



Lessons in Blue Canoe

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| Life | Beginner social conversations | Responding to good news | Congratulations on your new job! | I'm so happy she was hired! | That's a relief to hear! | You deserve the promotion! | Let's celebrate your promotion! | That's wonderful to know! |
| Life | Beginner social conversations | Responding to bad news | I'm really sorry to hear that. | Oh no, is she okay? | That's so sad to hear. | Please accept my condolences. | My heart goes out to your family. | You're in my thoughts and prayers. |
| Life | Beginner social conversations | Asking questions | What do you miss about your home? | What do we need from the supermarket? | Can you give me a ride? | Can my friend come to dinner? | Have you seen my package? | Do you want to order takeout? |
| Life | Beginner social conversations | Socializing | Let's have lunch. | Let's go to the movies. | Please join us for dinner. | It's nice to meet you. | Did you have fun last weekend? | I'm looking forward to my vacation. |
| Life | Beginner social conversations | Family | My daughter plays soccer. | My in-laws are coming to visit. | Are your children in school? | We're going on vacation. | I have a sister and a brother. | How long have you been married? |
| Life | Beginner social conversations | Empathy | I hope you feel better. | That was a challenge. | You must be exhausted. | Congratulations on your hard work. | I'm inspired by your words. | You must be so proud. |
| Life | Beginner travel | Hotels & accommodation | Do you have any vacancies? | We'd like an ocean view. | Could I schedule a wake-up call? | How far is it to walk? | Excuse me, there's a mistake. | May I have a late checkout tomorrow? |
| Life | Beginner travel | Traveling | I have a connecting flight with a long layover. | Could you please check my bags? | I'd like an aisle seat with extra legroom. | I'm feeling jet-lagged. | Can I please have a round-trip ticket? | It was a smooth flight, and I slept well. |
| Life | Beginner travel | Airport Travel | There's a long line for security. | He departs from gate C. | My boarding pass is on my phone. | Text me when you arrive. | The flight is delayed. | I prefer the exit row. |
| Life | Beginner travel | Travel Questions | How do I get to the bus? | Can I pay after I've boarded? | Is this train northbound? | Does this shuttle go to the airport? | Where can I get a taxi? | What's the quickest way to the hotel? |
| Life | Social conversations | Asking questions | What do you miss the most about your home country? | Do we need anything from the supermarket to make dinner? | Can you give me a ride to the mall later? | Can my roommate join us for dinner tonight? | Have you seen my package from Amazon anywhere? | Do you want to order takeout with me tonight? |
| Life | Social conversations | Socializing | Do you have any plans for lunch? | Some of us are going to the movies. | Would you like to join us for dinner? | It's nice to finally meet you. | Did you do anything fun last weekend? | I'm looking forward to my vacation with my family. |
| Life | Social conversations | Disagreeing | I'm sorry, but I just don't agree. | I don't think that's always the case. | I'm not sure it's the best idea. | From my perspective it seems a little different. | That is a dealbreaker for me. | Let's look at it a different way. |
| Life | Social conversations | Family | My daughter is playing in a soccer tournament. | My in-laws are coming to visit for a week. | Are your children still in school? | We're going on a family vacation over the holidays. | I have a sister and two older brothers. | How long have you two been married? |
| Life | Social conversations | Empathy | I hope you feel better soon. | That sounds like it was a real challenge. | You must be exhausted after that. | It must be incredible to see the results of your hard work. | I'm really inspired by what you said. | You must be so proud of your children. |
| Life | Social conversations | Making Suggestions 1 | We should suggest booking the hotel far in advance. | You should put ice on your knee to reduce swelling. | Try rebooting your computer and see if that works. | It's a good idea to wash grapes before you eat them. | How about taking the highway to the theater? | You could always call a mechanic to fix your car. |
| Life | Social conversations | Making Suggestions 2 | I recommend reviewing your notes every weekend. | Have you considered taking a class to improve your Spanish? | Why don't you try talking privately with the team leader? | Let's wash the dishes before the game starts so we can relax. | You should review the material every other day. | I highly recommend that you stretch after exercising. |



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| Life | Travel | Hotels & accommodation | Do you have any vacancies for tonight? | We'd like to have a room with an ocean view. | Could I schedule a wake-up call for seven o'clock? | How far of a walk is it to public transportation? | Excuse me, my booking was for a double room. | Would it be possible to have a late checkout tomorrow morning? |
| Life | Travel | Traveling | I have a connecting flight with a three hour layover in Chicago. | Could you please check my bags through to Seattle? | I'd like an aisle seat with extra legroom near the front. | I'm feeling a little jet-lagged after the day-long flight. | Can I please have a round-trip ticket to New York? | It was a smooth flight, and I slept most of the time. |
| Life | Travel | Travel Questions | How do I get to the closest bus terminal? | Can I pay my fare after I've boarded? | Is this train northbound or southbound? | Would you prefer taking a shuttle to the airport? | Do I have to book a taxi online? | What's the quickest way to the hotel from the airport? |
| Life | Travel | Airport Travel | It takes a while to get through security. | Our flight departs from gate C. | I saved my boarding pass on my phone. | Text me when your flight arrives. | The storm is causing a lot of delays. | The exit row provides more leg room. |
| Life | Travel | Asian Geography | In Thailand you can kayak between islands. | I went to Vietnam last year with some friends. | I saw a Komodo dragon on the beach in Indonesia. | There are thousands of islands in the Philippines. | Japan is a fascinating place to visit. | My friend goes scuba diving in South Korea. |
| Life | Restaurants | Food and Drink | Let's get coffee in the morning and discuss it. | Do you have time to grab a quick lunch? | Can you recommend a good restaurant for dinner? | Where do you want to go for dinner? | Please make a reservation at the sushi bar. | I prefer to eat where there are vegan options. |
| Life | Restaurants | Making a reservation | I'd like to make a reservation for tonight. | What openings do you have for tonight? | We'd like a table for three, please. | How long is the wait without a reservation? | The reservation is under my name. | We are looking forward to eating there tomorrow. |
| Life | Restaurants | Ordering food | I want to order a pepperoni pizza for takeout please. | Is there an appetizer or salad you would recommend? | Can you buy me a vanilla latte from Starbucks? | Is this dish suitable for vegetarians? | I'd like the rest to go, please. | I'll pay with a credit card, thank you. |
