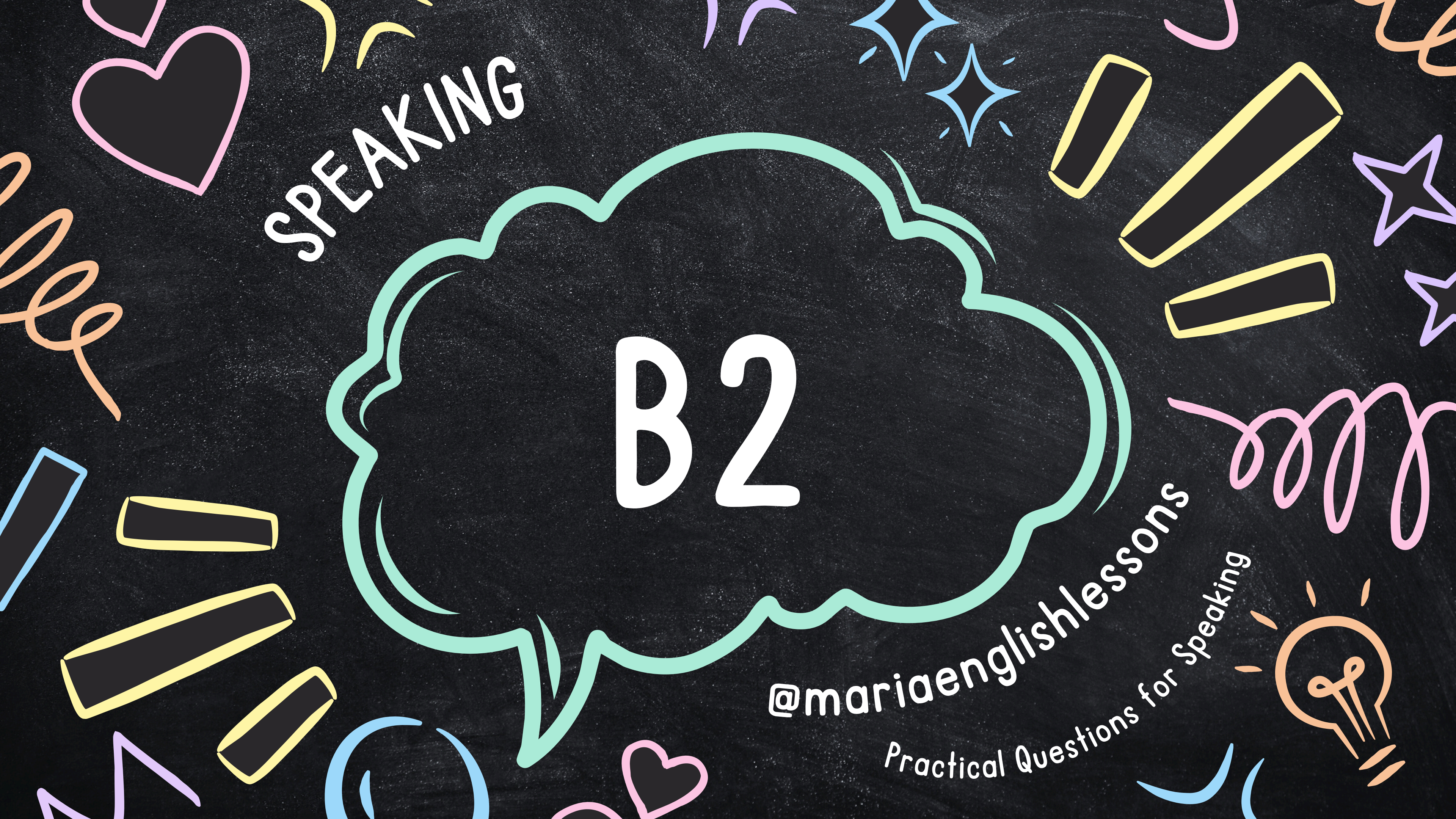


SPEAKING

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Practical Questions for Speaking





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EVERYDAY LIFE

WHAT TIME DOES THIS SHOP USUALLY CLOSE?
COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE THE NEAREST BUS STOP IS?
HOW MUCH DOES A TICKET TO THE CITY CENTER COST?

DO YOU KNOW IF THIS CAFÉ HAS WI-FI?

CAN I PAY BY CARD HERE, OR ONLY CASH?

WHERE CAN I BUY A SIM CARD NEARBY?

HOW LONG DOES IT USUALLY TAKE TO GET TO THE AIRPORT FROM HERE?

DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A SUPERMARKET AROUND THIS AREA?

HOW OFTEN DOES THIS BUS RUN?

COULD YOU RECOMMEND A GOOD LOCAL RESTAURANT?





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TRAVEL & DIRECTIONS

EXCUSE ME, IS THIS THE RIGHT TRAIN FOR LONDON?
HOW MANY STOPS ARE THERE BEFORE THE CITY CENTER?
COULD YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE MAIN SQUARE?
IS IT BETTER TO TAKE THE BUS OR WALK?
HOW MUCH IS A RETURN TICKET?
WHERE CAN I BUY A UNDERGROUND CARD?
WHAT PLATFORM DOES THE TRAIN LEAVE FROM?
DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A DIRECT CONNECTION?
HOW LONG DOES THE JOURNEY USUALLY TAKE?
WHAT TIME DOES THE LAST BUS LEAVE?





