1A Listening

A salsa class

Laura Hello, everybody. Welcome to the class. I'm Laura. I'm your teacher. OK, let's go. Look at me.

Dan Hi, I'm Dan. What's your name?

Jasmine Jasmine.

Dan Sorry?

Jasmine Jasmine!

Dan Hey. What's your phone number?

Jasmine It's 936-555-0271.

Dan 936-555-0271.

Jasmine Yes. Text me. Thanks.

Ed Hi, Dan.

Dan Hello. This is Jasmine. She's in my salsa class.

Ed Nice to meet you. My name's Ed.

Jasmine Nice to meet you, too.

Dan Bye, Jasmine.

Jasmine Goodbye, Dan. Bye, Ed.

Ed Hi, Jasmine.

Jasmine Ed! Are you in the salsa class, too?

Ed Yes, I am. How are you?

Jasmine I'm good, thank you. And you?

Ed Fine, thanks.

Laura OK, everybody, with your partners. Ed, you're with Jasmine.

Ed Great! You're my partner!

Jasmine Yes! See you later, Dan.

1C Vocabulary

Online classroom language

Turn on your camera.

Please unmute your microphone.

Please mute your microphone.

Write your answers in the chat.

Share your screen.

Go into the breakout rooms.

Please leave the class now.

1C Listening

A new student

Teacher Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

Micaela *[muted]* (Hi, yes, fine. I can hear you.)

Teacher Sorry? You're on mute.

Micaela Is it OK now?

Teacher Yes, fine now! Hello, I'm Harry, from English House Language School.

Micaela Hi, Harry.

Teacher Hi, there. OK, can I check your details first?

Micaela Yes, of course.

Teacher What's your first name?

Micaela Micaela.

Teacher How do you spell it?

Micaela M-I-C-A-E-L-A.

Teacher M-I-C-A-E-L-A – is that right?

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Micaela Yes, that's right.

Teacher And … what's your last name?

Micaela Vazquez.

Teacher Vazquez. Is that V-A-S…?

Micaela No, it's V-A-Z-Q-U-E-Z

Teacher V-A-Z-Q-U-E-Z. OK. Uh, how old are you, Micaela?

Micaela I'm 25.

Teacher Where are you from?

Micaela I'm from Argentina. .

Teacher Where in Argentina?

Micaela From Buenos Aires.

Teacher What's your address?

Micaela It's Florida one six five.

Teacher Florida's the street name? Number one six five?

Micaela Yes.

Teacher What's your zip code?

Micaela Sorry?

Teacher You know, the zip code.

Micaela Ah yes. It's C- one zero zero five A-A-C.

Teacher C- one zero zero five A-A-C. Great. What's your email address?

Micaela It's m dot vazquez at mail dot com.

Teacher And what's your phone number?

Micaela My cell phone or my home phone, my landline?

Teacher Both – cell and landline.

Micaela My cell is plus five four – that's for Argentina – then one one, one five, eight nine three four, five five six eight.

Teacher Plus five four, one one, one five, eight nine three four, five five six eight. Great. And your landline?

Micaela Plus five four, one one, six zero two three, five four four two.

Teacher Plus five four, one one, six zero two three, five four four two.

Micaela That's right.

Teacher OK, that's great. So, what do you do, Micaela?

Micaela I'm in college. I'm a medical student…

Practical English Episode 1

Ben arrives in London

Ben I'm Ben. I'm 25. I'm American. I'm from a small town in California. I'm on my way to London. I'm a Master's student at Tensquare School of Photography. I start this week. This is my first time in England. It's very exciting.

Ben Hi, Emma.

Emma Ben! How's London?

Ben Great!

Emma Mom and Dad say hi. Where are you?

Ben I'm near the hotel, I think…

Izzy Hey! Look out!

Izzy Tourists.

Checking in

Ben & Izzy Sorry!

Receptionist Good morning.

Ben Hi. I have a reservation for four nights. My name is Ben Fischer.

Receptionist Can you spell your surname, please?

Ben Yeah, it's F-I-S-C-H-E-R.

Receptionist Can I have your passport, please?

Ben Just a moment. Here you go.

Receptionist Thank you. Can you sign here, Mr Fischer?

Ben Sure.

Receptionist Thank you. Here's your key. It's room 12, on the second floor. The lift is over there.

Ben The lift? Oh, the elevator.

Receptionist Yes. Would you like a map of London?

Ben Yes, please.

Receptionist Here you are. Enjoy your stay, Mr Fischer.

Ben Thank you.

You say phrases: Checking in

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Ben Thank you.

In the park

Izzy Hey, Mr Fischer.

Ben Hi.

Izzy Is that the new Sony?

Ben What? Oh…yeah, it is.

Izzy Cool. This is a great camera!

Ben Um…

Izzy Can I take a photo?

Ben Uh…Sure.

Izzy Not here. Outside. Come on!

Ben Is my bag OK here? Thank You. Wait…wait!

Izzy I love this camera. You're American, right?

Ben Yeah, I am. But my dad's from Mexico.

Izzy Where are you from in the US?

Ben I'm from California. From a very small town.

Izzy What do you think of London?

Ben It's nice. I like it.

Izzy Are you on holiday?

Ben No. I'm a student.

Izzy Where?

Ben At the Tensquare School of Photography. I start on Thursday.

Izzy Tired?

Ben I'm very tired.

Izzy Come with me.

Izzy Come on. Let's go.

Izzy This is my favourite park.

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Ben It's…perfect! Thank you.

Izzy You're welcome. Sorry.Work…Time to go.

Izzy Bye, Mr Fischer.

Ben Ben…My name's Ben! Wait, what's your name?

Social English phrases

1

Izzy Can I take a photo?

Ben Uh…Sure.

2

Izzy You're American, right?

Ben Yeah, I am.

3

Izzy What do you think of London?

Ben It's nice. I like it.

4

Izzy Are you on holiday?

Ben No. I'm a student.

5

Ben Thank you.

Izzy You're welcome.

2C Listening

Have a safe trip!

Here are ten top tips to make your car trip safe.

Tip one: Plan your trip. Look at a map and plan where to stop on the way.

Tip two: Check your car. Is it ready for a long trip? Do it yourself or take it to a garage.

Tip three: Listen to traffic information on the radio, or check on the internet, before you start your trip.

Tip four: Take a map with you in the car, or have a map app on your phone – GPS isn't always right.

Tip five: Take bottles of water. People are often thirsty on long car trips.

Tip six: If you have children in the car, take books, games, and tablets with you. Then the children can watch videos or read. When children are quiet, the driver is less distracted.

Tip seven: Check that all the passengers in the car have their seat belts on.

Tip eight: Check that you have gas. Don't wait until your gas tank is nearly empty before you look for a gas station.

Tip nine: After driving for two hours, stop for fifteen minutes. Have a snack, and get some fresh air. If you're very tired, have a coffee or a drink with caffeine.

Finally, tip ten. This is very, very important. Don't use your phone. Calling and texting are very dangerous because you don't concentrate on the road.

Have a safe trip!

Review and Check 1&2

Can you understand these people?

1 Mallini

Interviewer What's your name?

Mallini Mallini.

Interviewer How do you spell it?

Mallini M-A-L-L-I-N-I.

2 Olga

Interviewer Where are you from?

Olga Originally I'm from Russia.

Interviewer And where in Russia?

Olga Moscow.

3 Lena

Interviewer What's your name?

Lena My name's Lena.

Interviewer How do you spell it?

Lena L-E-N-A.

Interviewer Where are you from?

Lena I'm from Toronto, Canada.

Interviewer Where's that?

Lena It's an hour's flight away from New York.

4 Jake

Interviewer Are you tidy or untidy?

Jake I'm very tidy.

Interviewer What's on your desk?

Jake On my desk I have all of my pencils and my computer.

Practical English Episode 2

Tensquare school

[Previously…]

Izzy Hey! Look out!

