

1. Friday night party

Here is the situation: Sarah sees her friend Chris getting ready to leave school at the end of the day on Wednesday. Another student, Mike, is having a party on Friday. Sarah asks her friend Chris about Mike's party.

Sarah: Hey Chris, are you going to be at Mike's party on Friday?

Chris: I'm not sure I can make it, Sarah. I'm gonna have to ask my parents. They don't know Mike, and I've never been to his house.

Sarah: That's too bad. They never let us do anything fun, do they?

Chris: No, sometimes they really don't.

2. Buying concert tickets

Here is the situation: Henry and Jane are both fans of the same rock band. They are discussing how to get tickets online for an upcoming concert.

Henry: Are you gonna try to get tickets to the show?

Jane: Yeah, but last time they sold out in like 20 minutes!

Henry: I know. You have to be online *right* when they go on sale. Can you get me one too, please? I'll be at work when the sale starts, and I can't go online when I am at work.

Jane: I'll try. Can you pay me back?

3. Getting ready for dinner

Here is the situation: Meg and her father are talking in the kitchen before dinner. Meg's dad asks her to help.

Dad: Meg, could you set the table please? Dinner is just about ready.

Meg: Mmm, can't Julie do it? I did it yesterday.

Dad: Yeah, but she is upstairs, and you are here. Is it really such a big deal? Come on, help me out!

Meg: Fine. I *do* want to eat. Man, I gotta remember to stay out of the kitchen if I don't want extra work to do!

4. Looking for a book

Here's the situation: Josh is at the library and wants to check out a book, but he cannot find it. He goes to the desk to ask the librarian for help.

John: Hi, can you help me find a book please?

Librarian: I can certainly try. What are you looking for?

John: I'm looking for a certain book – here's the information on a piece of paper. The computer says it's here but it's not on the shelf.

Librarian: OK, just a minute..., Oh, actually, it's right here in *this* pile of books. They are on their way back to the shelves. Here you go.

5. Rescheduling a test

Here is the situation: Susie is talking to her teacher, Mr. Bennet, after class in the hallway. She would like to change her test date.

- Susie: Excuse me, Mr. Bennett, is it OK if I take my test later? Maybe on Monday?
Mr. Bennett: No. I'm sorry Susie, but I have to grade all the tests over the weekend. Could you do it on *Thursday* afternoon?
Susie: Mmm, I guess I could do that.
Mr. Bennet: Okay, great. Stop by my classroom around three o'clock.

6. Asking a friend for help

Here is the situation: Valerie is talking to her friend Justin at the end of class about an after-school event. She has just received a text message and then speaks to Justin.

- Valerie: Hey, Justin. Are you going to the volleyball game tonight?
Justin: I hadn't planned on it. Why do you ask?
Valerie: Well, I agreed to sell tickets at the game. But now – I just got a text message from my dad. We're celebrating my mom's birthday today -- not tomorrow like I thought. Could you sell tickets to the game for me?
Justin: Sorry, I can't. I've got a study group at the library then.

7. Working in a grocery store

Here is the situation: Tom and Mary are working early one morning in a grocery store. Tom has a question for Mary.

- Tom: Mary, where should I put these bananas?
Mary: Put them up front so that people walking by can see them.
Tom: I thought we were gonna put the *apples* up there.
Mary: Well, Tom, we were, but I realize now that we have a *lot* more bananas than apples to sell.

Part 2: Longer Conversations

8 – 11. A Surprise at the bike rack

Here is the situation: Questions 8 through 11 are based on the following conversation. Mike is a student who rides his bike to school nearly every day. Megan is a friend of his who attends the same school and often rides with him. They have just gotten out of school for the day and are walking toward the bike rack.

- Megan: Hey Mike, what happened to the seat on your bike?
Mike: Huh, what do you mean—what? It's missing? I didn't take it off!
Megan: Looks like somebody did.
Mike: Maybe it's on the ground around here? . . . Hmm, no, I don't think so. And look, the bell and the headlight are gone too! What kind of a jerk does that?

Megan: I don't know. That stinks. And this is such a safe area. I don't think I've heard of anybody getting something stolen from the bike rack before.

Mike: Yeah, me neither.

Megan: Well, at least your bike itself was locked to the rack. I suppose you can still ride it back to your house this afternoon.

Mike: Yeah, I guess, as long as I stand up the whole time. Thank goodness I didn't lose the whole thing. I love this bike, and I've put a lot of money into it. Looks like I'll have to stop by the bike shop this afternoon, though.

12 - 15. Ordering a gift online

Here is the situation: Questions 12 through 15 are based on the following conversation. You are watching a TV show about one of your favorite characters, Anna Green, a high school student who is talking to her father while doing her homework on her computer. Anna and her father are in the kitchen discussing a possible birthday gift for Anna's mother. Read questions 12 through 15 now.

Anna: Hey Dad, could you stop cooking for a minute so that we can talk about Mom's birthday gift?

Dad: Uh, you want me to stop working on dinner so that you can stop working on your homework?

Anna: Dad. I just found the perfect gift – a cute little coffeemaker that she can keep on her desk. It's a little flimsy looking, but...

Dad: Oh, that's what you are looking at? I thought you were working on your term paper.