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COULD YOU SHOW ME HOW TO USE THE PRINTER?
DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE MEETING STARTS?
WHERE CAN I FIND THE HR OFFICE?
HOW DO I LOG INTO THE WI-FI HERE?
COULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS PART OF THE REPORT TO ME?
WHO SHOULD I TALK TO ABOUT HOLIDAY DAYS?
DO YOU KNOW THE DEADLINE FOR THIS PROJECT?
CAN I JOIN THE MEETING ONLINE INSTEAD?
HOW DO I BOOK A MEETING ROOM?
IS THERE A CAFE IN THIS BUILDING?

AT WORK / STUDY





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SHOPPING

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST, PLEASE?
DO YOU HAVE THIS IN A LARGER SIZE?
COULD I TRY THIS ON?
IS THERE A FITTING ROOM?
DO YOU HAVE THIS IN ANOTHER COLOR?
CAN I RETURN THIS IF IT DOESN'T FIT?
DO YOU OFFER A STUDENT DISCOUNT?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO PRODUCTS?
HOW LONG IS THE WARRANTY?
COULD YOU WRAP THIS AS A GIFT?





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WHAT TIME DO YOU USUALLY HAVE LUNCH HERE?
DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A PARK NEARBY?
CAN YOU RECOMMEND SOMETHING FUN TO DO THIS
WEEKEND?

HOW DO I GET TO THE POST OFFICE FROM HERE?
DO YOU KNOW IF THIS RESTAURANT NEEDS A
RESERVATION?

COULD YOU TELL ME THE BEST WAY TO GET A TAXI?

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE TOMORROW?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN BUY MEDICINE?

HOW LATE IS THIS PLACE OPEN?

COULD YOU TELL ME WHICH BUS GOES TO THE STATION?

EVERYDAY
CONVERSATIONS





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DAILY SITUATIONS



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WHAT KINDS OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS DO YOU USUALLY ASK
EVERY WEEK?

DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO ASK FOR HELP FROM STRANGERS?
WHY OR WHY NOT?

HAVE YOU EVER FELT EMBARRASSED ASKING A SIMPLE
QUESTION?

DO YOU USUALLY PREPARE QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE BEFORE
GOING SOMEWHERE NEW?

WHICH SITUATIONS MAKE YOU FEEL MOST CONFIDENT WHEN
ASKING QUESTIONS?





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TRAVEL & DIRECTIONS

WHEN YOU TRAVEL ABROAD, WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU
USUALLY ASK FIRST?

WHAT'S THE MOST CONFUSING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM
YOU'VE USED?

DO YOU THINK IT'S POLITE TO ASK STRANGERS FOR
DIRECTIONS? WHY?

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO ASK FOR HELP IF YOU DON'T
SPEAK THE LOCAL LANGUAGE?

HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN PEOPLE ASK YOU FOR DIRECTIONS IN
YOUR CITY?



TRAVEL & DIRECTIONS





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SHOPPING & SERVICES

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU NORMALLY ASK IN A CLOTHES SHOP?
CAN YOU DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN A SHOP ASSISTANT WAS VERY HELPFUL?
DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ASK ENOUGH QUESTIONS BEFORE BUYING SOMETHING
EXPENSIVE?

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED FOR A DISCOUNT? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHICH IS EASIER FOR YOU: SHOPPING ONLINE OR IN A STORE? WHY?





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WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED SOMEONE FOR
TECHNICAL HELP?

DO YOU PREFER ASKING FRIENDS FOR HELP WITH
TECHNOLOGY, OR SEARCHING ONLINE?

WHAT'S THE MOST FRUSTRATING TECH PROBLEM YOU'VE
HAD?

DO YOU THINK IT'S HARDER TO ASK TECHNICAL QUESTIONS
IN ENGLISH?

IF YOUR PHONE BROKE WHILE TRAVELING, WHAT WOULD
YOU DO FIRST?

