

Advanced 1-1

M:Do you have a date for the party yet?

W:Actually,I don't. Do you think you could help

me find one?

M:Hmm, what kind of guys do you like?

W:Oh,I like guys who aren't too serious and who

have a good sense of humor,you know,like you!

M:Ok,what else?

W:Well,I'd prefer someone that have something

in common with who I can talk to easily.

M:I think I know just the guy for you,Bob

Branson,do you know him?

W:No,I don't think so.

M:Let me arrange for you to meet him,and you

can tell me what you think.

Advanced 1-2

M:So,what's the verdict?What do you think of

Bob?

W: Well, I was worried at first, especially when I

saw that he wears not one, but two earrings. I

thought he might turn out to be one of those

guys who are into heavy rock music and stuff

like that. You know what I mean?

M: But, he's just regular kind of guy, right?

W: Yeah, we get along really well.

M: I just know you like him.

W: Yeah, I do. He's really funny. He had me

laughing hysterically during dinner. I think the

people sitting next to us in the restaurant

thought we were crazy.

M:So,are you two going to get together again?

W:Definitely,in fact,we're going to a concert

tomorrow night.

M:That's great.

Advanced 2-1

M:So,have you seen Andrea lately?

W:Yeah,I see her pretty often.We work together at a coffee latte.

M:How's she doing?I've been meaning to call her.

W:Well,to be honest,I've always thought she was a little difficult.But these days,I
find her impossible.

M:What do you mean?

W: Oh, you know how she is. She has such strong idea about everything. And if you don't agree with her, she lets you know what she thinks of you.

M: Yes, that's true. But, that's why we love her, right?

W: Yeah, I guess so. But she's changed a lot since she started college. She talked about herself all the time. And she always manages to mention how good she is at everything she does.

M: Hmm, maybe I won't call her after all.

Advanced 2-2

W: Are you going to James's party on Saturday?

M: Of course, James always gives the best parties. And there are always lots of interesting new people to meet.

W: That's true. I don't know where he manages to find them all.

M: Well, you know what he's like. He makes friends really easily. He really likes talking to people. And he loves inviting people over.

W:Uh-huh,he invited me for dinner last Saturday,what a feast !

M:Yeah,he's a great cook,too.

W:After dinner,I offered to help clean up and he told me not to worry about it.He said he'd take care of it in the morning.He was like,"it's nothing,no big deal."

M:Yup,that's sound like James.

Advanced 2-3

W1:Have you met the new apartment

manager?

W2:Mr Johnson?Hmm,yeah,I met him last

week.He's a little strange.

W1:Yeah,he is.I'm not sure I like him.He's hard

to predict.Sometimes he is pretty cheerful and

talktive and the next day he doesn't even say

hello.I think he must have personal problems or

something.

W2:I think you're right.And have you noticed

that half the time when he said he was gonna

do something,he never actually does it.He told

me three times that he'd come to fix the light in

my kitchen,and he still hasn't done it.

Advanced 3-1

M1:Hello!

M2:Hi,my name is Jim Hunt.I'm calling about the ad for a roommate.

M1:All right.

M2:Are you still looking for someone?

M1:Yes,we're.

M2:Oh,good,I'm really interesred.

M1:Well,there are four of us.And it's a fairly small house.So we want someone who is easy to get along with.

M2:I'm pretty easygoing.

M1_Great ! So,can I ask you a few fairly straitforward questions about yourself?

M2:No problem ! I like it when people are direct.

Advanced 3-2

M1:What do you do,Jim?

M2:Oh,well,I had a lot of diffierent jobs.But I'm not working right now.

M1:Oh?

M2:Yeah,I got fired from my last job about six monthes ago.So I've been looking for something else.I haven't been very lucky so far.

M1:Uh-huh.Well,the rent here is \$1200 a month.That's \$300 a month for each person.

M2: ,oh.

M1:Will you have enough money to pay the rent every month?

M2:Yeah,I probably will.If I can find a job.

M1:Yeah, look,where are you living now?

M2:Well,I've been staying with a friend.for the past couple of weeks.

M1:Uh-huh.

M2:Yeah,but he's asked me to leave by Friday.So I really need to find a place to live.I've had moved 4 times in the past year and well...

