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1. Where Are You From?

Dialogue

Where are you from?

I'm from New York City. Where are you from?

I'm one of your neighbors. I'm from Canada.

Where are you from in Canada?

I'm from Toronto. Have you heard of it?

Yes, I've even been there before. The city is great.

Are you originally from New York City?

Yes, born and bred in New York City.

I've always wanted to visit New York City. I will have to make a trip soon.

You should! I can show you around.

That sounds awesome. As soon as I have time for a visit, I will give you a call.



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2. Babies

Dialogue

Have you heard? Sarah is pregnant again!

I had no idea. That's great! How far along is she?

She's in the second trimester, I think. I haven't seen her in the last couple of weeks.

Do they already know if it's going to be a boy or a girl?

They want to keep it a surprise.

That's exciting. They already have a little girl, right?

Yes, she just turned two in March. I bet she will be really excited to get a sibling soon.

I remember when my kids were that young. They kept us up all night.

Mine too and Sarah won't be getting more sleep any time soon either.

We should offer to babysit her daughter for a night. That way she can take some time off.

Good idea. She can come over to my place for a sleepover.

I'll call Sarah tomorrow and offer some help.



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Asking About Babies

When is your baby due?

Have you decided on a name yet?

Do you know if it'll be a boy or girl?

Have you had a baby shower?

How old is your baby?

Has she been keeping you up all night?

Do you have a babysitter?

Do you take your baby to daycare?

When did you find out your daughter was pregnant?

Have you started buying diapers yet?

Talking About Babies

The baby is due next month.

We're waiting to pick out a name until we know whether it's a boy or girl.

We found out we're having a baby girl!

We haven't planned a baby shower just yet.

Our baby is 5 months old.

I haven't gotten a full night's sleep in weeks!

We don't have a babysitter yet.

We're planning on signing him up for daycare once he turns three.

My sister announced over Christmas that she's pregnant.



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3. At the Restaurant

Dialogue

Hello guys, welcome to the Crown. Are you ready to order?

Can we have a few more minutes? And what's today's special?

Of course. Today's special is tuna on white rice and vegetables.

That sounds good. I think we are ready now.

Perfect. What would you like to drink?

Can we get some sparkling water and a bottle of Pinot Noir?

Of course. And what would you like to eat?

I would like the steak with fries and she will have the tuna special.

How do you like your steak?

Medium, please.

Can I get you anything else? An appetizer maybe?

No, we are good, thank you.



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4. Taking a Taxi

Dialogue

Good evening. Where are you heading?

Do you know where the Astoria Hotel is?

You mean the one in the city center?

Yes. Do you think we can make it in 20 minutes?

I can't promise anything, but I think we will be fine.

Thank you. I have to be there at 6:30.

What brings you to the city?

Vacation. I'm going on a city sightseeing tour.

That's nice. Is it your first time in the city?

Not the first time, but I haven't been back in many years.

Here we are, Astoria Hotel.

How much do I owe you?

It's \$18.20, please.

Here is \$20, keep the change. Thank you very much.



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Questions and Statements: Passenger

I need to get to the airport.

Can you take me to the library on Rose Street?

Can you drop me off in the city center?

How long do you think it will take to get there?

Do you think we can make it there in 20 minutes?

How much is the fare?

Could you please drive a bit slower?

Could you turn on the AC?

Could you wait for me here?

Do you know of any good pizza places in town?

Questions and Statements: Taxi Driver

Where are you heading?

Where to?

From here to the airport it'll cost about \$50.

It shouldn't take longer than 15 minutes.

If traffic isn't bad then I can get you there in 10 minutes.

I can wait around outside for you, but the meter's running.

What brings you to the city?

The Italian restaurant on Main Street has some great food.



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5. The Family

Dialogue

Tell me about your family.

I have a pretty big family. Two brothers and one sister and many cousins. How about you?

Mine is small. I'm an only child, and only my mother has a sister, my aunt Hanna. What do your siblings do?

My one brother Steven works as an accountant, my other brother David is a teacher, and my sister Hanna works in finance.

I didn't know your sister worked in finance. Where does she live?

She just moved away to Australia with her husband and my niece.

She has a child already? How old is she?

She is my older sister and quite a bit older than me.
She turned 32 this year.

I always wanted a big sister... Do you guys look alike?

Not really, my siblings all have dark hair and blue eyes. They take after my father. I look like my mom with her blonde hair and green eyes.

I look like my mom too. Do you want to see a picture?

Sure, I would love to.



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6. Gaming

Dialogue

Hey Sarah. Do you want to play the new "Datacraft" with me?

I didn't know you were into online gaming, David?

