

Speaking

In this section, you will learn how to:

- express politeness expressions;
- express short functional text in the form of ads orally.

After learning the lesson in this section, you are expected to be able to:

- express politeness expressions in a proper way;
- express short functional text in the form of ads correctly.

Practice 1

Practise the following expressions.

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to the post of ce?

• Did I step on your toe? Excuse me.

• A : Is this your bag?

B : Excuse me?

A : I asked if this was your bag?

Practice 2

Work in pairs. Practise the dialogue.

Mrs Abbas : Excuse me, I'd like a box of chocolates for my friend.

Assistant : Yes, Madam. 500 grams?

Mrs Abbas : How much is that?

Assistant : Fifty thousand rupiah. These are good quality chocolates.

Mrs Abbas : OK. I'll have them.

Informal/ Formal (to older people or to a stranger-people)

Speech Act

Excuse me is a polite expression used:

1. to attract someone's attention:

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to the museum, please?

2. to tell someone that you are leaving a place:

Excuse me for a moment, Mr Astaman, but I have a lunch appointment in ten minutes

3. to say you are sorry when you hit someone accidentally, make a small mistake etc:

Oh, excuse me, did I spell your name wrong?

4. to ask someone to repeat something that they have just said:

A: What time is it?

B: Excuse me?

A: I asked you what time it is.

Dialogue 1

Riki: Is it your book?

Jamal: Pardon?

Riki: I said is it your book?

Dialogue 2

Riki: I think you're sitting on my jacket.

Jamal: I do beg your pardon, I didn't know that this was your seat.

Riki: That's all right.

People say *I beg your pardon* or *pardon* or *pardon me* as a very polite way of asking someone to repeat what she/he just said because you did not hear or understand it.

Formal (to older people or to a stranger)

Example: *Pardon, you have to talk louder, I can't hear you.*

The expressions are also used to say that you are sorry because you have just made a mistake.

Example: *I do beg your pardon, I thought you were someone else.*

Informal/ Formal (to older people, give polite stress or to a stranger)

You use *please*:

1. When you want to ask for something politely:

I'd like a cup of coffee, please.

2. When politely asking to do something:

Could I speak to Brian, please?

3. When you are politely accepting an offer:

More toast?

Yes, please.

4. When requesting information:

Please, Sir, how do you spell that?

Waitress: Good afternoon. Can I help you?

Riki: Good afternoon. Yes, I'd like fried chicken with fries and a coke, please.

Waitress: Would you like a regular or large coke?

Riki: Regular, please.

Waitress: Would you like anything else?

Riki: Yes, I'd like an ice cream, please.

Waitress: What flavour would you like?

Riki: Chocolate, please.

Waitress: OK.

Practice 3

Study the following menu. Say the menu in correct pronunciation.

