

That's my bus!

a

Pia Who's he?

Lin He's Alex. He's in my class.

Pia Where's he from?

Lin He's from Mexico.

Pia How old is he?

Lin He's 22, I think.

Pia He's very good-looking!

b

Lin Hi, Pia. How are you?

Pia Hi, Lin. I'm fine, and you?

Lin I'm fine, too. This is Alex. He's in my
(1) . Alex, this is Pia.

Pia Hi, Alex!

Alex Hi. **(2)** class are you in?



c

Lin That's my bus! Bye. See you **(3)** !

Alex Bye. **(4)** are you from, Pia?

Pia I'm from **(5)** .

This is my bus stop.

Bye, Alex. Nice to meet you.

Alex Nice to meet you, too, Pia. What's
your **(6)** number?

Pia Sorry, my bus... It's 07365...!



Meet the family

A

Maria Hi, Sarah! Come in.

Sarah Thanks.

Maria This is **my husband**, Mark.

Mark Hello.

Sarah Hi.

Maria And these are **our children**.

Children Hello!

Sarah What are **their names**?

Maria **Her name's** Emma, and **his name's** Oliver.

Emma And this is our cat.

Sarah Ah! What's **its name**?

Emma Her name is Princess. She's a girl.

Sarah Oh, sorry.

B

Maria The name of the restaurant is Mario's Bistro.
The phone number's on the table over there.

Sarah Great, thanks.

Maria And my husband's phone number is there, too.

Sarah OK. And **your number** is in my phone.

Maria Now, children. Sarah is **your babysitter**. Be good.

Children OK, Mum.



The perfect car

Salesman Is the car for you, sir?

Man No, it's for my mother.

Woman Yes, it's for me.

Salesman For you, madam? Well, what about this **blue** car here? It's **small** and it's easy to park.

Man Yes, Mum, it's perfect for you.

Woman But it's very **slow**. And it's **ugly**.

Salesman It's an electric car, madam. Very eco-friendly. They're good cars.

Woman I prefer...this **red** car.

Man But Mum, it's a sports car! It's very **fast**. And it's very **expensive**.

Woman Yes, but it's my money. It's a **beautiful** car and I love it! How much is it?

Salesman Come with me, madam.

Man Mum! ...



A good breakfast – is it important?

Is breakfast a very important meal, or not important at all? Scientists and doctors have different opinions: some think that a big breakfast is good for you, because you eat less during the day; others say that if you aren't hungry, don't have breakfast – it's only extra calories!

Is breakfast important for you? Send us a photo of your breakfast.

Comments

Marta, Italy

I have breakfast in a great café near my office. I have a (1) croissant and coffee – an espresso with hot (2) m . Mmmm. I love breakfast! It's my favourite meal.



Paulo, Brazil

I have breakfast at home, but I don't have a big breakfast. I have (3) fr and (4) y , and sometimes toast. It's a healthy breakfast. That's a good thing at the beginning of the day.



Rob, UK

I don't eat in the morning – I'm not hungry. I just have a (5) c at work. But I have lunch early, at about 12.30.



Sakura, Japan

I really like breakfast. It's an important meal for Japanese people. I have breakfast at home with my family. We have a traditional breakfast. It isn't very different from lunch and dinner. We have (6) r , (7) f , and miso soup and we drink green tea. We don't drink a lot of coffee in my family.



A very long flight

1

Eve Do you like the **(1)** ?

Wendy Yes, I do. It's very good.

Eve She's my favourite writer. I love her books.

2

Eve Do you live in **(2)** ?

Wendy No, I don't. I live in London. My husband and I work for a British company.

Eve Oh! Do you have **(3)** ?

Wendy No, we don't.

Eve I have two sons and a daughter. David and Andrew are at university and Carla's at school. Look. Here are some photos... This is a photo of our holiday in Barbados. Do you know Barbados?

Wendy No, I don't.



3

Attendant Do you want (4) _____, fish, or pasta?

Eve Oh, fish, please.

Wendy Pasta for me, please.

Eve How's your pasta?

Wendy It's OK.

Eve This fish isn't very good. Excuse me, I don't like this fish. Can I have the (5) _____, please?

Attendant I'm sorry, madam. It's finished.

