

Practical English Episode 1

Checking into a hotel

Hello. I'm Rob. I'm from London. I'm a journalist.
Today I'm in Poland. I'm not on holiday. I'm here for work.

Checking into a hotel – listen and order

Rob Hello.
Receptionist Good afternoon.
Rob My name's Rob Walker. I have a reservation.
Receptionist Sorry, what's your surname?
Rob Walker.
Receptionist How do you spell it?
Rob W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist Sorry?
Rob W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist Thank you. OK, Mr. Walker. You're in room 321.
Rob Thanks.

Checking into a hotel – listen and repeat

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Receptionist How do you spell it?
Rob W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist Sorry?
Rob W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist Thank you. OK, Mr. Walker. You're in room 321.
Rob Thanks.

Booking a table

Hi. I'm Jenny Zielinski. I'm from New York.
Tomorrow's my birthday, and my favorite restaurant in New York is Locanda Verde. It's Italian.

Booking a table – listen and complete (1.46)

Waiter Locanda Verde. Good morning. How can I help you?
Jenny Hello. A table for tomorrow, please.
Waiter Tomorrow... uh, Tuesday?
Jenny Yes, that's right.
Waiter How many people?
Jenny Three.
Waiter What time?
Jenny Seven o'clock.
Waiter What's your name, please?
Jenny Jenny Zielinski. That's Z-I-E-L-I-N-S-K-I.
Waiter Thank you, Ms., uh, Zielinski. OK. So, a table for three on Tuesday at seven.
Jenny Great. Thanks. Bye.
Waiter Goodbye, see you tomorrow.

2B Video Listening

Meet the students

Today we're in San Francisco.

San Francisco is in California, in the United States. It's on the west coast. It's a fantastic city, and it's famous for the Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39, and cable cars. But we're not on vacation. We're here to visit an English language school. This is the school. It's a big school with about three hundred and fifty students.

Rike and Hyeongwoo are students at the school. Hyeongwoo is twenty-three years old. He's from Korea. He's a beginner student. His class is small, with only five students. His teacher is Stephen. He's

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American. He's very friendly, and he's a very good teacher.

Rike is nineteen years old. She's from Brazil. She's an intermediate student, and her class is big, with eleven students. Her teacher is Laura. She's American. She's really nice, and she's a very good teacher, too.

When Rike and Hyeongwoo aren't in class, they're in the computer room...or here, in the cafeteria. In the evening they're at home. Rike and Hyeongwoo live in a student house. It's near the school. It's a big house with five bedrooms, a kitchen, and a beautiful yard. San Francisco is great for students like Rike and Hyeongwoo. The people are friendly, and the city is exciting and fun!

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 1&2

1

Interviewer What's your name?

Jayna Jayna.

Interviewer How do you spell it?

Jayna J-A-Y-N-A.

2

Interviewer Where are you from?

Brian I'm from California.

Interviewer Where in California?

Brian Sacramento, but also lived in LA.

3

Interviewer How old are you?

Richard I'm sixty-six.

4

Interviewer What's your cell phone number?

Rytis My phone number is three four seven, two two two, one two eight nine.

5

Interviewer What's your email address?

Christopher It's c-y-o-o-n-i-t-1-2-3 at yahoo dot com.

Practical English Episode 2

Buying lunch (Rob)

Server Who's next?

Rob Can I have a cheese sandwich, please?

Server Anything else?

Rob And a Coke, please.

Server Ice and lemon?

Rob No, thanks.

Server There you go.

Rob Thanks. How much is it?

Server Six pounds seventy-five.

Rob Here you are.

Server Thanks. Here's your change.

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Buying lunch (Jenny)

Assistant Hi. How can I help you?

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Jenny Hi. How much is this tuna salad?
Assistant It's seven twenty.
Jenny OK, fine. And this mineral water, please.
Assistant That's nine dollars seventy cents.
Jenny Here you are.
Assistant Thank you. Have a nice day.
Amy Jenny!
Jenny Amy! Hi, how are you?
Amy I'm fine. How are you?
Jenny I'm fine, too.
Amy What's that?
Jenny Oh, just a salad and some water.
Amy You are good! Look, wait for me. We can have lunch together in the park.
Jenny Sure! Great idea.
Amy Can I have a cheese sandwich, a cappuccino, and a brownie, please?

is Bluebird. It's fifty-five years old and it's very, very fast!

