

# **Asking for Information**

**Business > Intermediate 6** 



### Exercise 1 – Reading

Read the dialogue aloud with your tutor and check your understanding.

**Agent:** Hello, this is Hannah of Bright Communications. How can I help you today?

**Mr. Grey:** Hello. I'm interested in buying one of your new products. I was wondering if you could give me some more information about it.

**Agent:** Of course, sir. What product are you interested in?

**Mr. Grey:** The Xplore 10 phone. I'd like to know more about its features.

**Agent:** No problem. The Xplore 10 has a 6-inch 1080p display, a 1.5GHz quad-core Snap processor and a 13-megapixel auto-focus camera.

**Mr. Grey:** Nice. What can you tell me about its operating system?

**Agent:** The operating system is Android 8.1.



**Mr. Grey:** Sounds great. I have a few questions about the payment, as well. First, I'd like to know if it's possible to order it online.

**Agent:** Yes, sir. You can order it on our website and have it delivered to your home.

Mr. Grey: Could you tell me how long it takes to deliver it?

**Agent:** We can have it delivered within 3 business days.

**Mr. Grey:** Perfect! And what about the methods of payment? Do you accept credit cards?

**Agent:** Yes, sir, we accept PayPal, credit and debit cards.

Mr. Grey: Great! Thank you so much for all the information.

**Agent:** Thank you for contacting us. Have a great day!



#### **Check your understanding:**

- 1. Why did Mr. Grey call Bright Communications?
- 2. What kind of processor does the Xplore 10 have?
- 3. What methods of payment do they accept for online orders?



## **Exercise 2 – Learning**

#### **Useful Expressions**

- I'm interested in...
- I'm calling to find out...
- I'd like to inquire about...
- I'd like to know more about...
- I was wondering if you could give me some information about...
- What can you tell me about...?
- I have some questions about...
- I'd like to know if it's possible to...
- Could you tell me...?



## Exercise 3 – Role Play

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

**Scene:** You are responsible for purchasing some furniture for the new office your company is opening soon. Make a phone call to an office-supplies company and ask about the price, size, and other features of the tables and chairs for the new office. Your teacher will act as the receptionist of the office-supply company.



#### **Exercise 4 – Discussion**

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

- 1. Do you make inquiries to businesses over the phone on a regular basis? Why? Why not?
- 2. Have you ever been misinformed about something you purchased? If so, what happened?
- 3. Are there any products that you would never buy online? Why?