

Dialogue 1-6: A Telephone Call

JOHN: **Hi, Alice, it's John.** How are you?
ALICE: **Oh, hi, John!** I was just thinking about you.

JOHN: That's nice. I was wondering if you'd like to go to a movie tonight.
ALICE: Sure, I'd love to! What's playing?

JOHN: I was thinking about that new comedy *Lights Out*. What do you think?

ALICE: Sounds great!

JOHN: OK, I'll pick you up around 7:30. The movie starts at 8:00.

ALICE: See you then. Bye!

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LUKE: Hello? Hi, Stephanie, how are things at the office?

STEPHANIE: Hi, Luke! How are you? Can you please stop and pick up extra paper for the ^{kraaod} ^{krueng print} computer printer?

LUKE: What did you say? Can you repeat that, please? Did you say to pick up ink for the printer? Sorry, the phone is **cutting out**.

STEPHANIE: Can you hear me now? No, I need more computer paper. Listen, I'll text you exactly what I need. Thanks, Luke.

LUKE: Thanks, Stephanie. Sorry, my phone has **really bad reception** here.

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LANGUAGE NOTES

- There are a few ways to express a lack of understanding and to request additional information. The most common ones are stated, but you can also say "Excuse me" or simply "I can't hear you." In a more formal situation, try saying "I'm sorry?" or "I beg your pardon?" (with a rising intonation).
- When asking someone to clarify information try saying *Can you please repeat that? / Can you spell that for me? / Can you please write down the address for me?*
- Cutting out** describes a difficulty in understanding a caller due to poor cellphone reception. If you are having trouble understanding the caller, you can also say *The line is breaking up / I am losing you*. If the phone call is disconnected because of poor reception, you can say *The call dropped*.
- Talk to you later** is the equivalent in a phone conversation of "See you later" in a regular, face-to-face conversation.
- Reception** here means the availability of cellular service, the possibility to receive and give calls on a cellphone. Cellphone reception can be limited in remote areas, inside large buildings or underground (in the subway, for instance).

Dialogue 1-8: Coincidences

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MEG: Well, hello there, Julia! Long time no see!

JULIA: Meg! Hi! What a coincidence! I haven't seen you in ages! What are you doing here? ma tham a rai thee née

MEG: I just got a new job in the city, so I'm shopping for some clothes. Hey, what do you think of this shirt?

JULIA: Hmm... well, you know how much I love blue. See? I've got the same shirt!

MEG: You always did have good taste! What a small world.