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I. English for common interaction

Course Objective

- Describe jobs and everyday workplace tasks.
- Make and receive basic professional phone calls
- Make plans for meetings
- Discuss past work activities.

- Key Expressions for Introductions
- Karim is a fresh graduated surveyor from ISTA, It is Karim's first day of work at Global Civil Engineering Company.
 - **Karim** and **Imene** introducing themselves for the first time at Global Civil Engineering Company

Imene: Good morning, are you Karim ?

Karim: Yes, I am. I'm the new surveyor.

It's nice to meet you.

- Key Expressions for Introductions
- Karim and Imene introducing themselves for the first time at Global Civil Engineering Company

Imene : It's a pleasure to meet you too. Welcome to Global Civil Engineering Company.

My name is Imene and I'm the Human

Resources Manager here.

Karim : Yes, I am. I'm the new surveyor. It's nice to meet you.

- Key Expressions for Introductions
- Karim and Imene introducing themselves for the first time at Global Civil Engineering Company

Imene: It's a pleasure to meet you too. Welcome

to Global Civil Engineering Company.

My name is Imene and I'm the Human

Resources Manager here.

Would you like me to show you around the office and introduce you to people?

- Key Expressions for Introductions
- Karim and Imene introducing themselves for the first time at Global Civil Engineering Company
- **Imene :** It's a pleasure to meet you too. Welcome to Global Civil Engineering Company.
 - My name is Imene and I'm the Human
 - Resources Manager here.
 - Would you like me to show you around the office and introduce you to people?

- Karim: Yes, please.
- **Imene:** That will be great.
 - Okay, come this way.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Context

See how Imene greets someone she knows from a previous encounter

Imene : Good morning Ahmed.

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I want to introduce you to our new colleague.

This is Karim.

Karim, this is Ahmed.

Amed is an office assistant here at Global Civil Engineering Company.

Karim is a surveyor from Algeria.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Context

• See how **Imene** greets someone she knows from a previous encounter

Ahmed : Hi Karim.

Karim: Thank you. It's nice to meet you too.

It's nice to meet you.

Welcome to our office.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Context

See how Imene greets someone she knows from a previous encounter

Karim: Oh, really?

Ahmed : So Karim, you're Algerian.

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I'm from another country too,

I'm Egyptian.

We're very international staff.

We also have Turkish, Spanish,

and Dutch people in the office.

I look forward to meeting everyone.

Key Expressions for Introductions

Context

• See how Karim greets someone he knows from a previous encounter

Maya: Hi, Karim.

It's good to see you again.

How are you?

Karim: It's good to see you too.
I'm very well, thank you.
I'm excited to start working here.
How are you?

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Context

• See how Karim greets someone he knows from a previous encounter

Maya: I'm great, thanks.

Karim: Great.

Let me know if you need anything.

Let's have lunch in the cafeteria today.

Maya: See you.

See you later.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

We use the verb **to be** to talk about professions and nationalities.

I am a surveyor.

I'm a human resources manager at Global Civil Engineering

Company.

Ahmed is Egyptian.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

In the present tense, we use three forms of the verb "**to be**", "**am**", "**is**", and "**are**" in the singular form.

I am an intern.

You are a surveyor.

He is an architect.

We use "are" in plural form.

We are students.

They are doctors.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

We can say the verb **"to be"** in the contracted or shorter form in informal situations.

lam,	l'm,		
you are,	you're,	l am an intern.	l'm an intern.
he is,	he's,		
she is,	she's,	You are a surveyor.	You're a surveyor.
it is,	it's,	He is an architect.	He's an architect.
we are,	we're,		
they are.	the're.		

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

When using the verb "to be" in the negative form, we add "not" after the verb.

I am not Spanish, I am Algerian.

You are not Tunisian, you are Moroccan.

She's not Egyptian, she is Spanish.

We are not Dutch, we're South African.

They're not British, they are Americans.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

In the negative, we can also say the verb in the contracted or shorter form in informal situations.

l am not.	l'm not,
You are not.	You aren't,
He is not.	He isn't,
She is not.	She isn't,
lt is not.	lt isn't,
We are not.	We aren't,
They are not.	They aren't.

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

When you ask a question using the verb **"to be"**, you need to be careful with the word order.

For example, in the affirmative, we say :

"He is Algerian", with the pronoun "he", then the verb "to be".

In the interrogative, we say :

"Is he Algerian?", with the verb "to be" and then the pronoun "he".