These cars are from lots of different countries. This is a Mercedes sixty hp. It's a German car. It's a hundred and ten years old and it's black and gold. This is a Ferrari Dino. It's Italian. It's forty years old. It's red and it's great. This is a Ford Anglia. Ford is an American company, but the Anglia is a British car. This blue Ford Anglia is very famous. It's the Weasley's car in the Harry Potter films!

But the National Motor Museum isn't just famous for cars. It's also famous for motorbikes. This is an American Harley Davidson, this is an Italian Ducati, and this is a German BMW. The National Motor Museum is fantastic, and Beaulieu is a beautiful village. Come and see!

4C Video Listening

Beaulieu Motor Museum

Hi! I'm Louise, and today I'm in Beaulieu. Beaulieu is a small village. It's in England, but Beaulieu is a French word. In English, we say *Byuli*, but in French it's *Beau lieu* – beautiful place.

And it really is beautiful! Beaulieu is in the New Forest. It's famous for its big house, old church, and fantastic motor museum. The National Motor Museum in Beaulieu is sixty-two years old. It's a very interesting place, with lots and lots of cars. Let's go and see!

These are some of the cars. This is a very small car. These are old, vintage cars. These are fast, modern cars. This is my favorite car. It's British and its name

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 3&4

1

Interviewer What's in your bag?
Richard Uh, my coat, and water, and wallet.

2

Interviewer What's in your bag?
Josh I have a laptop in my bag, a charger in my bag, and some books.

3

Interviewer Are you from a big or small family?
Kieran I'm from a small family. I have my mum, my dad, and one little sister.

4

Interviewer How much is a cup of coffee in your local coffee shop?
Debra It's four dollars.
Interviewer Do you think it's cheap or expensive?

Debra I think it's expensive.

5

Interviewer Do you have a car?

Daniel I do have a car.

Interviewer Can you describe your car?

Daniel I have a white Honda Civic.

Practical English Episode 3

Telling the time

Rob I'm tired. What time is it?

Alan It's eleven o'clock.

Rob I need to go. I have a meeting in Oxford tomorrow morning.

Alan One more drink?

Rob Oh, OK!

Rob Excuse me. What time is it?

Woman It's a quarter to eight. What time's your train?

Rob At seven forty-seven.

Woman You need to hurry! You only have two minutes.

Rob Thanks.

Rob Hello. I'm Rob Walker. I'm sorry I'm late.

Man You're an hour late. It's half past ten.

Rob I know. I'm really sorry.

Telling the time – listen and repeat

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A night out

Amy Hi. Sorry I'm late. What time's the show?

Jenny Don't worry. It's at eight o'clock.

Amy What time is it now?

Jenny It's OK. It's only twenty to eight....

Amy What a great show!

Jenny Yes, fantastic. I'm hungry. Do you want a pizza?

Amy What time is it?

Jenny Um, quarter to eleven.

Amy It's late and I'm tired.

Jenny Come on. I know a really good Italian restaurant near here.

Amy Oh, OK. Let's go.

6C Video Listening

A day in the life of a New York tour guide

N = narrator, P = Peter

L Hi! I'm Louisa. I'm in New York. I'm from England, but I'm here to learn about the life of a tour guide.

N Peter Greenwald is a New York tour guide. He lives in a small apartment in Brooklyn. He usually gets up at eight o'clock. Peter has a big breakfast. He usually has fruit and cereal, and sometimes he has an omelet. He leaves the house at nine o'clock. Peter works for a company called Real New York Tours. His tours always begin in Times Square. Every morning, he goes there by subway. Peter usually arrives at about nine forty-five. He meets his

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group and tells them about the tour. At ten o'clock, the tour begins.

P OK, guys, let's go!

N Peter takes them to places of interest all around Manhattan.

P Central Park is over a hundred and fifty years old.

N They have lunch in Greenwich Village. Peter usually has a real New York pizza. The tour ends on Wall Street.

P Wall Street is a very old street. The New York Stock Exchange is here.

N After work, Peter takes the subway back to Brooklyn. Then he relaxes. He usually reads a book. Sometimes, he watches TV. He goes to bed at about eleven o'clock. He needs to sleep. Every day he walks about six miles!

L Peter is an excellent tour guide: he loves his job, and he loves New York.

Susan I'm retired.

Interviewer Do you like being retired?

