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# 1. The Next Vacation

## Dialogue

Do you already have plans for your next vacation?

I have some ideas but nothing final yet.

Where do you want to go?

I was thinking either Hawaii or Mexico.

That sounds like a difficult decision. I've only been to Mexico, but it was amazing.

I really want a beach vacation this time. I've seen beautiful pictures of both.

They both have beautiful beaches. I think the choice depends on your budget. Mexico is much more affordable.

I didn't really know Hawaii was that expensive. How did you like the food in Mexico?

It was really tasty. Our hotel had a big selection and lots of fresh fruit and coconuts.

I want to go with my boyfriend, and he is favoring Mexico too. He is interested in their history and the Maya ruins.

Then you should go to Mexico. It's a beautiful destination, affordable, and there is lots to do.

You're right. I can always go to Hawaii next time.



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## Essential Phrases

### Asking About Vacation Plans

Do you already have plans for your next vacation?

Where do you want to go on your next vacation?

When are you going on vacation?

Have you ever been to Argentina?

Have you ever visited Thailand?

Where would your dream vacation be?

How long are you going to be gone?

Do you have any plans for the summer break?

How long is your flight?

How will you get there?

### **Talking About Vacation Plans**

I'm planning on going to Australia.

I'd like to travel to Mexico.

I'm going on vacation in Brazil.

I've never been to China.

I'll be gone for about two weeks.

I'll be on vacation in June.

My vacation is about a week long.

I don't have any plans yet for the summer.

We are taking a train to get there.

I am going backpacking around Europe.



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## 2. At the Airport

### Dialogue

I would like to check in for my flight to London.

London is your final destination? And I need to see your passport or ID, please.

Yes, London is my final destination and here is my passport.

Do you have checked luggage or a carry on?

I have one suitcase and one backpack.

Could you place them on the belt, please? And would you like an aisle or window seat?

Could I have a seat next to an emergency exit?

Certainly. Here is your boarding pass. Your plane is leaving from Gate 4. Please be there 45 minutes before departure. Have a nice flight!

Perfect, thanks.



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## Essential Phrases

### Checking in at the Airport

Where is the check-in desk?

I would like to check in.

Please be at the gate 45 minutes before departure.

Do you have a checked bag or just carry-on luggage?

I have one carry-on and two checked bags.

Can I see your passport?

Can I see your boarding pass?

Your flight is boarding at 7:15.

Your flight leaves from gate F12.

The flight has been delayed for one hour.

Take off is in three hours.

Paging all passengers on flight QUE382 to Toronto. Your flight is now boarding at gate Z15.

## **Going Through Security**

We need to go through the security check before we can board.

Empty your pockets, please.

Put all electronics in a separate bin.

Have your passport out and ready.

Step through the scanner, please.

I need to search your bag.

What do you have in your bag?

Please hold still.

## **Landing at Your Destination**

What is the purpose of your stay?

I'm here on vacation.

How long are you staying here?

Have you been here before?

Where is baggage claim?

Your baggage has been lost.

We landed at 8:15.

We need to go through customs before we can leave the airport.

Do you have anything to declare?

I only bought small souvenirs for my family.

Do you have any duty-free items in your luggage?

May I search your bag?





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## 3. Lost luggage

### Dialogue

How can I help you?

I just arrived from Washington, D.C., but I can't find my suitcase.

What flight were you on? FA 203?

Yes, FA 203. I arrived about 40 minutes ago.

Are you sure you were at the right carousel? FA 203 was at carousel 3. And did you check the bulky luggage carousel?

Yes, I waited at carousel 3 the whole time, and there was nothing at the bulky section either.

Okay, if it's not at the bulky section, it's probably just delayed. Most suitcases show up between 12 and 24 hours later.

But I need my things. I'm here on vacation. I don't even have a toothbrush.

You can purchase any essential items and file a claim, if we can't locate it.

And how will I get my suitcase then?

Once it gets here, we will notify you, and it will be delivered to your hotel. Please fill out this form for me, and be sure to hold on to this claim number.

Thank you.



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## 4. Booking a Hotel Room

### Dialogue

Good morning. Do you have any vacancies? I would like to book a hotel room.

Yes, we have several rooms available. How many nights would you like to stay, and what is your name?

Six nights for two people. My name is David Brown.

And what kind of room would you like?

Two double beds with a balcony and lake view if possible.

We have a room with a lake view available. Would you like breakfast in the morning?

How much is the breakfast?

It is \$15 per person and includes coffee, tea, and orange juice.

That sounds good, we would like the breakfast.

Your total will be \$660 including tax. How would you like to pay?

Credit card, please.

Here is your receipt. You are in room 232 on the second floor. Do you have any more questions?

Yes, is there free parking at the hotel?

Yes, we have a parking lot behind the hotel on the right side. Please put this slip in the window on the passenger side. Have a pleasant stay.

Perfect. Thank you!



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# Essential Phrases

## Booking a Room

I would like to book a room for the 7th of July.

