

生活會話 1

歡迎

1.

Roberto : Hi. I'm Roberto. How are you?

Gabriela : Hello. My name is Gabriela. I'm fine, thanks.

Roberto : Welcome to our class.

Gabriela : Thank you.

Roberto : Our teacher is Miss Smith.

2.

Teacher : Please open your books to page fifteen.

Student : What page?

Teacher : Page fifteen. That's one, five.

Student : Thank you.

寒暄

1.

Donna : What's your name?

Sam : My name is Sam.

Donna : Where are you from?

Sam : I am from Taiwan.

Donna : How old are you?

Sam : I am 25 years old.

Donna : Are you married?

Sam : No, I am single.

2.

Eva : What does Robert look like?

Tim : He has straight black hair and brown eyes.

Eva : How tall is he?

Tim : He is five feet, eleven inches tall.

Eva : Thank you.

3.

John : Who is Linda?

Mary : She is Ray's aunt.

John : And who are Ian and Iris?

Mary : They are Ray's parents.

4.

Nina : What do you like, Jacky?

Jacky : I like sports and games.

Nina : Really, I like sports, too.

Jacky : That's great! We both like sports.

5.

Charlie : When does Sophia eat breakfast?

Fay : She eats breakfast from 7:15 to 8:00.

Charlie : Ok, I see. When does she have English class?

Fay : She has English class from 7:00 to 8:30 in the evening.

購物

1.

Tina : I really like the boots Olivia wears today. Where does she shop for shoes?

Lee : She shops for shoes at Mary's Department Store.

Tina : Let's go shopping this weekend.

Lee : Okay!

2.

Customer : Excuse me, can you help me? I am looking for a washing machine.

Salesperson : This is a good brand.

Customer : How much is it?

Salesperson : It's four hundred and fifty dollars.

Customer : I'll take it.

3.

Customer : Excuse me, can you help me?

Salesperson : What can I do for you?

Customer : I am looking for socks.

Salesperson : The socks are over there.

Customer : How much are they?

Salesperson : They're \$10.

4.

Josh : Which one is your sister?

Sara : The one who is wearing a skirt.

Josh : What color is her skirt?

Sara : Her skirt is white.

5.

Customer : Excuse me. I want a TV.

Salesperson : A big TV or a small TV?

Customer : I want a small TV.

Salesperson : OK, how about this one?

Customer : Yes, that's good. How much is it?

Salesperson : It's \$135.

Customer : I'll take it.

食物

1.

Mary : What do you like for dinner?

Kevin : I like egg rolls. How about you?

Mary : I like tacos.

2.

Anne : We need to go shopping. We are out of everything.

Alan : What do we need to buy?

Anne : Ground beef and spaghetti.

Alan : How much is the ground beef?

Anne : It's \$2.25 a pound.

Alan : How about the spaghetti?

Anne : It's \$1.25 a package.

3.

Hannah : Can you pick up something on your way home? I want to make you a special dinner tonight.

Robert : OK, what do you need?

Hannah : I need one package of spaghetti and two pounds of ground beef.

Robert : OK, got it.

4.

Mindy : I want to buy bananas at Food Mart.

Louis : Good choice. They're more expensive at Super Mart.

Mindy : But meat is cheaper at Happy Market.

Louis : I see, you are a smart shopper.

5.

Customer : Hi, I want a ham sandwich, please.

Server : Do you want a side order?

Customer : Yes, a green salad.

Server : Sure, do you want a drink?

Customer : Orange juice, thanks.

居家

1.

Sam : Do you live in a house, an apartment, or a condominium?

Joy : I live in an apartment.

Sam : Where do you live?

Joy : My address is 23 Palm Street.

Sam : Where does Jill live?

Joy : She lives at 12 Olive Ave.

Sam : That's close by.

2.

Renter : I'm looking for a house to rent for my family?

Agent : How many bedrooms do you need?

Renter : I need three bedrooms and one bathroom.

Agent : I think we can help you.

3.

Renter : Excuse me, I need to rent an apartment.

Agent : I'm sure we can help you. Well, let's see. This one has three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Renter : Does it have a parking space?

Agent : Yes, it does.

Renter : Does it have a balcony?

Agent : No, it doesn't.

4.

Owner : Hello. Can I help you?

Renter : Yes, I am calling about the apartment for rent I saw in the paper. Is it still available?

Owner : Yes, we are renting it for \$1,450.

Renter : Wow! That sounds expensive.

Owner : Maybe, but it's a beautiful and new apartment.

Renter : OK, when can I see it?

Owner : You can stop by at 10:00.

5.

Adam : Jessie, where's my cat? I can't find it.

Jessie : It's under the sofa.

Adam : Great. I want to feed it some fish. Where's the fish?

Jessie : It's on the table.

Adam : Thank you.

社交

1.

Emma : I need to call the hospital.

Leo : Why?

Emma : My sister is very sick.

Leo : The number is 02-2388-1313.

2.

Alice : I need to find City Hall.

John : Of course. Go straight ahead one block and turn right.

Alice : That's straight ahead one block and turn right?

John : Yes, it's on the left.

Alice : Thanks.

John : No problem.

3.

Ann : Let's go shopping.

Ken : What do you need?

Ann : I want a new dress.

Ken : Oh, you should go to The Casual Woman.

Ann : Sounds good. Where's The Casual Woman?

Ken : It's across from Dress For Less.

Ann : OK, let's check it out.

4.

Answering Machine : Hello, this is Lisa. I can't come to the phone right now.
Please leave a message.

Tony : This is Tony. I have a question. Can you call me back? My number is 02-2343-1122. Thanks a lot, bye.

5.

Dear Paul,

How are you? I am doing fine. I am in Paris now. I am writing the postcard from a café in my neighborhood. I often come to have coffee. The café is around the corner from my house. And a museum is next to the café. Paris is a nice place. I like this city. Would you like to visit me next year?

Love, Jasmine

健康

1.

Doctor : What is the problem today?

Patient : My leg hurts.

Doctor : Your leg?

Patient : Yes, my leg.

2.

Doctor : What's the matter?

Patient : Doctor, I feel very sick. I have a terrible sore throat.

Doctor : You have the flu.

Patient : The flu?

Doctor : Yes, the flu!

3.

Doctor : What's the matter?

Patient : I have a bad cough and sore throat.

Doctor : You should rest and take cough syrup every four hours.

Patient : OK, thanks.

4.

Visitor : Excuse me. Where are the elevators? I can't seem to find them.

Staff : They are down the hall.

Visitor : Where?

Staff : They are close to the restrooms.

Visitor : Thank you.

5.

Chris : Oh, no. I am overweight. I want to exercise.

Tina : You can go to the gym with me next time.

Chris : Really! How much do you exercise every week?

Tina : I exercise about two hours every week.

Chris : Okay, I'll join you.

職場

1.

Adam : What does he do?

Eva : He is a cook.

Adam : He works in a restaurant, right?

Eva : No, he doesn't work in a restaurant. He works in a school.

2.

Don : What do you think about Joanne?

Debbie : She can speak English and she can talk to customers.

Don : But she can't work full-time.

Debbie : Then, we should keep looking.

3.

Mich : What was your last job?

George : I was an office worker.

Mich : What did you do as an office worker?

George : I typed letters.

Mich : What do you do now?

George : I am a student. I study English.

4.

Applicant : Here is my application. Can I see the manager?

Secretary : Not right now. She is busy.

Applicant : Can I make an appointment?

Secretary : Sure, please fill out the form.

5.

Diana : Andy is the employee of the month.

John : Really? I'm surprised.

Diana : He is always on time and he always works well with customers.

John : Let's give him a raise.

生涯

1.

Counselor : I need to ask you questions about your study habits, Nubar.

Nubar : Sure!

Counselor : Did you listen to the radio in English?

Nubar : Yes, I did that a lot.

Counselor : OK. How much did you study at home each week?

Nubar : I studied more than 10 hours a week.

Counselor : That's super! You have great study habits.

2.

Evan : I want to improve my English. What can I do?

Carla : You can read and keep a journal in English.

Evan : I do that every day, but I'm afraid of talking to people in English.

Carla : I think you speak good English.

Evan : Not really, I can't understand what my neighbors are saying.

Carla : Don't worry. You can watch TV in English. I think this will help.

3.

Mario : I just need a little English and I can go to work. I am already a good mechanic.

Counselor : Do you have a GED or high school diploma?

Mario : No. Do I really need one?

Counselor : A GED can really help. A good mechanic needs to read instructions and manuals. Please think about it.

Mario : Thanks, I'm going to think about it.

4.

Ann : Do you know Ryan?

Carl : Yes, he is my classmate.

Ann : What does he like to do?

Carl : He likes books. He likes to read at Startrek Café.

Ann : Great! Thanks for the information.

5.

Judy : What's your plan?

Alan : I will study abroad next year.

Judy : Sounds great.

Alan : How about you?

Judy : I am going to study English at Gjun.

生活會話 2

歡迎

1.

Mario : Hello, what's your name?

Lien : My name is Lien.

Mario : Nice to meet you, Lien. I'm Mario.

Lien : Hi, Mario. Nice to meet you, too.

Mario : Welcome to our class, Lien.

2.

Ms. Parelli : Welcome to our class. It is great to have you here.

Esteban : Thanks. I'm a little nervous.

Ms. Parelli : No need to be. What's your name?

Esteban : It's Esteban—E-S-T-E-B-A-N—Garcia—G-A-R-C-I-A.

Ms. Parelli : OK, Esteban. Where do you live?

Esteban : I live on Tremont Street—T-R-E-M-O-N-T—in Sausalito—S-A-U-S-A-L-I-T-O.

Ms. Parelli : Thanks. You're from Mexico, right?

Esteban : Right. Excuse me, what is your name?

Ms. Parelli : It's Ms. Parelli.

Esteban : How do you spell that?

Ms. Parelli : It's P-A-R-E-L-L-I.

Esteban : It's nice to meet you, Ms. Parelli.

3.

Mr. Jones : Kenji, please write a sentence on the board.

Kenji : Excuse me?

Mr. Jones : Write a sentence on the board.

Kenji : I'm sorry, I don't understand.

Mr. Jones : I can help you. Please come to the board.

Kenji : OK.

生活

1.

Debbie : Where's Kenji from?

Leo : He's from Japan.

Debbie : How old is he?

Leo : He's 30 years old.

Debbie : Is he married?

Leo : No, he's single.

Debbie : Where does he live?

Leo : He lives in Los Angeles.

2.

Daisy : Kris, how many brothers and sisters do you have?

Kris : I have two brothers and three sisters.

Daisy : So there are eight people in your family including your father and mother?

Kris : That's right.

Daisy : You have a big family!

Kris : How about you, Daisy?

Daisy : I'm the only child. I wish I had siblings like you.

3.

Lucy : Who's that guy?

Jason : He's Don.

Lucy : He's very tall. Is he the tallest in your class?

Jason : Not really, you haven't met Dennis yet. Dennis is taller than Don.

Lucy : Really! What does Dennis look like?

Jason : He has blue eyes and blond hair.

Lucy : I'd like to meet him someday.

4.

Rose : What's your plan this Sunday?

Tom : I don't know. Maybe watch TV and play computer games.

Rose : I always go to church on Sundays. Would you like to join me?

Tom : I'd love to. When is it?

Rose : I often go to the service at 1 P.M.

Tom : Cool! Where should we meet?

Rose : Let's meet at Mos Burger at 11:30 so we can eat there before the service.

5.

Andy : How's everything going in Tokyo?

Carol : Pretty good! I've made many friends.

Andy : Great! By the way, how's the weather in Tokyo? Is it cold?

Carol : Yes, it is. We have a lot of snow here every day.

Andy : I love snow. I wish I could be there with you.

Carol : How about the weather in Taipei? Is it still rainy?

Andy : No, it isn't. The rain stopped last Saturday. The weather now is windy and cloudy.

購物

1.

Kent : What do you usually wear in winter?

Mich : I wear warm clothes like a sweater and coat.

Kent : One of my friends wears shorts and sandals.

Mich : Are you kidding me? It's freezing in winter.

Kent : I know. People don't wear shorts and sandals in winter. That's why he impressed me!

Mich : Now I wonder what he wears in summer time.

2.

Customer : How much is this yellow dress?

Salesperson : It's \$99.99.

Customer : That's expensive! How about that pink one?

Salesperson : It's \$250.

Customer : It's far more expensive than the yellow one.

Salesperson : Absolutely! And it's the most expensive in the shop.

Customer : Why? What's special about the pink dress?

Salesperson : Have you noticed the pearls around the neckline? They are imported from Japan.

Customer : No wonder.

3.

Adam : I can't find Jewel. What's she wearing today?

Joy : She's wearing a flowered dress and sandals.

Adam : Is she wearing sunglasses today?

Joy : I think so.

Adam : I saw her! She's talking to a little boy on the corner.

Joy : Yes, that must be her son. Please go and pick them up!

4.

Sarah : Where do you usually shop for shoes?

David : I shop for shoes at Sam's.

Sarah : Why?

David : I shop at Sam's because the price is good.

Sarah : Really, I should have a look next time.

David : But they sell men's shoes only.

Sarah : What a pity!

5.

Manager : May I help you?

Leo : Yes, I want to return these jeans.

Manager : Yes, sir. Why do you want to return them?

Leo : They don't fit.

Manager : OK. Do you have the receipt?

Leo : Oh, no, I don't.

Manager : I'm sorry, you can't return them without a receipt, but you can exchange them.

Leo : OK. Maybe I will get those brown ones over there.

Manager : That's fine, sir. Please make sure you get the right size this time.

食物

1.

Waitress : Can I take your order now?

Customer : Yes, I want a turkey sandwich.

Waitress : Do you want a side order?

Customer : Sure, an order of onion rings.

Waitress : OK. A turkey sandwich and an order of onion rings. Anything for drink or dessert?

Customer : A medium Coke and apple pie, please.

Waitress : Sounds good. Your food will be coming right up.

2.

Mel : I'm going to the supermarket. Do you need anything?

Jasmine : Yes, I need some apples.

Mel : How many apples do you need?

Jasmine : A bag, please. And, can you buy me some flour and butter?

Mel : Sure. How much flour and butter do you need?

Jasmine : I need one pound of flour and a bar of butter.

Mel : Let me guess, you're going to make apple pie tonight, right?

Jasmine : You're so smart, honey!

Mel : Thanks, I'll be right back.

3.

Customer : Excuse me. Where are the peaches?

Clerk : What kind do you want - canned, fresh, or frozen?

Customer : Fresh.

Clerk : They're in the produce section.

Customer : Where's the produce section?

Clerk : It's in Aisle 3.

Customer : I see. And where's the butter?

Clerk : It's in the dairy section in Aisle 4.

Customer : Thanks a lot!

4.

Cindy : Tim, what do you usually have for dinner?

Tim : I usually have fried chicken and french fries.

Cindy : Fried chicken and french fries are high in oil and fat. They're not good for your health.

Tim : That's true. So what do you have for dinner?

Cindy : I always have bread, cheese, green salad and fruit.

Tim : Sounds very healthy.

Cindy : Yes, it is. A balanced diet keeps me energetic.

5.

Chris : I want to bake a cake for my girlfriend.

Tina : That's sweet.

Chris : Thanks. I got a box of cake mix, but I don't know how to start.

Tina : Don't worry, I can help you. First, heat the oven to 180°.

Chris : OK. I've written it down. And then?

Tina : Second, combine cake mix, milk and eggs in a large bowl. Remember to stir the mixture gently.

Chris : Sure.

Tina : Then pour the mixture into a pan and bake for 25 minutes. That's it.

Chris : That's not hard. Thanks a lot, Tina.

居家

1.

Alan : This is a nice neighborhood.

Rental Agent : Surely! It is.

Alan : I'd like to move to this area. Is there any home for rent?

Rental Agent : Yes, there are several places available now. What kind of home do you want?

Alan : An apartment for two.

Rental Agent : The apartment on Main Street is a wonderful choice. It has two bedrooms and one bathroom, and it is near the subway.

Alan : Sounds great. Can I have a look?

Rental Agent : Sure. How about this Sunday afternoon?

Alan : OK. I can make it around 2 P.M.

2.

Rental Agent : May I help you?

Peggy : Yes. I am looking for a house for rent. I want to have a big yard, and it has to be near the shopping center.

Rental Agent : These three have what you asked for.

Peggy : Which house has three bedrooms?

Rental Agent : This one on Alton Avenue would be just right for you, and the rent is only \$2,000 per month.

Peggy : That's over my budget.

Rental Agent : Or you can consider this one on Elm Street. Though it's more distant to the shopping center, there is a shuttle bus going there every fifteen minutes. Most important of all, you only pay half the rent of the one on Alton Avenue.

Peggy : Great. I'll take it!

3.

Rental Agent : May I speak to Mr. Tom Jones please?

Tom : Speaking. Who's this?

Rental Agent : This is Mandy from the Good Real Estate. There's some information missing in your rental application form. Can you help me to complete it?

Tom : Sure.

Rental Agent : So what's your prior address?

Tom : 315 Madison Street.

Rental Agent : OK. And how long did you live there?

Tom : I lived there for 3 years.

Rental Agent : And your personal reference Martin Gilbert, what is your relationship with him?

Tom : He is my supervisor.

Rental Agent : OK, thank you. We'll proceed your application as soon as possible.

4.

Husband : Honey, I can't find the remote control.

Wife : I remember you put it on the coffee table last night.

Husband : I checked the coffee table, but it wasn't there.

Wife : How about the sofa? You always leave the remote control in the sofa.

Husband : Nope, there isn't anything in the sofa.

Wife : Ah...maybe our cat took it. Go check in the bedroom.

Husband : I found it. It's right under our bed.

Wife : Good. Remember to put it back in the TV cabinet.

5.

Mandy : I might move to New York in two weeks.

Robert : Really! Have you got any place to stay?

Mandy : Yes. I may stay in Aunt Lucy's condominium till I find my own place.

Robert : When will your new job start?

Mandy : I'm not sure. My supervisor hopes I can start as soon as possible. But I want to have one month break.

Robert : You'd better let him know in advance.

Mandy : I know. I may ring him later.

社區

1.

Ticket Seller : Good afternoon, ma'am. How may I help you?

Jill : I need a one-way ticket to Taipei. When's the next bus?

Ticket Seller : It's at 4:30.

Jill : OK. When will it arrive in Taipei?

Ticket Seller : It depends on which stop you get off the bus.

Jill : Where does the bus stop in Taipei?

Ticket Seller : The bus stops at Zhonghua Rd., Nanjing E. Rd. and Keelung Rd.

Jill : I'll get off at Nanjing E. Rd.

Ticket Seller : No problem. The bus will arrive at Nanjing E. Rd. at 7 P.M.

2.

June : Where's the post office?

Hank : The post . . . ?

June : The post office.

Hank : Oh, it's at 151 East Broadway.

June : What's the phone number?

Hank : It's 555-6245.

3.

Mary : Hello.

Andy : Hi, Mary. I am here.

Mary : Where?

Andy : Here in Palm City.

Mary : Really? Where are you right now?

Andy : I'm at the intersection of Main and Lincoln.

Wow, that's great! You can walk here. Go north on Main. Walk straight ahead for three blocks and turn left on Fairview. Go one block and turn right. Turn left on Washington. My apartment is on the right at 133 Washington, Number 15.

4.

Dear Kent,

I'm writing to you from Palm City in California. I'm staying for a few days with my friend, Emma. I'm having a wonderful time. Palm City is beautiful. People are very friendly. Sometimes we go to Claudia's Restaurant to eat Mexican food. It's great.

Emma works in the hospital here as a nurse. She goes to work early every day and she works very hard. She loves her new job, but she's a little sad because her family and friends aren't here.

Right now I'm doing my English homework and listening to music at Emma's house.

I'm waiting for Emma to finish work. See you soon.

Love, Gina

5.

Dear Kenji,

How are you? I'm now here in Palm City. I went to school yesterday. The teacher talked to me about my goals. I want a new job. Last year, I only wanted help with my English. Now I'm studying more. My teacher is very good.

I talked to Beverly. We talked about our goals. She wants to go to a university. We went to a restaurant. I ate sushi. I like Beverly. I sent a letter to her after lunch.

Love, Josh

健康

1.

Carol : Doctor, I want to live a balanced and healthy life.

Doctor : I'm glad to hear that.

Carol : Could you give me a few tips?

Doctor : Sure. First, you need to have enough sleep. An eight-hour sleep is suggested.

Carol : It's a bit difficult, but I'll try.

Doctor : And don't forget to have a checkup once a year.

Carol : I'll keep that in mind.

Doctor : Proper exercise is also important. Do you like to do exercise in your free time?

Carol : Yes. I always go jogging twice a week.

Doctor : Nice. Last but not least, have a good diet.

2.

Patient : Doctor, I have a terrible headache and my muscle aches.

Doctor : You have the flu.

Patient : The flu?

Doctor : Yes. It's more serious than a cold.

Patient : What should I do then?

Doctor : Take two pills every four hours after meal, and come back in 3 days.

Patient : OK.

Doctor : Get more sleep and drink enough water. That will help you to recover soon.

Patient : Thank you, doctor.

3.

Adam : I had a fever during the Chinese New Year.

Eva : That was terrible!

Adam : True. The doctor said I'd better stay at home and rest.

Eva : So you didn't go anywhere?

Adam : You're right. I had a very boring vacation.

Eva : You should grab the chance to practice guitar.

Adam : Yes, I did. I played guitar almost every day.

Eva : Then you must be ready for the guitar competition.

Adam : Absolutely! I'm going to win.

Eva : Great! I'll wait for your good news.

4.

Alexi : Doctor, I am not sure I understand your instructions.

Doctor : OK, let's go over them again. It is very important that you understand.

Alexi : Yes, I know. I just forget easily.

Doctor : That's OK. You can read all about it here on the back of the medicine. It says, "Take three pills two times a day with water."

Alexi : Water?

Doctor : Water is best, but you can take it with juice if you like.

Alexi : Thanks. Is it OK to drive?

Doctor : No, you shouldn't drive. It says that here, under "Precautions." Oh, and take aspirin every day, too.

Alexi : OK. I will take the aspirin and the other medicine as you have directed me.
Thank you!

5.

Hannah : You look uncomfortable. What's the matter?

George : I feel dizzy.

Hannah : How long have you been feeling dizzy?

George : More than a week I think...

Hannah : How can you bear to stay in that condition for such a long time? You should go see a doctor right away!

George : But there is so much work to be done...

Hannah : George, health is far more important than career.

George : OK OK. I will take a day off and go to the doctor.

職場

1.

Supervisor : David, I want to go over your evaluation.

David : OK, I try to do a good job.

Supervisor : Yes, I see that every day. I've given you a "superior" for coming to work on time and understanding the job. I've also marked "good" for attitude.

David : Why do I not have a "superior" for attitude?

Supervisor : Because you don't help employees or want to work in a team. See, both of these areas are "needs improvement."

David : Is working in a team important for my job?

Supervisor : Absolutely! It's important for every job.

David : I will improve. I will begin today to work with the other employees.

Supervisor : I was sure you would. That's why I give you a "superior" for following instructions.

2.

Debbie : John, have you read Amy's resume yet?

John : Yes. She seems to be the right person for the position.

Debbie : I agree with you. She can speak fluent Chinese and English. Besides, she has three years relevant experience.

John : However, I've noticed that she can't work on the weekends.

Debbie : Yes. She's a single parent. She wants to spend more time with her daughter.

John : I see.

Debbie : But she's a great candidate. I think we should give her a chance.

John : I'll think about it.

3.

Secretary : Good afternoon, sir. May I help you?

Jim : Yes. I'm interested in the job you posted in Daily News. Is it still available?

Secretary : The job as a receptionist?

Jim : Yes.

Secretary : We haven't found the right person, yet.

Jim : Great. I'd love to give it a try.

Secretary : Sure.

Jim : Can I have the application, please?

Secretary : Here you are.

Jim : Thank you.

4.

Good morning, Mr. Owen. Please sit down. I have your application here. You

Carla : were a cashier at Hero Bookstore and before that you were a desk clerk.
 Is that right?

