

Dialogue Workout # 39

1.
A: Tell me what you did today.
B: I washed all of the dishes.
A: Did you take out the garbage?
B: Yes, I did. I cleaned the living room, too.
A: Did you do the laundry?
B: Yes. I did all the laundry.
2.
A: Tell me what Julio did yesterday.
B: He swept the sidewalk in front of the house.
A: Did he cut the grass and trim the bushes?
B: Yes, and he pulled a lot of weeds.
A: Julio is an excellent gardener.
B: He can also paint. He wants to paint our kitchen.
3.
A: Maria, when did you talk to Mr. Jones?
B: I talked to him yesterday around 2:00.
A: What did he say?
B: He said he would call again today.
A: Did you type all the letters?
B: Yes. I typed all the letters you gave me.
4.
A: Mr. Parker, when did you speak to Maria?
B: I spoke to her a few minutes ago.
A: Did you ask her about the new software?
B: No, I didn't. What's the question?
A: Does she understand how to use it?
B: I will ask her, but she seems very comfortable with it.
5.
A: Tell me what the staff did yesterday.
B: The staff prepared all the food.
A: Did they deliver it to the party on time?
B: Yes, they delivered all the food on time.
A: Did they clean the kitchen thoroughly?
B: Yes, they did. They put everything away.

6.
A: Did the painters finish the preparation?
B: Yes, they did. They completed the prime coat.
A: Did they have enough primer or did they run out?
B: They needed a couple of more cans.
A: Did they purchase those cans at the store?
B: Yes. The paint store added them to the bill.
7.
A: Did the janitors finish the third floor?
B: Yes. They finished it an hour ago.
A: Did they find any car keys?
B: Car keys? No. Did someone lose car keys?
A: Yes. Mr. Parker can't find his.
B: Well, none of the janitors mentioned car keys.
8.
A: Did you repair the brakes on the Toyota?
B: Yes. I repaired them an hour ago.
A: Did you find anything unusual?
B: No, I didn't. The brakes were worn out, that's all.
A: Did you install new ones?
B: And, I drove the car. The new brakes are fine.
9.
A: Did Renee check the spelling in the letters?
B: Yes, she did. All the words are correct.
A: Did she fold the letters and stuff the envelopes?
B: Yes, and she already put stamps on them.
A: When is she going to mail the letters?
B: She's on her way to the post office now.
10.
A: Mr. Parker, did you interview the applicants?
B: Not yet. I will interview them tomorrow.
A: Did you give them appointments?
B: Yes, I did. They all have appointments.
A: Mr. Parker, we need new workers right away.
B: I know. A lot of qualified people are applying.

Dialogue Workout # 40

1.

A: Mother, I want to marry Patricia.

B: But Jose, you're only eighteen years old.

A: That's true, but I have a very good job.

B: Yes. You're an excellent carpenter, but ...

A: I can support a family with my salary.

B: I think you and Patricia should wait.

2.

A: Hi, Jose. It's nice to see you again.

B: Hi, Patricia. I just talked to my mother.

A: You look upset. What did she say?

B: She said we shouldn't get married now.

A: My mother feels the same way. We should wait.

B: It's difficult to wait. I really want to marry you.

3.

A: Hello, Mrs. Sanchez? This is Yolanda Harris.

B: Oh, yes. You're Jose's mother, aren't you.

A: That's right. And you're Patricia's mother.

B: Yes. I think you're calling because you're worried.

A: I'm worried about my son and your daughter.

B: They're too young to get married.

4.

A: Well, Patricia really loves Jose very much.

B: I know. And Jose really loves Patricia.

A: However, Patricia is still in high school.

B: Right. And Jose just graduated from high school.

A: They should wait at least another year.

B: Jose needs to go to college.

5.

A: Patricia plans to attend City College next year.

B: Don't misunderstand. I like Patricia very much.

A: I like Jose, too. He's a fine young man.

B: I would like to have Patricia for a daughter in law.

A: Jose will be a good son in law.

B: But after they finish college. That's much better.

6.

A: If Patricia has a baby, she can't study in college.

B: If Jose becomes a father, he must work too hard.

A: They both need time to study.

B: I completely agree with you.

A: We must persuade our children.

B: I hope they listen to reason.

7.

A: I agree with you, mother.

B: I'm glad you agree with me, Patricia.

A: We can wait two more years.

B: Yes. In that time, you can prepare for the future.

A: We will have a better marriage.

B: I want you both to be happy.

8.

A: But Dad, Patricia and I love each other.

B: I know you do, but you need to study.

A: I have a very good job right now.

B: Did you say you wanted to learn computers?

A: Yes. But I said that before I met Patricia.

B: That shouldn't make any difference.

9.

A: Patricia, do you want to marry me?

B: Yes, Jose, but I talked to my parents.

A: I talked to my parents also.

B: Your parents agree with my parents.

A: They say we shouldn't get married right now.

B: We should plan for our future.

10.

A: I'm afraid to wait, Patricia.

B: Why are you afraid to wait, Jose?

A: I'm afraid you won't love me after college.

B: I will always love you, Jose.

A: That makes me feel better. Okay, we'll wait.

B: I'm glad we listened to our parents.

Dialogue Workout # 41

1.
A: Is there a restaurant nearby?
B: Yes, there's a McDonalds at the corner of Mission and 24th.
A: But, McDonalds is fast food. It's not healthy.
B: Do you like Mexican food?
A: Yes, I do. It's very delicious and healthy.
B: There are several Mexican restaurants on 24th.

