

# **Basic Course**



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## 1. How are you?

## Dialogue





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### **Essential Phrases**

### Asking How Somebody Is

- Hi, how are you?
- Hey, how's it going?
- What are you up to?
- Yo, what's up?
- Hey, how have you been?
- How's your day been?
- Hey, what's new?

### Describing How You Are

- I'm great.
- I'm doing pretty well, and you?
- Things are great!
- I couldn't be better.
- I can't complain.
- I've been busy.

Same as always. Not bad, and you? Things could be better. I've been better. I feel a little under the weather. Busy with work.

### Saying Goodbye

Goodbye.

It was nice talking to you!

Bye!

See you!

Take care.

Take it easy.

Talk to you later.

Have a good one.

Hope you feel better soon.



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# 2. At the Restaurant

## Dialogue





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### **Essential Phrases**

### Arriving at the Restaurant

How many are in your party?

How many are you?

Do you have a reservation?

I made a reservation for two at 6:00.

I booked a table for three for 7:00.

Can I get your name?

Your table isn't quite ready.

How long is the wait?

It'll be about a 20 minute wait.

If you want you can have a seat at the bar until your table is ready.

Please follow me.

#### Server

Hi, I'm Hanna and I'll be your server for today.

Can I start you off with drinks?

Do you need a couple more minutes to decide? What would you like for a starter? Can I get you any appetizers? What do you want for the main course? Tonight's specials are a lobster bake and clam chowder. How would you like your steak cooked? Would you like a salad with that? What kind of dressing would you like with your salad? Would you like fries with that? Would you like any dessert today? Anything else? I'll get that order in for you.

#### Order food and drinks

What is today's special? We're not ready yet. Can we have a few more minutes? Does this come with a side salad? Does this have any meat in it? What do you recommend? Is this a vegetarian option? Is this gluten free? Does this have dairy in it? I'll have a bowl of potato soup. I'd like a Greek salad. I'll take a pizza. Can I get a glass of white wine? Could you bring us a bottle of red wine?

### Paying for Your Meal

- Could I get the check, please?
- I'd like to pay.
- Can I pay with card?
- How was everything?
- Can I get you anything else?
- That's it for today.
- Yes, could I get a slice of apple pie?
- Thanks for coming!
- Have a nice night.



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## 3. Where Are You From?





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### **Essential Phrases**

### Asking Someone Where They Come From

Where are you from?

Where do you come from?

Where do you live?

Do you like living in Australia?

How long have you lived in Ireland?

How long have you been in Canada?

What nationality are you?

What is your hometown?

Where did you grow up?

Where were you born?

Where is Washington, D.C.?

Are you from Australia?

What languages do you speak?

What is your first language?

### Telling Someone Where You Are From

I'm from Ireland.

I come from a small town.

I live in Australia.

I've been living here for two years.

l'm American.

My hometown is in Australia.

I grew up in Canada.

I was born in Canada.



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# 4. The Family

## Dialogue



That sounds great.



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### **Essential Phrases**

### Asking About the Family

How is your family?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Do you have any siblings?

Who's the oldest sibling in your family?

Do you have a big family?

What are your parents like?

What do your parents do?

Are you married?

Do you have any children?

Is your family close?

### Talking About Your Family

I have two sisters.

I'm the middle child.

She has three siblings.

I'm an only child.

My brother works as an engineer.

My parents are pretty adventurous.

My family is doing great! How is yours?

We don't have any children.

I'm a twin.

My sister is going to college and is studying French.

My grandparents live out west.

My sister is such a daddy's girl.

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.



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# **5. Introducing Yourself**



Yes, I have. We talked briefly earlier.

I have to get going now. It was a pleasure meeting you, David.

Of course. See you later!



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### **Essential Phrases**

#### **Beginning an Introduction**

Hello!

How's it going?

What's your name?

My name is Steven.

Nice to meet you.

Pleasure to meet you.

Pleasure.

Nice to meet you too.

Let me introduce myself.

I'd like to introduce Sarah.