Fred : I was a delivery person at Hero Bookstore. I wasn't a cashier.

Carla : Oh, yes, that's right. What kind of work did you do?

Fred : I drove delivery trucks and delivered textbooks to school.

Carla : So you didn't type orders or fix cars?

Fred : No, I didn't fix cars, but I worked as a part-time auto mechanic at Mile's
 Garage.

Carla : Did you work in the night shift?

Fred : No, I didn't work in the night shift. I finished at 7:30 P.M.

Carla : Thank you. We'll call you.

5.

Supervisor : Come here, Tim. I'm going to show you how to use the copier.

Trainee : Sure.

Supervisor : Turn on the machine first. Then place the original on the glass.

Trainee : Wait a second! How can I turn on the copier?

Supervisor : Once you lift the lid, the machine will be activated automatically.

Trainee : I got it.

Supervisor : Don't forget to close the lid. Then choose the number of copies and...

Trainee : I know! Press the start button, right.

Supervisor : Good! Here's the handout for the conference. Make 30 copies and give them to the secretary.

Trainee : Yes, Ms. Johnson.

職涯

1.

Tony : What's your plan after graduation?

Vicky : I want to apply for graduate school.

Tony : Sounds good. Have you had any plans yet?

Vicky : Not at all. I need to discuss the idea with my parents first.

Tony : Good luck!

Vicky : How about you?

Tony : I'm going to study abroad.

Vicky : Really!

Tony : Yes. I just received the result of GRE. I did pretty good.

Vicky : Congrats!

Tony : Thank you. I'm now doing surveys on the schools in the US.

2.

Tom : Diana, I've heard that you decided to leave your job.

Diana : That's right!

Tom : But why? The boss trusts you, and you have a great chance to be the regional manager!

Diana : I know... but...I quit because I met my Mr. Right. We plan to get married next month.

Tom : You surprised me! When did you start dating?

Diana : Last month. I met him in a night club.

Tom : He'd better be your Mr. Right.

3.

Emily : We'll be graduating from school in two months. What's your future plan?

Ian : I'm going to get a job and try to save some money.

Emily : And then?

Ian : Once I have enough savings, I plan to go abroad and study jewelry design.

Emily : I never knew you're interested in designing jewelries.

Ian : I've been dreaming about being a top jewelry designer since high school. How about you? What's your plan?

Emily : I've never thought about what my future will be like...

Ian : Come on, you got to set up your goals...

Emily : OK. I've made up my mind. I want to be a super model so I can wear all those stunning jewelries you designed.

4.

Billy : I've noticed that you enrolled in the cooking class.

Mina : Right. I can't cook so I have to learn.

Billy : Even though you don't know how to cook, you're still a charming woman.

Mina : I know. But my boyfriend complains about this a lot... Since I plan to marry him in the future, I need to improve my cooking skills sooner or later.

Billy : I can tell how much you love your boyfriend.

Mina : Not really, I just tried to be his dreamed girlfriend...

Billy : Don't you feel a bit tired?

Mina : Maybe...

Billy : Why don't you choose me instead? I'm a good man, and I won't force you to do things you don't want to do.

Mina : You can't be serious. Billy...you're not my cup of tea.

5.

I have many goals for the next five years. Right now, I am studying at Clear Mountain Adult School. These are my plans.

First, I will study nursing at a community college. Next, I plan to get a job as a home health-care aide. Then, Jim and I are going to get married. Finally, I hope to get my nursing degree and become a registered nurse. I want to have children and work part time as a nurse.

生活會話 3

生活

1.

Jenny : Hey, Dennis!

Dennis : Hi, Jenny, haven't seen you for ages.

Jenny : True. You seemed to hide from me ever since we broke up.

Dennis : Oh, come on. You know I was broken-hearted and didn't know how to face
you and your new boyfriend.

Jenny : My new boyfriend? You dumped me for Diana first!

Dennis : Ok, ok...give me a break. Can we just stop fighting?

Jenny : Sure, I don't want to waste my time arguing with you, either. So... what's
new?

Dennis : Actually, I'm leaving Taiwan tomorrow.

Jenny : Really! But, why?

Dennis : I'm going to study architecture in New York.

Jenny : How about Diana? Will she go with you?

Dennis : Nope. She dumped me for John last month.

Jenny : What goes around comes around!

2.

My name is Anne Jackman, and I'm a student at Santa Ana Adult School. I came to
the United States five years ago from Brazil with my husband and three children.
We live in Santa Ana, California.

My husband works in a computer assembly factory. I go to school and take care of our
children. We are all studying English because we want to be successful in this
country. Someday we hope to buy a house and send our children to college.

3.

Kevin : Good evening, beautiful. Wanna dance?

Beverly : Why not.

Kevin : By the way, you look familiar. Have we met before?

Beverly : I don't think so. This is my first time hanging out in this night club.

Kevin : We've definitely met before! I have a very good memory for beautiful girls.

Beverly : I bet every girl in this club has heard it before.

Kevin : Wait! You were in the graduating class of 2007 at West High, weren't you?

Beverly : I was!

Kevin : And I remembered you wore a blue dress and a pair of silver high heels in
the prom.

Beverly : Yes! How did you know that?

Kevin : I was your partner that night. You stepped on my toes with your high heels
several times...Ouch!! My toe...

Beverly : Sorry, I'm still not good at dancing through the years.

4.

Lois : Clark, you told me that you would pick me up at 7:00, but see, it's now 9:30.

Clark : I'm very sorry. But the chief asked me to finish the cover story today so I
had to work overtime.

Lois : You always have an excuse for being late.

Hey sweetie, I'm sorry. What can I do to make it up to you? A dinner at

Clark : Grand Hotel this coming Saturday? I know you've always dreamed of
having the chef's special there.

Lois : That's not bad. But you must promise that you'll show up on time.

Clark : Of course I will... (phone rings) Yes, chief. You want me to go to New York
this Saturday!!!???... Sure, I'd be glad to take it.

Lois : Clark...good-bye for now... and forever!

5.

Harry : I've heard that you want to study abroad.

Sally : Yes, I do.

Harry : I'm surprised! You've never shown any interests in your studies.

Sally : You know...people change.... But I have a problem.

Harry : Just spit it out, I'll try my best to help.

Sally : My family can't afford the tuition, and I don't have enough savings for that either.

Harry : Umm...Money is a big problem... Ah, I know, you can apply for scholarships. Lots of schools offer scholarships for students.

Sally : That's a good idea. When I get home tonight, I'll spend time to survey the scholarships.

Harry : Great, then we can have further discussions tomorrow.

6.

Martin : Jerry told me that you're going to leave this job.

Crystal : Jerry, the blabber! I told him not to spill the beans!

Martin : So why did you decide to quit? The boss likes you very much.

Crystal : Umm...Do you know how old I am?

Martin : 26?

Crystal : No, I'm now 32, and I don't want to be a secretary in this company forever!
I have my own dream to pursue!

Martin : Ok, ok. Take it easy. So can you tell me what your dream is?

Crystal : My dream is to become a top singer.

Martin : Un-huh...So what's your plan?

Crystal : I've signed up for "American Idol".

Martin : Have you?

Crystal : Yes, and you'll see me win the competition.

Martin : I'll be waiting...

7.

Lynn : Tim, you look upset. What's the matter?

Tim : I got three Ds on the finals.

Lynn : Did you prepare for the tests beforehand?

Tim : Of course I did. I stayed up late almost every night before the tests.

Lynn : So where did you study for the tests?

Tim : In the living room.

Lynn : With the TV on?

Tim : Yes...

Lynn : I see. You need to build up good study habits.

Tim : What do you mean by "good study habits"?

Ok, let me share some with you. One good study habit is setting a regular

Lynn : time to study every day. Then you don't have to burn the midnight oil
 before the tests.

Tim : Got it.

Lynn : Another one is finding a quiet and comfortable place to study. This way you
 can stay focused on your studies.

Tim : Thanks a lot, Lynn. I'll take your advice and see how it works next semester.

8.

Lara : Oh, dear. I have so many things to do...But I seem not to have enough time.
Everything is messed up now.

Dean : Don't panic, Lara. You should learn to manage your time wisely.

Lara : I know. Do you have any good suggestions?

Dean : I do. Do you keep a schedule?

Lara : No...

Dean : Keeping a schedule helps you to stay organized.

Lara : Ok, I'll do it, but how?

Dean : Write down everything you need to do.

Lara : Sure, and then?

Dean : Put each task in a time slot.

Lara : Ok, that's easy.

Dean : Most important of all, follow your schedule!

Lara : Oh, my, that's the hardest part.

購物

1.

Rose : (Door bell)... Coming.

Kent : Hello, good afternoon. I'm your new neighbor, Kent.

Rose : Oh, hi, Kent! Nice to meet you. I'm Rose.

Kent : Nice to meet you, too, Rose. My family just moved here three days ago. The town is so beautiful! We love it very much.

Rose : I'm glad to hear that.

Kent : Err...but we have some problems. Can you help us?

Rose : Sure, how can I help you?

Kent : I need to get my suits dry cleaned, and my daughter needs to get her hair cut.
But we don't know where to go.

Oh, I see. The dry cleaner is on the intersection of Peterson Avenue and
Rose : Hampton Road. You won't miss their big yellow sign. For the hair salon,
there's one called Anita's down the street. Lots of girls love to go there.

Kent : Thank you for the information.

Rose : You're welcome.

2.

Salesperson : Good evening, sir. May I help you?

Nick : Yes. I want to have a look at the laptops.

Salesperson : OK. Which brand do you prefer?

Nick : Any brand will do as long as it comes with a big monitor and weighs less than 1.2 kg.

Salesperson : I see. You can consider this Ultrabook. It's the lightest laptop of them all.

Nick : It looks great. How much is it?

Salesperson : It's \$1,500 without tax.

Nick : \$1,500 dollars? It's over my budget!

Salesperson : Oh... So tell me the bottom line of your budget.

Nick : I was planning on spending about \$1,000 on a new laptop.

Right... This TravelMate might be your choice. It's not heavy and the size of the monitor should be right for you. Most important of all, it costs only half the price of the Ultrabook.

Nick : Um...The price is good, and it looks ok to me. Fine, I'll take it.

3.

Brad : Your MP3 player looks identical to mine!

Joy : Really? Show me yours.

Brad : Here you are! See. They are the same.

Joy : Cool! We have the same taste. Where did you buy your MP3 player?

Brad : At Sonic. It cost me only \$50.

Joy : \$50? That's not much. But mine was even cheaper than yours.

Brad : It can't be. The salesperson at Sonic said that they offer the best price in town.

Joy : Brad, don't tell me that you believe in the salesperson. You know what? Mine cost only \$45.

Brad : Really! So where did you buy your player?

Joy : At SuperBuy. They have a special discount for students.

Brad : How did you get the information?

Joy : Oh, Brad, do some research before shopping!

4.

Lily : Honey, I put on a lot of weight recently.

Robert : Really? I can't see any difference.

Lily : I did. Look at my flabby arms. Don't you think they're ugly?

Robert : They look okay to me.

Lily : No, they're not. I must get rid of them before our wedding.

Robert : Okay, okay. I see your determination. But it's not easy to get rid of flabby arms.

Lily : True. I've tried dieting for a couple of days, but it seems to have no effect.

Robert : Um...why don't you workout? It might help.

Lily : I agree with you. So are you willing to pay for my membership fee at Lookin' Great Fitness Center, honey?

Robert : Err...okay...I have to make my fiancée happy.

Lily : Oh, I love you, honey. I promise I'll be the prettiest bride you've ever seen.

Robert : You already are.

5.

Leo : Gee! Joe bought the same pair of sunglasses at one third of my purchasing price. I wish I knew his secrets to shopping.

Rachel : Hey, Leo. Being a smart shopper is not hard. I can share some of my experiences with you.

Leo : Cool, just spit it out!

Rachel : First, you make up your mind to buy something.

Leo : Absolutely.

Rachel : Next, read the advertisements or surf the Internet to compare the prices. I bet you didn't do this before buying the sunglasses.

Leo : You're right, I didn't.

Rachel : Then, you choose the best deal.

Leo : That's easy.

Rachel : I'm not done yet. Finally, you decide the paying method.

Leo : Don't worry. I always pay with a credit card.

居家

1.

Tracy : Honey, what are you doing?

Pete : Reading the classified ads.

Tracy : So have you found any good housing?

Umm...Check out this 2-bedroom condo on Main Street. It has a big balcony,

Pete : a garage, and 2 bathrooms. The best part of the home is there are several shops and schools around.

Tracy : Cool. But remember, we're looking for a 3-bedroom home.

Pete : Ok. How about this apartment? It has more bedrooms than the condo. And it takes only 6 minutes to walk to the city center.

Tracy : Not bad, but I hope the house has a yard for the kids.

Pete : So this house here might be our best choice. It has the most space outdoors.

Tracy : Sounds great. Let's call the rental agent to get the details.

Pete : But...honey, it takes an hour drive to downtown from the house.

Tracy : Oh uh...maybe we should keep on looking!

2.

Rental Agent : Good afternoon, sir. How may I help you?

Ricky : I'm looking for a home for sale in Newton.

Rental Agent : Good choice, Newton is a beautiful community.

Ricky : True. Especially in the spring time, when all the cherry trees blossom...

Rental Agent : I couldn't agree with you more. Here, I'd recommend these two properties. This one is a 2-bedroom house on Wisteria Lane.

Ricky : I love Wisteria Lane.

Rental Agent : Good. And this one has a big balcony. Brand-new furniture is also included.

Ricky : Does it have a yard for my dog?

Rental Agent : No, it doesn't. If you need a yard, you should consider this 3-bedroom house on Fairview Lane. It has a backyard, a pool, and a garage. However, the house is not furnished.

Ricky : I'm fine with that. So when can I have a look?

Rental Agent : How about this Sunday morning?

Ricky : Sure. I can make it around 10 A.M.

3.

Rep. : Thank you for calling Southern Texas Gas, my name is Lillian. How may I help you?

Tim : Um, yes. My family is moving next week and we need to have our gas turned off here and have the gas turned on in our new home.

Rep. : What is your current address?

Tim : 3324 Maple Road.

Rep. : What is your name sir?

Tim : Tim Jackman.

Rep. : When would you like the gas turned off?

Tim : Next Thursday, please.

Rep. : And what is your new address?

Tim : 3829 Bay Road.

Rep. : And when would you like the gas turned on in your new home?

Tim : This Monday, please.

OK. Your current service will be turned off sometime between 7 and 9 A.M.

Rep. : on Thursday and your new service will be on before 8 on Monday morning.

Tim : Thank you.

4.

Lisa : Now that we have kids, I think we should make a budget and monitor our expenses every month.

Andrew : Yes, I agree with you. So where should we start?

Lisa : Let's talk about the income first. Our income every month is about \$5,000.

Andrew : Right, what about the expenses?

Lisa : Where did you put the utility bills?

Andrew : I was reading them last night in the study room. I'll get them now.

Lisa : Okay. So including the rent and groceries, we spent around \$2,800.

Andrew : Great, I was worrying that all the expenses may exceed the income.

Lisa : No worries, we still have \$2,200 extra to save for our children.

5.

Tenant : Hello. This is Jenny in Apartment 3B.

Landlord : Hi, Jenny. What can I do for you?

While my husband and I were having dinner yesterday, the air-conditioner
Tenant : broke down. You know the temperature is high this time of the year
and we barely fell asleep last night.

Landlord : That's too bad. I'll send a repairperson to fix it tomorrow morning.

Tenant : Oh. I'm afraid that we may not be at home in the mornings. Both of us have
a full-time job in the daytime.

Landlord : So when is the best time for you?

Tenant : We get home around 6:30 P.M. every day.

Landlord : Sure. I'll ask the repairperson to come at 8 P.M. tomorrow evening.

Tenant : That will be great. Thank you.

社區

1.

John : Hey, Peggy. I have to register my car and renew my driver's license. Do you
know where the DMV is?

Peggy : You bought a new car? That's cool! OK. The DMV is located at the
intersection of Bradford and Lincoln.

John : How far is it from the city hall?

Peggy : It's about a five-minute drive.

John : That's not far. I'll go there after work today.

Peggy : What time do you usually get off work?

John : 5:30 P.M.

Peggy : Then you probably aren't going to make it. The DMV closes at 5:30.

John : You're right. But I'm too busy to leave my work earlier.

Peggy : Maybe I can run the errand for you...

John : You truly are my best friend, Peggy.

Peggy : Wait, I'm not done yet. Tell me how often you go to Costco.

John : Costco? I seldom go there.

Peggy : Then you have a chance to visit there often. I want you to be my driver to
Costco this year.

John : OK... I'll pay the price.

2.

Debbie : Eric, have you seen the books I borrowed from the library?

Eric : What books?

Debbie : Stand Out Basic to Book 5.

Eric : Oh, I lent them to my girlfriend, Hebe.

Debbie : Can you ask her to return the books to me immediately?

Eric : What's wrong, sis?

Debbie : The books are overdue for a month. I was busy preparing for the wedding,
and I forgot the return date completely.

Eric : Oops. Do you need to pay for the overdue books?

Debbie : Of course. That's why I need those books back as soon as possible.

Eric : So what is the overdue fee per day? I mean how much do you owe the library?

Debbie : I'm not sure.

Eric : Anyway, I'm going to ring Hebe and have her bring the books to me now.
Then you can return them right away.

3.

Lisa : Albert. It's me, Lisa. I'm lost. Can you help me?

Albert : Sure. Where are you now?

Lisa : I'm at the art museum on Oak Street.

Albert : Great. And where are you going?

Lisa : The Stardust Café next to the subway station. I have an appointment with my
supervisor at 3 P.M. And it's 3:10 now. He's going to kill me.

Calm down, Lisa. I'll give you the directions. First, go south on Oak Street.

Albert : Then, make a left on Second Avenue. Go straight for 2 blocks and take
Main Street to 5th Avenue. Hey, Lisa. Are you still with me?

Lisa : Umm...I think I'm lost again.

Albert : Oh, dear. You should put a map in your car.

Lisa : I know. So what am I supposed to do now?

Albert : Stay there. I'll arrive at the art museum in 5 minutes.

Lisa : You surely are my hero.

4.

Wife : Honey, what are you looking for?

Husband : My wallet! I remember that I left it on the coffee table before I took a shower. But now it's gone!

Wife : Oh...I told you several times not to leave important stuff on the coffee table and you just won't listen.

Husband : Dear, please stop nagging and help me find the wallet. You know what, I withdrew \$1,000 for your COACH bag after I left the office today. And the money is in the wallet!

Wife : My COACH bag! Quickly! Let's look around the house.

Husband : I've checked everywhere and it's nowhere to be found. (10 minutes later...)

Wife : Gee! I'm thirsty. I want some orange juice. Do you want anything?

Husband : Nope. I just had a beer.

Wife : Honey, look what I found.

Husband : Ah...now I remember. I left the wallet in the fridge when I took my beer.

5.

Renee : Andy, where is your hometown?

Andy : Tainan. Have you ever been there?

Renee : Yes, I went to Tainan with my family 2 years ago. And I had a very good impression.

Andy : Cool! What did you like about Tainan?

Renee : Umm...The food's good, especially the local snacks.

Andy : True. What did you have?

Renee : Coffin Bread and Stinky Tofu.

Andy : Mm...My mouth is watering now.

Renee : Besides the food, I've visited several historic sites such as Confucian Temple, Anping Castle, Chih Kan Tower, and so on.

Andy : Those historic sites make Tainan a city of culture. By the way, what do you think about the people in Tainan?

Renee : They're nice, friendly and very generous. I love them.

Andy : Great, I'm glad you love me!

健康

1.

Diane : Gee! There are rashes on your face.

Ray : Yes. They're very itchy.

Diane : Are you allergic to anything?

Ray : Umm...I'm allergic to seafood. But I didn't eat anything that would have contained seafood today.

Diane : That's weird. Have you put on any ointment?

Ray : Yes, but it doesn't work.

Diane : You should go see a doctor right away.

Ray : I think so. Do you know any good dermatologists?

Diane : I know one at Grace Hospital.

Ray : Give me the name, please.

Diane : Doctor Daniel Anderson. Before you go, you should call to check his clinic hours.

Ray : I will. Thanks a lot.

2.

Jennifer : You don't look good, Adam. Are you alright?

Adam : No. I have a terrible headache.

Jennifer : How long have you had this headache?

Adam : I've had it for a week.

Jennifer : A week! How could you bear the pain for such a long time? You should go to the doctor.

Adam : It wasn't hurting that much in the beginning so I took some aspirin to ease the pain. But it didn't get any better.

Jennifer : Oh, Adam. It's inappropriate to take medicine without a doctor's prescription. It's dangerous!

Adam : Taking aspirin is not that serious, okay.

Jennifer : Anyway, you should go see a doctor right away. I'm going to Grace Hospital for my annual checkup today, and I can give you a lift.

Adam : Thanks, it's really nice of you.

3.

Kevin : What's your plan this weekend?

Ariel : If the weather is good, I'll go biking with Toby.

Kevin : Biking? That sounds very healthy.

Ariel : Yes. I'd love to live a healthy and balanced life so I always do exercise on the weekends.

Kevin : No wonder you look radiant and energetic every day.

Ariel : Thanks. What about you? Do you have any healthy habits?

Kevin : Me? I don't think so. I'm not interested in doing exercise. I enjoy having junk food and I stay up late almost every day.

Ariel : That's too bad. Why don't you give yourself a chance to experience a different life? Come and join us for biking this weekend.

Kevin : I'd love to. If I'm able to get up early, I'll definitely go...

Ariel : Don't worry. I'll give you a morning call.

4.

Sally : Doctor, I've been thinking about living a healthy life.

Doctor : I'm glad to hear that. Do you have the habit of doing exercise regularly?

Sally : I do. I go jogging after work every day.

Doctor : That's good. How about your diet?

Sally : I never care about the food I eat.

Doctor : Eating food wisely is important, too.

Sally : Really? Can you give me some tips for a healthy diet?

Doctor : Sure. Eat a variety of food to get all the nutrients you need.

Sally : Ok, I'll try.

Doctor : Avoid eating too much food that is high in fat, oil and sugar.

Sally : But this kind of food is usually very delicious.

Doctor : True. However, it may cause cardiovascular diseases.

Sally : I see. I'll remember that.

5.

Daniel : My 5 year-old daughter refused to give me a hug and good-bye kiss this morning.

Bella : How come?

Daniel : Maybe that's because I've been spending too much time staying in the office even on the weekends. So she feels distant to me.

Bella : Could be. So what are you going to do?

Daniel : I have a lot of projects lately. It seems impossible for me to finish them on time.

Bella : Daniel, do you want to be absent in your daughter's childhood?

Daniel : No...What's your suggestion?

Bella : Go home earlier and have a balanced life.

Daniel : What about my projects?

Bella : Leave them to us. You've got a whole team of support here.

Daniel : You're right. So I'm off work now. See you.

職場

1.

Ella : Hey, Ed. I heard that you made a big career change last month.

Ed : You're well-informed. I'm now a florist.

Ella : Seriously? The job of a florist is completely different from a computer programmer.

Ed : I agree. I used to stare at my computer designing software programs all day.

Ella : And you seldom talked to people. Working overtime was the norm.

Ed : You know that job pretty well.

Ella : Because my husband is a computer programmer, remember.

Ed : My life is very different now. I wrap beautiful flowers, provide friendly customer service, and maintain a lovely shop.

Ella : It sounds like that you really enjoy the job right now.

Ed : I do, especially when the customer leaves my shop with a satisfied smile.

Ella : I envy you. Maybe it's time for me to make a change.

2.

Jessie : You look perplexed, Hank. What's the matter?

Hank : I'll be graduating from school in one month.

Jessie : I know.

Hank : I didn't plan on pursuing a higher education so I should start job hunting as soon as possible.

Jessie : Cool. So what's your problem?

Hank : I have problems in choosing a career.

Jessie : I see. Basically, your right job is always associated with your interest and ability.

Hank : Umm...I like to help people. And I enjoy working in a team.

