

A1.1 STARTING BASIC COMMUNICATION

Countries, nationalities, and languages

This is a partial list of countries, nationalities, and languages, many of which are presented in this book.

Countries	Nationalities	Countries	Nationalities	Countries	Nationalities
Argentina	Argentine	Haiti	Haitian	the Philippines	Filipino
Australia	Australian	Honduras	Honduran	Poland	Polish
Austria	Austrian	India	Indian	Portugal	Portuguese
Bolivia	Bolivian	Indonesia	Indonesian	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rican
Brazil	Brazilian	Ireland	Irish	Russia	Russian
Cambodia	Cambodian	Israel	Israeli	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian
Canada	Canadian	Italy	Italian	Singapore	Singaporean
Chile	Chilean	Japan	Japanese	Somalia	Somalian
China	Chinese	Jordan	Jordanian	South Africa	South African
Colombia	Colombian	Laos	Laotian	South Korea	Korean
Costa Rica	Costa Rican	Lebanon	Lebanese	Spain	Spanish
Cuba	Cuban	Malaysia	Malaysian	Sudan	Sudanese
the Dominican Republic	Dominican	Mexico	Mexican	Sweden	Swedish
Ecuador	Ecuadorian	Morocco	Moroccan	Switzerland	Swiss
Egypt	Egyptian	Nepal	Nepalese	Tanzania	Tanzanian
El Salvador	El Salvadoran	the Netherlands	Dutch	Thailand	Thai
England	English	New Zealand	New Zealander	Turkey	Turkish
France	French	Nicaragua	Nicaraguan	the United Kingdom (the U.K.)	British
Germany	German	Nigeria	Nigerian	the United States (the U.S.)	American
Ghana	Ghanian	Panama	Panamanian	Uruguay	Uruguayan
Greece	Greek	Paraguay	Paraguayan	Venezuela	Venezuelan
Guatemala	Guatemalan	Peru	Peruvian	Vietnam	Vietnamese

Languages

Afrikaans	English	Hebrew	Japanese	Portuguese	Swedish
Arabic	French	Hindi	Korean	Russian	Thai
Chinese	German	Indonesian	Malay	Spanish	Turkish
Dutch	Greek	Italian	Polish	Swahili	Vietnamese

Irregular verbs

Present	Past	Present	Past	Present	Past
(be) am/is, are	was, were	have	had	sell	sold
become	became	know	knew	sing	sang
buy	bought	leave	left	sit	sat
come	came	make	made	sleep	slept
do	did	meet	met	speak	spoke
drink	drank	pay	paid	swim	swam
drive	drove	read	read /rɛd/	take	took
eat	ate	ride	rode	teach	taught
feel	felt	run	ran	think	thought
get	got	say	said /sɛd/	wear	wore
give	gave	see	saw	write	wrote
go	went				

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

The alphabet

See Exercise 4 on page 3.

Numbers

(0–10)

See Exercise 11 on page 6.

Titles

Miss

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

Other

book

celebrity

cell phone (number)

class

classmate

email address

female

history

home phone (number)

male

name

nickname

phone number

teacher

work phone (number)

Pronouns

Subjects

I

you

he

she

it

Other

this

what

Adjectives

Possessives

my

your

his

her

our

Other

celebrity

first

last

married

popular

single

Article

the

Verbs

am

are

is

Adverbs

Responses

no

yes

Other

not

(over) there

too (= also)

Preposition

in (my class)

Conjunctions

and

or

EXPRESSIONS

Saying hello

Hello.

Hi.

Good morning.

Good afternoon.

Good evening.

How are you?

How's it going?

How are you doing?

Great. How about you?

I'm (just) fine.

I'm OK.

Pretty good.

Saying good-bye

Bye.

Bye-bye.

Good-bye.

See you later.

See you tomorrow.

Have a great weekend.

Have a good evening.

Thank you. You, too.

Good night.

Introducing yourself and others

Hi. My name is . . .

I'm . . .

It's nice to meet you.

Nice to meet you, too.

This is . . .

Checking and confirming information

What's your (last) name (again)?

It's . . .

Is that . . . ?

Yes, that's right.

No, it's . . .

Are you . . . ?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

How do you spell . . . ?

Can you repeat that?

Getting someone's attention

Excuse me.

Hey, . . .

Thanking someone

Thank you./Thanks.

Expressing surprise

Oh!

Apologizing

I'm sorry.

Giving an opinion

I think . . .

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Classroom objects

backpack
board
(English) book
chair
clock
desk
dictionary
door
eraser
notebook
outlet
paper clip
pen
pencil
poster
table
wall
wastebasket
window

Personal items

bag
bicycle
cell phone
credit card
energy bar
flash drive
glasses
hairbrush
headphones
(student) ID
(car) keys
laptop
newspaper
phone case
purse
sunglasses
tablet
tablet case
television
ticket
umbrella
wallet

Other

box
car
class(es)
pocket
restaurant
quiz
sentence

Pronouns

it
this
that
these
they

Adjectives

cool
different
great
interesting

Articles

a
an

Adverbs

maybe
now
where

Prepositions

behind
in
in front of
next to
on
under

EXPRESSIONS

Identifying things

What's this (called in English)?