Ben Hi. I have a reservation for four nights. My name is Ben Fischer.

Izzy Are you on holiday?

Ben No. I'm a student.

Izzy Bye, Mr Fischer.

Ben Ben…My name's Ben! Wait, what's your name?

[Pictures of you title screen]

Andre Good afternoon, Ben.

Ben Sorry I'm late.

Andre The class starts at nine o'clock. It's half past nine.

Ben I'm really sorry.

Andre Sleeping in class.

Ben I…Sorry, Andre. I'm really tired.

Andre Can I see some of your work?

Andre These are really…great, Ben. Yeah, I like these.

Ben Oh. Thank you.

Andre These are good too. But these…are nothing special. Look, I know it's difficult, but I don't want good photos. I want great photos.

Ben OK, Andre.

Andre My job is to teach you how to take great photos.

Andre More photos like these.

Andre I don't want photos like these.

Ben OK. Sure, Andre. Thanks.

Andre Go and have a coffee and wake up.

Buying a coffee

Carla Can I help you?

Ben Hi, Carla.

Carla Hey, Ben. What would you like?

Ben Can I have an espresso, please?

Carla Single or double?

Ben Double. And a brownie, please.

Carla OK. Anything else?

Ben Can I have a latte, please? With oat milk.

Carla Regular or large?

Ben Large.

Carla To have here or take away?

Ben To take away.

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Carla OK.

Ben How much is that?

Carla That's £12.45, please.

Carla Thank you. Do you want a receipt?

Ben No. Thank you.

You say phrases: Buying a coffee

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Ben No. Thank you.

A surprise meeting

Izzy Morning, Mr Fischer.

Ben Hi…I…Hi…Hello. Good Morning.

Izzy Is this your local coffee shop?

Ben Yeah. My school is really near here.

Izzy Oh yes, Tensquare school.

Ben Yeah. Do you know it?

Izzy Yeah, I do.

Carla What would you like, Izzy? Your usual?

Ben Izzy.

Izzy Yes, please. How are you, Carla?

Carla I'm good. And you?

Izzy I'm OK.

Carla How's the job?

Izzy Good! It's long hours, but I like it.

Ben Uh…are you two friends?

Izzy Yeah. I come here a lot. I live very near here.

Ben Really?

Izzy Yeah. How's the course?

Ben Good, but…it's really hard work. I don't like the teacher very much.

Izzy Andre…

Ben Do you know him?

Izzy Yeah. He's…difficult.

Izzy Nice to see you again, Mr Fischer.

Ben Izzy? Um…Oh, Sorry. Erm, I…um…Do you…

Izzy Do you want to go out sometime?

Ben Me?

Izzy You.

Ben Yeah.

Izzy OK. Here's my number.

Izzy Call me.

Carla Have a biscuit.

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Social English phrases

1

Carla What would you like, Izzy? Your usual?

Izzy Yes, please.

2

Carla How's the job?

Izzy Good! It's long hours, but I like it.

3

Ben Uh…are you two friends?

Izzy Yeah. I come here a lot.

4

Izzy I live very near here.

Ben Really?

5

Izzy Do you want to go out sometime?

Ben Me? Yeah.

4A Listening

Tanya's photos extracts

Alisha Who's that?

Tanya That's my sister, Lena.

Tanya And this is my brother Stefan with my nephew, Leon.

Alisha Is that another sister?

Tanya No, that's my cousin, Nadya, and her husband Alex.

Tanya's photos

Alisha Who's that?

Tanya That's my sister, Lena.

Alisha How old is she?

Tanya She's 30, look at the cake!

Alisha Oh yeah! Nice cake! Does she also live in the UK?

Tanya Yes, she does. She lives in London too, quite near me. It's great, because the rest of my family are all in Germany.

Alisha What does she do?

Tanya She's a journalist.

Alisha Oh right. Is she married?

Tanya She has a partner, Sam. He's English. He works for an IT company. And this is my brother Stefan with my nephew, Leon.

Alisha Ahh! How old is he?

Tanya Leon? About one. They live in Berlin – I don't see them very often, unfortunately. Stefan is a great dad!

Alisha So what does he do?

Tanya He's a chef.

Alisha Is that another sister?

Tanya No, that's my cousin, Nadya, and her husband Alex.

Alisha She looks very like Lena!

Tanya Yes, maybe in that photo!

Alisha So what does Nadya do?

Tanya She's a teacher. And Alex is a police officer.

Alisha They look very young! How old are they?

Tanya She's 24, and he's 26, I think. They live in Frankfurt. We're very good friends.

Alisha Nice pics!

Tanya Thanks. Can I see some photos of your family?

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Alisha Yeah, sure. So this is my… Sorry, Tanya, I need to go. I have a meeting at half past one.

Tanya OK.

Alisha Bye.

Tanya See you later.

4B Vocabulary

This is Stressed Sally. She's an administrator in a busy office. She works long hours. This is Sally's daily routine.

Sally wakes up at seven o'clock.

She takes a shower.

She gets dressed.

She puts on make-up.

She has a coffee.

Sally goes to work by bus.

She gets to work at eight twenty-five.

She starts work at eight thirty.

She has lunch at work.

She finishes work at six thirty.

Sally goes shopping.

She gets home late.

She does the housework.

She has pizza for dinner.

She checks emails.

Sally goes to bed.

This is Relaxed Robbie. He's a gardener. He works for people in their gardens. This is Robbie's daily routine.

Robbie gets up at eight o'clock.

He shaves.

He takes the dog for a walk.

He has breakfast.

Robbie walks to work.

He goes home early.

He goes to his Italian class.

He sees friends.

Robbie makes dinner.

He relaxes on the sofa.

He takes a bath.

He sleeps for eight hours.

4C Listening

The island of Okinawa

Okinawa is an island about four hundred miles south of Japan. It is a beautiful island, with wonderful beaches and clear blue water. It also has more centenarians – people who are a hundred years old or more – than anywhere else in the world. What's more, they seem to age more slowly than other people.

According to scientists, people there who are actually seventy often have the bodies of fifty-year-olds. Many of them are very healthy all through their lives.

What's their secret? Most people think it's because of their healthy lifestyle. They don't have big meals – they have a cultural habit called *hara hachi bu*, which means they always stop eating before they're full. They usually just have fish and vegetables, especially sweet potatoes, and they eat a lot of seaweed, which is one of the healthiest foods that there is.

But diet isn't the only reason why they live so long. The Okinawans are very active, and they often work in their gardens until they're eighty or more. Many of

them also do t'ai chi or martial arts, every day.

They have a good social life. They visit friends or family, and a lot of them belong to community centers. Some play the traditional Okinawan guitar, an instrument similar to a banjo.

The old people of Okinawa are very positive and happy with their lives. They aren't stressed, because they're never in a hurry. Their spiritual lives are important to them, especially the women, and many of them meditate every day.

In Okinawa, people say you're a child until you are fifty-five. And when you reach ninety-seven, your local town holds a special ceremony called *kajimaya* to celebrate the fact that now it's time to be young again, to be free of all responsibilities and to simply enjoy life.

Review and Check 3&4

Can you understand these people?

1 Talitha

Interviewer What do you do?

Talitha I work in marketing.

Interviewer How many hours a week do you work?

Talitha I work for thirty-seven hours a week.

2 Joelle

Interviewer Do you have a big family?

Joelle No, I have a small family. One sister and parents.

Interviewer How old is your sister?

Joelle My sister is thirteen.

3 Sophie

Interviewer What time do you get up in the morning?

Sophie Usually around half past seven.

Interviewer What about on weekends?

Sophie Much later. Probably half past nine, ten o'clock.

4 Jake

Interviewer How often do you play sports or exercise? What do you do?

Jake I do sports about twice a week…going to the gym. And I walk one hour to school.

5 Tom

Interviewer What do you like about New York?

Tom New York? The variety. The people. Change.

Interviewer What don't you like?