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important

When you ask a question using the verb **"to be"**, you need to be careful with the word order.

Are you an intern?	l'm l?
Yes, I am an intern.	Are you?
	Is he?
Are they engineers ?	Is she?
No, they aren't engineers, they're students.	Is it?
	Are we?

Are they?

• Key Expressions for Introductions

Important Let's take a look "a" and "an".

When talking about professions, we use "a" or "an" before the job, except in the plural form.

If the job starts with a vowel sound like a, e, i, o, u, then we say "an".

For example, an artists, an engineer, an interpreter, an office assistant.

If the job starts with a consonant sound, then we say, "a".

For example, a doctor, a student, a journalist, a tour guide.

Introducing yourself and others

• Phrases for introducing yourself and others

When meeting someone in a formal situation, we start with a greeting.

For example, Good morning, Good afternoon, Good evening, depending on the time of day.

If this is the first time you meet the person, you then need to use a polite introduction. For example, it's nice to meet you, or, it's a pleasure to meet you.

If you know the person you meet, then you need to say a different Introduction. For example, it's good to see you again, or, it's nice to see you again.

Introducing yourself and others

• Phrases for introducing yourself and others

When you introduce other people, you need to say the person's name and some information about the person.

For example, Ahmed, this is Karim. He is a surveyor.

Then repeat the structure with the other person.

For example, Karim, this is Ahmed. He is an Office Assistant.

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between **Karim** and his colleague **Lakhdar**.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Karim, Imene wants me to explain an ordinary working day to help you understand more about your job and how this department works.

Karim: Great, that will be useful.

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between Karim and his colleague Lakhdar.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Okay, so every day I arrive at 8 AM, we don't start until 8:30, but I like to have a cup of coffee and relax first.

At the start of the day, I always check my emails and answer the most important

ones, we receive hundreds of emails a day so it can take a long time.

Karim: Wow, that's a lot.

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between **Karim** and his colleague **Lakhdar**.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Yes, and we also receive many phone calls from our clients, I spend hours each day making an answering calls.

Then after answering emails, we usually have a team meeting to discuss our clients. We talk about any problems we have, we plan projects, and we brainstorm ideas together, it's always really useful.

Karim : Yes, that sounds interesting, do you have a meeting today?

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between Karim and his colleague Lakhdar.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Yes, today's meeting is at 11 AM in meeting room two, you can come with me. After the meeting we have lunch for one hour, from 1 to 2 PM, there's a cafeteria where many people go to chat and eat lunch. Sometimes I don't go to the cafeteria, but we can go today so I can introduce you to

more people.

Karim : Okay, great.

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between **Karim** and his colleague **Lakhdar**.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: After lunch I return to the office to make calls to organize appointments with clients.

I usually attend two or three appointments a week outside of the office.

Karim : Really?

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between Karim and his colleague Lakhdar.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Yes, in the afternoon, I also need to prepare presentations for our clients and my managers.

This can take a long time because the presentations need to be perfect, I use ideas from our team meeting to help me.

And finally for the rest of the afternoon, I send and reply to emails and make more phone calls.

Karim : What time do you finish work?

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between Karim and his colleague Lakhdar.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: I usually leave the office at 6 PM, except on Fridays when we finish at 4 PM.
Sometimes we stay later to work on a project, but I never stay longer than 8 PM,
I also sometimes work from home on the weekends.

Karim: You have a very busy schedule.

• Describing a typical day at work

Context

- You will now see an interaction between Karim and his colleague Lakhdar.
- Pay attention to how **Lakhdar** describes his typical day at work.

Lakhdar: Yes, we are always very busy, but I like to take short breaks during the day, I like to leave my office and talk with colleagues for ten minutes, and then I return and I focus, it's a lot of work, but I love my job.

Present simple.

- Let's look at the present simple tense.
- We use the present simple for: things that are always true.
 - I live in Tlemcen.
 - I work in an office.
- We use the present simple for: For habits and routines.
 - I arrive to work at 08:00 AM.
 - People chat in the cafeteria at lunch.

Present simple.

• The present tense in the affirmative form.

l arrive,

you arrive,	In the affirmative form the present simple, we use the subject then the		
he arrives,	verb.		
she arrives,	<i>Example : larrive at work at 8:00 AM.</i>		
it arrives,			
we arrive,			
they arrive.			

Present simple.