| Life | Restaurants | Restaurant opinions | Excuse me, but this steak is undercooked. | Sorry to bother you, but my food is cold. | Just so you know, I'm allergic to shellfish. | Do you think that's enough food for the seven of us? | This is the best meal I've had in a long time. | What do you think looks good for dessert? |
| Life | Shopping and bills | Grocery shopping | What produce is on sale this week? | Buy a mango and a pineapple for our fruit salad. | Get a pound of chicken, some carrots, and two onions. | Excuse me, where can I find toothpaste? | That lettuce doesn't look very fresh. | They have a great selection of pastries and bread in the bakery. |
| Life | Shopping and bills | Housing | I am looking for a furnished apartment. | My budget is a thousand a month. | Is there any off-street parking available? | I'd like to have a look at this unit. | What utilities are included in the rent? | Can I sublease the room during summer break? |
| Life | Shopping and bills | Banking | I need a copy of last month's statement for my financial records. | Can I order personal checks from the banking app? | Can I have that in small bills, please? | I forgot the PIN number for my debit card. | Could I make an appointment to see a financial advisor? | I'd like to order some foreign currency for my upcoming trip. |
| Life | Shopping and bills | Internet & cell phone | What data plans do you have for smartphones? | Is there an option to bundle my services? | What are the rates for international calls from the United States? | This cellphone carrier has the best coverage for remote areas. | How's the reception in your neighborhood? | Which internet providers are available in this area? |
| Life | Shopping and bills | Car rentals | What's the mileage limit and the fuel policy for this rental? | I'd like to lease a mid-sized sedan with automatic transmission. | Do I need to get extra liability insurance, or am I covered? | Does my rental include roadside assistance and GPS? | Can I add an additional driver to my rental policy? | Can I pick it up and drop it off in different locations? |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Sports | Our team lost the final by three points. | What time is the Lakers' game tonight? | I think our manager is on the way out. | He scored an amazing touchdown in the last game. | He hit the ball out of the park and won the game. | The rookie hit a spectacular buzzer beater. |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Going to the movies | I'd like two tickets for The Lion King at eight o'clock. | Unfortunately, the sequel bombed. | Part three of the trilogy was just released. | I have class tonight, so let's go to a matinee. | I was on the edge of my seat the whole time! | The remake has a stronger cast than the original. |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Museums & exhibitions | What time does the next guided tour begin? | Let's leave our jackets at the coat check. | During Museum Week, admission is free. | This museum has an excellent collection of sculptures. | Is there a student discount available for this exhibition? | What collections are on display at the moment? |



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| Life | Entertainment and culture | Concerts and plays | Let's look at the seating plan and choose tickets. | The only tickets still available have obstructed views. | The opening band will go on at eight. | Pick up your tickets at Will Call. | I'd like a seat in the center on the orchestra level. | My favorite guitarist is playing a gig this weekend. |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Famous Movie Quotes | Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn. | I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse. | Here's looking at you, kid. | Go ahead, make my day. | A martini. Shaken, not stirred. | The stuff that dreams are made of. |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Having Fun | I binge-watched five episodes last night. | This cat video totally cracked me up! | I recommend this app for word puzzles. | Trivia Night is this Thursday at the bar. | There's a slam poetry tournament tomorrow night. | I can't wait to go home and take a nap. |
| Life | Entertainment and culture | Reading | Do you enjoy reading plays by Shakespeare? | My favorite thing to read is science fiction. | I enjoy listening to poetry. | I listen to audio books on my commute. | Do you prefer fiction or nonfiction? | What types of books do you like to read? |
| Life | Health and exercise | Staying Healthy | She works out at the gym every morning. | I take vitamins and supplements on a daily basis. | Practicing yoga helps me to relax. | Our company provides fresh fruit every Tuesday. | Take the stairs instead of the elevator. | You should drink a lot of water when you exercise. |
| Life | Health and exercise | Outdoor Activities | Have you hiked on any of the trails nearby? | I'm interested in joining a rugby league. | I enjoy mountain biking more than road biking. | Do you know if there's a climbing gym in the area? | In the summer, you can kayak on the river. | Would you like to join me for a ping pong match? |
| Life | Health and exercise | Making A Doctor's Appointment | I'd like to make an appointment to see the doctor. | Is the doctor accepting any new patients? | I haven't been feeling very well lately. | It's time for my annual exam and flu shot. | Is there an opening at three o'clock next Wednesday? | Where's the closest urgent care clinic in this neighborhood? |
| Life | Health and exercise | Seeing doctors | This medication isn't covered by your insurance. | Drink lots of water, get plenty of rest, and you'll feel better. | Can I request a doctor's note for school? | Can you fill out my physical exam form for school? | To your knowledge, are you allergic to any medications? | Will I be able to get the results next week? |
| Life | Health and exercise | Describing Symptoms | I twisted my ankle, and now it's bruised and swollen. | It hurts when I apply pressure or try to move it. | I have a headache, a low fever, and a sore throat. | I feel kind of nauseous and light-headed. | I've been vomiting all day long and I'm dehydrated. | I got an itchy rash on my hand after touching the plant. |
| Life | Health and exercise | Common Diagnosis | The test will determine whether it's bacterial or viral. | I'm prescribing a round of antibiotics to help you. | I'm referring you to a specialist for this issue. | You'll need to stay overnight for observation. | I'm happy to tell you it's not broken, only sprained. | Come back next week if you don't feel better. |