M1:Listen,Jim,I appreciate your telling me about yourself.I like it when people are honest with me.Anyway,I have to talk to my other roommates about this.And I'll give you a call tomorrow to let you know what we decide.Why don't you give me your

number?

M2: Sure, it's 2235...

Advanced 4-1

W: Good news! I find a summer job!

M: That's great! Anything interesting?

W: Yes, working at an amusement park. Doesn't

that sound fantastic?

M: Sure, it does.

W: So, have you found anything?

M: Nothing yet, but I've got a couple of leads. One

is working as an intern for a record company-

mostly answering phones. Or I can get a

landscaping job again.

W:Being an intern sounds more interesting than

landscaping.And it's probably not as hard.

M:Yeah,but a landscaper earns more money

than an intern.And you get a great tan!

Advanced 4-2

M:So,what will you be doing at the amusement park,exactly?

W:Actually,I'll have two jobs.First,I'll be working at a place called Children's World.They have all kinds of interesting games and educational activities for young kids. I have to go to a training program before I start to find out how everything works.

M:Three days?Wow,the equipment must be pretty high-tech.

W:Oh,it is-a lot of computers and interesting devices.It's just the kind of stuff that kids love.

M: Well, it sounds like the perfect job for you. I know how much you love kids. So what's the other job?

W: Well, I'll also be one of the people who works around the park greeting people.

M: Do you mean you'll have to dress up in a costume?

W: Yes, as a cartoon character! I know, I know, it sounds silly. And it's certainly not as rewarding as working in Children's World, but it's part of the job.

Advanced. 5-1

W: So where are you working in this summer, Carlos?

M: I'm working as a tutor in a learning center for kids.

W: Interesting! What kind of ...

M: I work on subjects they need helping, uh, mainly math and English.

W: Is your job hard?

M: Not at all. The kids work on computer most of time. We have to help get started and when they are into problems.

W: Do you enjoy it?

M: Oh, yes, working with kids is so much more fun than working with adults. And I can choose my own hours. As long as work 8 hours a day. I can call me at any time from 8 a.m. to 9p.m.

Advanced 5-2

W: Paul, did you find a summer job yet?

M: Yeah, I 'm working in a restraut.

W: Oh, how 's it going?

M: Oh, the money is not bad.

W: What are you doing? Are you waiting tables?

M: I wish. No, I'm working in a kitchen. I cut up the stuff for the chef, vegetables, meat and things. I 'll also wash the dishes.

W: Yuck!

M: Yeah, that 's. pretty hard work. I didn't realize how hot it is in a restraut kitchen
until I took this job.

W: So why don't you quit?

M: I 'd love to. But I need money.

Advanced 5-3

M: So what kind of job did you find for the summer?

W: I'm working for a marketing company. I'm going to marketing.

M: So you 're one of those people who drives me crazy by calling me up and trying
to persuade me to buy something that I have absolutely no need for.

W: Exactly!

M: Do you like it?

W: Believe it or not I do. It's also a bunch of students working there, and we have a
lot of fun when we not making calls. It's really easy too since we just have to read
them from script.

M: Are you doing this full time?

W: Yes, but I work from 2 in the afternoon to 9 at night .So I get to sleep as late as I want to in the morning.

Advanced 6-1

M: Hello!

W: Hi, Robert. This is Tina.

M: Hi, Tina, what's up?

W: Well, actually, I was wondering if you 'd mind lending me your camera for a few days. I want to take some photos of my new apartment to send to my folks.

M: Sure, you can borrow it.

W: Oh, thanks a million !

Advanced 6-2

M: Hi, Sandy.This is Mike.

W: Oh, hi, how are things with you?

M: Pretty good. Listen, I was wondering if I could use your video games system over the weekend.

W: You mean my Sony Play Station?

M: Yeah, my sister asked me to take care of my niece and nephew over the weekend. They are six and eight. And I thought it would be a great way to keep them busy.

W: That's a great idea! But kids that age love video games. I have bad news, my machines isn't working. I 've been meaning to take it into get fixed. But I haven't gonna gotten around to it.

M: Oh, too bad.

