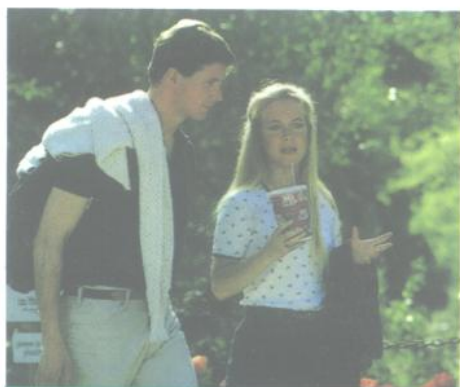


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1 | AWFUL INTRODUCTIONS

FUNCTION: Introduction

Introducing yourself:

How do you do? My name's...

Excuse me. —How do you do? I don't think we've met before. I'm...

Hello/Hi. I'm...

Let me/Allow me to/introduce myself. I'm...

Introducing someone:

This is...

Oh, I'd like you to meet...

Have you met...?

By the way, do you know each other? Roger—Susan.

Let me introduce you to... (*my mother*). (*Mum, this is Alice. Alice—my mother.*)

Answering an introduction:

How do you do?

Hello/Hi. Nice to meet you/Pleased to meet you.

(*Do you know my wife?*) No, I don't think so. How do you do? Nice to meet you.

I've been looking forward to meeting you.

Yes, we've already met (actually).

SECTION 1: *Listen to the following conversation and notice the functional expressions.*

At a party. People are chatting. Music is playing. There is an array of food on a table.

GEORGE: *(Takes a bite of a sandwich. It's terrible. He throws it down.)* Ugh!!

Another man is also at the table.

GEORGE: How do you do? I don't think we've met before. I'm George Zappings.

ROGER: No, I don't think we have. How do you do? I'm Roger Twinglestump.

GEORGE: Oh, let me introduce my girlfriend. Roger, this is Suzie. Suzie—Roger.

ROGER: Nice to meet you.

SUZIE: Hi. Yes, nice to meet you.

GEORGE: Oh Roger, what a terrible party.

ROGER: Do you think so?

GEORGE: Oh, yes. These sandwiches taste like cottonwool and rubber.

SUZIE: And this music is giving me a headache. So old fashioned.

ROGER: Really? I rather like it.

GEORGE: And look at this room. This wallpaper's a joke. What terrible taste these people have. Yuk!!

ROGER: Oh, I think it's rather nice.

(Just then another woman enters the group.)

ROGER: Oh, I'd like you to meet my wife. Margaret, this is George and Suzie.

MARGARET: It's very nice to meet you. Are you enjoying the party?

GEORGE: Party? Is that what you call it? What a bore!

MARGARET: Oh?

SUZIE: Yeah, the people who live here must be *really* boring.

MARGARET: Do you think so?

GEORGE: (*Margaret is about to eat a sandwich.*) Hey, don't eat those sandwiches. They're poison.

MARGARET: Really?

SUZIE: And this music—my grandmother would love it!

ROGER: Err... by the way, who invited you to this party?

GEORGE: Oh, my friend John. But he couldn't come. Lucky John!

SUZIE: (*Looking around and whispering.*) Hey, where are the people who are having this party?

MARGARET: They're right here!!

GEORGE: Right here?

ROGER/MARGARET: Yes! IT'S OUR PARTY!!!

GEORGE/SUZIE: Oh!!!

SECTION 2: Substitution Drills.

1. *Let me introduce you to my girlfriend.*

- (a) a good friend of mine.
- (b) everyone here.
- (c) someone you've heard a lot about.
- (d) someone who's been dying to meet you.

2. *I don't think we've met before.*

- (a) you remember me, do you?
- (b) I've had the pleasure of meeting you.
- (c) we've been introduced yet.
- (d) you know me, do you?

SECTION 3: Choose the correct response.

1. *Let me introduce myself. I'm Richard Nubble.*

- (a) Oh, let me introduce myself. I'm Mary Popcicle.
- (b) How do you do? Nice to meet you. I'm Eilean Over.
- (c) No, I don't think so. How do you do?

2. By the way, do you know Simon?

(a) I'm delighted to meet you.

(b) Pleased to meet you.

(c) No, I don't think so. How do you do? I'm Catherine.

