

Mini-Dialogues121-150

1. Environment & pollution (Expressing concern)

A: Did you see the news about the pollution in the river?

B: Yes, it's really terrible. I'm worried about the fish and other animals.

A: Me too. We should do something to help.

B: Maybe we can join the local clean-up event this weekend.

A: That's a good idea. I'll ask my parents if I can go.

B: Great! Let's go together.

2. Families, family relationships & kinship terms (Introducing friends, family, and oneself)

A: Hi, this is my cousin, Emily.

B: Nice to meet you, Emily. I'm Jack.

C: Nice to meet you too, Jack. Are you in the same class as my cousin?

B: Yes, we are. We study English together.

C: That's cool. Do you like your English class?

B: Yes, it's fun. We learn a lot.

3. Famous or interesting people (Making compliments)

A: Did you read about Malala Yousafzai?

B: Yes, she's so inspiring and brave.

A: I really admire her for her work for girls' education.

B: Me too. She's a true hero.

A: Her story is really amazing.

B: I want to read her book.

4. Famous or interesting places (Describing people's appearances)

A: Have you seen pictures of the Eiffel Tower at night?

B: Yes, it looks amazing with all the lights.

A: I heard the lights change, just like on Taipei 101!

B: That must be beautiful to see in person.

A: I really want to visit it someday.

B: Me too. It's on my bucket list.

5. Food & drinks (Ordering food & drinks)

A: Can I get a cheeseburger and fries, please?

B: Sure, would you like a drink with that?

A: Yes, a medium cola, please.

B: Alright, your total is \$450.

A: Here's \$500. Keep the change.

B: Thanks for the tip! Enjoy your meal.

6. Friends & personal relationships (Expressing gratitude)

A: Thank you so much for helping me with my homework yesterday.

B: No problem! I was happy to help.

A: I really appreciate it. The math problems were so hard!

B: Anytime you need help, just ask.

A: You're such a good friend.

B: Thanks buddy, you are too!

7. Gender equality (Expressing agreement & disagreement)

A: I think that both boys and girls should be able to play all sports.

B: I totally agree. Everyone should have the chance to play.

A: Some people still think that boys are better at sports.

B: That's not true at all! Girls can be just as good.

A: Right! Sometimes girls are better, too!

B: Equal rights in sports should be our goal.

8. Health (Expressing concern)

A: You don't look so well. Are you okay?

B: I have a really bad headache.

A: Have you drunk enough water today?

B: I have. Maybe I'm just tired.

A: Do you need anything?

B: No, I'll be fine. I'll see a doctor if it gets worse.

9. Holidays & festivals (Describing a sequence)

A: What do you usually do during the Mid-Autumn Festival?

B: First, we have a big barbecue dinner.

A: Then do you play mahjong?

B: Yes, ha-ha, how did you know? We also eat mooncakes and look at the moon.

A: That sounds like a lot of fun.

B: It is. You should join us next year.

10. Houses & apartments (Talking about location)

A: Where is your new apartment located?

B: It's near the MRT station, on Nanjing East Road.

A: That's convenient. Is it a big place?

B: Not really, but it's big enough for me.

A: How many rooms does it have?

B: It has one bedroom, one bathroom and a small living room.

11. Human rights (Expressing likes & dislikes)

A: I really like that our school promotes human rights.

B: Me too. It's important to learn about equality.

A: I dislike how some countries still don't respect everyone's rights.

B: It's true. But Taiwan also has a long way to go.

A: We can start by educating ourselves about the issues in Taiwan.

B: Yes, education is key.

12. Interests and hobbies (Talking about daily schedules and activities)

A: What do you usually do after school?

B: I like to play basketball with my friends.

A: Me too! Do you play every day?

B: Almost every day, except during exam week.

A: I like to play in exam week to have a break from studying.

B: That sounds like a good idea. I might try that next time.

13. Manners (Making apologies)

A: I'm sorry I am so late!

B: That's okay. Did something happen?

A: Yes, my bus was delayed.

B: Do you mean you left your place too late?

A: Well, yes, that is the real reason.

B: It's alright. I did the same thing last time!

14. Money & prices (Making requests)

A: Can you lend me a thousand dollars?

B: Hmm, what do you need it for?

A: I left my wallet at home. I still need to buy lunch and dinner though.

B: Okay, here you go. Just make sure you pay me back tomorrow.

A: Thanks a lot. I will.

B: No problem. Enjoy your meals!

15. Nation & languages (Greeting people)

A: Hi, where are you from?

B: I'm from Japan. And you?

A: I'm from Taiwan. Nice to meet you!

B: Nice to meet you too! Can you speak Taiwanese?

A: Of course! It's my mother tongue!

