

COME, LET US SPEAK

Speaking is of primary importance in language learning, although it is not tested in the examination. Developing the students' ability to speak facilitates the development of other skills as well. Plenty of opportunities should be given to the students to speak more and more in English so that they can be fluent and more confident to use the language at different situations. Here are a few situations in our everyday life. Teachers can create a few more situations and practice the dialogues in their classes.

Situation 1 - FRIENDS MEETING AFTER A LONG INTERVAL:

[Nithin and Ravi meet after a long time.]

Nithin : Hello, Ravi. I'm Nithin, your old friend.

Ravi : Hello, Nithin. What a pleasant surprise!

Nithin : It's a long time since we have met. But you haven't changed much. What are you doing now?

Ravi : I had scored high marks in P.U.C. Then I studied engineering. Now I'm working in a company in Bangalore. Now, what about you?

Nithin : As you know I could not continue my studies after S.S.L.C. I started working in a factory. But, then I joined an evening college and became a graduate. Now I'm working in a bank nearby.

Ravi : Oh, now you talk so fluently in English. Earlier you used to feel very shy.

Nithin : Thanks to my English teacher. She encouraged me to talk more and more in English. Now I'm very confident to use English language.

Ravi : I'm sorry, Nithin. I've an appointment at 5. Shall we meet some other time?

Nithin : Of course. Give me your phone number. I'll contact you.

Ravi : Yes. (Tells his no.)

Nithin : Thank you. Bye, Ravi.

Ravi : Bye, Nithin.

SITUATION -2 - INVITING A FRIEND:

Sohan : Hello Karim. Good morning.

Karim : Good morning, Sohan. How are you?

Sohan : I'm fine. By the way I would like to invite you for my birthday celebration tomorrow.

Karim : What a pleasant news. I'll surely come.

Sohan : The function is at 6 P.M. But you must come early to decorate the party hall.

Karim : Of course. I will be there at 4 itself.

Sohan : Thank you. Bye Karim

Karim : Bye Sohan.

SITUATION-3 - AT A LIBRARY:

Veena : Good morning Sir,

Librarian : Good morning.

Veena : Sir, I'm Veena. I would like to become a member of this library. Would you please tell me the rules and conditions?

Librarian : Of course, you have to apply for the membership and pay Rs. 500/- as the membership fee. Then you will get three cards.

Veena : How many books can I borrow at a time?

Librarian : Only three books. They should be returned within fifteen days or else you will be fined.

Veena : Oh, is it so?

Librarian : Yes. Apart from borrowing books, you may read the magazines provided here. You can make the best use of your free time and improve your knowledge.

Veena : That's a good idea. I will apply for the membership today itself. Can I get an application form now?

Librarian : Here you are.

Veena : Thank you sir

SITUATION 4 - AT THE BANK:

(Vivek approaches a bank for an educational loan.)

Vijay : Good morning, Sir.

Manager : Good morning. Come in. Please be seated.

Vijay : Sir, I'm Vijay. I hope I'm not disturbing you.

Manager : No..... not at all. Tell me, Mr. Vijay, what can I do for you?

Vijay : Sir, I have passed P.U.C. with 90% marks. I would like to join an Engineering college and get a B.E. degree. But I belong to a poor family. My friends told me that I can take educational loan from the bank. Do you mind explaining the scheme to me sir?

Manager : With pleasure. See Mr. Vijay, we offer loans to students who wish to go for higher education. This loan comprises the whole amount of your tuition fee, books and even accommodation in hostels until you have completed your studies.

Vijay : When should I return the loan sir?

Manager : Your repayment starts six months after you have completed your studies. You can repay in instalments of

- Vijay : Sorry to cut in sir. could you please tell me about the rate of interest?
- Manager : Oh, it's only 6%. It will not be a burden to you as you will be employed then.
- Vijay : Thank you very much for all the information. When shall I apply sir?
- Manager : As soon as you come with all the necessary documents. Here is a list of the documents needed. Come with them.
- Vijay : Sure sir. Thank you.

SITUATION – 5 - AT HOME:

(with the elders)

- Mother : Raksha Raksha....
- Raksha : Yes ma
- Mother : Have you washed your uniform dress?
- Raksha : I washed it yesterday itself ma.....
- Mother : That's good child. Anyhow today is Sunday and you are free. Can you help me in my kitchen work for sometime?
- Raksha : Sure mummy. Soon after I finish my mathematics homework, I will be in the kitchen to help you.

(with the guest)

- Guest : Rakesh, is your father at home?
- Rakesh : Yes, uncle. Please come inside and be seated.
- Guest : Is he busy doing some work?
- Rakesh : No uncle. He is attending my grandfather who is bedridden.

Guest : Then I'll come later and meet him.

Rakesh : It's O.K. uncle. He will be back within five minutes. You can meet him now itself. I will go and tell him of your coming.

Guest : No problem Rakesh. Let him attend your grandfather first. I will wait for him. Till then let us both speak about your school and studies.

Rakesh : By all means. Happy to talk to you uncle.

(with the aged)

Grandmother : Sumanth, I can't find my spectacles. Will you please find it for me?

Sumanth : Sure grandma. You sit in the chair. Don't take trouble. I'll get your spectacles soon along with today's newspaper.

Grandmother : Very nice of you my dear. May God bless you.

Sumanth : Grandma, have you finished reading all the stories in the Panchatantra book?

Grandmother : I have got two more stories yet to read.

Sumanth : Grandma, before going to bed today you must tell me at least two stories you already read.

Grandmother : O.K. my child. Today I will tell you two interesting stories.