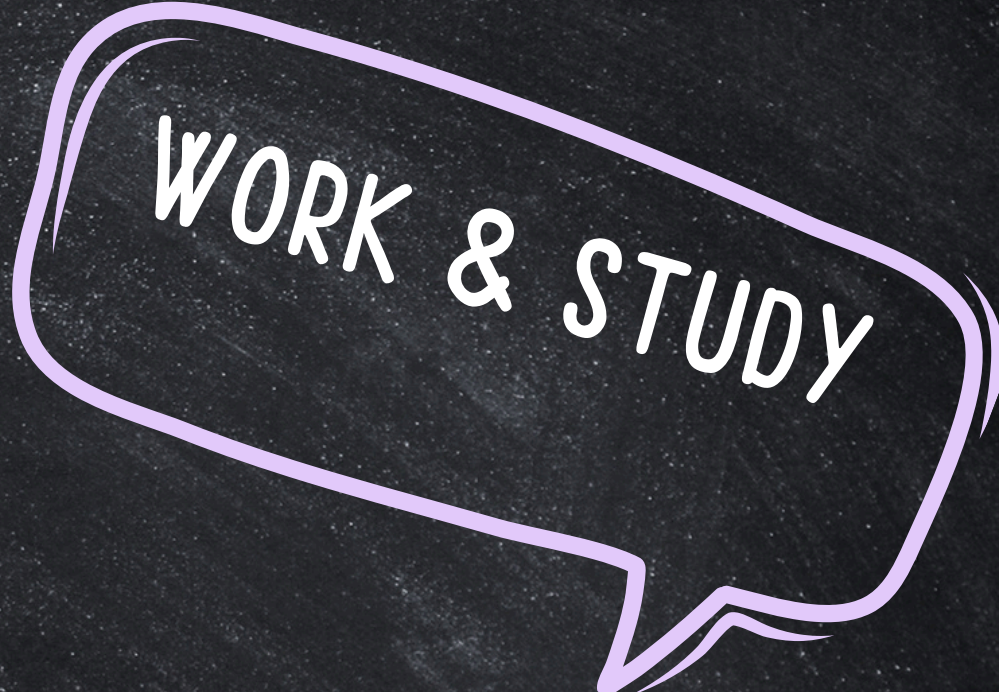


TECHNOLOGY & ONLINE
HELP





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WORK & STUDY

HOW OFTEN DO YOU ASK QUESTIONS AT WORK OR SCHOOL?
WHAT'S THE BEST QUESTION YOU'VE ASKED IN CLASS?
HAVE YOU EVER FELT SHY ABOUT ASKING YOUR BOSS OR
TEACHER A QUESTION?
DO YOU THINK ASKING QUESTIONS SHOWS CONFIDENCE OR
WEAKNESS? WHY?
HOW DO YOU USUALLY ASK COLLEAGUES FOR HELP
POLITELY?





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COMMUNICATION &
CULTURE

DO PEOPLE IN YOUR CULTURE USUALLY ASK MANY
QUESTIONS TO STRANGERS?

IS IT COMMON IN YOUR COUNTRY TO ASK PERSONAL
QUESTIONS?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ASKING PRACTICAL AND
PERSONAL QUESTIONS?

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ASKED A QUESTION THAT FELT
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FOOD & RESTAURANTS

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU USUALLY ASK IN A
RESTAURANT?

HAVE YOU EVER ORDERED FOOD IN ENGLISH? HOW WAS IT?
DO YOU NORMALLY ASK ABOUT INGREDIENTS BEFORE TRYING
SOMETHING NEW?

WHAT'S A USEFUL QUESTION TO ASK WHEN YOU WANT TO
TRY LOCAL FOOD?

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH YOUR ORDER IN A
RESTAURANT?





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TIME & PLANS

HOW DO YOU USUALLY ASK ABOUT OPENING OR CLOSING
TIMES?

WHAT'S A TIME WHEN ASKING ABOUT SCHEDULES SAVED
YOU FROM A PROBLEM?

DO YOU PREFER CHECKING TIMES ONLINE OR ASKING IN
PERSON?

HOW DO YOU CONFIRM MEETING DETAILS IF YOU'RE UNSURE?

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU USUALLY ASK BEFORE GOING ON
A TRIP?





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EVERYDAY LIFE &
SERVICES

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU ASK WHEN YOU MOVE INTO A
NEW PLACE?

HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED TO ASK A NEIGHBOR FOR HELP?

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK WHEN
YOU GO TO THE DOCTOR?

DO YOU USUALLY ASK PEOPLE FOR ADVICE BEFORE MAKING
BIG DECISIONS?

HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU FOR
PRACTICAL HELP?





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EVERYDAY LIFE &
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YOU?

DO YOU THINK ASKING QUESTIONS IS A SKILL THAT CAN BE
IMPROVED?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ASKING QUESTIONS IN
YOUR LANGUAGE AND IN ENGLISH?

HAVE YOU EVER AVOIDED ASKING A QUESTION BECAUSE YOU
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EVERYDAY LIFE
CLOSE (OPENING HOURS)
BUS STOP
TICKET
CITY CENTER
WI-FI
PAY BY CARD / CASH
SIM CARD
AIRPORT
SUPERMARKET
RUN (THE BUS RUNS EVERY 10 MINUTES)
RECOMMEND

KEY VOCABULARY





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TRAVEL & DIRECTIONS

TRAIN

STOPS

MAIN SQUARE

RETURN TICKET

METRO CARD

PLATFORM

DIRECT CONNECTION

JOURNEY

LAST BUS

KEY VOCABULARY





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WORK / STUDY

PRINTER

MEETING

HR OFFICE

REPORT

HOLIDAYS DAYS

DEADLINE

PROJECT

BOOK (A MEETING ROOM)

CAFE

KEY VOCABULARY





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SHOPPING
COST
SIZE
TRY ON
FITTING ROOM
COLOR
RETURN
FIT
STUDENT DISCOUNT
PRODUCTS
WARRANTY
WRAP (AS A GIFT)

KEY VOCABULARY