4

Eve Oh, I need to go to the toilet. Oops, sorry.

Wendy Excuse me. What (6) _____ do we arrive?

Attendant In 25 minutes, madam.

Wendy That's good!



A school reunion

- Julia** Who's that over there?
- Sarah** It's Anna, you know, the intelligent girl.
- Julia** She's very different! Her hair's blonde.
- Sarah** Yes, and she doesn't wear glasses now.
- Julia** What does she do?
- Sarah** She's a journalist. She works for a newspaper – The Times, I think.
- Julia** Is she good?
- Sarah** I don't know. I don't read The Times.
- Julia** And who's that man with grey hair? Is it Matt?
- Sarah** Yes!
- Julia** What does he do?
- Sarah** He's a teacher. He teaches French.
- Julia** Where does he work?
- Sarah** At our old school!
- Julia** No! At our old school?
- Sarah** Yes, and he's married to Laura!
- Julia** Laura? From our class? How awful! Is she here?
- Sarah** Yes, she's with Matt.
- Julia** Very ugly shoes.
- Sarah** Yes, horrible.
- Laura** Sarah, Julia, hi! Great to see you!
- Julia** Hi, Laura. Wow, I love your shoes – they're beautiful...



Do you speak English at work?



What do these people have in common? A banker in Mexico City, a barman in a five-star hotel in Moscow, and a worker in the Hitachi electronics factory in Tokyo. They all speak English at work. Do you speak English at work? **Write and tell us.**

1 Antonio I work in a restaurant in Madrid.

I'm a . I speak English at work every day, because a lot of tourists come here. I help customers with the menu and I say what the special dishes are. They are very happy because they can talk to me in English. A lot of tourists don't speak Spanish, but they usually speak English.

2 Charlotte I'm a and I work in an office in Paris. It's a multinational company. When people from other countries visit the company, I need to welcome them in English. I also need to answer the phone in English. When we have meetings, we all speak in English, because it's the language of the company.

Lights, camera, action!

Director OK. (1) Be [] quiet, please. Scene one, take one. Lights, camera,...action!

Scarlett Hello, Sam.

Sam Hello, Scarlett.

Scarlett (2) [] in. Sit down. We need to talk.

Sam Talk? What about?

Scarlett Us. You and me.

Sam (3) [] to me, Scarlett. I love you! Do you love me?

Scarlett I don't know, Sam. I need time.

Sam And Rupert? Do you love him?

Scarlett Don't (4) [] about Rupert. Yes, I like Rupert, but I don't love him. You don't understand.

Sam (5) [] cry, Scarlett. Please don't cry.

Director Cut! Great! I like it.

Director OK, Scene two.
This is a big scene. Scarlett, (6) [] to the windows. (7) [] them. Sam, go to Scarlett. (8) [] next to her. Scarlett, (9) [] at him. That's great. Don't move.

Sam What do I say to her? I don't remember.

Director Nothing. Don't (10) [] anything. Kiss her.

Driving round the world

- 1 In some states in [REDACTED], for example Kansas and Idaho, **you can have a driving licence when you're 14.**
- 2 In some cities in [REDACTED], **you don't need to take a test to get a driving licence**, you only need to be 18.
- 3 In [REDACTED], you can drive when you are 17. First **you need to pass a theory test and then you have a practical test.** 47% of people pass first time.
- 4 In [REDACTED], **the driving test is very difficult.** Only 3% pass first time.
- 5 In [REDACTED], **the driving test is very easy and not many people fail.** You can take the theory test and the practical test on the same day.

What do you like doing alone?

What do you like doing with friends?

Chris I like **cooking** alone. I don't like having other people in the kitchen. But I like **(1) eating** with friends, especially when I'm out. I don't like being alone in a restaurant. #aloneorwithfriends?

Sarah I don't like **(2) travelling** alone – I prefer going on holiday with friends. But they need to be the right friends! #aloneorwithfriends?

Mike I like **(3) shopping** with friends. When I go alone, I usually buy things that look horrible on me. I need a second opinion! #aloneorwithfriends?

Greta I love **(4) dancing** alone at home to really old music from the 70s, like Abba. But I never dance with other people at parties because I know I'm a terrible dancer. #aloneorwithfriends?

