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Practising Everyday dialogues in English

The main reason behind learning any language is to be able to communicate or to express oneself. The reason behind learning English is also no exception. What is the need for learning English if you don't need it to communicate with others? And if you think in a different way, then, what is the result of learning this language if you fail to express it through it?

There are many people who have a good hold on grammar but when it comes to daily English conversation dialogues, they start fumbling. But this situation can easily be avoided by learning some basic daily life English dialogues and practising them.

TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR SPOKEN ENGLISH

Tip 1: Learn phrases, not just individual words

Tip 2: Listen to more English

Tip 3: Practice speaking by yourself (both reading aloud and speaking spontaneously)

Tip 4: Practice thinking in English

Tip 5: Get an online conversation partner

Tip 6: Remember that communication is more important than grammar.

SAMPLE DIALOGUES FOR EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Formal Greeting

Jane: Good morning, Doctor Rudra, how are you doing?

Doctor Rudra: Good morning, Jane. I am doing well. And you?

Jane: I'm great, thank you. This is my friend Leila. She is thinking about joining the hospital but she has a few questions about the administration there. Would you mind telling her about the administration, please?

Doctor Rudra: Hello, Leila! It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm more than happy to speak with you. Please stop by my chamber tomorrow.

Leila: It's a pleasure to meet you, Doctor. Thank you so much for helping us.

Doctor Rudra: Don't mention it. Hopefully, I will be able to help you out in this matter.

Informal Greeting

Rann: “Hey Harry, how have you been? Long time no see!”

Harry: “Hey! What a surprise! Yes, you are right, we haven’t seen each other in a long time. How have you been?”

Rann: “There is an important campaign next week which is keeping me busy otherwise rest is going good in my life. How about you?”

Harry: “Oh! I just finished a meeting with a very important client of mine and now I finally have some free time. I feel relieved that I’m done with it.”

Rann: “Good for you then. Hey! Let’s make a plan and catch up with each other after next week. What do you say?”

Harry: “Sure, why not? Give me a call when you are done with your project.”

Rann: Sure, then. Bye, take care.

Harry: Bye buddy.

Introduction

Formal Introduction

Aylin: Good morning Mr David, I’d like you to meet Dr Sen.

Mr David: Good morning. It’s nice to meet you, Dr Sen

Dr Sen: Pleasure to meet you, too.

Aylin: Dr Sen is from the UK. She just finished writing a book on cancer prevention.

Mr David: I also belong to that field. I work for the United Nations.

Dr Sen: If I am not wrong, are you from the development program team?

Mr David: Yes you are right but how did you know?

Dr Sen: I’ve read some of your previous articles. They’re very good.

Informal Introduction

Sourav: Who’s that woman in a red dress next to Reema?

Raunak: That’s her friend Surabhi. Didn’t you meet her at the picnic last month?

Sourav: No, I couldn’t make it to the picnic, my mother was not well at that time.

Raunak: Oh! Yes, I forgot that. Then let me introduce you to her now. Surabhi, this is my friend Sourav.

Surabhi: Hi, Sourav. Nice to meet you, hope you are doing fine.

Sourav: Yes, hope you are well too. Would you like to have some coffee?

Surabhi: Sure, let's go get and have two cups of espresso.

Telephonic Dialogues for Everyday Conversations in English

Rancho: Hi, Aditi, it's Rancho. How are you? What are your plans for today?

Aditi: Oh, hi, Rancho! I was just thinking about giving you a call. Well, I am free today, what about you?

Rancho: That's nice. I was wondering if you'd like to go to a dinner party tonight

Aditi: Sure, I'd love to! Where is the party?

Rancho: It's in the Park Hotel?

Aditi: Sounds great!

Rancho: Ok I'll pick you up around 8:30. We will probably reach the hall by 9 p.m.

Aditi: Great! See you then. Bye!

Daily Routine Dialogue for Meal Ordering

Waiter: Hello, good evening. Can I start you off with some refreshing drink?

Rana: Yes. I'll have iced tea, please.

Amal: And I'll have a chocolate cold coffee.

Waiter: Ok. Should I take your order now, or do you need a few minutes more?

Rana: No no we are ready, you can take the order. I'll have the corn mushroom soup to start, and the grilled chicken with mashed potatoes and peas. And, please also bring a bowl of garlic rice.

Waiter: Sure sir. How do you want the chicken— low spicy, medium, or high on spice?

Rana: Medium spice, please.

Amal: And I'll just have the beef, with bread and a salad.

Dialogues for Asking Directions

Magnolia: Excuse me. Could you tell me where the shopping mall is?

Neha: Yes, it's that way. You go two blocks to Beckham Street, then turn left. It's on the second building, across from the library.

Magnolia: Thank you so much! I've only been in town two days ago, so I really don't know my way around yet.

Neha: Oh, I totally understand how you feel. I also moved here a year ago for my job, and still, I don't know where everything is!

Asking for Help

Param: Hey! That truck just ran a red light and hit that bus!

Giri : Oh ho! That's bad. Is anyone hurt?

Param: Nobody knows that yet ... I should call 911. ... Hello? I'd like to report an accident near the library on Henry Lane. It looks like a man who was probably the truck driver is hurt. Yes, it just happened 2 minutes back. Thank you. Bye.

Giri: Good that you called. What did they say?

Param: I told them about the location. They assured that an ambulance will come here very soon.

Giri: Good, they're here. I hope the driver is ok.

Param: I know. Hope everyone is fine. We should wait until the ambulance arrives.

Giri: Absolutely

Common mistakes in English and How to avoid them.

Mistakes are often made by **using the wrong preposition after certain words**. The following list includes the words which most often give trouble:

1. Exchange for, not by.

Don't say: He exchanged his collection of matchboxes by some foreign stamps.

Say: He exchanged his collection of matchboxes for some foreign stamps.

Note: in exchange for: He gave them his old car in exchange for a new one

2. Fail in, not from.

Don't say: Steven failed from Maths last year.

Say: Steven failed in Maths last year.

3. Full of, not with or from.

Don't say: The jar was full with (or from) oil. / **Say:** The jar was full of oil.

Note: fill takes with Jane filled the glass with water.

4. Get rid of, not from

Don't say: I'll be glad to get rid from him.

Say: I'll be glad to get rid of him.

5. Glad about, not from or with.

Don't say: Francis was glad from (or with) receiving your letter.

Say: Francis was glad about receiving your letter.

6. Good at, not in.

Don't say: My sister's good in Math

Say: My sister's good at Math.

Note 1: Bad at, clever at, quick at, slow at, etc however, weak in: He's weak in grammar.

Note 2: He's good in class mean? that his conduct is good.

7. Guard against, not from.

Don't say: You must guard from bad habits.

Say: You must guard against bad habits.

8. Guilty of, not for.

Don't say: He was found guilty for murder.

Say: He was found guilty of murder

9. Independent of, not from.

Don't say: Clare's independent from her parents,

Say: Clare's independent of her parents.

Note: We say dependent on: A child is dependent on its parents.

10. Indifferent to, not for.

Don't say: They're indifferent for politics.

Say: They're indifferent to politics