

1. Jim's car

- F: Hey Jim, did you get a new car?
M: No, but I did have it repainted. What do you think?
F: The dark blue makes it look so elegant and new! Did it cost much to get it done?
M: It could have, but I have a friend who does this kind of work. Glad you like it!

2. Looking for toys

- M: Excuse me. I'm in town for a meeting, but I want to get some toys to take home to my kids. Where can I do that in the downtown area?
F: Are you looking for video games, or something else?
M: No, my guys like to do things with their hands – you know, like building with blocks, putting together puzzles – that kind of thing.
F: I know just the place you want. It's called "Hands On." Look here on the map. It's right there, about three blocks from here, on the right side of the street.
M: It sounds perfect! Thanks a lot!

3. Borrowing class notes

- F: Hey, Aaron, wait up!
M: Oh hi Jessica! What's up?
F: Well I just wanted to ask you a really big favor. I stayed home sick yesterday and Sarah told me that there's going to be a big quiz in history this afternoon. Do you think I could borrow your notes over lunch to study?
M: Um, doesn't Sarah have notes you could borrow? Because I was actually planning to go over them myself. Or maybe we can meet up and do it together?
F: That'd be great, Aaron. Thanks. See you in the cafeteria!

4. New technology

- F: Hey Dad, I think there's something wrong with the printer. I want to print something off the web from my phone, but I can't get the connection to work.
M: From your phone? I didn't even realize you *could* print something from a phone.
F: Yeah, I'm pretty sure my new one's supposed to do that.
M: Well, when I bought that new printer last week, I know I set it up to work with the family computer, and the laptops that you and your brother have. I didn't know about your phone, though. I'll see what I can do.

5. Weekend plans

- F: Hey, Bob. It's Susan. Listen. I wanted to let you and everyone know that I can't make it to the movie on Friday on time because I have to work later.
M: That's too bad, Susan. It's the last night for that movie and I don't think we can wait if you aren't there when the movie starts.
F: I know, but if you sit in the back on the left, I can try to find you as soon as I arrive.

6. A new office

- F: So will you need any other supplies for your new office?
M: Well, let me get settled in and I'll let you know.
F: Sure, take your time.

7. First day on campus

- M: Excuse me. I'm a bit lost. Can you tell me if I'm headed in the right direction to get to Smith Hall?
F: Umm, sorry. You'd think I was new here, but I'm really a junior. Honestly, I've never heard of that building. I wish I could help you. You know, the student center is right across the street. I bet someone there would be able to help.
M: OK, thanks a lot.

8. Good news

- F: Congratulations, Jack! I just heard the good news!
M: Thanks, Mrs. Jones. And thanks so much for helping me out. I don't think I could've gotten such high scores without your tutoring.
F: You deserved to pass, Jack. You worked very hard this year. Now, have you given any thought about which colleges you're going to apply to?
M: I really don't know yet; I've got a few in mind that I need to pick from.

Part 2: Longer Conversations

9-11 Applications for college

- F: Bradley! I thought you wanted me to review your college application with you! Where is it?
M: Hold on, Mom! Hi. Sorry, Dad and I were outside playing soccer.
F: Oh, that's fine! People in our family never sit still, do they?!
M: That's the way you raised us! Stay busy and you'll never be bored! My application for Northern State College is right here on your desk. Do you want to just give it a quick look over first, or go over it together?
F: Let's do it together. What parts do you still need help with?
M: Okay, look. I think I have all of the personal information filled out right. My high school transcript has to be mailed from the school, but here's my grade summary. I still haven't worked on the application essay, though. I'm just a little stuck there. I mean, how much should I write? And about what?
F: Alright, first, the information page looks fine, and so does the high school records page. So good work on that. Now I know the essay is always the toughest part. Tell you what. If you come and sit at the kitchen counter, I'll start dinner, and we'll brainstorm some ideas. You can write after we eat. Sound good? I think better when I'm working.

- M: Thanks, mom! Sounds good to me! But I'm starving and I can't think at all when I'm hungry. What is there to snack on?
- F: Honestly Brad! How much can you eat in one day? You can have an apple. Dinner will be ready soon. Let's get started.

