# Problems with father

1. Conversation 1

* Hi Alice, what are you doing?
* I’m just relaxing a bit, watching some TV.
* What’s on?
* I’m watching the news
* So...What’s happening in the world?
* The usual: **politicians** are trying to **pretend** they know what they are doing!
* Alice! You are such a **sceptic**!
* That’s the way I am
* What’s that?
* It’s a book Im reading
* What’s it about?
* It’s a story about a woman, a young woman...Who can’t stand her father.
* That sounds interesting
* Yes, It’s not that bad...
* Alice, what’s wrong? Do you want talk about it?
* No, I so tired now, I going to the bed...
* Good night!
* Night!

1. Conversation 2

* What are you doing?
* I’m connecting to the Internet, becuse I need send an email
* Who are you sending an email to?
* To my boss in America. He needs the weekly report **immediately**
* Why?
* Because he has a meeting with the **shareholders** tomorrow morning
* What happening with the laptop?
* The Internet connection isn’t working very well
* Somtimes it happens with my computer, too
* Do you have a suggestion?
* Usually Peter lends me his computer...
* Is Peter at home?
* No, I think there’s only Sharon
* Okay. I’m going anyway...

1. Conversation 3

* Yes, I’m listening to you! Yes, I’m listening!
* Who’s she talking to?
* I don’t know, I guess it’s her father
* Just the moment. What do you want?
* Nothing, It’s four o’clock in the morning...
* It’s everything all right, Alice?
* It’s none of your business!
* What? Excuse us. Sorry to **interrupt**!
* Listen...I know it’s late, I’m sorry, But I’m talking to my father. He’s in Boton now, it’s nine o’clock there!
* What?
* What do you want?
* I’m not tired anymore...
* Neither am I..What about eating some thing?
* I don’t know, I’m not really hungry. I’m going the Internet to chat with a friend in Italy. Would you like to join me?
* Now, that I’m not sleeping anymore...
* Would you like to see him?
* How?
* I have pictures of him on my computer...And do you know what? He can see you too, with the Webcam!
* What? Oh my God! No, please! I’m horrible now!
* No, you’re not! And besides...He might be ineterested...
* Why?
* Do you think I need a boyfriend?

# Clean up time!

1. Conversation 4

* Fine. I’m looking forward to seeing you. Bye bye. Oh my God! Okay guys, don’t **panic**!
* What?
* We have to be strong, and try to keep calm!
* What do you talking about?
* She’s coming! Tomorrow morning!
* Who, for God’s **sake**?
* Aunt Mảy! The owner of the flat!
* So what?
* Your auntie!
* What’s so terribale about her?
* Let me explain: **imagine** me in fifty years...
* You mean...You...Old...with your manias...Your cleaning **obsessions**?...Oh my god! Okay okay, don’t panic!
* So, what do we have to do?
* Let me see...What do you have scheduled for today?
* Today is a busy day! I have to finish my painting!
* No way! Painting means **brushes**, colours...**Dirt** and **mess** everywhere!
* As for me...Let’s check my date book..
* Date book? I don’t believe it! You mean, you don’t have a PDA?
* Please, Alice. I haave a program on my laptop, I don’t need a PDA as well
* I’m just surprised, that’s all. You are usually highly technological
* That’s not entirely true...I like to use paper and pen as well.
* Okay...Leave it guys! **Let’s go straight to the point.** What’s on your schedule today?
* I’m meeting a client from four to five. And then I’m going to the **mall**
* Why do you going to the mall?
* I want to buy a new modem for my PC
* A new modem?!
* That’s not exactly business
* Yes...well...There’s something wrong with mine...Okay, maybe it’s not taht important...I can go tomorrow morning...
* That’s very kind of you, Jack. Well, let me see...I’ve got a list with all your **duties** here.
* But...what’s it?
* It’s always with me...For emergencies, you know...Just like thí one. Jack!
* At your orders, general!
* You have to clean up the kitchen. You’re washing the dishes...Cleaning the oven and the fridge...the burners and the basin. Oh, and finally, you have to **sweep** and **mop** the floor
* I’m ready!
* Oh, and obviously you have to clean your bedroom, too
* It sounds exciting...
* Alice, you have to clean the living room. You have to throw all these magazines out, put all th CDs in order, clean uo the **carpet** and dust the **furniture**
* Do I have to mop the floor as well?
* Of course! As for me, I’m cleaning the bathroom and all windows...Well, I want you both in teh living room at half past six for a detailed report, ok?
* Yes sir!

