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ENGLISH FILE

Intermediate Mini phrasebook

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REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

Jenny Don't forget the chocolates.
Rob OK. Oh no!
Jenny I don't believe it. Don't tell me you forgot them?
Rob I think they're still on my desk.
Jenny You're kidding.



Jenny Mom, I'm really sorry – we bought you some chocolates, but we left them at the office.
Sally What a pity. Never mind.

Jenny But I also have some good news.
Sally Really? What's that?

Sally So you've got a promotion? How fantastic!
Harry That's great news!

Sally Let's go and have dinner.
Jenny What a great idea!

GIVING OPINIONS

Kerri Personally, I think people in London are a lot more easy-going. London's just not as hectic as New York.
Don Sure, we all like peace and quiet. But in my opinion, New York is possibly... well, no, is definitely the greatest city in the world. Don't you agree?
Kerri To be honest I definitely prefer London.
Don Come on, Rob. You've lived in both. What do you think?



Don OK, I agree, London has its own peculiar charm. But if you ask me, nothing compares with a city like New York. The whole world is here!
Kerri But that's the problem. It's too big. There are too many people. Everybody's so stressed out. And nobody has any time for you.
Jenny I don't think that's true, Kerri. New Yorkers are very friendly.
Kerri Oh sure, they can sound friendly with all that 'Have a nice day' stuff.

PERMISSION AND REQUESTS

Asking permission

Rob Do you mind if I join you?
Monica Of course not. Come on, sit down.

Rob Is it OK if we change our plans a bit this week?
Jenny Er...sure.



Requests: asking someone to do something

Rob Can you pass the sugar?
Jenny Sure.

Rob Could you do me a big favour? I have to work late this evening, so...would you mind meeting him...?
Jenny Not at all. I'd like to meet him.

Rob Do you think you could take him to my flat. I'll give you the keys.
Jenny No problem, Rob.

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

Paul What shall we do now?
Rob What do you want to do?
Paul Well... I haven't been on a dance floor for weeks now. I've got to move my body. Let's go dancing!

Jenny I'm going running in the morning. Why don't you join me?
Paul No thanks. I'm not very keen on running. But I've read about this place called Deep Space, where they play great music. We could go there.



Jenny How about going to the late night show at MOMA?
Paul MOMA? What's that?

Jenny What about staying in and watching a movie on TV?
Paul I'm in New York. I can watch TV anywhere.

Paul I didn't think so. So shall we go there?
Rob Why not?

Rob We could meet her outside and go together.
Paul That's a great idea!

INDIRECT QUESTIONS

Jenny Could you tell me why Paul is still in your apartment?
Rob Well, he couldn't get a ticket to Boston...

Jenny Do you know if he's got one now?
Rob I bought it! He's leaving this evening.



Jenny Look Rob, I'd like to know what you really want.
Rob What do you mean?

Jenny I wonder if you really want to be here. I wonder if...
Rob Jenny, what is it?

Don I need a word. Can you tell me what you decided at the last meeting?
Jenny Right away, Don. Rob was just leaving.