Jessie : Yes. You're a good listener, and you always have brilliant ideas to solve your friends' problems.

Hank : So maybe I should find a job that requires people skills.

Jessie : Bingo! You are headed in the right direction.

Hank : Thank you, Jessie.

3.

Roy : Hey, Gina. I wanna share some good news with you.

Gina : Cool. I'm listening.

Roy : I found a job finally!

Gina : Congrats! Tell me about it.

Roy : I'm now a photographer at GQ Magazine.

Gina : Wow, that's great! I know you've been interested in taking photos since high school.

Roy : You're right. But I've never thought about turning my interest into a career.

Gina : It's fantastic. I think lots of people will envy you. How did you get this job? I remember you told me there weren't any good vacancies in the classified ads.

Roy : That's right. So my friend advised me to post my resume in the job banks. And within 2 weeks, I found my dream job.

Gina : That's amazing. Since you got your dream job, when are you gonna buy me dinner, Roy?

Roy : I knew you'd ask. There's no time like the present. Let's go now.

4.

Liz : Hey, William. Long time no see.

William : Hi, Liz. We haven't seen each other since the graduation ceremony. How are you doing?

Liz : Not bad.

William : You've changed a lot. I remember you never wore dresses and high heels.

Liz : Right...I used to wear t-shirts, jeans and sneakers because I thought that was comfortable. But now I'm used to wearing dresses and high heels which make me look like a princess.

William : Mm...Appearances are deceptive.

Liz : Well. You've changed a lot as well.

William : You mean...I look more handsome now.

Liz : Nope. You used to have a lot of hair, and you always had a Mohawk like Beckham. But now...

William : Now my hair looks stylish.

Liz : Oh...William. You have to face the truth.

William : Yes. The truth is nobility isn't gonna fade away with or without my hair.

5.

Interviewer : Good afternoon, Ms. Collins. Have a seat.

Interviewee : OK. Thanks.

Interviewer : I've read your resume. You were a gardener at Fairy Garden. Is that right?

Interviewee : Yes, I was.

Interviewer : Why did you leave that job?

Interviewee : Well, a gardener has to spend lots of time working outside. However, I'd rather stay indoors.

Interviewer : I see. Are you an outgoing person? Because as a florist, you would need to talk to customers and answer their questions.

Interviewee : I believe I can handle that.

Interviewer : Great. At present, we have vacancies for both day shift and night shift. Would you rather work days or nights?

Interviewee : I'd rather work days than nights because I need to cook dinner for my family.

Interviewer : OK, I see. We'll call you.

生涯

1.

Polly : Look at your office. It's a mess.

Matthew : Mm...I have no time to clean up. Look, there're piles of work waiting to be done on my desk.

Polly : I thought my office was messy, but yours is messier than mine.

Matthew : Oh...Polly, please stop nagging, or you can clean it up for me.

Polly : You wish.

Matthew : Hah! So you told me on the phone that you needed someone to talk to. What's the matter?

Polly : My boss depressed me. She was picky on every report I handed out. Maybe she doesn't like me.

Matthew : Mine is not better than yours. The reason why I'm still here is because my boss wanted me to redo these projects. And you know what, he wanted all of them by tomorrow morning!

Polly : Poor Matthew, I think your boss is crazier than mine!

2.

Wife : Honey, today is your pay day. Am I right?

Husband : Sweetie, you have a very good memory.

Wife : Of course I do. Where's the paycheck?

Husband : Here. I've cashed it for your convenience.

Wife : \$800 only!?? Where's the other \$200?

Husband : Well...you know. It's gone with my daily necessities.

Wife : Daily necessities? What do you mean, honey?

Husband : Uh...Batman models...

Wife : What! How many sets did you buy?

Husband : Uh...three...

Wife : Fantastic! Then I can spend \$200 on my "daily necessities".

3.

Amy : Chris, how are you going to spend your vacation days this year?

Chris : I'll travel abroad as usual.

Amy : Which country do you plan on visiting?

I haven't decided yet. I've always dreamed of riding the camels in Egypt.

Chris : However, taking a trip on the icebreaker in Norway is appealing, too.
 What do you think?

Amy : Mm...I prefer Norway to Egypt.

Chris : Really? Why?

The sun is blazing in Egypt. A beauty like me can't bear the heat there.

Amy : Besides, have you heard that people in Northern Europe are good-looking? Maybe I'll meet some cute guys there...

Chris : Wake up, Amy. It's my journey, okay.

Amy : I thought you'd take me along.

Chris : You wish.

4.

Fred : Anne, don't forget to wear your seat belt.

Anne : I don't want to. It's uncomfortable.

Fred : You have to. If you don't wear the seat belt, you could get hurt.

Anne : Really? I thought you were a safe driver.

Fred : Of course I am. However, accidents do happen.

Anne : I believe I'm a lucky girl.

Fred : Alright. So you'll pay the fine if we're caught by the police?

Anne : Fine? What for?

Fred : The driver will receive a \$50 fine if passengers don't wear their seat belts.

Anne : Only when we come across a police officer, right?

Fred : Yes, but a police officer might show up at any time. See, there is one now.

Anne : Alright, I give in. Where's the seat belt?

5.

Susie : Josh, could you help me with the copier?

Josh : Sure. What's wrong?

The manager asked me to make a copy of a document. As usual, I put the
Susie : original on the glass and pressed the "Start" button. But, look, the copy
that came out is blank.

Josh : I see. Let me check the toner cartridge. We may have run out of ink.

Susie : Oh, Josh. You're so smart.

Josh : That's weird! We still have a lot of ink left in the cartridge.

Susie : Oh no, maybe the copier is haunted!

Josh : Don't be silly, Susie. Where's the document?

Susie : It's right on the glass.

Josh : Let me see...Oh gosh! You're indeed a genius! You placed the blank side of
the document on the glass!

公民

1.

Rob : Have you decided where to go for vacation yet?

Stacy : Yes, I'm going to Washington to visit attractions like the White House,
Lincoln Memorial and the famous National Art & Space Museum.

Rob : Having a trip to the capital of America sounds great! Who are you going with?

Stacy : Of course with you, silly! Why did you even ask?

Rob : I don't know, I just feel you've been very close to the guy from Lebanon, I saw
you guys giggling around the café near our condo, so I thought you probably
would rather spend your vacation with him.

Stacy : Oh, that's Amal, he's the producer of my new show. He is very talented and
has great sense of humor; however, I still prefer to spend my vacation with my
boyfriend. Wait a minute. Oh my goodness, are you jealous, baby?

Rob : Alright, I admit I was a bit jealous.

Stacy : Hehe, that's really cute. Don't worry babe, my heart is all yours.

Rob : Glad to know that. By the way, did you book the tickets yet?

Stacy : Yes, I did. Here is the itinerary.

Rob : Mmm...baby, I think we need to book the tickets again.

Stacy : Why? What's wrong?

Rob : Because we're going to Washington D.C., not Washington State. You booked
the wrong tickets.

2.

James : Hey Lindsey, did you watch the debate between Kim and Dawson on TV last night?

Lindsey : Yea, I did. And I think it helps me to have a better picture of which candidate I should vote for on election day.

James : Really? So who do you support? Kim Vo or Dawson Brooks?

Lindsey : I'm more in favor of Kim Vo.

James : Kim Vo? Why? I heard he wants to increase the number of police officers, which I think it's totally unnecessary and wastes our tax dollars.

Lindsey : I understand what you mean. Increasing police officers might not be imperative; however, he strongly thinks the government should offer training programs for homeless people. And I think that's going to help reduce the crime rate.

James : Okay, then what's your stand on drilling for oil on empty land?

Lindsey : It might help balance the price of petrol if we could produce more gas, but I think building more parks has better incentive for environmental protection.

James : I see.

Lindsey : What about you? Who has your best interests?

James : Neither Kim nor Dawson actually mentions their viewpoints on bilingual education at high school, so I'll wait until their second debate.

Lindsey : I guess you're right. Both Kim and Dawson need to convince people that they are the right candidate we could rely on.

3.

Jim : Hello, tax assessor's office. How may I help you?

Sheryl : Hi, I have some questions about the property tax. I'd like to know how my property tax is calculated.

Jim : Okay. Basically, your property tax is calculated by multiplying the property's taxable value by the tax rate for the area where your property is located.

Sheryl : I see. So the property's taxable value is decided by you?

Jim : That's right, ma'am. It's assessed by the County Assessor's office.

Sheryl : Can I appeal if I think the assessed tax value is too high?

Jim : Well, you have to gather all applicable evidence and file the appeal at our office.

Sheryl : What kind of evidence do I need to provide?

Jim : Any figures, testimonials, or sales documents that you think are relevant. You can ask your lawyer to help you.

Sheryl : Okay. Thanks a lot for your help!

4.

Kate : Hi, my name is Kate Moore. I would like to bring up the stray dog problems in my neighborhood.

Brian : Okay. Let's hear about it.

Kate : There seem to be more and more stray dogs in Rosshaven. They have caused sanitation problems as well as safety problems to our children.

Brian : You should call Animal Control.

Kate : But I don't really want them to be killed.

Brian : Well, then you should contact an animal shelter or the ASPCA.

Kate : That's a better idea. And I think the reason why we are having more stray dogs is because many people are abandoning pet dogs on the street.

Brian : What would you suggest us to do?

Kate : I think we should request dog owners to implant microchips in their dogs so we can always identify them.

Brian : Okay. I will propose a bill for that in the city council.

5.

Eddie : What would you do if you were president?

Rosa : Let's see. I think we need to improve our schools.

Eddie : How would you do that?

Rosa : I would pay teachers more. I would spend money on things like computers.

Eddie : I surely agree with you there. Education has been neglected for too long.

Rosa : What about you? What would you do if you were president?

Eddie : If I were president, I would provide funding for infrastructure projects and create jobs across the country.

Rosa : You're right. The unemployment rate is far too high!

生活會話 4

生活

1.

Jacob : Who's that girl in the white dress?

Hannah : Oh, she's a new part-time staff member in the admissions office.

Jacob : Where's she from?

Hannah : Maybe France. She's got a French accent, and she's stylish.

Jacob : Yes. She's so sexy and tan.

Hannah : Hey, I'm trying to work here, bro.

Jacob : Come on, sis. How have I been to you all these years?

Hannah : Very harsh?

Jacob : Seriously. Remember, what was my goal back in high school?

Hannah : To be a wizard?

Jacob : No, to date a French girl!

Hannah : Anyway, please leave me out of this!

2.

Emma : Hey, Justin, what's up?

Justin : I'm thinking of taking Spanish classes this summer.

Emma : Really? Where do you want to take Spanish classes?

Justin : Here's a flyer saying the community center is now offering free Spanish conversation.

Emma : That's awesome, but how do you register for the class?

Justin : It says that I should register my name in person at the community center.

Emma : Why don't we go there now? I'd also like to check what other classes they might offer in the summer.

Justin : I'd love to, but I have to go to work. My shift starts at 10 A.M.

Emma : When do you finish? We can go after you get off work.

Justin : I'll finish at 3 P.M. Can you catch up with me later in the cafeteria at 3:15?

Emma : Sure, see you then.

3.

Yuki : Kyle, can you do me a favor?

Kyle : Sure, what can I do for you?

Yuki : I have to turn in my final assignment about my future goal to Mr. Jackson this afternoon. Could you help me proofread it?

Kyle : Of course, hmm....let me see...

Yuki : Did you find any mistakes?

Kyle : Your writing overall is good, but there are some minor mistakes.

Yuki : What kinds of mistakes?

 In your paper, you mentioned you wanted to learn Portuguese and work in
Kyle : Brazil, but you should know Brazil and Portuguese are proper nouns.
 Therefore, you need to capitalize the first letters.

Yuki : Oh, I should have been more careful.

Kyle : That's okay. People make mistakes.

4.

Diego : Hey, Jamie, I heard the gym near our apartment is offering a free membership if two friends join together. Would you like to join with me?

Jamie : Thanks for asking, but I don't exercise at the gym anymore.

Diego : Why?

Jamie : I used to be a member at the gym, but I found it's quite boring to do exercise all by myself.

Diego : I understand what you mean. I didn't use to exercise at the gym. But it'll be a totally different story if we exercise together. We will be each other's gym buddy.

Jamie : Hehe, that's very convincing! But have you heard what happened to Jeremy and Howard?

Diego : What happened to them?

Jamie : They used to work out together. But after a couple of months, since they had different schedules, they stopped going to the gym together.

Diego : I promise I won't abandon you.

Jamie : (laugh)... That's easy to say now. Anyway, let me think about it, and I'll let you know next week.

5.

Henry : What do you want to do in the future?

Caroline : I'd like to be a pop star.

Henry : Really? How long do you think it'll take you to become a pop star?

Caroline : I hope I will fulfill my dream in 2014.

Henry : What's your plan? What'll you do first?

Caroline : Well, the first thing I need to do now is to improve my music skills. I want to hire a music teacher this summer, then by the end of the year, I'll be able to write my own songs, and improve my singing ability.

Henry : Sounds like a good plan, but what's next? How do you expose your talent to the public?

Caroline : Good question! I actually have it all planned out! Next June, I'll audition for American Idol, and I'm planning to get into the TOP 10.

Henry : I get it, which means you'll get a lot of attention during the show.

Caroline : Exactly, if things go smoothly, I'll find an agent at the end of the season.

Henry : Yea, and then you'll become super busy with the record, concert, and all those sorts of things. You'll have no time to hang out with me anymore.

Caroline : Don't worry, Henry, you'll definitely be with me all the time because I'll hire you as my personal assistant!

6.

Ethan : How's everything going with you and your husband?

Madison : Things between us have become a little tense lately. He doesn't seem happy, and we always fight over little things.

Ethan : In that case, I think you should have a serious talk with him.

Madison : Believe me, I've tried several times, but he didn't think these are problems. He said that I've been worrying too much.

Ethan : How about going to a marriage counselor?

Madison : That'll definitely drive him mad. He always says it's stupid to tell others your personal stuff.

Ethan : That sounds difficult. Who does he trust the most?

Madison : I guess it's his sister, Joan.

Ethan : Why don't you call her for help? Maybe she could convince him to go to the counselor with you.

Madison : You're right! I should give it a try.

7.

Hunter : Did your sister come to the party with you?

Phoebe : Yea, she's here. Do you see the girl who's wearing a blue dress next to Kevin and Zoe?

Hunter : Wow! She's gorgeous! How come I've never seen her before? Did she go to the same high school where we went?

Phoebe : Nah, my parents sent her to a boarding school where they only accept female students.

Hunter : Why? Did she need good discipline?

Phoebe : It wasn't because of her. Ever since she started high school, she received letters and flowers that were given by boys from the school almost every day. My parents were worried that it might affect her academic performance. After talking to my sister, they decided to transfer her to the boarding school.

Hunter : I definitely can see why your parents had made such a difficult decision.

Phoebe : Yea, to avoid guys like you.

Hunter : Oh, come on Phoebe, you know I'm not like the other boys. I'm a very decent man.

Phoebe : Don't you think that's a little bit too early to tell? Okay, come with me. I'll introduce my sister to you.

8.

Jessica : Why were you late again this morning, Kevin?

Kevin : The battery of my alarm clock was dead, and I was stuck in a traffic jam...

I don't want to say these are just excuses, but you really need to take this

Jessica : work more seriously. Otherwise, you could end up losing this internship in no time.

Kevin : I'm sorry. I know I should've been more concerned about my work. But I really have some problems managing my time and work.

Well, here's some advice I could give you. First, you should have

everything written on your planner from now on. It would be even

Jessica : better if you could have an extra copy on your smartphone. Second, you have to keep me updated on your progress of each project every day.

Kevin : Could I give you the report once a week instead?

Jessica : There's no other option. Either you choose to do it my way, or you can pack your personal stuff and leave the office.

Kevin : I'll certainly do what you say and update all the information on a daily basis.

理財

1.

Marco : Bella, would you like to have dinner with me tonight? I found a new Italian restaurant on Main Street.

Bella : Believe me, I'd love to, but I'm kind of broke now.

Marco : You can't be serious, didn't you just get paid a couple of days ago?

Bella : I did, but this morning when I checked my account, I found I only had \$150 left.

Marco : How is it possible?

Bella : I guess it was because I spent a lot of my money on my mortgage, and I bought some furniture for my new apartment.

Marco : How much do you pay for the mortgage?

Bella : I have to pay \$500 each month.

Marco : What about the furniture? How much did you spend on it?

Bella : I bought a couch, a wooden bed, a dining table, and four chairs. The total amount was \$725.

Marco : And how much do you earn a month?

Bella : \$1,500 a month.

No wonder you only have \$150 left in your account. You really have to

Marco : learn how to manage your money. Anyway, let me buy you dinner tonight, and I can teach you how to use and invest your money wisely.

Bella : Thank you, Marco. You're such an angel.

2.

Edward : Emma, is that a new laptop?

Emma : Yes, I bought it yesterday. It looks so cool, doesn't it?

Edward : It does! How much did you pay for it?

Emma : The salesperson told me I was lucky because it was the last one left in the store. I only spent \$800 for it.

Edward : I think it was overpriced. If I were you, I would probably have bought it at Payless Department Store.

Emma : Really? How much is it at Payless Department Store?

Edward : It's only \$750. I saw it at Payless when I went shopping with my mom.

Emma : Why didn't you tell me? You knew I had been looking for a new laptop.

Edward : Trust me! If I had had my cell phone with me, I would absolutely have called you. But too bad, I didn't bring my cell yesterday.

Emma : Whatever, you could've borrowed your mom's cell phone.

3.

Jolie : Hey honey, look! I think I found the perfect coffee table for our living room.

Robert : It does look great and stylish. How much is it?

Jolie : It's \$600 with two end tables.

Robert : Wow, that's a bit over our budget, and I did not bring my credit card today.

Jolie : If we had enough money, would you buy it?

Robert : Definitely, the color matches our carpet, and you know I always like wood furniture.

Jolie : If we had another way to pay for it, would you reconsider it?

Robert : Yes, I would.

Jolie : The price tag says that it has an installment plan. If we pay \$100 for the down payment, we can take these three pieces home now.

Robert : That's tempting. What's the interest rate?

Jolie : It's zero interest rate for six installments.

Robert : Okay, let's take it.

4.

Scotty : What's up, Charlotte?

Charlotte : Oh, I'm just reading an ad from the mailbox.

Scotty : Any special sales from the ads?

Of course, ads are written to sell products. Well, the new Sonic digital
Charlotte : camcorder is now only \$329 with the coupon, and all smartphones
in the store are discounted.

Scotty : Great! I've been thinking of getting a new smartphone. Maybe I should go
there and see what they could offer.

Charlotte : Then I think I'd better go with you.

Scotty : Why? Do you want to buy something as well?

Charlotte : Actually, I don't. But you are too easy to be tricked into buying things
you don't need.

Scotty : No, I'm not.

Of course you are! You're definitely an impulsive buyer. Don't you
Charlotte : remember you bought a blender that you never use last
Thanksgiving?

Scotty : Yes, but it's the best blender, and it was so cheap.

Charlotte : Do you see what I mean now? I'm going with you, and you're going to
buy a smartphone only.

Scotty : Okay, ma'am.

5.

Adam : What happened to you? You look so mad.

Monica : I just picked up my dress from the cleaners next to our apartment, and I
found a stain on it!

Adam : What are you going to do about that?

Monica : I'm not going to that cleaners again.

Adam : That's it? You have to let them know your complaints. Otherwise, they would
never know they've made a mistake.

Monica : Then tell me what you would do if you had the same problem?

Adam : If I were you, I would go back to the cleaners, and ask them to remove the
stain.

Monica : If they couldn't remove the stain, what would you do next?

Adam : Then I would definitely ask for my money back.

Monica : I think you're right. They should take customers more seriously. I'll go to

the cleaners and let them know about this now.

購屋

1.

Nancy : Welcome, Mr. Martin. I think you'll certainly fall in love with this house.

Thank you, Nancy. You have been looking for the houses for me. And I
Zackary : have to say, I love the environment already. It's cleaner than the one
you took me to two weeks ago.

Nancy : It is, and this community's been named one of the safest areas in the
city.

That's good! You know my wife and I are not concerned about money. We
Zackary : really want to find a place with the greatest school zone and the
friendliest neighborhood so my kids can grow up in the finest
surroundings.

I totally understand. That's why I knew immediately I had to bring you here
Nancy : when this house was released by the former owner. Please take a look
around, Mr. Martin.

Zackary : It's more beautiful than any other houses I've seen, and the kids rooms are
bigger than the guest rooms.

Nancy : Does it mean you're going to take it?

Zackary : Yes, Nancy. I really love it.

2.

Tracy : Eddie, have you found your apartment yet?

Eddie : Actually, I've found three places that I really like. But it's so hard to make
the final decision since they all have something I love.

Tracy : What are these apartments and where are they?

Eddie : One is called Springfield, another is Skyview, and the last one is North
Shore. They're all pretty close to where my mom and dad live.

Tracy : Okay, so it'll be easy for you to visit them. Which apartment is bigger?

Eddie : North Shore is bigger, but it's also the most expensive one. With the limited
budget I have, I don't think I can afford it.

Tracy : Which one has the cheapest rent?

Eddie : Skyview. But there's construction nearby. It's very noisy.

Tracy : Then I think it's obvious, you should choose Springfield.

Eddie : I guess you're right. I'll check-out another apartment this afternoon. If there's no luck, I think I'll just rent Springfield.

3.

Amy : Hello, welcome to Your Home Realty. How may I help you?

Toshi : Yes, I'd like to buy a house.

Amy : Great. May I ask if you are an American citizen? Because if you're not, you have to acquire a US taxpayer identification number first.

Toshi : Yes, I'm a foreign-born citizen. I was born and grew up in Okinawa, Japan when my dad was serving in the military.

Amy : Okay, now tell me what kind of house you are looking for.

Toshi : I want a four-bedroom house with a pool and garden.

Amy : Do you have any other specific needs for the house?

Toshi : Oh yes, I also need a three-car garage. You know, we're a big family.

Amy : I actually have a property that perfectly matches your needs. It's not far from here. Would you like to take a look right now?

Toshi : Excellent. That'd be great.

4.

Evan : So let's review the properties again. The house on Madison Avenue is the best in size for us, but the price is the worst.

Natalie : Well, we can try making an offer that we can afford.

Evan : Honey, I don't think they would accept a low-ball offer.

Natalie : What about the house on Maple Street? The price is less than the other one.

Evan : But it's farther to the subway station.

Natalie : Yes. Then perhaps we should take the house on 87th Street. It's convenient, and the neighborhood is good.

Evan : It's smaller, but it's less expensive.

Natalie : Yea, I guess I'd have to give up on having my walk-in closet.

Evan : No, you don't. I'll give up my study room. It's better to have a happy wife than a study room.

Natalie : You're the best husband in the world!

5.

Sandra : Honey, did you get the mortgage loan yesterday?

Ted : I forgot to bring one of the documents, but I'll settle it today.

Sandra : Oh, no! The loan officer said the rate ends in May, and today is June the 1st. You should have settled it yesterday.

Ted : Are you talking about the fixed-rate mortgage?

Sandra : Of course, the rate is only 3.8%.

Ted : Calm down, Baby. The loan officer told me that the adjustable rate mortgage will be better for us. The average rate could be 3.05%.

Sandra : Really? You should have told me that in advance.

Ted : Well, you should trust me all the time.

Sandra : Hey...we should have asked Peter. He's a realtor, isn't he?

Ted : Baby!

Sandra : Alright, I'll let you handle it.

社區

1.

Store Clerk : Here's your change, sir.

Oliver : Thank you. By the way, can you tell me where I can find a good restaurant around here?

Store Clerk : Sure. Are you new here?

Oliver : Yes. I just moved in yesterday, and I'll be here for a year because of work.

Store Clerk : I see. There's a popular diner on Olive Avenue. They have the best hamburgers in town, and their service is terrific.

Oliver : Sounds good.

Store Clerk : Yes, and my mother is the cashier there. Tell her that you're a friend of Stacy, then she'll give you a discount.