• The present tense in the affirmative form.

l arrive,	Now look at the third person conjugation of the verb, for he, she, it.	
you arrive,	We usually add an "s" to the end of the verb.	
he arrive <mark>s</mark> ,	we usually add all s to the cha of the verb.	
she arrive <mark>s</mark> ,	He arrive <mark>s</mark> , she arrive <mark>s</mark> , it arrive <mark>s</mark> .	
it arrive <mark>s</mark> ,		
we arrive,		
they arrive.		

Present simple.

• The present tense in the affirmative form.

I arrive,Now look at the third person conjugation of the verb, for he, she, it.you arrive,We usually add an "s" to the end of the verb.he arrives,He arrives, she arrives, it arrives.she arrives,He arrives, she arrives, it arrives.it arrives,She leaves the office at 7:00 PM.we arrive,Maya attends meetings every day.they arrive.Ahmed files documents in reception.

Present simple.

Verbs like **go** and **have** are irregular, they do not follow the same pattern.

- Go : she **goes** to work by bus.
- Have : he has meetings in the afternoons.

Go changes to **goes** and have changes to **has**.

Present simple.

Now let's look at the negative form of the present simple.

To form the negative, we use the auxiliary **do not** or **does not**, plus the **unconjugated form** of the main verb.

- I do not eat in the cafeteria.
- You **do not have** a meeting today.
- We **do not file** documents in this office.
- They **do not chat** much.
Present simple.

When we use the third person in the negative form, we use the auxiliary **does not** with the **unconjugated form** of the main verb.

- He **does not want** to chat.
- He **does not leave** the office at 6:00 PM.
- Ahmed **does not attend** meetings.
- Maya **does not check** her e-mails at home.

Present simple.

In the negative, we can say the verb in the contracted or shorter form in informal situations.

I do not,	l don't,
you do not,	you don't,
he does not,	he doesn't,
she does not,	she doesn't,
it does not,	it doesn't,
we do not,	we don't,
they do not.	they don't.

Bonus Lesson

How often, we use these words (adverbs) to describe how frequently we do an activity :

Never, sometimes, usually, always.

- I never stay longer than 8:00 PM.
- **Sometimes** we stay later to work on a project.
- We usually have a team meeting.

- These adverbs go before the main verb in a sentence;
- Except with the verb **to be**, when they go **after** the verb. :

We are always very busy.

Let's see some formal phone calls. Nassim wants to talk to Maya. First, he talks to Karim.

Karim: Good morning, Global Civil Engineering, this is Karim speaking.

Nassim: Good morning.

I'd like to speak with Maya Salim please, does she work at this department?

Karim : No, she doesn't, but I can transfer you to her department. May I ask who is calling, please? Let's see some formal phone calls. Nassim wants to talk to Maya. First, he talks to Karim.

Nassim: This is Nassim Ammar, from Suntechnology.

Karim : Okay, Nassim.

One moment, please.

Nassim : Thank you, Karim.

Next, Nassim talks to Ahmed.

Ahmed: Global Civil Engineering, this is Ahmed speaking. How may I help you?

Nassim: Hello, this is Nassim Ammar, from Suntechnology.

May I please speak to Maya Salim ?

Ahmed: Maya is in a meeting at the moment.

Do you want to leave a voicemail for her?

Nassim: Yes, please I do.

Thank you.

Next, Nassim leaves a voicemail message for Maya



ya: You've reached Maya Salim at Global Civil Engineering.

Voice Recorder Please leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as possible.

🌭 Nassim : Hi, Maya.

This is Nassim Ammar, from Suntechnology.

I'm calling about the conference.

Please call me back at 0676 876 789.

Thank you.

Now Maya return Nassim's call.



This is Nassim, how may I help you?

Maya: Hi, Nassim, this is Maya from Global Civil Engineering.

Nassim: Hi, Maya, thanks for calling back.

I want to schedule a meeting with you to discuss our plans for a conference.

Are you available on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock?

Now Maya return Nassim's call.

Maya: Yes, Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock is fine for me.

Nassim: Sorry, can you repeat that?

Maya : Hello, can you hear me?

Nassim : Yes, I hear you now, sorry.

Sometimes the call gets cut off.

Now Maya return Nassim's call.

Maya: No problem, Wednesday afternoon at four is fine for me.

Nassim : Great, see you then.

Thank you.

Maya : Thank you, Nassim.

Have a great afternoon.

Nassim : Thank you, you too.

