

Small Talk

- What has been going on with you recently?
- Big plans for the coming weekend?
- What music are you listening to at the moment?

Conversation

- Do you generally trust or distrust strangers?
- What are some solutions for the world's over-population problem?
- Which of these people would you most want to hang out with: a sexy person; a funny person; a rich person; or a kind person?

Vocabulary: Jobs (review)

receptionist
engineer
(TV/radio) presenter
PA (personal assistant)
intern
sales rep (sales representative)
plumber
electrician
security guard
mechanic
detective

- Which job do you think is the most interesting? Which is the most boring?
- Which one has the best pay? Which has the most/best perks?



Use these linking structures:

- (i) let alone
- (ii) much less
- (iii) never mind



Dialogue: Booking Hotels (pt 1)

Anna: I've been **looking into accommodation options** for our Alaska trip. **Short of** couch surfing, it's hotels or bed and breakfasts.

Philip: **You don't fancy** camping then?

Anna: I don't fancy being ripped to shreds by grizzly bears. So, **what'll it be?**

Philip: I **reckon** we **push the boat out** and **splash some cash**. Let's stay somewhere nice.

Anna: OK. In that case how about this one: Minnifield's Lodge? It's made in the style of a **traditional log cabin**. The website **blurb** says it has 'rustic charm with modern comfort', **whatever that means**. But it has a pool and a sauna, and it isn't cheap, so it must be good.

Philip: **Quite**. Sure, **that'll do**. Of course, there is another option: the Winnebago.

Anna: A **glorified** campervan? **Good god**, no. You know, my grandparents used to take me caravanning every summer when I was a kid. **I learnt at any early age** not to mix one's house with one's car.

Grammar: Tag Questions

A tag question suggests something, but asks a question.

To make a question, make a statement, then 'tag' the opposite form of the verb on the end (**for non 'be' verbs, opposite = do/don't)

Present

He is your brother, isn't he?

We aren't in trouble, are we?

You like cheese, don't you?

You don't have a car, do you?

Past

I was a cute baby, wasn't I?

You weren't there, were you?

She went to school yesterday, didn't she?

They didn't eat my food, did they?

Future

I will be paid, won't I?

They won't buy her a present, will they?

Modal & Hypothetical

I can go, can't I?

I couldn't kill you, could I?

If she had a party, he would come, wouldn't he?

I should call her, shouldn't I?



Idioms

a half-baked idea (also: half-baked scheme)

an idea that has not been properly thought through

Dave is filled with dreams and half-baked schemes.

"I can't believe I agreed to follow you and another of your half-baked ideas."

my hands are tied

nothing a person can do about a situation (even if they wanted to) because other factors or rules are in control

Although Dave knew Anne needed his help, he found that his hands were tied by the promise he had made to his wife.

"I know you want your money back, but I'm afraid my hands are tied: company policy is to not give refunds. I'm very sorry."

my hands are full

to be so busy that cannot take any more projects (cannot carry anything else)

Their hand have been full since having the twins, but slowly they have been getting used to the new lifestyle.

"I'd love to help, but my hands are full covering Dave's work while he is on holiday."



The Calydonian Boar Hunt (review)

- What was Atalanta's great advantage? How did she get it?
- Meleager invited Atalanta on a hunt for which animal?
- The hunt was a disaster. What are some of the things that went wrong?
- Why was Meleager's mother unhappy at the end? How did she punish her son?

Theme: Film Genres

film noire, romance, sci-fi, drama, horror, action, comedy