

Conversations



Read the following expressions

Agreeing/Disagreeing - Daily Expressions

I agree. I really agree with you. I think you are right. I couldn't agree with you more.
 You said it. Can't say I don't agree. I'm with you on this. I partly agree
 I agree on this but not that. It's partly true.

Accepting/Declining / Expressing acceptance

I accept your point. Please accept this on our behalf. Sorry, I can't accept this.
 I'm 100% with you on this! Great idea. I'll take it.
 Sorry, I can't take it. Accept my apology.

Simple disagreement or refusal

I disagree with you. Everyone has their own opinion, right? I think you're wrong on this.
 You're wrong. No way! You've got to be kidding!
 How can you even say that? Where is your logic? I'm sorry but I have to refuse your request

Strong disagreement

I completely disagree with you. You are very wrong to say that. I totally disagree with you.
 I can't find myself to agree with you. You're dead wrong. You're way wrong.

Apologizing and Explaining oneself: Apologies Expressions

I'm sorry... I'm very sorry... I'm terribly sorry... Excuse me...
 Pardon me... I apologize... I'm afraid...

Explaining Oneself, Accepting Responsibility

...I wasn't very well yesterday ...I didn't see you ...It won't happen again
 ...I'll be more careful next time ...I'll finish it before I go home ...It's my fault ...It's all my fault

Conversation openers

Excuse me, is anyone sitting here? Sorry, have you got the time, please? It's really hot, isn't it?
 I think we've met before, haven't we? Are you going all the way to San Francisco?

Getting somebody's attention

Excuse me, have you got a moment? Sorry to bother you, but could I just ask you something?
 Excuse me, can you spare a minute or two? Excuse me, are you in a hurry?
 Sure. Go ahead. It depends what it is. Sorry, I'm late already.

Expressing Goodbyes and Farewells in English

Good-bye Stay in touch. It was nice meeting you. I hope to see you soon.

Simple good-byes (Informal)

Bye. See you. Talk to you later. Catch up with you later. Nice seeing you.

Leaving a place (Formal)

I have to leave here by noon. Is it okay if we leave your home at 9 pm? What do you say we leave work a little earlier today?
 Would you mind if I leave the dinner before it ends? I need to depart for the airport in one hour.

Leaving a place (Informal)

I got to go now. I'll be leaving from the office in 20 minutes. How about we jet off to the shops now?

English Greeting Expressions - Greeting Expressions in English General greetings (Formal)

Hello! How are you? How are you doing? How is everything? How's everything going?
 How have you been keeping? I trust that everything is well.

General greetings (Informal)

Hi. What's up? Good to see you. How are things (with you)? How's it going? How's life been treating you?

Greeting a person, you haven't seen for a long time (Formal)

It has been a long time. It's been too long. What have you been up to all these years?
 It's always a pleasure to see you. How long has it been? I'm so happy to see you again.

Greeting a person, you haven't seen for a long time (Informal)

How come I never see you? It's been such a long time. Long time no see.
 Where have you been hiding? It's been ages since we last met.

Thanks, and Expressions of Gratitude - Expressing thanks English

Thanks. Thank you. Thanks a lot. Thank you very much. Thank you very much indeed.
 It was very kind of you. I appreciate your help. You've been very helpful.

Thanking someone who tries to help

Thanks anyway. Thank you for (looking). Thanks for (trying). It doesn't matter. Thanks. Never mind. Thanks. *Responding to*

thankS - Answering

You're welcome. (US) Not at all. (formal, UK) Don't mention it. (It's) my pleasure.
 It was nothing. That's alright/OK. No problem. Any time.

Weekends - Asking about what people did?

How was...? How was your weekend? It was lovely. How was yours? It was terrible. It was nice. A bit boring

EXERCISES

You have some incomplete ideas. Select the correct sentence to complete each one of them .

1.

Where do you come from?