Finally, listen to a more **casual** phone call between Karim and Fouad.

Karim : Hello ?

Fouad : Hi Karim !

Karim : Hi, sorry, who is this?

Fouad : It's Fouad.

Karim : Hi Fouad.

I don't have this number for you.

Finally, listen to a more **casual** phone call between Karim and Fouad.

Fouad : I know, this is a new phone.

Save this number for me.

🌭 Karim : Okay, great.

Well, what's up?

Fouad : I'm calling about lunch today.

Imene, Ahmed and I want to order a delivery.

What kind of food do you like?

In this area, there's pizza, sandwishes, and kebab.

Do you like kebab?

Finally, listen to a more **casual** phone call between Karim and Fouad.

Karim : Yes, I do.

But Ahmed is fasting, does he eat with us ?

Fouad : Ahmed is not fasting today, and yes, he does.

In fact, pizza is his idea.

Do you think 04 pizzas is enough for our group?

🌭 Karim : No, I don't.

I'm very hungry.

Finally, listen to a more **casual** phone call between Karim and Fouad.

Fouad : Okay, 05 pizzas then.

Do you want to eat around 1:30?

Karim : Sorry, could you say that again?

Fouad : Do you want to eat around 1:30?

Karim : That's better.

Yes, 1:30 is fine.

Let's eat at the tables outside.

Call me when the pizzas arrives.

Finally, listen to a more **casual** phone call between Karim and Fouad.

Fouad : Okay.

Karim : Great, talk to then, bye.

Fouad : Bye.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Look to the two different ways that Karim answers the phone.

Which is more formal, and which is more informal?

🏷 "Good morning, Global Civil Engineering, this is Karim speaking."

• This is the formal way of answering the phone.

To answer the phone formally, we say, good morning or good afternoon, depending on the time of day, say the name of the organization, then **identify yourself** by saying, this is and your name.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

To answer the phone **informally**, we say, **hello**?

Look to the different ways that Fouad identifies himself :

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Hello, this is Fouad Hi. It's Fouad.
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• When identifying ourselves on the phone, it's common to use the phrase, this is, not *I am*.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

If you want to provide more information, you need to identify your organization and the reason for your call.

- I'm calling from Suntechnology.
- I'm calling about the conference.
- I'm calling to schedule the meeting.

To give more information about ourselves, we say:

- I'm calling from + the name of the organization.
- I'm calling about + the subject.
- I'm calling to + a verb.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Listen to the different ways that Nassim asks to speak to Maya. Which is informal?

- I'd like to speak with Maya, please.
- May I please speak with Maya ?
- Is Maya there?

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Listen to the different ways that Nassim asks to speak to Maya. Which is informal?

- I'd like to speak with Maya, please.
- May I please speak with Maya ?
- Is Maya there?

To ask to speak to another person, we can say, "I'd like to speak to Maya, please." Or we can ask the question, "May I please speak to Maya?" Informally, we can ask,"Is Maya there?"

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Karim doesn't know the person who is calling.

Look to how he asks. Which is informal?

- May I ask who is calling please?
- Who is this?

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Karim doesn't know the person who is calling.

Look to how he asks. Which is informal?

- May I ask who is calling please?
- Who is this?

To ask the identity of the person calling, it's polite to say, **"May I ask who's calling, please?"** Informally, we can say, **"Who is this?"**

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Look to the expressions :

Maya: You've reached Maya Salim at Global Civil Engineering.
Voice Recorder
Please leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as possible.

🌭 Nassim : Hi, Maya.

This is Nassim Ammar, from Suntechnology.

I'm calling about the conference.

Please call me back at 0676 876 789.

Thank you.

These are the expressions we normally use when making and responding to voicemail recordings.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Look to the expressions :

- Sorry, could you repeat that?
- Hello. Can you hear me?
- Ah, yes, I hear you now.
- Sorry, sometimes the call gets cut off.

These are expressions we use when it's difficult to hear the other person.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Look to two ways that Fouad ends phone calls. Which is informal?

- Thank you. Have a good afternoon.
- Bye.

• Useful language for making phone calls. Focus on vocabulary : Telephoning expressions

Look to two ways that Fouad ends phone calls. Which is informal?

• Thank you. Have a good afternoon.

• Bye.

To end the call, it's polite to thank the other person.

On a more informal call, we can say, "Bye."

Present simple.

Remember, we use the present simple for habits or routines.

