.
David: I'll go to the drugstore. Is there anything else we need?
Edie: Could you get some...ATCHOO...
David: I don't know if they sell ATCHOO there, but I'll check!

Article #68 Doctor's Appointment

Patricia: When can I see Dr. Know?
Nurse: He won't be free until tomorrow.
Patricia: Can I make an appointment?
Nurse: Sure. How about tomorrow at ten o'clock?
Patricia: Can you make it at nine?
Nurse: I check to see if he's available. I'm sorry but he's tied up until ten o'clock.
Patricia: Well, can't you squeeze me in, somehow?
Nurse: I'm afraid not. How about after lunch?
Patricia: Will one o'clock be all right?
Nurse: That's perfect. Thank you.

Article #69 Traffic Rules (2)

Police Officer: Excuse me. May I see your licence?
Kay: I'm afraid I've left it at home.
P.O.: In that case, you'll have to take it to the police station within five days.
Kay: But...but why?
P.O.: You were speeding, ma'am.
Kay: But I was only doing 75!
P.O.: There's a 70km/h speed limit on this road, ma'am.
Kay: Is there? I didn't see the sign...

P.O.: Well, ma'am. We've been following you.

Kay: So you were doing 75, too.

P.O.: No, ma'am. We were doing 90km/h... and we couldn't catch you!

Article #70 Eating out

Louis: Waiter! Could we have the bill, please?

Waiter: Can I put it all on one bill?

Louise: No, we'd prefer separate checks.

Waiter: Your bill's eighteen dollars.

Louise: That seems expensive. Would you check it again please?

Waiter: Sorry, ma'am. This is your friend's bill. Here is yours; it's twenty-four dollars and sixteen cents!

Article #71 To Buy a Bus Ticket

Raymond: Excuse me...

Teller: Yes. Can I help you?

Raymond: Yes, I'd like some information about buses please.

Teller: Where to?

Raymond: ... to Toronto.

Teller: When?

Raymond: This Saturday.

Teller: Morning or afternoon?

Raymond: In the afternoon. About three o'clock.

Teller: There's one at 3:20.

Raymond: Thank you that sounds perfect; I'll take it!

Article #72 On the Phone

Miss Wallace: Good morning, Scott and Smith Law Office. May I help you?

Nick: Yes. May I speak to David Waller, please?

Miss Wallace: I'm sorry, he isn't here yet. May I take a message?

Nick: Yes. Could you ask him to call Marjorie Vale?

Miss Wallace: How do you spell your last name?

Nick: V-A-L-E.

Miss Wallace: What's your phone number? Or does Mr. Waller have it?

Nick: Uh, no, he doesn't. It's 680-5290.

Miss Wallace: I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

Nick: 680-5290.

Miss Wallace: I'll give him the message.

Nick: Thank you.

Miss Wallace: You're welcome.

Article #73 Operating Room

Doctor: Mrs, Martin? I'm Dr. Thomas.

Mrs. Martin: Oh, doctor, how is he?

Doctor: Well, I'm afraid we'll have to operate.

Mrs. Martin: Oh, no! He's always been afraid of operations.

Doctor: Don't worry. If we operate now, he'll be all right.

Mrs. Martin: Oh, doctor, do you really have to?

Doctor: I'm afraid so. He's lost a lot of blood. If we don't operate, he'll die!

Mrs. Martin: Oh, please just do whatever you have to.

Article #74 A Car Loan

Lynn: I want to go to the bank this afternoon.

Andy: I'll drive you there.

Lynn: Thanks. I'm going to apply for a loan.

Andy: Why do you need a loan?

Lynn: I have to buy a new car.

Andy: What's wrong with your car?

Lynn: It won't start, and it's ten years old.

Andy: How much will a new car cost?

Lynn: About fifteen thousand dollars.

Andy: Wow! That's a lot of money.

Lynn: I know. That's why I need a loan.

Article #75 A Cashier

Brenda: What kind of work do you do?

Ralph: I'm a cashier at a supermarket.

Brenda: Do you like your job?

Ralph: No, It's not very interesting.

Brenda: And you don't make much money.

Ralph: That's right. I make very little.

Brenda: I think you should look for another job.

Ralph: I am, but it's not easy to find one.

Brenda: Keep looking! You'll get one.

Ralph: Thanks. I hope you're right.