Oliver : Thanks a lot! So can you tell me how to get there?

Store Clerk : Sure. Go straight for two blocks and turn left on Olive Avenue. It's on the right.

Oliver : I see. I'll go now.

2.

Casper : Hey, Sarah, do you have a minute?

Sarah : Sure, what's up!

Casper : I was wondering if you'd like to come to my party this Saturday night.

Sarah : You're having a party? Is it your birthday?

Casper : No, it's my housewarming party. I just moved into a new apartment two weeks ago.

Sarah : Really? I didn't know you moved. Where's your new apartment?

Casper : It's very close to Acadia Lake. I really love that area.

Sarah : Yea, it's a great neighborhood. I used to live there when I was studying at the community college.

Casper : So...can you come?

Sarah : I'd really love to, but my cousin is coming over to visit me this weekend. We haven't seen each other for a year. Do you mind if I bring her with me? You know, I don't want to leave her alone.

Casper : Not at all, bring her to the party with you. It's always nice to make new friends.

Sarah : That'll be great! I can't wait to see your new apartment.

3.

Mike : I can't believe this semester is finally over. Mr. Smith has been giving me a very hard time.

Sandy : You poor thing. So did you pass the exam?

Mike : Fortunately, I passed. Guess it's time to take a long break.

Sandy : I saw a flyer on the bulletin board this morning in the cafeteria. There's a great tour package for traveling to Mexico. Why don't we go there for the weekend?

Mike : How about visiting Canada instead? It's closer to Chicago, and the most important thing is, they also speak English.

Sandy : Canada is fine, but I'm kind of more interested in Hispanic culture, not to mention Mexican food is so hard to resist. Don't worry, we could always find someone who can speak English when we get lost.

Mike : I guess you're right. We can also read the guidebooks before visiting Mexico.

Sandy : Exactly, and don't you think it's also a good opportunity for us to practice a little bit of Spanish.

Mike : Ha-ha, come on, you know my Spanish is awful. I strongly doubt if people can understand what I say.

Sandy : That's true. Anyway, let's call the travel agency now and get more information about it.

4.

Calvin : Who was the man you were talking to?

Karen : Oh, he was just a tourist.

Calvin : Is he lost? What did he ask you?

Karen : He asked where the exit was.

Calvin : Exit? But there is more than one exit in the station.

Karen : Yea, and that's why I asked him if he was looking for the exit to the
campground.

Calvin : Was he?

Karen : Nope, he told me he was looking for the exit where he could take a cab to
the airport.

Calvin : So did you show him the way?

Karen : Not really, because I was afraid of giving him the wrong directions, I asked
him to ask someone else.

Calvin : Did you really? Gee, you should've at least brought him to the information
desk.

5.

Lance : What's your plan after you graduate from school?

Ashley : I'm thinking of studying for a master's degree in America, but I don't think I
have the money.

Lance : You can apply for a scholarship. If you get an offer of a full scholarship, you'll
only have to worry about your living expenses.

Ashley : I know, but with the grades I had from school, it's gonna be difficult for me
to get a full scholarship.

Lance : That's true. Hmm... Let me think... Oh yes, you could get a student loan
from the bank.

Ashley : Yea, that's an option. But I really don't feel like being in debt before I even
start working.

Lance : Come on, Ashley! That's called investing in your future.

Ashley : That's easy for you to say, don't you see how bad the job market is?

Lance : I give up. In this case, I think you should just ask your parents for some
financial support.

Ashley : Hey, that's a brilliant idea. Thanks, buddy.

健康

1.

Victoria : Seriously, you really have to quit smoking! It's unhealthy and very bad for your lungs.

David : I know, but it's just so hard to fight the desire to smoke.

Victoria : How long have you been smoking?

David : About five years. Believe me, I've tried many ways to quit, but nothing worked.

Victoria : Really? Tell me what you have tried to do to quit?

David : I have joined a quit smoking camp, and I also tried the patch for a while.

Victoria : Okay, what if I say I'd go out with you on a date, but only if you quit smoking?

David : Are you serious? You know I'd do anything to have a date with you.

Victoria : Yes, I mean it! You know I always admire a man who has strong determination and chooses the right thing to do.

David : I'll quit right away. And if I can stop smoking for more than two months, I'll ask you out for dinner.

Victoria : Sure, it's a deal!

2.

Nora : Hello, how can I help you?

Eric : Hi, I need to see the doctor.

Nora : Did you make an appointment?

Eric : Yes, I did. I made an appointment this morning under the name of Eric Jackson.

Nora : Oh yes, Mr. Jackson. You have an appointment at 2 P.M. with Dr. Chen. How are you feeling now?

Eric : I'm feeling dizzy, and I have been having a bad headache since last night.

Nora : I see. Do you have a fever?

Eric : Yes, when I checked this morning, it was 39°C. And I have been coughing for two hours.

Nora : Hmm... I see. Please have a seat. I'll call your name in a while.

Eric : Okay, thank you.

3.

Dad : Abigail, did you go to the dentist this morning?

Abigail : Yes, I did.

Dad : So... How did it go?

Abigail : The dentist said I didn't take good care of my teeth, and he also said I needed to stop eating junk food.

Dad : I told you like a thousand times, but you've never listened to me.

Abigail : Alright, I've learned my lesson. I don't need another person telling me what I've done wrong, please?

Dad : Okay, but did he give you any suggestions?

Abigail : Well, he said the only option was to have a tooth extraction. I've scheduled next Monday to have the surgery.

Dad : That's good. I'll go with you. You definitely have to eat less candy, and remember to brush your teeth after each meal.

Abigail : Okay, I got it. You can stop lecturing me now.

4.

Stacy : Rob, have you gained weight lately?

Rob : Is it so obvious?

Stacy : I don't want to lie to you. You look like you're bursting out of your pants.

Rob : Oh no! What should I do?

Stacy : Don't panic. Remember last summer, my boyfriend dumped me after I put on some weight?

Rob : Yes, I remember. You were totally depressed and isolated yourself in your condo.

Stacy : I only ate junk food and delivered pizzas every day. After a month, I had gained 20 pounds.

Rob : So how did you lose weight?

One friend of mine is a nutritionist. She said I should have a healthier diet.

Stacy : She also mentioned that I must stop eating food high in fat and carbohydrates.

Rob : But how do I know if the food is high in fat and carbohydrates?

Stacy : You have to read the nutrition label on the package.

Rob : Okay, I'll pay more attention to what I eat for each meal from now on.

5.

Isabella : Hey Jayden, what's going on? You look puzzled.

Jayden : I've been thinking of getting insurance, but I don't know how to choose.

Isabella : Have you been contacting any insurance brokers?

Jayden : Yes, do you remember Amal's cousin, the one we met at his housewarming party?

Isabella : Hehe, how can I forget him? He was the one who got totally drunk and wasted. Not to mention, he even threw up on Amal's very expensive Persian carpet.

Jayden : I guess that probably is the most humiliating moment of his life. Anyway, he's been trying to sell me some of the insurance packages from his company, but I'm not sure if these are what I need.

Isabella : Do these insurance packages include dental coverage or a prescription plan? Has he been explaining the differences among the packages clearly?

Jayden : Not that I can recall!

Isabella : Then I think he might not be the best insurance broker for you. I know your family has a history of diabetes so you'd better be more careful.

Jayden : You're right! I guess I probably need to find someone who is more reliable.

求職

1.

Vivien : I'm really sick and tired of my mother-in-law.

Timothy : What's going on?

Vivien : The life of a homemaker is really tough.

Timothy : Really? I thought a homemaker is a person who only has to take care of a home.

Vivien : You have no idea how much work is involved for that.

Timothy : Maybe you're right. So what is your dream job?

Vivien : I don't know. But maybe the job that I really want is a hairstylist.

Timothy : I think you should go for it.

Vivien : What about Sammi? She's only four.

Timothy : Perhaps your mother-in-law who's wordy but caring can help.

Vivien : You may be right. Although she's annoying sometimes, she does love

Sammi a lot.

2.

Lorri : Harry, did you find a job yet?

Harry : It's not easy. Many of the jobs require more than five years of experience.

Lorri : What about the job as a secretary?

Harry : I checked, but the vacancy was taken.

Lorri : What about this assistant job? It says, "No experience needed."

Harry : I don't want to be a legislative assistant. I hate politics.

Lorri : Well, maybe you should go to the classes that are held by the Employment Development Department. Classes begin next week.

Harry : Can you stop being so pushy? Where did my good wife go?

Lorri : A good husband makes a good wife. Haven't you heard?

Harry : I'm stressed and under pressure. Please give me a break.

3.

Jonathan : Good morning, Paradise Technology. My name is Jonathan Robins. How may I help you?

Lora : Hi, my name is Lora Croft. I sent my resume to you last week, and I was wondering if you had received it.

Jonathan : Let me check. Hold on, please.

Lora : Oh, thank you.

Jonathan : Yes, I have it here, but you didn't include an objective or cover letter so we didn't know what job you are applying to.

Lora : Actually I would accept any openings you have.

Jonathan : Really? Even for a custodian job?

Lora : No, of course not.

Jonathan : That's why you need an objective or cover letter.

Lora : I see. I'm sorry about that.

Jonathan : Alright, we have a receptionist job open. Do you want to apply for it?

Lora : Yes, please. Thank you, Mr. Robins.

4.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the ad for a Senior Circuit Designer advertised in the New York Times on April 8th. I had been a circuit designer for five years. I am specialized in the design, simulation, testing and verification of both analog and digital thin film transistor circuits used in display backplanes.

As you can see from my enclosed resume, I have an education background in Physics and Electrical Engineering. I work well under pressure, and I'm responsible. My brother, John Hawkins, who works in your firm, will be a good reference for me.

Your kind consideration will be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Hawkins

5.

Interviewer : So, tell me about yourself.

Interviewee : I'm a sales manager strong in telemarketing that has generated more than one million dollars last year.

Interviewer : How do you handle stress and pressure?

Interviewee : Stress is essential to me. It helps me to stay motivated and productive. That's how I can attain my sales goal every month.

Interviewer : Apart from this job, do you have any other working experience?

Interviewee : Yes, I do. Before I got the job as a sales manager, I had worked as a sales representative at BJ Computers.

Interviewer : Why do you want this job?

Interviewee : Your firm has a good reputation and value in the international market. I see this job as a breakthrough opportunity.

Interviewer : Describe a difficult work situation and how you overcame it.

Interviewee : In November, 2010, our manager quit without notice, and my colleagues were in panic. But I saw this as the opportunity to rearrange the department, and I became the sales manager in February, 2011.

職場

1.

Ella : Hey, Nyles, have you heard that Sally's going to quit next month?

Nyles : It's another rumor again, isn't it?

Ella : I don't think so. I got it straight from the horse's mouth.

Nyles : Really? You heard it from Emily, didn't you?

Ella : Come on, Emily is Sally's best friend.

Nyles : Well, Emily is "everyone's best friend."

Ella : She said that Sally's going to quit because she had a huge fight with Peter.

Nyles : I think it's inappropriate to gossip in the office.

Ella : You just don't like to be friends with others, do you?

Nyles : Please, Ella. I can't please everyone. I'm only trying to get my work done.

Ella : Okay. But I have to say I was only trying to be friends with you.

Nyles : I'm sorry. It's difficult for me to be friends with my colleagues.

2.

Police : Hi, Susan. Now we need your help to clarify the case, okay?

Receptionist : Okay, I'm terrified by the bomb attack, but I'll do my best to help.

Police : So the package was received at 4 P.M. Is that correct?

Receptionist : Yes, that was the time I have my coffee break.

Police : And the package was put there by a man wearing all black?

Receptionist : Yes, he's in fact very handsome. He looks like Hugh Jackman.

Police : Wow. I mean...that tells a lot about his look.

Receptionist : Yes, he's muscular, and he's around 40 years old.

Police : What's written on the package?

Receptionist : It didn't have the sender's information, but it was sent to Rob Johnson on the 21st floor.

Police : Did he say anything to you?

Receptionist : He said I looked like his next girlfriend...

3.

Kate : Can I see Mr. Anderson now?

Pete : I'm sorry. Mr. Anderson is in a meeting, and the meeting has started 10 minutes ago.

Kate : Oh, no. I have an urgent document here that needs to be signed by him.

Pete : How urgent is it?

Kate : It's about the Skyline project.

Pete : The decision for that had already been made yesterday.

Kate : What??!!

Pete : Yes, Kate. The agreement had been breached under the persuasion of Ms. Johnson.

Kate : How could they do that? My boss will kill me!

Pete : I'm sorry. So would you like to make an appointment to see him tomorrow?

Kate : Yes! Please arrange a time slot for me.

Pete : Sure. Your appointment has been made for 10:00 to 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

4.

Mom : Guess what? I lost 2 kg!

Hank : Congrats, Mom! So that low-fat recipe worked.

Mom : I guess so.

Hank : Since you're in a good mood, can I tell you something?

Mom : Ok. Spit it out.

Hank : Well, someone stole my tablet computer last week.

Mom : What!!! Your tablet computer's been stolen in the dorm?

Hank : Yes, after I came back from a shower, it was gone.

Mom : Gosh! Didn't you just buy it last Monday?

Hank : Yes, I felt so bad.

Mom : Well, you can always use the public computers at school.

5.

Trevon : Hey, Kim. Guess what? My boss gave me a promotion!

Kim : Wow, congratulations! You deserve it.

Trevon : Thanks. My colleagues are going to throw a party for me tonight. Would
you like to come?

Kim : Me? Wouldn't it be awkward if I go?

Trevon : No way! It won't be a celebration to me without my best friend.

Kim : Let me think about it.

Trevon : You can think about it later, but I'll pick you up by 7:00.

Kim : You're always bossy.

Trevon : Well, your bossy friend will be gone to Singapore for three years.

Kim : Are you serious? I haven't told you the secret, remember?

Trevon : Ok. You can give me a lift to the airport and tell me about it on Sunday.

公民

1.

Bita : I never realized how difficult it would be to get adjusted to life in the United
States. There are so many things to do.

Consuela : I know. Getting a driver's license and registering my car was very
complicated.

In New York, we have good public transportation so I don't have to worry
Ranjit : about a car. But I did get a jury summons the other day and I didn't
know what I was supposed to do with it.

Consuela : I got one of those last year and I couldn't understand it so I threw it away.

Minh : You threw it away? You can't do that. You have to respond.

Bita : What about tickets? The other day, I got a ticket for jaywalking. I want to fight
it, but I don't know where to go.

Ranjit : I think you have to go to court, don't you?

Minh : The most confusing thing I've had to do is pay taxes. Can't they make those
forms easier to understand?

Consuela : I agree. Last year, we paid someone to do our taxes.

2.

Bitu : Ranjit, I just got my new driver's license in the mail!

Ranjit : Congratulations, Bitu! That's wonderful.

Bitu : What are you looking at?

Ranjit : Oh, I just got a jury summons in the mail. Can you tell me what I am supposed to do with it?

Bitu : Sure. I've had at least three of them.

Ranjit : What are they about anyway?

Well, in the United States, anyone accused of a crime has the right to a fair trial, which means a judge and twelve people on a jury get to listen to the case and make a decision.

Ranjit : Oh, I get it. So, can anyone be on a jury?

Bitu : No, you have to meet certain qualifications.

Ranjit : Like what?

First of all, you have to be a U.S. citizen and a resident of a county or city where the trial is taking place. Also, you have to be able to understand and speak enough English to participate in the jury selection and the trial.

Ranjit : Well, I think I can speak and understand enough English, but I'm not a citizen yet. Does that disqualify me?

Bitu : I'm afraid so.

Ranjit : Darn. It sounds like fun to participate in a trial. So what do I do with this form?

There should be a series of yes / no questions on it. Answer each of the questions truthfully. Then explain at the bottom why you are not qualified to participate.

Some people who are citizens can be excused for other reasons, like financial hardship, medical conditions, or being older than 65. So just fill out the form and then send it back in within ten days.

Ranjit : That's it?

Bitu : That's it. Easy, huh?

3.

Official : Morning Ma'am. How may I help you?

Resident : Hi, I'm only here to express my opinions about our community problems.

Official : So, what do you think one of the biggest problems in our community is?

Resident : I think the biggest problem is the number of homeless people who sleep on the street.

Official : Do you have any ideas about how to solve the problem?

Resident : Actually, our neighborhood came up with two ideas. One, we would like to spend our tax dollars to build a bigger homeless shelter. And two, we would like to put a community group together to tell the homeless people about the shelter and take them there if necessary.

Official : Those are two great ideas. I'll bring them up at our next town hall meeting.

4.

Ranjit : Elections for a new mayor are coming up here in New York. Have any of you participated in an election before?

Bita : I haven't. I just became a U.S. citizen last year so I will finally get to vote in this election.

Ricardo : So, if we're not citizens, we don't need to pay attention to the elections, do we?

Bita : Oh, I disagree. Even when I wasn't a citizen, I participated in local town meetings and city council meetings.

Consuela : Why?

Bita : Because I live in this community just like everyone else and I want my voice to be heard.

Ranjit : I agree with you, Bita. I think it's important that we voice our opinions on local issues in our community. I've been listening to the candidates' speeches to see whom I would vote for. But I don't really understand how the election process works.

Bita : Let's look at the chart our teacher gave us.

5.

Ryan : Casey, have you decided who you're going to vote for on Election Day?

Casey : I'm not quite sure yet. I watched the debate at Ford Stadium last night. Both candidates had very interesting points of view on how to improve the job market. Unfortunately, neither Kyle Stones nor Gary Smith talked about issues like crime, bullying, or drug use among teenagers.

Ryan : I totally agree with you. Bullying has become a serious problem in high schools, and kids shouldn't be discriminated against because of their differences.

Casey : Exactly, a policy or regulation must be initiated soon and not only kids but also adults need to be educated to respect one another.

Ryan : Absolutely. By the way, did they mention anything about the public transportation system? To be honest, I'm really sick and tired of being stuck in the traffic jams during rush hour.

Casey : Oh yes, they both suggested building a rapid transit system and increasing the frequency of buses.

Ryan : (Sigh) Isn't it the same old story? Remember 4 years ago the two candidates proposed exactly the same ideas, but the one we elected didn't really put those words into action.

Casey : I know what you mean; I guess that's the downside of democracy. A lot of politicians just keep promising things to get our votes, but once they get elected, they don't seem to really care about those promises.

Ryan : I guess we have to hope whoever gets elected this time is really passionate about making our community a better place to live.

實用英文

生活與交通

1.

Narrator: Dr. Miller is about to examine Aaron, a patient.

Dr. Miller :So, what seems to be the problem?

Aaron :I have a terrible toothache.

Dr. Miller :I see. When did it start?

Aaron :It started several weeks ago.Now, though, it even hurts to eat.

Dr. Miller :Well, let's take a look. Open your mouth wide, please.Oh, I see what's wrong.You have a very big cavity.You must eat a lot of sugar.

Aaron :Yeah. I'm going to cut down.

Dr. Miller :This cavity is too bad to fill. You need a root canal.

Aaron :Oh no. I hope it won't be too painful.

2.

Narrator :Ella is looking at an X-ray of her teeth.

Ella :Wow. My bottom teeth are so crowded.

Dr. Miller :Yes, but braces will fix that.

Ella :Am I going to have a mouth full of metal?

Dr. Miller :No. These braces are clear.They'll blend in with your teeth.

Ella :That's great! After you put them on me, what will happen?

Dr. Miller :You may feel some pain, but it will go away.Just avoid hard foods for a while.

Ella :What should I do differently when I brush my teeth?

Dr. Miller :Not much. Just brush them after every snack or meal.Also, you need to floss at least once a day.

3.

Narrator :Dr. Miller is fitting Harold for a partial denture.

Dr. Miller :First, I need to make a model of your mouth.That will help us make a denture that looks natural.

Harold :I can't wait. It's hard to chew or talk with these missing teeth.It also embarrasses me to smile.

Dr. Miller :Soon, you'll have a beautiful smile again.

Harold :I'm worried that the denture will fall out when I eat.

Dr. Miller :If it fits, it shouldn't fall out.If you're still worried, though, you can use denture glue.

Harold :How long will my denture last?

Dr. Miller :If you take it out at night and brush it with a soft toothbrush every day, it'll last several years.

4.

Narrator :Amy is reading an article about Taiwan's plans to ban plastic items.

Amy :So, what do you think about these plans to ban plastic bags, straws, and other disposable items by 2030?

David :It's great, but there's a lot more that we can do to get the ball rolling right now.

Amy :I agree. I've actually made a few lifestyle changes already.For one thing, I hardly ever use plastic bags anymore.

David :I guess that explains why you take your book bag everywhere you go.

Amy :Exactly!I'm thinking that maybe I should also take along my own utensils for when I eat out.

David :We all have room for improvement! I'm really bad with straws. You know how I love the tea shops here in Taiwan.

Amy :Why don't you just get a reusable straw?

David :You mean ones that aren't made of plastic? What are they made of?

Amy :You can find straws made of metal or glass.

David :I didn't know that. Actually, I should probably just get a reusable cup.

Amy :Yes! Great idea. I should get one too.

5.

Narrator :David and Amy discuss how they can become completely plastic-free.

Amy :Avoiding plastic used for food and drinks is a good start, but why stop there?

David :Well, it's pretty hard to totally eliminate it from your life. I mean, what about common necessities, like toothbrushes?

Amy :Believe it or not, there are plastic-free toothbrushes. You can get one made of bamboo.

David :OK, but what about toothpaste? That always comes in a plastic tube.

Amy :Not always! You can get toothpaste in glass jars, though you might have to go to special shops for that.

David :You sure know a lot about this stuff.

Amy :Honestly, there are still a lot of things I haven't been able to cut out. Some of my personal cosmetics, the pens I write with, and even the sunscreen I use at the beach -- they all require plastic.

David :Well, cutting out plastic completely is no easy task. But at least you're aware of the problem and trying to solve it.

Amy :Yeah. I need to read up a bit more on this subject.

David :Let me know what you find out!

Amy :I will!

6.

Narrator :Sam checks into the hotel where he initially had planned to stay for two nights.

Clerk :Welcome to our hotel. How may I help you today, sir?

Sam Smith :Hello. I've made a reservation, and I'd like to check in.

Clerk :Certainly, sir. May I have your name, please?

Sam Smith :Sam Smith.

Clerk :Yes. I see your reservation details. Mr. Smith, you've reserved a Deluxe Suite for two nights.

Sam Smith :That's right. But there are some changes to my schedule, and I'd like to extend my stay for one more night. Please help me check if there are any vacancies.

Clerk :Sure. Please hold on a second. Yes, we do have a room available. Would you like to pay by cash or credit card?

Sam Smith :That's great. Thank you. I'd like to use this card.

Clerk :Here is your key card. Breakfast is served from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sam Smith :Oh, I have one more question. What is the checkout time?

Clerk :Checkout time is at 11:00 a.m.

Sam Smith :OK. Thanks.

Narrator :Once he gets settled in his room, Sam contacts the front desk concerning a few things.

Clerk :Hello. You've reached the operator. How may I help you?

Sam Smith :Hi. I'm staying in Room 1101. What's the Wi-Fi password?

Clerk :Of course. You can search for FREEWIFI-GUEST. You don't need a password to log in.

Sam Smith :Great. I'm connected. Can you also bring me an extra pillow?

Clerk :No problem. I'll have that taken care of as soon as possible.

7.

Narrator :John is ordering a taxi to bring him to the airport.

John :Hello. I'd like to order a taxi. I need to go to the airport.

Operator :Sure. Where and when would you like to be picked up?

John :I'm at 154 Brick Lane. My flight departs this evening at 7:45, so I want to leave my place at 5:00 p.m.

Operator :Got it. How many pieces of luggage will there be?

John :Just one medium-sized suitcase and a carry-on. For this ride, will I be charged a fixed rate or by the meter?

Operator :We charge a fixed rate of \$50 to the airport from anywhere within the city limits.

John :Sounds good. Thank you.

Narrator :On the way to the airport, John experiences some unexpected delays.

John :We've been sitting here for nearly 15 minutes. Can you tell what's causing the traffic jam?