A. New York

B. School

C. Home

2. I'd like pasta, please. A. Certainly B. I hope so. C. Do you like it?
3. Shall we eat now? A. Good idea! B. This is fine. C. It's the same
4. What do you think of modern Art? A. I've seen it. B. I would like to. C. I love it.
5. Are you sure the match starts at two? A. It started well. B. It's all right C. I think so.
6. I can't do this math problem. A. I suppose so. B. Let me see. C. Certainly not
7. Can I go out tonight? A. No, you can't. B. Tomorrow. C. At 10 o'clock
8. What time's lunch? A. Tomorrow B. At 1 o'clock. C. two hours
9. Do you want me to lay the table? A. That's good. B. No, you don't C. yes, please
10. When will dad be home? A. Yesterday B. 3 hours C. Soon
11. Have we got any homework? A. Yes, you are B. No, there aren't C. yes, you have
12. What time does the exam begin? A. Last night B. At 9 o'clock C. Two days ago
13. Are there many Chinese restaurants in Oxford? A. Yes, much B. Yes, a lot C. Yes, a little
14. How long have you worked here? A. 8 hours a day. B. For 3 years C. 2 miles
15. What would you like to be? A. I like being a doctor. B. yes, I would C. A journalist .
16. How is Kate? A. She's my sister B. She's fine C. She's gone
17. Would you check Sam's homework? A. Can I do it later? B. When did it finish? C. He's wrong.
18. What time did the bus arrive? A. It's three o'clock. B. About 20 minutes ago. C. For half an hour
19. Dan's got a new bicycle, hasn't he? A. It's his brother. B. He's a good driver C. It's too old.
20. I'd like to try on these shoes, please. A. Would you like them? B. What color are they? C. Are they the right size?
21. Here's my jacket. A. How much does it cost? B. Can I see your passport too? C. Where do you go?
22. Let's go to the baseball match. A. Do you like it? B. How much are the tickets? C. What happened there?
23. Have you got any time later? A. It's almost ten o'clock. B. Sorry, I'm busy all day. C. You'll be late.
24. Why not come to the pool with me? A. I haven't got one. B. Twenty minutes ago. C. That's a good idea.
25. Look at the sky! A. It's going to rain. B. Do you need to? C. Of course it has.
26. Mike's booked the restaurant. A. How does it open? B. That's a good idea. C. So, I don't have to do it.
27. Whose seat is this? A. I'm not sure. B. Yes, you can. C. Jenny's done it?
28. I've lost my glasses. A. Did you break it? B. Have you looked for them? C. How much are they?
29. I'd like a kilo of those apples, please. A. They aren't enough. B. It's very heavy. C. The red ones?
30. Who's calling, please? A. here I am. B. It's Martin. C. I'd rather not.
31. Where will you spend the weekend? A. We haven't decided yet? B. I haven't been anywhere. C. I'd rather not
32. When's your birthday? A. Congratulations! B. I'm 14 C. Next month.
33. I feel really cold. A. It must be easy. B. There's more in the fridge. C. Turn on the heating then.
34. How did you get here? A. I can come on the bus. B. Sally brought me. C. is it far from here?
35. Do you have a big garden? A. Not like yours. B. There isn't C. I won't like it.
36. Is there ham in the fridge? A. Yes, many B. A lot C. Yes, a few.
37. They closed the library last year. A. it can't open. B. Which days? C. I thought so.
38. I really hope she feels better today. A. It has to be B. That's a good guess C. so do I
39. She doesn't mind if you stay. A. She is cute B. I like her C. That's nice of her.
39. I wonder if she is ready to leave. A. Let's open up B. Shout it out C. give her a ring
40. I didn't enjoy that musical. A. neither did I B. neither can I C. I don't either
41. Let's take a short cut. A. It's faster that way B. I like it shorter C. They cut it short
42. When might he arrive? A. It could be today. B. He might yesterday. C. He can come today.
43. Why is that dog barking?
A. During hot days dogs bark B. There must be a stranger at the door C. Dogs bark but cats meow
44. Are you driving to the Atlantic coast this summer?
A. That might be a possibility B. Who wants to go C. Santa Marta is my favorite place
45. Do you want to send a message? A. I use Internet. B. I do, but unfortunately, I'm busy now. C. Who needs it?
46. Could you give me some single? A. I am broke B. I didn't. C. he has it
47. If you need information why not dial 113.
A. I know the answer B. can you lend me phone book? C. The information always comes in handy

