

# Early Birds and Night Owls

**Conversation > Intermediate 5** 



# Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

[phrase]

early bird	A person who gets up early.
[noun]	Ex: Are you an early bird?
night owl	A person who enjoys staying up late and being active at night.
[noun]	Ex: You can call me after midnight because I'm a night owl.
way	Very, to a great extent.
[adverb]	Ex: That movie was way more boring than I expected.
important	Having a lot of value or impact.
[adjective]	Ex: When shopping, the most <b>important</b> factor to me is the price.
the early bird catches the	The person who does something immediately or before others will have an
worm	advantage.

Ex: I wake up at 6 in the morning! The early bird catches the worm!



### Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Jessica: Good evening, Sara. How are you?

Sara: Just great! I'm ready for the night.

Jessica: What will you do tonight? Can I join you?

Sara: You always go to bed early, Jessica. I'm planning to watch several movies and take a bath.

Jessica: Do you love to stay up late? People who stay up all night are called night owls.

Sara: Sometimes, if I am not too tired. I think night-time is way calmer and quieter. How about you?

Jessica: Well, for me, it is so hard to stay up all night. I'm an early bird.



Sara: I guess coffee would help.

Jessica: Perhaps it would, Sara!

Sara: You have an important meeting at work tomorrow, so you should probably go to sleep early tonight.

Jessica: Yes, you are right. I need to get some rest.

Sara: Good luck tomorrow!

Jessica: I have a lot to prepare to make sure that the meeting will be successful.

Sara: You know what they say, the early bird catches the worm!



#### Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

#### Answer Pool

night owl

early bird

important

way

the early bird catches the worm

- 1. This movie is \_\_\_\_\_ too funny.
- 2. She always goes to bed after midnight, she's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The president has the most \_\_\_\_\_ role in the company.
- 4. Be an \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to earn more money.
- 5. Is it true that \_\_\_\_\_?



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

**Scene:** You are a night owl, while your friend Susan is an early bird. Discuss the good and bad sides of both lifestyles. The teacher can be Susan.



#### Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

- 1. Are you an early bird or a night owl? Why?
- 2. Which do you enjoy more, the silence of the night or the calmness of the morning? Why?
- 3. Is it true that early birds get the worm, or in other words, earn more money? Why? Why not?
- 4. How does waking up early make you feel more productive?
- 5. How can staying up all night be harmful to a person's health?