



James Spenlow es soltero. Cuando se trasladó por primera vez a Boston, solía comer en un pequeño restaurante cerca a su casa. Pero pronto se cansó de salir a comer y entonces él mismo comenzó a cocinar por las noches.

Al principio, él simplemente abría algunas latas o calentaba alguna comida precocida, pero con el tiempo se convirtió en un experto cocinero. Cuando sus amigos iban a verlo, generalmente se quedaban a comer.

Hace algunas noches uno de los compañeros de oficina de James llegó a verlo de improviso. Traía una botella de vino bajo el brazo.

-  Hola, Peter. Pasa.
-  Espero haber llegado a tiempo para la cena. Te traje una botella de vino.
-  Rico. Déjalo allí sobre la mesa.
-  Mmm, iqué rico huele!
-  Sí, pero aún no está listo. Es un plato francés.
-  Pues espero que podamos comerlo pronto. Tengo hambre.
-  Debe estar listo en unos veinte minutos. ¿Puedes esperar?
-  ¡Sí, claro!



Es una suerte que hayas venido porque me había quedado sin vino. La comida francesa nunca sabe tan bien sin vino.



Pues me alegra entonces de haber venido en tu auxilio. En cualquier otra oportunidad en que te falte vino, simplemente llámame por teléfono, y lo traeré encantado. Después de todo, es un precio bajo a pagar por una buena cena!

Práctica de estructuras

- Él solía comer en un restaurante.
- Él solía salir todas las noches.
- Ella solía coser toda su ropa.
- Ellos solían visitarnos todas las semanas.
- Él se cansó de salir a comer.
- Ella se cansó de esperar.
- Nosotros nos cansamos de caminar.
- Colocó el vino sobre la mesa.
- Bajó la escalera a la cocina.
- El vino se está acabando.
- Con el tiempo se convirtió en un experto cocinero.
- Con el tiempo se hizo rico.
- Con el tiempo llegó a ser indispensable.
- Me había quedado sin vino.
- No había quedado mucha harina.
- Nosotros estamos escasos de gasolina.
- El gas se está agotando.

Food and drinks

Unit 20

James Spenlow is a **bachelor**¹. When he first moved to Boston, he used to have his meals at a small restaurant just down the road from his home. However, he soon got tired of going out to eat, and so he started cooking for himself in the evenings.

At first, he simply opened a few cans or heated up a TV dinner in the microwave, but after a while, he became an expert cook. When his friends dropped in to see him, they usually stayed for dinner.

A few evenings ago, one of James' office friends dropped by. He brought a bottle of wine under his arm.



Hello, Peter. Come on inside.



I hope I'm on time for dinner. I've brought a bottle of wine.



Lovely. Just put it down on the table.



Mmm, it smells delicious!



Yes, it does but, it's not ready yet. It's a French dish.



Well, I hope we can eat soon. I'm hungry.



It should be ready in about twenty minutes. Can you wait?



Yes, of course!



It's lucky you came because I'd run out of wine. French food never tastes as good without wine.



Well, I'm glad to have come to the rescue. Any other time you happen to run out of wine just give me a ring and I'll be right over. After all, it's a small price to pay for a good dinner!

Structural practice

- He used to have his meals at a restaurant.
- He used to go out every evening.
- She used to sew all her own clothes.
- They used to visit us every week.
- He got tired of going out to eat.
- She got tired of waiting.
- We got tired of walking.
- He put the wine down on the table.
- He came down the stairs to the kitchen.
- The wine is running out.
- In time he became an expert cook.
- In time he became rich.
- In time he became indispensable.
- I had run out of wine.
- The flour had run low.
- We have run out of **gas**².
- The gas is running low.



Something we want you to know

1. **Bachelor** = a man who has never married

2. **Gas** = gasoline

New Vocabulary

Nouns

- Bachelor
- Candles
- Headwaiter

Verbs

- Clean
- Cook
- Do
- Host
- Iron
- Prepare
- Spend
- Wash
- Wipe
- Write

Adjectives

- Excited

Adverbs

- Neatly



Unidad

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Puntos de vista

Las mujeres son, algunas veces, difíciles de entender. El pasatiempo favorito de mi esposa es mirar vitrinas. Siempre que tiene la oportunidad, ella toma un autobús y se dirige al centro comercial más cercano. Ella mira los almacenes y vitrinas y a veces entra a una tienda para probarse un vestido o un sombrero, pero rara vez compra algo. Eso me parece muy extraño, por lo que ayer le pregunté acerca de esto.



Yo no puedo entenderlo. Me parece una pérdida de tiempo.



A tí te gusta jugar golf, ¿no es verdad? ¿Qué hay de útil en eso?