I don't play much usually, but every once in a while there is a game that interests me.

That's cool! I've been wanting to play Datacraft too.

Have you tried it already? I just got it yesterday.

I bought it already but haven't played. Once I start playing, I can't stop, so I was going to wait until the weekend.

That's a good idea. Want to come over on Friday?

Sure, Friday works.

I have some more friends who play, I think. Should I invite them too?

If your internet connection can handle it?

Internet shouldn't be a problem.

Then let's do it. See you on Friday.



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7. Going to the Movies

Dialogue

Good evening. Two tickets for the new "Hunger Games" movie, please.

For what time?

7:30 if there are still some available.

I'm sorry but this showing is already sold out. There are seats for 8:15 or 9 pm left though.

I'll take the one at 8:15 then.

And where would you like to sit?

Somewhere in the middle. G12 and G13 look good.

Do you have a student ID or a movie card?

I have a movie card.

Great, that gives you \$2 off. Your total comes to \$16.

With card please. And where can I buy popcorn?

Snacks are just around the corner, and here are your tickets. Enjoy the show.



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Arriving at a Movie Theater

Two tickets for the evening showing of Signs of Mars.

I'd like three tickets for Flower of Autumn.

Which showing would you like?

Sorry, but the showing is sold out.

Can I see some ID, please?

Snacks and beverages can be purchased at the front counter.

Enjoy the movie!

Please silence your phones.

Asking About Movies

What kind of movies do you like?

Do you have a favorite movie?

Who was your favorite character in the movie?

What was your favorite part?

What kind of movie are we going to watch?

Who is in the movie?

Who's starring in it?

How long is the movie?

What is the movie about?

What do critics say about it?

What kind of reviews did the movie get?

Talking About Movies

My favorite movie is Flower of Autumn.

I love romcoms.

The movie is an action film.

The movie stars Owen Carter.

The movie's about 2 hours long.

The movie is about a man rescuing his daughter.

The main character is named Elizabeth.

The movie didn't get good reviews.

Critics found the movie too long.



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8. Fashion

Dialogue

You have great taste in fashion.

Thank you, it's a hobby of mine.

It's an interesting hobby. Where do you find all your stylish clothes?

All over the place. I don't have a favorite store.

Do you ever go to flea markets?

I love flea markets. You can find really nice clothing for a good price.

My style is more casual. Maybe I should start buying second-hand too.

There is a good second-hand store on main street. They have a big selection of styles.

What do you think about brands?

I like some higher quality ones, because they are well-made. But I don't like paying just for the name.

I agree. I'm okay with paying more though, if the clothes are produced under fair working conditions.

Totally, me too. We could go shopping together next week. What do you think?

Sounds fun. You can show me some of your favorite stores.



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What's in style nowadays?

Fashion and trends change so fast.

Wearing pants like these just came back in style.

She's always trying to keep up with what's in fashion.

He definitely takes pride in his appearance.

Where do you get all your clothes?

I buy most of my clothes at second-hand shops.

Do you ever shop for designer clothes?

What kind of style do you have?

I like to dress more casually.

I don't really care about fashion.

Accessories are a must-have.

Second-hand fashion is more sustainable.

You have a great sense of style.

Your clothes are so trendy.

She has a great eye for fashion.

I wouldn't be caught dead in that shirt.

They're certainly dressed to kill.

He's definitely dressed to impress.

She's dressed to the nines tonight.



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9. At the Hairdresser's

Dialogue

Good afternoon. Do you have any openings today for a haircut?

Yes, you're in luck. If you want to, I have one right now.

That would be great.

What are you looking to have done today?

I would like a wash and cut, please.

Certainly. Let's move over to the sinks. Do you have any preference for shampoo and conditioner?

No, you can choose whatever you think is best.

Alright, I need you to look straight ahead now for the cut. Where do you normally part your hair?

On the left side.

How much do you want me to take off? And maybe a couple of layers too?

Maybe around three inches and some layers sound good.

Of course. Would you like your hair to be blow-dried?

Could you blow-dry it and also straighten it a bit?

All done. What do you think?

I love it. It looks great. Thank you very much.



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Questions: Hairdresser

What are you looking to have done today?
How would you like me to cut your hair?
How much should I take off?
How short do you want your hair?
How do you normally wear your hair?
Would you like me to wash it too?
Do you normally straighten your hair?
What kind of shampoo do you use at home?
How do you usually part your hair?
Do you want to keep your bangs?
What do you think?