W: But do you know, you can always rent one. Most video stores have machines to rent. You just have to leave the deposit.

M: Oh, perfect ,I 'll do that, thanks, Sandy.

W: No problem.

Advanced 6-3

M1: Hi.,Grey, It's Phil.

M2: Hi, what's up?

M1: Not much. But I was wondering if I can ask you for a favor?

M2: Hmm, maybe, trying me.

M1: Well, I have to go out of towns for a few days next week. Could I leave Pully with you while I'm gone ?

M2: Pully? Who 's Pully?

M1: You know, Pully is my bird.

M2: Oh, yeah, I forget, your bird. I don't know, Phil,I really don't like birds very much.

They 're messy and they make a lot of noise and ...

M1: No, not Pully. She is really clean and very quite. She won't bother you, I promise.

M2: Oh, right, I 'll do it.

M1: Thanks, I'm really appreciate it. I 'll bring her over on Tuesday night.

M2: Ok, but you own me one.

Advanced 7-1

W:Hello!

M:Hello,may I speak to Sophia please?

W:I' m sorry. She is not in right now. Would you like to leave a message?

M:Yes,please. This is Jeff. Could you tell her that T ony is having a party on Saturday?

W:Un-huh.

M:And would you ask her if she likes to go to with me?

W:All right, Peter ,I ' ll give her the message.

M:No, this is Jeff, not Peter.

W:Oh,I ' m sorry.

M:By the way, who ' s Peter?

Advanced 7-2

W1:Hi, I ' m home.

W2:Oh, hi.

W1:Did anyone call?

W2:Un-huh. You old friend Peter called a few hours ago. He is going to be in town on Saturday, and wants to get together with you Saturday night. He said to call him.

W1: Oh, super! I haven't seen Peter in almost a year. Any other calls?

W2: Uh, yeah, Jeff called. He wants to know if you want to go to Tony's party with him.

W1: Oh, when is Tony's party?

W2: On Saturday.

W1: Oh, perfect. That's the same night I'm going to get together with Peter. So I have an excuse not to go. Even if I weren't going out with Peter, I wouldn't go anywhere with Jeff. Oh, he's such a pain!

W2: Oh, he didn't sound so bad. He sounded kind of sweet.

W1: Yeah, yeah, I guess he is. It's just that I don't want to go out with him. And he just doesn't seem to get the message. Do me a favor, Amy, if he calls again, could you just tell him I'm not home?

W2: Hmm. Ok.

Advanced 8-1

M: What an awful story! A couple was sailing their yacht from Hawaii to Mexico.

While they were crossing the Pacific, their boat hit a whale and sank!

W: Is that true? What happened to the whale?

M: It doesn't say! Oh and here's another one. A guy in Los Angeles was robbing a bank. But as he was escaping, he got caught in the revolving door.

W: I guess it was his first bank robbery.

M: Yeah. Oh! And listen to this. Some guy got locked out of his house, so he tried to

get in through the chimney.

W:Don't tell me he got stuck in the chimney!

M:Exactly. And he was still trying to get out two days later when the police rescued him.

Advanced 8-2

W:A man who considered himself a snake charmer was strangled to death on Sunday by a three-and-a-half-meter boa constrictor in a town in Thailand. It seems that the man rushed to see the giant snake after friends told him the serpent was seen beside one of the town's main roads. The snake charmer put it around his neck, while he and his friends were walking home, the snake strangled him to death.

Advanced 8-3

M:Two teenage girls who disappeared from a ship were found alive and well. The girls turned up on Friday, near a small town on the northeast of Australia. The girls said they were visiting a friend on the ship and fell asleep in their friend's cabin. When they woke up, the ship was heading for Singapore, so they decided to jump off the ship and swim to shore. They found themselves on a deserted part of the Australian coast, and had to walk over 100 miles to the nearest town.

Advanced 8-4

W:Early Tuesday morning in California, two police officers were pursuing a car thief down Hollywood Boulevard in a high-speed chase were rescued by the thief. During the chase, the officers' car overturned and fell into a shallow river. The officers couldn't get out of the car, which was rapidly filling up with water. The thief went back to the scene of the accident and helped rescue the officers. The Hollywood Police Department has decided to drop charges against the thief for saving the officers' lives.