- I arrive at work at 8:00 am.
- People **chat** in the cafeteria at lunch.

Things that are always true, like states.

- Maya works here.
- Karim likes sushi.

Present simple.

When we ask a question using the present simple tense, we need to be careful with the word order. In the affirmative, the main verb is after the subject.

• "Maya works here."

We conjugate the main verb according to the subject. In this case, in the third person.

Present simple.

In the interrogative, we use an auxiliary verb before the subject and leave the main verb **neutral.**

• "Does Maya work here?"

To make a question in the present tense, we use an auxiliary verb followed by the subject, and the verb in **neutral** form.

The auxiliary verb for subjects in the third person is different. With verbs in the third person, we use the auxiliary verb, **does**. Remember, the main verb stays neutral for all forms of the subject.

Present simple.

- How does Nassim answers Karim's question.
- Does Maya work here? Yes, she does.

This is the shortform we usually use to answer yes/no questions.

- How does Maya answer Nassim's question?
- Fouad doesn't like pizza.
- Do you like pizza? No, I don't.

We have Maya calling Nassim

Maya: Good morning. Global Civil Engineering. This is Maya speaking.

🌭 Nassim :

1. Hi, Maya. Where is Nassim at Suntechnology?

2. Hi, Maya. This is Nassim at Suntechnology?

3. Hi, Maya . His name is Nassim at Suntechnology?

We have Maya calling Nassim

Maya: Good morning. Global Civil Engineering. This is Maya speaking.

🌭 Nassim :

1. Hi, Maya. Where is Nassim at Suntechnology?

2. Hi, Maya. This is Nassim at Suntechnology?

3. Hi, Maya . His name is Nassim at Suntechnology?

We have Maya calling Nassim

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Maya: Hi, Nassim. How can I help you?
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🌭 Nassim :

- 1. I'm calling with Karim's meeting with you next week.
- 2. I'm calling by Karim's meeting with you next week.
- 3. I'm calling about Karim's meeting with you next week.

We have Maya calling Nassim

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Maya: Hi, Nassim. How can I help you?
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🌭 Nassim :

1. I'm calling with Karim's meeting with you next week.

2. I'm calling by Karim's meeting with you next week.

3. I'm calling about Karim's meeting with you next week.

We have Maya calling Nassim

Maya: Oh, yes. Does Karim want to meet at this office?

Nassim :

1. Yes, he does.

2. Yes, he do.

3. Yes, he wants.
• Test

We have Maya calling Nassim

Maya: Oh, yes. Does Karim want to meet at this office?

🌭 Nassim :

1. Yes, he does.

2. Yes, he do.

3. Yes, he wants.

• Test

We have Maya calling Nassim

Nassim : Do you want me to send you Karim's notes?

🌭 Maya :

1. Yes, I want.

2. Yes, I do.

3. Yes, I does.

• Test

We have Maya calling Nassim

Nassim : Do you want me to send you Karim's notes?

🌭 Maya :

1. Yes, I want.

2. Yes, I do.

3. Yes, I does.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Amel Epic Events. This is Amel. How may I help you?

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Amel Hi, Majda. It's great to talk to you again to review the plans for the conference.

Some Majda I'm glad to have your help. This is the first time I've planned a conference, and what's more, a conference for 200 attendees.

Samel It's good that we are planning one year in advance. Do you have exact dates?

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Some the set of the set of the set of the starts on Monday, June 2nd, and ends on Friday, June 6th.

Sor those dates, I recommend the Star Hotel.

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Amel It's located on 3rd Avenue near many offices and government buildings. It has plenty of parking, it's also accessible by metro. Best of all, it has all the facilities we need in one location. Two auditoriums, 12 meeting rooms, three banquet halls, and 10 executive suites for special guests.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Majda That sounds perfect.

Amel We should meet with the hotel managers as soon as possible.

Some the set of the se

Amel Of course. Next, I suggest that we think about how to register the 200 attendees

Majda I think we should use an online registration system, that way we can process all of the attendees' payments and easily maintain contact with everyone.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Amel Excellent. Let me arrange it. It's a good idea to have a website for the conference and connect the registration system to it.

Some should we think about?

So Amel We need a marketing plan. I recommend using the online system to help us market the event by sending out emails. It's not a good idea to only use the website for marketing, though. We should arrange a social media campaign and connect the website to all of the major social media platforms.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Some Majda My colleagues, Ahmed and Imene, know a lot about social media; we should ask for their help.

