

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Talk about an awkward situation you have been in.

Study the situations below and tell what you would say. Listen to other students ideas.

1. You're carrying a lot of things. You can't open the door yourself. There's a person standing near the door. You say:
2. You phone Stan, but somebody else answers the phone. Stan isn't there. You want to leave a message for Stan. You say:
3. You're a tourist. You want to go to the train station, but you don't know where it is. You ask at your hotel:
4. You are in a store at the mall. You find a pair of pants that you like. You want to try them on, but you don't see any dressing rooms. You ask the salesperson:
5. You have a car. You have to go the same way as Bill who is on foot. You offer him a ride. You say:
6. You want to borrow your friend's camera. You say:
7. You lose your phone. You are with a friend. You want to use a phone. You say:
8. You have written a letter in English. You want your friend to check it before you send it. You ask:
9. You want to leave work early. What do you ask your boss?
10. The woman in the next room is playing very loud music. You want her to turn it down. You say:
11. You're on a train. The window is open and you are cold. You'd like to close it, but there is a woman sitting by the window. You say:
12. You are on a train. The woman next to you has finished reading her newspaper. You would like to read it. You say:
13. Penny is at your apartment. You offer her something to drink. You say?
14. You need help to download a file onto your computer. You ask Sandy:
15. You're in a restaurant. They bring your coffee, but there is no sugar. You like sugar in your coffee. You ask the waiter:
16. The woman in front of you drops her notebook. All her papers and pencils fly out. You want to help her. You ask:
17. You are checking in at the hotel. You want to have two rooms which have a door opening in between them. These are called adjoining rooms. You say to the desk clerk?
18. You see your friend sitting alone at a table in a restaurant. You would like to join her, but you're not sure you should. You say:

19. You see your friend on the street. You wave and go to her. When you get closer you see she has been crying. You say:

20. Your male friend asks you to loan him \$1,000. He wants you to promise not to tell your spouse because he lost the money gambling online. You say:

21. You are having a drink with someone you work with. She asks you how much you make. She says she wants to know because the company sometimes pays the men more than the women to do the same job. What do you say to her?

22. A good friend asks you, "Why did you get divorced? Your wife is beautiful and everyone loves her." You say:

23. You are in a restaurant talking to a very good client. You are trying to make friends with her, but she speaks very softly and you can't understand her. What do you say to her?

24. You and your wife are having a romantic dinner when you see a friend walk in and head for your table. He asks if he may join you. You and your spouse were counting on having some time to yourselves. You say:

Pronunciation: When native Spanish speakers pronounce English words beginning with S, they often pronounce the letter S before saying a word that begins with S. For example, they might say, "es-spanish, es-skates, es-special." This is an incorrect pronunciation in English. For example the sentence, "I speak Spanish." Should be pronounced, "Ice peaks panish." NOT I espeak ESpanish.

The only time English speakers should sound an s before the s word is in words that begin with "es". Examples: Especially, essential, essence, essay, esophagus, espionage" We say, "He is a special boy." NOT "He is a es-special boy."

Remember that C can have the S sound. EX: cell, recent, acid, face, cycle, city, pencil, ice

In words beginning with PS, the P is silent. EX: psychology, psycho, psychic, psalm, psychiatrist, psychedelic

When words end in ES, we usually pronounce the S like a Z. EX: teaches, sneezes, rises, witches, ages, judges, freezes.

When the last letter of a word is a voiced consonant (B, D, G, L, M, N, R, V) we pronounce the last letter with the Z sound. EX: bugs, crabs, dreams, pins, wears, drives, plays, ends

Practice these sentences:

1. I saw Suzy sitting in a shoeshine shop.
2. Six socks sit in a sink.
3. Silly Sally shooed seven silly sheep into the shed.
4. Six sausages slowly sizzled on the sidewalk in the sun.
5. Stacy stays in the States with her stepsister.
6. Scott skates at a special skating rink.
7. Steve spends his cents on stamps.