| Life | Health and exercise | Pharmacy | You need to submit the original prescription from your doctor. | That pharmacy only carries generic medication. | Can you explain what the side effects of this medication are? | What should I do if I forget and I miss a dose? | Can I take this medication on an empty stomach? | I am looking for over-the-counter cold medicine. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | Welcome to Blue Canoe | I'd like to improve my pronunciation. | This app is designed to help me. | It listens to the sounds in each word. | And it monitors the rhythm of my speech. | Some words can be difficult to pronounce. | Blue Canoe is here to help, and I'm learning. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | Spelling is not pronunciation | Spelling can certainly be confusing! | The word "over" doesn't rhyme with "cover." | But "great" rhymes with "straight." | Yet "through" is different from "thought." | That's because spelling is not pronunciation. | And speaking English is not the same as reading it. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | Vowels are fascinating | These are fourteen essential vowel sounds in English. | In Blue Canoe, we name these sounds with Color Vowels. | BLACK CAT is the key sound in "fantastic" and "app." | OLIVE SOCK is the main vowel in "solid" and "confidence." | PURPLE SHIRT is the stressed vowel in "perfect" and "world." | Each Color Vowel is a stepping stone to pronunciation success. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | The Open Hand | English is a stress-timed language. | Written English doesn't show me where the stress is. | Blue Canoe shows me where the stress is with the underline. | I open my hand where the line is. | And I spend more time on that syllable. | Everyone can understand me better when I speak like this. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | App Features | Each of these lessons contains six sentences. | I receive a variety of feedback on each recording. | I can listen and compare myself to the model. | I touch the icons to see my mistakes and make corrections. | The "extras" feature shows me a transcript of my speech. | I can record each sentence three times. |
| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | Stress is powerful | Now I'm noticing the vowel sounds in every sentence. | But there's something even more significant. | It's the rhythm of English we call "stress." | Stress is the key to being understood. | It's the difference between "message" and "massage." | And it's the main difference between "strategy" and "strategic." |



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| Language | Pronunciation fundamentals | Brain Science | Blue Canoe is based on brain science. | It introduces me to powerful techniques for improvement. | Color Vowels help focus my attention. | I use my hand to mark the time needed for stress. | Daily practice can actually change my speaking habits. | Blue Canoe leads to improvement and greater confidence. |
| Language | Vowel focus | GRAY DAY | I'm available all day. | She's away on vacation. | Congratulations on your breakthrough. | The neighborhood is changing. | Train tickets are on sale. | These tomatoes taste great. |
| Language | Vowel focus | RED/GRAY Challenge | My favorite flavored beverage isn't available. | She sprained her left elbow when she fell. | Red potatoes and yellow tomatoes are amazing together! | There are many creative ways to get ahead in this game. | Brady and Brenda will bake bread next Wednesday. | Never interrupt your enemy when he's making a mistake. |
| Language | Vowel focus | TURQUOISE | The boy enjoyed the quiet toy but avoided the noisy one. | I always enjoy traveling to Chicago, Illinois. | Our oil company has employed many lawyers. | The royal family is joyous about the new baby boy. | Too much moisture in the soil destroys the roots. | The annoying noise spoiled my appointment with the lawyer. |
| Language | Vowel focus | OLIVE/ROSE | You're focusing on the wrong component. | My daughter spoke to the doctor about her problem. | Cough drops are often used for a sore throat. | Her boss is an honest stockbroker. | You ought to try my homemade lasagna. | Those roses won't grow where it's hot. |
| Language | Vowel focus | PURPLE | Have you heard the disturbing verdict? | Would you prefer a burger or a sandwich? | Excuse me, sir, you've got some dirt on your work shirt. | I learned a lot in the first rehearsal. | In a perfect world we are all certain of our purpose. | Each person is encouraged to work virtually. |
| Language | Vowel focus | R-controlled RED/GREEN | I'm very serious about my career goals. | Barbara and Jeremy are hard working engineers. | Are you aware that Miriam is getting married? | That TV series is seriously terrible. | Where does Claire get her hair cut? | Clearly, the new librarian is very prepared. |
| Language | Vowel focus | RED/BLACK Challenge | Let's go back to the entrance. | Can I have a pen? | Please set it on the end of the desk. | You can't tamper with a bad temper. | That's an incredible app! | I'm sad she said it was bad. |
| Language | Vowel focus | MUSTARD/OLIVE/ROSE Chal | This approach offers a number of bonuses. | The CEO quoted a well-known entrepreneur. | I had to interrupt my colleague's long conversation. | I woke up with an awful cough. | It's a tough spot but I know we'll muscle through. | My husband bought a start-up. |
| Language | Consonant focus | R / L Challenge 1 | I'd really like a red file folder. | We release the report annually. | Larry always arrives late. | There are a lot of English language learners in the world. | Our yearly travel allotment is limited. | The salary ledger is probably ready. |
| Language | Consonant focus | R / L Challenge 2 | We're truly thrilled to the core with your work. | They're really limited in natural resources. | We're clearly the industry leader in retail. | I'm increasingly intrigued by driverless cars. | The quarterly report is ridiculously long. | Our national parks are definitely worth visiting. |
| Language | Consonant focus | /th/ Challenge | The weather has been awful this whole week. | My mother is very healthy for her age. | I've been thinking about running a marathon. | Your brother sounds like quite the athlete! | Let's go over the other plan together. | Do you think this idea has merit? |
| Language | Consonant focus | Sh/sl/bl | She said she sold three black sheep. | Silver slugs are said to slither nearby. | You should try blinking slowly to relax. | Let's share our notable accomplishments. | She slipped her shoes under the black table. | Should we listen to some blues or some jazz? |
| Language | Consonant focus | Complex Consonants | We need to watch the numbers next month. | Please complete the batch by this afternoon. | I think we've got the edge on the competition. | The UI and the content seem mismatched. | I don't think the solution is complicated. | Let's set some stretch goals over lunch. |
| Language | Consonant focus | B / V words 1 | She bought a very beautiful blue violin. | There's a marvelous view of the valley from the balcony. | Do me a favor and revise the blurb describing the event. | This vase is a very valuable antique from Venice. | He's the best baseball player in Boston. | I plan to vote for the best politician in the next election. |
| Language | Consonant focus | B / V words 2 | Vivian said her brown velvet belt is her favorite. | This vintage table has a superb ebony veneer. | The cabin isn't available until February. | He interviewed for a position in aviation. | My supervisor gave me five tickets for the adventure movie. | Residents were evacuated before the river burst its banks. |
| Language | Consonant focus | B / V words 3 | The volunteers gave the vegetables to the vegetarian veterans. | We provide services based on our availability and your objectives. | Can taking vitamins improve the quality of my vision? | For the battery, what voltage do you need? | The driver hit the curb while rounding the curve. | The hungry dove dove down to get the bread. |