Tom What don't I like? No, not much.

5A Listening

The judges

Judge 1 Dan, Amy, and Naomi, come and stand here. OK, Amy. Very nervous in the beginning! But in the end, very good!

Judge 2 Yes, a great performance. Well done.

Judge 1 Dan. In a word..."terrible!"

Judge 2 Dan, I'm sorry. You're good-looking, you move well, but you can't sing!

Judge 1 Naomi. Uh…you're OK. You have a nice voice.

Judge 2 Naomi, you have a good voice, but I can't hear the feeling.

Judge 1 OK. Dan and Naomi. Thank you very much, but no, thank you. Amy, congratulations! See you on the show next week.

Amy Fantastic! That's great. Thank you! Thank you!

5C Vocabulary and Listening

The weather in Chicago

The best (or worst) thing about the weather in Chicago is that it's always changing. It can be very hot or very cold.

In the summer, it's mostly sunny and sometimes cloudy, with temperatures of about 84 degrees. And of course, sometimes it rains.

In the winter, the temperature is usually between 29 and 14 degrees. It can be below freezing (32 degrees) for weeks at a time. Brrr! It snows about 38 inches a year.

In the spring and the fall, the weather is very changeable – you can have all four seasons in one week! It can be cold and snowing on Monday, cool and foggy on Tuesday, and warm and sunny on Wednesday. It's a good idea for tourists to bring a winter coat, gloves, sunglasses, sandals, and an umbrella when they visit Chicago in the spring and the fall – that way they are prepared for any kind of weather!

But one thing that isn't always true about Chicago is the wind. Even though Chicago's nickname is "The Windy City," it's not always windy there. In fact, Boston has more windy days than Chicago. Some people think Chicago's nickname is from politicians who talk too much!

Practical English Episode 3

First date

[Previously…]

Andre These are really…great, Ben. But these…are nothing special.

Carla Hey, Ben. What would you like?

Ben Can I have an espresso, please?

Izzy Do you want to go out sometime?

Ben Me?

Izzy Call me.

[Pictures of You title screen]

Izzy Hi, Ben!

Ben Wow. You look…great. I love your jacket.

Izzy Thanks. You too. Nice T-shirt.

Izzy Sorry, but you need to wear this helmet. You can ride a bike, right?

Ben Of course I can ride a bike!

Izzy So, where do you want to go?

Ben It's your city. I'm a tourist. I'm in your hands.

Izzy That's dangerous. Well, what do you want to see?

Ben I want to see the real London.

Izzy The real London? OK. Let's go.

Ben Where are we going?

Izzy Follow me. This is a great shop. They always have interesting clothes. Do you want to go in?

Ben Sure.

Buying clothes

Assistant Can I help you?

Ben Yes, what size is this shirt?

Assistant Let's see. It's a small. What size do you need?

Ben A medium.

Assistant Just a moment. This is a medium.

Ben Thank you. Can I try it on?

Assistant Of course. The changing rooms are over there.

Ben Thank you.

Assistant How is it?

Ben It's great.

Assistant It's a very nice shirt.

Ben How much is it?

Assistant It's £44.99.

Ben Great. Thank you.

Assistant Thank you.

Ben Bye.

You say phrases: Buying clothes

Assistant Can I help you?

Ben Yes, what size is this shirt?

Assistant Let's see. It's a small. What size do you need?

Ben A medium.

Assistant Just a moment. This is a medium.

Ben Thank you. Can I try it on?

Assistant Of course. The changing rooms are over there.

Ben Thank you.

Assistant How is it?

Ben It's great.

Assistant It's a very nice shirt.

Ben How much is it?

Assistant It's £44.99.

Ben Great. Thank you.

Talking in the park

Izzy Tell me about your home town.

Ben Well…it's a small town in California. My parents have a farm there.

Izzy Is it nice?

Ben It's very quiet, but I like it.

Izzy What's the weather like?

Ben It's nice in the summer, but it's really cold in the winter.

Izzy Does it snow?

Ben Yeah, it does. We get a lot of snow.

Izzy I love snow.

Ben Me too. But my favourite time of the year is the fall. You say autumn, right? The fall is really beautiful.

Izzy Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Ben I have a sister. A twin sister, actually.

Izzy A twin sister…that's cool. What's her name?

Ben Emma. She's great.

Izzy What does she do?

Ben She works on my parents' farm. What about you? Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Izzy No. I don't have any brothers or sisters. It's only me.

Ben Oh. It's Jenny. She's my aunt. She's calling from the US.

Izzy Really? Answer it!

Jenny Hi, Ben.

Ben Hey, Jenny.

Jenny How's London?

Ben Oh, it's great.

Jenny What are you doing now?

Ben I'm sightseeing…and shopping.

Jenny Fantastic. Where are you?

Ben I'm…not sure exactly. I'm with a friend.

Izzy Hi, Jenny! We're in Hackney. I'm Izzy. I'm Ben's friend.

Jenny Oh, hi!

Izzy Don't worry. Ben is fine. He's with me. I'm showing him the city.

Jenny I'm happy to hear it! Have a great time, Ben.

Ben OK, thanks. Say hi to Rob and the kids.

Jenny Bye!

Ben Bye.

Izzy She's nice. Is she your mother's sister?

Ben Yeah, she is. She knows London really well. Her husband, Rob, is from here.

Izzy Oh, really?

Ben Yeah. Rob's great. He's the love of her life. Listen, Izzy. My photography class has a little show next week. Do you want to come?

Izzy Um…I don't know.

Ben Oh, it's OK. No problem.

Izzy No…I'd love to come. Thanks.

Social English phrases

1

Ben Wow. You look…great.

Izzy Thanks. You too.

2

Izzy So, where do you want to go?

Ben It's your city. I'm a tourist. I'm in your hands.

3

Ben Where are we going?

Izzy Follow me.

4

Izzy Do you want to go in?

Ben Sure.

5

Jenny Have a great time, Ben.

Ben OK, thanks. Say hi to Rob and the kids.

6A Listening

Reading habits

How do people read today? Where do they read, and what kinds of things?

People read many different things in their free time: books, newspapers, magazines, maybe subtitles.

They read things when they're studying, or at work: documents, websites, textbooks, or manuals.

People read in different places and at different times: on the bus or train, in bed, or on vacation.

Sometimes people read in another language: graded readers or song lyrics.

People read in different ways today. They read on paper or on screen.

People read all kinds of things in all kinds of places! What about you?

6C Listening

A London Busker Lead-in

Ba-baa, ba-baa, there's music in my heart

Ba-baa, ba-baa, there's music on the streets of London

That's where we are, that's where we are

Ah-hoo, yeah I get lonely

Ah-hoo, yeah I get cold

Ah-hoo, I get tired, oh so tired

But I'll never sell my soul.

Ah-hoo, from Piccadilly

Ah-hoo, to Leicester Square

Oh I gave my heart to London

And you'll always find me there.

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Ba-baa, ba-baa, there's music in my heart

Ba-baa, ba-baa, there's music on the streets of London

That's where we are, that's where we are

A London busker

This is Charlotte Campbell. She's twenty-five and she's a street performer, also known as a busker. Charlotte plays the guitar and sings on the South Bank in London. Today, she's busking near the London Eye.

"On a typical day when I'm going busking, I get the train to Waterloo and I walk to the London Eye. I start at about eleven o'clock and I play until one. Then I take a lunch break. And sometimes I stay until six or seven p.m., but in the winter when it gets dark I go home a little earlier.'

You can find buskers everywhere – on the streets, in shopping malls, outside restaurants and in the parks of most big cities. In some cities, you can also listen to music while you're on the subway. Buskers play or sing all kinds of different music – opera, jazz, pop, and folk.

'I like music that's on the radio, Ed Sheeran and things like that, and some older music from the 60s, like the Beatles."

But busking isn't always easy. Most big cities are busy and there are lots of buskers, which means you can't just play music wherever you like.

