# My career comes first

1. Conversation 1

* Good morning, Alice. Wake up!
* Good morning, Jack. Please, give me a cup of coffee…Bring me back to like…I’m still asleep
* Here you are
* So, what do you doing today?
* Well, first I’m taking a shower and after that I have my daily **appointment** with ‘Ask the stars’…
* Ask…what?!
* Oh, don’t you know it?
* Sorry, no!
* It’s the **horoscope** I listen to every morning on the radio. It’s **fantastic**, I can’t start my day without it
* How can I go out in the morning without the advice of ‘Ask the starts’?!
* Please Jack, this is not a joke: our entire life is driven by planets. By the way…what are you doing today?
* Well. I’m going to work, just like every day and…Today it’s Tuesday, isn’t it? I have to go to the karate gym
* Wow!! Are you doing anything this evening?
* No, I don’t have anything planned
* Well, Sharon, Anne and I are going to the cinema, may be Peter coming, too. Would you like to come?
* That sounds great. Which film?
* We’re seeing ‘Iterview with the vampire’
* Not that film, guys. I hate horror films. Why don’t we go to see the latest Julia Roberts’ film?
* Oh, please, Anne. We don’t need more romance…we already have our love story in the apartment next to us…with Peter and Sharon, I mean
* Okay, you are right! Let’s go to see ‘Interview with the vampire’ then
* Well, I think…I prefer to stay at home…Now I have got to go to work…See you later
* Is everything okay, Jack?
* Yes, why? It’s late, that’s all…Bye
* Bye…

1. Conversation 2

* Have you got a moment, Peter? I’ve got a problem with my computer.
* Oh, I don’t know very much about computers…And I’m going out…They are waiting for me at the **theatre**
* Always busy, eh?
* Okay, okay Sharon, take it easy! Shall we have a look?
* Thanks Peter, you’ve got a big heart!
* Let’s see if I can help before you thank me
* Alright…I can’t use this program. I use t every day and today it isn’t opening
* Hmm…Why don’t you turn the computer off and then turn it on again?
* Okay Peter, that’s really a great idea! You are a **genius**! How can I do without you?
* I know, my dear! What are you working on?
* I’m writing **curriculum**, because I would like to find a new job…Listen, Peter! I don’t know how to write it…Can you help me, please?
* I’m sorry, Sharon! I’m in a hurry…I have no time! I’m late. They’re waiting for me!
* Very kind as usual! Listen, Peter…Anne, Alice and I are going to the cinema this evening. Would you like to come?
* I’d like to… but I can’t. I have to…
* …Go tto the theatre, yes, I know! You always have something else to do!
* Come on, Sharon! What’s the problem? Maybe you are **jealous** of my **career**?
* Oh, Peter! I’m just tired of always coming second!

# Lost in London

1. Conversation 3

* Hi Anne. Housework, hum?
* Yeah, at last…
* Can I ask you a question?
* Sure, Uh, how are you and Peter?
* We’re fine, thanks. Listen, I want to go to that book shop. Do you remember?
* Oh, yes. The one with lots of **photography** books?
* Yeah…
* And **thriller** books?
* Yeah…
* And with red coffee tables ans flowers on the windows?
* Yeah…
* Where you can sit down and drink a delicious hot chocolate?
* Yes, Anne, that’s the one!
* The London Reader, It’s a greate place
* Yes, How do I get there? Is it far?
* You can work from here. It’s about ten minutes away
* Great! Oh, okay, Let see…
* Go out the front door and turn left
* Easy enough
* Go straight ahead, past the **traffic lights**
* Right, straight ahead past the traffic lights
* Turn right into June Lane
* June Lane
* Follow June Lane to the end of the street. And turn right into May Avenue
* Just a moment. Turn left on May Avenue?
* No, no no. Turn right into My Avenue, and the book shop is…
* Hi, Sharon, what are you girls talking about?
* I’m giving Sharon directions for the London Reader. So, turn right into My Avenue, and the book shop is the second shop on the left, next to the butcher’s
* No, Anne! Sharon, the book shop is on the right, past the museum, and between a chemist’s and a bank
* No, no, Jack! You are wrong! The book shop is…
* Okay, okay guys, be quiet. Don’t worry! I’ve got my map
* Hum, Sharon, I can come with you…If you don’t mind…
* Great! That’s very kind of you, Jack!
* Jack! Housework! Do you remember?