Veronica I like **(5) watching** films with friends. When the film finishes, we can talk about it, and I like having someone with me so we can be happy or frightened together! #aloneorwithfriends?

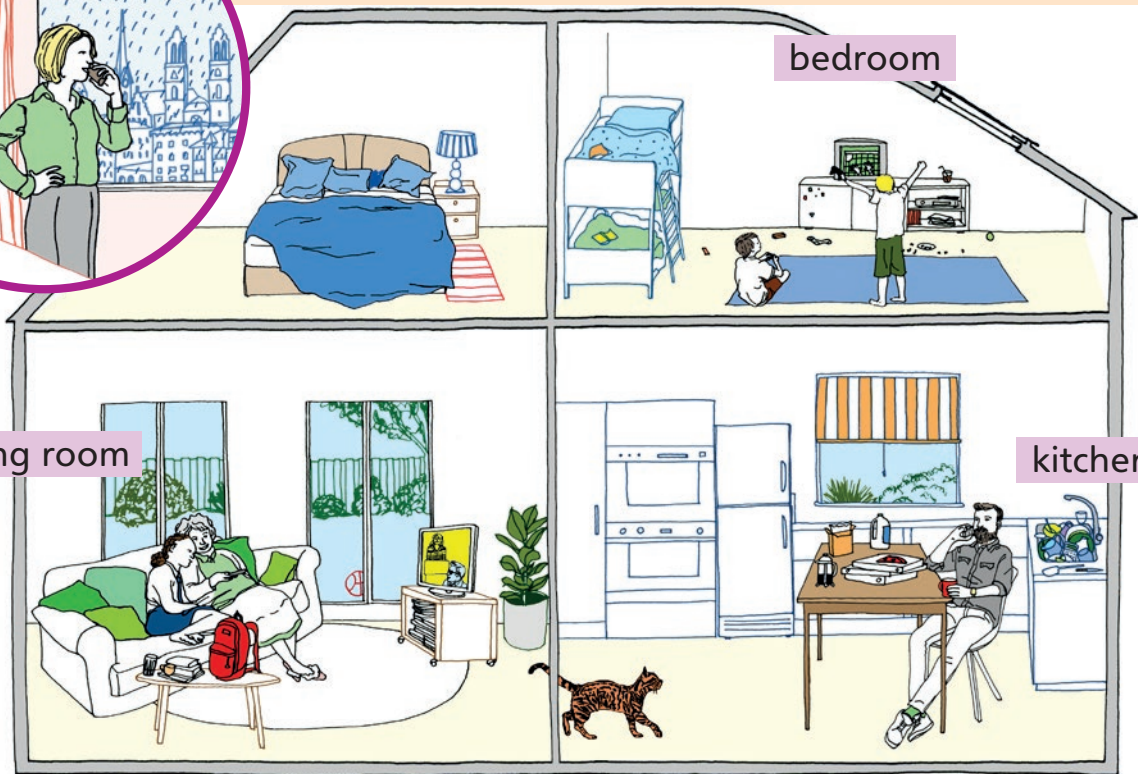
Becca I like **(6) reading** alone. It helps me to concentrate and it's very peaceful! But I prefer **(7) going** for walks with other people because I like walking and talking. #aloneorwithfriends?

Andy I like **(8) driving** alone. I love **(9) listening** to my favourite music in the car and **(10) singing** very loudly – but with the windows closed, of course! #aloneorwithfriends?

Everything's fine!

- Carol** Hello? Tony?
- Tony** Oh, hi, darling. How's Zurich?
- Carol** Fine, fine. **I'm staying** in a nice hotel – but **it's raining**. Can you hear it?
- Tony** Yes, yes, I can.
- Carol** How are the children?
- Tony** Oh, they're fine.
- Carol** Where are they? What **are they doing**?
- Tony** Lily's in the living room. **She's doing** her homework.
- Carol** And Matt and Josh?
- Tony** They're in their bedroom. **They're reading**.
- Carol** I think I can hear them. Are you sure they're reading?
- Tony** Yes, yes. That noise is the TV. **Your mother's watching** a film.
- Carol** What about you? Are you OK?
- Tony** I'm fine. **I'm making** dinner – fish and vegetables.
- Carol** Oh great! Very healthy. OK darling, I need to go now. See you on Tuesday.
- Tony** Have a good day tomorrow. Bye.