This is my sister, Michelle. Have we met before?

#### **Continuing an Introduction**

What do you do? Where do you work? What brings you here? Where are you from? How old are you? What do you do for fun? What kind of hobbies do you have?

### **Ending an Introduction**

It was nice meeting you. Let's keep in touch. Let's get together again some time. Here is my number 584-2453. Let's go for a coffee sometime. Do you want to meet up again some time next week? Take care! I hope to see you soon. Here is my card. It has been a pleasure, we'll speak again soon.



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# 6. The Colors

## Dialogue





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## 7. The Weather

## Dialogue

What is the weather going to be like today?

It looks like it's going to rain.

Oh no! I thought it was going to be nice.

The forecast said it's going to be rainy and cold all weekend.

We were going to have a BBQ, but maybe we should do it another time.

The weather has been really unpredictable lately.

I really hope that it won't rain. Yesterday it was sunny and warm.

Maybe it will be better next week!

I sure hope so. This summer has been very rainy so far.



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### **Essential Phrases**

#### Part 1: Asking About the Weather

What's the weather like?

Is it snowing yet?

How windy is it?

Is the sun shining?

What's the weather going to be like?

Is it going to storm?

How many degrees is it outside?

What's the temperature like?

How warm is it?

What did the forecast say this morning?

#### Part 2: Describing the Weather

It's cold outside. It looks nice out. It's raining right now. It looks like it's going to rain. The forecast said it will rain later. The weather is beautiful. It's 86 °F out. Be careful, it's slippery out! It's so cloudy today. It's a stormy day. We're finally getting some snow. It's absolutely shorts weather! It's raining cats and dogs!

### Part 3: Describing Feelings Towards the Weather

I hope that it won't rain. I'm looking forward to when the sun comes out. I'm loving this warm weather. I can't wait for it to snow! I'm freezing right now. I'm too cold. I don't like when it's too hot out. I feel completely warm now. I'm a cold weather kind of person.



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## 8. The Time

## Dialogue



It's six pm.

That's good. Dinner is at seven o'clock.

What time are your friends arriving?

They said they will be here at half past six.

They are always early. We should get ready then.

Yes, they are never late and we, on the other hand, usually are.

Tonight we will be ready in time!



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### **Essential Phrases**

### Asking for the Time

What time is it?

Do you know what time it is?

Do you have the time?

Could you tell me the time?

When do you want to meet?

What time does the flight leave?

How long is this flight going to take?

How long will this class take?

I have been waiting for half an hour.

When should we be ready to go?

#### Telling the Time

It's exactly 12 o'clock. It's almost four o'clock. It's 9:30 am. It's half past nine. It's around 3:45 pm. It's quarter after three. It's 5:45 am. It's 12:45 pm. The drive will take about two hours. Dinner is at seven o'clock.

Time is flying by!



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# 9. Apologizing

## Dialogue

I'm sorry I'm late today. My car broke down this morning.

Don't worry, it's alright. Maybe next time you could call though and let me know you are running late. So we don't have to wait for you.

Of course! I was stressed about my car and simply forgot.

I understand. Just remember next time.

I will. I hope I didn't miss anything important?

We started about 30 minutes ago, but I can go over what you have missed again.

Thank you, I really appreciate it. And sorry again for being late.

I've been late before too because I missed the bus. It happens.



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## **Essential Phrases**

### Making an Apology

I'm sorry that I'm late.

I'm sorry for hurting your feelings.

Pardon me for cutting ahead.

Please forgive me for saying that.

I would like to apologize for my behavior.

Sorry, but I won't be able to make it to the party.

I'm sorry for stepping on your toes.

That was wrong of me to do.

### Accepting an Apology

That's all right.

I accept your apology.

lt's okay.

Don't worry about it.

No need to apologize!

I'm the one that needs to apologize.

No harm done.

No problem.

I understand, it's okay.

Don't mention it.

No big deal.

It happens to the best of us.



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# **10. Shopping for Clothes**

## Dialogue

Can I help you with anything?