1. Conversation 4

* Hey Alice, what are you doing? Do you mind giving us a hand with the housework, please?
* Can’t you see? I’m cleaning the computer!
* I see, I see...Why is the computer on?
* Just a moment…I don’t understand how to connect to the Internet on this computer. Can you help me?
* Okay, but just for one moment
* Thanks, Jack
* Okay, click on that icon
* What’s an icon?
* That symbol on the screen
* But do you mean this picture of a telephone?
* Yes. Click on that
* Right, now what?
* Enter your user name and password
* Okay
* And click on that button there
* Click on that button…
* And now you are connecting to the Internet!
* Hey, that’s easy
* It’s very easy, Alice. You’re **hopeless** with computer…And with housework too! Come on, Alice! It’s time to clean up this **mess** now!

# Where were you last night?

1. Conversation 5

* Jack, where were you yesterday evening?
* Why?
* There was a great party at Mary’s!
* Really? I wasn’t invited!
* I can’t belive that. Everyone was invited
* I’m sure, I wasn’t…Anyway, I was busy yesterday
* Ah! Did you have a meeting with somw clients?
* No, I didn’t
* So…what? Where were you?
* I was with Robert at the Red Lion Pub
* That’s impossible…Robert was at the party
* Oops! I always get them mixed up…I was with Charles…
* Charles was at the party, too! Come on Jack, who were you with?
* You’re too curious, Alice! Okay, okay…I was with a girl…
* Oh-oh…And?
* And…what?
* Well…what’s her name? Do we know her? How old is she?
* Stop! Alice, stop! It’s none of your business!
* Okay, okay! You don’t want to tell us, hum? That’s okay, I like mystery…It makes life exciting! Well, let’s change the subject!
* Peter, where were you yesterday evening? Why weren’t you at the party?
* I was at the theatre. We are preparing the performance
* And you Sharon? Where were you?
* Me?
* Where were you?
* Ehm...I was at home watching a film on TV
* Which one?
* Ehm, the latest film starring Nicole Kidman…What’s the name? Yes, ‘Moulin Rouge’!
* Really? That’s strange…I remember…Here! Look, it’s on TV today!
* Really? Oh! They always show the same stuff on TV…Oh, don’t get up1 I’ll get the door.

1. Conversation 6

* There’s a postcard for you, Alice
* For me? Oh, it’s from my father. He was in the Bahamas last week
* Really? I was in the Bahamas last summner
* Just you?
* Oops, sorry Sharon. We were in the Bahamas last summer. It was sunny and hot. The oerfect weather for swimming and relaxing! It was fantatic!
* Fantastic, yeah, fantatic…
* I’, sure it was!
* I prefer holidays in the winter. It’s too hot in the summer. I like going to the mountains and skiing
* My last holiday was two years ago!
* Two years ago?
* Yes, it was a long time ago. I need another holiday soon!
* Anyway…Was your father on holiday in the Bahamas, Alice?
* No, he wasn’t. He’s working on a new play there
* Oh, how **fascinating** must be being a director! **Fame**, money, and a lot of travelling around the world!
* And no time for family! Just a few calls, postcards and a lot of **misunderstandings**…
* Why don’t you call him now?
* I don’t think that’s a good idea!
* Why? When was your last call?
* Three weeks ago
* That’s a long time! Come on! Alice, call him! I’m sure he’ll be happy to hear from you!
* Well…may be you’re right! Okay, I’ll call him! Thanks Jack…For your advice, I mean!