Driver :I'm not sure. There may be a road accident up ahead, or it could just be the usual rush-hour delay you get on a Friday evening.

John :Well, I've got a plane to catch. Is there an alternative route we could take?

Driver :There's one off the next exit, which is around 200 meters away. But I can't guarantee it'll be any faster.

John :Please try it. I don't want to miss my flight.

8.

Narrator :Cindy is going to a job interview, so she hails a taxi.

Driver :Where to, ma'am?

Cindy :Please take me to 335 West Lincoln Avenue. I'm in a hurry, so if you could take the quickest route, I'd appreciate it.

Driver :Hmm, West Lincoln Avenue is long. Do you know if the building is east or west of Ferris Street?

Cindy :I don't know. I've never been there before.Hold on, let me check the map on my phone.It's east of Ferris.

Driver :OK, I'm pretty sure I have an idea where it is.

Narrator :Later, Cindy realizes she has left her phone in the taxi, so she calls the taxi company in the hope of getting it back.

Cindy :Hello. I accidentally left my smartphone in one of your taxis this morning, and I want to know how I can get it back.

Operator :All right, I'll need some information first.When and where did you get picked up, and where was your destination?

Cindy :I flagged down the cab at around 10:45 a.m. on the corner of 11th Street and Spring Avenue.I got out of the cab at 335 West Lincoln Avenue.

Operator :Did you happen to jot down the vehicle tag?

Cindy :No, but I do have a fare receipt.

Operator :Perfect. The taxi number should be printed there. Do you see it?

Cindy :Yes, it's GL-465.

Operator :You're in luck. The driver brought in a smartphone this afternoon. You can come in to our office and pick it up.

9.

Narrator :Pablo is checking in at the Coconut Airlines counter.

Clerk :Could I have your passport, please?

Pablo :Here you are.

Clerk :Just checking one suitcase today?

Pablo :That's right. The other one's my carry-on.

Clerk :Are there any of these restricted items inside your suitcase? Spare lithium batteries, lighters, or explosives like fireworks, for example?

Pablo :No, ma'am.Oh, wait! I think I might have a battery in there.

Clerk :OK, no problem. Did you want to open it and put the battery in your carry-on?

Pablo :Sure thing.

Narrator :The clerk tells Pablo about a problem with his carry-on luggage.

Clerk :Any liquids over 100 milliliters or sharp objects in the carry-on?

Pablo :None. I'm sure.

Clerk :Great. Do you mind placing your carry-on bag on the scale?

Clerk :Sir, I'm sorry to say that your bag is overweight.Our policy is that any hand luggage over 7 kilograms must be checked. This bag is 10 kilograms.

Pablo :I see. How much will it cost me to check it?

Clerk :The extra baggage charge is NT\$1200 per bag.

Pablo :Oh, is cash OK?

Clerk :Sorry, we only accept credit cards.Just so you know: It's more expensive to buy extra baggage at the airport. If you do it on the Internet in advance, it'll only cost you about NT\$900.

Pablo :Thanks for letting me know.

10.

Narrator :Steven is picking up his rental bike at a bike shop.

Steven :Hello, I reserved a bike on your website. Here's the confirmation email.

Clerk :OK, Mr. Lowe. Please fill out this contract. I'll need to make a copy of your ID as well.

Clerk :We charge a flat rate of NT\$1,500 for a bike rental, and the rental period is three days. After three days, the rental fee is NT\$200 per day.A list of all the equipment we have provided is on the contract.Your return date is January 21 at 2:00 p.m.Come with me, and I'll show you your bike.

Narrator :Steven asks the clerk for directions to a restaurant.

Steven :Have you heard of a restaurant called "Claude's Chicken"?

Clerk :Head toward the highway, hang a right at the traffic light, and keep going until you see a 7-Eleven. It's in that alley.

Steven :Great, thanks.

Clerk :But I wouldn't go there if I were you. It's a tourist trap.

Steven :It has great reviews though.

Clerk :Yeah, but are you really in the mood for overpriced roast chicken? There's a place nearby called "Auntie Wu's"; their fish ball soup is delicious.

Steven :Yeah? Which way?

Clerk :From here, go over the bridge. Continue straight for about five minutes, and you'll see it on your right.

11.

Narrator :Steven parks his bike in front of the restaurant. A girl, Holly, parks her bike beside his.

Holly :Nice bike.

Steven :It's a rental. But, yeah, it's nice. I have a similar one at home.

Holly :How long are you visiting for? Not many out-of-towners know about this place.

Steven :Just a couple of days. I heard the fish ball soup was pretty good.

Holly :It's the best. Fish ball soup and biking -- a man after my own heart.

Steven :I know, right? What else do you like to do?

Holly :I like swimming, listening to music, singing at KTV... How about yourself?

Steven :Well, besides biking, I love reading comics and playing video games.

Narrator :Steven and Holly continue chatting outside the restaurant.

Steven :What other places would you say are worth checking out around here?

Holly :There's a market by the docks that has great sushi -- yes, more seafood. What can I say; I like to eat, OK?

Steven :Sounds good to me; I love sushi.

Holly :Oh. Well, besides food, I'd say the art museum is pretty underrated. And most people visit this time of year to see the plum blossoms.

Steven :Yeah, that's part of why I'm here. Thanks for the recommendations.

Holly :You're welcome. Shall we?

12.

Narrator :Nicole and Victor have just arrived at the airport. They are waiting at the baggage carousel.

Nicole :We've been standing here for an hour. Do you think they lost my bag?

Victor :Maybe we should ask someone for help.

Nicole :Excuse me. I was on the flight from Vancouver. I can't find my bag.Could you tell me if all of the baggage has been taken off the plane?

Airport Staff :Certainly, I'll check.Flight 762, correct?

Nicole :Yes.

Airport Staff :I'm sorry, ma'am. All baggage has been removed from the plane.

Nicole :Oh no!

Victor :Is it possible it was left back in Vancouver?

Nicole :What if it's not there?

Airport Staff :If your baggage has been lost, the airline will compensate you for the full value of your lost items. But it's more likely that your bag was left behind.I'll contact the staff in Vancouver now, if you could please have a seat. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Airport Staff :Pardon me, ma'am. Your bag has been placed on another flight, which

will be arriving tomorrow morning. If you give me the address, we'll send it to your hotel free of charge. It should arrive by about noon.

Nicole :I see. Well, all right, if that's the best that can be done.

13.

Narrator :Lorraine and Desmond are at the MRT station talking to a staff member about a lost passport.

MRT Staff :So, you were on the Red line heading toward Xiangshan at about two o'clock?

Desmond :Yes, that's when I lost my passport. It must have fallen out when I put my bag on the floor. Do you think there's a fair chance I'll get it back?

MRT Staff :Well, I can't say for sure, but people do often hand in personal items, including passports.

Lorraine :Fingers crossed.

Desmond :So, how will I find out if it's been handed in?

MRT Staff :If you give me your contact information, I can let you know if it turns up. Just write your details down here.

Desmond :What am I going to do if my passport doesn't turn up?

Lorraine :Well, you'd have to go to the American Institute in Taiwan. You might be able to get an emergency passport, but it could be expensive.

Desmond :I really hope it doesn't come to that. Oh, wait -- my phone is ringing. Hello? Yes. Oh, that's great! Thank you so much!

Lorraine :Good news?

Desmond :Yes! They found it! They have it at Da'an Station.

Lorraine :Great! Let's head over.

14.

Narrator :Sandy is visiting Taiwan for the first time. She has just arrived, and she approaches the airport information desk to see about transportation into Taipei.

Sandy :Hi. I want to go to Taipei, but I'm not sure what the best way to do that is.

Airport Employee :You have three options: airport metro, bus, or taxi.

Sandy :So... which one do you suggest I take?

Airport Employee :Where are you heading to?

Sandy :My hotel. Here is the address. I think it is near the Zhongshan MRT Station.

Airport Employee :That's correct. You should take the airport metro, which is located in that direction, since it's faster than a bus and cheaper than a taxi.

Sandy :OK. Is Zhongshan a stop on the airport metro line?

Airport Employee :No, you'll need to transfer over to the Taipei MRT system. Once you arrive at the final stop of the airport metro, exit the station and walk to either Beimen Station or Taipei Main Station. Beimen is closer, so I would choose

that one.

Sandy :Where should I go once I'm at Beimen Station?

Airport Employee :You want to get on a train heading towards Songshan. Zhongshan will be the first stop.

Sandy :Thanks! You've been really helpful.

Airport Employee :Miss! Miss! Not that way!

15.

Narrator :Sandy wants to visit the National Palace Museum. She asks the hotel concierge for help.

Hotel Concierge :Hello, how may I assist you?

Sandy :I would like to visit the National Palace Museum today. What's the easiest way to get there?

Hotel Concierge :I would recommend taking the MRT.You'll need to get on a red line train heading to Beitou or Tamsui.Go five stops and get off at Shilin Station. From Shilin, take the R30 bus to the museum.

Sandy :OK, got it! Thanks!

Sandy :Sorry to bother you, but I'm unfamiliar with the MRT system.I'm going to the National Palace Museum, and I don't know which side of the platform I should wait on.

Passenger :You'll want to head over to the other side. That train will take you in the right direction.

Sandy :Good thing I talked to you. I appreciate your help!

Sandy :Excuse me, where is the bus stop to get to the National Palace Museum?

MRT Employee :You'll need to go out Exit 1 and walk straight until you arrive at the first road.The bus stop is located just to your right.

Sandy :Thanks!Whew. What an adventure just to go to the museum!

16.

Narrator :Amy is reading an article about Taiwan's plans to ban plastic items.

Amy :So, what do you think about these plans to ban plastic bags, straws, and other disposable items by 2030?

David :It's great, but there's a lot more that we can do to get the ball rolling right now.

Amy :I agree. I've actually made a few lifestyle changes already.For one thing, I hardly ever use plastic bags anymore.

David :I guess that explains why you take your book bag everywhere you go.

Amy :Exactly!I'm thinking that maybe I should also take along my own utensils for when I eat out.

David :We all have room for improvement! I'm really bad with straws. You know how

I love the tea shops here in Taiwan.

Amy :Why don't you just get a reusable straw?

David :You mean ones that aren't made of plastic? What are they made of?

Amy :You can find straws made of metal or glass.

David :I didn't know that. Actually, I should probably just get a reusable cup.

Amy :Yes! Great idea. I should get one too.

17.

Narrator :David and Amy discuss how they can become completely plastic-free.

Amy :Avoiding plastic used for food and drinks is a good start, but why stop there?

David :Well, it's pretty hard to totally eliminate it from your life. I mean, what about common necessities, like toothbrushes?

Amy :Believe it or not, there are plastic-free toothbrushes. You can get one made of bamboo.

David :OK, but what about toothpaste? That always comes in a plastic tube.

Amy :Not always! You can get toothpaste in glass jars, though you might have to go to special shops for that.

David :You sure know a lot about this stuff.

Amy :Honestly, there are still a lot of things I haven't been able to cut out. Some of my personal cosmetics, the pens I write with, and even the sunscreen I use at the beach -- they all require plastic.

David :Well, cutting out plastic completely is no easy task. But at least you're aware of the problem and trying to solve it.

Amy :Yeah. I need to read up a bit more on this subject.

David :Let me know what you find out!

Amy :I will!

18.

Narrator :After Alex finishes getting his teeth cleaned by Sally, his dentist, he talks with Rachel, the receptionist, to schedule his next appointment.

Rachel :So, Alex, your next checkup should be sometime during the second week of October. I'm looking at our calendar right now, and it appears Sally will be on vacation then.

Alex :Oh, that's too bad. I'm going to be traveling a lot in October, so it might be too troublesome to get our calendars matched up. What other dentists will be working that week?

Rachel :We will have two: Paul and Betty, who are both very qualified.

Alex :In that case, which one is available in the evening on the eighth?

Rachel :That would be Betty. Would 7:30 on October 8 with her work for you?

Alex :Yes, it would. Thanks for your help!

Narrator :Alex has chipped some teeth and wants to schedule an emergency dental appointment.

Rachel :Thank you for calling The Pearly Whites.Rachel speaking. How may I help you?

Alex :Hi Rachel, this is Alex. It is critical that I see a dentist quickly!

Rachel :Hello, Alex. What happened?

Alex :I fell and chipped a few of my teeth. I was hoping that I could get someone to repair them as soon as possible.

Rachel :OK, let's see.The earliest we can squeeze you in is... oh, there's an opening tonight at 6:45.

Alex :That's perfect. I really appreciate it, Rachel.

19.

Narrator :Rachel calls up Alex to see why he missed his recent appointment.

Rachel :Hello, am I speaking with Alex?

Alex :Yep, that's me. What can I do for you?

Rachel :Hi, Alex, it's Rachel from The Pearly Whites.

Alex :Oh no, my appointment!

Rachel :Yes, it seems you forgot about it.

Alex :Please forgive me. Work has been really crazy lately, and this appointment just slipped my mind.

Rachel :Don't worry, this happens all the time.Anyway, let's talk about rescheduling. Would you be able to come in on Thursday at 7:30?

Alex :Yes. I assure you that I will remember this time. And thank you for being so understanding.

Narrator :Alex has to work overtime on Thursday and calls the dental clinic to cancel his appointment.

Rachel :This is The Pearly Whites. Rachel speaking.

Alex :Hi Rachel, it's Alex. I have to work late tonight, so I regret to say that I have to cancel my dental appointment.

Rachel :Got it -- thanks for letting us know.Why don't we reschedule for another time? How is next week looking for you?

Alex :I'm going to be out of town on a business trip, so how about Tuesday the 22nd?

Rachel :Hmm, yes. We have an opening at 8:00 with Sally, who'll be fresh back from her vacation.

Alex :That sounds splendid. See you then!

20.

Narrator :Ryan, an American in Taiwan for work, is looking for an apartment to rent.He sees an ad online and calls to make an inquiry.

Ryan :Hello, I'm calling about an ad I saw online for an apartment rental.I'd like to know if that apartment is still available.

Agent :We have several properties online, since we're an agency. What's the reference number for the one you're interested in?

Ryan :It's 305842.

Agent :I'm afraid that one is no longer available. But I could show you some similar studio apartments.

Ryan :That's OK. I'll look on my own.

Narrator :Ryan is looking at a studio apartment which he saw advertised online by the owner, Ms. Lee.

Ryan :This apartment is really nice. I like that it's fully furnished.

Lee :It also comes with a washing machine, and the bathroom and kitchen are brand-new -- a feature you won't easily find elsewhere.Did I mention the MRT station is just three minutes away?

Ryan :Your ad said pets are allowed. I want to make sure because I have a dog.

Lee :Sure, pets are welcome.

Ryan :And the rent is \$20,000 a month?

Lee :Yes, and that includes Internet access. However, it doesn't include the \$1,500 monthly maintenance fee.

Ryan :Well, thanks for taking the time to show me your apartment. I'll think about it and get back to you.

21.

Narrator :Ryan visits another apartment; this time it's in an older building.

Owner :If you have any questions about this studio, don't hesitate to ask.

Ryan :You said the monthly rent is \$18,000, plus a maintenance fee of \$900 a month -
- is that right?

Owner :That's correct.

Ryan :That might be over my budget. I'd have to spend money on furniture, a washing machine...

Owner :There's no need for a washer; there's a shared laundry facility.

Ryan :And I won't be able to cook.

Owner :You'll find tons of cheap eats around here, and the night market's just five minutes away.

Ryan :OK, thanks. I'll think about it and let you know.

Narrator :Ryan has decided to rent Ms. Lee's apartment, so he calls her up to let her

know.

Ryan :Ms. Lee? This is Ryan. If your apartment is still available, I'd like to go ahead and rent it for one year.

Lee :Hi, Ryan. Yes, the apartment's still free.

Ryan :Can I move in sometime during the first week of next month?

Lee :Sure.First, I'll ask you to come over and sign the lease. I'll also need a copy of your passport and a one-month security deposit.

Ryan :No problem. I'll bring those over.

22.

Narrator :Bruce is looking to get a new phone plan.

Clerk :Hi, what brings you in today?

Bruce :My current contract is about to expire. Do you have any deals going on at the moment?

Clerk :We have several special offers right now.Most people choose the 599 plan: It's a 24-month contract that costs \$599 a month and includes 1 GB of data per month.But like I said, we have a special offer available.We'll throw in an additional 5 GB of data per month for free for the entire length of the contract, and we'll also include unlimited data for the first six months at no extra cost.

Bruce :Sounds great. I'll take that one.

Narrator :Bruce is having problems with his new phone.

Clerk :Hi, what can I do for you?

Bruce :I bought this phone a few days ago, but yesterday it started shutting down randomly.

Clerk :No problem, we'll take a look at it. Could you fill out this form?

Bruce :Of course.

Clerk :OK, wait a moment, please.

Clerk :Sir, we found out what was wrong -- it was a manufacturing problem.Since your phone is under warranty, I can offer you a brand-new replacement phone at no charge.Sorry for the trouble. I can help you with any data that you'd like to transfer to the new phone.

Bruce :Wonderful. Thank you.

23.

Narrator :Wendy is at the Pineapple customer service center. She wants to ask the clerk about a phone problem she is having.

Clerk :How can I help you today?

Wendy :I bought this about a month ago, but for the past few days, the battery dies after about 20 minutes of use.

Clerk :I see. It'll just be a few minutes while I take a look at it.

Wendy :Thank you.

Clerk :It seems the phone was sold with a defective battery, so I went ahead and replaced it with a new one.Since your phone is still under warranty, it's at no extra charge.If you have any other problems, feel free to drop by again, and we'll be happy to take a look at it.

Narrator :Wendy has another problem with her phone.

Wendy :Hi, I was here yesterday about a battery problem... Well, the battery's fine, but last night I dropped my phone in the pool, and now it won't turn on.

Clerk :Oh, no. Let's take a look at it.See here? On the side -- the water damage sticker is red.

Wendy :Is that bad?

Clerk :Yeah. I'm sorry to inform you that service for liquid damage isn't covered by the limited one-year warranty.

Wendy :That's what I was afraid of. Thanks anyway!

24.

Narrator :Anna and Stephen are next to a YouBike kiosk. There are many bikes parked beside them.

Anna :How do I rent a YouBike?

Stephen :First, choose a bike. Check the bike's brakes, tire pressure, light, bell, and seat.

Anna :Oh, this one has a flat tire.

Stephen :When you find a broken bike, turn the seat backwards to indicate it needs repairs.

Anna :OK.This one is fine. What should I do next?

Stephen :Put your card on the scanner. A green light will come on, and it will make a sound.

Anna :Then, can I get the bike?

Stephen :Yes. Just pull the bike backwards.

Anna :Oh, the seat is too low.

Stephen :You can adjust the seat to suit your height.

Anna :OK, that is more comfortable for me. OK, let's go!

Stephen :Hey, wait for me!

Narrator :Anna and Stephen bring their bikes back to the YouBike station.

Anna :How do I return the bike?

Stephen :First, find an empty space.

Anna :I see one.What do I do next?

Stephen :Push the bike in until it stops. Make sure it is locked in.

Anna :OK, it's locked in.

Stephen :Now put your card back on the scanner. Wait until the green light goes on.

Anna :Yes. The green light is on.

Stephen :Then you're all set. Don't forget your belongings in the basket.

Anna :Oh yes, my water bottle. Thanks for reminding me.

25.

Narrator :Kevin and Sonya are on the couch watching TV.

Weatherman :We've got a typhoon warning in effect for Keelung, Taipei, and New Taipei City until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.The system is moving west and is bringing heavy rain and damaging winds of up to 136 kilometers per hour.Make sure you're inside and stay away from windows and doors.

Kevin :Why does it always rain on weekends? Guess that means no hiking today.

Sonya :We could go next Sunday if the weather is good.

Kevin :But what are we going to do for the rest of the day?

Narrator :Dennis and Andrea are discussing where to take their vacation.

Dennis :How about Melbourne, Australia?

Andrea :That could be fun. What's the weather like in Melbourne?

Dennis :According to my friend Google, Melbourne has a mild climate -- mid to high 20s in the summer, but I was thinking we'd go in winter.

Picture this: the two of us on a snowy mountain, skiing in July!

Andrea :Oh, that's right; the seasons in the southern hemisphere are opposite to ours.One problem is we'd have to pack a lot of clothes.

Dennis :Or we could pack light and go shopping for winter clothes after we land.

Andrea :Well, I'm sold!

26.

Narrator :Lucas is in an elevator. Mel rushes in just before the doors close.

Mel :Why didn't you hold the door open?

Lucas :Huh? Oh sorry, it's so hot I can't think straight.

Mel :It's supposed to get up to 36 degrees later in the week.

Lucas :Ugh, it's November -- how is that even possible?

Mel :I think you know the answer to that.It starts with a "G."Come on. You know this.
G-W-

Lucas :George Washington?

Mel :No! Global warming!

Lucas :Oh, right, global warming.

Narrator :Kevin and Sonya are in their hiking clothes, packing their bags.

Weatherman :This is Nick Conrad with a weather update.A code orange air quality warning has been issued by the Environmental Protection Administration for Taipei City through the morning and into the afternoon.Sensitive groups

including young children and older adults are advised to limit their time outdoors.

Kevin :Maybe we should find a new hobby, one that we can do indoors.

Sonya :Hold on. The warning is for sensitive groups. If we put on face masks, they could block out some of the bad stuff from getting into our lungs.

Kevin :I don't think it's a good idea. Let's try again next week.

Sonya :Yeah, you're probably right.

27.

Narrator :Hank calls a clinic to book a doctor's appointment.

Receptionist :You've reached Dr. Lee's office. How can I help you?

Hank :I'd like to make an appointment.

Receptionist :OK. May I have your name and phone number, please?

Hank :My name is Hank Williams, and my number's 0912-345-781.

Receptionist :How about 7 p.m. tomorrow?

Hank :That'll work.

Receptionist :Wonderful. See you tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Hank :OK, thanks. See you then.

Narrator :The doctor is ready to see Hank.

Doctor :What seems to be the problem today?

Hank :I've had a runny nose and sore throat for a couple of days.

Doctor :Any cough or fever?

Hank :No fever, but it hurts to swallow. I guess I have coughed a little bit. I thought it was just because my throat was dry.

Doctor :Say "Aah."

Hank :Aah. Aah.

Doctor :There's some inflammation. It looks like a viral infection.You'll likely start coughing up yellow or green sputum within the next couple of days.If your sputum is pink or red, get to a hospital immediately.I'll give you something for your sore throat and cough.

Hank :Thanks, doc.

28.

Narrator :Crystal is telling the doctor about her symptoms.

Crystal :I barely got any sleep because I was up all night throwing up. Besides that, I have a pretty severe case of diarrhea.

Doctor :Any muscle soreness?

Crystal :No, not really.

Doctor :Hmm, bit of a fever. Well, I'd say you have food poisoning.Do you remember eating anything suspicious? Undercooked chicken or fish for example?

Crystal :Yeah, actually. I had hot pot a couple of days ago, which had some oysters in it.Come to think of it, they tasted a little off.

Doctor :That'll do it. I'll give you something for the fever and diarrhea. Remember to drink lots of water.

Narrator :Crystal is all set to get her medicine from the pharmacist.

Pharmacist :Health card, please.It'll be just a moment.

Crystal :OK, thanks.

Pharmacist :These are for the diarrhea. Take one pill after each episode up to a maximum of three per day.

Crystal :Got it.

Pharmacist :And these are for the fever. Take a maximum of four per day, at least four hours apart.

Crystal :Thank you!

29.

Narrator :Ralph and Carla are in a cafe.

Ralph :Is that coming from an ice cream truck?

Carla :Uh, there could be ice cream on the truck, I guess.

Ralph :You've lost me.

Carla :The music is coming from a garbage truck. In Taiwan, we take our garbage out to the truck when it comes to our neighborhood.

Ralph :You have to throw it in the truck yourselves?

Carla :Yeah, that's why it usually comes at night, when everyone is home from work or school.I've heard in other countries it's not done this way, but I actually quite like it. It's a chance to talk to your neighbors.