Anna: I'll ignore that. Really, you should look at it. It's designed to make one cup at a time, and it takes up almost no space at all. It's so Mom!

Dad: Alright, let me see it...hmm...actually this is great, Anna. It makes hot water, too, and your mom is drinking more tea than coffee these days.

Anna: I knew you'd like the idea! And, um can you order this right now to make sure it gets here before Mom's birthday?

Dad: OK, OK, I'll do that if you make sure to get some of your homework done before dinner.

Part 3: Extended Discourse

16 – 23. School hiking club

Here is the situation. You have been interested in spending more time outdoors. The other day, you saw a poster at your school advertising a hiking club. It looked interesting, so you decided to attend the first meeting of the year. At the beginning of the meeting, the club president is giving some important information about the club.

Good afternoon, everybody! Thanks so much for coming to Midvale High's Hiking Club. My name is Karen McNulty, the president of the Hiking Club, and I am so excited to welcome you all here. Look around the room: there are over 35 people here! And there were supposed to be even more: several members texted me and told me there was a conflict with the

choir concert. Anyway, in case the new members don't know, these numbers are really impressive: in my four years in the club, I've never seen more than 20 people at one meeting. Now, you might be wondering why we have so many interested hikers this year. Well, my theory is that last year's president (we miss you, Jim!) did a phenomenal job promoting the club. I think all of the great posters he used to make for the school really got people's attention. The Midvale Hiking Club is one of the newest clubs in our school. It's only been in existence for seven years. It is unique in that it is the only club involving physical fitness that doesn't require a ball or costly equipment. So it costs almost nothing to participate. At a minimum, you'll need comfortable shoes for our hikes, but I do recommend a decent pair of sturdy hiking boots.

We meet once a week—but when I say “meet,” what I really mean is “hike”! Starting on school grounds, we take treks that are several miles long. We always start each hike by climbing Championship Hill, and then we walk east along Pine Ridge. From there, the route varies. Sometimes we continue up towards Sellersville; sometimes we just stay on the ridge and make a big loop. But the route is planned out before we even begin and everyone receives a map before we start. No one is getting lost on my watch!

We usually average about 4 miles per hour on flat ground, and about 2 or 3 miles per hour going uphill. This means that if we stick with a flat route, we can easily log 7 or 8 miles in one hike! So you had better bring water and energy bars!

Apart from our weekly hikes, there is one big event that the Hiking Club has during the year. It is the Baker's Dozen Hike we do in the fall—yep, that's right—on one Saturday in October, we hike thirteen miles round-trip. It's an all-day event and everyone always gets a great workout. The tradition after the hike has been to go to Steve's Cafe as a group for sub sandwiches.

So, are you ready to go out for our first hike? Remember, it's o.k. if you don't feel up to a full 5 miles right away. There are several shortcuts available if you want to head back early. Our main focus today is enjoying the time that we're spending outside. So let's go!

24 – 30. Taking the bus to Chapel Hill

Here is the situation: You are riding the bus home from school and hear the following conversation between a brother and sister in the seats next to yours. You are curious, so you listen to what they are saying.

- Sister: Hey, did you hear I got picked to work with Ms. Munn on the school play?
Brother: Yeah, you were going to help make the costumes, right? I always kinda wanted to be in the play, but I was never that good at acting. It's cool you are going to help out...and you won't even have to be on stage.
Sister: Yeah, I know, but I already have kind of a problem.
Brother: Hmm... Don't tell me, you need a favor. I knew something must be up when you passed right by your usual spot next to Jamie and sat with me!
Sister: Yeah, well, I mean, it's *kind* of a favor, but it's really not that bad. Just listen to my plan and think about it. Please?
Brother: Fine. Let's hear it. What's your big plan?
Sister: So, Ms. Munn said there's some money to buy new fabric and stuff for some of the costumes we have to make, and she said I could be in charge of picking it out

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and buying it. But we really don't have *that* much money. I want to go to that store in Chapel Hill that sells all that leftover fabric and other stuff for cheap. The money will go way further if I can buy what we need there. There are really no good stores like that around here.

Brother: Well, yeah, but what do you want me to do? I can't drive you there. I can't even get my license until my birthday next year. You know that.

Sister: I know, I know. Mom and Dad usually drive us there. But they never want to go any more since that movie theater they like closed down. Trust me. I already asked them if they'd take me and they said no. But Mom said if you come with me, we can take the bus there on Saturday without them. You know she won't let me ride the bus to another city by myself...

Brother: I don't know. I was going to hang out with Simon. We have to practice that song we're doing for the talent show at school.

Sister: Yeah, well. Maybe you could still practice after we get back? And isn't there that one music store you guys like there? You always used to go when Mom and Dad drove us.

Brother: Hmm. Maybe Simon could come too. He loves that music place. Last time we were there, the guy who owns the store let me play his own personal guitar. He said he might even give me a lesson if I came in again.

Sister: Nice. And we can get lunch at Zippo's. They have the *best* pizza. I'll buy you a piece if you go along with my plan! And I'll get one for Simon, too.

Brother: I'm not totally sure this will work. I'll have to see what Simon thinks. But actually, this plan is a step up from your usual crazy ideas.