48. Did Lourdes tell you about their plans for Holy week?
 A. her family is very sociable. B. I believe they're planning a trip to another country. C. Holy week is not too far away.
49. Why does she want to go to London? A. They love that country B. He told her it's okay. C. Her ancestors come from there.
50. Ask your mom if you can go out to ride your motorbike A. No way I'm grounded B. Who me? C. Where is the motorbike?
51. Are you going to write the script? A. Sure, I love plays. B. Sure, I love to play C. Sure, I am playing
51. Hey j Did Charles run up the mountain? A. Not with her weight B. Charles is a little tired C. Charles is on strike
52. Have you ever been on a camping trip? A. Of course, I have B. Of course, I have been C. Of course, you have
53. Let's meet around noon time. A. I'm glad to meet you. B. To have lunch C. At what time?
54. I think I will publish this in that magazine. A. I met the editor. B. Give me a good reason C. Will the pay you for this?
55. I'm in a hurry. A. What's your rush? B. I'm a little tired. C. he better brings his car.
56. She arrived promptly. A. It didn't take her long. B. She loves to prompt. C. Yes, she was.
57. Who sold her property? A. It had to be done B. It was a realtor. C. It was a great property
58. She wishes to leave at dawn. A. She comes down often B. She bought an alarm clock C. She will get up before five.
59. I might decorate these candles. A. Candles give good light B. That's a great idea. C. You need a match.
60. Insurance costs have sky-rocketed. A. I believe you B. I like rockets, too. C. Do you need any?
61. I think the baby is hungry. A. It must be fed, otherwise it might start crying B. Babies eat all the time C. I need to buy milk
62. She was in charge of locking the entrance doors.
 A. She must be so responsible B. I bet she is the house keeper C. Please get me the keys
63. What's London like? A. it's happy B. It's really busy and dirty. C. It's short.
64. What does your aunt look like? A. She's really thin and quite tall B. She enjoys it C. She works in a bank
65. Why didn't you come to the pool yesterday? A. I didn't see them there. B. It was a great time C. I was doing something else
66. I have to go home now. A. Have you been before? B. It's still quite early C. How long was it for?
67. Whose phone is that? A. It's not there. B. Wasn't it? C. I'm not sure.
68. There weren't any more tickets for the match? A. That's a pity. B. It isn't enough C. I hope so
69. Shall we play that new computer game? A. It's all right B. Yes, it is C. If you'd like to
70. I'm sorry we don't have your size. A. I hope so B. What a pity C. I'll take it
71. How long are you going to stay in Bangkok? A. For another three weeks B. For the last three weeks C. It took three weeks
72. See you tomorrow. A. That's all right B. I can't see C. Don't be late
73. I don't like this program. A. I'll turn it on B. Let's turn it off then C. You didn't take it off
74. Can I leave early? A. Before 4:30 B. Yes, that's fine C. Not at all
75. Would you like a cup of tea? A. I'd love one. B. Sorry, I'm not. C. Yes, I like tea.
76. What time does it finish? A. I'm not sure B. On Thursday C. It takes 15 minutes.
77. How often do you go hiking? A. I go with three friends. B. Most weekends C. We stay for a weekend.
78. Are you looking forward to your holiday? A. Yes, I'm really excited about it. B. Not to worry C. We're going to China.
79. Would you like some more dessert? A. Enjoy your meal! B. No thanks, I'm full. C. It's delicious!
80. What about getting Kate a new watch? A That's great news. B I think she does. C She'll like that.
81. Excuse me, where's the nearest bank? A I don't mind. B I'm not sure. C It doesn't matter.
82. I would like to book a court please. A. Yes, you would B. For what time C. Maybe tomorrow
83. This is Marion speaking. A Marion's not here. B Hello, Marion. C I'll get her for you.
84. Would you like to play golf? A I hope so. B It's good. C I'd love to.
85. Would you like to come to dinner next Friday? A. I'm afraid, I can't. B. Unfortunately not. C. Certainly not.
86. We've got a single room with a shower. A Is it a double room? B Where can I stay? C How much is that?
87. Will you see Amy on Saturday? A If I've got time? B When she's early. C. Because she's my friend.
88. There's a two hours delay. A 2 o'clock. B We'll be late. C I hope so.
89. Have you got any stamps? A Yes, would you like one? B Yes, there are. C Yes, very much.
90. What's your rush?
 A. I need to depart for the airport. B. I sold a great property last night in New York C. I am going to Miami next month
91. Does it have all the tools? A. Of course it has. B. Do you need it? C. Yes, he does
92. Mary doesn't pay the bill. A. neither do I B. I don't either C. Neither did she
93. Let's invite Peter to the party. A. No way j he's grounded B. It has to be C. He is fine
94. She wishes to leave at dawn. A. She comes down often. B. She bought an alarm clock. C. She will get up before five.
95. What's Bogota like? A. it's sad B. It's little C. It's really clean.
96. Could I have a glass of water? A I haven't seen it. B Here you are. C. Yes, please.
97. Shall we go by train? A. You'll be late B. I'd rather go by car. C. What a pity
98. Do you mind if I smoke? A. I'd rather you didn't." B. I'd rather you don't. C. I'd rather we didn't.
99. Can you pass that book? A. I pass B. Yes, I can C. Here you are

