

Dialogue Workout - # 45

1.

A: How do you like San Francisco?

B: I like it. It's a nice city.

A: How do you like the weather?

B: I don't like the weather too much.

A: It's often cold and foggy. Do you agree?

B: Yes. But I think the people here are friendly.

2.

A: When did you come to this city?

B: I came here two years ago.

A: Did you come with your family?

B: No, I didn't. They came one year later.

A: Were you lonely when you first came here?

B: Yes, but when my family came, I was happy.

3.

A: What would you like to do?

B: Of course, I would like to learn more English.

A: Do you have any other dreams?

B: Some day, I would like to buy a house.

A: Houses are very expensive here.

B: I must work hard to reach my goals.

4.

A: What country are you from?

B: I'm from El Salvador.

A: What did you do in El Salvador?

B: I used to be a farmer. I had a farm.

A: Tell me about your farm.

B: We had many animals; cows, chickens, goats, horses.

5.

A: Tell me what you did your first day here.

B: We did a lot of things. We were excited.

A: Did you go sight-seeing?

B: Yes, we did. There was so much to see.

A: Did you see Civic Center?

B: Yes. We also saw Golden Gate Bridge.

6.

A: I like Golden Gate Bridge a lot

B: It's a very exciting place. I agree.

A: I like to go walking there with friends.

B: I like to look at the city from the bridge.

A: Also, you can sometimes see ships.

B: That bridge is one of my favorite places.

7.

A: How long have you been a chef?

B: I have been a chef for ten years.

A: What did you do before that?

B: Before that, I was a dishwasher.

A: You must be getting a better salary now.

B: Yes, I'm doing much better now.

8.

A: Do you miss your family in Mexico?

B: Yes, I do. I miss my girlfriend, too.

A: Do you talk with them on the phone?

B: Yes. I call them about once a week.

A: What kind of work does your father do?

B: My father drives a tractor and my brothers help him.

9.

A: Tell me about your life in San Francisco.

B: I like it here because there is freedom.

A: But you have to work very hard with little pay.

B: And I have to get up at 4:00 am every day.

A: What kind of work do you do?

B: I drive a delivery van for a restaurant.

10.

A: What impressed you your first day here?

B: I was amazed to see the large buildings.

A: Yes, the buildings are large. Especially downtown.

B: I was frightened of the freeway.

A: That's right. The cars go very fast on it.

B: I was confused to see people without homes.

Dialogue Workout - # 46

1.

A: What country is Sylvia from?

B: Nicaragua. She's been here for one year.

A: Does she have a job or is she looking?

B: She has a job as a housekeeper.

A: What does she do when she finishes work?

B: She eats dinner quickly then goes to school.

2.

A: What does Sylvia want to do?

B: Get a better job, but she needs English.

A: What kind of work is she interested in?

B: She would like to be a secretary.

A: She will need to take word processing.

B: Yes. She hopes to enroll in a computer class.

3.

A: Sylvia was a secretary in her country.

B: Then, she has a lot of experience and skills.

A: Yes, she is very qualified for that work.

B: The only thing holding her back is English.

A: But, she's intelligent. She will learn quickly.

B: I agree with you. I'm sure she can do it.

4.

A: I had a difficult time when I moved here.

B: Why was your life so difficult?

A: I had three children when I moved here.

B: What about your husband? Did he come too?

A: I'm a widow. I had to raise the children myself.

B: You had to support them in a new country?

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A: I don't know how we survived.

B: You worked very hard to support them.

A: Yes, I did. I worked long hours.

B: Are your children all grown up now?

A: Yes, they are. Two of them are married.

B: That's wonderful. Are you a grandmother?

6.

A: I'm a grandmother now. I have two grandchildren.

B: After all your struggle, you can relax.

A: Yes, I can. I often visit my family.

B: And your English is much better than before.

A: My English? You should hear my children.

B: Don't tell me. They talk just like natives.

7.

A: It's difficult to move to another country.

B: What is the most difficult thing?

A: The hardest thing is the language.

B: You're right. You don't have many opportunities.

A: If you don't speak English, your pay is low.

B: After I studied English, things got better for me.

8.

A: My first job here was as a baby sitter.

B: Did you work full time or part time?

A: I was a full time baby sitter. I had a lot responsibilities.

B: Tell me about your employer. Was she nice?

A: She was very nice. She helped me a lot.

B: I'm glad your first job was a good experience.

9.

A: I have a good friend at the restaurant, Erik.

B: It helps to have a good friend at work.

A: He's the chef. He explains how to make special foods.

B: How long have you known Erik?

A: I've known him for three years. We like to talk.

B: I ate at your restaurant last week. It was great.

10.

A: I want to put my paycheck in savings.

B: That's a good idea. You should save money.

A: But, I have a lot of bills to pay.

B: Then, you'd better put in checking.

A: I have been in this country for one year.

B: After you work for a while, you'll be able to save.

Dialogue Workout - # 47

1.

A: When did you leave your country?

B: I left my country two years ago.

A: How did you feel when you arrived here?

B: I was sad for the first three months.

A: I think I know why you were sad.

B: I missed my family and friends.

2.

A: How do you like San Francisco?

B: I enjoy being here. It's a nice place.

A: Really? Don't you think it's too cold?

B: I don't complain about the weather.

A: What about public transportation?

B: The bus system isn't bad. It's convenient.

3.

A: Why did you come to The United States?

B: I came here to attend school.

A: What classes are you taking at Mission Campus?

B: I am enrolled in the G.E.D. program.

A: Oh? Tell me about the G.E.D. program.

B: I can get a high school diploma if I pass the test.

4.

A: What will you do when you finish G.E.D.?

B: I will enroll in City College for two courses.

A: Are you going to get a certificate?

B: Yes. After two years, I will get a certificate.

A: Do you sometimes go back to your country?

B: Yes. I like to visit my country sometimes.

5.

A: I want a job teaching sports to children.

B: Do you have experience in that area?

A: Yes. I volunteered at Saint Mary's playground.

B: What kind of sport do you like to coach?

A: I enjoy coaching softball. I play it a lot.

B: I think you're probably an excellent coach.

6.

A: Tell me about your childhood.

B: They were the happiest years of my life.

A: Did you have a lot of friends?

B: No, I didn't. We lived in the country.

A: Did you ride horses and feed chickens?

B: Yes, I rode horses and fed all the animals.

7.

A: Tell me about your childhood.

B: I didn't have a happy childhood.

A: Why not? Didn't your parents love you?

B: Yes, but my country was in a civil war.

A: Then, it was a very dangerous time.

B: Yes, it was. I had to leave to save my life.

8.

A: I miss my hometown. It is Merida, Mexico.

B: Yesterday you started to tell me about the Orange Festival. Please, continue.

A: We hold a special Orange Festival in October.

B: How do you celebrate that festival?

A: Everyone makes special decorations.

B: What kind of decorations do they make?

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A: They make airplanes, flags, and flowers.

B: How long does the Orange Festival last?

A: It lasts for one week. The tourists love it.

B: Are you going to visit your hometown?

A: Yes, I want to see my family. I miss them.

B: You'll probably go back there in October.

10.

A: What city are you from?

B: I'm from Guang Zhou, China. It's in the south.

A: Do you remember your childhood?

B: Yes, I lived in a big, extended family.

A: What languages do you speak?

B: I speak Cantonese and Mandarin.

A: Is Mandarin the national language of China?

B: Yes, it is. I learned it in school.