SECTION 4: *Listen to the tape and then complete the sentences.*

1. They were () to () Dr Livingstone himself.

2. Let () introduce (). I'm Jeffrey Wizenut.

3. The man looked (). "Err...() do you ()? I'm () to meet you.

4. Oh, Dr Livingstone, I've been () forward to () you. How do you do? We've been looking all over () for you.

SECTION 5: *Practise the following short dialogues with a partner(s).*

1. a. Oh, David, I'd like you to meet Susan.

b. (SUSAN) Hello. Nice to meet you.

2. a. Excuse me. How do you do? I'm Susie Angel. I don't think we've met before.

b. No, we haven't. How do you do? I'm Mike Stagger.

3. a. Oh, do you know John?

b. No, I don't think so. How do you do?

c. (JOHN) Oh, hello. Pleased to meet you.

P.1 awful a. 可怕的, 严肃的, 非常的

function n. 功能, 作用

P.2 an array of 一排, 一串, 一堆

take a bit of (or at) 咬一口

yuk [jʌk] int. (拟声词) 咯咯(笑)

2 |

THE PEACE PARTY

FUNCTION: Asking and giving an opinion

Asking for an opinion:

What do you think about/of...?

What's your opinion of...?

What are your views...?

What do you think/feel?

How do you feel about...?

Giving an opinion:

I think...

In my opinion...

I believe/feel...

It seems to me...

From my point of view...

Don't you think...?

As far as I'm concerned...

The way I see it...

Well, I must say...

SECTION 1: Listen to the following conversation and notice the functional expressions.

A man is standing in the street with a sign that reads "VOTE FOR THE PEACE PARTY".

MAN: Vote for me! Vote for the Peace Party! We will save the world! Vote for me and bring peace to the world.

Just now a husband and wife walk by. They look rich. The wife is wearing a large fur coat and a leopard skin hat.

MAN: Ah, good afternoon, sir. Good afternoon, madam. I hope you're going to vote for the Peace Party at the next election.

HUSBAND: Well...I'm not sure. What are your views on taxation?

MAN: Well, in my opinion they should tax the rich more and give the money to the poor. In fact, I think that if people are too rich they should be put in jail.

HUSBAND: Gosh, I think that sounds a bit severe. Well...err...what do you think about the problems of the environment?

MAN: Well, I must say, I would stop people wearing fur coats! People who wear fur coats are murderers!

WIFE: Oh! Are you calling me a murderer, sir?

MAN: Yes, you're a killer!!

WIFE: Oh!

HUSBAND: Hey, watch it! Are you calling my wife a killer?

MAN: Yes. As far as I'm concerned she's a rich, spoiled murderer. A killer. Look at that fur coat and that leopard skin hat! You...you...killer!

WIFE: Oh, you terrible man.

HUSBAND: Well, in my opinion you're a...a...fool! And I'm certainly not going to vote for your stupid Peace Party!

MAN: Stupid?

WIFE: Yes, I agree. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid! *(And she grabs his sign and tears it in two.)* There!

MAN: Hey! You...rich animal murderer...I'll...I'll get you!!

HUSBAND: Hey, you leave my wife alone. Take that.

And he hits the man in the eye. And they all start fighting.

POLICEMAN: Hey, stop this! What's going on?

MAN: Officer, arrest them! Arrest them!

HUSBAND/WIFE: Arrest him! Arrest him!

POLICEMAN: Hey! Hey! I think you'd better all come with me to the police station. Now, come on. Come on.

And he pushes them away. As he's going he picks up the pieces of the sign: VOTE FOR THE PEACE PARTY!

Huh! Peace Party? I think they're going to have to change their name!!!!

SECTION 2: Substitution Drills.

1. What are your views on taxation?

- (a) killing animals for fur coats?
- (b) racial problems?
- (c) life after death?
- (d) religion?

2. In my opinion they should tax the rich.

- (a) he's too greedy.
- (b) she's the most beautiful girl in the world.
- (c) he should quit his job.
- (d) the Giants will win the championship.

3. I think that sounds a little severe.

- (a) very dangerous.
- (b) unrealistic.
- (c) very enjoyable.
- (d) exhausting.

4. As far as I'm concerned she's a rich, spoiled murderer.

- (a) the exam is much too difficult.
- (b) the economy is going to get worse.
- (c) your age isn't important.

(d) she's made the wrong choice.

SECTION 3: *Fill in the blanks in the following conversation.*

An interview with the President of the Peace Party.