1. Conversation 5

* Well done guys, I’m proud of you! **Neat and clean**! But at last the flat is perfectly clean
* Yes, but now it’s us that needs to be cleaned…
* Oh…Excuse me…Hello…Aunt Mary…Everything is ready for your arrival…I’m **picking** you at the airport tomorrow at…What? Really? Oh, I understand. What a **shame**…Oh no, no…Not a problem, at all. I hope you get well soon…Right…Bye bye
* So?
* What?
* Aunt Mary isn’t coming anymore. She’s **got a cold**…
* Hey guys, I’ve got the part! But what’s happening here?
* Nothing special…
* Congratulations Peter…

# Work-life blance

* Good everning and welcome to another edition of ‘Let’s talk’. In the studio with me this everning are our **commentators** Marie and Tom, welcome.
* Hello…Hello…
* Well. What’s the subject of our **debate** this evening
* We’re talking about the work-life **balance**
* Wow! Sounds interesting…What exactly does the expression ‘work-like balance’ mean?
* Well…work-life balance is enjoying a good quality of life, without working to much…
* Yes! It’s imporand for people to have some control over when, where and how much they work
* In other words, we’re talking about the importance of not working too much
* Exactly Eric! Today for many people work is the only thing they think about. We have no time for family, no time to relax, and no time for **ourselves**!
* You’re right Marie! Nad of course today with the Internet, mobile phone it’s possible for people to work, 24 hours a day from home, from the car, from anywhere!
* That true…but…you need to have a job to live…
* Of course! But work isn’t the only important thing in life. Workers today are tired and fell stressed
* Yes, people are working long hours. Do you know that 30% of UK workers take work home in the evening and at weekends?
* Really? In the evenings and at weekend that’s a lot of work…
* Yes…it’s real problem…for our quality of life, I mean
* Right! And there are also problem at work for mothers with young children and workers who look after ill or old family members
* Of course! Are there any solutions to these issues?
* Well, companies are looking for solutions. They’s studying new ways of working.
* What are these new ways of working?
* For example companies can introduce **flexible** working hours. I mean, workers start work early and finish work early or start work late and finish work late
* Or they can encourage homeworking. Workers can use the Internet and work from home. That way, they save time as they don’t travel to the office…
* Interesting solution…And what about part-time work?
* Yes, this is another way pf solving the problem of tooo much work. Workers can work 2 or 3 days a week…
* So…there are ways of finding a good work-life balance, we need to put them into practice
* That’s right Eric!
* Okay, so remember, don’t work too much! A good work-life balance is important for the individual, for the company and for society. Thank you to our commentators, Thank you!

# Speed dating

* Hello everyone, and welcome to ‘Let’s talk’, the Saturday evening debate with our two commentators, Tom and Marie
* Good evening!
* Hello!
* Tom an Marie, tonight I’d like to hear your thoughts on…on these new ways for people to meet their ideal partner
* What do you mean Eric?
* Well, a friend of mine is going to a speed dating event next week, and he wants me to go with him. I don’t know what to do…I’m curious…I’d like to try but…
* Come on Eric, no ‘but’! You have to go! Speed dating great fun! And even if you don’t fine your **soul mate**, it’s an interesting way to spend an evening
* That’s true! Speed dating’s really popular at the moment. It’s a great opportunity to meet people. Sometime, very interesting people
* Yes! And sometimes you can fall in love! I know the guy who married a girl he met speed dating!
* This speed dating sound interesting! I’m single, you know…But how does it work? **Perhaps** you can explain this to our viewers, too! I’m sure people would like to know exactly how speed dating works…I’d certainly like find out!
* Well, speed dating events usually take place in nightclubs or **pubs**. The **participants** have a number and they sit around the tables. They men are on the one side, the women are on the other side
* Then the fun starts! You have four minutes to ask your questions, only four minutes remember, the other person asks question too. Then you move to the next table and ask your question again
* What kind of question can I ask?
* Anything you like. For example ‘What’s your name?’, ‘How old are you?’, ‘What are your **interested**?’ ….The kind of questions that you ask when you meet somebody for the first time…
* And what happens next?
* Well, you write down your thoughts about the person. The person dacing you does the same thing. At the end of the event, you give your thoughts about the people to the organisers
* What do you mean: ‘My thoughts’?
* It’s easr, you select the people you’d like to meet again…The organisers then add you decisions to their website
* And then what happens?
* The next day yougo to website and read the results!
* What ‘results’?
* Well, ì you select a person and that person selects you, you can meet again…Now it’s time for a ‘slow’ date!
* Wow! It soud really interesting! And fun, too. Well, I think I’ll go with my friend next Wednesday to that speed daying thing. Would you like to try speed dating? Well, now it’s time to say goodbye to our commentators, to Tom and Marie
* Goodbye Eric!
* Goodbye!