Solution Amel Let's think about the price of the conference. How much does it cost for attendees? I recommend that you consider different prices for students and professionals.

Solution Majda I think that for a five-day conference, the price should be 25.000 DA for students and 70.000 DA for professionals.

Amel It's a good idea to offer a discount in hotel rooms for attendees during the conference.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

S Majda Yes, of course.

Solution Amel Now, let's think about the on-site details. With 12 meeting rooms, each session can have 16 or 17 people attend.

Solution Majda That's a good small audience size.

Amel I suggest that we walk through the venue and see it from the attendees' perspective, that way we can predict any problems they might have. We should, of course, provide a map of the venue for the attendees. Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Some Majda Let's walk through the venue next week during our meeting with the hotel managers.

Amel Let's talk more about the materials for the attendees. I recommend a standard welcome kit containing a pen, notebook, name tag, and the conference information booklet.

Majda Can you print the conference logo on the bags, pens, and notebooks?

Amel Yes, absolutely. Please send me the logo by May 19th and expect the materials to be ready by May 26th.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Majda Excellent. I think this event is in good hands with Epic Events. Let's have a follow-up meeting in two weeks. When is a good time for you?

San you meet on Friday morning at 10:00?

Solution Majda That's Friday the 15th?

Amel Yes, the 15th.

Solution Majda 11:00 is better for me because I have another meeting.

Majda calls Amel for suggestions about planning a conference

Solution Majda Okay, 11:00 it is. See you then.

Amel Thank you, Majda. See you then.

• Focus on vocabulary

100 one hundred

1000 one thousand 10,000 ten thousand

100,000 one hundred thousand 101 one hundred and one

115 one hundred and fifteen

250 two hundred and fifty 3,738 three thousand, seven hundred and thirty-eight

634,975

six hundred and thirty-four thousand, nine hundred and seventy-five

• Focus on vocabulary

1st	first
2nd	second
3rd	third
4th	fourth
5th	fifth
6th	sixth
7th	seventh
8th	eighth
9th	ninth
10th	tenth

11th	eleventh
12th	twelfth
13th	thirteenth
14th	fourteenth
15th	fifteenth
16th	sixteenth
17th	seventeenth
18th	eighteenth
19th	nineteenth
20th	twentieth

21st	twenty-first
22nd	twenty-second
23rd	twenty-third
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26th	twenty-sixth
27th	twenty-seventh
28th	twenty-eighth
29th	twenty-ninth
30th	thirtieth
31st	thirty-first

Usually, we add the ending -th to a cardinal number. Notice the exceptions in spelling • Focus on vocabulary



• Focus on Grammar Making Suggestions

I recommend... and I suggest ... are two ways of making suggestions.

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I recommend + [noun]
I recommend the Star hotel
I suggest + [noun]
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I recommend + that + [subject]
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I suggest + that + [subject]
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I suggest that we think about ...

• Focus on Grammar Making Suggestions

We could also make suggestions in the following way:

[Subject] + should+ [verb] We should meet with the hotel managers as soon as possible.

[Subject] + recommend/suggest + [ing verb]

I recommend using the online system.

It's a good idea to + [verb] It's a good idea to offer a discount on hotel rooms

It's not a good idea to + [verb] It's not a good idea to only use the website.

• Test

Majda calls Amel for planning a conference

Solution Amel: Hi Madja, this is Amel, I have a question. What time should we meet with the hotel managers?

🌭 Maya :

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- Solution Amel: How should I prepare for the meeting?

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Maya: You should make a list of questions for the managers.

Solution Amel: Do you have any other advice?

1. It's not a good idea to wait until the last minute to make this list.



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3. It's not a good idea wait until the last minute to make this list.

• Test

Majda calls Amel for planning a conference

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Coordinates Meetings

Context • Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

- Maya: Good morning, Fouad, how are you?
- **Fouad :** I'm good. Thanks. How are you?
- Maya: I'm well thanks but very busy today.
- **Fouad :** How can I help you?
- Maya: I'm going to interview three candidates on Friday the 24th for a job in the finance department.

• Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

- **Found :** Okay, so do you need me to reserve one of the meeting rooms for you?
- Maya: Yes, please.
- **Fouad :** What time do you need the room?
- Maya: Please can you book the room from quarter past 9 to 12 o'clock? We're going to interview people from 9:30,but I need a little time to arrive and organize myself before we start.
- **Fouad :** Okay, let me see which reading rooms are available on Friday.... Okay, Meeting Room 3 is available here on third floor. Would you like me to reserve it for you?