Advanced 9-1

M:Someone had stolen my wallet last night.

W:Oh no! What happened?

M:Well, I was working out, and I had put my stuff in my locker, just like I always do.

When I came back, someone had stolen my wallet. I guess I'd forgotten to lock the locker.

W:I'm sorry. That's terrible! Did you lose much money?

M:Only about \$20. But I lost my credit card and my driver's license. What a pain!

Advanced 9-2

W:Hmm. That reminds me of when I had my purse stolen last year.

M:Really? What happened?

W:Well, it was when I was in Belgium. I was on my way to the airport, so I was

standing on the side of the road with my bags, trying to figure out the bus schedule.

Anyway, this a bunch of guys came by and asked if they could help me. They spoke

very broken English, and I couldn't really understand what they were saying. I

really just want them to leave me alone. Finally, they left and when I look down, I

realize my purse had disappeared. It had my wallet in it with all my traveler's

checks and my money and my credit card. Well, luckily, I put my airline ticket and

my passport in one of my carry-on bags.

M:How awful! So what did you do?

W:Well, first I screamed at the top of my lungs and tried to run after the guys, but

they were long gone. Then, this sounds really corny, I did just what I had seen

people do on TV. I called my credit card company.

M:Were they helpful?

W:They were lifesavers! In no time at all, they gave me new traveler's checks

and new credit card, and sent me on my way.

Advanced 11-1

M:It really upsets me when taxi drivers drive so fast. I'm always terrified of having an accident.

W:That doesn't really bother me. I like to get where I'm going quickly. But I

can't stand it when they have their radio turned up all the way full blast. You

can't even here yourself think!

Advanced 11-2

W:I hate it when people take their dogs into a park. And let them make messes all over the place. It 's so irresponsible.

M:You know what bothers me? I hate it when they go out and leave their dog at home, barking all day.

Advanced 11-3

M:I can 't stand when they show the same commercials twice in a row. Why do they do that? It drives me crazy.

W:The thing bothers me the most is when they interrupt a ball game at the most exciting moment to show some stupid commercials.

Advanced 11-4

W:It really upsets me when store clerk pretend they haven 't noticed you. And just stand around, chatting to each other. It 's so rude.

M:Yeah,or on the other hand. They give you the hard sell and try to get you to buy something you don 't really want.

Advanced 12-1

M:When I lived in Spain, I was surprised how late people eat in the evening. When you are invited to dinner, you are asked to come around 9 o 'clock and you usually

don't start dinner until ten. And people stay terribly late, sometimes until 2 in the morning or even later. I found it difficult. How does one get up and go to work or school the next day after eating and drinking until 3 in the morning?

Advanced 12-2

W:I lived in the middle East for a while. And when I went out, I had to obey the local custom of wearing something over my head. And wearing a dress that covered my whole body. At first, I find it really nuisance, but after a while, I got used to it, and even started to like it. You feel really secure and also you don't have to worry about what to wear all the time.

Advanced 13-1

M:Can I help you?

W:Yes, I'd like to return this jacket.

M:Is there something the matter with it?

W:Yes, I didn't noticed when I bought it but there are a few problems. First, it has a tear in the lining.

M:Hmm, actually, it's torn in several places.

W:And some of the buttons are very loose, this one came off, in fact and there's a stain on the collar.

M:I'm really sorry about this. Would you like to exchange for another one?

W:Well, to be honest, I don't think this jacket is very well made, I'd rather get

refund.

M:I understand, do you have the receipt?

Advanced 13-2

M1:Can I help you?

M2:Yes, I bought this briefcase here last week, but there ' s something wrong with the lock. I can ' t get it closed properly.

M1:Let me see, yes, I see what you mean. The lock seems to be jammed or something. No problem, I' ll get you another one, sorry about that.

Advanced 14-1

W1:Hi.

W2:Yes?

W1:I wonder if you could take a look at these shoes I bought here. They are pretty new, but they seem to be falling apart.

W2:Hmm, let me see. Yes, this doesn ' t look right. The stitching is coming out. How long did you say you had them?

W1:Only about a month. Here ' s the receipt.