Susan I do...very much.

5

Interviewer What time do you get up during the week?

Shrenik I wake up at 5:50 every morning.

Interviewer And on weekends?

Shrenik About 6:30 or 7.

Practical English Episode 4

Saying the date 1

Rob What's the date today?

Alan I think it's the second of June.

Rob Are you sure? Isn't it the first?

Alan No, definitely the second.

Rob Oh no! It's my dad's birthday.

Saying the date 2

Rob Dad!

Henry Rob, hi!

Rob Hi. This is for you.

Henry For me? It's my favorite wine. Thanks Rob!
But why?

Rob For your birthday of course! Happy birthday!

Henry Rob, it isn't my birthday today! My birthday's on the second of July. Today's the second of June.

Rob Oh no!

Henry Don't worry. Come in! Have a glass of wine...

Talking on the phone

Jenny Hello?

Rob Hello. Is that, uh, Jennifer Zielinski?

Jenny Yes. Who's that?

Rob This is Rob Walker.

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 5&6

1

Interviewer What do you usually have for breakfast?

John Um, just toast and a cup of tea, maybe.

2

Interviewer Do you live in a house or an apartment?

Josh I live in an apartment.

Interviewer Where is it?

Josh It's in Chinatown.

3

Interviewer Do you have children?

Lisa I have children, yes I do. I have one son. He is sixteen.

4

Interviewer What do you do?

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Jenny I'm sorry, who?
Rob Rob Walker. I work for London 24seven. We need to talk about your trip to London in March. Uh, you arrive on the 12th of March and you leave on the 19th, is that right?
Jenny I'm really sorry Mr. Walker... uh, Rob, but I'm not at work. Today is a holiday here.
Rob A holiday?
Jenny Yes, you know, it's Thanksgiving. I'm at my parent's house, with my family.
Rob Thanksgiving. Of course. Sorry. We don't have Thanksgiving in England.
Jenny No problem. Listen, call me on Monday at work. No, not Monday, Tuesday.
Rob Tuesday the third of December?
Jenny Yes.
Jenny's mom Jenny! Hurry up!
Jenny Talk to you on Tuesday. Thanks for calling.
Rob Bye.
Jenny Bye.

I Are you all students?
S Yes, we're all students at Oxford University.
I What do you study?
S I study music.
A I study music.
T I study music.
N I study languages, specifically French and Italian.
I How often do you practice?
N We practice twice a week – on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
I How long do you practice for?
S Each rehearsal is three hours long.
I How often do you give concerts?
T We usually give concerts once a month.
I Where do you give concerts?
N We give concerts in lots of different locations. We give concerts in bars and in theaters and in churches.
I What kind of music do you like singing?
S I like singing lots of different types of music, especially jazz and opera.
I Do you think everybody can sing?
F I think everyone can sing because everyone can talk.
T I think everybody can learn how to sing.
A I think everyone apart from my dad can sing. Yes.
I Why do you like singing?
F I love music and I love being able to make music with my own body, my own voice, without needing any extra tools.
N I enjoy singing a lot because I think it's a really fun thing to do. And it's also a very social activity, so you can do it with anyone, with any of your friends, and you can do it at any time, or in any place.
S I like singing because I feel happy when I sing.
I Do you prefer singing solo or with a group?

8C Video Listening

Singing in a choir

I = interviewer, **F** = Freddie, **S** = Steph, **A** = Alex,
T = Tegan, **N** = Nell

I This is a choir. They are called the Oxford Gargoyles. A gargoyle is a type of statue. You see them on a lot of old buildings in Oxford and other cities. Today the Oxford Gargoyles have a rehearsal. They have a new song to practice, a folk song called *Scarborough Fair*. Let's find out more about the choir and the people in it. How many people are in the choir?

F There are thirteen people in the choir.

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T I definitely prefer singing in a group because I like singing with my friends, and I think it's really fun to be able to sing together.

A It's nice to sing solos, but it is more pressure as well.

S I like both solo singing and choir singing.

Choir Are you going to Scarborough Fair?

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Remember me to one who lives there

She once was a true love of mine.

Tell her to make me a cambric shirt

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

Without no seams nor needle work

Then she'll be a true love of mine.

Tell her to find me an acre of land

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Between the salt water and the sea strand

Then she'll be a true love of mine.

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 7&8

1

Interviewer What do you usually do in the evening after school?

