

ASSIGNMENT

What would you say in the following situations?

1. You heard some news about your friend's loss of a dear one. You want to comfort him.
2. You met a colleague in the lift in the early morning and you split each heading toward office.
3. You went to visit some acquaintance at the hospital
4. Your friend is inviting you to her wedding. Refuse politely to go
5. Your friend is having some problems with her computer. Offer to help.
6. Your teacher wants your homework. Tell her when it will be done by tomorrow.
7. Your friend wants to meet up after school. Make an excuse.
8. Tell your friend not to call you at four and give a reason.
9. You are in a shop trying to decide which computer games to buy. Make a decision.
10. Your friend is worried about failing her exams. Reassure her.
11. You're on the train. The woman next to you has finished reading her newspaper. Now you want to have a look at it. You ask her.
12. You're on a bus. You have a seat but an elderly man is standing. You offer him your seat.
13. You're the passenger in a car. Your friend is driving very fast. You ask her to slow down.
14. You've finished your meal in a restaurant and now you want the bill. You ask the waiter.
15. A friend of yours is interested in one of your books. You invite him to borrow it.
16. You are in a crowded restaurant. You see a table with one chair free.
What do you ask the other people at the table before you sit down?
17. You don't hear someone's name when you are introduced to him/her.
18. You have to refuse an invitation to dinner with your in-laws.
19. You are offered food you hate.
20. You want to end a conversation in a diplomatic way.
21. You offer to pay for a meal.
22. You have broken your sister's I-phone.
23. Your friend is speaking on the phone while driving.
24. You are full and you don't want to eat

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

In each of the following situations, describe what you would say in response to the problem being shared:

1. My family doesn't understand me. Everything I like seems to go against their values, and they just won't accept my feelings as being right for me. It's not that they don't love me—they do. But they don't accept me.
2. I've been pretty discouraged lately. I just can't get a good relationship going with any guys. I've got plenty of male friends, but that's always as far as it goes. I'm tired of being just a pal ... I want to be more than that.

3. I don't know what I want to do with my life. I'm tired of school, but there aren't any good jobs around. I could just drop out for a while, but that doesn't really sound very good, either.
4. Things really seem to be kind of lousy in my relationship lately. It's not that we fight much, but all the excitement seems to be gone. We're in a rut, and it keeps getting worse. ...

What would you say in the following situations?

Ask for help

1. You've lost your luggage;
2. Your car has broken down;
3. You want directions to the bank.

Offer help:

1. A visitor can't understand a colleague;
2. A visitor needs to use a phone;
3. A visitor is lost.

Expressions for Everyday English #1

1. Your hairdresser asks you how you'd like your haircut.

=> I'd like a trim / Just a trim please.

=> Please cut it shoulder-length. Leave the bangs. I part my hair in the middle.

2. You order eggs and the server asks you, "How would you like your eggs done?"

=> I'd like them poached/fried/sunny side up/over-easy/hard boiled/scrambled.

3. You are at a bar, and you want to know what kind of beer the bar has.

=> What do you have on tap?

4. Your coworkers invite you out for drinks but you don't want to go.

=> Sorry, but I have to [add an excuse]

5. Your friend tells you that her grandfather has just passed away.

=> I'm sorry to hear that. My condolences (on your loss).

6. Someone phones you but you are too busy to talk.

=> Sorry. You've caught me at a bad time. Can I call you back later? / Sorry. I'm just in the middle of [cooking dinner]. Can I call you back later?

7. You want to compliment your friend on her new haircut.

=> I love your new hair cut.

8. The restaurant server wants to take your order but you haven't decided yet.

=> Sorry. I just need another minute. / Sorry, I haven't decided yet.

9. You have finished eating at a restaurant and you want to pay.

=> Can I have the bill please?

Tôi có thể có hóa đơn xin vui lòng?

10. The bill comes and you want to tell your friend that you'll pay for it.

=> It's on me. / I've got it

Expressions for Everyday English #2

1. You order coffee, and the server asks you, “How do you like your coffee?”

=> I'd like it black / I'd like one sugar one cream / ... ?

2. The clerk at a clothing store asks you if she can help you find something

(=> I'm just browsing. / I'm just looking around.

=> Can / Could I try this/ these.....on?

3. You order steak and the server asks you, “How would you like your steak cooked?”

=> I'd like it rare/medium rare/medium/done/well-done

4. A woman cuts you in line at the supermarket.^{SEP SEP}

=> Sorry. I was in line. / Sorry, the line up starts over there.

5. You want to introduce your co-worker, Lee Trinh, to another co-worker named Peter.

=> Lee Trinh, this is Peter. Peter, Lee Trinh.

6. You get your bill at the restaurant and you notice that you were charged for food you

didn't order.^{SEP SEP}

=> Sorry. I think there might be a mistake on my bill. I didn't order a salad.

7. You need to know what time it is and you don't have a watch or a phone

=> Excuse me. Do you have the time? / Do you know what time it is?

8. Your friend offers you some food but you don't want it because it looks disgusting

=> Sorry. I've just eaten. / Sorry. I'm full

9. A beggar asks you for spare change.

=> I give them all the spare change I have.

=> I teach him (or her) to help himself (or herself)

=> I buy them a meal.

=> I take them home and let them stay the night (maybe longer) at my house

=> Go buy him a nice hot meal and a coffee

=> Happily give him some change

=> Apologise and shrug

=> Ignore him

10. You want to order beer “on tap” at a pub.

=> What do you have on tap? What draught beers do you have?

11. You'd like to ‘say hello’ a stranger's cute dog.

=> Can I pet your dog?