W2:Hmm~ Yes. Well, let me exchange these for you. I' m sorry for the inconvenience.

Advanced 14-2

M1:En-en, excuse me.

M2:Yes, how can I help you?

M1:You see the shirt? I bought here a few weeks ago, but the first time I washed it, the color changed, it went from bright red to light pink.

M2:How did you wash it?

M1:Well, I just tossed it into the washing machine with my other clothes.

M2:What temperature did you use?

M1:I usually wash my clothes in hot water, so I guess hot.

M2:Well, did you check the washing instructions?

M1:Um~maybe not.

M2:Well, you see here on this label? It says, 'Wash in cold water only'.

M1:Un-hmm.

M2:So I'm really sorry, but since you didn't follow the washing instructions, I can't really do anything for you.

Advanced 15-1

W:Hello?

M:Hello, Ms. Lock. This is Jack Burr.

W:Uh, Mr. Burr~ in Apartment 205?

M:No, in Apartment 305.

W:Oh, yes. What can I do for you? Does your refrigerator need fixing again?

M:No, it's the oven this time.

W:Oh, so what 's wrong with it?

M:Well, I think the temperature control needs to be checked. Everything I try to cook gets burned.

W:Really? Ok, I 'll have someone look at it right away.

M:Thanks a lot, Ms. Lock.

W:Uh,by the way, Mr. Burr, are you sure it 's the oven and not your cooking?

Advanced 15-2

W1:Hello?

W2:Hello. Is this the manager?

W1:Yes, this is Ms. Lock.

W2:This is Mrs. Harris in Apartment 216.

W1:Yes,how can I help you, Mrs. Harris?

W2:I' m having a problem.

W1:What sort of problem?

W2:With the electricity.

W1:What sort of problem with the electricity?

W2:Well, I don 't seem to have any.

W1:I see. Do you mean for the light or is it the appliances, too?

W2:Let me check~ No, the refrigerator is OK, so it must be just the lights.

W1:I guess something must be wrong with the fuse box. I 'll come up and have a look at it right away.

W2:Thanks so much.

Advanced 16-1

M:Excuse me. Would you like to make a contribution to Greener World?

W:Sure. What are you working on right now?

M:Well, we ' re developing educational programs for schools. We want to show children how the oceans are being polluted by industrial waste. And we want to tell them about how fish supplies have been depleted through over fishing.

W:I think what you ' re doing is terrific, I wish I could do more to help.

M:So, have you ever thought about becoming a member of Greener World?

W:No, but tell me a little more about it?

Advanced 16-2

M:We ' ve been active in this area for almost five years now. Are you aware of some of our other local projects?

W:No, I don ' t think I am.

M:Well, one of the things we ' ve been doing is planting trees. We have a group of volunteers involved in several tree-planting projects in different parts of the city.

We ' re trying to get as many trees planted as possible to help clean the air and also to help lower the temperature during the summer.

W:That sounds smart.

M:Uh-huh. We ' ve also placed over 50 recycling bins around the city, so that

people can drop off things for recycling, cans, bottles, plastic bags and newspapers.

Last year we raised over \$100,000 through recycling.

W:That ' s fantastic. I ' d love to get involved in Greener World. Where do I sign?

Advanced 17-1

W:You know, I ' ve been reading a lot about the problem of landfills., and it really

has me

worried.

M:Why?

W:Well, it seems that the easiest way of disposing of trash is by burning it in

landfills. The

problem is that in many countries the landfills have already been filled up. And it ' s

hard to

find place to start new ones. No one wants a huge landfill anywhere here their

neighborhood.

M:So what ' s the solution?

W: Well, there is no easy solution. But many cities are trying to do more recycling so that they

can reduce the amount of stuff that goes into the landfills.

Advanced 17-2

W: I can't believe it's become dangerous to get a suntan. What is this world coming to?

M: Well, the sun has never been good for you, but it's really dangerous now. You see, the

ozonosphere, which helps protect us from the sun's ultraviolet rays, has been damaged by

pollution in the air. When the ozone layer gets too thin, it can cause an increase in skin

cancer and other problems.

W: But is there anything we can do to solve the problem?

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