Spencer Um, I usually go to sports practices, and finish homework, and have dinner and things.

2

Interviewer What kind of movies do you like?

Sahil Normally action movies or comedy.

Interviewer Do you usually watch movies at home or at the movie theater?

Sahil Depends. If it's a good action movie, I like to go out and watch.

3

Interviewer When's your birthday?

Monica My birthday is May 1st.

Interviewer How do you celebrate it?

Monica I usually celebrate it by having lunch or dinner with family and friends.

4

Interviewer Do you drive to work?

Brian I do not. I actually take the train to work every day.

Interviewer How long does it take to get to work?

Brian To get to work on the train takes about 20 minutes in each direction.

5

Interviewer What do you like doing on the weekend?

Richard Uh, I like cycling, walking, um socializing, cooking.

Practical English Episode 5

Inviting and offering

Rob Hey, Alan. Would you like to come to the match with me on Sunday? It's Norwich against Chelsea, and I have two tickets.

Alan Wow! What time's the match?

Rob It's at four o'clock.

Alan Yeah, I'd love to. Thanks.

Rob Would you like to meet for lunch first?

Alan Sorry, I can't. It's my mum's birthday, and I need to have lunch with her. But I can meet you there.

Rob Great. Let's meet at half past three at the entrance to the Tube station.

Alan Fine. See you there.

Alan They are playing really badly. I hope the second half is better.

Rob Me, too. I know they can win. Would you like a burger?

Alan No, thanks. I'm not very hungry.

Rob How about a coffee?

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- Alan** Yeah, great.
Rob Um, a burger and a water, please.
Alan And I'd like a coffee.
Server Milk and sugar?
Alan Yes, please.
Rob Come on!

Meeting an old friend

- Steve** Hi, Jenny. What a surprise!
Jenny Hi, Steve!
Steve How are you? You're looking great.
Jenny Thanks. I'm well. How about you?
Steve I'm OK. Hey, it's starting to rain. Would you like a coffee?
Jenny Oh, thanks, Steve, but I have a meeting in an hour.
Steve Oh, come on Jenny. I'd like to talk to you.
Jenny OK. A quick coffee.
Steve Jenny, I'd like to ask you something.
Jenny Yes?
Steve There's an exhibition of Picasso at the MOMA next week. I know you love Picasso. Would you like to come with me?
Jenny Listen, Steve. I'm really busy at work at the moment. Next week isn't a good week for me.
Steve Sure. No problem. Maybe we can meet one evening, when you have more time and... have dinner or see a show?
Jenny Listen, Steve. I don't think it's a good idea. But thanks. Oh, look at the time! I need to go. Let's ask for the check.

10C Video Listening

Buildings with a past

This is the Pierre Hotel in New York City. It's a beautiful hotel on Fifth Avenue in the center of the

city. It has fantastic views of Central Park. It's a luxury hotel and is famous for many reasons.

First, it often appears in TV shows. For example, *CSI: NY*, *The Sopranos*, and *Mad Men*. It appears in movies too, like *Scent of a Woman*. Second, the hotel was home to many famous guests, like movie star Elizabeth Taylor, clothes designer Yves St. Laurent, and business person John Paul Getty.

But the hotel is also famous because there was a big robbery. On January 2, 1972, the hotel's guests were asleep after celebrating New Year's Eve. Normally the hotel puts the guests' expensive jewelry in the vault. But that night it was in safe deposit boxes near reception – an easy place to steal from. That's why Samuel Nalo and Robert Comfort, the two famous robbers, were able to enter the hotel at 3:50 a.m. and take three million dollars in jewelry and cash in just two and a half hours! The hotel staff and some hotel guests were in handcuffs during the robbery, but luckily no one was hurt. The *Guinness Book of World Records* lists this robbery as the most successful hotel robbery in history!

Today, the Pierre Hotel has a beautiful reception area and three very nice restaurants. There are 189 bedrooms and they're all very comfortable. They have great views of New York City's famous skyline. This room has a large bed, a chair, a table, a television, and two lamps. It has a lovely marble bathroom, too.

But The Pierre is more than just a beautiful hotel, it's a part of New York City's history.

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 9&10

1

Interviewer What are you doing in New York today?

Daniel Today in New York I am just sightseeing with my friend.

2

Interviewer What clothes do you usually wear for work?

