

For Students: Please listen to the teacher read the dialogues and question before answering each question. Please answer the questions with the full answer rather than only the number. The dialogues are contained in this pack after the question for your review. Please do not read them until instructed to do so by the teacher or after the lesson.

Part 1 – Conversations



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No. 1

- 1 She wants to move to another apartment.
- 2 She wants to speak to the owner.
- 3 To have her rent reduced.
- 4 To get a new carpet paid for.

No. 2

- 1 Find somewhere else to rent a car.
- 2 Rent an automatic car for four days.
- 3 Come back later today to rent a car.
- 4 Use a manual car for the first day.

No. 3

- 1 The construction will finish later than expected.
- 2 The scenic route will also become busy.
- 3 Her journey to work will take longer.
- 4 Her commuting costs will increase.

No. 4

- 1 He had to talk in front of many people.
- 2 He made a big mistake during the interview.
- 3 The interviewers asked some difficult questions.
- 4 There were a lot of candidates for the job.

No. 5

- 1 He wants to avoid going to the Garden Center.
- 2 Sales items can be poor quality.
- 3 He will work in the garden this weekend.
- 4 The garden center should offer furniture repair.

No. 6

- 1 Ask her homestay guest to pay more rent.
- 2 Accept more homestay guests in the future.
- 3 Take part in a homestay in Russia.
- 4 Speak to her homestay guest about the problem.

No. 7

- 1 She can help organize it.
- 2 She cannot go because she has other plans.
- 3 She wants to bring a friend with her.
- 4 She does not want to have it in Dallas.

No. 8

- 1 It should be closed down.
- 2 It should reduce its hours.
- 3 It has poor facilities.
- 4 It has too few books.

No. 9

- 1 Bosses are often strict.
- 2 It is easier than people think.
- 3 Research is the main responsibility.
- 4 It requires you to work independently.

No. 10

- 1 The vet could not find any injuries.
- 2 She could not see the vet today.
- 3 He should take the cat to the vet.
- 4 They should find a new vet.

No. 11

- 1 Stay at her current company.
- 2 Try to extend her contract.
- 3 Start a German Class
- 4 Take a look at the website.

No. 12

- 1 She had a fight with one of her housemates.
- 2 The behavior of one of her housemates has changed.
- 3 One of her housemates is planning to leave.
- 4 One of her housemates is in the hospital.

No. 1

Jenna: Hello, Mr. Roper. This is Jenna from Apartment 2A.

Mr. Roper: Hi, Jenna. How can I help you?

Jenna: Well, my rental contract is almost up. I'm considering renewing for another year, but wanted to discuss something with you.

Mr. Roper: Sure.

Jenna: The carpet's worn out, and I'd like to get a new one. Will you cover the cost?

Mr. Roper: Sounds reasonable, but I'm just the manager, so the final decision is up to the owner. I'll speak to him.

Question: Why is Jenna calling Mr. Roper?

No. 2

Jessica: Good morning, how can I help you?

Michael: I'd like to rent a car for four days. It's just for around town, so a compact model is fine, but I'd prefer an automatic.

Jessica: OK. Ah, I'm afraid the last automatic went out about an hour ago

Michael: Oh dear. Will you have one tomorrow?

Jessica: Let me see. Yes, a two-door automatic is due back late this evening.

Michael: OK. I'll make do with a manual for now, but I'd like to reserve the other one for tomorrow.

Question: What does Michael decide to do?

No. 3

Christopher: Hey, Karen. Did you hear the city's finally going to fix Elm Street Bridge?

Karen: Yeah. It's great they're doing the work, but my commute will be terrible.

Christopher: At least they aren't closing the bridge completely during construction.

Karen: Still, it's going to cause delays. I'll have to leave much earlier to get to work on time.

Christopher: If you don't mind driving a bit further, you could save time by taking the scenic route along the river. It'd be less stressful.

Karen: Good idea.

Question: What is Karen's concern?

No. 4

Matthew: Man, that had to be the most stressful job interview I've ever done.

Jennifer: What happened? Did it go badly?

Matthew: Not really. But when I walked into the room, there were six guys sitting there.

