

# Everyday English Speaking Course – Lesson List

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## **Lesson 1 - Telephone English Phrases**

First let's learn some essential telephone vocabulary, and then you'll hear examples of formal and informal telephone conversations - learning phrases for making a call, answering a call, taking and leaving messages, and finishing the call.

## **Lesson 2 - Apartments & Neighborhoods**

Today you'll learn phrases for searching for an apartment and talking about where you live. At the end of today's lesson, instead of a quiz, there's an opportunity for you to send me a speaking sample. Don't be shy!

## **Lesson 3 - Talking About TV & Movies**

Emily and Dave are a husband and wife who are relaxing in front of the TV on a Saturday night. Listen to them decide on which TV show to watch. Bill and Wanda are two friends who are chatting about movies; from their conversation, you'll learn how to comment on movies.

## **Lesson 4 - Talking About Relationships**

Today you're going to learn phrases for talking about every stage of a romantic relationship - from the first impressions upon meeting each other, to starting a relationship, making it official, and breaking up.

## **Lesson 5 - Talking About Your Hobbies**

The word "hobby" refers to an activity or interest that you do for pleasure or relaxation. In this lesson, you'll learn vocabulary words for some of the most common indoor/outdoor hobbies, as well as phrases for talking about your passions.

## **Lesson 6 - Public Transportation**

Today you'll learn how to ask for information, buy a bus/train ticket, and take a taxi. After this lesson, you'll be able to speak confidently when taking public transportation in English!

## **Lesson 7 - Driving & Directions**

Listen to a conversation about a terrible road trip, and learn phrases for talking about driving actions/problems as well as asking for directions to your destination.

## **Lesson 8 - Restaurants - Part I**

We're going to eat out – that means eating at a restaurant. Today you'll learn how to make reservations, what to say when you arrive at the restaurant, and how to understand the menu.

## **Lesson 9 - Restaurants - Part II**

Today we'll continue our restaurant lesson by learning how to order the food, how to pay the bill, and how to talk about your experience at the restaurant.

## **Lesson 10 - Ordering Drinks, Coffee, and a Pizza**

I hope you're still hungry, because today you're going to learn how to order drinks at a bar, order coffee at a cafe, and order pizza for delivery.

## **Lesson 11 - At the Post Office and Bank**

Today we're going to run some errands. "Errands" are activities of daily life that you do outside your house. Let's go to the post office – that's the place where you can send mail and packages - and the bank.

## **Lesson 12 - Shopping**

Today's lesson is all about shopping – let's begin by learning about the different types of stores. Then, you'll hear typical dialogues when shopping for clothes and shopping at the supermarket.

## **Lesson 13 - Getting Sick & Going to the Doctor**

Today you're going to learn phrases for not feeling well, and how to talk to a doctor about health problems and treatments.

## **Lesson 14 - Crime & Safety**

How to talk about different types of crime and criminals, the process of justice and punishments for crime, and how to report a crime to a police officer.

## **Lesson 15 - Talking about the Weather**

In this lesson, you'll learn practical words and phrases for describing the current weather and temperature as well as predicting weather conditions in the future.

## **Lesson 16 - Airport (Part 1)**

Are you ready to take a trip? We're going to start a series of lessons on practical English for use while traveling. Today we're going to go through the airport step by step, learning important vocabulary and useful phrases along the way.

## **Lesson 17 - Airport (Part 2)**

Today you'll learn how to go through immigration and customs, what to say if you miss a flight, and how to report lost luggage.

## **Lesson 18 - At a Hotel**

We'll continue our lessons about practical travel English with dialogues for making a hotel reservation, checking in and checking out, and describing problems with your hotel room.

## **Lesson 19 - Sightseeing**

Today's dialogues focus on asking for tourist information and booking a tour. There are also two quizzes that test your listening ability.

## **Lesson 20 - Camping & Hiking**

In today's lesson, you'll accompany George to the countryside and learn vocabulary and phrases for camping and hiking.

## **Lesson 21 - At the Beach**

Listen to this conversation to learn phrases and vocabulary for describing a beach and talking about what you bring and what you can do there.

## **Lesson 22 - Social English: Basics**

Many students are afraid of making a mistake or "saying the wrong thing" when talking with a native English speaker. These social English lessons will teach you phrases you can use with confidence in various social situations. Let's start with some basic expressions.

## **Lesson 23: Likes, Dislikes, and Preferences**

Denise and Robert are discussing a new design for their website. Listen to their conversations to learn various phrases for talking about things you like (or love), things you don't like, and what you prefer.

## **Lesson 24: Invitations and Offers**

Knowing how to make - and respond to - invitations and offers is a very important part of social English. It helps you build professional relationships as well as friendships. This lesson will teach you how to speak in these situations in a friendly way that's appropriate for the context.