Yes, I'm looking for a black blouse.

Are you looking for a plain blouse or something with a print?

Just plain black with long sleeves. It's for work.

The work blouses are right here. What size are you?

I'm usually a medium, sometimes a small.

How about this one?

That one looks nice. What material is it?

It's 100% cotton.

That sounds good. Could I try it on?

Certainly. The changing rooms are over there.

Thank you for your help.

You're welcome.



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### **Essential Phrases**

#### **Questions and Statements: Employee**

Can I help you with anything?

How can I help you?

Can I help you find something?

What size are you?

Unfortunately, this is the only size we have left.

How does the shirt fit?

How about this shirt? Try this sweater on. The shoes are out of stock at the moment. The t-shirts are on sale. That's \$15 altogether.

#### **Questions and Statements: Customer**

Excuse me, can you help me? I'm looking for a summer dress. Could I try this jacket on? May I try these shoes on, please? Where can I try this on? Where are the changing rooms? Do you have this shirt in a smaller size? I'm usually a medium. The jacket is too big. These pants don't fit very well. This sweater is really comfortable. I really like the color of this dress. Does this blouse come in different colors? What material are these shorts? Are these shoes on sale? How much is this shirt? I'll take it.



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## **11. Hobbies**

## Dialogue

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like reading, and in the summer, I also enjoy hiking in the mountains.

I really like reading too! What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is "Timeless". What is yours?

I love "Timeless" too! My favorite book is "Infinity".

I've heard of that one. It sounds interesting. What are your hobbies?

I enjoy watching movies and cooking.

Oh, you actually like cooking? I'm really bad at cooking.
It's not that difficult. You just need some practice. If you want we can cook together next week?

That would be really nice! I would love to learn how to cook.

It's going to be fun! I will teach you how to cook a tasty dinner.

I can't wait.



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## **Essential Phrases**

## Asking About Someone's Hobbies

What do you like to do in your free time?

What do you do for fun?

What kind of hobbies do you have?

What are your hobbies?

What are you interested in? What are you into? Do you play video games? How do you usually pass the time? How often do you read? Have you ever tried skateboarding?

### Talking About Your Hobbies

I like to play soccer in my free time.

I like watching TV.

I enjoy cooking.

I love to play guitar.

I'm interested in foreign languages.

I'm into horror movies.

I really like hiking.



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# **12. Giving Compliments**

## Dialogue

Your hair looks really nice today. Did you change something about it?

Thank you so much. I just got a haircut yesterday.

It suits you really well. Where did you go for it?

Just down the street at the new place.

I've been wanting a change too. Maybe I should also try it.

It's a nice place, but don't cut your hair. It's so beautiful and long. I wish mine would be like that.

That's really sweet of you to say. I was thinking more of a color change.

My hairdresser Louise was great and the cut very affordable. I bet they would do a great job.

You are really praising them. I think I will give them a call later.

I really like my new haircut! You should call them.



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## **Essential Phrases**

### **Complimenting Abilities, Character, and Belongings**

That was incredible!

You did a great job.

Your mom is the best cook.

You have a lovely house.

I noticed you are a really good singer.

Your writing really inspires me.

You have good taste.

You have a good head on your shoulders.

You're so smart.

That was a great idea.

#### **Complimenting Somebody's Appearance**

You look fantastic. I really like your coat. I love your shoes! Your hair looks really nice today. That shirt really suits you. That dress looks awesome on you. That jacket goes well with your shirt. I like how you did your hair this morning. I really like your sense of style.

### **Accepting Compliments**

That's so nice of you to say. Thank you, I appreciate that. I appreciate your compliment. I'm glad you like it. Thank you! I love writing. Thanks, I think so too. Really? I never would have thought that. I'm glad to hear that! It's nice to see that you appreciate it.



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# **13. At the Airport**

# Dialogue

I would like to check in for my flight to London.

London is your final destination? And I need to see your passport or ID, please.

Yes, London is my final destination and here is my passport.