"You need to get a permit to busk in London, and pass an audition, but when you do, there's a really nice community and busking in London becomes easy."

So buskers like Charlotte have to choose an area in the city to sing and play in. They share this area with other buskers and sometimes they have to wait for the other buskers to finish.

Charlotte lives in Brixton, in South London. In her apartment, she writes her own songs and practices.

"I love writing songs. I love writing my own music."

For Charlotte, there are good and bad things about life as a busker.

"I like meeting new people and sharing my music with a new audience. I don't like it when it gets cold."

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Review and Check 5&6

Can you understand these people?

1 Duncan

Interviewer Can you play a musical instrument?

Duncan I can. I can play the violin.

Interviewer How well do you play it?

Duncan Not very.

2 Alice

Interviewer Do you have noisy neighbors?

Alice Yes, I have noisy neighbors.

Interviewer What do they do?

Alice My neighbors like to have parties. Every day and every night.

3 Tiffany

Interviewer What's your favorite month of the year? Why?

Tiffany My favorite month is December because it gets colder, and I like snow and cold weather. And I like Christmas time.

4 Stephen

Interviewer What kind of music do you like?

Stephen A lot of kinds of music. Um, I typically listen to electronic dance, and um, indie rock. I listen to the new folk, they call it. But I like opera and a lot of jazz. The list could go on.

Interviewer What kind of music don't you like?

Stephen I don't like country music.

Interviewer Do you have a favorite band or singer?

Stephen Sure. Right now, my favorite band is Wye Oak from Brooklyn.

5 Dasha

Interviewer What kind of books do you like?

Dasha Um, I read like all sorts of books, from history books to like, novels, and all sorts of books, really.

Interviewer What are you reading at the moment?

Dasha Uh, at the moment, I'm reading a history of modern France.

7A Listening

The master of self-portraits

This painting is a self-portrait by the Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh.

Van Gogh was born in Delft, in the Netherlands, on March 30, 1853.

His parents weren't poor – his father was a church minister, and his mother was an artist.

There is only one known photograph of him, which is when he was 19 years old. We only have an idea of what he looked like as an adult because of his many self-portraits. He painted 35, all in the last four years of his life. He painted so many self-portraits because he was very poor, and it was cheaper than paying models.

In 1888, when he was 35, van Gogh was in Arles, in the south of France. He was happy there because the light and the colors were beautiful. His friend, painter Paul Gaugin, was with him in Arles for a short time.

Van Gogh was not strong mentally, and the relationship between van Gogh and Gaugin was difficult. After a big fight, van Gogh cut off part of his ear. He later painted a self-portrait with the injured ear. After that he was in a psychiatric hospital for some time in the south of France. This was his last self-portrait. He painted it in September 1889, when he was in the hospital. In this self-portrait, we see van Gogh as a painter for the very first time. Van

Gogh died a few months later, on July 29, 1890. He was only 37 years old.

His paintings weren't popular during his lifetime, and he was never rich or famous. But today van Gogh's pictures are everywhere. People think that he is one of the greatest painters in the world, and his paintings, like "Sunflowers" and "The Starry Night," sell for millions of dollars.

Practical English Episode 4

Izzy's dilemma

[Previously…]

Izzy Well, what do you want to see?

Ben I want to see the real London.

Ben What size is this shirt?

Assistant Let's see. It's a small.

Ben Listen, Izzy. My photography class has a little show next week. Do you want to come?

Izzy I'd love to come. Thanks.

[Pictures of You title screen]

Izzy Come in?

Pamela Hi, Izzy. Here's a parcel that came for you.

Izzy Thanks.

Pamela You're welcome. Oh, I'm tired today. Izzy, you look worried.

Izzy Do I?

Pamela Yes, you do. Is everything OK?

Izzy Yes…No. I have a friend. He's a photographer and he has his show today.

Pamela A friend?

Izzy Yes. His name is Ben.

Pamela Ben. A good strong name. I like the name.

Izzy And he's a really nice guy, but…

Pamela But?

Izzy He goes to Tensquare School of Photography.

Pamela Ah.

Izzy So I don't know…I don't really want to go back there. It was not a good time for me at that school.

Pamela I remember, Izzy.

Izzy But I really want to see Ben's show…

Pamela Yes, well…if you like this boy, then go.

Izzy I think I like him.

Pamela Either you like him, or you don't.

Izzy Yes…I like him.

Pamela Then go to his show! Don't worry about the past.

Izzy Hey, Mr Fischer.

Ben Hi, Izzy. How are you?

Izzy I'm good.

Ben Can you still come tonight?

Izzy Of course. I really want to see your show.

Ben OK, cool. So it's at the Click Gallery. Do you know where that is?

Izzy No, but I'm sure I can find it. Don't worry.

Ben OK, great. See you later.

Izzy See you.

Asking the way

Izzy Excuse me, please. Where's the Click Gallery?

Passer-by Sorry, I don't live here.

Izzy Excuse me. Is the Click Gallery near here?

Worker The Click Gallery? It's near here, but I don't know where exactly. Sorry.

Izzy Thank you. Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the Click Gallery, please?

Stranger Yes, of course. Go straight on. Go past the church, and then turn left at the traffic lights. And it's at the end of the street.

Izzy Sorry. Could you say that again, please?

Stranger Yeah. Go straight on. Go past the church, then turn left at the traffic lights. And it's at the end of the street. You can't miss it.

Izzy Got it. Thanks.

You say phrases: Asking the way

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Izzy Sorry. Could you say that again, please?

Stranger Yeah. Go straight on. Go past the church, then turn left at the traffic lights. And it's at the end of the street. You can't miss it.

Izzy Got it. Thanks.

At the gallery

Izzy She's beautiful.

Ben Hi, Izzy. Thanks for coming.

Izzy Thanks for inviting me.

Izzy These photos are amazing, Ben. You're really talented. I love the light in this one.

Ben Oh, they're OK.

Izzy No really, it's true. You're a great photographer!

Ben Thanks. I'd love to see some of your photos, Izzy.

Andre Yes. I'd love to see some of your photos, too, Izzy.

Izzy Hi, Andre.

Andre Hello, Izzy. How are you?

Izzy I'm great.

Andre You still take photographs?

Izzy When I can. I'm very busy.

Andre So, what are you doing these days?

Izzy I'm working…as a bike courier.

Andre That's…interesting. Yes, I taught Izzy. She's very talented – In fact, she was my best student.

Ben You were a student at Tensquare too? Why didn't you tell me?

Andre Yes. But she didn't finish the course. One day she just stopped coming and…didn't say why.

Izzy I never stopped taking photographs. But now I take them for me, and not for other people.

Andre And how is that going for you?

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Andre It's true. She was my best student and now she's working as a bike courier. What a pity. Have a look at her photos.

Ben Izzy!

Social English phrases

1

Pamela You look worried.

Izzy Do I?

2

Pamela Is everything OK?

Izzy Yes…No.

3

Ben Can you still come tonight?

Izzy Of course.

4

Ben See you later.

Izzy See you.

5

Ben Thanks for coming.

Izzy Thanks for inviting me.

6

Andre What are you doing these days?

Izzy I'm working…as a bike courier.

8A Listening

Who killed Jeremy Travers? Episode 2

Inspector Ah, come in.

Barbara Thank you.

Inspector Can you confirm your name, please?

Barbara Yes, I'm Barbara Travers.

Inspector OK, Miss Travers, what did you do after dinner yesterday evening?

Barbara After dinner? I played cards with Gordon, and then I went to bed.

Inspector What time was that?

Barbara It was about half past eleven. I remember, I looked at my watch.

Inspector Did you hear anything in your father's room?

Barbara No. I didn't hear anything.

Inspector Miss Travers, did you have any problems with your father?

Barbara No, I didn't have any problems with him at all. Daddy was a wonderful man, a wonderful father. Sorry, Inspector.

Inspector OK, Miss Travers. No more questions. Could you ask Mr. Summers to come in, please?