Questions and Statements: Customer

Do I need to make an appointment to get a haircut?
I'd like a wash and cut.
I want to dye my hair red.
Can I just get a trim, please?
I'm trying to grow my hair out a bit.
I would like to keep my hair as long as possible.
I usually keep my hair up in a ponytail.
I wash and blow dry my hair every day.
I'm hoping to try a new hairstyle.
I normally part my hair to the left.



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10. Watching TV

Dialogue

Do you like watching TV?

It depends on the TV show. But generally yes. Why do you ask?

I was just wondering if you would like to watch the new season of "Friends."

Maybe. I didn't really like the last season.

I heard this one is supposed to be really good! I think you should give it another go.

Okay let's do it. Is it on TV or online via a streaming service?

It's on a streaming service. We can watch it whenever you are free.

That's great! I really prefer watching shows online. The commercials on TV are really long and annoying.

Perfect. We are all set then. I'll come by later.

See you later then!



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Questions About TV

Do you like to watch TV?

What kind of TV shows do you like?

What's your favorite show?

Have you seen the new season of Found?

Do you have cable TV?

Which streaming service do you have?

What did you think about the latest episode of Light?

Do you enjoy game shows?

Have you seen the new mini-series, Ashleigh's World?

Talking About TV

I enjoy watching the Mystery Channel.

I don't watch much TV.

I watch too much TV.

I missed last season so I need to catch up.

The newest season of Light is supposed to be really good.

I binge-watched the last season.

Last night's episode was so intense.

Streaming services are too expensive.

I always have to channel-surf until I find something good.

I want to cancel my cable subscription.

Commercials are so annoying.



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11. The Music Concert

Dialogue

Hey David. Do you want to go to a concert with me?

What kind of concert is it?

A live music concert. The philharmonic orchestra is playing in the park next weekend.

I'm not sure if I like classical music. How much are the tickets?

It's free. But you have to reserve tickets, and they are usually gone pretty quickly.

What kind of music will they be playing?

They normally play a mix of contemporary composers. I went last year too, and it was great.

When does the concert start?

It starts at 2 pm in the park.

Okay, 2 pm works. I'll go with you. I have nothing better to do anyways.

Awesome! I'll get the tickets, and then we can meet a little bit beforehand?

Sounds good. I'll see you then.



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12. How Are You?

Dialogue

Hello Sarah. How are you?

Hey David. I'm great, just got off work. How about you?

I'm okay, I have been really stressed lately and not getting a lot of sleep.

I'm sorry to hear that. Why are you stressed?

Mostly work and school. Just a lot of things to do and not enough time.

Working and studying is definitely a lot. Don't forget to also take some time for yourself.

That's good advice. I will as soon as work slows down a bit.

Can I help you with some of your school work?

No, don't worry about it. It's just a stressful period right now.

How about we get together and do something to cheer you up this weekend?

That would be very nice. Maybe we could go to the pool? Thank you, Sarah.

Of course! That's what friends are for.



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13. Pets

Dialogue

I'm thinking about getting a pet. Do you have one?

I have multiple. I have a dog and two cats.

That's unusual. Do they get along?

Yes, they love each other. What kind of pet would you like?

I'm not sure. I would love to have a dog but my landlord doesn't allow it. I was thinking a cat instead.

If you get an indoor cat, you should get two so they can keep each other company.

Oh, that's something I haven't thought about yet. Are your cats indoor cats?

No, they can go outside.

Did you get them online or from a breeder?

I got all of my pets from the shelter. You should definitely go there too and have a look.

That's a good idea. I'll go next week and see if they have some up for adoption.

If you have any more questions, feel free to call me.

Thanks for your help.



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Asking About pets

Do you have any pets?

What kind of pets do you have?

Do your pets get along with each other?

What kind of pet would you like?

Have you ever thought about getting a pony?

Do you like cats or dogs better?

What is your favorite kind of pet?

How long have you had your pet?

How old is your parrot?

Do you have any pet allergies?

Do you get your pets from a shelter or a breeder?

Talking About pets

I have a cat and a dog.

My cat is a longhair.

I have had my bird since I was a teenager.

My ferret is about four years old.

My dog and rabbit don't really get along with each other.

I'd really like to get a bearded dragon.

I'm more of a cat person than a dog person.

Lizards are my favorite kind of pet.

I don't have any allergies, but my sister is allergic to dog hair.

I've adopted all of my pets from shelters.

My dog likes to go on hikes with me.



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14. Relaxing

Dialogue

What do you like to do to relax after a hard day at work?

Usually I do nothing after work and watch TV, but I have recently been thinking about meditation. Have you ever tried it?

Yes, I do Yoga twice a week. It really helps me to calm down and relax.

How long have you been doing that?

A little more than a year now. It's not all meditation, but you could come with me next week, if you would like to try it?