Context • Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

- Maya: Is the meeting room on the second floor available?
- **Fouad :** Unfortunately Samia is going to use the room all morning. I think she has a meeting with the clients.
- Maya: Okay, no problem. Can you reserve Meeting Room 3 for me please?

Fouad : Certainly done

Maya: Thanks.

Context • Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

- **Fouad :** The candidates to come to this reception desk when they arrive to the office to get a visitor's pass. Can you tell me their names, please? Also, what time are they going to arrive?
- Maya: Okay, the first candidate is Ouaniss and he's going to be here at 9:30. Then second is Ines, and her interview is at quarter past ten. And Sophia is the third candidate at quarter to 11.
- **Fouad :** Okay, would you like any food or drink prepared for them?
- Maya: No, thank you. They aren't going to need any food. Just some tea and coffee please.

Context • Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

- **Fouad :** No problem. Send me their email addresses today and I can contact them and send them instructions for Friday.
- Maya: Great. Can you remind them to arrive 10 minutes early so we don't start late.
- **Fouad :** Yes. Oh by the way, I'm not going to be here on that day. I'm going on a holiday from the 13th to the 27th. Ahmed is going to replace me while I'm away.
- Maya: Where are you going? Anywhere nice.

Context • Maya reserve a meeting room with Fouad, the office assistant.

Fouad : Yes, I'm going to the south with my family for two weeks. We're going to fly to Timimoun and then travel from Timimoun to Djanet. I can't wait.

Maya : Excellent. I hope you have a great time.

Fouad : Thanks.

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Fouad : Thanks.

Context • Fouad and Maya organizing a business trip to Brazil

- Maya: Good morning Fouad
- **Fouad :** Good morning Maya, How are you?
- Maya: I'm good, thanks. I'm going to travel to Sao Paulo on a business trip next week. I need your help to book the plane tickets please.

Fouad : What day and time are you going to travel

Context • Fouad and Maya organizing a business trip to Brazil

- Maya: I am going to leave next Thursday. There is a flight at quarter to four or another at 5:30.
- **Fouad :** How long are you going to stay in Sao Paulo?
- Maya: I'm not going to stay for long, only three days. Can you buy tickets for Monday morning, please?
- **Fouad :** Yes, certainly. I am going to buy the tickets now.

Maya: Great. Thank you.
Context • Samia asks for directions to a meeting

Samia: Hi, Maya.

- Maya: Hi, Samia. How can I help you?
- **Samia :** I need to go to the bank, but I don't know the area very well. Are there any banks near here?
- Maya: Yes, there are two near here. One of them is only five minutes away.

Samia: Perfect !

- Context Samia asks for directions to a meeting
- Maya: Leave the office and turn left. Go straight ahead until there's a park in front of you. Then turn right, go straight ahead for two blocks and it's on the left, between the pharmacy and the movie theater. You can't miss it.
- Samia: Ok, So I turn left out of this building, walk until the park is in front of me and then turn right?
- Maya: Yes, that's right. Can you do me a favor when you go to the bank, please?
- **Samia:** Of course. What do you need?
- Maya: There is an amazing coffee shop just around the corner from the bank. Can you get me a cappuccino, please?

Samia: Of course.

Context • Samia asks for directions to a meeting

- Maya: Thank you. So when you leave the bank, take a left, then take the first right down Main street. The coffee shop is on the right behind the shopping mall. There's a restaurant next to it.
- **Samia:** So I take a left out of the bank, and then take the second right?
- Maya: No, take the first right. It's only two blocks away.
- **Samia :** First right.
- Maya: There aren't many good coffee shops in this part of town, so I recommend you try the coffee from there.

Samia: Ok, I should be back in 30 minutes. See you later. Maya: See you later.

Context • **Conversation between Samia and Maya**

Samia: Hi, Maya. Here's your coffee. It's not from the coffee shop you like. It's closed today.

Maya: Don't worry. Thank you for buying it for me. Where is it from?

Samia : There's a new coffee shop near here. It's from there.

Maya: Really? That's interesting. Where is it?

Samia: It's in front of the park.

Maya: Great, that is close.

