

An English proverb each day

"Darkest hour is just before the dawn" = "It's always darkest just before the dawn":
Thời gian tối tăm nhất là ngay trước lúc rạng đông.

Prov. When things are extremely bad, it may signal that they are about to get much better.

Ex:

Jill: *I feel like giving up. I don't have a job, my boyfriend left me, and they're raising the rent for my apartment.*

Jane: *No worry, dear. It's always darkest just before the dawn.*

I. WRITING PRACTICE:

Rearrange words or phrases to make a complete answer.

1. Is the service charge included in this amount?
→ the maintenance fee./ we also have included/ Yes,
2. Were you able to reach the sales manager?
→ a leader/ I was not/ because/ capable of being /confident./ I was not /No,
3. Wasn't your shift at night?
→ yet. /a night shift/ I have never taken /No,
4. Do you know if the steel pipes we had ordered meet industry specifications?
→ I was not/ because materials. / I am not sure /responsible for purchasing
5. Have you been able to find anyone to replace Peter?
→ an excellent employee./ I am still looking for /Not yet,
6. Do you have another copy of the schedule?
→ via email/ now. /send you one/ I will /Yes,
7. Did you catch the latest news update?
→ since yesterday. /it /Yes,/for many times /I have watched
8. Will Mr.Kyle complete his management training this week?
→ finish the course /he will /by the end of this week./ I guess/ Based on the progress,
9. Do you see much difference between those two designs?
→ any distinction/ the two graphics/ I haven't found/ between/ yet./ Sorry,
10. Has the fax arrived from the headquarters yet?

- any document/ yet. /I haven't received
11. Wouldn't you like someone to help?
→ by some people. /be given a hand/ I would love to/ No,
12. Will Mrs. Shriver arrive in the morning or in the afternoon?
→ in the morning /there/ at 9 o'clock. /she would come/ She said that
13. Would you like apple pie or cheesecake?
→ a cup of coffee, /and/ please. /A cheesecake
14. Can we pay by cheque or do you prefer cash?
→ customer's cheque. /just receives /Our supermarket
15. Should I wear casual or formal clothes?
→ and /where you will be/ It totally depends on /who you will meet.

II. LISTENING PRACTICE: Listen and complete the gaps and decide the best answer.

- 1. Do you** _____ **?**
A. _____
B. No, _____
C. Because _____
- 2. Isn't** _____ **this time of night?**
A. No, _____
B. We've _____
C. No, _____ yet.
- 3. Have you finished** _____ **?**
A. The site is _____
B. We _____ tomorrow.
C. It's _____
- 4. Doesn't Mrs. Winders** _____ **?**
A. No, I have to work _____
B. Yes, I _____ one year.
C. No, _____
- 5.** _____ **left?**
A. There's _____
B. _____, but I'm too full.
C. I had _____
- 6.** _____ **to staff members?**
A. We _____ by fax.
B. It is _____
C. That _____

7.
A. No,
B. This is
C. Yes, he is
8.
A. A number
B.
C. We're already working
9. **Sorry, but**
A.
B.
C. Let's meet
10.
A.
B. We have
C.
11. **Aren't you**
A. He's
B. The
C. Sorry, but
12. **Do you know**
A. In
B. Yes,
C. It
13. **Will you train the staff**
A.
B.
C. I think
14. **Did Albert**
A. Yes, he already
B.
B. Well,
15. **Is Mrs. Sampson**
A. Yes, I
B. She'll
C. Yes,
16.
A. Yes,
B. He's
C.
17. **Did they say**
A.
B. Yes,
C. There was
18. **Do you have**
A.
- law in this area?
meeting her.
needs to be revised further?
November 21.
?
next weekend?
you want.
with us?
?
?
tomorrow.
the manager.
with the heater?
it.
in here.
?
for 3:30.
Mr. Bates?
?
until 4.
up?

- B. .
 C. .
19. Have any of the copy editors ?
 A. Please .
 B. errors.
 C. Lisa will .
20. Are you ?
 A. .
 B. will be represented.
 C. , I'm too busy.

III. WRITING PRACTICE:

Rearrange words or phrases to make a complete answer.

1. Don't you want to go and watch baseball games at the stadium?
 → in the crowded and noisy places. /I hate being /No,
2. How about taking the subway to the bus terminal?
 → let's /a good idea, /do it. /That's
3. Do you want me to pick up the video before or after we eat?
 → the video /eat/ before taking./ all of these meals /You need to
4. Why don't we select some newspapers before we place an ad?
 → does not work/ running advertisements /I think /on newspapers /anymore./ No,
5. Is the elevator in the west wing still out of order?
 → I'll check it /and /inform you soon. /Well, /I don't know,
6. Will the letter get to Chicago by tomorrow night or the day after that?
 → delivered to Chicago/ may be /the day after / The letter /tomorrow.
7. Would you like to sit in the restaurant or outside?
 → an outdoor eatery. / eat out/ in /I would like to
8. Was the contact approved by the board members?
 → expand the market. /set this meeting/ they wanted to/ to/ Yes,
9. Can you please gather some information about the Pierson contract?
 → a new project./ I am/ for /Sorry,/ kept occupy with researching
10. Weren't you supposed to be at Mr. Brown's retirement party?
 → the party /to join . / He invited me/ Are you kidding?

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 trạm cuối

IV. LISTENING PRACTICE: Listen and complete the gaps and decide the best answer.

1. **Do you** ?
 A. Yes, .
 B.
 C.
2. **Should we hire Department?**
 A. I think
 B.
 C. Yes,
3. **Has Carol** ?
 A.
 B. I think the contract .
 C.
4. **Will we depart for** ?
 A. at five.
 B. We'll
 C. to get there.
5. ?
 A. Actually, .
 B.
 C. to the company.
6. ?
 A. Yes,
 B. I want to .
 C.
7. ?
 A. , please.
 B.
 C. There are .
8. ?
 A. the food.
 B. after.
 C. I .
9. ?
 A. one.
 B.
 C. He
10. **Would you like** ?
 A.
 B.
 C. to me.