
ENGLISH

Level 4



Small Talk

1. How's it going? Had a productive week?
2. What you up to this evening?
3. Are you reading anything at the moment?

Speaking Questions

1. Would you cheat at an exam if you knew you wouldn't get caught?
2. What areas of traditional Chinese life are no longer popular with the young? Are there any areas which are flourishing?
3. What makes a good husband? What makes a good wife? Do they require the same qualities?

Grammar (review): will vs. (be) going to

'Will' is used for:

1. Predictions
2. Something decided right now
3. Something about which you are 100% sure

'(be) going to' is used for:

4. Predictions
 5. Plans
 6. Things for which there is evidence of them about to happen
1. I think Aberdeen will lose the game.
 2. I'm hungry. I think I will make a sandwich.
 3. I will not fail that exam.
 4. I think Aberdeen are going to lose. Again.
 5. They're going to meet us at the cinema.
 6. There are a lot of clouds in the sky. It's going to rain.



Dialogue: Booking Flights (pt 1)

Travel Agent: Good afternoon, how can I be of assistance?

Dave: Hi, yeah. I'd like to book a flight to Honolulu, leaving **next Tuesday**.

Travel Agent: Certainly. One-way, or return?

Dave: Return please. Coming back **the following Wednesday**.

Travel Agent: Ok. We have one leaving at 3 45pm, **via Tokyo**, arriving in Honolulu at 7 15am **local time** on Tuesday morning.

Dave: **That sounds fine**. And the return?

Travel Agent: **Let me have a look**. Right, there is one departing Honolulu at 10 26am on Wednesday, again through Tokyo, arriving back at 4 10pm Thursday.

Dave: So I **lose over a day** traveling? Anyway, that's fine. How much is it?

Travel Agent: It's 8200rmb for economy, and 17450 for business. Those **include tax and surplus charges**.

Dave: Credit card OK?

Travel Agent: **That'll do nicely**.

Flair and Skills: (review)

Complete these common similes

as blind as a...

as busy as a...

as cold as...

as dead as a...

as old as the....

it fits like a...

she swims like a....

she sings like a...

I slept like a....

he drinks like a...

Vocabulary: City Places

port
 bakery
 butcher
 diner
 casino
 stadium
 deli (delicatessen)
 factory
 warehouse
 cafe
 ATM ('cash machine'/'bank machine')
 embassy
 consulate

Western Culture: Burns Night

Burns Night is a Scottish festival celebrated on January 25th.

It is an event to mark the birthday of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796)

As Scotland has sent immigrants all around the world, Burns Nights are actually held in many different countries. Scottish people living abroad, or people with Scottish ancestry (grandparents, great grandparents) also celebrate it

Burns Night is celebrated with a Burns Supper. This is a special dinner with special events, and includes eating haggis (a traditional Scottish food of meat cooked inside a sheep's stomach), and finishing with the traditional song Auld Lang Syne.

As well as the Burns Supper, many places also have a ceilidh (KAY-LEE). This is a lively evening of Scottish country dancing.

Burns Night events are very popular, not only because many people have Scottish ancestry, but because they are a good mixture of food, dancing, drinking, and tradition.



Notes:

- AB51 website (includes all study areas and further notes): www.ab51.org
- To practice this class with a native speaker, please contact djamiewills@gmail.com
- To request a different level of class, also contact djamiewills@gmail.com
- Delicious Wednesday is an English Corner based on food and discussion. For more details join the wechat group: 美味周三英语角