Undercover Boss

Undercover Boss is a TV show where different bosses work undercover. They want to know more about their workers and about problems in their companies. In **Episode 1**, David Clarke, the manager of a big hotel chain, is working 'undercover' for a week in one of his hotels.



Episode 1 summary

Monday David says that he's a new worker and that his name is 'Andy'. The other workers don't know who he really is. He usually wears a suit, but today he's wearing jeans and a T-shirt. He's working in the kitchen – he's washing the dishes. The people in the kitchen usually work 80 hours a week! One of the ovens is broken, but David thinks that the food is good.

Tuesday Today, he's working in the bedrooms. Next week, there is a hotel inspection. The workers are repairing things that are broken, but only in the rooms for the hotel inspector. They aren't repairing things in the other rooms. David isn't happy about this, but he can't say anything.

Wednesday Today, David is working in the restaurant. He's serving breakfast. He's wearing a white jacket and a hat. The waiters and waitresses always work very hard.

Thursday David is cleaning rooms. The workers only have a quarter of an hour to clean a room. David is working very hard. He's very tired.

Visit Scotland

Scotland is one of the world's top tourist destinations, with 10,000 km of coast, 790 islands, more than 30,000 'lochs' (the word in Scotland for lakes), famous castles, and beautiful cities. There's something for visitors of all ages.



Why Loch Ness?

Loch Ness is 10 km south west of the city of Inverness – perfect for day trips.

You can take a boat trip on the loch and visit the Loch Ness Centre to find out all about 'Nessie', the monster.

One of the most beautiful castles in the world, Urquhart Castle, is on the banks of the loch.

There are wonderful places for walking and cycling very near.

Accommodation

Stay at the **Craigdarroch Inn**. It's the perfect place for a great view of the loch.



A room with a view



Eric Hello. Do you have a room for tonight?

Receptionist Let's see. Yes, **there's a room** on the second floor.

Louisa Great. Can we see it?

R Of course. Come with me.

E **Is there a lift?**

R I'm sorry, **no, there isn't**. But I can help you with your cases.

R This is the room.

L It's beautiful. I love it.

E Yes, and there's a great view of Loch Ness.

R The remote control for the TV is on the table.

E Is there wi-fi?



R Yes, there is. There's wi-fi in every room in the hotel. This is the bathroom. There's a bath and a shower.

E Is there a restaurant? We're very hungry.

R No, there isn't a restaurant, sir. But you can have a sandwich in the bar, or **there are some pubs** in the village.

L **Are there any shops near here?**

R No, madam, **there aren't any shops** near the hotel.

E OK, thanks. I have one more question.

R Yes, sir?

E Is there really a monster in Loch Ness?

R Well, some people say there is and some people say there isn't. Enjoy your stay. Breakfast is at 8.00.

A new life in the USA

We followed our dream



My wife and I always wanted to live abroad. But Miriam and I both work in the UK – she’s a doctor and I’m a designer – and we have two small children, Sacha and Elena. Then an American university, Duke, in Durham, North Carolina, asked Miriam to go and work there for a year. At first, we weren’t sure what to do. There were so many questions. What about Sacha’s school? What do we do with our house? But finally, we decided to go!

We want to go back to _____!



At first living in the USA was quite difficult. We missed our friends and family and we didn’t like the food. It was difficult to find organic fruit and vegetables. We also needed to rent a car. In London, we don’t drive, but in Durham, not many people walk or use public transport!

But we soon started to enjoy it. Our house was nice, and near a lovely park. Sacha liked his school, especially his music teacher, who played the trumpet! He worked hard and his teachers were very happy with him.

How was your day?