12-15 Buying new shoes

- M: Excuse me. I'm looking for a pair of running shoes, just like the ones I'm wearing.
- F: Okay. Wow. It looks like they've had an awful lot of wear.
- M: Yeah, they have about 200 miles on them. I've been training for a marathon. I think I've pretty much worn out the soles and now my knees are beginning to hurt.
- F: Well, the company that made those shoes has a similar style now, but they've made some changes. The sizes seem smaller, so you should probably try them on. Umm, just a moment. Here, try these.
- M: Sure. I see what you mean. They do feel tight, and they don't seem to bend where my foot does. Do you have any other brands in this price range?
- F: Yes, but they tend to not have a lot of support and cushion to soften your steps and if your knee is beginning to hurt, you risk making it worse.
- M: You're right. What do you suggest? It's hard to know what'll be best, and once I've run in them outdoors, I know I won't be able to return them if they aren't a good fit.
- F: Well, they do tend to run a little bit higher, but all of these shoes over here would be good for your knees. When you've found a pair that feels right, I suggest you run on them for three miles or so on the treadmill or an indoor track. Then if they don't fit, you can exchange them for another pair.
- M: Great, thanks.

16-19 A furniture problem

- M: Hey honey, I think we have a problem.
- F: What is it?
- M: Well, I'm trying to put together our new bed frame, and looking at it, I don't think our mattress is going to fit.
- F: What? How is that possible?! We checked those measurements again and again.
- M: Well, we checked them online. And I just double-checked again. The store website says the frame is two meters long, 1.2 meters wide. But I'm measuring the actual bed right now and there's just no way that it's that big. I think it's at least fifteen centimeters shorter and six centimeters narrower than we thought.
- F: Oh no. This is just—we've been waiting for this for weeks. I'm so sick of sleeping on the couch. My back is killing me.
- M: I know. I guess there was a mistake on the website, or something. We can put the mattress on the floor and sleep on that, but we just aren't going to be able to use this frame. I could put it on the car and drive it back to the store, but I don't think they'll have a replacement ready to go for us today.

F: A mattress on the floor is at least better than that couch. But I really wanted our bedroom to be all set up. I'm so frustrated.

20-22 John and his mother

F: John, where are the cookies I made yesterday? Don't tell me you ate them all again!

M: Yeah Mom, I'm sorry. I couldn't help it. They were so good. Can you make some more, please?

F: John, you're going to make yourself sick that way! And could you please turn down that music and start your homework? I don't want you staying up late again to study.

M: Mom, please, just a little bit longer? I really want to listen to this. I can listen and do my homework at the same time, OK?

F: Only if you turn it down, otherwise the neighbors will complain. And John! Your room is a disgrace! When you finish your homework, I want you to pick up all your clothes from the floor and put them away in your closet. On hangers!

M: OK, OK, in a minute. I have to call Tom and find out what we've got for homework; I lost the assignment.

F: That's no surprise... John, you really are hopeless!

Part 3: Extended Discourse

23-31 - A radio show

Good morning, and welcome to our show, "A New Day." I'm your host, Jenna Carlson, and today, we're talking about young people and blogging. Is it good or bad for teenagers to write Internet blogs?

Well, first of all, what is blogging, anyway? Blogs are web pages that are updated regularly. You can use them to write text, share photos and videos, or provide links to things that interest you. Some people use blogs to write about daily events in their lives, or to share regular information about a topic of interest, say a favorite type of music or a favorite sports team. One of the things that make blogs different from commercial or professional websites is that most of them are written by a single person, so by reading them, you get a sense of what somebody's like.

So, if you're a teenager, should you keep a blog? Do you think your parents would approve of it? Well, first let's address the obvious concern that some parents probably have: safety. If people make too much information public, things like their address, email, and phone number, then they could become victims of crime, right? That's why you have to keep yourself fairly anonymous and not put too much private information out there. If you do that though, then blogging may actually be a very enjoyable activity.