Article #76 Settling Down

Mrs Bates: How are you settling in?

Neal: Oh, we're still in a bit of a mess, but Lisa seems to like it here.

Mrs Bates: That's good. Is there a garden for her to play in?

Neal: Yes, it's not very big, but we've got a small swimming pool.

Mrs Bates: Have you found a school for Jerry?

Neal: Yes, there's one near here. It takes only 5 minutes by car.
Mrs Bates: That's good. So you like it there, do you, Neal?
Neal: Yes, this is a very good place for my children.

Article #77 Will You Get Some Bread For Me?

Edna: Is there a bakery near here?
Alex: Yes, you can get there in five minutes.
Edna: That's good. I don't have much time.
Alex: Why are you going to the bakery?
Edna: To buy birthday cake.
Alex: Whose birthday is it?
Edna: My daughter's. She's ten.
Alex: That's nice. Will you get some bread for me?
Edna: Sure, do you want anything else?
Alex: No, thanks. I'll pay you when you get back.

Article #78 Buying a Present - In a Jeweller's shop

Robert: I'm trying to find a wedding anniversary present for my wife.
Assistant: Yes, sir. What exactly are you looking for?
Robert: I'm not sure, really. Perhaps you can help me.
Assistant: Right...I'll show you some pendants.
Robert: No, I bought a pendant for her birthday.
Assistant: Maybe a necklace, then. These necklaces are made of gold.
Robert: Yes...I like this one. What's the stone?
Assistant: It's a ruby, sir...and it's only \$1200!
Robert: Ah...well, perhaps you could show me some bracelets, then.

Article #79 Buying a Present - In a Toy Shop

Mrs Bays: Good morning. Perhaps you can advise me...
Assistant: Yes, ma'am.
Mrs Bays: I'm looking for a toy...for my niece.
Assistant: Oh, yes...how old is she?
Mrs Bays: She'll be seven years old on Sunday.
Assistant: Skateboards are still very popular.
Mrs Bays: Hmm, I don't want her to hurt herself.
Assistant: What about a Barbie Doll set?
Mrs Bays: I don't think so. She has many Barbie Dolls. Have you got anything educational? You see she's a very intelligent girl.
Assistant: I've got the perfect thing! A do-it-yourself kit where you can build your own Barbie Doll who rides a skateboard!

Article #80 Making a Reservation

Peter: Can I get some tickets for plays?
Teller: Yes. Is there a specific play that you want to see?
Peter: What plays are on tonight?
Teller: Cats. But it's sold out.
Peter: Are there any seats left for tomorrow night?
Teller: Yes. How many tickets do you want?
Peter: Two, please.
Teller: Where would you like to sit?
Peter: I'm not sure.
Teller: Well, here's a seating plan of the concert hall.
Peter: How much is it in the middle section?
Teller: \$50.
Peter: \$50! That's a little too expensive for us. How much is it in the back?
Teller: \$35.
Peter: That's fine. What time does the play start?
Teller: At 7:00.
Peter: What time will the play be over?
Teller: At 9:30.

Article #81 Ready to Go

Sidney: Are you ready?
Deborah: Grace is still in her room.
Sidney: She needs to rush. We don't have enough time.
Deborah: What time does the movie begin?
Sidney: It starts at seven thirty.
Deborah: What's the time now?
Sidney: About seven ten.
Deborah: There's no hurry. It only takes ten minutes by car to get there.
Sidney: I know, but there aren't enough parking spaces around the theatre.
Deborah: Well, I'd better tell Grace to hurry up. She can take hours to get ready.

Article #82 An Interesting Movie

Edith: I thought that movie was terrific, didn't you?
Martin: I don't know. It didn't seem to have any meaning.
Edith: Come on. It seems that you expect intellectual stimulation from every movie.
Martin: I just think that a good movie should have a central theme at least.
Edith: Yes. But it doesn't hurt you to watch a funny movie once in a while. Relax and enjoy it!
Martin: You're right. I'm too serious sometimes.

Article #83 In the Bus

Raymond: I see you're reading Harry Potter. How do you like it?

Victoria: I can't put it down. Have you read it?

Raymond: Yes. In fact, I just finished it. The ending's great...

Victoria: Don't tell me! I only have fifty pages to go.

Raymond: OK, I won't tell you who dies.

Victoria: DON'T TELL ME ANYTHING!