I'm not sure if I would like to do Yoga with other people.

That's ok. Let me know if you change your mind.

Will do! Maybe for now I'll just start with some short walks on the beach.

That sounds great too. You should try South Beach!



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Talking About Relaxing

What do you like to do to relax?

How do you chill out after work?

What do you do to relieve stress?

I usually watch TV.

I like to write.

I relax by listening to music.

I chill out by cooking and listening to music.

Meditation is an awesome stress reliever.

Have you ever tried yoga?

Do you ever go to the gym to relax?

How long have you been doing yoga?

Idioms and Other Sayings

I need a personal day.

At least now you can let your hair down for a bit.

I need to take a breather.

I'm just going to kick back now and watch the game.

It's time to just read and recharge my batteries.

It helps me tune out the world for a bit.

It's a great way to turn off my mind.



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15. Current News

Dialogue

Have you seen the story about the crazy cow on the news?

I have no idea what you are talking about.

They just said on the news that a cow is loose in town and stealing people's food.

A cow stealing food? You shouldn't believe everything you see on TV.

It's true! They also had a video clip showing the cow running around.

If it is actually true then that's quite interesting news. Where did the cow come from?

They don't know yet. Nobody has claimed it missing.

What station did you see this on?

It was on Channel 3.

This sounds like just the story for Channel 3. They never show any actual news.

You are right. Channel 3 is definitely more entertaining than informative.

Well, I hope they catch the cow and bring it back to where it belongs.



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Asking About the News

Did you watch the news last night?

Did you see the news?

Did you catch that report?

Did you hear about that bank robbery?

Have you seen this article about climate change?

Where did you see that?

What do you think about the elections?

Do you read the newspaper?

Did you fact-check it?

Talking About the News

I like to read the newspaper in the morning.

I heard about it in the paper.

I read an in-depth report on how the forest fires started yesterday.

What happened yesterday?

I think this report is biased.

How do they know that for sure?

You shouldn't believe everything you read.

That sounds like a conspiracy theory to me.

I have no idea what you're talking about.

They just announced on the news that the bank robber was caught.



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16. At the Supermarket

Dialogue

Hey Ashlee, where is the shopping list?

It's in my bag. What else do we need?

We still need milk, flour, and sugar. Oh, and blueberries.

What do we need all these baking ingredients for?

I'm going to make blueberry muffins tomorrow.

That sounds tasty. Do you know where I can find the flour?

It's right next to the condiments section. But let's get the blueberries first.

Here are the blueberries. The peaches look really good too. Maybe we can get some?

Sure, I like peaches. How about you get the flour and sugar? I'll get the milk.

Alright. What aisle is that again?

It's in aisle three, I think. I'll meet you at checkout?

Yup, see you there.



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Questions From an Employee

Can I help you?

May I help you?

How can I help you?

Are you looking for something in particular?

Is someone looking after you?

Asking an Employee for Help

Excuse me, do you work here?

Excuse me, could you help me?

Do you have any whole-grain cereals?

Do you sell salt and vinegar chips?

Could you tell me where granola bars are?

Where can I find the international food section?

I need to find some Indian spices.

I'm looking for potato chips.

I'd like a bottle of milk, please.

Have you got any cheese?

How much is a bottle of milk?

Is this item on sale?

At Checkout

Did you find everything you needed?

That's \$55 altogether.

Can I pay with a credit card?

You don't happen to have any change, do you?

Here's your change.

Keep the change.

Could you help me with the self-checkout please?

Would you like a bag?

Would you like a receipt?

Thank you, have a nice day!



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17. Flirting

Dialogue

Has anyone ever told you that you have a beautiful smile?

Yes, I have heard that before.

I noticed it from across the room. How are you enjoying the party?

It's fun, the music is really good.

Do you like this kind of music? Electronic music?

I don't really listen to it at home, but it's good for dancing.

What do you listen to at home?

I don't know. Usually rock and hip hop.

I really like hip hop too. What's your favorite artist?

I'm listening to a lot of Drake lately. What about you?

Drake is awesome. It's really cool that you like him. I don't meet a lot of girls that like hip hop.

His new album is just great. His lyrics carry a lot of emotion and meaning.

It has been really fun talking to you. Would you like to get together some other time? Maybe we could get coffee or dinner?

It was fun talking to you too. And yes, I think I would enjoy a coffee date.



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I love your smile.

You have a great sense of style.

Has anyone ever told you that you have lovely eyes?

May I buy you a drink?

Are you seeing anyone?

Are you single?

Could I get your number?

Do you use Instagram?

Are you on Instagram?

Do you want to go on a date with me?

