



English Conversation Piscine

Week 1

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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 1 : Home, Family, Friends

	Day 01
Let me introduce my family.	
Turn-in Directory: day1/	
Files to turn in: script.txt	
Description: Introduce your family and friends.	

Expressions

- You can **call** me ...
- helicopter parenting
- **run in the family**
- Resemble

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• resemble• take after• Like father, like son. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- look (a)like- splitting image- Like mother, like daughter. |
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- Family Tree

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- aunt- nephew- mother-in-law- sister-in-law- great grandmother- step mother | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- uncle- niece- father-in-law- brother-in-law- great grandfather- step father |
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- Friend

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- bestie- get along with- be close to | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- buddy- make a friendship- on good terms with |
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Examples

- Nice to meet you.
- Let me tell you about my hometown.
- Let me introduce my family.
- My brothers and I have straight hair. It **runs** in the family.
- I'm from Busan, but I live in Seoul now.
- I was **born** and **raised** in Busan.
- You two seem to **get along** well together.

Questions

- How can I call you?
- Where do you live?
- Where is your hometown?
- How many people are there in your family?
- Do you have any pets?
- Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- Do you live with your parents?
- Do you look more like your mother or your father?
- Who is your best friend?

Optional Questions

- What runs in your family?
- Are friends more important than your family to you?
- Do you spend much of your time with your family?
- Have you ever met any of your great grandparents?
- How often do you visit your grandparents?
- Do you get along well with your brothers and sisters?
- Where did you first meet your best friend?
- Are you married?

Chapter III

Day 02 : Food

	Day 02
What is your favorite food?	
Turn-in Directory: day02/	
Files to turn in: script.txt	
Description : Have a talk about food.	

Expressions

- make tea
- have/suffer from a hangover
- spice
- (egg) yolk/ egg white
- picky/balanced eater
- eating place

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| - take away | - to go |
| - to stay in | - for here |

- drink

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| - soft drink | - beverage |
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- vegetable

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| - chinese cabbage | - green onion |
| - eggplant | - raisin |

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| - pork belly | - sirloin |
| - tenderloin | |

- grain

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| - brown rice | - barley |
| - rye | |

Example

- **Take away**, please.
- I always **make** green **tea** in the morning to wake me up.
- I've been **suffering from a hangover** after the party.
- I don't like food with **spices** such as curry.
- I'm not a **picky eater**. I can eat anything.
- I don't like **raisins**. So I don't eat mocha bread.
- **Egg white** has more protein than **yolk**.
- Roasted **pork belly** is a popular Korean food.

Questions

- What is your favorite food?
- Are you good at cooking?
- What type of dish do you like? (Korean / Chinese / Japanese...) cuisine
- Do you mind nutrition?
- Is there any food you want to try?
- What kind of drink do you like?
- Is there anything you can't eat?

Optional Questions

- Why is it your favorite food?
- What do you usually eat?
- Which one do you prefer between to go and to stay?
- Which fruit do you like the most?
- Can you eat dishes with spices like cilantro?

Chapter IV

Day 03 : Self-improvement

	Day 03
Do you think Self-Improvement is important?	
Turn-in Directory: day03/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about your self-improvement.	

Expressions

- make a habit of something
- get into the habit
- get the ball rolling
- start from scratch
- by force of habit
- kick the habit
- nip in the bud
- shake a/the habit
- learn the ropes
- book

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| - bookworm | - monograph |
| - primer | - treatise |
| - opus | - encyclopedia |

- language

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| - lingo | - idiom |
| - jargon | - synonym |
| - diction | - enunciation |
| - phrasing | - vocalization |

- habit

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| - custom | - drill |
| - habitude | - wont |
| - ritual | - propensity |

Example

- I **learned the ropes** in coding.
- He is such a **bookworm**. He seems to have a new book every day!
- It requires a lot of effort to **get the ball rolling**.
- Nothing like this had ever been done before, so we had to **start from scratch**.
- A bad habit in a child should be **nipped in the bud**.
- It's difficult to **shake the habits** you learn as a child.