Barbara Of course.

Inspector Mr. Summers.

Gordon Call me Gordon.

Inspector Thank you, uh … Gordon. What did you do after dinner?

Gordon I played cards with Barbara. And then she went to bed.

Inspector Did you go to bed then?

Gordon No. I stayed in the living room and then I went to bed.

Inspector What time was that?

Gordon I don't remember exactly. I didn't look at the time.

Inspector Did you hear anything during the night?

Gordon No, I didn't. I was very tired. I slept very well.

Inspector You and Mr. Travers were business partners, weren't you?

Gordon Yes, that's right.

Inspector And it's a very good business, I understand.

Gordon Yes, Inspector, it is.

Inspector And now it's your business.

Gordon Listen, Inspector, I did not kill Jeremy. He was my partner and he was my friend.

Inspector Very well, Gordon. Could you ask Ms. Pasquale to come in, please?

Gordon Certainly.

Inspector Ah, good morning Miss...

Claudia Pasquale. Claudia Pasquale.

Inspector Take a seat, Ms. Pasquale.

Claudia Thank you.

Inspector So, Ms. Pasquale, what did you do after dinner yesterday evening?

Claudia I went to my room and I had a bath and I went to bed.

Inspector What time was that?

Claudia About eleven o'clock.

Inspector Did you hear anything?

Claudia Yes. I heard somebody go into Jeremy's room. It was about twelve o'clock.

Inspector Who was it?

Claudia It was Amanda, his wife.

Inspector Are you sure? Did you see her?

Claudia Well, no, I didn't see her. But I'm sure it was Amanda.

Inspector You were Mr. Travers's secretary, weren't you, Claudia?

Claudia Yes, I was.

Inspector Were you just his secretary?

Claudia What do you mean?

Inspector Were you in love with Mr. Travers, Claudia?

Claudia No, I wasn't.

Inspector The truth please, Claudia.

Claudia Very well, Inspector. Yes, I was in love with him, and he said that he was in love with me. He said he wanted to leave his wife – Amanda – and marry me. I was stupid. I believed him. But he didn't leave her. He used me, Inspector! I was very angry with him.

Inspector Did you kill him?

Claudia No, Inspector. I loved Jeremy.

Who killed Jeremy Travers? Episode 3

Narrator Before dinner, Gordon had a drink with Jeremy in the library.

Gordon Cheers, Jeremy. Happy Birthday.

Jeremy Ah, thanks, Gordon.

Gordon Listen, Jeremy, I want to talk to you about Barbara.

Jeremy Barbara? What's the problem?

Gordon It's not exactly a problem. I'm in love with her, and I want to marry her.

Jeremy Marry Barbara? Marry my daughter! Are you crazy? Never! You don't love Barbara. You only want her money!

Gordon That's not true, Jeremy. I love her.

Jeremy Listen to me. If you marry Barbara, when I die all my money goes to Claudia.

Gordon To Claudia? To your secretary?

Jeremy Yes.

Gordon Is that your last word, Jeremy?

Jeremy Yes, it is.

Cook Dinner, everybody!

Narrator At midnight Gordon was in the living room. He finished his drink and went upstairs.

Jeremy Who is it? Gordon? What are you…

8B Vocabulary

The house

Hey, whassup everyone. I'm Paula, and this is my house.

Hey, this is the living room where I relax and watch TV.

What? This is the dining room where I have lunch and dinner with my family.

Hey, this is my study where I work all day.

Hey! This is the bathroom where I take showers. Get out.

And this is my bedroom where I sleep.

And this is the kitchen where I cook delicious recipes. See you.

8C Listening

A haunted castle

Hi, I'm Ned. Welcome to Portchester Castle. Portchester Castle is over one thousand seven hundred years old. It's near Portsmouth, a city on the south coast of England. The castle is part of English Heritage. English Heritage is a charity, which manages over four hundred old buildings and monuments in England.

With so many old buildings, there are also lots of reports of ghosts. And ghosts are sometimes a problem for staff and visitors at English Heritage. In fact, some staff members decided to leave their jobs because of the ghosts.

I've come here to Portchester to find out more about reports of not one, but four ghosts! And many of the ghosts come from different times in Portchester's long history.

Portchester Castle dates back to Roman Britain; the Romans built the original castle here in the year two hundred and ninety. The first ghost report also comes from Roman times. Visitors report that they see the ghost of a Roman soldier guarding the walls, but they say they don't feel frightened.

In the Middle Ages, Portchester became a favorite castle for the kings and queens of England. During this time, a small monastery was built. There's a church here now in place of the monastery. People say that they see a man dressed in black here and they think he is the ghost of a monk from the monastery. Surprisingly, people don't feel frightened when they see him. They say that he disappears when they look at him.

Our first two ghosts are not frightening, but the next ghost really frightens people – the White Lady. Some people believe that this is the ghost of Charlotte White. She was a woman who visited the castle in the nineteenth century. Charlotte's baby fell into the water and poor Charlotte also died when she tried to save her child.

The most frightening ghost of all is a man on a black horse. Both castle visitors and staff members say that they see him. One of the staff who saw the ghost said, "It got bigger and bigger. It started to come towards me and I screamed and ran away."

People also say they hear the sound of horses; one visitor even heard the sound of horses on a video he filmed. One of the strange things about the man on

the horse is that we don't know who he is or which part of Portchester's long history he is from.

I quite was sure I didn't believe in ghosts before I came here, but, after a day at Portchester, I'm not so sure.

Review and Check 7&8

Can you understand these people?

1 Joelle

Interviewer Where were you born?

Joelle I was born in North Carolina.

Interviewer Do you have family there?

Joelle No, not currently.

Interviewer Where do you live now?

Joelle Uh, now I live in New York City. Uh, I live in Soho.

2 Katie

Interviewer Did you go out last weekend?

Katie I did go out last weekend.

Interviewer What did you do?

Katie Um, I spent like all Saturday with some friends just going out to different restaurants and seeing parts of the city.

3 Maura

Interviewer What's your favorite room in your house?

Maura Probably my bedroom. I love sleeping.

Interviewer Can you describe it?

Maura Uh, yes, it's got a bed, and two bedside tables, a wardrobe, and a chest of drawers.

4 Asya

Interviewer What did you do yesterday evening?

Asya Last night I had dinner with my brother in Brooklyn.

Interviewer What time did you go to bed?

Asya I went to bed around 1:00 a.m.

5 Jake

Interviewer What did you do on New Year's Eve last year?

Jake Last year on New Year's Eve, I went to a club in Las Vegas.

Interviewer Did you have a good time?

Jake I did not have a good time.

9B Grammar

Quantifiers

We all know that too much sugar and salt isn't good for us.

But do we really know how much sugar and salt are in some of the things we eat and drink every day?

Let's start with sugar. According to the American Heart Association, the maximum healthy limit for a woman is 24 grams of sugar a day. That's just 6 teaspoons. For a man, it is no more than 36 grams, which is 9 teaspoons.

Here we have an egg, a can of soda, a small bar of dark chocolate, and an apple. How much sugar do you think they contain? One of them has 35 grams of sugar. That's 11 grams more than the healthy limit for a woman in a day. Which one do you think it is? *[pause]* Yes, it's the can of soda. A can of soda has approximately 35 grams of sugar. That's a lot. And which has no sugar? *[pause]* Of course, it's the egg.

So what about the other two? Which do you think has more sugar, the chocolate or the apple? Surprisingly,

it's the apple. The apple has approximately 23 grams of sugar. That's a lot. But it's fructose, a natural sugar. And remember that fruit is also good for you, because it contains vitamin C. The chocolate bar only has a little sugar, just 10 grams. But remember: it's dark chocolate, and it's only a small bar.