INTERVIEWER: What is your () of the pollution problem?

PRESIDENT: Well, as () as I'm () the biggest problem today is noise pollution.

INTERVIEWER: Yes, the world's becoming very noisy, isn't it?

PRESIDENT: Yes, and it () to me that it is all because of modern music. All this heavy metal and punk and pop music.

INTERVIEWER: And what are you going to do about it?

PRESIDENT: Shoot them! Shoot them all! Michael Jackson, Madonna, The Rolling Stones... I () we should shoot them all!

INTERVIEWER: Gosh, () you think that's rather a violent way? After all, you are the Peace Party.

PRESIDENT: Yes, that's right. But the () I see it is—after we've shot all these rock'n'roll musicians the world's going to be very peaceful—now isn't it???

SECTION 4: *Answer the following questions.*

1. What does the president think is the worst kind of pollution?
2. Who is causing all the noise?
3. Who would the Peace Party like to shoot?
4. Does the interviewer think this is a good idea?
5. What does the president think the world will be like after there are no modern musicians?

SECTION 5: *Listen to the tape and then complete the sentences.*

1. Susan asked Peter what he () about the environmental problems of the ().
2. As () as he was () the biggest problem was the () in the () layer.
3. It () to him that the hole was caused by women using ().
4. Susan also () hairspray was a problem.
5. Susan () men () more hairspray than women.

SECTION 6: *Practise the following short dialogues with a partner.*

1. a. What do you think about the political situation in El Salvador?
b. I don't know. I'm afraid I don't have a very strong opinion on it.
2. a. Well, I must say, I don't like the decision.
b. Yes, I feel the same way. In my opinion, it should be changed.
3. a. Don't you think it's a bit expensive?
b. Well, the way I see it, it's expensive but good.

P.6 taxation [tæk'seɪʃən] *n.* 征税

put in jail 关进监狱

gosh [gɒʃ] *int.* 阿呀! 天哪!

spoiled 宠坏的, 惯坏的

grab *v.* 抓住

tear the sign in two 把标语撕成两片

3 | BANANA JOE, THE KNIFE THROWER

FUNCTION: Saying you are willing
(unwilling) to do
something

Saying you are willing:

Certainly.

Yes, of course.

I'd be (only too) happy to.

(Yes/No), I don't mind (in the least/at all).

I'll... if you like.

Sure/No problem/O.K.

I'd be delighted.

Saying you are unwilling:

I didn't/don't really want to...

I'd rather not, actually.

I don't think I can...

It'd be a little difficult.

I'd prefer not to...

I wish I could, but...

I'd like to, but...

I'm afraid I can't possibly...

SECTION 1: *Listen to the following conversation and notice the functional expressions.*

At the circus.

RINGMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, tonight for your special entertainment we have the most exciting, the most thrilling, the most heart-stopping act ever performed. Yes, let me introduce... the AMAZING ZORADO—the greatest knife thrower in the world.

ZORADO: (*Stepping into the ring.*) Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the show. And for my first act I will need a guest from the audience. Ah, yes, how about you, sir?

MAN: Me? Well, O.K. Sure, why not. I'd be happy to.

ZORADO: Thank you, sir. Thank you. Now, will you look at these knives and see if they are sharp?

MAN: Oh, certainly. (*Touching the blade of one of the knives.*) Ouch! That's sharp. Very dangerous.

ZORADO: Now, sir, I want you to help me. Is that O.K.?

MAN: (*Sounding worried.*) Err... I'd be delighted.

ZORADO: Oh, don't worry, sir. Trust me. I'm the amazing Zorado, the greatest knife thrower in the world. Trust me. Now, I need to tie you up. Is that alright?

MAN: Err... yes. O.K. No problem. Why not.

ZORADO: Now, would you mind standing against that wall?

MAN: S-s-sure... I... I... d-d-don't mind, as long as you're c-c-careful.

ZORADO: Just trust me. Trust me. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I will blindfold myself so I cannot see. (*He blindfolds himself.*) Err... where is that little man?

MAN: I-I'm here Mister Zorado. I... I... don't want to do this trick any more. I'd like to but... I'm late for dinner. I... I... I've got an important appointment... I... I...

ZORADO: Err... sir, would you mind—shutting up, please!

MAN: Well, I don't think I can. My teeth are chattering.