Questions

- Do you have a habit for self-improvement?
- Do you think that self-improvement is important? Why or why not?
- Why did you participate in this Piscine?
- Why do you think people learn English?
- Do you think reading a book is important? Why or why not?
- What is your favorite book?
- Do you like to speak English?
- Why are you interested in studying English?

Optional Questions

- How many books do you read in a year?
- How much time do you spend reading books a day?
- Who is your favorite book writer?
- Which one do you prefer, fiction or nonfiction?
- Can you speak any other languages besides English?
- Are you interested in any other country or culture?
- What do you think your best habit is?
- What do you think your worst habit is?
- Do you have any plans to make other habits?
- Do you post on a blog?
- Have you ever made a public speech?
- What kinds of books do you usually read?

Chapter V

Day 04 : Health

	Day 04
Do you exercise?	
Turn-in Directory: day04/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about your health.	

Expressions

- **in ~**
- **take ...**
- come down with ~
- sleep

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| - sleep in the wrong posture | - sleep on the stomach |
| - lie on the side | - lie on the back |
| - toss and turn | - snore |
| - nod off | - grind one's teeth |
| - talk in one's sleep | - insomnia |
| - sleep-deprived | - sound sleep |

- diet

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| - carbohydrates | - intermittent fasting |
| - protein | - chicken breasts |
| - nutrients | - probiotics |

- health problems

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| - chills | - flu |
| - rash | - blister |
| - bruise | - swollen |
| - stiff | - cavity |
| - side effect | |

Examples

- I do treadmill running every morning.
- I **work out** twice a week.
- I run 5 km **in** 30 minutes.
- I **take** probiotics right after I wake up.
- I slept in the wrong posture.
- I was up all night **tossing and turning**.
- I got a **stiff** neck.
- I **came down with** a fever yesterday.
- It was so cold outside that I **have chills** now.

Questions

- How often do you work out?
- What kind of exercises do you usually do?
- Do you have any diet plan for your health?
- Do you sleep well?
- How many hours do you sleep in a day?

Optional Questions

- Do you have any healthy lifestyle habits?
- How long/far do you usually run?
- Do you take any dietary supplements?
- Are there any beginner tips for running?
- Do you often have regular health checks?
- Did you have any side effects after having been vaccinated?

Chapter VI

Day 05 : Dream

	Day 05
What do you hope for?	
Turn-in Directory: day05/	
Files to turn in: answer.txt	
Description: Have a talk about your dream.	

Expressions

- **work on ~**
- **be swamped**
- **major in**
- diamond in the rough
- work experience

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| - occupation | - career |
| - resume | - CV(Curriculum Vitae) |
| - cover letter | - intern |
| - apprentice | |

- effort

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| - do one's best | - strive |
| - make an effort | - put effort on |

- job

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| - satisfying | - fulfilling |
| - rewarding | - well-paid |
| - work-life balance | |

- Don't bite off more than you can chew.
- You're almost there.
- Keep going!

Examples

- I am **working on** coding these days.
- I am **swamped** with work.
- I **majored in** Business Administration at university.
- I am **doing my best** to achieve my goal.
- You must be exhausted. Don't bite off more than you can chew.
- Never give up. You're almost there.
- Keep going! I know you are such a **diamond in the rough**.

Questions

- What kind of work would you like to do?
- What are you working on to get a job?
- Do you have any work experience?
- What is your short-term goal in your career?
- What is your long-term goal in your career?
- What kind of person do you want to be in the future?
- What is the biggest goal in your life?

Optional Questions

- What is your major?
- Is your major related to your dream job?
- Do you have a resume ready to apply for a job?
- Which one do you think is more important to you, making a lot of money or doing what you want?
- Do you have any plan to achieve that goal?
- What was your dream when you were young?

Chapter VII

Rush 00 : Introduce Yourself

	Rush 01
Let me introduce myself.	
Turn-in Directory: rush01/	
Files to turn in: script.txt	
Description: Tell me about yourself.	

- You will be assigned to a random group with someone else.
- Two of you have to introduce yourself to each other.
- 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.