2.
A: Is there a produce market nearby?
B: Yes, there's a produce market at the corner of Mission and 23rd.
A: Do they have fresh fruits and vegetables?
B: Yes, they do. Their produce is fresh and nutritious.
A: Is there a Walgreen's drugstore nearby?
B: It's across the street from the produce market.

3.
A: Is there a bank nearby?
B: Yes, there's a bank at the corner of Mission and 23rd.
A: Is it across the street from the produce market?
B: Yes, it is. It's not difficult to find.
A: Do you know when they open?
B: I think they open at 10:00.

4.
A: Is there a post office nearby?
B: Yes, there's a post office at the corner of South Van Ness and 23rd.
A: Could you tell me when it opens?
B: I believe it opens at 9:00 AM.
A: How many blocks is South Van Ness from here?
B: I believe it's three blocks from here.

5.
A: How many blocks is the nearest Bart Station?
B: It's just two blocks from here.
A: How often do the Bart trains run?
B: They run every ten minutes. Where are you going?
A: I'm going to Oakland. I need to apply for a job.
B: You can take the Bay Point Train.

6.
A: Is there a good place to learn English nearby?
B: Yes, there is. I recommend Mission Campus.
A: Could you tell me where it's located?
B: Yes. It's at the corner of Bartlett and 22nd.
A: I already speak some English. Will that school help me?
B: Yes. They have classes from level 1 to 8.

7.
A: Are there any parks in this part of town?
B: Yes, there's a nice park on Dolores Street.
A: How many blocks is Dolores Street from here?
B: It's only about three blocks from here.
A: Does that park have a playground for children?
B: Yes, it does. It has a very nice playground.

8.
A: Are there any libraries nearby?
B: Yes, there's a library on the corner of 24th and Bartlett.
A: Is it a large library? I need a large library.
B: Then, you should go to the main library.
A: Is the main library very far from here?
B: Yes. You have to take Bart and get off at Civic Center.

9.
A: Did you hear about the new Mission Campus?
B: No, I didn't. What about it?
A: There will be a new Mission Campus on Mission Street.
B: That's great. When will it open?
A: In about three years. It will be very large.
B: That's great news. Mission Campus needs a new building.

10.
A: Is there a movie theater nearby?
B: No. There aren't any movie theaters near here.
A: That's too bad. I wanted to go to a movie.
B: There are several movie theaters on Van Ness.
A: Could you tell me how to get there?
B: Sure. Take the Number 49 bus and get off at O'Farrell Street.

Dialogue Workout # 42

1.
A: How is Alberto doing in school?
B: He's doing very well in Math. He's getting an 'A'.
A: That's great. He must study very hard.
B: However, he isn't doing well in English.
A: He isn't? Is he having trouble with it?
B: Yes, he is. It's difficult for him. He's getting a 'C'.
2.
A: I recommend you ask about a tutor.
B: A tutor? What is a tutor?
A: If a subject is difficult, a tutor will help the student.
B: That's great. How can I find a tutor?
A: Ask your son's teacher. She might recommend one.
B: I'll do it right away. Thanks for the advice.
3.
A: Are you going to the school's 'open house'?
B: Yes, I am. I want to meet my daughter's teachers.
A: It's a good idea to meet the teachers.
B: Also, the teachers will explain about their classes.
A: I want to help my son with his homework.
B: I'll see you at the open house.
4.
A: Excuse me. I'm Mrs. Sanchez. I'm Dora's mother.
B: Oh, yes, Mrs. Sanchez. It's nice to meet you.
A: Could you tell me how Dora is doing in this class?
B: I'm happy to say, Dora is doing very well.
A: Oh, I'm glad to hear that.
B: She's making a lot of progress. Don't worry about her.
5.
A: Excuse me. I'm Mr. Hernandez. I'm Pedro's father.
B: Oh, yes. Mr. Hernandez. Nice meeting you.
A: Would you tell me if Pedro is handing in his homework on time?
B: Yes, Mr. Hernandez. He never hands it in late.
A: Oh, I'm glad to hear that.
B: Don't worry, Mr. Hernandez. He's one of my best students.

6.
A: Alberto is doing much better in English now.
B: That's great to hear. Did he study with a tutor?
A: Yes, he did. And the tutor helped him a lot.
B: I knew a tutor would help Alberto.
A: Alberto's grade in English is better. He got a 'B'.
B: I knew Alberto would do well. He's very smart.
7.
A: Welcome to the school open house.
B: Thank you, but I don't know where I should go.
A: Do you have your child's class schedule?
B: No, I don't. Where can I get a copy?
A: Go to the principal's office. She'll give you one.
B: I see her office. It's across the hall.
8.
A: Here is a copy of your child's class schedule.
B: Where should I go next?
A: Go to Dora's first class of day, in room 113.
B: I'm not sure where to find that room.
A: Here is a floor plan of the school. The room numbers are clearly marked.
B: Thank you for explaining everything.
9.
A: Excuse me. I'm Mrs. Sanchez. I'm Dora's mother.
B: Oh, Mrs. Sanchez. Your daughter is an excellent student.
A: I'm concerned about her social skills.
B: Yes. Dora is a little shy, but she has friends.
A: I think she's a little afraid of the other students.
B: Don't worry. She's new here. She'll get over it.
10.
A: I have good news. Pedro is finishing high school.
B: Congratulations. When will he graduate?
A: He will graduate this June.
B: Does he have any plans for college?
A: Yes, he does. He's going to U. C. Berkeley next year.
B: U. C. Berkeley? That's a great school. And it's difficult to get into.