

Hectic Day

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

compliment	A comment that says something positive about someone or something.
[noun]	Ex: She was happy when her professor gave her a compliment on her work.
intrude	To go into a place or be involved in a situation where you are not wanted or do not belong.
[verb]	Ex: Sorry to intrude, but I wanted to make sure that this got to your attention.
maid	A girl or woman who does cleaning work in a hotel or house.
[noun]	Ex: She served as a maid at a hotel for a year.
chore	A job or task that you do at home.
[noun]	Ex: Everyone in my family does household chores .
due to	Because of.
[preposition]	Ex: A lot of her unhappiness is due to boredom.



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Nina: Oh! Hi, Lisa. It's been a while. How are you? You look beautiful.

Lisa: Oh, thank you for the compliment. I'm great. How is married life? What are you doing later today?

Nina: I am very happy! I need to take Lea to school. Then, at lunchtime, I am going to bring Jake his lunch.

Lisa: Why do you have to do that? You have a maid to do all those things, don't you?

Nina: We had a maid, but she had to leave due to some personal problems.

Lisa: I see. How's Jake? It's been three months since I saw him.

Nina: Jake is busy with work as usual, but he never fails to surprise me; he helps me with household chores.

Lisa: You have a very caring husband, Nina. What about Lea? What's new?



Nina: Lea is now in elementary school. She's a very smart girl. You should see her. She's a lot taller now.

Lisa: Oh, I would love to see her and Jake as well.

Nina: How about tonight? Jake will leave work early, and we plan to dine out. Would you like to join us?

Lisa: I would like to join you, but I wouldn't want to intrude.

Nina: Oh, don't be silly, please!

Lisa: Just have fun and enjoy yourself with your lovely husband and kid, Nina.

Nina: Alright, if you say so... But, I'll call you soon and we can plan something.

Lisa: You got it! Say hello to them and kiss Lea for me.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

due to

chore

intruding

maid

compliments

- 1. It's not common to hire a _____ anymore.
- 2. The bus was delayed _____ heavy snow.
- 3. I hope I'm not _____. I didn't realize your husband was here.
- 4. She always gives her friends _____, and that makes them very happy.
- 5. My least favorite _____ is folding clothes.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: You met your old friend Tom. Tell your friend about your hectic day. The teacher can be Tom.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

- 1. What do you usually do after waking up in the morning?
- 2. What do you usually do before going to sleep at night?
- 3. Are you busy most days? Why? Why not?
- 4. What do you usually do on weekends?
- 5. Do you ever go out with your family? If so, what do you like to do with them?