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| Language | Consonant focus | B / V words 4 | They had trouble obtaining travel advice while visiting Vienna. | To avoid ambiguity, we should adhere to a common vocabulary. | The box of books was too heavy for me to move. | We bought two bottles of valuable wine at the vineyard. | The burning lava flowed from the volcano to the faraway valley. | Did you vacuum the living room, or the bedroom? |
| Language | Descriptive skills | Describing a Person | I would guess that the woman is in her early forties. | My aunt Jane and my mother are both blonde. | My mother has a successful career in finance. | He's quite tall, has curly hair, and rides a bike. | She is warm-hearted, extremely patient, and has a heart of gold. | A sense of humor is important when making friends. |
| Language | Descriptive skills | Describing a place | The food truck at the street fair was super popular. | I always feel peaceful in the Japanese gardens. | I hope the weather will cooperate for tomorrow's marathon. | The library is always crowded during finals week. | My hometown is known for its picturesque views. | There are great deals on produce at the farmer's market. |
| Language | Descriptive skills | Describing an object | This room is great for studying, but has bad Wi-Fi. | Careful, there's a big crack in the sidewalk. | I could really use a standing desk for my dorm room. | My class is in the tall brick building in the center of campus. | Meet me at the statue in front of the gym. | Who left their iPhone in the bathroom? |
| Language | Descriptive skills | Describing an event | The orchestra concert last weekend was inspiring. | The collaborative project helped me with my team spirit. | Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere at the parade. | We attended a beautiful wedding in the chapel. | We played my favorite board game at the party. | There's a fascinating exhibition at the art museum for the next few months. |
| Language | Difficult sounds | Tricky Words | There was applause when the choir finished singing. | I put several miscellaneous items on the shelf. | My uncle waited in a long queue. | He thoroughly cleaned the refrigerator. | It poured throughout the night. | The foreigner was welcomed with genuine warmth. |
| Language | Difficult sounds | Tongue Twisters | Imagine managing an imaginary menagerie. | Send me seventy-seven benevolent elephants. | Willy is really very weary. | I would if I could, but I can't, so I won't. | Which wristwatch is a Swiss wristwatch? | Butter makes the bitter batter better. |
| Language | Difficult sounds | Difficult Words 1 | My itinerary involves changing planes three times. | It's essential that you acquire the fundamental skills. | The cafeteria food had an unpleasant smell and a peculiar taste. | The elderly gentleman sat on the bench and fed the squirrels. | The actress's final performance was sensational. | He used an alias to avoid public attention. |
| Language | Difficult sounds | Difficult Words 2 | My maternal aunt lives in a rural town. | The quarterly statement contains superfluous details. | It's rumored that the brewery will close this year. | Their relationship deteriorated after the merger. | We're experiencing exponential growth in the market. | That phenomenon rarely occurs in this business. |
| Language | Difficult sounds | Difficult Words 3 | My doctor recommended I wear comfortable shoes to relieve my pain. | Please buy some quinoa at the supermarket. | We photographed leopards and penguins at the zoo. | She's a scrupulous employee who always checks her work for accuracy. | I was summoned to serve as a juror. | Their group is seen as the epitome of environmental activism. |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adjectives 1 | The store will be open until midnight. | I'm curious to hear about your vacation. | Finding a seat at this cafe is hopeless. | This building is a historical landmark. | I dream of living on a tropical island when I retire. | This curry smells so appetizing. |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adjectives 2 | Football certainly looks like a dangerous sport. | I have to go for a physical exam next week. | Her meals are always delicious and also healthy. | Those kittens are so tiny and adorable. | She gave birth to beautiful, identical twin girls. | Why don't we use disposable cups at the barbecue? |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adjectives 3 | She's more competitive than her sister when it comes to sports. | The author of the letter remains anonymous. | Her parents are always supportive of her plans. | My professor's positive feedback was encouraging. | The buildings were destroyed in the earthquake. | Their answer seemed strange and ambiguous. |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adjectives 4 | She gave me some positive advice about accounting. | This could be an effective solution. | I believe this estimation is accurate. | The issue we face is quite serious. | We have to rethink our original plan. | She gave us a quick tour of the factory. |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adverbs 1 | Always remember to drink responsibly. | We waited patiently at the station for the train. | We'll obviously need to remodel the kitchen. | He plays tennis practically every day of the week. | His English pronunciation has improved significantly. | We're actively involved in community building. |
| Language | Parts of speech | Adverbs 2 | They responded to my request enthusiastically. | I was able to confidently answer their questions. | They're ambitiously looking to expand their business. | They happily refunded our money. | We have to think about this rationally. | We're endlessly looking for ways to innovate. |
| Work | Business meetings | Business Meetings | Hello. It's very nice to meet you. | Let's welcome our new employees to the office. | Please introduce yourself to our staff during the call. | I will prepare the presentation for Thursday. | Can you confirm your availability to meet Wednesday? | My calendar looks open in the afternoon. |



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| Work | Business meetings | Conference Calls | Can I ask that we all state our names? | Let's start with some general information. | I'm sorry, could you say that again? | What are the other alternatives? | When can we discuss this again? | It's been a pleasure to speak with you. |
| Work | Business meetings | Negotiating | Let's consider the alternatives before deciding. | I'd like to suggest a solution. | I think your proposal is acceptable. | We've managed to reach an agreement. | We were hoping for a different outcome. | There may be some room to maneuver. |
| Work | Business meetings | Business Meetings 2 | I'd like to provide some context for this meeting. | Would you prefer that I use PowerPoint for the presentation? | I'm sorry to interrupt; please continue. | It looks like we're about out of time. | Let's follow up on this topic later. | Who has joined the call? |
| Work | Business meetings | Talking Further | I hope to facilitate a conversation between stakeholders. | I look forward to getting your feedback on my project. | I'll swing by your cubicle to discuss this. | Email me tomorrow with your estimates on the budget. | Let's plan on meeting tomorrow morning to discuss our strategy. | Can we table this conversation until there's more data? |