What about salt? How much salt can we eat a day? This time it's the same for men and women. The answer is no more than 6 grams. Here we have a small bag of chips, a bottle of olive oil, a bottle of water, and a piece of bread. So how much salt do they contain? Which one has a lot of salt, and which one has none? You may be surprised to hear that the one with a lot of salt is *[pause]* the piece of white bread. It has approximately 0.5 grams. And which one has no salt? No, it's not the water, it's [pause] the olive oil. It contains no salt, and as part of a Mediterranean diet, it's very healthy. So what about the other two? Well, a small bag of chips has approximately 0.34 grams of salt. And lastly, there is a little in the water. Just 0.0023 grams.

So when you're shopping, how do you know what to buy to make sure it doesn't have too much sugar or salt? The answer is, always check the list of ingredients, and remember what your daily limit is.

9C Vocabulary

High Numbers

1 How many different sports were there in the 2024 Olympic games? (32)

2 How many politicians are there in the US Congress? (535)

3 How far is it in kilometers from New York to San Francisco? (about 4,500)

4 How high in meters is Mount Everest? (8, 849 meters)

5 How many different kinds of birds are there in the world? (about 10,000)

6 How many people in the world speak Spanish as their first language? (about 483 million)

Practical English Episode 5

Izzy explains everything

[Previously]

Izzy I have a friend. He's a photographer and he has his show today.

Pamela But?

Izzy He goes to Tensquare School of Photography.

Pamela Well…if you like this boy, then go. Don't worry about the past.

Izzy Thank you. Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the Click Gallery, please?

Andre You still take photographs?

Ben You were a student at Tensquare too? Why didn't you tell me?

Izzy Now I take them for me, and not for other people.

Andre And how is that going for you?

[Pictures of You title screen]

Izzy Sorry I'm late.

Ben No problem. Are you OK?

Izzy Yeah, I'm fine. Congratulations, Ben. Your show was great. I'm sorry I left like that.

Ben That's OK.

Izzy No, it's not OK. I don't know why I did that.

Ben Don't worry. I understand. Andre isn't easy sometimes. Is that why you left the school?

Izzy I didn't really like him as a teacher, but no. Andre wasn't the problem.

Ben What was the problem?

Izzy I love taking photos, but…when I was at the school, I stopped loving it. I thought it was what I wanted to do, but it wasn't.

Ben That's too bad.

Izzy Yeah…but it was a good decision. I love photography again. And now I'm in the 'real world'.

Ben And how is it? The real world?

Izzy I like it. I think I like it. Let's go. Where's the restaurant?

Ben It's this way. Can I see some of your photos now, please?

Izzy Oh, I don't take many photos these days.

Ben Yes, you do. You take photos all the time.

Izzy Do I? Do I take photos all the time? Mm? Mm? Smile, please…

Going out for dinner

Ben Hello, we have a reservation. The name is Ben Fischer.

Waiter Yes, here we are. A table for two?

Ben Yes, that's right.

Waiter OK. Come this way. Are you ready to order?

Ben Yes, I'll have the soup and the mushroom ravioli, please.

Izzy I'd like the mozzarella salad and then the chicken, please.

Ben What would you like to drink?

Izzy Just water for me.

Ben A bottle of mineral water, please.

Waiter Still or sparkling?

Ben Is sparkling OK?

Izzy Yes, sparkling.

Waiter Perfect.

Ben Thank you.

Izzy Thank you.

Waiter How was your food?

Ben It was great, thanks.

Izzy Really delicious.

Waiter Would you like a dessert?

Ben No, thank you. Could we have the bill, please?

Waiter Of course.

Ben Thank you.

You say phrases: Going out for dinner

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Waiter Still or sparkling?

Ben Is sparkling OK?

Izzy Yes, sparkling.

Waiter How was your food?

Ben It was great, thanks.

Izzy Really delicious.

Waiter Would you like a dessert?

Ben No, thank you. Could we have the bill, please?

Waiter Of course.

Ben Thank you.

Izzy has some news

Ben It's a beautiful evening.

Izzy Yes, it is. I love it here. I came here a lot with my dad when I was a child.

Ben Did you live near here?

Izzy Not far. We lived in Camden Town.

Ben Oh, nice.

Izzy So…do you really want to see my photos now?

Ben Yes, I do.

Izzy Here. Go ahead. This is my portfolio.

Ben Wow, these are…really professional. Amazing, Izzy!

Izzy Thanks. You know, there's this job I really want…well, I think I want it.

Ben What job?

Izzy I want to be a photo editor. I…sent in an application and I got an interview.

Ben Wow, that's great!

Izzy But…I don't know.

Ben You don't know, what?

Izzy Well…I've never worked in a job like that before. I'm not sure I'm ready for it.

Ben Izzy. Your photos are awesome! I think the magazine would be lucky to have you.

Izzy Do you think so?

Ben Yeah! Of course!

Izzy I think so, too. You can say more nice things about my photos now.

Ben Ah, yes, ma'am. Ah, wow, look at this one. Now that is amazing! And that one? Incredible! That, now that is just wonderful. Perfection, perfection.

Izzy Thank you, Ben.

Social English Phrases

1

Izzy Sorry I'm late.

Ben No problem.

2

Ben Are you OK?

Izzy Yeah, I'm fine.

3

Izzy I'm sorry I left like that.

Ben That's OK.

4

Ben It's a beautiful evening.

Izzy Yes, it is.

5

Izzy …and I got an interview.

Ben Wow, that's great!

10A Vocabulary

Places and buildings

Times Square is the center of New York's theater district.

Sydney Harbour Bridge and the famous opera house are iconic images of Australia.

Hyde Park in central London has 4,000 trees, a lake, and a memorial to Diana, Princess of Wales.

Edinburgh Castle stands on a rock above the city and

is one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions.

Wall Street, in the business district of New York, is home to the New York Stock Exchange.

The National Gallery is London's most famous art museum.

10C Listening

The fascinating history of playing cards

Here is a standard deck of playing cards: 52 cards, four suits – spades, clubs, diamonds, hearts – 12 picture cards, two jokers.

Most people are familiar with these cards. But what do they know about their history and their uses?

The first playing cards originated in Asia, probably in China in the 9th century. Between the 9th and the 14th century, they traveled west across the world, through India, Persia, and Egypt, to Europe.

The early cards looked different from the ones we know today and the suits were different in different countries, for example, cups, swords, leaves, bells, and roses.

The picture cards were all male figures, the king, the jack, and a soldier on a horse.

From the 16th century, the French deck of 52 cards that we know today became the most common. Its design was simple and therefore cheap to print.

Why are there 52 cards? And why four suits and twelve picture cards? No one knows for sure, but an interesting theory is that the 52 cards represent the 52 weeks in a year, the four suits represent the four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter, and the 12 picture cards represent the 12 months of the year.

The highest picture card is the king. On the king card, the king always has a sword or an axe.

The kings also always have mustaches, except for the king of hearts, who sometimes doesn't have one.

The second highest picture card is the queen. The French introduced the queen instead of the soldier on a horse. On the queen card, the queen always has a flower in her hand.

In English decks of cards, the jack was originally called the knave. However, because the initials of the picture cards appear on the corner of each card, and there was already a "k" for "king," "knave" became "jack."

The jokers were first added to the deck in the 1850s. They soon became a standard part of the deck, and in some games they are "wild cards," that is, they can be any card.

Playing cards quickly became very popular. This was because previously most games were for two players. Card games were ideal for a lot of different numbers of players and were especially popular with women.

The international 52-card deck is still very popular all over the world with people of all ages: easy children's games, games for one person, and serious games, like bridge or canasta.

But playing cards are not only for games. Although there are special fortune-telling card decks, like tarot cards, the standard deck was also a very popular way to tell people's fortune in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The four suits represent four themes: spades are about challenges or difficulties, hearts are about feelings and relationships, clubs are about positive things, diamonds are about money. Each number and picture card also has a special meaning.

You can have all kinds of fun with cards in many different ways.

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Review & Check 9&10

Can you understand these people? 9&10 (10.21)

1 Graziella

Interviewer Do you think you have a healthy diet?