Ralph :I was going to say that's not how we do things where I'm from.

Narrator :Ralph and Carla are continuing where they left off.

Carla :How is the garbage collected where you're from?

Ralph :Well, I'm from Canada. The way it works is you put your garbage out on the curb either the night before or early in the morning.The garbage truck will come by, and garbage collectors will throw the garbage in the truck for you.

Carla :Interesting. I had no idea.

Ralph :But it's essential to have a garbage can with a lid because raccoons or other wild animals often tear open the bags and spill garbage everywhere.If that happens, the garbage collectors won't pick up your garbage, and you have to clean up the mess yourself.

30.

Narrator :Ralph is at Carla's house. He's helping her get the garbage ready to take out to the truck.

Ralph :That one's for paper, that one's regular garbage, and that one's food waste, obviously. But you're not going to take those plastic bottles out?

Carla :They only collect plastic bottles and containers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. I'll throw it out tomorrow.How does it work back home?

Ralph :The city gives us a blue box, which is like it sounds -- a blue plastic box, that all recyclables go in. We don't have to separate them.Paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum and other metals all go in the same box.

Narrator :Ralph and Carla are in the kitchen sorting through food waste.

Carla :Now for the fun part.This is full of what the government calls fertilizing kitchen waste, for example, fruit peels, coffee grounds, eggshells -- in other words, compost.

Ralph :And that one?

Carla :That one's pig feed -- food scraps. So stuff like leftover rice or meat.How do you guys handle composting where you're from?

Ralph :We have a green composting container given to us by the city. Everything goes in there.I have a question. This is recyclable?

Carla :Believe it or not, yes!

Ralph :Fair enough, just making sure!

31.

Narrator :On the first day of school, the teacher stands at the front of the class.

Teacher :OK everyone, now it's your turn. I'm going to ask each of you to come up to the front one by one and introduce yourselves.I know, fun right? Let's get started. How about you?That's right, you. Come on up.

Phoebe :My name is Phoebe. I'm a Capricorn.I like playing piano and going camping on weekends.No. I think I'm done. Thank you.

Teacher :OK. Next!

Narrator :Phoebe is in the hallway. Sharon is rearranging posters on a bulletin board.

Phoebe :Excuse me. Do you know where I can sign up for the school band? Um, the school band?

Sharon :Oh, sorry. I didn't see you there.

Phoebe :I'd like to sign up for the school band. Is this the right place?

Sharon :Yes, we'd love to have you! Just let me get the...Ah! Here it is.

Phoebe :Thank you.

Sharon :Write down your name, student number, and which instrument or instruments you can play.The first meeting will be on the 25th at 6 p.m. in room

202.

32.

Narrator :Phoebe rushes through a school hallway. Terry bumps into her.

Terry :Sorry! You have a lot of blue pens.

Phoebe :No, I have enough blue pens.

Terry :You really like blue, huh?

Phoebe :You can't go wrong with primary colors.

Terry :I'm Terry.

Phoebe :Phoebe. Nice to meet you.

Terry :Nice to meet you too.Who's your homeroom teacher?

Phoebe :Mr. Adams.

Terry :I know him. He's very funny.Mine is Miss Bartlett. She's a bit strict, but at least she can be nice sometimes.Anyway, I should get going. See you around.

Narrator :Phoebe is carrying a tray full of food. She scans the cafeteria for an open seat and sits down. Terry appears and sits down across from her.

Phoebe :It's so weird to run into you here. What a small world.

Terry :I forgot to ask if anyone is sitting here.

Phoebe :You can still ask.

Terry :Is anyone sitting here?

Phoebe :No, go ahead.

Terry :Great.Yours looks good.

Phoebe :We're both eating the exact same thing.

Terry :Yeah, but yours still looks better.

Phoebe :I already regret letting you sit here.

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1.

Narrator :Tammy and Charles are in a coffee shop.They are waiting for their friend Ned to arrive.

Ned :I'm sorry, guys. I hope I'm not late.

Charles :No need to apologize, Ned. You're right on time.

Tammy :Yeah, Charles and I were just talking about how reliable you are.

Ned :Thanks. I'm glad that someone appreciates it.In fact, Kelly and I had a fight about this. She thinks I'm boring and too predictable.

Tammy :What? I think your girlfriend owes you an apology.

Ned :I don't know. Maybe I should try to be a better person.

Tammy :No, Ned. We like you just the way you are.Right, Charles?

Charles :Well, forgive me for being blunt, but Ned's got a point.If he were less predictable, he'd probably enjoy life more and discover new things.

Ned :I beg your pardon? I do enjoy life.For leisure, I play basketball every Saturday morning. Then, Kelly and I meet up for lunch at our favorite restaurant.After, we go to the movies or --

Charles :You see? Your life is a routine.Live on the edge!

Tammy :I think you should just be yourself, but if you want to take Charles's advice...

Ned :I guess I'll give it a try.Thanks, guys. And excuse me for going on about my problems.

2.

Narrator :A week later, Kelly is in a restaurant, waiting for Ned.

Ned :I'm sorry that I'm late.

Kelly :Where were you? I've been waiting for almost an hour.

Ned :I was at a museum. I guess I just lost track of the time.A thousand pardons.

Kelly :A museum? Weren't you supposed to play basketball this morning?

Ned :Yes, but I decided to break out of my routine and be more spontaneous.

Kelly :Really? That's fantastic. I'm very happy for you.Hey, we'd better order; otherwise, we'll miss the concert. I hope you got good tickets.

Ned :Uh, I'm afraid that I didn't buy the tickets.

Kelly :What?! Why? We made plans last week. I was really looking forward to it!

Ned :I guess I just forgot. Anyway, it might be more fun to decide what we want to do last minute.

Kelly :Ned, being spontaneous doesn't mean you shouldn't plan ahead.Sorry, but that was inconsiderate of you.

Ned :But you said that I was boring.

Kelly :Are you still thinking about that? I didn't mean it, and I regret having hurt your feelings.In fact, I like being able to depend on you.

Ned :Well, I suppose I overreacted.I apologize for not getting the concert tickets.

Kelly :It's OK.Hey, maybe they're still on sale. Let's go to the box office after lunch and see.

3.

Narrator :Frida is sketching in a coffee shop when she encounters a problem. She asks Jackson, a waiter at the coffee shop, for help.

Frida :Hey, Jackson, could I trouble you for a moment?

Jackson :Sure. What can I do for you?

Frida :I was just drawing in my sketchbook, and my pen ran out of ink. Do you have a spare one I could borrow?

Jackson :I do. Here you go.

Frida :Thanks so much. I promise I'll return it when I'm done.

Jackson :No problem. By the way, would you mind if I asked you something?

Frida :Not at all. Go right ahead.

Jackson :I've noticed that you bring your tablet with you all the time when you come in here to sketch. Have you ever tried sketching on that?

Frida :I've been meaning to, but I'm not sure which software to use.

Jackson :Well, I know of a great app for drawing. From what I've seen, you can get some pretty artistic results from it.

Frida :Really? Would you have time to show me now?

Jackson :You betcha! Let me see your tablet.

Frida :Oh, wait a second. Let me type in the password first.Here you go.

Jackson :Let me do a quick search.Found it. As you can see, it's gotten quite a few smashing reviews.

Frida :Fantastic. Would you help me install it?

Jackson :I'd be happy to.

4.

Narrator :Dave goes over to the desk of his coworker, Katie, in their company's office.

Dave :Katie, I'd like to ask you for a favor.

Katie :Sure. How can I help you, Dave?

Dave :Would it be too much trouble for you to cover for me while I'm away on vacation?

Katie :Could you tell me how long you will be away?

Dave :Certainly. It'll be for a week.

Katie :How about filling me in on what I'd need to do?

Dave :You'll just have to manage all the sales reports and write up a summary at the end of the week.

Katie :Just that? Dave, that's a lot of work, in addition to my own responsibilities.

Dave :Oh, and I should probably mention that I leave tomorrow.

Katie :What?! Why didn't you ask me earlier?

Dave :Kevin was supposed to cover for me, but he had to have emergency surgery and is out for the week.Would you please help me out? I'm in a bind here.

Katie :All right, just this one time.

Dave :Thanks! You've just rescued me from a messy situation. I don't know how I'll ever make it up to you.

Katie :Don't exaggerate. Just remember one thing.

Dave :Sure. What's that?

Katie :When I go on my two-week vacation in three months, you'll be the one filling in for me the whole time I'm away!

5.

Narrator :Eric is planning a Halloween party at his house. He calls up his friends to invite them.

Doug :Hey, Eric. What's up?

Eric :Hey, Doug. You remember when I told you that I wanted to have a Halloween party at my place?

Doug :Yeah, but you say that every year. Are you actually going to do it this year?

Eric :I sure am! It's going to be on Halloween night at 7:00 p.m.Can you make it?You can? Great! I'll put you on the list.Anne! How are you?

Anne :Not bad, Eric.Let me guess -- is this about the Halloween party you mentioned last week?

Eric :It is! It'll be on Halloween night at 7:00 p.m. Can you make it?

Anne :Oh, I don't know.I currently don't have a costume, and I'm not sure I'll have time to find one.Let me get back to you in a few days.

Eric :No problem. Just let me know when you can.Hey, Ron, how's it going?

Ron :It's going well. What's happening with you?

Eric :Well, I wanted to invite you to my Halloween party.

Ron :Halloween party, eh? When is it?

Eric :Halloween night at 7:00 p.m.

Ron :Sorry, Eric. I've already got plans for Halloween night.I appreciate the invitation, though.

6.

Narrator :Before his guests arrive, Eric speaks with them to get updates.

Eric :Hey, Doug! All set for the party?

Doug :Hi, Eric. Well, about that... I'm afraid I can't make it tonight.I'm really sorry, man.I bought some candy for the party, but I ended up eating almost all of it.I feel quite ill now, so I'm going to stay home.

Eric :Oh... gee, I hope you feel better. Talk later!Hey, Anne! So, I was wondering, since I never heard back from you -- are you coming tonight?

Anne :To what?

Eric :The Halloween party at my place. Remember?

Anne :Shoot! I completely forgot about that!I'm so sorry, Eric, but I can't. I'm out of town right now.

Eric :Oh, no need to apologize. I understand.OK, bye.Well, so much for the party.Hi, Ron.

Ron :Hey, Eric! I wanted to ask -- are you still having that party tonight?

Eric :No, it's canceled. Nobody I invited can make it.

Ron :That's unfortunate.I was talking to some other friends of mine about what to do

tonight, and I suggested going to your party. Everyone liked the idea, so we're hoping it won't be a problem if we all show up.

Eric :What? Really? Of course you can all come!

Ron :Are you sure?

Eric :Definitely! You actually saved the party, Ron! See you tonight!

7.

Narrator :Phil and Lisa are seated beside each other. They're waiting for class to begin.

Lisa :Don't you hate first days?

Phil :Why?

Lisa :First off, nobody knows each other; you're always getting lost -- I think I pulled a neck muscle from looking at campus maps. And you have to make a whole new set of friends. It's so much work! By the way, I'm Lisa. What's your name?

Phil :I'm Phil. Nice to meet you.

Lisa :Wait a minute. I think I've seen you around. Which high school did you go to?

Phil :National High.

Lisa :That's it! I knew I had seen you before. Guess we're going to the same school again.

Narrator :After class, Lisa and Phil are walking on campus.

Lisa :Judy?

Judy :Lisa! Long time no see! We're schoolmates!

Lisa :I know! It's crazy!

Judy :Totally! Oh my God! We should live together. We should be roommates.

Lisa :This is Phil, my new classmate. Phil, this is Judy.

Judy :Hi Phil! Lisa, did I tell you? I went to Japan last month. It was amazing!

Phil :Great meeting you Judy, but I've got to run. I'm late for my Movie Club meeting!

8.

Narrator :Phil enters. The meeting has already started.

Phil :Is this the Movie Club?

Club President :This is the Film Club. Capital "F." And you are?

Phil :Phil. Capital "P."

Club President :Try to get here on time.

Phil :Sorry, I will.

Club President :We're discussing which is better, shooting on film or digitally. What do you think, Phil?

Phil :Well, shooting digitally is pretty convenient...

Club President :Oh please, shooting on film is much more pure! You can't seriously prefer digital.

Hannah :We're all movie -- I mean film buffs here. So let's try to get along.

Club President :You're right. Welcome to the Film Club, Phil.

Narrator :Phil is on the MRT. Hannah sees him.

Hannah :Remember me? Hannah, from the Movie Club meeting.

Phil :Film Club.

Hannah :Not you too!! I didn't get a chance to ask you earlier: what's your major?

Phil :I'm majoring in history; how about you?

Hannah :Japanese. How's college so far?

Phil :It's been a lot to take in. But I think it's going to be a great year! This is my stop.

It's been fun talking to you. See you around campus!

9.

Narrator :Max is at Old Glory Bank. A bank teller is ready to help.

Bank Teller :Hi, how can I help you today?

Max :I'd like to open a checking account.

Bank Teller :We offer three types of personal checking accounts: Old Glory Safe

Banking, Daily Banking, and Plus Banking. Are you a student?

Max :Yes, I'm an international student. I have my paperwork with me, if you need it.

Bank Teller :Great. Since you're a student, let's not worry about Plus Banking and its \$10,000 minimum balance.

Max :Good call. Which of these has lower monthly fees?

Bank Teller :I'm happy to say that for both accounts we'll drop the monthly fee for students who are 24 and under. In terms of the opening deposit, it's \$25 for Safe Banking and \$100 for Daily.

Max :I see. I think I'll go with the Safe Banking account.

Narrator :Max wants to set up his online banking.

Bank Teller :Here is your debit card, please sign the back. Let's get your online banking set up.

Max :Sounds great.

Bank Teller :This is your account number and temporary PIN. You'll have to get the Old Glory Bank app first.

Max :Can I use my Toaster Pay account with this? I usually pay for things with my phone.

Bank Teller :Our accounts are compatible with both Toaster Pay and Jazz Pay.

Max :Perfect, thanks.

10.

Narrator :Edna is at the bank to exchange some money.

Edna :Hello, I'd like to exchange some US dollars for euros.

Bank Teller :OK. How much were you looking to exchange today, ma'am?

Edna :I'd like to buy €600.

Bank Teller :The current exchange rate is €1 to US\$1.17. So that'll be \$702.

Edna :There's no service fee? Really?

Bank Teller :That's right.Do you have any preference for denominations?

Edna :Two one hundred euro bills, four fifties, and ten twenties.

Narrator :Edna is on the phone with a bank representative, Peter.

Peter :Thanks for calling Old Glory Bank. I'm Peter. How can I help you?

Edna :I'd like to cancel a credit card.

Peter :Sorry to hear that. Could I have your full name and birth date, please?

Edna :Edna Chuang, March 23, 1997.

Peter :OK, Ms. Chuang. Can I get your card number?

Edna :The card number is 5838 6602 0077 2128.

Peter :Great. May I ask why you're canceling the card, Ms. Chuang?

Edna :I rarely use it.

Peter :If I offered you extra reward points, would you reconsider canceling?

Edna :No, I've made up my mind.

Peter :No problem. I've gone ahead and canceled the card. A bill for any outstanding balance will be sent to your address.

11.

Narrator :Peggy is just getting home after a long day of studying at the library.

Sabrina :Peggy? Thank God it's just you.

Peggy :Uh, is something wrong?

Sabrina :I heard some strange noises outside the apartment. And then someone spent five minutes trying to open the door.It was so scary, and I'm all alone in the house...

Peggy :It's OK. I'm here now. I didn't see anyone outside.

Sabrina :I saw the door handle shaking, and I just froze. I didn't know what to do; I was so freaked out.

Peggy :Try to breathe. I'll call the police. Maybe they can send an officer to check if there's anyone suspicious nearby.

Narrator :Peggy is looking inside the refrigerator.

Peggy :Hey, Sabrina!

Sabrina :Hey yourself!

Peggy :Have you seen my chicken salad? It was in a red container.

Sabrina :Oh, that. I'm sorry.

Peggy :Again? Are you serious? What's wrong with you? Eat your own food!

Sabrina :Give me a break! It had been sitting there for a couple of days. I thought you didn't want it.

Peggy :If you didn't make it, don't eat it! It's easy!

Sabrina :If you want to eat something, don't take forever to eat it. It's easy!

12.

Narrator :Peggy is taking a load off in her room on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Sabrina :Fine! Let's see other people. Good luck finding someone new with that stupid-looking haircut!Hello? Aargh!

Peggy :I'm so sorry, honey.

Sabrina :I tried. I really did. Why does this keep happening to me? I'm a nice person, right?

Peggy :Don't get down on yourself. He's the jerk.

Sabrina :How come it's so easy for everyone else and so hard for me?

Peggy :I know. It's OK.

Narrator :Sabrina is checking her email on her tablet.

Sabrina :Peggy! Get in here!

Peggy :What? Are you talking to me?

Sabrina :Peggy, get in here now!

Peggy :What is it?

Sabrina :I got it!

Peggy :The Disney job?

Sabrina :Yes! You're looking at Disney's newest storyboard artist!

Peggy :Oh my God! Congratulations!

Sabrina :Let's go celebrate. Pick any restaurant you want. It's my treat!

Peggy :Le Papillon!

Sabrina :Uh, any restaurant under NT\$1,000.

Peggy :Oh, OK.

Sabrina :What the heck, Le Papillon it is! You only live once!

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1.

Vincent :I'm glad that our meetings have finally finished.Now, I'm going to show you the real Taiwan.We've got some fantastic delicacies in this country.

Betty :I can hardly wait -- I'm starving! What should we start off with?

Vincent :I see a pearl milk tea stand right over there.How about we whet our appetite with a drink?

Hank :I'm guessing the tea doesn't have real pearls in it, does it?

Vincent :You're right about that.The "pearls" are actually little balls of tapioca.
Betty :Hmm. Something smells really good.What is that?
Vincent :I think you're referring to the irresistible aroma of deep-fried chicken.It's really popular everywhere in Taiwan.
Hank :It does smell great, but I had chicken for lunch.What else would you recommend, Vincent?
Vincent :There's so much to choose from.Aha! That stall over there is selling Taiwanese sausage.It's quite different from Western-style varieties.Come on, my treat!

2.

Betty :That sausage was scrumptious!
Vincent :Glad you liked it.Want to try something a bit more adventurous?
Hank :I hope you're not talking about anything too weird, like pig's intestines.
Vincent :I know that's not something most of my American pals are keen on.How about coffin bread instead?
Betty :Ew! That doesn't sound appetizing at all.
Vincent :The name's a bit weird, I know, but -- trust me -- it's pretty tasty.It's hollowed-out bread filled with chowder or other fillings like black pepper beef.
Hank :Sounds a bit like a bread bowl.That might just hit the spot.
Vincent :Hank's game.What about you, Betty?
Betty :Sure.Hey, what's that strong smell?
Vincent :You mean the stinky tofu?I thought you might notice that.Do you want to give it a try?
Hank :Does it taste as bad as it smells?
Vincent :It tastes fantastic.Actually, Betty, most Taiwanese don't turn their nose up at the smell!
Hank :Well, to each his own, I guess.

3.

Narrator :Albert is a tourist and a dedicated "foodie" who is visiting Taiwan.His local friend, Jackie, is showing him around.They are at the entrance to a night market.
Jackie :I hope you packed your appetite, Albert.
Albert :You better believe it, Jackie.I can't wait to explore Taiwan's food scene. I've heard so many wonderful things about it.
Jackie :It's true that Taiwan has plenty of great restaurants, but some of the best food is found in its night markets.
Albert :Let's get started then. I'm starving!
Jackie :Whoa! Hold your horses. We need a dining strategy before we dive in.
Albert :My strategy is simple. I want to try everything!

Jackie :There are a few must-eat items you should try first.

Albert :Well, I definitely want to try stinky tofu.

Jackie :Sure. There's a famous stall in this night market selling that.We'll probably have to wait in a long line for it, though.

Albert :No problem. We can snack on scallion pancakes and drink pearl milk tea while we wait.

Jackie :Afterwards, we'll get some mango ice for dessert. You've got to try that.

Albert :All right! It sounds like we've got a great plan of attack.Let's go buy some scallion pancakes and pearl milk tea!

Jackie :Then we'll look for the stinky tofu stand.It'll be easy. All we have to do is follow our noses.

4.

Narrator :Julia and Blake are sitting in front of a computer.

Julia :How can I sign up for this account?

Blake :It's easy. First, you have to give them some personal information.Fill out this part.

Julia :OK... now I need to pick a username.What should I pick?

Blake :It should be something that you can remember.

Julia :I will be Julia123.Hmmm... what password should I use?

Blake :Your password should have numbers and letters.It should also be hard to guess.You have to write the same password twice.

Julia :I'm done. Now I'm going to sign in. Hey, it worked!

Blake :Great! Now you can send me e-mails.

5.

Narrator :Adam and Tanya are shopping online for a sofa.

Adam :The sofas on this Web site aren't good.

Tanya :Let's try this site.It's customer to customer.

Adam :I know about those sites.We can buy a sofa from another person, right?

Tanya :Yes. We don't have to buy it from a store.

Adam :I like this one. The seller wants NT\$4,500.The shipping fee is NT\$300.

Tanya :I like it too. The seller can deliver it on Wednesday.

Adam :We have to pay with a credit card.Let's leave the seller a message.Maybe he'll give us a cheaper price.

Tanya :OK. I hope we can get this sofa!

6.

Narrator :Brenda is surfing the Internet.

David :What are you doing, Brenda?

Brenda :I'm looking at a Web site that has online classes.

David :Online classes are expensive, aren't they?

Brenda :No! The Net has lots of free lessons.You don't have to pay.

David :Really? What kind of degree do you want?

Brenda :If you want a degree, you have to pay.I won't do that. I'm just going to learn about a subject that I like.

David :Can you just play it on your computer?

Brenda :Yeah. You just click on any class.Here's a free history class.I think I'll watch this one.

7.

Narrator :Roger and Mia are checking out campsites and finally find an ideal one.

Roger :Ah! This is the perfect site to set up camp -- right under the trees.What do you think, Mia?

Mia :I couldn't agree more. Let's set up here.

Roger :Great! Why don't we put up the tent first?

Mia :Sure. I've got it right here. I'm a pro.

Narrator :Once the tent is set up, Roger begins to grill sausages.

Mia :Those sausages smell amazing!

Roger :Yeah. These sausages are made locally. I've heard nothing but good things.

Mia :Are they done yet? I'm starving here!

Roger :They'll be finished grilling in a few minutes.

Mia :Hmm, well, while they're cooking, why don't we take a selfie in front of the grill?

Roger :Let's do it!

Narrator :After eating the sausages, Roger and Mia discuss their next activity.

Mia :Those were so good! Can we just barbecue sausages all day?

Roger :We could, but then we wouldn't have time to go for a bike ride.What do you say?

Mia :Oh, maybe we can do that tomorrow. Right now, I just want to relax. Let's go to Fulong Beach and take in the ocean view!

Roger :Done! Let's wipe down the grill and head out. Don't forget the sunscreen!

8.

Narrator :Peggy runs into her friend Emma on the street.

Peggy :Emma! I'm running some errands. Wanna come with?

Emma :OK. Why the umbrella? It's a gorgeous day.

Peggy :Exactly, it's so sunny today. I don't want to get a tan.

Emma :There's nothing wrong with a little color.

Peggy :But you know that in Asia, white skin is preferred, right?

Emma :Really, why's that?

Peggy :Historically, only the rich could afford to enjoy themselves at home. It was the poor who had to go out in the fields to do manual labor.

Emma :So it's a status thing?

Peggy :Somewhat, but we also just think fair skin is more beautiful.

Emma :Well, I think you look great -- with or without a tan.

Narrator :The two friends are walking down the street together.

Emma :I was thinking about what you said earlier, that the rich had white skin. It's funny -- where I'm from it's the opposite.

Peggy :The rich people worked in the fields?

Emma :No, rich people could afford to go to the beach on holiday, and the poor were the ones who had to work indoors, like in factories. Nowadays, people with tans are thought of as being healthier.