| Work | General workplace | Business Attire | On casual Friday you can wear jeans to work. | He wore a suit and tie to the interview. | Her jewelry beautifully complemented her silk blouse. | Where did you find that gorgeous jacket? | Did you notice his blue suede shoes? | I left my purple scarf in the conference room. |
| Work | General workplace | Business Idioms | It will boost the bottom line. | Could you give me a ballpark figure? | We need to get this off the ground. | I think we're ahead of the curve. | I'm afraid we're back to square one. | We'll be starting from scratch on this program. |
| Work | General workplace | Consulting | Show your preference by checking the appropriate box. | Transparency is a key element of our success. | We have been asked to provide details about your annual income. | Could you double check the figures for any errors? | The regulatory authority is stringent with its requirements. | They would like to grow their portfolio. |
| Work | General workplace | Workplace Adverbs 1 | We're considering how we can work more efficiently. | The engineer meticulously inspected the design. | Logically speaking, how can you fix this issue? | She consistently achieved her sales quota. | Can you accurately forecast market trends? | We expect our business to grow substantially. |
| Work | General workplace | Workplace Adjectives 1 | She's responsible for creating all designs. | It isn't necessary to interview the candidates again. | Their team was absolutely unstoppable. | We apologize for the poor service you received. | We appreciate your providing daily reports. | Well, I think her offer is acceptable. |
| Work | General workplace | Workplace Adjectives 2 | We'll have an internal meeting on Friday. | She had several general questions about our services. | We're careful with your personal information at all times. | We're developing our business on an industrial scale. | Our customers are always very demanding. | It's important to respond to all inquiries. |
| Work | General workplace | Seeking Information | Which browser are you trying to use? | Have you tried doing a Boolean search? | Would you please email me the document? | Are you sure the programs are compatible? | Who is your internet provider? | Which device are you using to access the program? |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Perks | There's free yoga for employees on Wednesdays. | Everyone in the office gets a standing desk. | We get fresh fruit delivered once a week. | Our benefits include a free bus pass. | Our insurance covers dental and vision. | Our company contributes to our 401(k). |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Interview 1 | What prompted you to contact our company? | Could you describe your greatest strengths? | Please tell us about a recent challenge and how you dealt with it. | What experience do you have in this industry? | What new skills have you acquired over the past year? | What makes you the right person for this position? |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Interview 2 | What skills do you hope to develop? | What motivates you to perform your best? | How would you describe your ideal work environment? | Describe a significant accomplishment in your career. | How have you cultivated a positive environment at work? | How can you leverage your experience in this role? |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Interview 3 | How do you think you can best contribute to our company? | What are your plans to improve yourself this year? | What did you learn from your failures in your previous job? | How do you cope when you work under stress? | How do you anticipate the market developing in the long term? | Who do you identify as the disruptors in this industry? |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Job Status | The salary is average for the industry. | The position was only posted internally. | This company provides great opportunities for advancement. | What skills do I need to get a promotion? | Did you relocate to join this team? | How do you rate the company's diversity? |
| Work | Jobs and interviewing | Roles | Do you know which developer is working on that? | Our project manager is developing a schedule. | Check with HR to get information about the policy. | The VP is responsible for a multinational team. | We are recruiting for more designers on our team. | Can we see the new prototypes for the UX? |



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| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 1 | He said he didn't hear back from the customer. | I told them I could meet on Wednesday. | She asked us if she could attend the meeting. | They told me that they needed more time. | He mentioned that he couldn't attend the seminar. | Our customer said they were ready to move forward. |
| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 2 | She told me the presentation was a success! | He said the client was unimpressed and rejected our offer. | Our customer asked if we could reschedule the training. | My manager told me to revise my proposal. | My colleagues asked me to review their documents. | They requested that we reword the contract. |
| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 3 | My colleague said she closed the deal last Friday. | She said we should review the customer's requests. | They asked me to consider their business proposal. | I told her that her presentation was informative. | Our partner mentioned that they would need a week to decide. | He asked me if I could provide an estimate. |
| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 4 | She reported the sales training was invaluable. | He mentioned that he'd be away next week. | Our manager said he'd assign me a new region. | The sales director explained the outlook for next quarter. | The CEO told us she would invest in the new initiative. | She asked me to explain the key differentiators. |
| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 5 | They said the product didn't function as they expected. | He told me he would call by tomorrow. | She said the workshop had been moved to another venue. | They said they wanted to hire three employees. | I told the salesperson we didn't need more licenses. | Her coworker mentioned that they had an opening in sales. |
| Work | Reporting what others said | Reported Speech 6 | He said they would have to increase their prices. | Our manager told us to generate more demand. | The CFO said we had to cut spending in the next quarter. | My colleague asked if I could attend the interview. | The CIO told me that they wanted to use a scratch system. | I asked my assistant to book a hotel room in Singapore. |
| Industry | Beginner customer service | Avoiding Silence | Please allow me one moment. | I'll review your account. | May I place you on a brief hold? | This will take just a moment. | Thank you for your patience. | I'm still working on it. |
| Industry | Beginner customer service | Understanding | I know this can be confusing. | I apologize for the confusion. | Please allow me to explain. | I understand why you'd be disappointed. | I understand why you'd be frustrated. | Let's look at what happened. |
