



English Conversation Piscine

Week 2

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Chapter I

Instructions

- You will be assigned to a random group with someone else.
- Practice the exercises with your partner before you get evaluated.
- Try to use the words and patterns in the expression part.
- You need to include all the basic questions in the conversation.
- If you completed all the basic questions, you can ask some optional questions.
- You are free to add some topics you want to talk about.
- Your team will be graded by a random peer evaluator.
- Got a question? Ask your peer on the right. Otherwise, try your peer on the left.
- Your reference is called Google/Oxford Dictionary/Papago/etc.
- You will not be evaluated by the files turned in. So anything related to the subject will be allowed.

Chapter II

Day 06 : Movies / Dramas

	Day 06
Do you like to watch movies?	
Turn-in Directory: day06/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about movies.	

Expressions

- variety is the spice of life
- in over my head
- screw the pooch
- fun

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| - popcorn movie | - have a blast |
| - time flies | - movie buff |
| - be a fan of | - my cup of tea |

- relax

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| - veg out | - let your hair down |
| - a couch potato | |

- sympathy

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| - that makes two of us | - see eye to eye |
| - my heart goes out to you | |

- movies / dramas

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| - synopsis | - plot / story |
| - ratings | - recaps |
| - trailer / teaser / preview | - prime time |
| - director / producer | - bad egg |
| - satire | - pilot |

Example

- I was **in over my head** after watching that movie.
- It has the feeling of a **popcorn movie** in many ways, but if you look under the cover there's more there.
- Watching horror movies is not **my cup of tea**.
- After a tiring week, I like to **veg out** in front of the television during the weekend.
- He **sees eye to eye** with his friends when they agree on the movie they will watch.
- As a character, Trevor is an aggressive man and a **bad egg**.
- Are there any good **satire** movies on Netflix?

Questions

- Do you like to watch movies/dramas?
- What was the last movie/drama you saw?
- What is your all-time favorite movie/drama?
- What is the worst movie/drama you've ever seen?
- What is your favorite genre of movies/dramas?
- Are there any genres you don't like?
- Do you usually watch movies at home or at the theater?

Optional Questions

- Why do you like that movie?
- Who is your favorite actor or actress?
- Who is your favorite director?
- What is your favorite movie/drama soundtrack?
- What do you think is the best in OTT media services?
- Can you recommend some video contents?
- Which movie has the best story?
- Do you prefer watching films in their original version or in your mother language?
- Do you like animated films?
- Do you choose a film for the plot/story or the actors?
- Do you eat something while you are watching a film?
- If there was a movie about your life, what kind of movie would it be?
- Have you ever watched a movie twice that you disliked?
- Can you remember the name of the first movie that made you cry?
- Do you like documentaries?
- Who is your favorite movie hero?
- Do you like to watch a movie many times?

Chapter III

Day 07 : Music

	Day 07
What is your taste in music?	
Turn-in Directory: day07/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description : Have a talk about music.	

Expressions

- lyrics
- a big fan of~
- taste in music
- have a good voice
- pop(ular) song
- play the~
- depends on ~
- instrumental
- sing along
- reaction

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| - call for an encore | - give applause |
| - give a standing ovation | |

- music

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| - piece | - tune |
| - melody | - scale |
| - note | - rhythm |

- feeling

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| - moving | - touching |
| - catchy | - depressing |

- musician type

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| - choir | - solo |
| - musician | - singer-songwriter |

Example

- I like the **lyrics** of this song.
- He **plays the** violin in the city orchestra.
- I am **a big fan of** BTS.
- Wow, you **have a good voice**. Why don't you apply for this contest?
- This song is so **touching**. I like that **melody**.
- I was a member of the high school **choir**.
- The audience **called for an encore**.
- They **gave** a big **applause** to the singer.

Questions

- Do you usually listen to music?
- What kind of music do you like the most?
- What is your favorite song? Why do you like that song?
- Who is your favorite singer? Why do you like the singer?
- Are you good at singing?
- Can you play any instruments?
- Have you ever been to a concert? If so, what concert was it? Did you like it?

Optional Questions

- Have you ever tried or watched busking?
- Do you like to watch musicals?
- Who is your favorite DJ?
- What is your favorite classical piece?
- Where do you usually listen to music?
- When was the last time you went to a concert?
- What kind of music do you dislike?
- What kind of songs do you like to sing at karaoke?
- What kind of music do you listen to cheer you up?
- How much time do you spend listening to music?
- Which is more important for you, the lyrics of the song or the melody?
- Do you like listening to classical music?
- Who is your favorite classical composer?

Chapter IV

Day 08 : Sports

	Day 08
Do you like any sports?	
Turn-in Directory: day08/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about sports.	

Expressions

- sports

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| - soccer / football | - baseball |
| - basketball | - volleyball |
| - golf | - car races |
| - wrestling | - skiing |
| - swimming | - marathon |

- phrases related to sports

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| - Lost a step. | - The ball is in their court. |
| - Pass the baton. | - Give your best shot |
| - Hit someone below the belt | - get in shape |
| - hit the ground running | - down to wire |
| - have the upper hand | |

- specialized

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| - GOAT(Greatest of all time) | - heavy-hitter |
| - hat-trick | - front runner |

- broadcast

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| - telecast | - livestream |
| - show | - simulcast |
| - air time | - podcast / videocast |

Example

- It's coming **down to the wire** to get these done on time.
- **Give it your best shot** and you may just make it to the finals.
- The matchup was set to be between two **heavy-hitters**.
- The man **hit the ground running** and hasn't slowed since.
- It's gonna be **down to the wire** and I'll have to pull an all-nighter to finish it on time.
- The Blues **have the upper hand** in the tournament, because none of their players is injured.
- The series is also available on the Internet via **live streaming**.