Peggy :I guess I've got less to worry about if I ever go to America.

Emma :Just be careful not to get sunburned!

9.

Narrator :Peggy and Emma are in line at a convenience store. Someone behind bumps Emma, which annoys her. Peggy and Emma leave the store.

Emma :Somebody's in a rush!

Peggy :What, her? Don't sweat it. That's just something you'll get used to living here.

Emma :Rude people?

Peggy :No, the difference in personal space. Most places in Asia have a high population density, especially when compared to the US. People are just used to being closer together. I'm positive that lady didn't mean anything by it.

Emma :That makes sense. I've noticed that people stand closer together on public transportation or when waiting at a crosswalk. You're right -- there's no need to get upset over it.

Narrator :Peggy and Emma continue walking and talking.

Peggy :I know what you mean, though. I read that in America, people stand around two feet apart on average.

Emma :You mean for strangers? It would be weird for family or a married couple to

stand so far apart.

Peggy :For sure. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I totally understand that it can be uncomfortable when someone invades your personal space.

Emma :Yeah, but that just comes with the territory when you take time to experience another culture.

10.

Narrator :Eliza meets her Taiwanese friend Peter outside a movie theater.

Eliza :Hi, Peter! I'm so sorry I'm late. I got off the MRT one stop too late!

Peter :It's OK. I already got the tickets.

Eliza :But all the good seats will be gone by the time we get inside.

Peter :You don't have to worry about that in Taiwan. When you buy your movie ticket, you choose your seats.

Eliza :Really? In the States, you can sit anywhere. For popular movies, you need to arrive early and stand in line outside the theater to get a good seat.

Peter :I think I like the assigned seat method better!

Eliza :Me, too. Do you think we have time to stop by the snack bar? The popcorn will be my treat.

Peter :Actually, when you buy tickets here, you usually get them bundled with drinks and snacks. I got the deal with a large popcorn, two sodas, and a hot dog.

Eliza :That's convenient! At home, we buy our food separately at the snack bar. Are there any other differences?

Peter :Well, all of the movies have Chinese subtitles.

Eliza :That's good for me. I'm glad that they're not dubbed in Chinese!

Peter :You get that too, but not as often.

Eliza :Well, we'd better hurry up! I don't want to miss the trailers.

11.

Narrator :Dana and Kurt are new employees at an office. While they are chatting, Dana asks Kurt about his hobbies.

Dana :So, what do you like to do in your free time, Kurt?

Kurt :To be honest, I don't have much free time these days, but when I do, I try to get some exercise in.

Dana :Is there any particular type of exercise that you prefer?

Kurt :Actually, jogging is my favorite. I try to jog at least a couple of times a week.

Dana :Really? I love to jog! Do you have a set route that you like to take?

Kurt :I usually go jogging at Da'an Forest Park. It's really nice and spacious, not to mention that it's right in the heart of town.

Dana :Is that so? I actually haven't been there before. Maybe I should go for a jog there sometime, too.

Kurt :I recommend it!Speaking of recommendations, another thing I like to do is use an app to track my progress.

Dana :Oh, I've heard about those. Are they useful?

Kurt :I think so. I use one just about every time I go running. It's a convenient way to see how you're improving.

12.

Narrator :Dana and Kurt continue their conversation. Dana tells Kurt about her hobby.

Kurt :How about you, Dana? What do you do to relax outside of work?

Dana :Actually, my hobby might seem a little odd to you.

Kurt :No, don't worry! I'm open-minded.

Dana :Have you ever heard of toy voyaging?

Kurt :I don't think so. What is it? Do you go abroad to buy toys or something?

Dana :Not quite. It's when you send your toys abroad and have them photographed in various places around the world.

Kurt :Really? How does that work?

Dana :Well, you sign up with a toy voyaging website that has members around the globe.Each member can send their toys to other members, who take pictures of the toys in front of all kinds of interesting spots.

Kurt :So, basically, people take toys sightseeing around their hometowns. Is that right?

Dana :That's about right, yeah!

Kurt :I didn't realize that could be a hobby. How often do you exchange toys?

Dana :Once or twice a month. As it happens, I'm taking this little fellow to Taipei 101 today. Want to come?

Kurt :Sure, why not? Maybe we could even go for a jog afterward!

13.

Narrator :Linda is discussing her gym membership with Danny, who suggests some other ways to work out.

Linda :My gym membership expires this week, and I'm not sure whether to renew it.

Danny :You already know my opinion on that one -- gyms are a waste of money.

Linda :Yeah, well, you still haven't convinced me there's a better option.

Danny :I'll tell you this: you can get all the exercise you need at home without all that expensive equipment.

Linda :But I can do so many different types of exercise at the gym. How can I get that kind of variety at home?

Danny :It's easy!OK, let's start with building muscle.For your abs, try planking. That's where you prop yourself up on your arms and keep your back straight for as

long as --

Linda :Dude, I know how to plank.

Danny :Yeah?How about push-ups, then? Those are also great for your abs.

Linda :For your abs? I thought they were mainly for your triceps.

Danny :Think about it. A push-up is like a plank, except that you're moving, so it also works your triceps.There are also different kinds of push-ups that work different parts of your body.

Linda :Like what?

Danny :If you want to work your shoulders, for example, you can put your feet up on a chair and do your push-ups at an angle.

Linda :I think I'll give that a try.

14.

Narrator :Linda asks Danny about how to do aerobic exercise at home.

Linda :How about cardio? I don't have my own treadmill.

Danny :Don't you have a running track near your apartment? Most schools in Taiwan make them available to the public in the evenings and on weekends.

Linda :Yeah, there's one nearby. But when the weather's bad, I want to be indoors.

Danny :Well, there's one way you can minimize the amount of time you spend outside: Tabata!

Linda :Huh? Did you say "Tabata"? Are you speaking English?

Danny :It's Japanese, actually.It's an exercise system in which you exercise as hard as possible for 20 seconds, followed by a 10-second break, then repeat those steps seven times.

Linda :That's just, what, four minutes total? Surely that's not enough.

Danny :Oh, trust me -- it's a lot harder than it sounds.Anyway, you can incorporate almost any type of exercise into a Tabata routine.

Linda :Almost any type, you say?

Danny :That's right! One I would personally suggest is jumping rope.

Linda :Really? I always thought that was just something that little kids do.

Danny :Not at all! I do it all the time, and so do a lot of people. It's great for burning calories.

Linda :OK, Danny, you've sold me. Goodbye, gym!

15.

Narrator :Murray and Lynn are sitting at home when they get the news that their favorite band will soon be coming to their town.

Lynn :Oh my gosh! Murray! Look! Invisible Machine are going on tour, and they're coming to our town!

Murray :No way! When do tickets go on sale?

Lynn :It says here tickets will be on sale in two weeks. But fan club members can buy exclusive tickets right now!

Murray :I knew that \$40-a-year fan club fee would pay off!Let's see what we can get.

Lynn :OK, there are a few different ticket categories for seating in the arena -- floor, lower level, and upper level.

Murray :Let's go with floor seats! We'll be closest to the stage.

Lynn :But that's the most expensive option. Floor seats are \$150 to \$250.

Murray :Oh. Well, how about the lower-level seats?

Lynn :They're \$60 to \$100.Let's see what's left.I'll just put in the captcha code, and...Oh no! The only ones left are all the way in the back.

Murray :Check the upper-level seats.

Lynn :We could get second-row stage-side seats in the upper level for \$50 each.

Murray :Fantastic -- let's grab 'em! We'll be a little far up, but we'll save money, so we'll have more to spend on some sweet merch!Speaking of money, here, use my credit card.

Lynn :Done! The tickets will arrive in the mail. The estimated delivery time is 10 days.

16.

Narrator :The Invisible Machine show has just let out, and Murray and Lynn are eager to pick up some souvenirs from the show.

Murray :What a show! They put on an explosive performance! I can't believe how great they were.

Lynn :Yeah, it didn't even matter that we were up in the farthest section.That was a spiritual experience -- one of the best shows I've ever seen!

Murray :Same here! That being the case, why don't we get a few souvenirs to remember it by?The merch stand is right over there.Wow! They have a pretty good selection -- posters, key chains, T-shirts, sweatshirts, backpacks...

Lynn :They're even selling vinyl copies of the latest album! But \$40 a copy? That's kind of expensive. I don't know. Should I get one?

Murray :Well, you'd better decide quickly. Lots of people seem to be buying them. They could sell out soon.

Lynn :Oh, I can't resist. Hi, I'd like a vinyl, please.

Seller :Sorry, I actually sold the last one just now.

Lynn :Oh! Hmm... I guess I'll take a poster, then.

Seller :OK, that'll be \$12. And what would you like, pal?

Murray :I'll go with a sweatshirt in medium, please.

Seller :Here you go. That's \$25.

Murray :Alright! I can't wait -- I'm putting this sweatshirt on right now! Hey, let's do an after-show selfie! Unroll that sweet poster!

Lynn :Good thinking! Let's do it!

17.

Narrator :In 2019, Tyler and Kate are celebrating Valentine's Day at an expensive restaurant.

Waiter :Spinach-stuffed lobster cakes and crown roast of pork with grapefruit dressing. And your champagne.Sorry for the wait. Enjoy your meal.

Kate :Hold up! Let me get a picture.

Tyler :Right, almost forgot.Yours looks good...

Kate :Just a sec. I'm uploading them.

Tyler :Sweet, don't forget to tag me.Even though the food is a bit pricey, it's totally worth it.

Kate :Yeah, it's nice to experience the finer things in life once in a while. Thanks for a great night!

Narrator :This year, they decide to stay in for dinner. Tyler is cooking in the kitchen.

Tyler :It's almost ready. Mind setting the table?

Kate : I'm on it.

Tyler :Hope you like it well-done.

Kate :It's all right, sweetie. You did your best, and I love you for trying.

Tyler :Love you too. What are your thoughts on having pizza for dinner?

Kate :Pizza sounds great.You know, even though you almost burned the house down, this was better than last year by far. I'm glad we decided to stay in this year.

18.

Narrator :Back at the fancy restaurant in 2019, a waiter takes away Tyler and Kate's empty plates. They both put presents on the table.

Kate :You first. I hope you like it.

Tyler :The Pineapple 12! I thought they were sold out everywhere.

Tyler :Thanks to my amazing girlfriend for the best Valentine's gift ever. X-O-X-O.Can't wait to set it up! OK, your turn.

Kate :Is this a DG bag?! You shouldn't have! It must've cost a fortune.

Tyler :It wasn't cheap, but that's not important. Let's see how it looks on you.

Narrator :This year, Kate surprises Tyler with a handmade photo album.

Tyler :Really? We spent so much money last year I thought we agreed we wouldn't exchange gifts.

Kate :I know we did, but it's kind of a gift for both of us; if that makes sense.

Kate :It took me five months to make it. The hardest part was attaching the leather for the cover.

Tyler :That's the time we went sledding!

Kate :And this is when Adam's dog bit you on the...

Tyler :OK, enough reminiscing for now.Thanks for this. It's as close to a perfect gift as I can imagine.

Kate :Well, it was either this or a fire extinguisher.

19.

Narrator :Emily and her American friend Dennis are in line to buy movie tickets.

Dennis :Do you think we can make the eight o'clock show?

Emily :Not if we want to catch the previews. There's an 8:15, but it's in 3D.

Dennis :No, thank you. I guess that leaves the 8:30 showtime.

Emily :I hope there are still seats available.

Clerk :Hi, which movie would you like to watch today?

Emily :We'd like two tickets for the 8:30 showing of The Clay King, please.

Clerk :How about Row F, Seats five and six?

Dennis :Anything further back?

Clerk :Sorry, those are the only seats that are together.

Dennis :OK, no problem.

Narrator :Emily and Dennis are ready to pay for their tickets.

Clerk :Would you like to add two drinks and two medium popcorns for NT\$50?

Emily :Yes, we would.

Dennis :Also, I have a student card.

Clerk :OK, that's NT\$20 off with the student discount. And U-Bank card holders get NT\$100 off. So your total comes to NT\$510.Your movie is in Cinema 16.

Customers will be allowed into the theater five minutes prior to the start of the movie.Please be sure not to lose your tickets. You can pick up your concessions at the concession stand.

20.

Narrator :Emily and Dennis get their drinks and popcorn.

Emily :Thank you.

Dennis :What did the clerk ask me?

Emily :He asked if you wanted sweet or savory popcorn. I told him you wanted savory popcorn.

Dennis :Oh, how did you know I don't like sweet popcorn?

Emily :You told me before. Most Americans don't like it, right?

Dennis :It depends on the person. But in America you can't get sweet popcorn out of the machine.Theaters do offer various popcorn seasonings though, like white cheddar or ranch.And the candy selection is huge compared to Taiwan.

Emily :But in America you can't bring outside food into the theater.

Dennis :Well, you can; you just have to sneak it in!

Narrator :Emily and Dennis are leaving the theater.

Dennis :How was it?

Emily :I liked it. I don't normally like crime movies, but this one was surprisingly funny.Although the pacing was a bit slow at times, there were lots of good character moments.What did you think about it?

Dennis :I loved the score, but I had trouble following the story.The people behind me kept talking through the whole movie. It was so distracting!

Emily :That's true. Why don't we go get a coffee? I'll fill you in on what you missed!

21.

Narrator :Mr. Smith is sitting at his desk, marking tests. Cory approaches him.

Cory :Mr. S.! Can I ask you something?

Mr. Smith :Hi Cory. Sure, go ahead.

Cory :Well, I don't know if you're aware, but the Battle of the Bands is coming up next Friday.

Mr. Smith :I've seen the posters around the school. You're not going to ask me to perform, are you? I'm a horrible singer.

Cory :No, I'd like to ask you to be a judge.Miss Egan and Mr. Adams already said they'd do it. The concert will start at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Mr. Smith :The twenty-third, right? I'm free that night. I'd be happy to judge the competition.

Cory :Awesome. Thanks, Mr. S.!

Narrator :Cory and his friend Dana are chatting in a school hallway.

Dana :What are you doing tonight?

Cory :I've got band practice.

Dana :You're in a band?

Cory :Yeah, we're going to be playing in the Battle of the Bands this Friday. You didn't know?

Dana :I'm so out of the loop.

Cory :Why don't you come watch us play?

Dana :Sounds fun. I'll be there.

22.

Narrator :Cory and his friend, Terry, are sitting on some steps outside the school.

Terry :Are you all right? You look like you're going to throw up.

Cory :I feel like I'm going to throw up.

Terry :You're just nervous. It's totally reasonable.In a few hours, you're going to be performing in front of an audience of over a hundred people. I'd be nervous too.

Cory :You're not helping.

Terry :Come on. Let's go to my house and play some video games. It'll help take your mind off the competition.

Cory :Sorry, I don't think it's a good idea. I've got to practice some more before the show.

Narrator :After the competition, Cory and Mr. Smith are talking in a hallway.

Mr. Smith :You ought to be proud of yourself. Even though you guys didn't win, you put on an unbelievable show.I'm looking forward to seeing you onstage again next year.

Cory :Thanks, Mr. S.Are you hungry? A bunch of us are going to go get a bite to eat.Miss Egan and Mr. Adams are coming too.Would you like to join us? It's our treat.

Mr. Smith :Are you sure?

Cory :Yeah, think of it as a thank-you for helping judge the competition.

Mr. Smith :In that case, I'd love to have dinner with you guys.

23.

Narrator :Benny and Naomi are having lunch together.

Naomi :I never know what to get people for these. Should I get something practical like a travel mug? Is that too boring?

Benny :It's just for fun. Don't overthink it. Who'd you get?

Naomi :I'm Heidi's Secret Santa. You?

Benny :I got Chuck.

Naomi :Chuck? Lucky!

Benny :I know. He's so easy to shop for. Just get him some sweets, and he'll be happy.

Naomi :I hope I get a new wallet. Mine's starting to fall apart.

Benny :You hope someone gets you a designer wallet? Keep dreaming!

Narrator :Weeks later, Benny and Naomi are having lunch together again.

Naomi :I guess my dream came true, huh? How does your crow taste?

Benny :It's probably a fake anyway. Are you sure it doesn't say "Bucci" on it?

Naomi :Jealous much? Look at the high-quality craftsmanship. This is not a fake, my friend.

Benny :Well, I'm happy with my gift too.

Naomi :What'd you get?

Benny :A leather-bound notebook with my name engraved on it.

Naomi :That sounds awesome. Darlene gives great gifts.

Benny :Yeah, I was totally blown away by it.

24.

Narrator :Benny, Naomi, and Sean are playing a guessing game at a Christmas party. It's Benny's turn to provide hints for the other two.

Naomi :How many words?

Benny :Three words. The second word is a bird.

Naomi :Is it a bird that you can eat?Benny :You can eat it.
Sean :Can it fly? Does it make a lot of noise?
Benny :It can fly, and it makes plenty of noise. Hurry, time's running out!
Sean :Pigeon! Turkey! Quit cold turkey!
Naomi :Duck, duck, goose!
Benny :You're close!
Benny :The answer is wild-goose chase.
Narrator :Now it's Naomi's turn to give the other two hints.
Sean :How many words?
Naomi :Four words. The first word is a bug.
Benny :Bee! Busy as a bee!
Naomi :I said first word. The last word is an item of clothing.
Sean :Fly me to the moon! Uh, roll up your sleeves!
Naomi :They will ruin your picnic.
Benny :Ants! Ants in your pants!
Naomi :You got it!
Sean :Wow, I wasn't even close.

25.

Narrator :Michelle is in the park. Terry stops by to say hello.
Michelle :Hey, Terry. That's very, uh, interesting form.
Terry :Actually, I never learned the proper running form, but I'd love to be able to run faster.
Michelle :I could give you a few tips.
Terry :That'd be great!
Michelle :OK, first we're going to practice running in place. Notice my elbows are bent at 90 degrees.Pretend that you're holding a small mouse in your hands -- close your hands but not tightly.
Terry :Got it, small mouse.
Michelle :Next, pump your hands "hip to lip."Now, we're going to speed up. Bring your knees up high.That's good.OK, try running really fast for five seconds. Ready? Go!Keep your head still. Good job!
Narrator :Michelle and Terry are shooting some hoops.
Terry :Michelle, I noticed you're dribbling with your palms.You can control the basketball better if you use the tips of your fingers.
Michelle :Like this?
Terry :That's right. You've got your knees bent, which is good.Just be sure to put your body weight on the balls of your feet and not your heels. And your back should be straight.

Terry :A couple more things: keep your eyes up -- to watch for other players -- and dribble low so that the ball is harder to steal.

26.

Narrator :Nikki and Will are walking toward another part of the aquarium grounds.

Nikki :Wow! The show was so good!

Will :Yeah! And the show pointed out the importance of protecting marine environments.

Nikki :Many sea animals are now in danger.

Will :I know! In many places, sea animals have been harmed by plastic waste.

Nikki :No wonder more and more places have begun to ban plastic bags and straws.

Will :Many chain stores no longer offer plastic bags, or even plastic straws!

Nikki :Even if I am offered a plastic bag or straw, I won't take it! I now use my own water bottle, bags, and straws.

Will :I also use my own lunch box and tableware.

Nikki :Good for you!

Will :And good for the environment too!

Narrator :Nikki and Will are looking around the aquarium's gift shop.

Nikki :What's her favorite animal?

Will :I don't know.

Nikki :She's your girlfriend. Shouldn't you know?

Will :We haven't had a chance to talk about sea creatures yet.How about a penguin plush?

Nikki :What if she has one already?

Will :Good point.Maybe I should get her something a little less common, like an octopus or a lobster.

Nikki :It's a risk though. Octopuses and lobsters aren't exactly cute.

Will :Whales, dolphins, sharks... there are too many choices!

Nikki :Come with her next time! Then you wouldn't have to guess what she likes!

購物與用餐

1.

Dominic :Good afternoon, madam.How are you today?

Customer :Pretty good, thanks.I've got a question about this item.

Dominic :No problem.Fire away.

Customer :Well, it's got a stain on the lapel.It's pretty small but definitely noticeable.Can I get a discount?

Dominic :I see.For a mark like that, I can offer you 10 percent off.

Customer :Really?Can't you knock a bit more off than that?I was thinking more in the region of 25 percent.

Dominic :I'm afraid I can't go that low.That's reserved for serious damage like tears to the seam.How about we call it 15 percent?

Customer :That sounds reasonable.

Customer :Hi, there.I bought this book for my nephew's birthday, but I just found out that he already has it.I've got the receipt.Can I exchange it for something else?

Dominic :That shouldn't be a problem.Why don't you go pick something out.When you've decided, bring it over here with the original item and I'll do an exchange for you.

Customer :Fantastic.

Dominic :Hey, there.Found something you like?

Customer :Yes, I've got another book by the same author.My nephew doesn't have this one.

Dominic :I see.This one's actually four dollars cheaper than the original purchase, so we'll give you store credit for the difference.

Customer :Perfect.

2.

Customer :About time.I've been waiting for ages.I need a refund on this.I bought it last week, and it's already broken.

Dominic :I see.May I ask what's wrong with the item?

Customer :Are you blind?It's toast!

Dominic :I see.We can try to fix it for you.Alternatively, we can offer an exchange.

Customer :No, no.I don't want an exchange.Just refund my money.

Dominic :Very well.Can I see your receipt?

Customer :I don't have one.They didn't give me one when I bought it.

Dominic :I'm afraid without a receipt, the best I can offer is an exchange.

Customer :I've had enough.Call your manager.

Alison :Our sales assistant is correct, sir.We do usually need proof of purchase to be able to issue a refund.

Customer :This is disgraceful.I'm going to lodge a complaint with --

Alison :If you'll hold on a minute, sir.I was about to say that we'll make an exception in this case.Please ensure you get a receipt next time, sir.

Customer :Yeah, sure thing.

Dominic :You know that guy was full of it, right?

Alison :Sure.But when someone's that much trouble, it's better to get them out of your hair.

3.

Sabina :Hey, Tim.We're putting in an order for some drinks.Are you up for a cup?

Tim :I'm not sure.I've kind of had enough of pearl milk tea.Those tapioca balls don't taste of much.

Sabina :Oh, come on!If we get one more person, we'll get free delivery.You don't have to have bubble tea.And there are plenty of other tidbits to spruce up your drink.

Tim :I know: pieces of that creme caramel pudding or cubes of nata de coco.I'll tell you what, make mine a kumquat lemon tea, and hold the sour plum!

Sabina :One kumquat lemon minus sour plum coming up.How sweet do you want that?

Tim :I'll have it "half sugar" as they say in Taiwan.

Sabina :How about the ice?The scale starts at 10 and goes down to eight, five, then just a thin layer of chopped ice.

Tim :I like it nice and icy, so I'll go for 10.Thanks.

4.

Joel :Still no sign of those lunchboxes?I'm famished!

Lydia :You're not the only one.I haven't a clue where they could have gotten to.

Joel :Have you given the store a buzz?

Lydia :Twice, and they swore up and down that the delivery guy was on his way more than 20 minutes ago.

Joel :That's ridiculous!He's obviously taken a wrong turn and gotten lost.There's no way he wouldn't be here by now.

Lydia :Well, I think we're definitely in line for a discount once he gets here.

Joel :If he gets here, you mean.

Lydia :Yeah. I'll definitely think twice before ordering from a new store like this in the future.

5.

Narrator :George, a tourist, is at the train station. He is speaking to a clerk at the tourist information counter about multi-ride packages.

George :Excuse me; do you sell multi-day travel packages?

Clerk :We have several discount packages for multiple destinations. What are your plans?

George :I'm in Europe for two weeks, and I'd like to visit Paris, Barcelona, and Amsterdam.I'm not sure how realistic that is, though.

Clerk :It's perfectly doable. I'd recommend purchasing our 15-day Global Pass. You can use it to travel on as many trains as you like during the 15-day period.

George :How much does it cost?

Clerk :Today's standard price ticket is €452, and for travelers 27 years of age or under there's a 23 percent discount.

George :Sounds good. I'll take it.

Narrator :Aaron is asking about a ticket refund at the train station's information desk.

Aaron :Good morning. I'd like to request a ticket refund.

