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# 序 言

《现代交际英语》教程即将在全国各大中城市电视台播讲,和教程配套的文字教材、录音带、录像带也将同时发行。借此机全,我谨向全国广大英语学习者推荐这套教程。

随着我国改革开放的深入发展,对外的社会、经济、文化交往日益增加,因而对作为交往的重要工具的外语(特别是英语)的需要也不断增长,提高我国民族的外语素质已成为教育界、乃至社会各界密切关注的问题,各地广播电台、电视台的英语教学节目受到群众的欢迎,就是一个明证。最近的迹象还表明,我国的英语学习者已经不满足于学习一般的英语,而希望往高一层次发展,学习专门用途的英语。《现代交际英语》是适应秘书、公关、管理、社交、商业函电来往等需要而编制的一套中级教程,它编排合理,表演生动,语言地道,观看之余还可利用录音带来练习巩固,具有很大的实用价值。

我国英语教学受传统的教学思想影响较深,把语言作为一门知识来学习,每学一句话都要进行语法分析,至于这句话应该怎样使用,却不大讲究,结果是学用脱节。这套教程通过生动的情境来教学员使用语言,而不拘泥于语法分析。为适应国内读者的不同需求,帮助学员更好地理解 and 掌握教学内容,节目中穿插了中国教师的讲解。但要真正学到手,还必须勤学苦练,尽量在实际的交际环境中使用。

本来在广播电视的英语节目里,主要是学习英语口语,但这套教程还通过口语教授英语函电写作,这是一项很有意义的尝试,想必会受到广大读者的欢迎。

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# **Lesson 1**

## **How Are Things Going**

20:30



Play the video

Watch the video.  
Then practise the conversation in  
Section 1.

## Section 1 Conversation

Part



**[DEBORAH MEETS JOHN OUTSIDE TEMPLE]**

John : Hi, Deborah. How are you?

Deborah : Oh, hello, John.

John : All right. I must dash ... See you.

Deborah : OK. Bye.

**[JOHN WALKS AWAY]**



**[SHIRLEY WALKS UP TO DEBORAH]**

- Deborah : Hello, Shirley!
- Shirley : Hi, Deborah! How are things going?
- Deborah : Find, thanks. And yourself?
- Shirley : Not too bad.
- Deborah : I haven't seen you for ages. What have you been up to?
- Shirley : I've been quite busy, really. There's been a lot on at work. And you?
- Deborah : Yes. I've been quite busy too. How's your new flat?
- Shirley : Oh, fine. In fact, I've been meaning to ask you round to see it sometime. It's looking quite nice now.
- Deborah : By the way, how's Michael?
- Shirley : Oh, the same, as always. He was a bit under the weather last week, but he's fine, now.
- Deborah : Working too hard, probably.
- Shirley : He's a real workaholic.
- Deborah : I heard he wasn't feeling well from Carol, actually.
- Shirley : How *is* Carol? I've been meaning to call her.
- Deborah : She's fine. Enjoying her new job. You know, I don't often see you around here.
- Shirley : Well, in fact, I've got a visitor. I'm showing him the sights today.
- Deborah : Oh, really?
- Shirley : Yes, he's just gone off to get something to drink.
- Deborah : A friend of yours?
- Shirley : Well, you wait till he gets back. I'll let it be a surprise!

**[DEBORAH SMILES — THEY CONTINUE CHATTING]**



## Part 2



### [JAMES APPEARS WITH TWO DRINKS]

**Shirley** : Well, Deborah, this is who I was telling you about — James, my little brother. He's staying with us at the moment.

### [JAMES WALKS UP TO SHIRLEY AND DEBORAH]



**Deborah** : So you're James! Shirley's told me so much about you!

**James** : Only good things, I hope!

**Deborah** : Of course!

**[DEBORAH OFFERS TO SHAKE HANDS BUT JAMES HAS DRINKS IN BOTH HANDS]**

- James : Ha ... oh, I've only got 2 drinks. Would you like something?
- Deborah : No thanks! I was just on my way to work, actually.
- Shirley : Deborah's one of our oldest friends here. What's it been, two or three years?
- Deborah : Nearly three, I think.

**[DEBORAH TURNS TO TALK TO JAMES]**

- Deborah : So, Shirley is taking you sightseeing, then.
- James : Yes, I'm just overwhelmed. Everything is so different here. But I'm really enjoying it.
- Shirley : Listen, Deborah, I know you're in a hurry so we won't keep you any longer. Are you doing anything tomorrow afternoon?
- Deborah : Well, I have got nothing planned at the moment.
- Shirley : Good. Then, why don't you come round to our place. I'm having a small party, to celebrate James' visit! I know Michael would be pleased to see you as well.
- Deborah : I'd love to, Shirley!
- Shirley : Come by around five if you can. Oh, that reminds me — I must invite Carol as well. See you later, then.
- Deborah : Bye and nice to meet you, James.
- James : Oh, nice to meet *you*.

