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Write a reply to these questions:

Would you like to go to dinner some night?

Would you like to come over for dinner?

Are you free on Saturday?

What part of town do you live in?

Tell me about your family?

What is the closest intersection to your apartment?

What would you like to drink?

Are there foods that you do not eat?

Some of you will be meeting families from our church. They might invite you to their homes. So today we will work on conversations with an American friend.

Conversations: (Teachers these are quite long, so you might want to stop after every few lines and ask for questions.)

Martha: Hello, Jin. I'm Martha Jones. I'd like to invite you and your husband to my home for dinner Saturday night. Will you be able to come?

Jin: Hello, Martha. I would love to come to your home for dinner, but I do not have a car. Is your home near a bus route?

Martha: I don't think so, Jin. Where do you live? Maybe I could come and pick you up.

Jin: I live in an apartment near Far West. Do you know where that is?

Martha: Yes. What is your address?

Jin: My address is 7117 Wood Hollow Dr.

Martha: How do I find your apartment?

Jin: My apartment is difficult to find. I will walk out to the street and meet you at the corner of my apartment driveway and Wood Hollow Dr.. If you are driving west on Far West Blvd. from MoPac, you will turn right on Wood Hollow. Then turn right into the very first street you come to. That is the entrance to my apartment. I will meet you at that corner.

Martha: OK, Jin. I think I can find that. Give me your cell phone number so that I can call you when I am almost there. Then you can come down and meet me.

Jin: Sure. My number is 499-2557. What is your number?

Martha: My cell is 244-9898. I'll see you on Saturday at 6:30.

Jin: I'm looking forward to it. Goodbye.

Martha: Bye.

Martha: Hi. Are you Jin?

Jin: Yes. I guess you are Martha?

Martha: Yes. Hop in. How are you?

Jin: I'm fine, thank you. And you?

Martha: Very well.

Jin: Did you have trouble finding my apartment?

Martha: No. Your directions were easy to follow.

Jin: What part of town do you live in?

Martha: We live in an area called Westlake. It's south of the river.

Jin: Is it far from here?

Martha: It is about 20 minutes away.

Jin: Tell me about your family.

Martha: Well, I am married and have two grown children. I have 4 grandchildren.

Jin: That's great. Do they live here in Austin?

Martha: No. My daughter and her family lives in Atlanta and my son lives in Dallas.

Jin: Do you see them often?

Martha: I see my son frequently because Dallas is only four hours away. But we only fly to Atlanta about twice a year. My daughter's family always comes here for Christmas though. And we keep my daughter's children for two weeks every summer, so we get a long visit then. How about you?

Jin: I am married, but we don't have children yet.

Martha: Come in. This is my husband Steve.

Steve: Welcome. You must be Jin.

Jin: Yes and this is my husband Lee.

Steve: Nice to meet you both.

Lee: It's very nice for you to have us to your home. We have never visited in an American's home before.

Steve: Would you like a tour?

Jin: We would love one if you don't mind?

Steve: Can I get you a drink?

Lee: Water would be fine.

Steve: Are you sure? I'm going to have a beer?

Lee: No thanks. Just water.

Martha: Dinner is ready. Let's move to the dining room.

Jin: Your table is set so beautifully. This is lovely China.

Martha: Thank you. It was a wedding gift.

Lee: The food looks great. Could you explain what everything is. We don't usually eat American food. My wife enjoys cooking, so we eat our traditional food.

Martha: This is roast beef with potatoes and carrots. There is a bowl of gravy on the table. This is a salad with lettuce, apples and walnuts. There is a salad dressing in the small blue bowl. And for dessert, we have chocolate cake.

Jin: It looks like you went to a lot of trouble for us. We really appreciate this. It is such a treat to be able to visit in your home.

Martha: It's our pleasure.