

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

tomorrow.

B. We

C. It's

yet.

4. Doesn't Mrs. Winders ?

A. No, I have to work

one year.

B. Yes, I

C. No,

5. left?

A. There's

, but I'm too full.

B.

C. I had

6. to staff members?

A. We

by fax.

B. It is

C. That

7. **law in this area?**
A. No,
B. This is
C. Yes, he is

8. **needs to be revised further?**
A. A number
B.
C. We're already working

9. **Sorry, but** ?
A.
B.
C. Let's meet

10. **next weekend?**
you want.
A.
B. We have
C.

11. **Aren't you** with us?
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** with the heater?
A. Yes, he already
B.
C. Well,
the manager.

15. **Is Mrs. Sampson** ?
A. Yes, I
B. She'll
C. Yes,

16. **Mr. Bates?**
A. Yes,
B. He's
C.

17. **Did they say** ?
A.
B. Yes,
C. There was

18. **Do you have** up?
A.

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,

terminal (n)

/'tɜːmɪnəl/

trạm cuối

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?

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,

5. ?
 A. Actually,
 B.
 C. to the company.

6. ?
 A. Yes,
 B. I want to
 C.

9. ?
 A. one.
 B.
 C. He

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.

7. ?, please.
 A.
 B.
 C. There are .

8. ?
 A. the food.
 B.
 C. I .

10. Would you like ?
 A.
 B.
 C. to me.