

9.3.1 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

MAKING GENERALIZATIONS; CONTRASTING INFORMATION

A Complete the conversation with the correct expressions. Then listen and check.

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A The check, please.

B Thank you again for inviting me to lunch and for such a wonderful meal.

A My pleasure. I'm glad you enjoyed it. We are really looking forward to having you as part of our company.

B And I'm really happy to be joining your team.

A Any other questions about the job before you start next week?

B Uh, just a couple. For example, is there a dress code?

A ¹ _____, no. You can dress pretty casually – unless we have a big meeting scheduled or something like that.

B That's good to know. What about start times? Do most people ² _____ have a 9 to 5 schedule, or do some people start later or earlier?

A ³ _____, it's 9 to 5. But if there's a reason you need to work a different schedule, we can talk about it.

B No, 9 to 5 works fine for me. I was just curious. What about lunch? How much time do people ⁴ _____ take?

A ⁵ _____, we take about 45 minutes. Some people take a full hour and work a little later, though.

B That all sounds great. Thank you again for this wonderful meal. Could I leave the tip at least?

A Thank you, but there's no need. Please accept this as a warm "Welcome."

B Complete the expressions with the correct words.

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1 Really? We didn't do _____ back home.

2 We did things _____ in my family.

3 We didn't do it that _____ in the morning.

4 That's not _____ we did it where I come from.

5 We _____ evening meals differently.

6 We definitely didn't eat together _____ as much as that.