Do you have checked luggage or a carry on?

I have one suitcase and one backpack.

Could you place them on the belt, please? And would you like an aisle or window seat?

Could I have a seat next to an emergency exit?

Certainly. Here is your boarding pass. Your plane is leaving from Gate 4. Please be there 45 minutes before departure. Have a nice flight!





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## **Essential Phrases**

### Checking in at the Airport

Where is the check-in desk?

I would like to check in.

Please be at the gate 45 minutes before departure.

Do you have a checked bag or just carry-on luggage?

I have one carry-on and two checked bags.

Can I see your passport?

Can I see your boarding pass?

Your flight is boarding at 7:15.

Your flight leaves from gate F12.

The flight has been delayed for one hour.

Take off is in three hours.

Paging all passengers on flight QUE382 to Toronto. Your flight is now boarding at gate Z15.

### **Going Through Security**

We need to go through the security check before we can board.
Empty your pockets, please.
Put all electronics in a separate bin.
Have your passport out and ready.
Step through the scanner, please.
I need to search your bag.
What do you have in your bag?
Please hold still.

#### Landing at Your Destination

What is the purpose of your stay?
I'm here on vacation.
How long are you staying here?
Have you been here before?
Where is baggage claim?
Your baggage has been lost.
We landed at 8:15.
We need to go through customs before we can leave the airport.
Do you have anything to declare?
I only bought small souvenirs for my family.
Do you have any duty-free items in your luggage?
May I search your bag?



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# **14. Giving Directions**

## Dialogue

Excuse me? I'm trying to find the Crown restaurant. Do you know where it is?

Yes, I do. It's just around the corner. Turn left, then go straight, and left again.

Could you repeat that and speak a little bit slower? My English isn't so good.

Of course. Turn left here and then go straight for about 500 meters. Then turn left again and the restaurant will be on your right-hand side.

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

Maybe about 10 minutes.

Ok, thank you so much. I'm here on vacation, and I'm having a hard time finding my way around.

No worries. You are welcome!



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## **Essential Phrases**

### Asking for Directions

- Could you tell me how to get to the movie theater?
- How do I find the city center?
- Do you know how to get to city hall?
- How do I get to the city park?
- Can you tell me how to get to the market square?
- Could you show me the way to the nearest bank?
- What's the best way to get to the post office from here?
- Where's the nearest supermarket?
- Could you direct me to the university?
- How far is it to Alexander Street?

#### **Giving Directions**

Turn left onto Oak Street and then walk down to the end of the street.

- Go down this street and then turn right.
- The hotel isn't far from the city park.

If you turn right at the intersection then you'll see the library on your right.

Town hall is on the corner of Market Street.

The restaurant is right next to the old firehouse.

Turn left at the light and then walk about another 300 feet.

The bank is behind city hall.

Cross this street, then turn left and walk about a block.

If you take the subway for two stations then you'll be on Willow Street.



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# **15. Favorites**

# Dialogue

What is your favorite season?

Why are you asking? It's winter. I like the snow and skiing.

I just want to get to know you better. What is your favorite food?

That is a hard one. I love pasta but also pizza.

And what about movies?

That's an easy one. I love "Pulp Fiction."

I really like that one too! What is your favorite book?

I think "1984" because it gives you a lot to think about.

And your favorite sport?

I like swimming and being in the water a lot.

Okay, one last one and then you've answered enough. What's your favorite time of the day?

> I have never thought about that, but I guess the morning. Everything is still quiet, and sunrises are beautiful to watch.



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## **Essential Phrases**

### Asking About Somebody's Favorite Things

What is your favorite book?

Who is your favorite musician?

Which color do you like the most?

What is your favorite thing to do on weekends?

Do you prefer books or movies?

What kind of movies do you like the most?

What kind of music are you into?

### **Talking About Your Favorite Things**

My favorite color is red.

- The first movie is my favorite.
- I like strategy games the most.
- I really enjoy pop music.
- I love soccer.
- Hockey is the best.
- I am obsessed with football at the moment!
- I am all about roleplaying games.
- I prefer metal music to pop music.



