



## Basic Bootcamp

Useful Phrases for Learning English

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## English

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- A Excuse me./Pardon me.  
B How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in English?  
A What does \_\_\_\_\_ mean?  
B I'm not sure what you mean.  
A Could you repeat that?  
B Could you speak more slowly?

## Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
excuse me	phrase to apologize or get someone's attention	phrase
to say	to voice something	verb
to mean	to signify, to indicate	noun
sure	having no doubt about something	adjective
could	used to make a polite request	verb
to repeat	to do or to say something again	verb
to speak	to talk	verb
slowly	at a reduced speed	adverb

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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*Excuse me. Waiter, can we have a menu?*

*Excuse me, but can you tell me how to get to the station?*

*They say that it's good.*

*He said that already.*

*The word means to feel happy.*

*I don't mean to be rude.*

*Do you want to watch the movie? - Sure!*

*Are you sure you don't want to come in?*

*Could you explain that?*

*Could you pass the salt?*

*The song repeated on the radio.*

*He repeated the phrase.*

*I spoke in a loud voice.*

*May I speak with the store manager?*

*She drove more slowly.*

*He walked more slowly.*

## Vocabulary Phrase Usage

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**"How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in English?"**

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In this lesson, you will learn several essential phrases in English. You can use these phrases to ask your English-speaking friends, your English teacher, or even our very own expert teachers for help with your English!

**"Excuse me."/"Pardon me."**

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"Excuse me" is a very handy phrase to know because you can use it in different ways. You use it when you need to interrupt somebody or when you are trying to get by somebody. You can also use it to say "sorry" as well.

**"How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in English?"**

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You can use this phrase to ask for a word in English from your own language. Don't forget the auxiliary or helping verb "do" because the question would be grammatically incorrect without it.

**"What does \_\_\_\_\_ mean?"**

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Ask what a certain English word means by using this phrase. As with the last phrase, don't forget the auxiliary verb "do."

**"I'm not sure what you mean."**

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You can use this phrase to tell another person that you are confused. It usually stops the speaker and asks the speaker to restate what he or she has just said.

**"Could you repeat that?"**

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If you need clarification, don't be afraid to speak up. Just say this phrase when you need a person to say something again.

**"Could you speak more slowly?"**

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If the speaker is speaking too quickly, tell him or her to slow down by saying this phrase.

For the last two phrases, you can add the word "please" if you want to be more polite.

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## Grammar Points

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**The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking Questions:**

**Could you repeat that?**

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In this lesson, you heard some essential phrases in English. You can use these phrases with your English-speaking friends, your English teacher, or even our very own expert teachers!

These phrases are made of grammar structure that may be a little complex to learn all at once, so let's just take a look at the word "could". You can use this word in place of "can" in questions, so that the question sounds polite. Therefore instead of saying, "can you repeat that?" by saying "could you repeat that" the request sounds slightly more polite.

## Cultural Insight

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### Getting a Word in When Someone Else is Speaking

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Interrupting is common in English. If you have a question in class or at work, you can jump in when another person is speaking. However, it's a good idea to jump in at the end of a sentence or idea so that you don't stop the speaker mid-sentence. Make sure to speak loudly and clearly as well; otherwise, you may not be heard. Don't be surprised if the person you interrupt interrupts you back as well.