Clerk :May I see your ticket and receipt, please?

Aaron :Here you go.

Clerk :Well, it looks like you're in luck. The ticket's period of validity hasn't expired yet, so we can give you a refund.

Aaron :Great. What do I need to do?

Clerk :Just fill out this refund application form. There will be a two-dollar handling fee, though.

Aaron :No problem. I appreciate it.

6.

Narrator :Shawn is at the ticket counter in a train station in London, asking about which train to take.

Shawn :I'm wondering if you can help me. I'd like to go to Brighton, but I'm not sure which train to take.

Clerk :The next train departing for Brighton is at 21:46. It has one stop and arrives at Brighton at 23:01. Would you like to take that one?

Shawn :I'd prefer a direct train, if possible, to save time.

Clerk :Well, the train after that leaves here at 21:55, and it's a direct. However, you'd be in Brighton at 23:03, so it would be slightly later.

Shawn :In that case, I'll just take the 21:46.

Clerk :Would you like a single or return ticket?

Shawn :Single, please.

Narrator :Lucy has just missed her train. She asks the stationmaster what to do.

Lucy :Pardon me. I've just missed my train. Can I use my ticket for the next one?

Shawn :Let's have a look at your ticket. I see that your ticket is for a reserved seat. You can use it to get on the following train, but you'll have to sit in a non-reserved seat.

Lucy :No problem at all. That's wonderful news. Could you tell me when the next train arrives?

Shawn :The following train is scheduled to pull in at 5:54, so you still have around 30 minutes.

7.

Narrator :Ross and Amanda are walking down the street when they see a vendor selling items near a market.

Amanda :Hey, check it out. That guy over there is selling smartphone cases.Weren't you looking for a new case for your smartphone?

Ross :Yep. Let's go over and take a look.

Amanda :All right. Remember, though, that you should bargain.

Ross :Do I have to? I hate haggling.

Amanda :Well, you want to get the best price, don't you? Plus, we're not in a store with fixed prices, so it's perfectly acceptable to haggle a bit.

Ross :OK. I'll give it my best shot.

Ross :Hey! That one over there! How much?

Seller : That, sir, is an absolute bargain at NT\$300.

Ross :Three hundred dollars?! Are you out of your mind?! I'll give you \$75 for it.

Seller :Seventy-five dollars?! I'm sorry, but I'd lose money at that price.

Ross :Ha! I don't believe you. Look at how cheap and flimsy this case is.

Seller :I can assure you, sir, that this case is of the highest quality.

Ross :Yeah, right! It probably won't last a week --

Amanda :Ross! Can I talk to you for a minute? In private!

Ross :Good thinking, Amanda. It's good to walk away when you're bargaining.I think I can get him down to fifty dollars.

Amanda :Ross! You were very rude to that man! And you went about bargaining completely the wrong way!

8.

Narrator :Ross and Amanda are talking about Ross's bargaining approach.

Ross :I didn't mean to be rude. I was just trying to be tough.

Amanda :It's OK to be a hard bargainer, but you should still be pleasant.Also, your opening offer was far too low.

Ross :Oh, I did everything wrong! Now I'll never get my smartphone case.

Amanda :Just think of bargaining as a game: have fun, keep a smile on your face, and be nice to the seller. Watch.

Amanda :Hi! I'm interested in that smartphone case. Is there any discount?

Seller :It's normally NT\$300, but I can sell it to you today for \$270.

Amanda :That's a good deal, but it's still a bit over my budget. Can I get it for \$150?

Seller :Sorry, I can't do that. But I might be able to drop down to \$250 -- just this one time.

Amanda :Well, it's a beautiful case, but the highest I can go today is \$200.

Seller :Tell you what: I'll give you a special deal -- two cases for \$450.

Amanda :Oh, that is quite a bargain. I'll take it.

Seller :You've made a very wise decision.It was a pleasure doing business with you.

Amanda :Likewise. Thank you very much.

Ross :Way to go, Amanda! How can I ever thank you?

Amanda :You don't have to.I got a new smartphone case out of the bargain, too!

9.

Narrator :Alice is visiting Taiwan from Canada. Her Taiwanese friend Sue takes her to a cafe.

Sue :So this is my favorite cafe in all of Taipei. I come here several times a week.

Alice :I can already see why you like it so much. It's so charming! And there's a lot to choose from on the menu.What do you usually get here?

Sue :Well, everything I've ever tried here has been amazing, but I usually just get an Americano.

Alice :I've heard that term before.What exactly is an Americano, anyway?

Sue :Oh, it's really just espresso with hot water added. I think it got its name because it's similar in strength to American-style drip coffee.They can serve it iced, too.
In fact, all the drinks here can be served iced.

Alice :Oh, that's perfect! I could really use something to cool me down -- it's so much warmer here than it is in Canada!All right, I'm ready to order.

Barista :Hello! What can I get for you?

Alice :I'll have a small iced latte, please.

Barista :Sure! Would you like that topped with whipped cream?

Alice :Oh, yes, please!

Barista :And is that for here or to go?

Alice :For here.

Barista :All right, your total is NT\$90. It'll be just a few minutes. Please wait.

Alice :Thank you!

10.

Narrator :Sue takes Alice to a local tea shop.

Sue :Tea is something that's truly Taiwanese. There are tons of different varieties of iced tea to choose from, and you can customize your order to suit your taste.

Alice :What are the options for customizing your tea?

Sue :You can get it with a regular amount of ice, less ice, or no ice. You can also ask for different levels of sugar.

Alice :How many different levels of sugar are there?

Sue :Usually, there are five. See on the menu? It says you can have 100 percent, 70 percent, 50 percent, 30 percent, or no sugar.

Alice :That's brilliant! I guess people here take their tea very seriously.

Sue :That's right! The shops here are always coming up with new ideas to attract customers.

Alice :Really? Like what?

Sue :Well, there's one new kind of tea made with butterfly pea flowers.It has a really unique blue color that changes when lemon juice or orange juice is added, giving the tea multiple colors. Want to try it?

Alice :Nah. I'd rather try something more common.

Sue :In that case, you should try bubble milk tea. It's milk tea with pearls of sweet tapioca, which can be either large or small.

Alice :Ooh, I'll try that! I think I'll have it with the large tapioca pearls, less ice, and 50 percent sugar.

Sue :Great choice! Let's order!

11.

Narrator :Randy is at his laptop when his friend Claire walks in.

Claire :Are you shopping online again?

Randy :Yeah! There are so many good deals today!

Claire :How do you pay for what you buy online, anyway? Aren't you afraid to give out your credit card number?

Randy :Well, the website is secure, so no.But I do usually use a payment system like PayPal for extra security.Hey! This Invisible Machine T-shirt is only \$20!Invisible Machine is my favorite band!

Claire :It's not a good idea to buy clothes online. You need to try them on first, don't you?

Randy :Nah. It won't be a problem. I know my size.

Claire :Couldn't you just buy the same shirt at the mall?

Randy :It's cheaper online. Besides, buying online is more convenient!

Claire :What about the shipping costs?

Randy :This website offers free shipping on orders over \$30.

Claire :But the T-shirt's only \$20. You're \$10 short.

Randy :So I'll also buy this Invisible Machine hat -- it's half off!That comes to... \$35 after tax!

Claire :All right. I still wouldn't buy anything online if I could just go and get it at a local store, but I guess you know what you're doing.

12.

Narrator :Randy joins Claire in the living room.

Randy :Claire! My Invisible Machine stuff is coming today! Aren't you excited?

Claire :Uh-huh, I'm very happy for you.You know, you placed your order more than two weeks ago.Just one more reason to shop at regular stores -- no waiting.

Randy :Hey, I could have gotten express shipping, but regular shipping was free.Why would I turn that down?

Claire :Because it takes forever!

Randy :Yeah, well, free shipping is free shipping.The wait is small compared with the lifetime of fashion excellence that my new shirt and hat will provide.Hey! The delivery man is here!

Randy :Let's see... Here's the hat!Ah! Now I'm in style!

Claire :You're never going to take it off now, are you?

Randy :Not a chance! OK, here's the shirt.What? No way! How could it be this small?

Claire :I told you! You should have just gone to the mall.

Randy :Oh man! Now I'll have to return it!

Claire :It says here you have to pay a 20 percent restocking fee if you want to return it.But the shipping is free!

Randy :Aw! I have to wait all over again?

Claire :Hey -- the wait is small compared with a lifetime of fashion excellence, right?

13.

Narrator :Clarice is at a phone store looking at some of the display items. A salesperson approaches to offer assistance.

Salesperson :Hello there. Is there any particular item you're interested in?

Clarice : I'm not really sure. I've been doing a bit of research, but there's so much on offer that it's hard to choose.

Salesperson :Well, I see you were just looking at this model here. This is a great one.

Clarice :Is it?

Salesperson :Absolutely! It's a remarkably fast and powerful phone with an excellent battery life.

Clarice :That sounds great, but --

Salesperson :You get 128 gigabytes of memory and six gigabytes of RAM, and what's more --

Clarice :To be honest, I think that would be too much for me. I'm looking for something a bit simpler, maybe something with a good camera.I love to take photos, so that's what's most important to me.

Salesperson :I see. Then maybe this one is more what you're looking for.It's not a well-known brand name, but this phone has been getting rave reviews for its camera features.

Clarice :What are the specs for the camera?

Salesperson :Actually, there are three cameras -- one in front and two in back.The dual lenses in the back of the phone allow for greater depth and faster focus.Want to try it out?

Clarice :For sure!

14.

Narrator :Clarice and the salesperson now begin to discuss the packages offered by the company.

Clarice :OK, the phone seems dependable, but what does it cost?

Salesperson :Well, if you sign up for one of our packages, you can get it for as low as NT\$3,000.

Clarice :Oh! What kind of package would you recommend, then?

Salesperson :That depends on your needs. If you make a lot of calls, we have a package that gives you 60 minutes of free calls within the network.

Clarice :Nah, I can just make calls through Line. What I really need is a solid data plan, but hopefully one that isn't too expensive.

Salesperson :OK. Our most affordable data plan includes two gigabytes of data per month.

Clarice :Two gigabytes? That's nothing! Do you have a package with, say, eight gigabytes per month?

Salesperson :Well, no, but we do have one with seven. Even if you go over the limit, you can still use data, but it will run more slowly.

Clarice :I still don't think that's enough for me.

Salesperson :Then your best bet would be our basic unlimited data plan.

Clarice :That sounds more like it! How much is the basic unlimited plan?

Salesperson :It's NT\$800 per month for 24 months. With this package, the phone would be NT\$3,200.

Clarice :Perfect! Sign me up!

15.

Narrator :Three friends are discussing what to eat for dinner.

Kara :Up for some delivery? I have the Dig In app on my phone.

Bill :Good call. I'm feeling pretty lazy.How about Korean?

Kara :I could always eat Korean.

Laura :I don't know. Korean food is so spicy...

Kara :Pizza looks good.

Laura :My doctor said I eat too much cheese.

Kara :What about burgers, then?

Laura :Do they have vegetarian options?

Bill :You're a vegetarian?

Laura :On Saturdays, I am.

Kara :Yes! They have veggie burgers! Burgers it is.

Narrator :Kara is completing their order with the Dig In app.

Kara :So that's two cheeseburger sets with black tea and one veggie burger set with a carrot juice.What's your address?

Bill :I live on the 6th floor, no. 456, Alley 219, Fujin St., Songshan District.How much is it?

Kara :The total is NT\$930.

Laura :Don't forget the voucher code. It's \$50 off for orders over \$500.

Kara :Huh? Error code 367. Contact Dig In customer service.

Bill :Try putting the code in again.

Kara :Error code 367.

Laura :Give it here.OK. With the voucher it's NT\$880.

16.

Narrator :The three friends are waiting for their food.

Bill :How long is it supposed to take?

Kara :The app said 30 minutes.

Laura :It's been almost an hour.

Kara :Hello? Yes. Hold on.It's the driver. He can't find the place.

Bill :Hello? Where are you?OK. Go back to the main street. You have to turn onto the overpass and then make a U-turn.Yes. Just buzz when you get here.Oh, and the elevator's broken.

Laura :Maybe someone should go down and wait.

Kara :Yeah, that's a good idea.

Narrator :Kara and Laura are waiting for their dinner. Bill enters with the food.

Kara :Finally! I'm starving. Gimme gimme gimme...Wait, is that all of it?

Bill :Unfortunately, it looks like we didn't get the correct order.

Kara :Oh no. You've got to be kidding me.

Bill :I wish I was.

Laura :What did we get?

Bill :One veggie burger set with a carrot juice.

Laura :Oh, awesome. You guys want some fries?

Kara :Well, at least now we can get some Korean food.

Bill :Tremendous idea.

17.

Narrator :Louie is looking at some items that are on sale. A sales clerk approaches him.

Sales Clerk :Can I help you with anything today, sir?

Louie :Hi. Yes, you can. I'm looking for something for my mom.

Sales Clerk :Oh, lucky for you, we have a Mother's Day promotion that just started yesterday. You get NT\$100 off if you spend over NT\$1,000.Now, the promotion

is limited to the items on this wall. Like this here is an antiaging face cream, and over here is a bottle of Envy perfume by Mary Walton.

Louie :What's that?

Sales Clerk :This is a pack of 10 face masks.

Louie :OK, I'll take all of them.

Sales Clerk :All of them?

Louie :Yeah, I'll take the face cream, perfume, and face masks.

Sales Clerk :OK, great! If you'd follow me to the sales counter...

Narrator :Louie brings a fitness tracker to the sales counter of an electronics store.Sales Clerk :Hi, how are you doing today, sir?

Louie :Great, thanks. And yourself?

Sales Clerk :I'm great.So that's one SportFit fitness tracker. Just to let you know, this item has a NT\$900 markdown and is a final-sale item, meaning there are no refunds or exchanges.

Louie :I understand.

Sales Clerk :OK, and how will you be paying today, sir?

Louie :Credit card.

Sales Clerk :Great, your total is NT\$2,940.

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Narrator :Louie approaches a sales clerk at a bath products store.

Louie :Excuse me, I'm looking for some things for my girlfriend, maybe some nice-smelling soaps or bath bombs.Can you help me out?

Sales Clerk :I've got just the thing. This is our custom gift box. You can create your own gift box of up to 10 items.We also have a buy three, get two more for free sale going on for Mother's Day.

Louie :That sounds perfect. I guess I'll take those organic bath bombs... some of those scented candles...ooh, tulips. And the set of soaps.

Sales Clerk :Right this way.

Narrator :With bags in hand, Louie walks awkwardly to the sales counter of an electronics store.

Sales Clerk :You're back. And you've been busy.

Louie :I'm not done yet.I had my eye on an e-book reader last time I was in here, the Snugbook 3.Yes, that's the one. I'll take it.

Sales Clerk :No problem. Your total is NT\$4,500. And you'll be paying with... credit card.And I'll let you know that we have a partnership with Mama Cow Hot Pot. Customers that spend over NT\$5,000 in a day can get a coupon for a free plate of pork slices.

Louie :OK, sounds good.

19.

Narrator :Angela, an American, is looking through a market stall's fruit selection.

Angela :Do you have green grapes?

Passerby :Actually, it seems this vendor doesn't have green grapes. You could check one of the other stalls in the market if you want.

Angela :No, that's all right.

Passerby :Have you ever had this before? It's a dragon fruit.

Angela :Never. What does it taste like?

Passerby :It has a light taste and is not overly sweet. It's also got crunchy little seeds like a kiwi.

Angela :Maybe I'll try one. It certainly has a fitting name. It looks like a dragon egg from a fantasy movie.

Narrator :A passerby is introducing some local fruits to Angela.

Passerby :This one's ripe.Has anything else caught your eye? How about a durian?

Angela :No, thanks. I'm not feeling quite so bold. What about that?

Passerby :That's a sugar apple.

Angela :It kind of looks like a guava crossed with a pineapple.

Passerby :It does. You should get some. It tastes a bit like custard.

Angela :All right. I think I'm ready to pay. Thanks for your help.

Passerby :Not at all.

20.

Narrator :Ray is browsing in a flower shop.

Shopkeeper :That's a Casa Blanca lily. If you're familiar with the language of flowers, it represents beauty, class, and style.

Ray :That's perfect.

Shopkeeper :However, it is one of my more expensive flowers... Is this for your wife?

Ray :Wife? No, no, no! It's for a girl I like.

Shopkeeper :How about a rose or a tulip? Tulips represent perfect love.

Ray :Everyone gives roses. And there's no such thing as perfect love.

Shopkeeper :Hmm...How about baby's breath? It represents everlasting love and purity.

Ray :It's beautiful. I think that's the one.

Narrator :Hank is in a flower shop. Hank heads straight for the shopkeeper.

Hank :Hi, I'd like a cactus, please.

Shopkeeper :And you seem determined to get one!

Hank :I've done my homework. I'm getting a cactus for my office desk to clean the air and cheer me up at work.

Shopkeeper :Right, one cactus coming up.This one is well suited to an office

environment.

Hank :I'll take it.

Shopkeeper :Now, it's important not to give cacti too much water. Water it every couple of weeks or when it starts to wilt.

Hank :I understand.

21.

Narrator :Laurie and Melissa are in a clothing store.

Melissa :How about this one?

Laurie :It's kind of drab. Does it come in any other colors?

Melissa :I don't think so.

Laurie :Next. What?

Melissa :You've rejected every single one of my choices since we got here.

Laurie :Is this about the jacket? Look, it's fine for the office, but I want you to look better than just "fine" for your big date.

Melissa :I know.

Laurie :This is a cool sweater.

Melissa :Ick, cashmere. No wonder it's so expensive.Laurie, check this dress out.

Laurie :Nice find. Quick, try it on!

Narrator :Laurie is reading in her room.

Melissa :Ah! Laurie!

Laurie :Your new dress! It's so tiny! What happened?

Melissa :Beats me. I washed it like normal. Tonight's my big date, too!

Laurie :This dress has to be dry-cleaned. Wool can shrink in the washing machine.

Melissa :Where were you an hour ago?! Ugh, I'm in no mood to go out now!

Laurie :Can you cancel?Wait. You washed your whites and colors together?

Melissa :Hmm, yeah. I should cancel.

Laurie :You should separate white and dark clothes because the clothing dye can bleed on to your whites. And check the tag for the dry-clean-only symbol.

Melissa :Again, this would have been great to know an hour ago!

22.

Narrator :A clerk is giving Walt an eye exam.

Clerk :We're almost done.Please cover your right eye and read the next line on the eye chart. Which way is the E pointing?

Walt :Sure. The first one is pointing left. The next one is pointing up.Um, it looks like the third one is pointing right. I can't make out the last one.

Clerk :How about the next line?

Walt :The letters just look like black blobs. I need glasses, don't I?

Clerk :Yes, unfortunately. But don't worry; we've got lots of great-looking frames to

choose from. Now, I'll get you to try on some test glasses, and we can narrow down how strong of a prescription you'll need.

Narrator :Walt and his friend Katie are shopping for eyeglass frames.

Katie :Those are wrong for your face. You have an oval face.

Walt :I do not! You're the one with the awful face!

Katie :Oval, not awful. Your face shape determines what type of frame would look best on you. Oversized frames don't look good on people with oval faces.

Walt :Oh, sorry. Right, I've heard that before.

Katie :Those look great on you.

Clerk :Are you going to go with those ones?

Walt :Yes, I am.

Clerk :Great, I'll put your lenses in and be right back.

23.

Narrator :Walt has just paid for his new glasses.

Clerk :How's that? Is it too tight around your ears?

Walt :No, if anything, it could be a bit tighter.

Clerk :I see. There, that seems about right to me. What do you think?

Walt :Yeah. It's not slipping, and it's pretty comfortable actually.

Clerk :That's good to hear. These are your first pair of glasses, right? To clean them, run them under water and wipe them with a microfiber cloth. Don't use any chemicals or rubbing alcohol. You can use a bit of dishwashing detergent if they're really dirty though.

Walt :Great, thanks.

Narrator :Katie enters the eyeglass store.

Katie :Hi, I'd like to buy some contact lenses. There's a sale on, right?

Clerk :That's right. Would you like dailies, two-week contacts, or monthlies?

Katie :Dailies, please.

Clerk :What's your prescription?

Katie :My right eye is minus 5.5, and my left eye is minus 4.5.

Clerk :OK, and which brand did you want?

Katie :I'll take two boxes each of the Clearline contact lenses.

Clerk :No problem. Step this way, and I'll ring you up at the cash register.

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Narrator :Tom is at the airport and needs to check in for a flight to Seattle.

Airline Clerk :Good evening, sir.May I have your passport and ticket confirmation number, please?

Tom :Sure. Here you go.

Airline Clerk :Thank you.You're flying to Tokyo and then on to Seattle.Would you like a window or aisle seat?

Tom :An aisle seat, please, or anything that will give me a little more leg room.It's going to be a long flight.

Airline Clerk :How about the seat next to the emergency exit -- seat 22A?

Tom :That will be fine.

Airline Clerk :And how many bags will you be checking in?

Tom :Just these two.I hope they're under the weight limit.

Airline Clerk :Let's see.They're fine, sir.

Tom :Good.I really didn't want to have to pay an extra fee.

Airline Clerk :All right, here is your boarding pass.Your flight number is AB391 to Tokyo, and then AB605 to Seattle.

Tom :Which gate is that?

Airline Clerk :You'll board at gate 34E.That's at the end of the concourse, on the left.

Tom :Thank you very much for your help.

Airline Clerk :Oh, and that flight has been delayed.Please check the flight information board for further information about your departure time.

Tom :I'll do that.Thanks again.

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RICHARD QUEST, CNN ANCHOR :Artificial intelligence has not only made NVIDIA rich; it's set off a global debate over regulation,and the chief executive, Jensen Huang, tells me different cultures will need to design their own guardrails.

JENSEN HUANG, PRESIDENT/CEO, NVIDIA CORPORATION :In every single country [and] every single region, there's an awakening -- government[al] awakening, social awakening --that the data of their culture, the data of their society [and] the data of their people should be refined, processed and turned into the digital intelligence of their own people.And so, this is a... there's a sovereign AI

movement that's happening everywhere. Every country should protect their own data. They should turn it into digital intelligence and AI themselves, and the ability to do that is fairly available today. And so, we should go enable and digit... and democratize the capability to do that.

RICHARD QUEST, CNN ANCHOR :Isn't that inherently contradictory to the idea of global standards? If you have everybody trying to do their own [or] controlling their own within the borders of their own country, it's not the most efficient way of doing it -- even if it might be, perhaps, arguably the most democratic.

JENSEN HUANG, PRESIDENT/CEO, NVIDIA CORPORATION :We should have underlying technologies achieve standards as much as possible. However, intelligence cannot be standardize[d]. Cultures cannot be standardize[d]. [The] common sense of different people cannot be standardized. This region feels differently and has a very different history than different regions around the world, and so, we need to enable every region to create their own digital intelligence.

RICHARD QUEST, CNN ANCHOR :But what does that give doing that? If you think about the entire way in which this whole digital transformation has taken place...

JENSEN HUANG, PRESIDENT/CEO, NVIDIA CORPORATION :Mmm.

RICHARD QUEST, CNN ANCHOR :...it has all been based on a standardization. It looks the same everywhere. And now, you're saying, "Well, no, actually, really, democratization requires us to specialize it back again."

JENSEN HUANG, PRESIDENT/CEO, NVIDIA CORPORATION :That's right. Transistors should be standardized. Internet can be standardized. Computing technology can be standardized, but intelligence should not be, and the reason very... is very simple. You want domain-specific intelligence for health care. You want [something] to be a superintelligence for health care. That superintelligence for health care doesn't have to be a superintelligence for anything else but health care. You want a superintelligence for energy discovery. You want [a] superintelligence for logistics and transportation, and these intelligences really oughta be created by the industries themselves [and] by the countries that specialize in these industries...

RICHARD QUEST, CNN ANCHOR :Right.

JENSEN HUANG, PRESIDENT/CEO, NVIDIA CORPORATION :...and what we need to do is enable them to do it -- not do it for them.