| Industry | Beginner customer service | Caring Phrases | My condolences for your loss. | I hope you have a speedy recovery. | You have every right to feel frustrated. | I'd feel the same way. | Thank you for sharing that. | I understand how you feel. |
| Industry | Beginner customer service | Flexibility | Here's what I can do. | Here's a way to approach this. | Would you be willing to try something? | We have a few different options here. | How can I correct this for you? | I see what happened. |
| Industry | Customer service | Gathering information | How can I help you today? | Sorry, but I can't hear you very well. | I'm happy to answer your questions. | Could I ask who's calling please? | Let me see if I understand the situation correctly. | Your loyalty is important to us. |
| Industry | Customer service | Caring | I'm sorry you had to make this call today. | I am sorry for any frustration you experience. | I completely understand how you feel. | I can't imagine how difficult that must be. | Peace of mind is important to have. | This will give you greater peace of mind. |
| Industry | Customer service | Appreciation | I appreciate you taking time out of your day. | I'm really glad that you called us today. | We appreciate having you as a customer. | It's my pleasure to talk with you today. | It's been my pleasure to help you today. | I appreciate that you called us today. |
| Industry | Customer service | Next steps | Let me take care of that for you. | I'd be happy to solve that for you. | I'll check and get back to you later. | I'm afraid I don't have that information. | Is there anything else I can help you with? | Would you like to speak to the manager? |
| Industry | Customer service | Payments | I can process your payment free of charge. | I'm happy to waive the expedited payment fee. | May I assist you with processing your payment? | The statement was delivered on the seventeenth. | The health of your account is important to you. | Your account is not eligible for a late fee credit. |
| Industry | Customer service | Positive Impression | Thank you for your six years of loyalty. | What else can I assist you with today? | Thank you for being such a loyal customer. | I'd be happy to take care of your request. | I'd be more than happy to help you. | Do you have all the information you need? |
| Industry | Customer service | Customer loyalty | We don't want to lose you as a customer. | How can we win back your trust? | I'm disappointed you want to close the account. | If you agree to keep your account open, I can help you. | This feedback is very important to us. | We appreciate your loyalty as a customer. |



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| Industry | Customer service | Unhappy Customers | You are understandably concerned about the health of your account. | That must be terribly frustrating. | I'm sorry you have to go through this. | I can issue you a partial late fee credit. | Let me put you in touch with my manager. | I will take care of this problem right away. |
| Industry | Customer service | Contact us | We appreciate customer reviews on social media. | Our representatives are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. | If you have a question, call this number or email us. | Fill out the form and send it directly to our manager. | We've received several letters of complaint. | Lots of people are posting positive reviews. |
| Industry | Medical | Pharma | Children receive most vaccines when they're young. | I purchased some over-the-counter allergy medicine. | Prescriptions can usually be filled quickly. | Some medications have adverse side effects. | Your dosage depends on a number of factors. | Generic alternatives may be cheaper than brand name drugs. |
| Industry | Medical | Pharmaceutical vocabulary | GCP is a standard for clinical trials. | Pharmaceutical companies discover new therapies. | Age is a risk factor in most neurodegenerative diseases. | CRISPR is a molecular toolkit. | Orphan drugs are for rare diseases. | Reporting of adverse events is mandatory. |
| Industry | Medical | Medical Professionals 1 | I had an appointment with the orthodontist last week. | I had an eye examination with the ophthalmologist this morning. | My sister wants to become a pediatrician. | The oncologist will prescribe the best treatment. | The dermatologist gave me some medicine for this rash. | The radiologist took an x-ray of my lungs. |
| Industry | Medical | Medical Professionals 2 | He recommended that his friend see a psychiatrist. | The anesthesiologist will prep you before your surgery. | The cardiologist recommended exercising daily. | She's been working as a physician for three years. | I canceled my appointment with the dentist. | We've received the diagnosis from the neurologist. |
| Industry | Medical | Medical Professionals 3 | My mother volunteered to work at a hospice center. | I need to see an immunologist about my allergy. | She's the most renowned plastic surgeon in Asia. | The obstetrician specializes in difficult pregnancies. | The famous geneticist gave a speech at the conference. | She's working as a pathologist at the university hospital. |
| Industry | Technology | Discussing a Project | Please schedule the meeting for tomorrow. | We are delighted that the project is done. | The developer needs payment for their work. | Would you recommend that we upload the new software? | Send an invoice to our department by Monday. | I have confidence that we'll achieve our goal. |
| Industry | Technology | High Tech Project | The developers are working on the next release. | The specifications must be accurate and complete. | Will this version be compatible with the previous one? | Let's review the information with the customer. | The engineers will install the new software. | Please verify that the defects have been resolved. |
| Industry | Technology | Operational Talk | Did you try clearing your cache? | Let's conduct user testing on each iteration. | That version of Java isn't supported. | There were a ton of bugs in the beta release. | Double click to run the batch file. | You have to update the widget to uninstall it. |
| Industry | Technology | Evolving Workplace | The field of robotics is changing how we work. | I can't get used to this new interface. | With VDI I can work from anywhere I want. | What is your opinion about the internet of things? | Our digital workplace makes us more action oriented. | Let's look at it on our interactive display. |
| Industry | Technology | Communicating Challenges | This solution doesn't seem to be scalable. | We need to troubleshoot a recurring error in our platform. | The application won't open in that browser. | The developer must have misinterpreted our update requests. | The UI in this section isn't intuitive. | I'm unable to download that spreadsheet. |
| Industry | Technology | Tech Jargon | We did a deep dive on that item. | He gave me a brain dump on the project. | Let's get rid of the eye candy. | Users are likely to opt out of that. | Make sure you delete your cookies. | I just don't have the bandwidth for this. |
| Industry | Technology | Manufacturing | We manufacture goods for homes and businesses. | The circuit board needs improvement. | They use laser engineering to build products. | Where do the raw materials come from? | We'll have to import the parts and assemble them. | The delicate work is done manually. |
