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Everyday English Phrase Book

What to say at school, in the shop, at the doctor, on the bus and in seven more real places.



How to use this book

For the grown-up and the child

Twelve places where a child needs English, with the words to use there.

How to use it

1. **Read the phrases aloud.** Say each one, then your child says it.
2. **Write what it means.** Beside each phrase there is a line for the meaning in your family's own language.
3. **Read the talk in two voices.** One reads A and one reads B. Then swap.
4. **Change it.** Use the two "change it" ideas, then do the "your turn" task.

Good to know

- The book is in English only. The empty lines are for you, so nothing is printed in a language we have not checked.
- The names, places and prices are only examples. Use your own.
- One page at a time is plenty. Pick the place you or your child will go to next.
- It works for adults learning on their own as well: the twelve places are the same for everyone.

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Meeting someone new

Phrases, talk and your turn

At school, at the park or at a family function

Phrases

Hello, my name is _____.	
Nice to meet you.	
What is your name?	
Where do you live?	
Do you want to play?	
Which class are you in?	
See you tomorrow.	
It was nice talking to you.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Hello, my name is Meena. What is your name?

B My name is Karan. Nice to meet you.

A Nice to meet you too. Which class are you in?

B I am in class four. Do you want to play?

A Yes, I would love to.

B Come with me. We can play near the swings.

Change it

- Change the names to your own and your friend's.
- Change "class four" to your class.

Your turn

Meet a new friend. Say your name, ask theirs, and ask one more question.

At school

Phrases, talk and your turn

In the classroom and the corridor

Phrases

May I come in, please?	
May I go to the toilet?	
I do not understand.	
Can you repeat that, please?	
I have finished my work.	
Can I borrow a pencil?	
I forgot my homework.	
Excuse me, teacher.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Good morning, teacher. May I come in?

B Yes, come in and sit down.

A Thank you. I am sorry I am late.

B That is okay. Please take out your book.

A I forgot my book at home. Can I share with my friend?

B Yes, you can share today.

Change it

- Change “book” to another thing from your bag.
- Change “late” to another reason, such as “the bus was slow”.

Your turn

You are late for class. Say what you would say at the door.

Asking for help

Phrases, talk and your turn

At home, at school, anywhere

Phrases

Can you help me, please?	
I need some help.	
I cannot do this.	
Please show me how.	
What does this word mean?	
Could you say it slowly?	
Thank you for your help.	
I understand now.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Can you help me, please? I cannot open this jar.

B Of course. Let me try.

A It is very tight.

B There. It is open now.

A Thank you for your help.

B You are welcome.

Change it

- Change “jar” to a door, a bag or a bottle.
- Change “open” to another thing you cannot do.

Your turn

Ask a grown-up to help you with something. Use “please” and “thank you”.

At the shop

Phrases, talk and your turn

In a small shop, a market or a supermarket

Phrases

How much is this?	
I want two kilos of rice.	
Do you have milk?	
It is too expensive.	
Can I have a bag, please?	
Here is the money.	
Please keep the change.	
Where can I find the biscuits?	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Good morning. Do you have eggs?

B Yes, we do. How many do you want?

A I want six, please. How much are they?

B They are forty-two rupees.

A Here is the money. Can I have a bag, please?

B Here you are. Thank you.

Change it

- Change “eggs” to bread, sugar or tomatoes.
- Change “six” and “forty-two” to other numbers.

Your turn

Buy three things from a pretend shop. Say how many and ask the price.

When you feel unwell

Phrases, talk and your turn

At home, at school or at the doctor

Phrases

I do not feel well.	
I have a headache.	
My stomach hurts.	
I have a fever.	
I have a cough.	
My leg hurts here.	
I took my medicine.	
I feel better now.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Good morning. What is the matter?

B I have a headache and a cough.

A Since when?

B Since yesterday evening.

A Please drink warm water and rest.

B Thank you, doctor.

Change it

- Change “headache and a cough” to “stomach ache” or “fever”.
- Change “yesterday evening” to “this morning”.

Your turn

Tell a grown-up what is wrong and where it hurts, in two sentences.

On the bus or train

Phrases, talk and your turn

Travelling to school or on a family trip

Phrases

Does this bus go to the market?	
Which station is this?	
How long will it take?	
Is this seat free?	
May I sit here?	
Please let me pass.	
I want to get off at the next stop.	
Thank you for the seat.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Excuse me, does this bus go to the market?

B Yes, it does. Get off at the third stop.

A How long will it take?

B About fifteen minutes.

A Is this seat free?

B Yes. Please sit down.

