

Dialogue Workout # 35

1.
A: I saw you at Mission Campus yesterday.
B: Yes, I recognize you. You're in my class.
A: We are both in Level Three.
B: Did you study at Mission last semester?
A: No, I didn't. This is my first semester here.
B: I studied here last semester. I was in Level Two.
2.
A: I took a test. They placed me in Level Three.
B: Did you study English in your country?
A: Yes, I did. I studied English in high school.
B: I didn't study any English until I came here.
A: You started learning English in Level One?
B: Yes. I started learning English last year.
3.
A: My kids speak English better than me.
B: I know. Kids learn to speak English quickly.
A: They learn in school, and in the playground.
B: I work in a restaurant. I hear English a lot.
A: Do you understand when people speak?
B: I don't understand when people speak fast.
4.
A: I couldn't come to school last week.
B: You missed Chapter Six of the book.
A: Chapter Six? Thank you. I'll study it at home.
B: I won't be in school next week. I have to go to my country.
A: I'll save the lessons for you.
B: Thanks. Here are the notes I took last week.
5.
A: Olga couldn't come to school last week.
B: I'll give her copies of the exercises.
A: I couldn't come to school yesterday. I was sick.
B: We read a story yesterday.
A: Could I have a copy of the story please?
B: Certainly. And here's a comprehension quiz.
6.
A: Are you studying English at Mission Campus?
B: No, I'm not. Is it a good place to learn English?
A: Yes, it is. They have classes at different levels.
B: Do they have computer classes there?
A: Yes. The computer classes are on the 4th floor.
B: I would like to study English and computers.
7.
A: I want to take some classes here.
B: Do you want to take English classes?
A: Yes, I do. I also want to take a computer class.
B: Here, you can register for English classes.
A: What do I need to do first?
B: First you must take a test. We'll see what level is good for you.
8.
A: Congratulations. You did very well on the test.
B: Great. What level do I qualify for?
A: You qualify for Level Three. What time is good?
B: I would like a 10:30 class.
A: We have an opening in an 8:30 Level Three.
B: That's too early. I work late at night.
9.
A: I think I can get you in a 10:30 class.
B: A 10:30 class would be perfect. Is it possible?
A: There's the teacher. I'll talk to her.
B: Thank you. I appreciate it.
A: The teacher says she has an opening.
B: Great. How do I register for that class?
10.
A: Here's a pink form. Show it to the teacher.
B: And where can I buy the book?
A: At the book store on the first floor.
B: What book should I buy for this class?
A: The teacher will tell you what book to buy.
B: I'm sure I'll enjoy studying at Mission Campus.

Dialogue Workout # 36

1.

A: I would like some ground beef, please.

B: How much would you like?

A: May I have a pound and a half?

B: It weighs a little more than that. Is it okay?

A: That's okay. Do I pay for it here?

B: No, you don't. You can pay the cashier.

2.

A: I didn't buy everything. I forgot to buy apples.

B: That's okay. I'll go and get some.

A: We need about two pounds of apples.

B: Where can I find them? Do you know?

A: Yes. As you enter the store, the produce is on the left.

B: I'll be back in a little while.

3.

A: Could you go to the store for me?

B: Sure, what do you need?

A: I need some salt. I ran out.

B: Can I get anything else for you?

A: Yes, you can. I could use a pound of butter.

B: Okay. I'd better hurry. The store closes soon.

4.

A: Did you go to the supermarket yesterday?

B: Yes, I did. I bought several things there.

A: What vegetables did you buy?

B: I bought a head of lettuce and some onions.

A: Did you buy any broccoli?

B: No. They didn't have any. They were out.

5.

A: Is your supermarket convenient?

B: Sometimes it's convenient. Sometimes it's not.

A: What do you mean?

B: Sometimes, the supermarket is very crowded.

A: What do you do when it's crowded?

B: I wait in line a long time, and I get impatient.

6.

A: Does Cynthia like to go to the supermarket?

B: No, she doesn't. It's too far from her house.

A: Where does she prefer to go shopping?

B: She prefers the small stores in her neighborhood.

A: But, those stores are more expensive, right?

B: That's right, but they're more convenient for her.

7.

A: Excuse me. I couldn't find the fresh peaches.

B: Did you look in the produce section?

A: Yes, but I didn't find any peaches there.

B: Oh, that's right. We're out of them right now.

A: When will you have fresh peaches?

B: Fresh peaches are coming tomorrow.

8.

A: Do you buy soap at the supermarket?

B: Not usually. I find cheaper soap at MacFrugal's.

A: Macfrugal's? What kind of store is that?

B: It's a discount store. They have many sale items

A: Can I buy paper towels there?

B: I'm not sure. You'll have to see for yourself.

9.

A: What do we need at the supermarket?

B: Let's see. We need a half gallon of milk.

A: I'm writing it down. Anything else?

B: A couple of bottles of diet soda.

A: How many loaves of bread should I get?

B: Get a couple of loaves of whole wheat bread.

10.

A: I went to the supermarket, and now I'm upset.

B: Why? Did you forget to bring the list?