Do you have any rooms available from the 11th to the 15th of November?

I'd like a single room, please.

I would like to have a room with a view of the lake.

Is breakfast included?

When can I check in?

When is checkout?

Can someone help me with my bags?

Where should I park?

## At the Reception

Do you have a room reservation?

How long will you be staying with us?

How many nights would you like to stay?

How many guests are with you?

What kind of room would you like?

I'm sorry we don't have any rooms available.

The room includes free breakfast.

There's a great view from the room.

Here is your room key and number.

Check-out is until 10am.

Do you need a wake-up call?

Do you need help with your bags?

Is there anything else we can help you with?

Thank you for staying with us!

### **During the Stay**

I'd like to change my room.

The room is too noisy.

Could I get a wake-up call?

I'd like to order room service.

I've lost my room key.

Could I get some extra towels?

Where is the swimming pool?

How long is breakfast?

### **Checking Out**

I would like to check out.

We'd actually like to stay another night.

What room number did you have?

May I have your room key, please?

We hope you enjoyed your stay with us.

We had a very pleasant stay.



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# 5. Renting a Car

## Dialogue

Hello. I would like to rent a car.

What kind of car were you thinking of?

A mid-size one with automatic transmission.

We have a mid-size Ford available if that works? How long do you want to rent it?

Eight days. Is it possible to extend the contract if necessary?

Yes, that is no problem. Just call us beforehand and let us know.

How much is the car per day?

It will be \$75 not including insurance. Would you like to purchase insurance?

No, my credit card company will cover the insurance. I would like to add an additional driver though.

That's no problem, but it will cost an additional \$10 a day.

That's ok. The car has unlimited mileage, right?

Yes, it does. Here is the contract. Please sign at the bottom.

Looks good, thank you.

You're welcome. Your car is in spot B32 and have a nice day.



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# Essential Phrases

## Questions and Statements: Customer

I would like to rent a car.

I'm hoping to rent a mid-sized van.

Can I get a car with automatic transmission?

I need the car for two weeks.

Is it possible to extend the contract if necessary?

How much does the rental cost per day?

Does the price include insurance?

What's the mileage limit?

How long is the minimum rental period?

I would like to add an additional driver to the contract.

Where can the car be returned?

## Questions and Statements: Car Dealer

What kind of car were you looking for?

The rental costs \$80 per day.

We have a selection of smaller-sized vehicles with automatic transmission.

How long do you need the car?

It is possible to extend the contract over the phone.

Rental insurance is not included in the price.

The mileage limit is 500 miles, but we can increase it if need be.

The minimum rental period is one week.

You can return the car to any of our company's locations across the state.

If you have any problems or questions, just give us a call.

Please return the vehicle cleaned and with a full tank of gas.



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## 6. At the Restaurant

### Dialogue

Hello guys, welcome to the Crown. Are you ready to order?

Can we have a few more minutes? And what's today's special?

Of course. Today's special is tuna on white rice and vegetables.

That sounds good. I think we are ready now.

Perfect. What would you like to drink?

Can we get some sparkling water and a bottle of Pinot Noir?

Of course. And what would you like to eat?

I would like the steak with fries and she will have the tuna special.

How do you like your steak?

Medium, please.

Can I get you anything else? An appetizer maybe?

No, we are good, thank you.



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# 7. Using Public Transport

## Dialogue

Should we take the bus or the subway later?

I would take the subway. It's much faster than the bus.

Oh really? We are leaving around 5 pm. It will be rush hour and really busy on the subway.

You're right. I don't really like being in the subway during rush hour. It's always so crowded and hot.

I agree. The heat is terrible. Let's take the bus, okay?

Is there a bus stop close by?

There is one just down the road. And, if I remember correctly, an express bus stops there too.

You mean number 8? Don't you have to transfer with it?

No, it goes directly to Summerset. It won't even be that much longer than the subway. Especially with the new public transit lane.

I totally forgot about that lane. Only taxis and public transport can drive on it, right?

Yes, it opened a couple of weeks ago and works well so far.

It's decided then. We are taking the bus.



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## Essential Phrases

### Essential Phrases

Where is the nearest subway station?

When is the next bus to Los Angeles?

What time does the subway come?



How frequently do the buses stop here?

The bus leaves every 30 minutes.

What time does the last subway leave?

Where can I buy a ticket?

How much does a ticket cost?

Is there a group rate?

I need a one-way ticket.

Where should I change trains to get to New York City?

Does this bus go to Washington, D.C.?

Where do I have to get off if I want to go to the stadium?

Is there a subway map nearby?

The bus is much faster.

The train is always on time.



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# 8. The Weather

## Dialogue

What is the weather going to be like today?

It looks like it's going to rain.

Oh no! I thought it was going to be nice.

The forecast said it's going to be rainy and cold all weekend.

We were going to have a BBQ, but maybe we should do it another time.

The weather has been really unpredictable lately.