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# **16. Celebrating a Birthday**

## Dialogue

Happy Birthday David! How old are you now?

Thank you! I'm 32 now.

You look a lot younger than 32! Here is your present. I hope you like it.

Thanks, this looks really interesting. I've been wanting to read this book for a while!

Who else is coming to the party today?

Only my family and a couple more friends. I wanted to keep this party small.

Understandable. I prefer smaller parties too.

Have you seen my birthday cake? My mom put in a lot of effort this year.

No, I haven't seen it. What kind of cake is it?

It's a huge chocolate cake with lots of candles. I might need some help blowing them all out.

If worst comes to worst, you can count on me!



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## **Essential Phrases**

### **Essential Phrases**

- When is your birthday?
- My birthday is on the 19th of October.

Happy Birthday!

Have a great one!

Have a good one!

I hope you have a wonderful birthday!

- What are you doing on your birthday?
- How old are you now?

I'm 32 years old.

She just turned 16 today.

It's his 21st birthday today.

I'm going to celebrate with some friends and family.

I'm throwing a party this weekend to celebrate my birthday.

Do you want to come to my birthday party?

What kind of cake did you get this year?

My mom made a huge chocolate cake for me.

Did you make a wish when you blew out the candles?

What gifts did you get this year?



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# **17. A Doctor's Appointment**

# Dialogue

Good afternoon. What have you come in for today?

I have a bad cough and a fever.

When did the fever start?

It started last Thursday and has been getting worse every day.

Have you been taking any medication?

I've been taking one of these over-the-counter medicines.

Then let's take a look. Could you open your mouth and say "aaah"?

Ahhhhhhh.

You probably have a bad cold. Get plenty of fluids and rest. If you don't feel better in a couple of days, come and see me again.

Can you write me a doctor's note for work?

Of course. Is there anything else I can help you with?

That's all. Thank you.

You are welcome, and you should feel better soon. If it gets any worse, call the office and let me know.



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## **Essential Phrases**

## At the Reception

Good morning, how can I help you today?

I'd like to see a doctor.

I'm here for a check-up. Do you have an appointment? I have an appointment at 2:00. I'm here to see Dr. Hayes. Could you fill in your medical history on this sheet, please? Please have a seat. The doctor will be with you shortly.

#### **Questions From the Doctor**

What have you come in for today? What symptoms have you had? When did the fever start? How long have you been feeling like this? Have you been taking any medication? Are you on any sort of medication? Do you have any allergies?

#### The Examination

Where does it hurt? Does it hurt if I press here? Could you open your mouth, please? I'm going to take your blood pressure. Your heart rate is normal. Could you cough, please? We need to take an x-ray. We have to take a blood sample.

#### Treatment

I'm going to give you an injection.I'm going to prescribe you some medicine.I want you to see a specialist.You should stop smoking.If it gets worse, call me.You should be better in a few days.

### Leaving the Doctor's Office

Do you need to make another appointment?

Do you need a doctor's note?

Please call us if things get worse or if you have any questions.

Feel better soon!



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# **18. Using Public Transport**

## Dialogue

Should we take the bus or the subway later?

I would take the subway. It's much faster than the bus.

Oh really? We are leaving around 5 pm. It will be rush hour and really busy on the subway.

You're right. I don't really like being in the subway during rush hour. It's always so crowded and hot.

I agree. The heat is terrible. Let's take the bus, okay?

Is there a bus stop close by?

There is one just down the road. And, if I remember correctly, an express bus stops there too.

You mean number 8? Don't you have to transfer with it?

No, it goes directly to Summerset. It won't even be that much longer than the subway. Especially with the new public transit lane.

I totally forgot about that lane. Only taxis and public transport can drive on it, right?

Yes, it opened a couple of weeks ago and works well so far.

It's decided then. We are taking the bus.



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Where is the nearest subway station?

When is the next bus to Los Angeles?