Responding to Flirting

I'm sorry, but I'm not interested.

I'm already seeing someone.

I had a great time with you.

You're so funny.

Let's exchange numbers.

We should get together again sometime.

I'd love to meet up again sometime.

I'd really like to see you again.

I really enjoyed talking to you.

Please leave me alone.

Get lost!



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18. Driving a Car

Dialogue

Thanks for practicing how to drive with me.

No worries. How many times have you been driving so far?

It's the fifth time. I went driving last week too.

How do you like it so far?

It's still a little confusing, especially driving in the city.

Even for me the city can sometimes be stressful with bikers, pedestrians, and traffic.

Traffic is the worst! And one-way lanes. I always miss the turn and then have to go around the whole block.

Have you driven at night and on the highway already?

I drove at night but not on the highway yet. The speed is a little intimidating.

Driving fast can be really fun, especially with a manual car.

One day I would also like to learn how to drive a manual, but for now it is difficult enough to drive this automatic.

Once you are comfortable with the automatic, I will teach you driving stick.

I owe you. Thanks again Ashlee.



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Learning How to Drive

Do you have your driver's license yet?

I only have my permit.

How many times have you been driving so far?

Do you know how to drive stick-shift?

My driving test is next month.

I have to go and get my license renewed.

I haven't practiced driving on the highway yet.

Talking About Road Safety

I always buckle my seatbelt.

Always keep a safe distance to other cars.

I always come to a full stop at stop signs.

Pay attention to all road signs.

You are not supposed to text and drive.

It's illegal to drink and drive.

I got a ticket for speeding.

We have to pull over for the ambulance.

Talking About Car Problems

My tank is nearly empty.

I have a flat tire.

Can you get the jack out of the trunk?

My right tail light isn't working.

The AC is broken.

My engine is making a weird noise.

The check engine light is flashing.

I need an oil change.



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19. Making a Point

Dialogue

First of all, I would like to express my dislike of this discussion. I don't like talking about it.

I agree with you, but it needs to be addressed and we need to talk about it now.

From my point of view, it's very disrespectful how they are acting.

You know I share your point of view. They are disrespectful, but it's not that easy.

I think they do it on purpose just to annoy me.

I don't think that's quite right. They don't want to annoy you on purpose. They just don't have the same point of view as you.

I suppose that could be true. But they keep making a lot of noise late at night, and I need to sleep.

In order to solve this problem you should make an effort and explain your situation. Maybe they don't know that you are working early?

I don't think explaining it will change anything, but I guess I could try.

You can do it! You're good at making a point.

I'll take your word for it!



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What do you think?

What are your thoughts on the educational reforms?

How do you see things?

Do you see what I'm getting at?

Do you know what I mean?

What is your opinion on climate change?

What is your stance on this?

What do you think about this argument?

Do you agree with me?

Don't you think that it's important to take care of the environment?

Giving Your Own Opinion

I think that we need to pay more attention to how we treat animals.

I believe that too many people are addicted to using their phones.

In my opinion, our society needs to value education more.

The main idea here is that we all need to be more conscious of how we treat the environment.

The point is we have to stop wasting water.

What I want to say is that fiction is better than non-fiction.

I want to emphasize that I have also experienced that.

I agree that it's important, but I think we should focus on something else instead.

I don't agree with you on this.

I tend to think that too much money is wasted on repairing the roads.

I think we can all agree on this.



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20. Sports

Dialogue

What do you think about being more active, Ashlee?

Probably not a bad idea. What were you thinking?

Maybe taking up a new sport. Something that keeps me active and is fun.

A sport like playing football or basketball?

Something like that, but I'm terrible at both of them.

How about skiing or snowboarding? Winter is coming and I can ski. I could teach you.

Skiing sounds fun, but it's expensive with all the equipment and lift passes, right?

It's definitely not a cheap hobby. Maybe we could go swimming? You can do it year round.

That's a great idea. There is a pool close by, and in the summer we can go to the local lake.

Alright, David. Then it's settled. We are going swimming next week.



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Do you play any sports?

What sport do you play?

How often do you practice baseball?

What's your favorite sport?

What sport are you a fan of?

Who is your favorite team?

Who is your favorite athlete?

Do you watch football?

Have you ever been to a professional basketball game before?

How do you keep active?

Talking About Sports

I play soccer.

I enjoy watching hockey.

I have tennis practice twice a week.

I prefer watching sports to playing them.

I'm not very athletic.

I'm not very good at sports.

I saw the game live last weekend.

I'm a fan of golf.

I like to play sports because it helps keep me in shape.

Track is fun because it keeps me healthy.



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