## **Lesson 25: Agreeing & Disagreeing**

Co-workers Shannon and Cathy agree that there need to be some changes in their office - but when they present their proposal to vice-president Dan, he disagrees with every single one of their ideas. In today's lesson, you'll learn multiple phrases for agreeing and disagreeing in formal and informal situations.

## **Lesson 26: Arguing & Swearing**

Yesterday you learned how to disagree politely – but what if the disagreement turns into a real argument? Listen to this conversation between Christine and Tara, who share an apartment, to learn some of the common phrases used for arguing.

## **Lesson 27: Apologizing & Expressing Regret**

In yesterday's lesson, you learned how to argue and swear in English – but after having an argument or fight, it's important to apologize in order to maintain a good relationship! This lesson will teach you about the different ways to say you're sorry and accept responsibility for what you did wrong.

## **Lesson 28: Expressing Concern, Sympathy, and Condolences**

One of the most difficult social situations – for both native and non-native English speakers – is knowing what to say when someone tells you a piece of bad news. In today's lesson, you'll learn phrases for handling these conversations with sensitivity.

## **Lesson 29: Worrying, Reassuring, Cheering up, and Encouraging**

In today's conversation, Kate worries about her final exams and her older sister Robin tries to encourage her. In this lesson, you'll learn phrases for expressing your concerns as well as helping other people feel better.

## **Lesson 30: Interrupting & Getting Back on Track**

Knowing how to interrupt is an important skill in social English. The way you phrase your interruption will make a big difference in how it is received – so in today's lesson, you'll learn various phrases for interrupting politely.

## **Lesson 31: Asking Permission & Asking Indirect Questions**

As you learned in the last lesson, the words you use make a big difference in whether your phrase is polite or impolite. Today we're going to study examples of how to ask questions in a polite and indirect way.

## **Lesson 32: Common Interjections**

Everyday spoken English contains lots of little expressions like wow, oops, aww, ooh, huh? oh, and cool! - each of these interjections serves to express a particular emotion or attitude.

### **Lesson 33: Common Euphemisms**

Today's lesson is about euphemisms. Euphemisms are indirect or vague expressions that are often used instead of words or phrases that are thought to be offensive or too direct. Most euphemisms are in topic areas that could be offensive if talked about too directly, such as love and sex, bodily functions, death, and mental capacity.

### **Lesson 34: Talking about Information**

Today we'll begin the final section of the Everyday English Speaking Course – it's called functional English, and it focuses on practical phrases that you can use in a variety of situations and contexts. We'll start this section by learning how to talk about information.

### **Lesson 35: Certainty & Probability**

Today you'll learn how to talk about certainty and probability - including all those confusing phrases like "I'm pretty sure," "must have," "might have," "could have," etc.

### **Lesson 36: Similarities & Differences**

Kate mistakes a person in the supermarket for a friend of hers - and Jen tries to decide between two very different universities. These two dialogues will teach you various expressions for talking about similarities and differences.

### **Lesson 37: Talking about Decisions**

How can you talk about easy and difficult decisions in English? What's the difference between "undecided" and "indecisive"? And what are some phrases for evaluating a decision after it was made? You'll learn the answers to all these questions in today's lesson.

### **Lesson 38: Opinions & Advice**

In today's conversations, you'll learn a number of different phrases for asking for someone's opinion, giving your opinion, requesting advice, and giving advice.

### **Lesson 39: Complaining & Criticizing**

When we want to make a complaint or criticism in English, we often use specific words or phrases to make it politer and less direct. This helps the other person to listen and understand the complaint/criticism without getting defensive.

### **Lesson 40: Discourse Markers**

Today's lesson is on some of the most common discourse markers. What are discourse markers? They're words or small phrases that express the connections between ideas when writing or speaking. You've already learned some of these in this course: for example, starting a sentence with "as I was saying," to get back to the topic after an interruption.

### **Lesson 41: Idioms for Feelings**

Idioms are small phrases that often have a different meaning than their individual words. Although idioms are not usually used in more formal written English, they are extremely common in spoken English – and we have a number of idioms to describe feelings and emotions.

### **Lesson 42: Using Vague Language**

In spoken English, it's very common to use vague (not precise or exact) expressions. Listen to today's conversation: Martha is waiting for her teenage daughter, Rachel, to get home from a rock concert. Rachel finally walks in the door at 12:30 AM.

### **Lesson 43: Talking about Hypothetical Situations**

This is often one of the most difficult grammar challenges for English learners. We use the second conditional and third conditional to do it. In today's lesson, you'll see examples in two interviews.

### **Lesson 44: Common Slang**

Slang is not usually taught in textbooks, and you won't hear it in academic or professional situations - but in movies, TV shows, and informal conversations, these words are used frequently. In today's lesson, you're going to learn 15 common slang words used in American English.

### **Lesson 45: Differences between Speaking & Writing in English**

There are some real differences between written and spoken English in terms of vocabulary and grammar. In this lesson, you'll learn three major ways that spoken English is different from written English.

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