Now, one of the biggest advantages to keeping a blog is that it's a good way to learn to communicate in a context other than school. Sure, school assignments are important, but on a

blog, you write about what you want to write about; what interests you, what you feel passionately about. It's a good way to develop your writing skills, and it's a lot of fun, too. Now, the other thing about blogs is that they can be a good way to introduce yourself in the digital world, a place that all of us are likely to be interacting in throughout our adult lives. Chances are, writing something that can be accessed online is going to be part your professional life in the not too distant future. And it's this *professional* aspect that I want to emphasize. Unlike writing that happens on social networks, like Facebook for example, the language people use in blogs is usually pretty formal. Most bloggers usually use complete sentences, paragraphing, punctuation, and all that good stuff we learned about in English class. On the other hand, on Facebook, we see people using lots of symbols, abbreviations, incomplete sentences, and a lot of slang. Why does that matter? Well, as we all know, in this day and age, it's very common for hiring directors in big companies to Google people who have applied for jobs there. Maybe not every single applicant, but if they're interested in your resume, they're going to check you out. Now, you might be thinking that job applications and interviews don't matter right now; they're too far off in the future, right? But be careful: not only is it important to start building up a positive online image, it's even more important to make sure you're not creating a negative image for yourself, by putting things online now that might seem cool or funny today, but could really hurt your reputation in the future. Remember, it can be very difficult to get rid of something once it goes online, even when you *think* you've deleted it. The way I see it, right now is the perfect time to start thinking carefully about the digital story you want to create for yourself.

OK, before we continue, we need to take a short commercial break, but when we come back, we'll continue with some good topics for blog postings and, very importantly, we'll talk about some tips to help keep your private information private.

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32-40 Getting ready for a move

- F : Oh just look at this stuff. I don't know how we're ever going to get it downstairs, never mind over to the new apartment.
- M: Oh, you can't look at all of it at once. It'll just be too depressing. We just need to go one room at a time, pack everything up, then move on to the next room. It won't be so bad. And anyway, we still have over two weeks to get everything ready.
- F: Yeah—you say “two weeks” like it's an eternity. You said the same thing when we ‘still had a month’ but we're not any closer to getting there.
- M: Well, honey, be realistic. We're still living here. We can't pack up our bed or our dishes. Where would we sleep? How would we eat? Some things are just going to have to be taken care of at the last minute.
- F: Fine, fair enough. But I'm not talking about taking the bed apart. David, we still don't have any plan for how we are going to move this stuff across the city! Are we hiring movers? Are we renting a truck? We have an apartment full of stuff. What are we going to do?

- M: Look, relax. We managed to move in here in the first place, right? I don't see why this time will be any more complicated.
- F: OK. First, when we moved into this apartment, there was an entire week when we had access to both places. So we could just bring stuff over a little at a time, whenever we were ready. This time we *have* to be out of here on Saturday. The landlord told us that the new tenants are moving in on Monday. We *have* to be out of here or we're going to get charged extra. And we can't move into the new apartment until Saturday evening. That means we have to do the whole move in one trip. And that means we can't just use your pickup truck. We're going to need something bigger. And to get that we need a plan, we need a reservation, we need—
- M: Look, relax. I know we have to do the whole thing in a day. But that doesn't mean we can't use my truck. We'll just have a couple of friends here packing, a couple of friends at the new place, and we'll just run things back and forth. It will be fine. I really don't think it's worth the—I don't know probably thousands of dollars movers will cost.
- F: Yeah. Sounds great. But you didn't let me get to my second point. David, we're adults now. We have nice things now; better furniture, nicer glasses and plates. We can't just throw everything in your truck. Last time we moved, several very valuable things got broken, and I think a box of my best shoes fell off the back of your truck because I've never been able to find it.
- M: OK, so we'll rent a bigger truck. It won't be that expensive, we can fit everything in one trip, and nothing will get lost on the way.
- F: I'm still not finished. Let me show you this. Do you see that scratch on my grandmother's bookshelf? That's from when Jeffery and Caroline dropped it carrying it up the stairs. I didn't say anything to them, because they were trying to help us. And it's not their fault, because they're not professional movers, but they really damaged a lot of our heavier furniture. Have you noticed that the upper right corner of our TV is always purple? I think that happened when they bumped it into a wall trying to get around the corner.
- M: OK. So what are you saying?
- F: I'm saying that this time, even though I know it will be expensive, I want us to hire a professional moving company to help us.
- M: OK, fine. If that's really what you want to do.
- F: It is.

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