Raymond: OK, but I'm biting my tongue.

Victoria: Good, bite hard!

Raymond: Such a shame though.

Victoria: What is?

Raymond: That Harry dies.

Victoria: AHHHHH!!!

Article #84 A New Job

Miss Wallace: Mr. Adams, have you seen this ad in the Recruit News?

Mr. Adams: Yes, I saw it, but I'm not interested in finding a new job. I've been here since I graduated from my university. I like working here.

Miss Wallace: Really? I've only been here for one year, and I'm already tired of doing the same thing every day. I'm afraid of getting really bored.

Mr. Adams: Oh, come on! It's not that bad. Wherever you work, you have to do the same thing every day to a certain degree.

Miss Wallace: Well, what's more, I've been working about ten hours a day since last month.

Mr. Adams: But you've been getting paid more money for it, haven't you?

Miss Wallace: Yes, but I'm not interested in making more money. I'm going to apply for another job.

Mr. Adams: What kind of job?

Miss Wallace: A secretarial job.

Mr. Adams: Well, good luck.

Miss Wallace: Thank you very much!

Article #85 A Date (2)

Sandy: Hello?

Gill: Sandy? Is that you?

Sandy: Yes, uh-huh. Who's this?

Gill: It's Gill.

Sandy: Gill? Gill who?

Gill: What you do you mean, "Gill who?" Gill Dixon, of course.

Sandy: Oh, Gill, I'm sorry.

Gill: Yes. We had a date last night. Where were you? I waited for one hour.

Sandy: Oh, I'm sorry, Gill. I couldn't come.

Gill: Couldn't come! Why not?

Sandy: Well, I had to pack my stuff for my trip.

Gill: Why didn't you call me?

Sandy: I wanted to call you, but-uh-I-uh- couldn't remember your phone number.

Gill: And now I'm going to forget yours!

Article #86 Smoking

Tony: Do you smoke? I've never known that. When did you start smoking?

Jane: I started smoking when I was eighteen.

Tony: So, how long have you been a smoker?

Jane: I have smoked for twenty years.

Tony: How many cigarettes do you smoke a day?

Jane: I smoke two packs of cigarettes a day.

Tony: Have you ever tried to quit?

Jane: Yes, I have quit twice: once when I was expecting my baby, Paul, and the other time when I had a bad sore throat. But I had a hard time.

Tony: If you knew what it was doing to your lungs, you would think twice about it!

Article #87 A Death

Martha: Did you hear about the Smith family?

Charles: No, what happened?

Martha: Mrs. Smith passed away this morning.

Charles: That's a shame. What from?

Martha: Heart attack, I think.

Charles: That's a terrible thing.

Martha: Yes. Mrs Smith went into hospital last night by ambulance and died this morning.

Charles: Had she been suffering from heart disease?

Martha: Yeah. Mrs Smith had it for five years before she died.

Charles: Did they try surgery?

Martha: She had two operations, but they weren't effective.

Charles: I feel sorry for Mr. Smith.

Article #88 A Birth

Martha: Have you heard about the good news in the Wallace family?

Charles: No, I've been out of town.

Martha: Mrs Wallace went into the hospital last night and gave birth to a baby girl seven hours later.

Charles: That's very good. But they already have a little girl, don't they?

Martha: No, they have a five-year-old boy.

Charles: So they wanted a girl this time, right?

Martha: Yes, they wanted a girl for a long time.

Charles: Was it natural childbirth?

Martha: No, she had to have a caesarean.

Article #89 A Coincidence

Timothy: Teresa! What a surprise! What are you doing here?
Teresa: Timothy! I don't believe it! I'm going to see my daughter. She will marry this weekend. How about you?
Timothy: I'm going to visit my parents. When is your daughter's wedding?
Teresa: Sunday.
Timothy: Wow! This Sunday is the 45th wedding anniversary of their wedding, too.
Teresa: This is a surprise! Anyway, where is your train leaving from?
Timothy: My train leaves from Platform 3, over there.
Teresa: How long will you...
Announcer: Now leaving from Platform 3, train for Vancouver.
Timothy: That's my train. I have to run. Sorry we didn't have more time to talk.
Teresa: That's OK. I'll see you when you get back. Have a good time, and say congratulations to your parents!

Article #90 How have you been?