Questions

- What is your favorite sport?
- What is a sport that you don't like?
- Have you watched any esports event streaming?
- Do you like esports?
- Do you like to play games or watch games?
- Is there a sport you want to try?
- Which one do you prefer, winter sports or summer sports?
- What do you think about those who gamble on sports games?

Optional Questions

- Have you played any sports?
- Are you good at sports?
- What sports do you like to play?
- Do you like to watch sports?
- What sports do you like to watch?
- What is a sport that you don't like?
- Why do you dislike that sport?
- Have you ever played / tried ~?
- Do you know how to play golf?
- Who is your favorite professional athlete?
- Have you ever hurt yourself while playing sports?
- Which one do you prefer between summer Olympics and winter Olympics?
- What is your favorite esports game?
- Who is your favorite esports gamer?
- Who is your favorite esports streamer or youtuber?

Chapter V

Day 09 : Travel

	Day 09
Do you like travelling?	
Turn-in Directory: day09/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about travel.	

Expressions

- I've been to ~
- It costs me (time/money)
- a highlight of~
- traveler's sickness
- amenity
- jet-lag
- reserve

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| - reserve | - book |
| - make a reservation | - appointment |

- accommodations

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| - hotel | - hostel |
| - vacancies | - B&B |
| - room with a view | - complimentary shuttle |

- trip type

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| - domestic trip | - overseas trip |
| - travel domestically | |

- kinds of travel

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| - take a travel | - go on a trip |
| - day trip | - go sightseeing |

Examples

- I've **been** to USA.
- I prefer **domestic trips**.
- I **travel** to USA.
- The novel is based on his **travels** in india.
- I go on a **trip**.
- He **tripped** on a stone.
- The campsite is close to all **amenities**.
- I **booked** the **room with a view**.
- When I traveled to Europe, I got **traveler's sickness**.

Questions

- Do you like travelling? If so, why do you like to travel?
- Do you prefer to travel alone or in a group?
- Where was the best place you've ever been? Why is that?
- Where was the worst place you've ever been? Why is that?
- What do you think is the most important thing on a trip?
- Are there any places you want to go?
- Do you have some useful tips while traveling?

Optional Questions

- Which one do you prefer, staying in a hotel or going out?
- Which place do you prefer, city or countryside?
- Which type do you prefer, package tour or backpacking tour?
- What was the best moment you've experienced during the trip?
- Did you enjoy the local food there?
- Do you like planned trips or spontaneous trips?
- Do you prefer hot countries or cool countries when you go on holiday?
- Do you think it is a good idea to travel with friends, or alone?
- Do you travel with a lot of baggage or travel light?
- What do you think you can get from travelling?
- Do you like to visit the same place you've already been to?
- Do you prefer a package tour or a tour you organize and book yourself?
- Do you have any travel plans for your next vacation?
- Do you prefer visiting another country or travelling within your own country?
- Where was the most beautiful place you've ever been to?
- Which countries have you been to?
- Have you ever been in trouble while traveling?

Chapter VI

Day 10 : Shopping

	Day 10
Do you like shopping?	
Turn-in Directory: day10/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about money.	

Expressions

- best before / expiry date / use by
- phrases

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| - pay through the nose | - Don't put all your eggs in one basket. |
| - The drinks are on me. | - buy a lemon |
| - shop till you drop | |

- shop

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| - faulty | - packaging |
| - security tag | - self-checkout |
| - showroom | - shoplift |
| - bargain hunter | - clearance sale |
| - heavily discounted | - unbeatable offer |

- money

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| - coin / bill | - salary / wage / pay / income |
| - exchange rate | - savings / deposit |

- investment

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| - stock / share | - real estate |
| - yield | - return |
| - asset allocation | - volatility |
| - bond | - liquidity |

Examples

- All affected products have an expiration date of **Best Before** Oct 2014.
- No one wants to **buy a lemon** that breaks down for good after less than 50,000 miles.
- But now rich people **pay through the nose** for one, sometimes more than five million dollars.
- In other words, it is a place where you can **shop till you drop**.
- Most people involved in public policy love to sit down and **talk shop** with others.
- Those two **stock** markets have certainly done very well this year.
- Do we have the correct **asset allocation** for retirement in 20 years?
- Mortgage rates are closely tied to 30-year **bond yields**.

Questions

- Do you enjoy shopping?
- How often do you go shopping?
- Where do you usually buy?
- What do you want to buy now?
- What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?
- Are you good at saving money?

Optional Questions

- How important is money to you?
- How much do you spend on food each day?
- How much do you usually spend each month?
- Do you have a credit card?
- Do you have more than one bank account?
- Do you invest in the stock market?
- Which do you think is better, stocks or real estate?
- Do you have any asset plans?
- Do you sometimes buy things that you don't need?
- Have you ever been in debt?
- How much did you spend last month?
- How much do you spend on food each day?
- What cost the most that you bought recently?
- Where do you spend money the most?
- If you found 50 dollars on the street, what would you do?
- What are you saving money for?
- About how much money do you need for happiness?
- What do you think is good between spending money and saving money?

Chapter VII

Rush 01 : Bucket List

	Rush 01
This is my bucket list.	
Turn-in Directory: rush01/	
Files to turn in: script.txt	
Description: Tell me about your bucket list.	

- You will be assigned to a random group with someone else.
- Two of you have to talk about your bucket lists.
- You must include all the topics of this week in the conversation.
- Try to use as many expressions as possible you have learned through the week.
- Your group will be evaluated by these following standards: fluency, accuracy and the variety of the expressions.
- The minimum time to speak is 5 minutes.
- Life is always unfair, that's just the way it is.