# Around the world

* Good evening and welcome to this week’s edition of ‘The Travel Programme’ the programme about everything to do with travelling and holidays. Here in the studio with me, as always, is Christine Oteng, our travel expert
* Hello Lucy
* Well summer’s **approaching** and…and the summer holidays are too! So, have you got any suggestions for the holidays?
* Well…let’s see…are you bored with your usual holiday? Are you tired of beaches or trips to the mountains? Would you like to say ‘no’ to museum, city tours ans shopping? Well why don’t try something new and exciting?
* What exactly do you have in mind?
* How about a holiday hunting for ghosts in a castle in Great Britain?
* Hunting for ghosts in a castle, that’s certainly a change from lying on a beach! It sounds exciting!
* It is exciting! Some thing really different! Just right if you love adventure
* Mmm…but what do you have to do? Do you spend all the time looking for ghosts?
* No, not all the time! In some way it’s like a normal holiday. In the morning you have a traditional English breakfast, tehn you go for a walk or visit a local town. On other words, you do the things you always do when you visit a foreign country. But…the fun starts in the evening! You have dinner and then the ghost hunting starts. With the help of one or two ‘ghost experts’. You search through the haunted castle until late at night
* Oh…it sound **frightening**!
* It is frightening! There are strange sounds, doors and windows open and close by themselves…Yes, it’s really frightening, but exciting too! Tell me Lucy, do you believe in ghosts?
* Yes, I do…but I’m not very brave, I don’t think I’d like to visit places like that, especially not at night! Are there any haunted castled in Great Britain?
* Oh, yes there are, especially in Scotland! Many of the castles in Scotland have got ghosts. There are some fascinating ghosh stories…there are lots of books about haunted castles. Why not read on before visiting Scotland!
* I see…a holiday spent looking for ghosts. A night in a haunted castle would certainly be a **memorable experience**!
* It certainly would! And if you want to see even more ghosts, before you return home, try a ‘ghost walk’ in London; visit places in London famous for strange and unusual happenings!
* Christine this is definitely an interesting idea for a holiday with a difference! Well, if you’re currious about ghosts and you love adventure, this could be just the holiday for you! Thanks Christine for this unusual holiday idea! You’re welcome, goodbye

# The genaration gap

* Good evening and welcome to this week’s edition of ‘Let’s talk’, the Saturday debate with our commentators Tome and Marie.
* Good everning Eric.
* Good everning
* Well, this evening let’s talk about the differences between the generations. What do you think about this issuse, Tom?
* I think that over the last 50 years lifestyles have changed a great deal, there’s been a lot of progress, new technologies have helped here, think about health care, it’s very good today, television and inetrnet tell people about the world and what’s happening
* So lots of progress, do you think like is easy today?
* Yes, I think it is! There are lots of **opportunities** for everyone. Let’s take travel as an example. In the past it was impossible to travle a lot, today we can fly to lots of cities in Europe and it’s very cheap
* I’m sorry, I don’t agree with you Tom! I mean it’s true that lots of things are easy now, but there are also lots of thing to worry about ans there’s lots of stress. In the past life was simple! It was all about the family and damily values
* Do you think that people today are **confused** about how to live life?
* That’s exactle what I mean! Today people marry when they’re 30 or 35, when my grandmother was young it was usual to may young and start a family
* Well...things are different today;
* I mean women work now! 50 years ago only a **minority** of women worked. I think this is very important for demale **emancipation**
* I agree with you Eric. Today women are **fulfilled**! They play an important role in society!
* Yes but it’s not easy for women, they have les time for the damily, the children and the housekeeping!
* I’m not sure that my grandmother would agree! Life was hard for her. There weren’t any washing machines, dishwashers or vacuum cleaners! She was the washing machine, the dishwasher and the vacuum cleaner…And after all that work there was nothing to do, she stayed at home all the time! Today people go out 3 or 4 times a week to the pub, to the cinema, or to the disco; my grandparents were always at home!
* Well…Life is definitely different now! According to Tom life was hard in the past, now everything is easy. Marie doesn’t agree. She thinks that life today is difficult and that people have lots of cares, worries ans stress! And what do you think?

# New word

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| appointment |  |  | Hẹn |
| horoscope |  |  | Lá số tử vi |
| fantastic |  |  | Tuyệt diệu |
| joke |  |  | câu nói đùa |
| horror |  |  | kinh dị |
| theatre |  |  | nhà hát |
| genius |  |  | Thiên tài |
| curriculum |  |  | Chương trình giảng dạy, chương trình giáo dục |
| jealous |  |  | Ghen tị |
| career |  |  | Sự nghiệp |
| photography |  |  | Nhiếp ảnh |
| thriller |  |  | Ly kỳ |
| butcher |  |  | cửa hàng thịt |
| traffic lights |  |  | Đèn giao thông |
| hopeless |  |  | Tuyệt vong, vô vọng |
| mess |  |  | Hỗn độn |
| misunderstandings |  |  | Hiểu lầm |
| Fame |  |  | Danh tiếng |
| approaching |  |  | Tiếp cận, đến gần |
| frightening |  |  | Khủng khiếp |
| memorable experience |  |  | Kinh nghiệm đáng nhớ |
| opportunities |  |  | cơ hội |
| confused |  |  | Bối rối |
| minority |  |  | Một số |
| emancipation |  |  | sự giải phóng |
| fulfilled |  |  | Hoàn thành, thỏa mãn, đáp ứng |