| Industry | Finance | Finances | Revenues are skyrocketing this year. | I found some errors in the report. | Are you over or under your budget? | How are you managing expenses? | They haven't yet paid the invoice. | The accountant is working on the audit. |
| Industry | Finance | Paying Taxes 1 | Pay your taxes on time to avoid penalties. | I need power of attorney to call the IRS on your behalf. | I make quarterly estimated payments. | State deductions have been capped due to tax reform. | The corporate tax rate is usually a flat percentage. | My withholdings weren't high enough this year. |
| Industry | Finance | Paying Taxes 2 | You can't take a deduction for your vacation. | Sales tax for online purchases is under scrutiny. | You can deduct that from your adjusted gross income. | Don't forget to file your annual report. | What were my qualified medical expenses? | I'll send you my individual receipts and bank statements. |



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| Industry | Finance | Tax Accounting | Submit your tax returns this fiscal year. | You should conduct the transaction in U.S. dollars. | We have found some irregularities in your report. | Imported items are subject to customs duties. | Companies want to maximize their profit. | Consumption taxes will be raised to ten percent. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales | There's a one year warranty on this product. | I can send you a quote on Friday. | A free trial is available. | What problems are you trying to solve? | Would you be interested in learning more about our product? | There's a discount if you purchase this quarter. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales 2 | Her insights deliver real value. | We have a relationship sales approach at this company. | Let's practice better social listening. | How can we anticipate our customers' needs? | They are embracing our digital evolution. | Good job innovating your approach to sales! |
| Industry | Sales | Technology in Sales | Do you have access to the customer data platform? | Sales acceleration technology has had a huge impact on our business. | Our business model mainly focuses on B2B sales. | Our CRM system moved to the cloud years ago. | Wireless headsets were a breakthrough in the industry. | We need to encourage external stakeholders to be more involved. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales Management | We hope to achieve our quarterly sales quota. | Let's leverage social media to reach more customers. | His sales pipeline shows we're on track to hit our target. | Our analytics will enable us to target our sales. | We can do more to modernize our methodology. | I'm creating a deck for the product demo. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales Possibility 1 | There's a chance that this deal will be deferred. | We're likely to close this month. | We will definitely include this option in our proposal. | I'm afraid we can't reschedule the workshop. | Would it be possible to move up the closing date? | I'm certain that the executives will agree. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales Possibility 2 | It's highly unlikely that we'll finish the project by the end of the month. | I may be able to complete my report by next Monday. | We might have to move the deadline back to December. | There's a strong possibility that the project will be canceled. | It's quite possible that our budget will be cut. | I can finish my analysis before Thursday. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales Possibility 3 | My quota is higher than last year. | I won't be able to close the deal in November. | Can we revise our strategy later this week? | Our organization may change next quarter. | The customer is likely to reject this offer. | We were able to convince their CEO. |
| Industry | Sales | Sales Possibility 4 | We couldn't confirm their budget. | I doubt they'll accept our conditions. | She can provide the customer with another quote. | We must prove our value to the customer. | They might reconsider if we renegotiate the terms. | We can't adjust our forecast beyond this point. |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | School Questions 1 | What time does class begin? | Where is my classroom? | Who is my teacher? | What time does school end? | Where is the bus? | When is the field trip? |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | School Questions 2 | Can I ask a question? | What is the assignment? | What page are we on? | When is it due? | How much time do we have? | Can I ask another question? |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | School Questions 3 | How do you say this word? | How do you spell this word? | What does this word mean? | When do we need to turn it in? | Where can I find the information? | What is the difference between this and that? |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | School Statements 1 | I have a question. | I don't understand. | I'm still learning English. | I'm looking for my classroom. | I'm looking for the restroom. | I'm looking for my bus. |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | School Statements 2 | I need to sit closer to the whiteboard. | I hope you give us an example. | I don't know how to find that information. | I looked for the article on the internet. | I checked out a book from the library. | I'm starting to understand how it works. |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | Getting Online | It's time to get online for a class. | You need to update your browser. | You need to turn on your camera. | You need to unmute yourself. | Sometimes the internet goes down. | Maybe I can participate on my phone. |
| School | Beginning School Conversations | Learning Online | We'll start the new semester entirely online. | We'll be using a new learning platform. | The video tutorials are helpful and practical. | I recommend you join a study group. | The teacher offered an extra review session. | The course is challenging but also interesting. |
| School | Math and science | Areas of Science | Geology is the study of the earth. | Geography is the scientific study of places and people. | Biology is the study of living things. | Chemistry is the study of substances. | Physics is the science of movement. | Astronomy combines all of these sciences to study outer space. |



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| School | Math and science | The Scientific Method | The scientific method is a way to investigate cause and effect. | The method begins by asking a good question. | Background research helps you know what others have learned. | Careful observations are collected to generate a hypothesis. | You test the hypothesis by conducting an experiment. | If well-designed, the experiment produces reliable data. |
| School | Math and science | Beginning Science Questions | Why is the ocean salty? | What causes earthquakes? | Where do birds migrate in the winter? | How many volcanoes are on the earth? | What do cumulus clouds look like? | What's the difference between tornadoes and hurricanes? |