What time does the subway come?

How frequently do the buses stop here? The bus leaves every 30 minutes. What time does the last subway leave? Where can I buy a ticket? How much does a ticket cost? Is there a group rate? I need a one-way ticket. Where should I change trains to get to New York City? Does this bus go to Washington, D.C.? Where do I have to get off if I want to go to the stadium? Is there a subway map nearby? The bus is much faster. The train is always on time.



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# **19. At the Train Station**

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It leaves from platform 3. Just turn right here and go straight.



You're welcome and safe travels.



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### **Buying a Train Ticket: Traveler**

Where are the ticket machines?

Where's the ticket office?

Can I buy a ticket on the train?

I'd like a single ticket to Los Angeles.

Could I get a ticket for the train to New York City?

What is the cheapest way to get to Washington, D.C.?

How much does a round trip ticket to Austin cost?

What time does the train leave?

Is there a later train? What platform does the train leave from? Do I have to change trains? Is food served on the train? How long is the train delayed for? Do you know why there is a delay?

#### Buying a Train Ticket: Employee

When would you like to travel?
Where would you like to travel to?
What kind of ticket would you like?
Do you have a rail pass?
There are ticket machines down by the platforms.
You'll have to change trains to get to Austin.
The train leaves from platform 9.
The next train is leaving in a half hour.
The train to Washington, D.C. leaves at 5:15.
You can buy refreshments on the train.
The train is delayed due to an electrical problem onboard.
The train is delayed for two hours.

### At the platform

Is this the right platform for the train heading to Chicago? Which platform do I need for the train going to Washington, D.C.? Which platform is our connection at? The train arrives at platform 9. The next train to arrive at platform 4 is the one to New York City. The train is running late. The train's been canceled! Can I see the timetable, please? First-class boards towards the front of the train.

All aboard!

### On the train

Is this seat free? Do you mind if I sit here? May I store my luggage in the hold? Tickets, please! May I see your tickets, please? All tickets and railcards, please! I've lost my ticket. I can't find my ticket. Does this train stop at Los Angeles? What's the next stop? What time will we arrive? We are now approaching New York City. Don't forget any luggage and personal belongings. Did you catch what they said over the speaker? Where is the buffet car? Refreshments can be purchased in the third car. Could you watch my stuff while I go to the bathroom?



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# 20. Cooking Together

## Dialogue

Would you like to cook dinner together?

Sure, I'd love to. What would you like to eat?

I was thinking maybe vegetable soup?

I love vegetable soup! What ingredients should we use?

I have carrots, onions, zucchini and broccoli in the fridge.

Great! Then let's use all of that. I'll dice the zucchini and the onions. Do you want to prepare the broccoli and carrots?

Yes, I'll do that. Should we add some pepper and garlic?

Oh yes, that sounds delicious! We could also bake a baguette in the oven.

Very good idea! How do you want to season the soup? With salt and pepper?

Yeah, and with some chili, if that's ok with you? I'm really hungry already.

Me too! Who taught you how to cook?

My mother. She is a great cook! We always used to prepare dinner together.

If you set the table, I will finish the soup, and then we can eat.





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### **Deciding What to Cook**

What kind of food do you like to make?
I usually make vegetarian food.
Do you have any food allergies?
Are you lactose-intolerant?
Do you usually follow a recipe?
I'm craving soup.
I'm in the mood for some steaks.
Do you like spicy food?
Do you want to have something hot or cold?
Should we grill something?
Can we make something without gluten in it?

### While Cooking

Let's grill some burgers. Do you have the recipe? I usually just make everything from scratch. We have to heat up the oven first. Could you peel the potatoes? Can you slice some vegetables? I need to cut the ham. Should I start grilling the chicken? Is the water boiling yet? How many cups of flour do we need? What kind of seasoning should we add?Just add only a pinch of salt.I can make a vinaigrette for the salad.Do you want to grate some cheese over it?Can you set the table?These cookies don't have any nuts in them, right?We'll keep the cheese separate from everything else.



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