I really hope that it won't rain. Yesterday it was sunny and warm.

Maybe it will be better next week!

I sure hope so. This summer has been very rainy so far.



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## Essential Phrases

### Part 1: Asking About the Weather

What's the weather like?

Is it snowing yet?

How windy is it?

Is the sun shining?

What's the weather going to be like?

Is it going to storm?

How many degrees is it outside?

What's the temperature like?

How warm is it?

What did the forecast say this morning?

## **Part 2: Describing the Weather**

It's cold outside.

It looks nice out.

It's raining right now.

It looks like it's going to rain.

The forecast said it will rain later.

The weather is beautiful.

It's 86 °F out.

Be careful, it's slippery out!

It's so cloudy today.

It's a stormy day.

We're finally getting some snow.

It's absolutely shorts weather!

It's raining cats and dogs!

## **Part 3: Describing Feelings Towards the Weather**

I hope that it won't rain.

I'm looking forward to when the sun comes out.

I'm loving this warm weather.

I can't wait for it to snow!

I'm freezing right now.

I'm too cold.

I don't like when it's too hot out.

I feel completely warm now.

I'm a cold weather kind of person.



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## 9. At the Train Station

### Dialogue

Good morning. How can I help you?

Good morning, I would like to take the train to New York City.

One-way or round trip?

One-way, please.

That's \$12, and the next train leaves in 15 minutes.

Is there a later one?

Yes, there is also one at 2:30.

Thank you, I'll take the later one. What platform does the train leave from?

It leaves from platform 3. Just turn right here and go straight.

Thank you.

You're welcome and safe travels.



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## Essential Phrases

### Buying a Train Ticket: Traveler

Where are the ticket machines?

Where's the ticket office?

Can I buy a ticket on the train?

I'd like a single ticket to Los Angeles.

Could I get a ticket for the train to New York City?

What is the cheapest way to get to Washington, D.C.?

How much does a round trip ticket to Austin cost?

What time does the train leave?

Is there a later train?

What platform does the train leave from?

Do I have to change trains?

Is food served on the train?

How long is the train delayed for?

Do you know why there is a delay?

### **Buying a Train Ticket: Employee**

When would you like to travel?

Where would you like to travel to?

What kind of ticket would you like?

Do you have a rail pass?

There are ticket machines down by the platforms.

You'll have to change trains to get to Austin.

The train leaves from platform 9.

The next train is leaving in a half hour.

The train to Washington, D.C. leaves at 5:15.

You can buy refreshments on the train.

The train is delayed due to an electrical problem onboard.

The train is delayed for two hours.

### **At the platform**

Is this the right platform for the train heading to Chicago?

Which platform do I need for the train going to Washington, D.C.?

Which platform is our connection at?



The train arrives at platform 9.

The next train to arrive at platform 4 is the one to New York City.

The train is running late.

The train's been canceled!

Can I see the timetable, please?

First-class boards towards the front of the train.

All aboard!

### **On the train**

Is this seat free?

Do you mind if I sit here?

May I store my luggage in the hold?

Tickets, please!

May I see your tickets, please?

All tickets and railcards, please!

I've lost my ticket.

I can't find my ticket.

Does this train stop at Los Angeles?

What's the next stop?

What time will we arrive?

We are now approaching New York City.

Don't forget any luggage and personal belongings.

Did you catch what they said over the speaker?

Where is the buffet car?

Refreshments can be purchased in the third car.

Could you watch my stuff while I go to the bathroom?



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# 10. The Last Vacation

## Dialogue

Hey Ashlee, you're back! How was your trip?

Hello Peter. I just got back last night, and it was awesome.

You went to Thailand, right? How long did you go for?

Yes, for two weeks. They went by way too quickly.

I feel you. What did you get up to in Thailand?

We visited a couple of islands and explored a lot.

That sounds really nice. I've always wanted to go to Thailand.

You should. The beaches are so beautiful, and the water is clear blue.

I love a beautiful beach. How was the food?

Usually pretty good. We ate lots of fresh fruit and coconuts.

You are making me jealous. Sounds like a beautiful vacation.

It really was. I want to go back already.



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## Essential Phrases

### Asking About Somebody's Vacation

Where did you go on vacation?

How was your trip?

You went to Australia, right?

How long were you there?

How long did it take you to get there?

How did you get there?

What did you do in Japan?

What surprised you the most about Iceland?

What was your favorite thing about Vietnam?

Do you miss it?

Are you glad to be back?

Did you have good weather?

Did you get to meet any of the locals?

How was the food?

### **Talking About Your Vacation**

My trip was fantastic.

I was in Australia.

I loved France.

Canada was great!

I really enjoyed the food.

I loved the food there.

I was there for a couple of weeks.

I did a lot of hiking.

I definitely miss being there.

It's nice to be back home where my friends and family are.

The flight took about 7 hours.

We were lucky and had sunny days the entire vacation.

I met a couple of locals at a restaurant one day.

The culture was so interesting and different from ours.



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