

## FUMC ESL 9-28-2015 Level 4 Lesson

**Read these conversations together and answer the questions. Then do the discussion questions at the end.**

### Conversation 1

Amy: Excuse me. I'm sorry to bother you. Could you please tell me when they pick up the garbage?

Julie: They pick it up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Friday is the recycling day, but you have to put it out in the approved recycling bins. Are you new here?

Amy: Yes, I just moved in.

Julie: Where are you from?

Amy: I am originally from Egypt, but I moved here from Boston. I've been working there for the past six months. Could you tell me where I can catch a bus to the downtown area?

Julie: The bus stop is directly across from mail boxes. The buses run every thirty minutes, except on the weekend. The bus schedule is posted on the bulletin board downstairs.

Amy: How do I get a key to my mailbox?

Julie: You have to get that from the post office. There is one on Exposition St..

Amy: What time do they deliver the mail. I've written a letter home and I'd like it to be posted today.

Julie: They usually come around 1 PM, but sometimes they run late. I don't think they've come today. You should put it in the outgoing mail box downstairs as soon as possible.

### Questions:

When do they pick up the garbage?

Where is Amy from originally?

Where did Amy move from?

Where is the bus stop?

How often do the buses run?

Where is the bus schedule posted?

Where is there a post office?

When does the mailman usually come?

### Conversation 2

Carol: Excuse me, but you're not allowed to barbeque on the balcony. It's a fire risk.

Hana: I'm very sorry. I'll put it out right now.

Carol: There is a barbeque pit in the courtyard that you can use. Feel free to take your chicken down there to finish cooking. It's gas, so it heats up very fast.

Hana: Thanks for the information. My chicken is almost done now. I'll just finish it up in the oven. Could you answer another question for me?

Carol: Sure.

Hana: Do you know where there is a laundromat?

Carol: Our building doesn't have a laundromat, but you are free to use the one in the building next door. It's pretty expensive though, so take lots of quarters. It will cost you \$1.25 to wash one load, and the washers are pretty small.

Hana: That's very helpful. Thanks. By the way, I'm Hana, nice to meet you.

Carol: Hi Hana, I'm Carol. Are you a UT student?

Hana: Yes, I'm working on my doctorate in psychology.

Carol: Great. You're way ahead of me. I'm an undergraduate in the UT art school.

### Questions:

1. What was Hana doing that broke the rules?
2. Where did Carol tell Hana to take her chicken?
3. What does Hana intend to do with her chicken?
4. Is there a laundromat in Hana's building?
5. What does it cost to wash a load of clothing?

6. What is Hana studying?
7. What is Carol studying?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. When I first moved to the U.S., I had to learn how to ...
2. One thing I still don't know how to do here is...
3. Are there any appliances in your apartment that you never use? Which ones and why?
4. Do you feel like you "fit in" here? Did you have to change anything to fit in here?
5. Are you confused about how to dress for different occasions here?
6. Are people in the U.S. more or less religious than people in your country? How do you feel about that?
7. Do you find American politics confusing/ shocking/ depressing or uplifting?
8. Do you think it is difficult for immigrant parents when their children totally assimilate and become American in culture? Should you force children to keep their native culture? Will you make sure your children can speak your native language?