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# What would you say?



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## What Would You Say?

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This book is part of the [Afrin English Speaking Challenge](#), a daily practice system designed to help real people build real fluency — one simple conversation at a time.

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## Who Is This Book For?

- Beginners to intermediate English speakers (A1–B2)
- Anyone who wants to sound more natural in real-life situations
- Learners who want to build confidence in speaking
- People who want to know what to say in common moments
- Anyone who wants to practice polite, practical English

## How to Use This Book

- Read each situation and model answer out loud
- Notice the polite, natural phrases
- Practice saying your own version
- Use the explanation to understand why it works
- Try writing your own responses at the end

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## Everyday Situations

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### 1. You got the wrong order at a café

What would you say?

Hi, sorry—I think this isn't my order. Could you please check it?

Why this works: Polite, clear, and not blaming. “Sorry” and “could you please” keep it friendly.

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## **2. You're late for a meeting**

What would you say?

Sorry for being late. There was some traffic. It won't happen again.

Why this works: Apologizes briefly and shows responsibility. No long excuse needed.

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## **3. You don't understand something in English**

What would you say?

I'm sorry, could you say that again a bit slower?

Why this works: Shows you're trying. Asking for repetition is common and okay.

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## **4. You need to ask for directions**

What would you say?

Excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the train station?

Why this works: Direct but respectful. "Excuse me" softens the request.

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## 5. You're checking into a hotel

What would you say?

Hi, I have a reservation under the name Param.

Why this works: Clear and standard. "Under the name..." is a common phrase at hotels.

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## 6. You're calling a customer support number

What would you say?

Hi, I need help with my account. I'm having trouble logging in.

Why this works: Short explanation of the problem helps support respond quickly.

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## 7. You're introducing yourself at work

What would you say?

Hi, I'm Priya. I just joined the marketing team. Nice to meet you!

Why this works: Natural, warm, and includes basic info without overexplaining.

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## 8. You want to leave a WhatsApp group politely

What would you say?

Hey everyone, I'm leaving this group to reduce my screen time. Thanks for everything!

Why this works: Respectful and gives a reason without drama.

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## 9. You're asking your boss for time off

What would you say?

I'd like to request two days off next week. Would that be okay?

Why this works: Professional and polite. "Would that be okay?" gives room for a response.

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## 10. You didn't hear someone clearly

What would you say?

Sorry, I didn't catch that. Could you say it again?

Why this works: Casual and respectful. "Didn't catch that" is idiomatic and natural.

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## 11. You want to order takeaway food

What would you say?

Hi, I'd like to order a veggie pizza for takeaway, please.

Why this works: Clear, simple, and polite—perfect for phone or in-person orders.

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## 12. You disagree in a meeting

What would you say?

I see your point, but I have a slightly different view.

Why this works: Respectful disagreement without sounding rude or too direct.

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## 13. Someone is speaking too fast

What would you say?

Sorry, you're speaking a bit fast. Could you slow down a little?

Why this works: Direct but still gentle—especially helpful for non-native speakers.

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## 14. You want to make a restaurant reservation

What would you say?

Hi, I'd like to book a table for two at 7 p.m. tonight.

Why this works: Standard phrasing. "Book a table" is natural and common.

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## 15. You accidentally interrupt someone

What would you say?

Oh, sorry—please go ahead. I didn't mean to interrupt.

Why this works: Owns the mistake and returns the conversation to them politely.

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## 16. You want to check into your flight

What would you say?

Hi, I'd like to check in. Here's my passport.

Why this works: Exactly what airport staff expect—short and functional.

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## **17. You want to compliment someone's English**

What would you say?

Your English is really good! How did you learn it?

Why this works: Friendly and encouraging—great icebreaker for English learners.

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## **18. You're lost and need help**

What would you say?

Sorry, I'm a bit lost. Could you help me find this address?

Why this works: Friendly and direct. "A bit lost" makes it sound less serious.

