

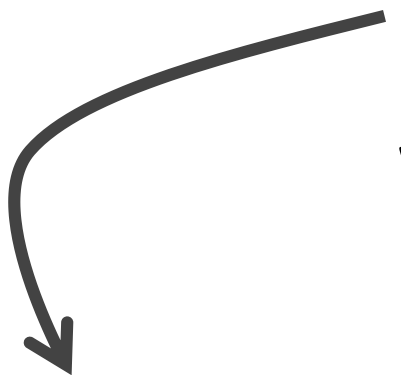
100 Most Common English Phrases



*With Lindsay and
Michelle*

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How to Ask for Directions

- Michelle, do you know how to get to City Girl Cafe?
- Oh I don't know.
- Hmm. I don't know where it is either.
- I think it's in Inman Square but I don't know how to get there.
Anyways, I'll let you know if I figure it out.
- Cool, see ya later.

How to Check Into a Hotel



How to Check Into a Hotel

- Hi miss, how are you today? Are you checking in?
- yes, I had a room reserved under the name “Kaplan.”
- Ok, let me check. Oh great I found your reservation, you are in room 207.
- Great (*continue on next page*)

How to Check Into a Hotel (continued)

- Here are your keys and we have a complimentary continental breakfast between 7am and 10am in the lobby. Would you like a hand bringing those bags up to your room? Our bellhop can take those for you.
- Sure, that would be great.
- Enjoy your stay with us.

How to Ask for More Information

- Lindsay, what are you doing?
- Oh I'm trying to figure out how to make this microphone work better. It sounds kind of strange.
- What do you mean? I think it sounds fine.
- Do you know what my friend said? He's an audio expert and he said that we need to improve it. I don't know, what do you think?
- I think it's ok.

How to Introduce Yourself to an American in Your Home Country



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- Hi, what's your name?
- I'm Jenny. You?
- Oh I'm Akiko. It's great to meet you. So where are you from?
- I'm from New York. I am in Tokyo for a 10-day work trip.

How to Introduce Yourself to an American in Your Home Country (continued)

- How do you like Japan so far?
- Oh my gosh, I never imagined the food would be this great and I'm having a blast.

How to Introduce Yourself to an American in Your Home Country (continued)

- Cool- are you getting a lot of time to explore outside of work?
- Yeah, I am in the office during the day, but I get out around 5pm every evening so I have been going all around the city on my own.

How to Introduce Yourself to an American in Your Home Country (continued)

- Well some friends and I are having a cherry blossom party this weekend at Yoyogi Park.
Would you be interested in joining us?
- That sounds awesome. Do you want to send me a text later in the week and let me know the time and the address?
- Will do. See you this weekend!

How to Talk About What You Want to Do

- Lindsay what do you want to do this summer?
- Well, I can tell you one thing, I don't want to work all summer.
- Me neither. Well then what do you want to do?

How to Talk About What You Want to Do (continued)

- I want to see the Grand Canyon. Have you ever been there?
- Of course. It's amazing!
You should definitely go.

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How to Make General Conversation (Speaking Imprecisely)

- So what's been going on with you, Lindsay? You look kind of confused.
- Yeah, I was thinking about my weekend plans. I want to see a movie or something like that. What kinds of movies are you into?

How to Make General Conversation (Speaking Imprecisely) (continued)

- I don't really go to the movies much. I like to read novels and things like that.

How to Make a Suggestion

- I need some advice, Michelle.
- Ok, what's up?
- Should I go back to school and get a PhD or should I just keep working?
- Hmm, well **you don't have to** get a PhD to teach English.

How to Make a Suggestion (continued)

- Yeah, you're right, but I really like studying and Boston is a great place to be if you're into academics.
- Well then **you might as well** just take one class and see how it goes.
- **Good call.** I'll try that.

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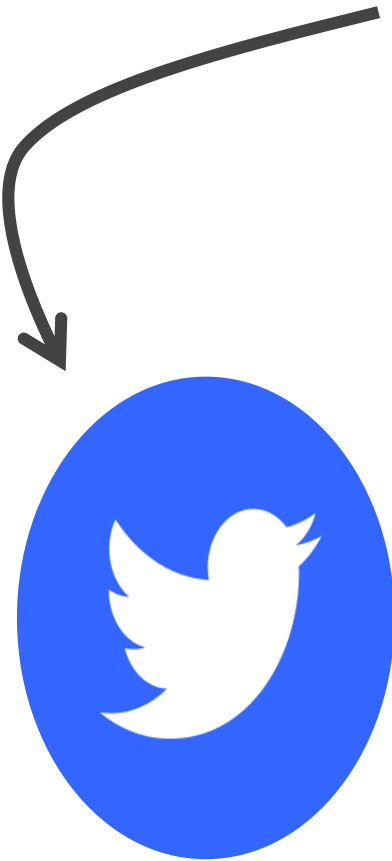
- Are you car hunting?
- Yeah, I need something reliable.
- Why don't you **have a look at** this car over here. It's got a great price, under \$20,000 and it's one of the safest on the market.

How to Shop for a Car (continued)

- Really? Does it have a good sound system? That's my first priority.
- Yeah I think so. I believe it has a great in-car stereo and CD player.
- Hmm, I'm not crazy about the storage space in the car.
Can we look at some other models?

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How to Return Clothing or an Item

- Hi how are you today?
- I'm ok, but I'm here to return this item actually. It doesn't fit right.
- Oh really? No problem at all. Do you have your receipt?

How to Return Clothing or an Item (continued)

- Yep, here it is.
- Great, so would you like me to put the \$49.99 back on the card?
- Yeah, that would be great, thanks.
- Ok you're all set. Here's your new receipt and have a great day.