Bueno con eso tengo la oportunidad de tomar un poco de aire fresco y hacer algo de ejercicio. Lo necesito después de estar toda la semana sentado en una oficina.



Y yo necesito un poco de aire fresco también. Yo paso la mayor parte de mi tiempo trabajando adentro: limpiando la casa, preparando la comida, lavando y planchando ropa. Eso cansa tanto como tú trabajo y, aunque la mayoría de las veces no puedo permitirme comprar nada, disfruto con mirar las cosas bonitas que hay en las vitrinas.



Cualquiera pensaría que no tienes nada mejor que hacer. ¿Por qué no me acompañas a un partido de golf?



Me temo que no lo encontraría divertido. Caminar por una cancha de golf no es tan divertido como mirar vitrinas y además ¿qué hay allá para ver?



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Práctica de estructuras

- Las mujeres a veces son difíciles de comprender.
- Usualmente es difícil encontrar buenos empleados.
- Los políticos siempre son difíciles de comprender.
- Los jóvenes a menudo son difíciles de complacer.
- Ella rara vez compra algo.
- Ella rara vez dice algo.
- Ella suele comprar algo.
- Ella suele decir algo.
- La carretera interestatal pasa alrededor del pueblo.
- El paradero de bus esta a la vuelta de la esquina.
- Caminamos por el pueblo y tomamos algunas fotos.
- A tí te gusta jugar golf.
- Nos gusta jugar cartas adentro.
- A él le gusta jugar fútbol.
- Yo paso la mayor parte de mi tiempo trabajando adentro.
- Nosotros pasamos la mayor parte de nuestro tiempo estudiando.
- Ella se pasa la mayor parte de su tiempo mirando vitrinas.
- No me puedo dar el lujo de comprar nada.
- No dispongo de tiempo.
- No me puedo dar el lujo de unas vacaciones en Suiza.
- No es tan divertido como ir a mirar vitrinas.
- No es tan divertido como patinar.
- No es tan divertido como salir a comer.
- Esto es muy divertido.
- Esto parece muy aburrido.
- Estos son muy sucios.
- Esos son muy limpios.

Unit 21

Points of view

Women are sometimes difficult to understand. My wife's favorite pastime is window-shopping. Whenever she gets the chance, she jumps on a bus and heads for the nearest shopping center. She looks around the stores and at shop windows, and sometimes goes inside a shop to try on a dress or a hat, but she rarely buys anything. That seems very strange to me, so yesterday I asked her about it.



I can't understand it. It seems like such a waste of time.



You like playing golf. Don't you? What's so useful about that?



Well, it gives me a chance to get some fresh air and do some exercise. I need it after sitting in an office all week.



And I need some fresh air and exercise too. I spend most of my time working inside: cleaning the house, preparing the meals, washing and ironing the clothes. That's just as tiring as your work. So even though I can't usually afford to buy anything, I enjoy looking at the lovely things in the shop windows.



Anyone would think you had nothing better to do. Why don't you join me for a game of golf?



I'm afraid I wouldn't enjoy that. Walking around a golf course isn't as much fun as window shopping. Besides, what is there to see?

Structural practice

- Women are sometimes difficult to understand.
- Good employees are usually hard to find.
- Politicians are always difficult to understand.
- Young people are often hard to please.
- She rarely buys anything.
- She rarely says anything.
- She usually buys something.
- She usually says something.
- The interstate highway goes around the town.
- The bus stop is just around the corner.
- We walked around the town and took some photos.
- You like playing golf.
- We like playing cards inside.
- He likes playing football.
- I spend most of my time working inside.
- We spend most of our time studying.
- She spends most of her time window shopping.
- I can't afford to buy anything.
- I can't afford the time.
- I can't afford a holiday in Switzerland.
- It isn't as much fun as window shopping.
- It isn't as much fun as skating.
- It isn't as much fun as going out to eat.
- This is very fun.
- That seems very boring.
- These are very dirty.
- Those are very clean.

New Vocabulary

Nouns

- Employees
- Interstate Highway
- Politicians
- Time
- Waste
- Window-shopping

Verbs

- Afford
- Enjoy
- Join
- Seem

Adjectives

- Better
- Clean
- Dirty
- Near
- Useful

Adverbs

- Rarely



Now, something important!

Adverbs of Frequency

They tell us how often something happens.

The adverbs of frequency are:

Always:

The bus always arrives on time.

Usually:

She usually goes window-shopping.

Often:

My husband often helps me clean the house.

Sometimes:

Women are sometimes difficult to understand.

Seldom:

Young people seldom visit their grandparents.

Rarely:

Good employees rarely arrive late to the office.

Never:

Going to the park is never boring.

Ref

For better reference, see **Finding Out About Grammar Book**, Unit 5, page 71.