A: No, I remembered the list. But I spent \$80.00.

B: \$80.00? That's a lot of money.

A: I know it is. I didn't think I bought that much.

B: Maybe we should try a different supermarket.

Dialogue Workout # 37

1.
A: Where's the nearest post office? Do you know?
B: It is at 23rd and South Van Ness.
A: When does it close?
B: I think it closes at 5:00.
A: It's 4:45. I have to run. I have to mail this package.
B: You won't get there on time. It's too far.
2.
A: How can I help you?
B: I'd like a roll of 37 cent stamps.
A: Here you are. That's \$37.00.
B: \$37.00? I didn't know it was so expensive.
A: Well, there are a hundred stamps in a roll.
B: I changed my mind.
3.
A: You don't want any stamps?
B: I'd like a book of 37 cent stamps.
A: All right. Here you are. That \$7.40.
B: I also want to send this package.
A: Where do you want to send it?
B: I want to send this package to New York.
4.
A: How do you want to send it?
B: What's the fastest way to send it?
A: The fastest is Federal Express.
B: How soon will it get to New York?
A: It will arrive in New York tomorrow.
B: It isn't urgent. I'll send it by regular mail.
5.
A: Do you want to insure it?
B: Please, explain what that means.
A: If it gets lost, you'll be reimbursed..
B: Good. Yes, I want to insure it.
A: How much do you want to insure it for?
B: I want to insure it for \$100.00.
6.
A: I'm going to the post office. Do you need anything?
B: Yes, I need some air letters.
A: I'll get some for you. How many do you need?
B: I need about twenty.
A: Are you going to write a lot of letters?
B: Yes, I am. I have some friends in Nicaragua.
7.
A: I want to send this letter by certified mail.
B: You must fill out this form.
A: I also need twenty post cards.
B: Here's your receipt for the certified mail.
A: How much do I owe for all that?
B: That's four dollars. Have a nice day.
8.
A: You look upset. What's the matter?
B: I waited for an hour in the post office.
A: Why did you wait for such a long time?
B: I just needed some stamps.
A: You should buy a roll. It will last a long time.
B: I won't have to go to the post office so often .
9.
A: What does this notice mean?
B: It means they tried to deliver a package.
A: I wasn't home all day today.
B: You can pick it up at the post office.
A: Do I need to show them this notice?
B: Yes, and also show them an I.D.
10.
A: I have to hurry. The post office is closing soon.
B: It is? What time does it close?
A: It closes at 5:00 and it's 4:50 now.
B: But the post office is five blocks from here.
A: If I run, I will get there on time.
B: I think you will have to wait until tomorrow.

Dialogue Workout # 38

1.

A: Where's Yolanda Harris going now?

B: She's going to the bank.

A: What's she going to do at the bank?

B: She's going to open a checking account.

A: Is she going to the Bank of America?

B: Yes, she is. It's not far from her home.

2.

A: I would like to open a checking account.

B: Good. Could you please fill out this card?

A: And I want to deposit \$200.00 in it.

B: I need to see two pieces of identification.

A: I would like to have an ATM card also.

B: Yes. It is our Versateller card.

3.

A: You can use it at any of our ATM machines.

B: Is there a charge for using it?

A: No, because you have an account here.

B: How many checks may I write per month?

A: You may write an unlimited number of checks.

B: I would like to order some checks please.

4.

A: Here are the different check styles.

B: I like these blue checks with the red flowers.

A: All right. I can order five hundred of those.

B: When will I receive my checks?

A: It takes about two weeks. Until then, you can use these.

B: Is there overdraft protection ?

5.

A: Yes. There's \$500.00 overdraft protection.

B: What does overdraft protection mean?

A: If you overdraw your account, the bank will pay.

B: Do I have to pay interest on the overdraft?

A: Yes, you do. Overdraft protection is a bank loan.

B: I understand. Well, thank you for your help.

6.

A: You might want to have a savings account too.

B: Yes, I'm very interested.

A: Our regular savings account pays 2 percent interest.

B: Is there a penalty for withdrawal?

A: No, there isn't.

B: Good. I would like to open a savings account.

7.

A: I tried to use the ATM machine, but it's closed.

B: You can use the ATM machine down the street.

A: But, it's a different bank. I have to pay a charge.

B: How much do you have to pay?

A: It's usually a dollar and a half.

B: That's right. When you use Versateller, it's free.

8.

A: That's right. It's free because I have an account.

B: Do you need anything at the supermarket?

A: Why are you asking me that?

B: Because you can get cash back with any purchase.

A: Will they accept my ATM card?

B: Of course. And there's no charge for cash back.

9.

A: Don't use the ATM machine at night.

B: Why not? Is it dangerous?

A: It's not safe. It's better to use it in the day time.

B: You're right. I heard that somebody was robbed.

A: A robber can steal your ATM card.

B: And then the robber can withdraw all my money.

10.

A: We spent too much money last month.

B: Are we using our overdraft?

A: Yes, we are. We only have \$100.00 left in it.

B: We need to budget our income more carefully.

A: That's right. And we should pay off our overdraft.

B: We'll pay it off with our next paychecks.