Graziella Um, for the most part, I would say I have a healthy diet. Uh, lots of fruits and vegetables, and a little bit of chocolate, here and there.

Interviewer How much sugar and salt do you eat?

Graziella Um, I don't have that much salt in my diet, but with all of the fruit that I have, I would say I have quite a bit of sugar, natural sugars.

2 Kara

Interviewer Do you like cooking?

Kara I love to cook.

Interviewer Do you think you're a good cook?

Kara I do think I'm a good cook.

Interviewer What's your speciality?

Kara Um, my husband is Cuban, so I learned to cook Cuban food for him, so that's my specialty.

3 Maura

Interviewer What's the most beautiful city you've ever been to? Why?

Maura That's a difficult question, but I think I'd have to say Edinborough. It's very beaitufl, it's got the sea, it's got an extinct volcano in the centre and every street has a different view.

4 Kevin

Interviewer Where are you going to go for your next holiday?

Kevin Uh, we've booked that for January and we're going to Thailand for two weeks.

Interviewer Where are you going to stay?

Kevin We're staying three nights in Bangkok, three nights in an island called Ko Samui, and five nights in an island called Ko Tao.

Interviewer How are you going to get there?

Kevin We are flying from Edinburgh to, uh, Dubai, Dubai to Bangkok, and then it's another flight from Bangkok to Ko Samui, and then a ferry from Ko Samui to Ko Tao.

5 Mica

Interviewer What's the biggest difference between the US and the UK?

Mica Um, so the biggest difference between the US and the UK in New York City, uh food, very different here compared to the UK. Um, lots of burgers and pizza, and fast food and things like that.

11A Listening

Life in Costa Rica

Jack Horton lives in San José in Costa Rica, where he teaches computer science in a secondary school.

When he arrived in Costa Rica, the first thing that Jack noticed was how incredibly friendly the people are. Jack says the "ticos" – as they're called in Costa Rica – are much friendlier than people in his home country. They always say *buenos días* to you even if they don't know you. If something's good, like a beautiful day or a good meal, the ticos say *pura vida*. It literally means "pure life." But Jack thinks it really means "things are great."

One thing that can be difficult for foreigners is that the sense of time is completely different in Costa Rica. The Costa Ricans call it "tico time." If there is an appointment at seven in the evening, ticos probably leave home at seven o'clock. But everyone knows it's OK not to arrive on time, and it's not a

problem.

Another thing that surprised Jack was the weather. He thought Costa Rica was hot and sunny all the time. That's true in the dry season, and the temperature's about 77 degrees all year round, but in the rainy season, especially in September and October, it rains heavily for about two hours a day.

Everyone told Jack that the scenery was beautiful in Costa Rica. But it was even more beautiful than he expected, with incredible animals, birds, trees — and volcanoes. Some of the volcanoes are active and smoke quietly, and then suddenly there's a big bang and they start erupting. Jack was very frightened the first time it happened.

At first, Jack thought life in Costa Rica was going to be cheap. But in fact, Jack found out that food is expensive, especially imported food. The only thing that's cheap is fruit, vegetables, and the wonderful, wonderful coffee.

And the fruit and vegetables are very different from those in Jack's home country. One day, he went to a market and he didn't recognize any of the fruit.

Jack likes San José. Some people think it can be dangerous, but Jack doesn't feel that it is. He says it's true that some of the roads are terrible, but in general, he really loves it in Costa Rica.

11B Listening

Bucket lists

What is a bucket list? It's a list of things that you want to do before you die.

The expression comes from an English idiom, "to kick the bucket," which means to die.

Some people make a new bucket list every year. Others start one when they're young and keep on adding to it. Others set a time limit, for example, "Things I want to do before I'm 30."

What kind of things do people put on them? All sorts of things.

Many are to do with travel, for example, travel to all seven continents, go on a cruise, see the northern lights, go on a safari.

Others are about adventures, for example, do a bungee jump, hike through a rainforest, ride a horse on the beach.

Some involve learning new skills, for example, learn to scuba dive, learn to play an instrument, learn to play chess, learn to cook.

And others are just random things people would like to do, for example, see the sun rise, go on a blind date, be an extra in a movie, get a tattoo, be on TV, see a tennis match at Wimbledon, read a classic novel.

What would you put on your bucket list?

Practical English Episode 6

Everything changes

[Previously]

Izzy Andre wasn't the problem.

Ben What was the problem?

Izzy I love taking photos, but…when I was at the school, I stopped loving it.

Izzy I'd like the mozzarella salad and then the chicken, please.

Izzy You know, there's this job I really want. I…sent in an application and I got an interview.

[Pictures of You title screen]

Izzy You can do this.

Pamela Oh, hey, Izzy! Good luck!

Izzy Thanks, Pamela.

Pamela What time's the interview?

Izzy It's at 4 p.m.

Pamela Are you nervous?

Izzy Well, a little bit.

Pamela Don't worry! It's going to be fine. They're going to love you.

Jenny Ben. Ben. Can you hear me? I'm driving.

Ben Yes, I can hear you, Jenny. Is everything OK?

Jenny Ben, listen. It's your sister. She had an accident this morning. I'm going to the hospital now.

Ben Emma? An accident? Is she OK?

Jenny A car accident. You need to come home today. I bought you a plane ticket. Check your email. You're on the eight o'clock flight this evening.

Ben Is she OK?

Jenny Ben? I can't hear you. The signal's really bad.

Ben Jenny, I can't hear you. Is she OK?

Izzy Hmm. OK. I think this works here, but maybe…What about this?

Ola Yes, I like that.

Max Did you say something?

Izzy No, nothing. I think it was the door.

Ben Hey, Izzy. I hope the interview went well. Listen, I got some bad news from home. My sister, Emma, was in a car accident. I'm going back to the US tonight. I'm on the 8 p.m. flight from Gatwick Airport. I'm on my way to Victoria Station. Call me.

Ben voicemail This is Ben. I can't take your call, please leave a message.

Using public transport

Automated voice Good afternoon. Thank you for calling Express Taxis. To book a taxi, press 1. For customer service, press 2.

Taxi service Hello. Express Taxis. How can I help?

Izzy Hello. Can I book a taxi from 109 The Strand, please?

Taxi service Of course. Where to?

Izzy Victoria Station.

Taxi service Train station or coach station?

Izzy Train station.

Taxi service And when would you like it for?

Izzy As soon as possible.

Taxi service OK. About ten minutes?

Izzy Thanks. How much is it?

Taxi service That's £14.

Izzy Can I pay by card?

Taxi service Yes, of course.

Izzy Perfect. Thank you.

Ticket officer Can I help?

Ben Yes. Can I have a ticket to Gatwick Airport? As soon as possible, please.

Ticket officer No problem. The next train is at 17.15.

Ben OK, that's fine.

Ticket officer Single or return?

Ben Er…single.

Ticket officer That's £18.50. Cash or card?

Ben Card, please.

Ticket officer Do you need a receipt?

Ben No, thank you. Which platform is it?

Ticket officer Platform 13.

Ben Thanks.

You say phrases: Using public transport

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Ben Thanks.

Saying goodbye

Izzy Ben! Are you OK?

Ben Yeah, I'm OK. I'm just really worried about Emma.

Izzy Listen, your Aunt Jenny sent a message. She says your sister's OK. She's in hospital, but she's OK.

Ben She's OK…She's OK. What a relief!

Izzy Yeah. She's OK.

Ben Thanks…thanks for coming.

Izzy Of course I came.

Ben Oh, uh…How did the interview go?

Izzy It went very well. I was amazing!

Ben Of course you were. I knew it. When are they going to tell you if you got the job?

Izzy They're going to call me tomorrow.

Ben I'm sure you're going to get it!

Izzy I hope so.

Announcer The next train to Gatwick Airport leaves from platform 13.

Ben That's me. See you, Izzy.