100. How would you like your steak?

A. It's nice.

B. Not really.

C. Well cooked.

Read the conversations below and fill in the gaps with the words and phrases from the lists.

Do you mind if I - is it OK if I - could you turn - What's the problem -

here you are - telling me - can I borrow - go ahead - that's better

Conversation 1

A: Yeah?

B: Hello, _____ the music down, please? It's one o'clock and I'm trying to sleep.

A: Oh, sorry. Is that better?

B: Yes, _____ Perhaps I can get some sleep now. Good night.

Conversation 2

A: I'm sorry _____ leave early today? I'm going to take my cat to see the vet.

B: You're going to take your cat to the vet? What's the matter with her then?

A: Him. I don't know. That's why I'm going to take him to the vet's.

B: Oh, I see. Sure, _____. Thanks for _____.

Conversation 3

A: David, do you have your mobile phone with you?

B: Um... yes. Why?

A: _____ it, please? I need to make a quick call to my mother.

B: OK, _____.

Conversation 4

A: _____ change seats?

B: Yes, all right. _____, by the way?

A: I can't see because of the sun.

B: OK, then. Why don't you sit there, next to Andrea?

READ AND MATCH

A	B
1. Sorry I'm late. I got stuck in traffic.	_____ a. That sounds like a good idea. You need a break.
2. Bye Mom! I'm going to school now.	_____ b. So am I. I can't stand all this rain.
3. Have you heard that Jenny's going out with Pete?	_____ c. Don't worry about it. You're here now. Come and sit down.
4. How long did it take you to do the homework?	_____ d. Ages! How about you?
5. I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of this weather.	_____ e. Yes, it cost a fortune.
6. Who was that I saw you with last night?	_____ f. Really? I don't know what she sees in him.
7. I'm tired. I'm taking next week off.	_____ g. I'm sorry. I can't make in then. How about a little later?
8. Hey! Let's go running in the park!	_____ h. Take care, Honey. Have a nice day!
9. Can we get together this afternoon at 3:00?	_____ i. Me? Run? you must be kidding!
10. What a gorgeous coat! Was it expensive?	_____ j. None of your business!