Jennifer: You're kidding! Did they all ask you questions?

Matthew: Only two actually spoke. The others just sat there. They were all taking notes about what I said.

Jennifer: That does sound stressful. Were there many other candidates?

Matthew: I've no idea. I didn't see anyone else.

Question: Why did Matthew feel stressed?

No. 5

Amanda: Lance, did you see the weather report? More rain this weekend.

Lance: Oh, not again. I wanted to do some gardening.

Amanda: At least the weeds like it!

Lance: How about going to the garden center on Sunday to look at garden furniture instead?

Amanda: Actually, I think there's a sale on now. Remember that picnic table you bought at their clearance sale a few years ago? It was really cheap.

Lance: Yeah, but I've had to repair it a few times already. I'd prefer to get better quality stuff this time around.

Question: What does Lance imply?

No. 6

Joshua: Hey, Barbara. How's it going with your homestay guest?

Barbara: Not so great, actually.

Joshua: What's the matter?

Barbara: Well, my family had hoped to learn a bit about Russian culture, and teach him about ours.

Joshua: Of course. It's supposed to be a cultural exchange, right?

Barbara: Yeah, but he's never around. He doesn't seem interested in us.

Joshua: You'd better let him know that you're not running a hotel.

Barbara: I plan to do just that this weekend.

Question: What does Barbara say she will do?

No. 7

David: Hi, Melissa. Did you get my e-mail about the class reunion? It looks like the second weekend in November is best for most people.

Melissa: Yeah, I got it, thanks. Unfortunately, I'm busy that weekend.

David: Oh, I see. You did such a good job planning last year's reunion I was hoping you'd help me with this one.

Melissa: Sorry, but a friend of mine in Dallas is getting married then. I'm sure you'll do fine by yourself..

David: I hope so!

Question: What does Melissa say about this year's reunion?

No. 8

Ashley: Stan, did you notice the public library has reduced its hours?

Stan: Really? They seemed pretty short already.

Ashley: I wouldn't mind if they used the money they're saving to make improvements.

Stan: I agree. Some of their books really need replacing.

Ashley: Actually, I was thinking more about their facilities. The two computers they have are so slow I don't bother using them anymore.

Stan: Well, I wouldn't expect them to get new ones any time soon.

Question: What does Ashley think about the library?

No. 9

Nicole: Uncle Bob, I've been thinking about my future career. You used to teach at a university, didn't you? How was it?

Bob: Great. But you really have to be self-motivated.

Nicole: What do you mean?

Bob: You don't have a boss watching over you all the time, but there are a lot of things expected of you other than teaching, like doing your own research.

Nicole: Hmm. I think I'm probably better suited to a more structured environment.

Question: What does Bob say about working at a university?

No. 10

James: Is the cat OK, dear? It looks like she's scratched her eye.

Stephanie: I think she got into a fight with another cat. I noticed it when I got home from work.

James: Did you check for other injuries?

Stephanie: I think she got bitten on the neck, too. I would've gone to the vet today, but they were already closed. I'll take her tomorrow morning.

James: Good. Better safe than sorry.

Question: What does Stephanie tell James?

No. 11

Daniel: Hey, Tammy. I saw a great job posting yesterday and thought of you.

Tammy: On the website you told me about?

Daniel: Yeah. For a sales manager at Jaystrong Electronics, based in Berlin. It offers a great bonus and good vacations.

Tammy: I saw that posting, too. It's tempting, but I still have a year left on my contract here. Anyway, my German's not good enough.

Daniel: I'm sure your German's fine. But I understand your wanting to fulfill your obligations here.

Question: What does Tammy decide to do?

No. 12

Sara: Professor Barnes, can I ask your advice?

Professor Barnes: Sure, Sara. What's up?

Sara: I'm worried about one of my housemates. She's been acting strangely recently.

Professor Barnes: What do you mean?

Sara: Well, she used to hang out with us all the time. Now she spends most of her time alone in her room. She doesn't even go to classes some days.

Professor Barnes: Maybe she's homesick. I suggest you let her know you're worried about her.

Sara: Thanks, I'll do that.

Question: Why is Sara worried?

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