Change it

- Change “market” to your school or the station.
- Change “fifteen minutes” to another time.

Your turn

Ask where a bus goes and how long it takes.

Ordering food

Phrases, talk and your turn

At a restaurant, a canteen or a family meal

Phrases

I would like some water.	
Can I see the menu?	
I will have a dosa.	
No chilli, please.	
Can I have some more?	
The food is delicious.	
Can we have the bill?	
Thank you, it was tasty.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Good afternoon. Are you ready to order?

B Yes. I will have a plain dosa and a glass of water.

A Would you like some chutney?

B Yes, please. No chilli.

A Of course. It will be ready soon.

B Thank you.

Change it

- Change “plain dosa” to another dish.
- Change “no chilli” to “less salt”.

Your turn

Order a meal for yourself. Ask for one thing to be left out.

On the phone

Phrases, talk and your turn

Calling a friend, a relative or a shop

Phrases

Hello, this is _____ speaking.	
Can I speak to _____, please?	
Please wait a moment.	
Can you call back later?	
I cannot hear you.	
Please say that again.	
Thank you for calling.	
Goodbye.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Hello, this is Priya speaking. Can I speak to Anita, please?

B Please wait a moment. I will call her.

A Thank you.

B Hello, Priya. How are you?

A I am fine. Are you coming to school tomorrow?

B Yes, I am. See you there. Goodbye.

Change it

- Change the names to your own and a friend's.
- Change the question to "Did you finish your homework?"

Your turn

Make a pretend call to a friend and ask one question.

Playing together

Phrases, talk and your turn

At the park, in the street or at school

Phrases

Can I play too?	
It is my turn.	
Let us take turns.	
You are out.	
That is not fair.	
Well played!	
Do you want to be on my team?	
Let us play again tomorrow.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Can I play too?

B Yes. You can be on my team.

A Thank you. Whose turn is it?

B It is your turn.

A I am out!

B Well played. Let us play again.

Change it

- Change the game to cricket, kho-kho or hide and seek.
- Change “out” to “I won”.

Your turn

Ask to join a game and say one kind thing when it ends.

Asking for directions

Phrases, talk and your turn

In a street, a school or a building

Phrases

Excuse me, where is the post office?	
Is it far from here?	
Go straight.	
Turn left at the corner.	
Turn right after the shop.	
It is on your left.	
It is next to the bank.	
Thank you for your help.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Excuse me, where is the library?

B Go straight and turn left at the corner.

A Is it far from here?

B No, it is only five minutes.

A Is it next to the school?

B Yes, it is on your right. Thank you for asking.

Change it

- Change “library” to a hospital or a temple.
- Change “five minutes” to ten minutes.

Your turn

Ask the way to a place in your area and repeat the answer back.

At home with family

Phrases, talk and your turn

In the kitchen, the living room or your room

Phrases

Can I help you?	
What is for dinner?	
I will lay the table.	
Please switch off the light.	
Where is my bag?	
I am going to bed now.	
Good night.	
Wake me up at six.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A What is for dinner today?

B Rice, dal and a vegetable.

A Can I help you?

B Yes, please lay the table.

A I have laid the table. Dinner smells good.

B Thank you. Please call everyone.

Change it

- Change “rice, dal and a vegetable” to your favourite meal.
- Change “lay the table” to another job.

Your turn

Offer to help with one thing at home and say what you will do.

Invitations and thanks

Phrases, talk and your turn

Birthdays, festivals and visits

Phrases

Would you like to come to my party?	
It is on Saturday at four.	
I would love to come.	
I am sorry, I cannot come.	
Happy birthday!	
This is a small gift for you.	
Thank you for inviting me.	
I had a lovely time.	

The empty line is for the meaning in your own language.

Say it together

A Would you like to come to my birthday party?

B Yes, I would love to. When is it?

A It is on Saturday at four o'clock.

B Happy birthday in advance! I will bring a gift.

A Thank you. That is very kind.

B Thank you for inviting me.

Change it

- Change "birthday party" to a festival or a picnic.
- Change "Saturday at four" to another day and time.

Your turn

Invite someone to something. Give the day and the time.

My own phrases

A page to fill in

Write the phrases your child uses in real life, with where and when. Keep adding to it.

PHRASE	WHERE I USED IT	DATE

Places I have practised

- [ ] Meeting someone new
- [ ] At the shop
- [ ] Ordering food
- [ ] Asking for directions
- [ ] At school
- [ ] When you feel unwell
- [ ] On the phone
- [ ] At home with family
- [ ] Asking for help
- [ ] On the bus or train
- [ ] Playing together
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