| School | Math and science | Beginning Science Answers | Minerals from erosion make seawater salty. | Earthquakes are caused by shifting faults. | Birds migrate toward the equator in the winter. | There are over a thousand volcanoes on Earth. | Cumulus clouds look fluffy, like cotton balls. | Unlike hurricanes, tornadoes happen on land. |
| School | Math and science | Geography | Geography is much more than understanding maps. | Physical geography includes continents and oceans. | Human geography examines how people live in societies. | Geographers create maps to gain understanding of complex problems. | Poverty and hunger are two complex topics that interest geographers. | Geographic analysis is central to understanding how disease spreads. |
| School | Math and science | Arithmetic | Subtraction is the opposite of addition. | Division is the inverse of multiplication. | Twenty plus eighteen equals thirty-eight. | Fifty minus thirty-five is fifteen. | Three and four are factors of twelve. | A fraction has a numerator and a denominator. |
| School | Math and science | Algebra | Algebra is the study of mathematical symbols. | The word "algebra" comes from Arabic and means "balancing". | The roots of algebra trace back to ancient Babylon. | The variables in an equation stand for unknown numbers. | There are associative, commutative and distributive laws. | Modern algebra includes linear and quadratic equations. |
| School | Academic discussions | Course Registration | Which course would you recommend for next semester? | If you have time, I have questions about general education requir | I'm not familiar with how to register for courses. | Does this course have prerequisites or co-requisites? | I'm having trouble resetting my password in the student portal. | Since the class is full, could you put me on the waiting list? |
| School | Academic discussions | Declare a major | I had an internship in this field, and I loved it. | I've been interested in chemistry since I was a child. | I've been struggling with what major I should choose. | I might do a double major in biology and literature. | What's the difference between sociology and social psychology? | I'm considering a minor in economics. |
| School | Academic discussions | Library | How many books can I check out at one time? | I need to write a literature review for my history course. | My professor placed some books on reserve. | Can I access the online database from my laptop? | Can you help me do an electronic search for relevant journals? | How can I book a group study space in the library? |
| School | Academic discussions | Office Hours | I was wondering if you had a few minutes to discuss something. | I revised my term paper based on your feedback. | Are you still looking for volunteers for your research project? | I'm having a hard time finding articles for my bibliography. | I've no idea what to include in the literature review. | I'll get you a draft of the paper by next Monday. |
| School | Academic discussions | Academic advising | Do grades at other institutions count toward my GPA? | Are there opportunities for study abroad associated with this major? | What are the requirements to qualify for the Dean's list? | What's the maximum course load for undergraduates each term? | How many credit hours do I need to enroll in to maintain F1 status? | What credits can I receive based on my AP scores? |
| School | Academic discussions | Classmate information | Can we audit that class if it's full? | I've heard this professor is a hard grader. | Have you decided where you'd like to go to college? | Would it be possible if I borrowed your notes? | What did you think of Monday's math exam? | Have you chosen a topic for the final project? |
| School | Talking in class | Class Discussion | This reminds me of a situation I had in China. | I have a question about the gender gap I'd like to discuss. | I've noticed the same phenomenon in different countries. | It all boils down to the stereotypes in our society. | Can you clarify what you meant about traditional beliefs? | The glass ceiling still exists in most careers. |
| School | Talking in class | Expressing opinions | I would say studying in a group can be more productive. | I agree that collaborating can be highly effective. | I see your point, but I personally prefer to work alone. | From my experience, group study sessions are like social events. | I guess it just depends on an individual's learning style | I might be wrong, but studying alone is more efficient. |
| School | Talking in class | Providing evidence | The evidence we're looking for is in the video. | Recordings demonstrate that spoken English comes in many varieties. | Language use can vary depending on the context. | For example, speaking with friends is more casual. | The speaker describes differences in word choice. | The data cited also proves the point we are making. |
| School | Talking in class | Group discussions | According to the book, that theory was disproven. | I actually had trouble understanding this week's homework. | It really helps that this test is open book. | I can't go tonight, but I can make it tomorrow. | I remember better when I take handwritten notes. | The final exam is a large percentage of our grade. |
| School | Talking in class | Presentations 1 | I'm here to present my research on online education. | This talk is divided into three main parts. | Firstly, I'll be looking at the background. | We'll compare their teaching styles and approaches. | I'll assess the pros and cons of the project proposal. | I'll be happy to answer any questions. |



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| School | Talking in class | Presentations 2 | This slide clearly illustrates our findings. | The graph reveals an interesting trend. | On the right, you can see the limitations. | Let's move on to the data collection and analysis. | To date, we've reviewed fifteen relevant studies. | Let me conclude with a glimpse of what the future holds. |
| School | Socializing at school | Small talk with friends | Could you pick up my package from the post office? | Would you like to join my family for Thanksgiving dinner? | Are you going shopping on Black Friday, or staying home? | Are you planning to participate in Secret Santa? | Can you bring a salad or a dessert to the potluck? | Do you live on campus, or in an apartment? |
| School | Socializing at school | Small talk with classmates | How long does it take you to get to school? | Do you play any sports competitively? | What instrument do you play in the school band? | Are you planning on joining any clubs this semester? | You should think about auditioning for a part in the play. | Do you know if this dorm has a curfew? |
| School | Socializing at school | School Clubs | Do you belong to any clubs that meet after school? | Would you like to participate in the student bake sale? | We need to recruit nine volunteers to help with the event. | We're hosting a fundraiser to raise money for a school trip. | Our club is recruiting new members at the activities fair. | How can we attract new students to join the book club? |
| School | Socializing at school | The school dance | Are you thinking about asking anyone to the dance? | Do you think her dress is flattering? | Would you like to go dress shopping next week? | Let's go out to dinner together before the party. | Which part of the night did you enjoy the most? | Tell me about your favorite memory with your friends from school. |