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## **19. You want to buy something in a shop**

What would you say?

Hi, do you have this in a smaller size?

Why this works: Useful in clothing shops—common, polite shopping phrase.

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## 20. Someone thanks you

What would you say?

You're welcome! Happy to help.

Why this works: Short, confident response that encourages more friendly exchange.

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## 21. You want to return an item to a store

What would you say?

Hi, I bought this last week, but it doesn't fit. Can I return or exchange it?

Why this works: Polite, clear, and gives a reason. "Can I return or exchange it?" is standard.

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## 22. You need to reschedule a doctor's appointment

What would you say?

Hello, I have an appointment tomorrow, but I need to reschedule. Is there another time available?

Why this works: Direct, polite, and flexible about new timing.

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## **23. You want to ask a neighbor to turn down loud music**

What would you say?

Hi, sorry to bother you, but could you please turn the music down a little? I'm trying to rest.

Why this works: Apologizes, makes a polite request, and gives a reason.

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## **24. You're meeting someone for the first time at a party**

What would you say?

Hi, I'm Alex. Nice to meet you! How do you know the host?

Why this works: Friendly, introduces yourself, and asks a natural follow-up.

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## **25. You want to compliment a colleague's presentation**

What would you say?

Great presentation! I really liked how you explained the main points.

Why this works: Specific, positive feedback. "I really liked..." is natural.

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## **26. You need to ask for help with your luggage at the airport**

What would you say?

Excuse me, could you help me lift my bag onto the scale?

Why this works: Polite, direct, and uses "excuse me" to soften the request.

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## **27. You want to ask a friend to repeat their message on WhatsApp**

What would you say?

Sorry, I missed your last message. Could you send it again?

Why this works: Honest, casual, and a common request in messaging.

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## **28. You're at a restaurant and your food is cold**

What would you say?

Excuse me, my food is a bit cold. Could you please warm it up?

Why this works: Polite, non-accusatory, and clear about the problem.

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## **29. You want to ask a stranger for the time**

What would you say?

Excuse me, do you have the time?

Why this works: Simple, polite, and a classic way to ask.

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## **30. You're running late to meet a friend**

What would you say?

Hey, I'm running a bit late. I'll be there in about 10 minutes.

Why this works: Honest, gives an estimate, and keeps your friend informed.

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## **31. You want to ask for a recommendation at a bookstore**

What would you say?

Hi, can you recommend a good book for learning English?

Why this works: Friendly, direct, and open to suggestions.

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## **32. You need to ask your teacher for extra time on an assignment**

What would you say?

Excuse me, could I have a little more time to finish my assignment?

Why this works: Polite, respectful, and explains the request clearly.

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## **33. You want to check if a seat is taken on the bus**

What would you say?

Excuse me, is this seat free?

Why this works: Polite, short, and a common way to ask.

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## **34. You're at a hotel and need more towels**

What would you say?

Hi, could I get some extra towels for my room, please?

Why this works: Polite, clear, and uses "please."

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### **35. You want to ask a coworker for help with a project**

What would you say?

Could you help me with this project? I'm a bit stuck on this part.

Why this works: Honest, specific, and shows you value their help.

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### **36. You're at a pharmacy and need advice about medicine**

What would you say?

Hi, can you tell me which medicine is best for a headache?

Why this works: Direct, clear, and asks for expert advice.

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### **37. You want to ask someone to take a photo of you**

What would you say?

Excuse me, could you take a photo of me, please?

Why this works: Polite, simple, and a common travel request.

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### **38. You're at a café and want to pay separately from a friend**

What would you say?

Could we get separate bills, please?

Why this works: Short, clear, and standard in many places.

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### **39. You want to ask a classmate to study together**

What would you say?

Do you want to study together for the test?

Why this works: Friendly, direct, and invites collaboration.

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### **40. You need to ask for directions to the nearest restroom**

What would you say?

Excuse me, where's the nearest restroom?

Why this works: Polite, clear, and a very common travel question.

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