I don't know.

It's a . . .

What are these (called in English)?

They're . . .

I think they're (called) . . .

Identifying the owner of something

Is this your . . . ?

Yes, it is.

No, it's not.

Are these your . . . ?

Yes, they are.

No, they're not.

Thanking someone

Thank you!

You're welcome.

Expressing pleasure

Wow!

Oh, cool!

It's great!

Expressing disbelief

Really?

Expressing disappointment

Oh, no!

Thinking before responding

Let me see.

Huh . . .

Hmm . . .

Agreeing

You're right.

Realizing something

Wait (a minute)!

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Countries, nationalities, and languages

See the appendix on page T-151.

People

brother
daughter
family
father
(best) friend
mother
parent(s)
partner
sister
student

Places

capital
city (*plural*: cities)
country (*plural*: countries)
world

Pronouns

Subjects

they
we

Other

that
who

Determiner

a little

Adjectives

Appearance

beautiful
cute
good-looking
handsome
heavy
pretty
short
tall
thin

Personality

friendly
funny
kind
nice
quiet
serious
shy
smart
talkative

Numbers and ages

(11–30; 40, 50, etc.)
See Exercise 7 on page 19.

Other

early
false
first (language)
large (largest)
late
new
old
true

Adverbs

originally
really (+ adjective)
this week
very (+ adjective)

Prepositions

from (Brazil)
in (Florida)

Conjunctions

but
so

EXPRESSIONS

Asking about countries, nationalities, and languages

Where are you from?

I'm from (Canada).

What's (San Francisco) like?

It's . . .

Are you from (Florida)?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

Are you (Japanese)?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

Is your first language (Portuguese)?

Yes, it is.

No, it's not.

Asking about people

Who's that?

She's . . .

What's her name?

Her name is . . .

How old is she?

She's (28) years old.

What's she like?

She's . . .

Is she (talkative)?

Yes, she is.

No, she's not.

Getting someone's attention

Look!

Introducing a different topic

By the way, . . .

Introducing an explanation or idea

Well, . . .

Expressing surprise

Really?

Wow!

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Clothes

belt
blouse
boot(s)
cap
coat
dress
glove(s)
hat
(high) heels
jacket
jeans
pajamas
pants
raincoat
scarf
shirt
shoe(s)
shorts
skirt
sneakers
socks
suit
sweater
swimsuit
tie
T-shirt

Seasons

spring
summer
fall
winter

Other

disaster
free time
home
problem
taxi
work

Adjectives

Colors

beige
black
(dark/light) blue
(dark/light) brown
(dark/light) gray
(dark/light) green
orange
pink
purple
red
white
yellow

Weather

cloudy
cold
cool
hot
humid
sunny
warm
windy

Possessives

my
your
his
her
our
their

Other

all
dry
favorite
new

Pronouns

Possessives

mine
yours
his

hers
ours
theirs
whose

Verbs

ask
rain
snow
wear

Adverb

today

Prepositions

around (the world)
at (home)

Conjunction

and
but
so

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about preferences

What are your favorite colors?

My favorite colors are . . .

Asking about and describing clothing

What color is/are . . . ?

It's/They're . . .

Are you wearing . . . ?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not. I'm wearing . . .

Talking about the weather

It's snowing/raining/ . . .

It's cloudy/cold/hot/sunny/ . . .

Making a contrast

. . . , but . . .

Getting someone's attention

Hey!

Look.

Asking about a problem

What's the matter?

Expressing distress

Oh, no!

Making a suggestion

Let's . . .

Agreeing with a suggestion

Good idea!

Expressing pleasure

Great!

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Meals

breakfast
lunch
dinner

Other

basketball
bike
boss
cheese
coffee
job
messages
movie
report
soccer
social media
spaghetti
time zone

tomato sauce
vacation

Adjectives

hungry
same

Verbs

call
check (messages)
cook
dance
do
drive
eat
get (hungry/married)
get up
go (to work)
have (breakfast/lunch)
help

listen to music
make (coffee)
message
play (soccer/basketball)
read
remember
ride (a bike)
ring
run
shop
sleep
study
swim
take (a walk)
visit
watch (a movie)
work
write (a report)

Adverbs

Times

at night
in the afternoon
in the evening
in the morning

Clock times

6:00 A.M./6:00 P.M.
midnight
noon
a quarter after (six)
a quarter to (six)

Other

(right) now
there
why

Conjunction

so

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about the time

What time is it?

It's ... A.M./P.M.