# New word

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| politician | n | /ˌpɒl.ɪˈtɪʃ.ən/ | Chính trị gia |
| pretend | v | /prɪˈtend/ | giả vờ |
| sceptic | n | /ˈskep.tɪk/ | sự hoài nghi |
| That’s the way I am |  |  | Đó là cách của tôi |
| immediately | adv | /ɪˈmiː.di.ət.li/ | Ngay lập tức |
| shareholder | n | /ˈʃeəˌhəʊl.dər/ | Cổ đông |
| interrupt | v | /ˌɪn.təˈrʌpt/ | Làm gián đoạn |
| panic | n | /ˈpæn.ɪk/ | hoảng loạn |
| sake | n | /seɪk/ | Lợi ích |
| imagine | v | /ɪˈmædʒ.ɪn/ | Tưởng tượng |
| obsessions | n | /əbˈseʃ.ən/ | Ám ảnh |
| brushes | n | /brʌʃ/ | Cọ vẽ |
| dirt = dust | n | /dɜːt/ = /dʌst/ | Bụi bẩn |
| mess | n | /mes/ | Lộn xộn |
| Let’s go straight to the point |  |  | Đi thẳng vào vấn đề |
| mall | n | /mɔːl/ | Trung tâm mua sắm |
| duty | n | /ˈdʒuː.ti/ | Nhiệm vụ |
| emergencies | n | /ɪˈmɜː.dʒən.si/ | Trường hợp khẩn cấp |
| sweep | v | /swiːp/ | Quét |
| mop | v | /mɒp/ | Lau |
| carpet | n | /ˈkɑː.pɪt/ | Tấm thảm |
| furniture | n | /ˈfɜː.nɪ.tʃər/ | Đồ nội thất |
| neat and clean | adj | /niːt/ /kliːn/ | Gọn gàn và sạch sẽ |
| picking | n | /ˈpɪkɪŋz/ | Đón |
| shame | n | /ʃeɪm/ | Xấu hổ |
| Be + got a cold |  |  | Bị cảm lạnh |
| commentators | n | /ˈkɒm.ən.teɪ.tər/ | nhà bình luận |
| debate | n | /dɪˈbeɪt/ | Tranh luận, thảo luận |
| ourselves | pro | /ˌaʊəˈselvz/ /ˌɑːˈselvz/ | Bản thân |
| flexible | adj | /ˈflek.sə.bəl/ | Linh hoạt |
| encourage | v | /ɪnˈkʌr.ɪdʒ/ | Khuyến khích |
| balance | n | /ˈbæl.əns/ | Cân bằng |
| practice | n | /ˈpræk.tɪs/ | Thực tiễn |
| individual | n | /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪdʒ.u.əl/ | Cá nhân |
| speed dating | n | /ˈspiːd ˌdeɪ.tɪŋ/ | Hẹn hò tốc độ, hẹn nhóm |
| soul mate | n | /ˈsəʊl.meɪt/ | Tri kỷ |
| perhaps | adv | /pəˈhæps/ /præps/ | Có lẽ |
| pub | n | /pʌb/ | Quán rượu |
| participant | n | /pɑːˈtɪs.ɪ.pənt/ | Người tham gia |
| interested | adj | /ˈɪn.trəs.tɪd/ | Quan tâm |