Grace: Raymond!
Raymond: Oh, hi, Grace! How have you been?
Grace: Good! I hear you have been to Toronto for a few days.
Raymond: Yes. I just got back yesterday.
Grace: Did you have a nice visit?
Raymond: Really nice. It was very good going around downtown and shopping. And I saw the Toronto Blue Jays game at Skydome. It seems that Toronto is a very exciting city. My brother Stanley was there, too. You've met Stanley, haven't you?
Grace: Sure. I met him when he was here in Hamilton last year. What's he doing these days? Still teaching baseball?
Raymond: Yes, as matter of fact, he just began to teach elementary school.
Grace: Great. How's everything with his kids?
Raymond: Have you met my nieces?
Grace: Yes, they visited you once in the summer, didn't they?
Raymond: Right. They're both fine.
Grace: I haven't seen them in a long time. They must be really big.
Raymond: Well, they will come over this Christmas. Let's have a great Christmas party together.
Grace: That's a good idea.

Article #91 Applying for a job

Interviewer: Come in... come in. It's Miss Wallace, isn't it?
Miss Wallace: Yes, that's right. How do you do?
Interviewer: How do you do? Please take a seat.
Miss Wallace: Thank you very much.
Interviewer: Well, I've got your application form here. I just want to check the

information... is that all right?

Miss Wallace: Yes, of course.

Interviewer: Now, you're 28, aren't you?

Miss Wallace: Yes, I am.

Interviewer: ... and you aren't married, are you?

Miss Wallace: No, I'm not... yet; I'm engaged.

Interviewer: Uh, huh. You didn't go to university?

Miss Wallace: No, I didn't, but I went to technical college. And I started work when I was 20.

Interviewer: I see. You can speak Spanish, can't you?

Miss Wallace: Yes, I can... but I can write it better than I can speak it.

Interviewer: Is there any other language you can speak?

Miss Wallace: Yes, I can speak a little French.

Interviewer: You've been to Argentina, haven't you?

Miss Wallace: Yes, I have... and to France.

Interviewer: So I see... but you haven't been to the Middle East, have you?

Miss Wallace: No, I'm not afraid I haven't, but I'd like to.

Interviewer: Good, because there is a demand for multi-lingual people in this job. I think you will do just fine!

Miss Wallace: Thank you so much! I won't disappoint you!

Article #92 Giving Directions

George: Now let's see... Vine Street is that way...

Diana: Yes, just turn left at this corner.

George: To Bridge Street?

Diana: Is that street Bridge Street?

George: Yes. There is a sign. Can you see that?

Diana: Oh, you're right. Well, I have to go to Jay Street.

George: I think the next one is Jay Street.

Diana: Oh, right. Let's turn left at the next corner.

(at next corner)

George: Diana! This street is College Street, not Jay Street.

Diana: Oh...uh, Go straight ahead one more block!

George: Are you sure? It's already 4:20!

Diana: I should have taken a cab!

George: That's gratitude for you!

Article #93 General Hospital - Maternity Ward

Nurse: Hello. You're Mr. Cox, aren't you? Have you been waiting long?

Mr. Cox: Not really. Is there any news?

Nurse: Not yet. We'll tell you as soon as there is. Have you thought of any names for the baby?

Mr. Cox: Oh, yes. If it's a girl, we'll call her Angela, and if it's a boy, we'll call him Joseph.

Nurse: Nice names, what is the significance?

Mr. Cox: They were my parents' names.

Article #94 Interview (1)

Ellen: What is your name?

Antonio: My name is Antonio.

Ellen: What is your address?

Antonio: My address is 32 Vine Avenue, Hamilton.

Ellen: What is your phone number?

Antonio: My phone number is (905) 980-0596.

Ellen: Where are you from?

Antonio: I am from Mexico.

Article #95 Interview (2)

Mike: What is your name?

Ai: My name is Ai.

Mike: What is your address?

Ai: My address is 180 St. David road, Toronto.

Mike: What is your phone number?

Ai: My phone number is (416) 556-0876.

Mike: Where are you from?

Ai: I am from Japan.

Article #96 Interview (3)

Catherine: What is your name?

Karl: My name is Karl.

Catherine: Where do you live?

Karl: I live in Berlin.

Catherine: What language do you speak?

Karl: I speak German.

Catherine: When did you come to the U.S.A.?

Karl: Last Saturday.

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