It's ... o'clock (in the morning/...).

It's ... after ...

It's a quarter after ...

It's ... -thirty.

It's a quarter to ...

It's ... to ...

Talking about current activities

What are you doing?

I'm ...

Are you ... -ing?

Sure.

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not. I'm ... -ing.

Pausing while messaging

Oh, wait.

Be right back.

Talking on the phone

Hello?

Hi, ... This is ...

Checking information

Right?

That's right.

Oh, really?

Apologizing

I'm really sorry.

That's OK.

Giving a reason

..., so ...

Expressing a positive opinion

I love ...

Oh, that's good.

Lucky you.

Wishing someone well

Congratulations

Good luck

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Transportation

bike
bus
car
motorcycle
subway
train
taxi/cab

Family

brother
child (plural: children)
daughter
father/dad
husband
kid(s)
mother/mom
parents
sister
son
wife

Places

apartment
hotel
house
park
restaurant
room
school
suburbs

Days of the week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday
weekday
weekend

Other

bed
blog
businesspeople
drums
homework
job
lights
noise
pet
routine
schedule
survey
tourist
travel agency

Pronouns

Object pronouns

me
us

Determiner

a lot of

Adjectives

alone
busy
professional
public
retired
strange

Verbs

exercise
live
meet
need
pay
see (family/friends)
serve
start
stop
take (a taxi/cab; the train/subway)
use

Adverbs

Times

all day
at night
early
every day
late
weekly

Places

downtown
far (from here)
here
near (our house)

Other

also
sometimes
then
together
when

Prepositions

at (9:00/noon/midnight/
night)
by (bus/car)
in (the morning/the
afternoon/the
evening)
on (Sundays/weekdays/
weekends)
with (our parents)

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about routines

What time do you ... ?

At ...

When do they ... ?

On ...

Does he ... ?

Yes, he ... every morning.

What do you do on ... ?

On ..., I ...

Idioms

early bird

night owl

Responses

Sure.

Yeah.

Asking for more information

What else ... ?

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Language summary

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Parts of houses and apartment buildings

bathroom
bathtub
bedroom
closet
dining room
elevator
(first/second) floor
garage
hall
kitchen
laundry room
living room
lobby
room
shower
stairs
window
yard

Kinds of homes

cabin
beach house
loft
villa

Furniture

armchair(s)
bed
bookcase
chair(s)
coffee table
cupboard(s)
curtain(s)
dresser
lamp
mirror
picture(s)
rug
sofa

Appliances

air conditioner
coffee maker
heater
microwave
refrigerator
stove

Other

bubble
difference
fan (person)
fiction
forest
moon
mountains
outside
rabbit
science
squirrel
stars
story
TV
view

Determiners

any
lots of
no
some

Adjectives

another
big
clear
dream (home)
expensive
giant
lucky
outside
small
unusual

Verb

love

Adverbs

just (like)
next (weekend)

EXPRESSIONS

Asking about and describing a home

What's the house/apartment like?

It's (really) nice.

It has . . .

Does it have . . . ?

Yes, it does.

No, it doesn't.

There's a/an . . .

There's no . . .

There isn't a/an . . .

There are some . . .

There aren't any . . .

There are no . . .

Expressing agreement

That's true.

Expressing approval

Awesome!

That's great.

This . . . is great.

That sounds nice.

Expressing luck

I'm lucky.

Giving an example

For example . . .

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VOCABULARY

Nouns

Jobs

accountant
bellhop
cashier
chef
doctor
firefighter
front desk clerk
graphic designer
host
ice cream flavor expert
lawyer
manager
nurse
office manager
photographer
pilot
police officer

receptionist
researcher
salesperson
security guard
server
software engineer
taxi driver
vendor

Workplaces

(high) school
hospital
hotel
office
store

Other

camera
computer
crocodile
ice cream

money
people (*singular: person*)
photo
uniform

Adjectives

boring
dangerous
difficult
easy
exciting
fun
important
interesting
perfect
professional
relaxing
stressful
sweet
terrific

Verbs

agree
guess
hate
perform
sit
stand
talk
taste
teach
travel

Adverbs

after (work)
exactly
hard
outdoors
pretty (+ adjective)

EXPRESSIONS

Exchanging information about work

Where do you work?

I work in a/an . . .

What do you do?

I'm a/an . . .

What time/When do you start/finish work?

I start/finish work at . . .

What do you do after work?

I . . .

Where does your brother work?

He works . . .

What does he do?

He . . .

Talking about likes and dislikes

She loves it.

How do you like it?

I really like it.

It's OK.

They hate it.

I like it a lot.

Exchanging personal information

How are things (with you)?

Not bad.

I hear . . .

Giving surprising information

Actually, . . .

Guess what!

Expressing interest

That's funny.

That's interesting.

Expressing uncertainty

I guess . . .

Expressing concern

Please be careful!