

Dialogue Workout # 43

1.

A: Excuse me. This is my first time in a laundromat.

B: Oh, it is? Don't worry. The machines aren't difficult to use.

A: How much does each load cost?

B: Each load costs \$1.25. But you need quarters.

A: I don't have quarters, just dollar bills.

B: You can use the change machine over there.

2.

A: I have a problem. I don't have any soap.

B: That's no problem. You can buy soap here.

A: They sell soap in the laundromat?

B: Yes, you can buy it from that machine. It's .75.

A: I guess I need a few more quarters.

B: You can use the change machine again.

3.

A: Humberto and Alicia went to the laundromat yesterday.

B: Did they have a lot of clothes to wash?

A: Yes, they had several loads.

B: It's better to go to the laundromat together.

A: It's nice to have someone to talk to.

B: The laundromat can be a boring place.

4.

A: I like to bring a book when I go to the laundromat.

B: It makes the time go faster.

A: It takes a lot of time to wash clothes.

B: It also takes a lot of quarters.

A: I met a very nice woman at the laundromat.

B: You did? Did you talk to her?

5.

A: Yes, I did. We had a nice conversation.

B: Did you ask her out for a date?

A: No, I didn't. She's married. I met her son.

B: How old is her son?

A: Her son is still a baby. He's around one year old.

B: You can meet interesting people at the laundromat.

6.

A: Excuse me, can you help me?

B: I'll try to help you. What's the problem?

A: This change machine doesn't work. I don't know why.

B: You put the dollar bill in the wrong way.

A: I put the dollar bill in the wrong way?

B: Yes. You must put it in exactly like the picture.

7.

A: I finished washing my clothes.

B: Now, you have to dry them. There are the dryers.

A: How much does the dryer cost?

B: For one quarter, you can dry clothes for ten minutes.

A: How long will it take to dry my clothes?

B: It will take about thirty minutes.

8.

A: How often do you go to the laundromat?

B: I have to go to the laundromat once a week.

A: You must have a lot of clothes to wash.

B: I certainly do. My husband is contractor.

A: Also, you have two children.

B: That's right. I always have a lot of clothes to wash.

9.

A: Does Mrs. Johnson like to wash clothes?

B: No, she doesn't like to wash clothes.

A: Why not? Doesn't she like the laundromat?

B: No, because it takes too long.

A: That's right. She has to wash and dry the clothes.

B: Does she bring a book to read?

10.

A: She has to bring a book or she gets bored.

B: She met an interesting young man there yesterday.

A: Yes, she told me. They had a nice conversation.

B: She told Mr. Johnson about the young man.

A: What did Mr. Johnson say about the young man?

B: He said next time he'll go with her to the laundromat.

Dialogue Workout # 44

1.
A: What are you giving your fiance for her birthday.
B: I'm thinking about it. I can't give her flowers.
A: Why not? She likes flowers.
B: I know, but I gave her flowers last year.
A: I have an idea. You should give her a bracelet.
B: I can't give her a bracelet, unfortunately.
2.
A: She already has too many bracelets.
B: I think you should give her a surprise birthday party.
A: A surprise birthday party. That's a great idea.
B: You can invite all of her friends.
A: I will also invite her parents and grandparents.
B: It will be a wonderful surprise party.
3.
A: What are you giving your parents for their anniversary?
B: I don't know. I can't give them a sofa.
A: I know you can't You gave them a sofa last year.
B: I'm thinking about giving them a table.
A: But you gave them a table two years ago.
B: No, I didn't. Two years ago I gave them a lamp.
4.
A: Are you giving your boyfriend anything for his birthday?
B: I can't decide. I know I can't give him a shirt.
A: Why not? He can always use another shirt.
B: But I gave him a shirt last year. He won't wear it.
A: How about a necktie? He needs one.
B: A necktie? I don't think so. He never wears them.
5.
A: Are you going to Anna's surprise birthday party?
B: Yes, I am. But I can't decide what to get her.
A: She loves to read biographies.
B: That's right. I'll give her a book about a famous politician.
A: I'm giving her a book about John Kennedy.
B: Don't talk about it now. Here she comes.
6.
A: Hello. What are you talking about?
B: We aren't talking about anything important.
A: Are you planning a surprise birthday party for me?
B: Absolutely not, Anna. What gave you that idea?
A: I don't know. Everybody is acting strange lately.
B: I want to buy a present for my parents. Their anniversary is soon. We're talking about that.
7.
A: Surprise, Anna. Happy Birthday, Anna.
B: Oh, my goodness! I really didn't know.
A: You didn't know about the surprise party?
B: No, I really didn't. It 's a complete surprise.
A: All your friends are here, Anna.
B: Oh, it's wonderful. Thank you, everybody. I'm going to cry.
8.
A: Open your presents, Anna. Open your presents.
B: Oh, flowers. How nice. And a bracelet. It's beautiful.
A: I gave you flowers last year.
B: Yes, but these are different flowers. I'm very happy.
A: He gave you a bracelet two years ago, remember?
B: But this is a better bracelet. It's my favorite one.
9.
A: Anna, it's time to make a wish and blow out the candles.
B: I have a wish. I want to be with my good friends.
A: Don't tell us your wish, Anna. It's a secret.
B: Look. I blew out all those twenty one candles.
A: You got your wish. Let's eat the cake.
B: I'm so happy. This is the best birthday ever.
10.
A: Anna's birthday party was successful.
B: Yes, it was. She liked all her presents.
A: She also enjoyed being surprised.
B: Yes, she did. But she wasn't really surprised.
A: You don't think so? Why not?
B: We talked about the party, and she heard us.