Julie For work, I usually wear a skirt and a top.

3

Interviewer Would you like to live in England?

Jayna Yes.

Interviewer Why?

Jayna The history of the place, and just, um, it really is a beautiful country.

4

Interviewer Are you staying in a hotel?

Rytis Yes. I actually am. I am quite disappointed with my hotel stay so far.

5

Interviewer Where were you at ten o'clock last night?

Spencer At ten o'clock last night I was in my hotel room.

Practical English Episode 6

Asking for and giving directions 1

Rob Excuse me. Is there a cash machine near here?

Woman Yes. There's one at Barclays Bank.

Rob Sorry, where is that?

Woman Turn left and go straight on. Then turn right and it's on the right.

Rob Thanks very much.

Woman You're welcome.

Asking for and giving directions 2

Rob Oh no. I don't believe it. Excuse me, this cash machine isn't working. Is there another one near here?

Man Yeah, there's one in HSBC. Go straight on, turn right. Go straight on for a bit and it's on the left.

Rob Thanks.

Where's Jenny's hotel

Jenny Hello?

Rob Hi, Jennifer?

Jenny Yes.

Rob This is Rob Walker from London 24Seven. I'm phoning to check you got the email I sent you.

Jenny Uh, what was it about?

Rob It was the information about your hotel for next week.

Jenny Just a second. Yes, here it is. Hotel Indigo, London Street. Where is it exactly?

Rob It's very near Paddington Station. You can get the Heathrow Express train from the airport to the station. It only takes about 15 minutes.

Jenny Great. Can I walk to the hotel from the station?

Rob Yes, it's very near. Can you see it on the map?

Jenny Ah yes, I have it now.

Rob Turn left when you leave the station. Then go straight on for a bit and turn right into London Street. The hotel's opposite Norfolk Square.

Jenny Great.

Rob I can come to the hotel in the morning on your first day. We can walk to the office together.

Jenny OK. See you then.

Rob Bye.

Jenny Bye.

12C Video Listening

Strangers on a Train – Part 3

D = David, O = Olivia

D Olivia's car was in the station parking lot. "Nice car," I said. It was a big BMW. She was a very fast driver. She stopped outside my flat. We said goodbye and exchanged phone numbers. The next morning, there was a message from Olivia. She wrote:

O I really want to see you again! Friday?

D On Friday morning, Olivia called me. Hello.

O I have two tickets for a Beethoven concert tonight at the Royal Albert Hall! Can you get them from the box office at seven fifteen? We can meet in the bar at seven thirty. The concert starts at eight.

12C Video Listening

Strangers on a Train – Part 4

D = David, O = Olivia, W = woman

D I arrived at the Royal Albert Hall at seven o'clock. I got the tickets and I waited in the bar. But Olivia didn't arrive. I looked at my watch. It was seven forty-five. I looked at my phone. There was a message.

O Sorry! In a meeting. Leave my ticket at the box office.

D I left her ticket at the box office and went to my seat. The concert started, but Olivia didn't arrive. When the concert finished, I phoned her, but her phone was off.

W The number you are dialing is currently unavailable.

D I sent her a text. "Where are you?" I was very angry. I left the concert hall and went home. I opened the door of my flat and turned on the light...

12C Video Listening

Strangers on a Train – Part 5

D = David

D I opened the door of my flat and turned on the light. My flat looked very different. Oh no! There was no TV, and there weren't any pictures on the walls. I went into my bedroom. My laptop wasn't there. But there was a nice smell: Chanel Number 5.

Review and Check

Can you understand these people? 11&12

1

Interviewer What did you do last weekend?

Sophie Last weekend it was my birthday, so I went out for a meal with friends, and it was very sunny as well, so we went for a walk afterwards.

2

Interviewer Where did you go for your last vacation?

Gina My last vacation I went to California with my sisters.

3

Interviewer When was the last time you went to a restaurant?

Rozie The last time I went to a restaurant uh, was over the weekend. I went to Sweetwater, in uh, it's a French restaurant in Brooklyn.

Interviewer Did you enjoy the meal?

Rozie I loved it. It was great.

4

Interviewer Are you good at giving directions?

Chimi No, I'm not. I am the worst person to ask for directions. I myself am not good at finding places or following directions, so I'm pretty much am not good at it.

5

Interviewer Is there a good café near here?

Susan Yes, there is. It's just along on the right.