B: Oh, I would love to learn Taiwanese. Can you teach me?

16. Nature (Describing emotions and experiences)

A: I love hiking in the mountains around Taipei.

B: Me too! It makes me feel so relaxed and happy.

A: The fresh air and beautiful views are amazing, too.

B: Yes, and it is amazing how much bird and animal life you can see!

A: I know, right? Taipei is a hiking paradise!

B: If only more people knew about it!

17. Neighborhood (Getting attention)

A: Excuse me, can you help me find Wenlin North Road?

B: Sure, it's two blocks down, then turn right.

A: Thank you! I'm new in the neighborhood.

B: No problem, welcome to the area!

A: That's very kind of you! It seems like a nice place to live.

B: It is. You'll like it here.

18. Numbers (Checking & indicating understanding)

A: How many students are in your class?

B: There are thirty students.

A: Did you say thirteen students?

B: No, *thirty*. The stress is in the first syllable.

A: Oh, thanks. That's a lot of students!

B: Yes, our class is quite big.

19. Occupations (Expressing wants and needs)

A: What do you want to be when you grow up?

B: My parents want me to be a doctor.

A: But what do you want to be?

B: I like helping people, but I think a teacher can help even more people.

A: That might be true. The pay isn't as good.

B: That's true! Not everything in life is about money, though.

20. Parts of the body (Describing actions)

A: My leg hurts when I run.

B: Which part of your leg?

A: The lower part, near my ankle.

B: On a scale of one to ten, how painful is it?

A: Oh, it's pretty bad. Probably an 8

B: In that case, you should see a doctor right now.

21. School life (Expressing congratulations)

A: Guess what? I got an A on my physics test!

B: Wow! How is that possible?

A: I studied really hard this time. I didn't play on my phone once!

B: It definitely paid off. Well done!

A: I'm so happy.

B: You should be proud of yourself.

22. Shapes, sizes & measurements (Comparing things or people)

A: This box is definitely bigger than that one.

B: Yes, but that one is heavier.

A: Which one do we need for the books?

B: Let's use the bigger one to fit them all.

A: Okay, that makes sense. Otherwise, it would be too heavy for me to lift.

B: Yep. But I will help you carry it.

23. Shopping (Making suggestions)

A: Should we buy this shirt?

B: It looks okay, but I don't like the color. How about this one?

A: You prefer blue? I like that one too.

B: Great, let's get the blue one then.

A: Do you think it will fit me?

B: Yes, it looks like it's your size. You can always send it back if it doesn't fit.

24. Special events (Expressing congratulations)

A: I heard that your painting won the art competition. Nice work!

B: Thank you! I was so surprised that it won.

A: Your painting was truly beautiful. It certainly deserved first prize.

B: Thanks, that means a lot to me.

A: Are you going to hold an exhibition?

B: Yes, next month. You have to come.

25. Sports & exercise (Describing a sequence)

A: How do you play badminton?

B: First, you serve the shuttlecock.

A: The what?

B: The thing that looks like a ball with feathers.

A: Oh right. And then what's next?

B: Next, you hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net. Easy!

26. Study habits or plans (Making plans)

A: Do you want to be my study buddy for our history exam?

B: Sure, when should we meet?

A: How about Saturday afternoon?

B: Saturday? I don't want to waste my weekend studying!

A: Okay, how about Monday evening?

B: That's more like it!

27. Time, dates, months, seasons & years (Talking about daily schedules and activities)

A: What time do you usually wake up?

B: I wake up at six every morning.

A: That's pretty early. Is your schedule that busy?

B: Yes, I have classes and also after-school activities.

A: What do you do after school?

B: I either go to cram school or else go to dance club.

28. Transportation (Making telephone calls)

A: Hi, is that Purple Cabs?

B: Yes, do you need a taxi?

A: I need a taxi to the airport tomorrow morning.

B: Sure, what time would you like to be picked up?

A: At exactly 7 AM, please.

B: Certainly, sir. I will need your address and phone number. Please hold.

29. Traveling (Making requests)

A: Can you recommend a good place to visit in Taiwan?

B: You should definitely visit Taroko Gorge. It is truly a place of stunning beauty.

A: That sounds inviting. How do I get there?

B: You can take a train from Taipei to Hualien. Then hire a scooter or a taxi.

A: Is it dangerous to travel there

B: It can be sometimes, so you should go with a group or a guide.

30. Weather & climate (Expressing likes & dislikes)

A: I hate this rainy weather.

B: Why? I think it is nice and cozy.

A: Rain makes everything so gloomy.

B: Yes, but at least the plants are happy.

A: That's true. They need the water.

B: And so do we! Rain like this is better than a typhoon!