Luisa begins the dialogue by saying to Max “Are you still here”? this is one of those questions you ask when you surprise about something obviously Luisa considers at Max still whatever they are. She says I thought you got off at 3:00. To get off of work means to finish your work schedule to be able to leave the place you work. Someone says what time you get off, they mean what time do you get off of work when you stop working. What time do you stop working. Max says I picked up the second shift. A shift s-h-i-f-t refers to a period of time when people work usually this term as use for job when people work at that practicular location more than a hour or that there are people working at their location for more than a hour. It maybe for example a place where there are someone working 24h a day, well, one person is not going to work 24h straight. so they break up the day into shift. So if you work the day shift, you’re working probably from 8 in the morning turn around for 5 in the afternoon. If you’re working a night shift, you will working perhaps from 4 -5 in the afternoon to midnight, if you’re working all the grade yard shift, you’re working probably from 11 o’clock at night or midnight to 7-8 in the morning. Those of shift stand. Devision of the work day is the place that usually open from day hours. Max says he picked up a second shift. To pick up here mean to get, to attend he was working once shift and now he picked a second shift was mean of course he is working more 10 hours a day. why had Max done it well, he says I could use the money, someone says I could use the money, he means that he was be able to benefit from getting money, he has some need of extra money. Luisa says but I thought you had another part-time job in the evening. A part-time job is a job usually that is less 40 hours per week. In United Statem 40 hours per week is considered four time, even lessen 40 hours we might called part-time. Luisa talks that Max had another part-time job, Max says I normally do, but the restaurant when I work has been cutting back my hours, when we talk about someone cutting back on something we mean that he’s using lessen or he’s reducing number of something. The two word for phrasal verb to cut back then mean to reduce the number of something. In this case, we’re talking about the restaurant where Max works. Cutting back his hour, his hour refer to the number of hours he can work. Max says he tries to pick up as many extra shift here as I can. Luisa says then as and don’t you work at amusement park on the weekend. An amusement a-m-u-s-e-m-e-n-t park is a large park usually that has a lot of… ride.. will people specially children can play game and get into the machine that go really fast. For example, Disney land is a example of amusement park in California. Luisa aks Max is still working in amusement park on the weekend? He says I do half a year meaning I do work there part of the year. But in the winter, in the park only keeps skeleton crew on during these months. Max.. that amusement park work he normally works.. some of time only has a skeleton crew during the winter time. The phrasal Skeleton s-k-e-l-e-t-o-n crew c-r-e-w refers to very small number of worker, the minimum number of worker you can have… play. In the bussiness doesn’t have very customer, might have very few employee and we might call that skeleton crew. If during busy time, the company has more employees. This is a case with is amusement park, they have skeleton crew. The word crew just refers to group of people. the word skeleton is normally use to describe the bones in your body or the bones in the animals. Max says in the meantime, meaning during this winter season, I’m working for a temp agency, which gives me short-term agency. A temp t-e-m-p agency is a company that find people temporary job, the work time is short for temporary meaning short-term not… not for a long time. There are of course many company that find worker, find people to work for company that just need worker for short period of time. Max says the temp- agency gives him short-term assignment. Short-term refers to a short amount of time perhaps a week, perhaps even a day, are you to work for temp agency when I was a colleague…I was call up every morning and see any work for me and they would send me to job that would last maybe one day maybe two or three days sometime as long as a month. Temp-agency are very popular, now especially when the company is not doing so well. Company don’t want to hire employees for time. But Luisa says I don’t know how you juggle all these jobs. The verb to juggle j-u-g-g-l-e usually refers to throwing objects in the air, and keeping the objects in the air. We refer to someone who doesn’t has it juggle but here the verb means to handle many different things as the same time to be able to do many different things at the same time. Max says I have no choice, I have no option, I have to piece together an income if I want to pay rent. To piece p-i-e-c-e together something means to put together, to example and income i-n-c-o-m-e refers to the money you get for working. Max is saying that he has to work a little bit as this job or a little bit of that job in order to make enough to pay for his rent. Luisa says have you ver thought about going back school to qualify for other work, something full-time. To qualify q-u-a-l-i-f-y for something means to have the skill and education in order to be able to do something, so for example if you want to be a doctor, you have to study for many years in order to qualify for that kind of job at least I hope you study many years if you are a doctor if not please don’t be my doctor. Luisa is asking if Max has far about going back to school, to qualify some kind of jobs that would be full-time, that would be 40 hours a week, Max says sure all the time, meaning I have all of it a lots, he says I’d like better job, one with benefits and a reliable salary. Benefits b-e-n-e-f-i-t-s refers to thing that has… and vacation time and sickpay money when you get, when you can’t work because you’re sick, these are common benefits that you get when you have a full-time job. Salary s-a-l-a-r-y refers to money that you get to work at a …place usually by a month or by a year. When we talk about salary, we are talking about money you get, regardless of how many hours you work, the two kind of ways of getting way, one is by the hour, when you get pay a such amount of money for any hours you work, another way of getting pay by salary, when you’re getting pay on the salary, we would say you are getting amount of money… special to do your job even benefit more than the normal 40 hours a week. Luisa says what’s stopping you, what’s preventing you from going back to school. Max says I have to pay for something called food, Max is making a joke here, he says now he can’t afford to go back to school, he doesn’t have enough money to go back to school because his conditional he pays, he rents or… to eat and to eat he has to buy food. He finishes by saying I haven’t met my fairy godmother yet. A fairy f-a-i-r-y godmother g-o-d-m-o-t-h-e-r is a character from children’s story, story that we tell children usually involving a woman who has some kind of magical power. The fairy godmother is the common character in… fairy tails that for told the children, that is may of story about magical event. Here Max is using the expression to means that he hasn’t found someone who just going to give him money to pay for his expensive and to go to school. Now let’s listen to a dialoge this time at a normal speed.