- B** Hi. I'm back. Linda! What are you doing at (1) h _____ ?
- L** Hi, Dad. You're very early.
- B** Yes, I got an early (2) fl _____ .
- L** How was your day?
- B** My day was fine. But what about your day? Why aren't you at school?
- L** We didn't have (3) cl _____ today. We went to the (4) Br _____ Museum in the morning. It was great. And then we had (5) l _____ in the café there.
- B** Why didn't you go to school this afternoon?
- L** We had a (6) fr _____ afternoon. I stayed at home.
- B** What did you do?
- L** I did my (7) h _____ . I had a lot of work.
- B** Good girl. When are your exams?
- L** They're next (8) w _____ .
- B** Where's your (9) m _____ ?
- L** She went out. I think she went (10) sh _____ .
- B** What's that?
- L** What?
- B** That noise.

Life in a day

We asked people around the world to film their lives. We got 4,500 hours of video from 102 countries. All of it was filmed on the same day – 24th July.

Early in the morning in the USA, a baby opened his eyes and looked at his mother. ‘Isn’t he pretty?’ she asked the camera. Around the world, people got up, and washed, and had breakfast. A 15-year-old boy shaved for the first time. He didn’t enjoy it! A small boy kissed his mother on her birthday.

24th of July was a Saturday, so a lot of people didn’t go to work. They relaxed and went to the park with their family, or went shopping. But other people worked hard, or cooked and cleaned. Some children played – but others worked. One small boy cleaned shoes in the street. One woman went to hospital for an operation. Another woman waited all evening to talk to her husband on Skype. He was a soldier thousands of miles from home.

For some people, 24th of July was a special day. A man arrived in Kathmandu. He was on a cycle trip around the world. A woman did an incredible skydive. An unemployed man got his first job. A boy who was at university went home to see his father for the first time in three years. Another man asked his girlfriend to marry him. A man and a woman got married and had an incredible party.

This beautiful film shows us life around the world in the 21st century. Watch it! It’s free on YouTube.



1 A boy _____ for the first time.



2 A small boy _____.



3 A man _____ in _____.



4 A woman _____ a _____.



5 A man and a woman _____.

Strangers on a train

Part 1



When the train stopped at the station, I opened my eyes and looked out of the window. I saw a woman on the platform. She was tall and blonde with blue eyes. The train moved and I closed my eyes. It was 4.00 p.m. and the train was full.

‘Excuse me. Can I sit here?’ I opened my eyes again. It was the tall, blonde woman.

‘Sure,’ I answered. She sat down next to me. There was a nice smell. Chanel No. 5. I started to listen to music on my phone.

‘I love Chopin.’

‘Sorry?’ I said.

‘You’re listening to Chopin. I love classical music.’ She smiled. Her eyes were very blue.

We talked about music until the train arrived at Paddington Station. ‘Would you like a cup of coffee?’ she asked me. I looked at my watch. ‘OK,’ I said. ‘I have time.’



Part 2



We bought two coffees at the station café. We sat down.

‘My name’s Olivia,’ she said.

‘I’m David. I’m from Chicago. Nice to meet you. What do you do?’ I asked.

‘I work in property – flats and houses. What do you do?’

‘I work for Citibank.’

‘That’s interesting!’ said Olivia. ‘Do you live in London?’

‘Yes, but I’m new here.

I moved to London last month. I have a flat in Chelsea.’

‘Wow! That’s an expensive part of London!’

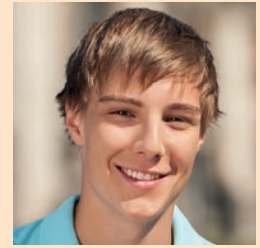
I looked at my watch. ‘Time to go. I have a tennis lesson this evening.’

‘I can drive you home,’ she said. ‘I live near Chelsea.’ I told her my address.

A blog post

A big day

by **Eddie** 17 hours ago



- Yesterday was a big day for me. It was the first day of my new job.
- After that, I went to my new office. I got a taxi, because I didn't want to be late.
- I went to bed early, at 9.30. I was really tired, but it was a good day!
- 1 I got up at 6.30. I usually get up at 8.00 or 8.30, but yesterday I was very excited!
- I didn't go out for lunch – I had a sandwich in the office. My colleagues usually do that, so I did too.
- I went home at 5.30. I had a pizza for dinner with my girlfriend. After dinner, we watched TV.
- Then I had a shower and had breakfast. I didn't eat very much, because I was a bit nervous.
- When I arrived, the boss introduced me to the other people in the office. Everybody was very friendly.