How to Ask for Clarification

- Lindsay, where should I go if I visit Portland, Oregon?
- Oh actually I was just out there and I think you're going to like it there.
- **What do you mean? How do you know that I'll like it?**

How to Ask for Clarification (continued)

- *(say it quietly or unclearly)*
Well the people are pretty relaxed and laid back. It's totally different from the East Coast.
- Huh? **What did you say?**
- I said it's different from Boston so you are going to like it!

How to Talk to a Taxi Driver

- So where to?
- We want to go to Logan Airport.
- About how much will the fare be?
- It should be about \$20 or \$25. Is that ok?
- Yeah, sure no problem.

How to Ask for a Haircut

- So how much are we taking off today?
- Maybe we can just take off 3 ½ inches and do some layering in the back.
- That sounds great.
- Let's give it a wash and then we'll get started.

What to Say When you Bump Into Someone on the Street

- Oh hey Gabby what's up?
- Hey Lindsay, I didn't expect to run into you.
- I know. Anyways, where are you headed?
- I'm off to my Zumba class.
- Oh really, how's that going?
- I've been taking the class for a long time now and it's going great.

How to Order a Coffee

- Hey what can I get you?
- yeah, I'll have a tall hot coffee with room for milk.
- Did you want our bold roast or blonde roast?
- Bold roast please. Also, do you have any muffins here?

How to Order a Coffee (continued)

- Yeah, we have blueberry, cranberry, and banana nut.
- Sounds good. Can I have the blueberry muffin and could you put that in the toaster?
- Sure, anything else?
- Nope, that's it. Thanks.

How to Complain in a Restaurant

- Sorry, miss?
- Yes? Is everything ok?
- No actually, my food is cold.
- Oh no, I'm so sorry about that.
- Let me warm it up for you.
- Yeah that would be great, thanks so much.

How to Get Help with your Internet Connection

- Thanks for calling xyz cable how can I help you today?
- Hi I'm calling about my internet connection. It stopped working this morning and I have no idea what's going on.
- Uh huh. ok. Let's try resetting the connection on our end and we'll see if that helps.

How to Get Help with your Internet Connection

(continued)

- Great, go for it.
- (resets) How's it working now?
- Ummm nope, (it's) still not working.
- Ok then we'll have a service guy come out to help you tomorrow. Are you available between 9 am and 12 noon?
- yeah, I guess so.
- Ok great we'll see you then.

How to Talk to a US- based Company



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- Ring, ring hello, welcome to Hoster, my name is John and I'll be helping you out today. Can I get your domain name and the last 4 digits of your account password?
- Oh yes, my domain name is allearsenglish.com and the last four digits are 1238.

How to Talk to a US- based Company (continued)

- Ok all set. So what are you calling about today?
- My website is down and I am not sure what's going on.
- Ok let me take a quick look at it. Ok. You have some errors in your code but we can do a quick fix here.

How to Talk to a US- based Company (continued)

- Oh that's much better
- Is it back up again?
- Yep, it's all set now. Thank you.
- Great, glad to help.

How to Make Friends at the Gym

- Hey how's your workout going?
- Oh not bad, thanks for asking.
And yours?
- Pretty well, thanks. Have you tried that spinning class on Thursdays? It's really fun.

How to Make Friends at the Gym (continued)

- Oh great idea. I'll have to give it a try.
- My name is Sarah by the way.
- Oh I'm Meaghan. Great to meet you.
- You too!

How to Check In at the Airport

- Hi there, what's your final destination today?
- Boston Logan
- Ok great. **(Do you have) any bags to check today?**
- Just this one. Is there a fee?
- Yes, it's \$25 per checked item.
- Ok.
- Great, you are checked in. You'll be at gate 23.
- **Enjoy your flight.**

How to Arrange a Language Exchange

- Hey Kate how's everything?
- Great, Keiko. How are you?
- Good. I've been working on my English.
- Oh really? How's it going?

How to Arrange a Language Exchange (continued)

- Well I really need someone to practice with. Would you like to set up a language exchange once a week?
- Sure that would be great. Let's start next Wednesday at 3pm at Starbucks.
- Ok see you there.

How to Talk to Your Doctor

- Hi, I'm Dr. Smith. So you're in today for your annual check up?
- Yeah
- (Is) anything going on?
- No, for the most part, I have been fine. I have been feeling some lower back pain, though. I'm not sure what that's about.

How to Talk to Your Doctor (continued)

- Hmm ok I'll write you a referral for a physical therapist to get it checked out.
- Great, thanks.

How to Greet a Roommate in the Morning

- Good morning, how are you?
- Great and you?
- Good. What are you up to today?
- Not much. I'm going down to the Farmer's Market. Wanna join me?
- Sure, I'd love to. Let's do it.

How to Talk to a Shop Owner



How to Talk to a Shop Owner

- Hi excuse me, I was looking for the latest Stephen King novel?
- Oh that's on the first floor. Just head down these stairs, turn right and it's around the corner.

How to Talk to a Shop Owner

(continued)

- Oh ok great thanks for your help. By the way, do you recommend the book?
- Oh yeah, I loved it and it was a hit around here.

How to Talk About a Movie

- Have you seen the new movie that came out this summer called Gravity?
- Yeah, I saw it. I thought it was pretty good. What did you think?

How to Talk About a Movie (continued)

- It was ok. I was a little disappointed actually. It wasn't as good as I expected.
- Oh well there are a lot of new movies coming out this summer.
- Let's go see one sometime.

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