Izzy When are you going to come back?

Ben I don't know. In a week or two. It depends.

Izzy See you when you get back.

Ben Yeah. Uh…here?

Izzy Right here…well, if I'm not working in my cool new job.

Ben Of course.

Izzy Or if I'm just too busy to see you. Or if it's raining!

Ben I'm going to miss you, Izzy. Bye.

Izzy Bye.

Social English phrases

1

Pamela Good luck!

Izzy Thanks, Pamela.

2

Pamela Are you nervous?

Izzy Well, a little bit.

3

Izzy Your sister's OK. She's in hospital, but she's OK.

Ben What a relief!

4

Ben How did the interview go?

Izzy It went very well.

5

Ben I'm sure you're going to get it!

Izzy I hope so.

6

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12B Listening

Let's go out for dinner

All Hey!

Claire What are we going to do this weekend?

Joe Hey.

Alison I know, let's go out for dinner on Saturday. We can celebrate your birthday, Brett.

Brett Good idea. Where?

Alison Let's try somewhere new, somewhere we haven't been to before.

Brett Yeah, that's a great idea.

Claire How about that Indian restaurant near the station, Curry Up? Mmm, good reviews…

Joe Curry Up? I've been there. It wasn't very good.

Claire Really? OK. Joe says it's not great. What about Chinese then? Somebody told me The Great Wall is very good.

Alison Yes, I haven't been there, but people say it's great.

Joe The Great Wall? I've been there. I went last week. It is good, but I don't really want to go again.

Brett Well, there's a new Thai place, Thai-Chi. It opened up really recently.

Joe Thai Chi? I've been there, too. I went on Wednesday.

Alison Well, I don't know. Have you been to … Mexican Wave?

Joe Mexican Wave? Yes, I have.

Alison When did you go there?

Joe Last month. I went for dinner with people from work.

Alison The Acropolis? That Greek place?

Brett I'm sure Joe's been there!

Joe No, I haven't. But it closed a few months ago.

Brett Oh, this is ridiculous!

Alison OK, Joe, here's the answer. You cook dinner for us!

Joe OK, sure. Come on. I can cook.

Claire Yeah – with a microwave.

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12C Listening

Judi Dench – a life in acting

Judi Dench is one of a golden generation of actors who have had long and successful careers, including Maggie Smith, Vanessa Redgrave, Ian McKellen, Michael Caine, and Anthony Hopkins.

She has acted in the theater, on TV, and in movies in a career of nearly 60 years.

Judith Olivia Dench was born on December 9th, 1934, near York in the northern part of England. Dench's father was a doctor, but she had connections from a very early age to the Theatre Royal in York – her father was the theater's doctor and her mother made costumes for the theater.

As a teenager, Judi Dench acted in the York Mystery Plays. These religious plays have been performed in York every four years since the fourteenth century.

In the late 1950s and 1960s, she acted with several important theater companies, the Old Vic, the Royal Court, and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Dench continued to work in the theater and on TV. In 1978, she acted in Shakespeare's Macbeth with the actor Ian McKellen, both in the theater and on film. Many people think it was one of the best performances of the play ever.

She also appeared in movies like *A Room with a View* in 1985 and Henry V in 1989.

In the 1990s, her career changed with two movies. The first of these was the James Bond movie *GoldenEye*, where Dench played Bond's boss, M, usually a part for a man. Dench was a great success in the part. She was hard, and at the same time funny. She played the part in eight movies, with both Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig as James Bond.

The second movie that changed her career was *Mrs. Brown* in 1997. This small movie was a great success, and she was nominated for an Oscar for Best Actress.

In 1998, she played Queen Elizabeth I in the comedy *Shakespeare in Love*. The movie was another hit. It won the 1999 Oscar for Best Film, and Judi Dench won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. She's only in the movie for eight minutes, but, as usual, she was fantastic.

Review & Check 11&12

Can you understand these people?

1 Cara

Interviewer What are you doing in the US?

Cara I'm visiting from England. I'm just on holiday for one week.

Interviewer Was there anything that surprised you about the US when you arrived?

Cara Um, I was quite surprised by how busy New York is. Although I suppose I shouldn't have been because it's one of the biggest cities. Um, and there are lots of nice places to eat as well.

2 Madeleine

Interviewer How do people in your country drive?

Madeleine I think it depends where you are. Where I live in Oregon, everything is very safe, much slower, but in New York City everything is very fast, very dangerous.

Interviewer Are you a typical driver for where you live for Oregon?

Madeleine I would say so, I drive, I'm a very cautious driver.

3 Chris

Interviewer Do you have any ambitions for this year?

Chris Um, yes, I'd like to visit my daughter in Australia, and also plan towards my retirement.

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Interviewer Do you think you're going to do them?

Chris Certainly the planning, whether or not I achieve the visit is something else.

4 Susan

Interviewer Have you ever seen a movie more than three times?

Susan I've seen *Casablanca* many times, and I still think it's one of the best films made.

Interviewer What do you like about it?

Susan Everything. I like the direction, the lighting. I like each of the stars. The story has romance and intrigue. I like stories about World War II. Um, I love Claude Raines, Humphrey Bogart. There's like nothing not to like in that movie.

5 Martin

Interviewer What phone do you have?

Martin I have an iPhone.

Interviewer How old is it?

Martin I believe, I believe my iPhone is now two years old.

Interviewer How often do you change phones?

Martin I change phones maybe every three years.

Interviewer What do you use it for the most?

Martin I mostly use my phone for social media.

Section 2: Pronunciation/Vocabulary

1A.3 (Pronunciation: vowel sounds, page 9)

M it, this, in

F he, we, meet

M am, thanks, Dan

F Ed, yes, welcome

M they, name, later

F hi, I, bye

1B.2 (Pronunciation: /ə/, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /dʒ/, page 10)

M American

F Brazilian

M Canada

F China

1B.3 (Pronunciation, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /dʒ/, page 10)

M Charles isn't Czech, he's French.

F Is she Turkish or Russian?

M We're German and they're Japanese.

1C.2 (Pronunciation, /oʊ/, /u/, /ɑr/, page 12)

M close, go, Mexico

F school, do, two

M partner, are, Argentina

2A.2 (Pronunciation, Final *-s* and *-es*, page 17)

F books, lamps, tickets

M keys, pens, photos

F glasses, change purses, watches

3B.3 (Pronunciation, /ər/ page 27)

F nurse, thirty, her, work, journalist

4A.3 (Pronunciation, /ʌ/ page 33)

F mother, brother, son, husband, uncle, couple, cousin

4C.1 (Pronunciation, The letter *h*, page 36)

M how, hardly, happy, healthy, high, have, hungry

5B.3 (Pronunciation, /ŋ/, page 43)

M singing, going, doing, studying

5C.4 (Pronunciation, Places in Chicago, page 45)

M Wrigley Field (pause) Wrigley Field

The Magnificent Mile (pause) The Magnificent Mile

Buckingham Fountain (pause) Buckingham Fountain

Thalia Hall (pause) Thalia Hall

Soldier Field (pause) Soldier Field

Millennium Park (pause) Millennium Park

Adler Planetarium (pause) Adler Planetarium

Navy Pier (pause) Navy Pier

Humboldt Park (pause) Humboldt Park

Skydeck Chicago (pause) Skydeck Chicago

6B.1 (Pronunciation, /ð/ and /θ/ page 50)

M this, the, that, they

F Thursday, third, thirteenth, thirtieth

6C.4 (Pronunciation, /y/, page 53)

F you, yellow, young, your, yoga, year

7B.2 (Pronunciation, -*ed* endings, page 59)

F I called a taxi. I used an app. It arrived in five minutes.

M We talked about a vacation. We looked online. We booked a hotel.

F He needed a passport. He wanted it fast. He waited a long time.

9B.3 (Pronunciation, /ʃ/ and /s/ page 74)

M sugar, fish

F salt, chocolates