

Study the vocabulary on page 12.

Match the sentences to make a conversation.

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| I'm sorry | a) Yes, it is. |
| Please come to my party. | b) Thanks. |
| This is a great movie. | c) I fix computers. |
| That sweater is pretty. | d) Yes, I would. |
| Tell me about your job. | e) I do. |
| Would you like some gum? | f) That's OK. |
| I don't like this movie. | g) I'll try. |
| Can you fix this? | h) Sorry. I can't. |

Read this conversation. Ask the teacher if you don't understand any words.

Jill: Hi, my name is Jill. I don't think we have met.

Jan: I'm Jan White. This is my first day.

Jill: Welcome, Jill. You will like this class.

Jan: Have you come to this class before?

Jill: Oh yes. I came to this class last spring. I really like the other students. And the teacher is really nice.

Jan: I don't speak English well. I worry about making mistakes.

Jill: Don't worry about that. The teacher is very patient.

Start a conversation with a fellow student. Find out how long they have been coming to ESL classes here. Find out if they attend any other ESL classes. Find out how they come to class (bus, car, bike, walk). Report to the group on what you learned in your conversation.

You can also start a conversation with a compliment. Read these conversations. Ask the teacher if you don't understand any words.

Jill: Hi. I really love your sweater. That's a beautiful shade of blue.

Shari: Thank you. My mother knitted it for me.

Jill: That's so nice. It's so special to have things that your mother made for you. I'm Jill, by the way.

Shari: Hi, Jill. My name is Sharita, but I go by Shari.

Shari: Your English is really good. You must have studied English before you came here.

Sandy: Yes, I studied it in school. But I still don't feel confident when I speak English.

Shari: Your accent is very clear. You are easy to understand.

Sandy: Thank you. I hope to learn more English in this class.

Start a conversation with your neighbor by complimenting them.

Read this conversation. This conversation begins by an offer of something.

Ella: I notice you don't have a dictionary. You are welcome to use mine.

Jan: Thank you so much. Are you sure you don't need it?

Ella: No, I use an online dictionary.

Jan: Thank you. I didn't bring anything with me. I didn't realize we would need paper to take notes on.

Ella: I have lots of extra. Please take some from me.

Jan: You're very kind. I'll come more prepared next time.

What did Ella offer Jan? Did Jan accept the offer? What does Jan say she will do next time?

Read this conversation. It begins with an invitation.

Sandy: It was really nice meeting you, Shari. I'm going to the restaurant next door to grab a quick sandwich. Would you like to join me?

Shari: I'd love to, but my husband is picking me up at noon. Maybe we could go another time.

Sandy: Sure. I'd like that.

Does Shari accept or decline the invitation? What is a "quick sandwich"?

We often use "would you" when we offer something. EX: Would you like some candy? Would you like to go to lunch? Would you like to go to the movie this Saturday?

Turn to your neighbor and invite them to do something. Use "would you".

Read this conversation.

Jess: I don't understand this sentence. It doesn't make sense to me. Do you understand it?

Beth: Yes. In this sentence, the man is offering the woman a job.

Jess: Thanks for explaining that. I think I understand now. When the man offers part-time employment, it's the same as offering a part-time job.

Beth: Yes, that's correct.

Is this conversation Jess is asking for help. She wants an explanation. Beth explains the sentence to Jess. Then Jess checks for understanding. Does Beth agree that employment and job mean the same thing?

When we ask for help, we often use the phrase, "could you". Read these examples.

- A.** Could you help me with these groceries?
- B.** Could you help me find the correct answer? I'm really confused.
- C.** Could you explain the question again?
- D.** Could you please tell me how to find the library?
- E.** Could you tell me when this class ends?
- F.** Could you tell me where the restrooms are?
- G.** I'm sorry, I didn't understand you. Could you repeat that?

When people make small talk, they often talk about the weather. EX: It's really hot today isn't it. Read the conversation below.

Tom: It's getting cloudy. I hope that means it's going to rain. We really need it.

Stella: We sure do. I hope it does rain. But I hope it waits until I get home.

Tom: Haha. Yes, me too. I didn't bring a raincoat or umbrella.

Ways to apologize:

Pardon me.

I'm sorry I stepped on your foot.

I apologize for being late.

I'm sorry I didn't come yesterday.

Excuse me. I didn't see you.

What to say when someone apologizes to you:

That's OK.

That's all right.

You don't need to apologize.

Don't worry about it.

I understand.

Practice apologizing to your neighbor.

Answer "I agree" or "I disagree" for each sentence below. Then explain why.

1. I don't like cold weather.
2. I like living in Austin.
3. These lessons are easy.
4. I like to watch movies.
5. I like to wear orange.
6. I like to eat candy.
7. I don't like to read books.
8. I like to wear pretty shoes.
9. It is hard to find a job in the U.S.
10. This room is too small.
11. My favorite day is Monday.
12. I think you should be able to take pets into restaurants.
13. Winter is the best time of year.
14. Boys are better at math than girls.
15. No one should wear clothing made from animal fur.