**[THEY PART]**



Play the video

**Read carefully Sections 2 and 3.**

**Then replay the video and learn with Deborah.**

## **Section 2 Key Grammatical Points**

**Pay attention to these patterns while replaying.**

### **Present continuous tense**

I'm (I am)	having	a small party	(tomorrow).
Are you	doing	anything	(tomorrow)?

- Present continuous tense can be used to describe actions that are happening at present or which will happen in the near future.

### **Present perfect tense**

I've (I have)	been	quite busy.
I haven't (I have not)	seen	you for ages.
There's (There has)	been	a lot on at work.

- Present perfect tense can be used to describe actions which began in the past and have continued up to the present.

### **Present perfect continuous tense**

I've been (I have been)	meaning planning	to	ask you round ... call Carol.
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- Present perfect continuous tense can be used to describe actions which began in the past and are still continuing up to the present.

## **Section 3 Useful Phrases and Words**

**Learn the use of these phrases and words while replaying.**

### **Meeting friends**

Hello!

Hi (more friendly)!

How are things going?

Fine, thanks. And yourself (And you)?

Not too bad.

What have you been up to (What have you been doing recently)?

### **Introducing people**

This is (name).

Nice to meet you.

Nice to meet *you*.

### **Inviting people**

Why don't you come round to (someone's home)?

(Yes,) I'd love to.

(No,) I'm afraid I have to ...

Sorry, but ...

### **Asking about things and people**

How's your (job / flat / family / etc.)?

How's (Michael / Carol / Shirley / etc.)?

### **Giving information**

That reminds me ...

(Name) has told me so much about you.

What's it been, two or three years?

### **Saying goodbye**

See you later.

See you tomorrow.

## Other words you should know

to have (nothing/something) planned ...

to take someone sightseeing (to show someone the sights)

to stay with someone (to live at someone's home for a short time)

to mean to ask someone something (to plan to ask)

to have a lot on at work, etc. (to have a lot of things to do)

to have gone off to do something

to be overwhelmed (to be overcome by something surprising, etc.)

to be under the weather (not feeling well)

for ages (for a long time)

at the moment (now)

in a hurry (in a rush)

to celebrate (to do something to show that a day or an event is important, or an occasion for rejoicing)

a visitor (a tourist)

a surprise



Like everyone else in this big city, Deborah has lots of friends and often *runs into* them unexpectedly. Just now, she *comes across* her friend Shirley outside a temple. Shirley is *taking a visitor sightseeing*.

The visitor *has just gone off to buy something* to drink and Shirley refuses to tell Deborah who this visitor is. She wants it to be *a surprise* for Deborah.



Soon, a young man appears with two drinks in his hands. Shirley introduces the visitor. He is her younger brother James, who *has just arrived* from the UK. James *is staying with Shirley at the moment*. He *is overwhelmed* by our city because he feels everything here is so different.

Shirley is having a party tomorrow *to celebrate* James' visit and she *invites* Deborah to join them. Deborah is *in a great hurry* to go to work, so they say goodbye and part.

## Section 4· Exercises

### Exercise 1 Multiple choice questions

*Read through the following questions and circle the best answers.*

1. Hi! How ... you?  
A. is  
B. are  
C. have
2. ... been very busy.  
A. I  
B. I'm  
C. I've
3. I haven't seen you ...  
A. at the moment  
B. for ages  
C. sometime
4. My friend is ... with me for a week.  
A. staying  
B. doing  
C. coming
5. ... anything tomorrow night?  
A. Did you do  
B. Have you done  
C. Are you doing
6. At the moment I haven't got ... planned.  
A. something  
B. nothing  
C. anything
7. Why ... you come round to my flat tonight?  
A. do  
B. don't  
C. haven't

## Exercise 2 Sentence rewriting

*The words in these sentences have been mixed up. Rewrite them to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you.*

1. the / been / on / There's / at / a / office / lot / .

There's been a lot on at the office.

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2. Mary / big / This / my / is / sister / , / .
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3. afraid / in / a / I'm / a / of / hurry / bit / we're / .
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4. going / tonight / Deborah / to / I'm / with / party / a / .
- 
- 

5. and / have / up / James / What / you / been / to / ?
- 
- 

6. have / the / we / planned / moment / nothing / At / .
- 
- 

7. the / showing / I'm / visitor / my / sights / today / .
- 
-



### Exercise 3 Fill in the blanks

*You have just met Deborah and her friend on the street. What would you say to her? Write one word for each blank.*

You : Hello, Deborah!

Deborah : Hi! How are you?

You : Fine, \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_?

Deborah : Not too bad.

You : What have you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

Deborah : I've been quite busy. Oh, this is my friend,  
Connie.

You : Nice \_\_\_\_\_.

Connie : Nice to meet you!

Deborah : I'm having a party at my flat tomorrow night.  
Why don't you come round?

You : I'd \_\_\_\_\_!

Now check your answers from the key. Then practise the above dialogue.