Context • **Conversation between Samia and Maya**

- **Samia**: Yes, it's around the corner.
- Maya: There aren't many coffee shops in this area.
- **Samia :** No, there aren't. There aren't any good places to buy lunch either.
- Maya: I know a great Italian restaurant you can try.
- **Samia :** How do I get to it?
- Maya: Go right out of the office and then walk straight ahead for two blocks. The restaurant is on the left.
- **Samia**: Thanks. I can go there for lunch tomorrow.

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Interviews

Context • Maya talk to Fouad about past work activities.

Fouad : Hello, Maya.

- Maya: Hi, Fouad. Welcome back. How was your trip?
- **Fouad :** The weather was beautiful in Timimoun and Djanet was spectacular.
- Maya: That's great.
- **Fouad :** And how were things here while I was away?
- Maya: Well, if you remember, we talked about my plans to interview three candidates for the job in the finance department?

- **Fouad :** Yes. The interviews were on Friday, the 24th?
- Maya: Yes, that's right. They were.
- **Found:** Were you able to use room three? Was everything in good condition?
- Maya: Yes. The room was very comfortable. The interviews were engaging and the candidates were interesting.
- **Fouad :** Great and you're still planning the human resources conference, right?
- Maya: Yes, that's right. Last Friday after the interviews, I talked to Nassima Youlif from Epic Events.

- **Fouad :** And how did that call go?
- Maya: It went really well. It was really productive. We made a lot of progress, planning the conference.
- Fouad : Excellent.
- Maya: Nassima's ideas were helpful and her advice was effective. We decided on dates and a venue for the conference.
- **Found :** What was your decision about the venue?
- Maya: Nassima recommended the Star Hotel. It was interesting, because I didn't know about it before.

- **Found :** Were there any other details to be discussed?
- Maya: Yes. We talked about a website and a marketing plan for the event, the prices for the event, and the materials to provide. It was exhausting trying to think about everything at the same time. But Nassima was so organized that I know we will have a good plan.

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Context • Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.

Nassima : Hi, Maya. Welcome back to the office.

Maya: Thank you, Nassima. It's great to be here.

Nassima : Would you like some coffee, tea, or water?

Maya: No, nothing for me. Thanks. I arrived early and had a coffee across the street.

Nassima : Well, we have a lot to follow up on, so let's get started.

- Context Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.
- Maya: Yes. Let me tell you about what I did this week. Yesterday, I brainstormed with a conference committee about the sessions during the conference. We discussed our ideas about topics for the conference sessions and we prepared a plan for the conference schedule.
- **Nassima :** Did you file the plan in our shared folder?
- Maya: Yes, I did. I checked to see that it was saved.

Nassima : Great.

Context • Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.

Nassima : I talked to the managers at the Star Hotel, and they advised me on the best meeting rooms to use for particular activities. They recommended one meeting room for lectures and a different meeting room for group activities. I reserved the meeting rooms and I reserved a group of hotel rooms for guest speakers and attendees from out of town.

- Maya: Did you ask the hotel management about the discount on hotel for conference attendees?
- Nassima : Yes, I did. They offered a good discount for conference attendees to stay at the Star Hotel.
- Maya: What else did you talk about with the hotel management?

Context • Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.

Nassima : We also planned the meal services for every day of the conference. The hotel can provide breakfast and lunch each day.

Maya: We arranged for two dinners at restaurants outside the hotel, correct?

Nassima : That's correct. Also, it's possible to have catering services to provide some dinners in the hotel banquet rooms. The hotel manager commented on some caterers that he knew, and recommended one in particular. I scheduled another meeting for next week with the hotel management and the caterers.

- Context Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.
- Maya: I contacted two potential guest speakers last week. We chatted a bit about their speeches for the conference sessions and they are very enthusiastic
- Nassima : I prepared the contracts for the guest speakers and emailed them to you yesterday.
- Maya: Yes, I received them.
- Nassima : I researched online reservation systems and web designers. I decided on one web designer. Can you meet with me and the web designer next Tuesday at 10?
- Maya: Yes, I can.

Context • Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.

Nassima : Well, that concludes my report. Do you have anything else?

- Maya: Well, to close this meeting, I have some good news. The National Human Resources Association approved our plan for this conference, so they are now a sponsor.
- **Nassima :** Wonderful. Congratulations. This is great for promoting the conference.
- Maya: Well, thank you for your time today, and I look forward to our next meeting.

Context • Maya and Nassima have a follow-up meeting.

Nassima : My pleasure, Maya, see you on Tuesday.

Maya: See you then.

Nassima : Bye-bye.