

ENGLISH COURSE 1

BACK TO BASICS

An Educational Revolution

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English Course

71 Conversations

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own right, to be
acted out or to be
translated into any
other language**

LESSON 1: ODD & EVEN NUMBERS	DAYS OF THE WEEK	CALENDAR MONTHS
zero (nought) one two three four five six seven eight nine ten eleven twelve thirteen fourteen fifteen sixteen seventeen eighteen nineteen twenty twenty-one thirty-two forty-three fifty-four sixty-five seventy-six eighty-seven ninety-eight one hundred 9 hundred-and-50 three thousand	Today is... Monday Tuesday(Tiu Nordic god of war) Wednesday (Woden) Thursday (Thor) Friday (Freya) Saturday (Saturn) Sunday	January February March April (aprire: to open) May June July (Caesar) August (emperor) September (7=9) October November December
	ORDINAL NUMBERS	What date is it?
	first	The first of
	second	What time is it?
	third	It is....
	fourth	2 o'clock
	fifth	10 to 5
	sixth	10 past 6
	seventh	A quarter to...
	eighth	A quarter past...
ninth	Half past 8	
tenth...	20 to 9	
twentieth	At 8:45	
THE 4 SEASONS	On time	
spring		
summer		
autumn		
winter		
late	later, latest	
early	earlier, earliest	

LESSON 2: LUNCH

1. Hello! What would you like, madam?
2. I'll have a ham and cheese roll.
3. With butter or margarine?
4. No, thanks.
5. Anything to drink?
6. Yes, please; a vanilla milkshake will be fine.
7. And what are you having, sir?
8. I'll have a hamburger with the lot and a black coffee with two sugars, thanks.
9. The sugar is on the table, sir.
10. Oh, I'm sorry; I left my glasses at home.
11. Here you are; enjoy your meal!

LESSON 3: ASKING QUESTIONS

1. Excuse me, sir.
2. Which bus goes to Central Station?
3. Number 62, a yellow trolleybus.
4. The busstop is just around the corner.
5. Thanks very much!
6. You're welcome!

LESSON 4: WHERE IS THE POST OFFICE?

1. Excuse me, madam.
2. Is there a Post Office around here?
3. Yes, there is.
4. Go straight ahead.
5. At the next intersection, turn left.
6. The Post Office is just before the traffic lights, on the opposite side of the street

LESSON 5: THE LATEST NEWS

1. Hi, Charles. How are you?
2. Very well, thanks Jim, and yourself?
3. Yes, I'm fine thanks.
4. Oh, by the way, this is my friend Sarah.
5. She's in my class.
6. Pleased to meet you, Sarah.
7. Do you know Pete Brisbane by any chance, Charles?
8. Yes, I know him quite well; he used to be my neighbour.
9. I lost track of him; he moved to Darwin.
10. Why do you ask? Is he in trouble?
11. No, on the contrary; he's got a bronze medal.
12. He finished third in the 400 metre hurdles.
13. Fantastic! He always was a good athlete.

LESSON 6: GREETINGS

1. Good morning, sir. Did you sleep well?
2. Yes, thanks; I was dead to the world!
3. Good day, ma'am. What can I do for you?
4. Could you get me a cup of green tea, please?
5. Good evening, Kate. Good to see you again. Bye!
6. Good night kids, happy dreams.
7. In case you have forgotten.
8. It's my birthday tomorrow!
9. Thanks for reminding me!
10. I've got enough time now to get you a present.
11. No, don't! I rather have some money towards a new bike.

LESSON 7: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will you be home during the day tomorrow?
2. Yes, but I'll be leaving at 6.
3. At what time will you be back?
4. I guess between 10 and 11; I'm not quite sure.
5. What's your address?
6. 55 Kensington Road, Revesby.
7. What's your phone number?
8. 02 45 728 568
9. Do you know where Ray lives?
10. Yes, but he won't be home for quite a while.
11. Why not?
12. He was in a car accident.
13. Anything serious?
14. Yes, he's in intensive care.
15. Have you got any brothers and sisters?
16. I've got 2 brothers and 1 sister.
17. Mary is the eldest; I'm the youngest.
18. And what about your brothers?
19. They are twins, 3 years older than I.
20. Are you all living at home?
21. Not at the moment.
22. How's that?
23. Our parents went to Australia to visit some relatives.
24. We're staying with our aunt and uncle (French oncle).
25. When will they be back?
26. At Easter.

LESSON 8: PERSONAL DETAILS – FILLING OUT FORMS

1. Surname
2. Christian names
3. Place of birth
4. Date of birth
5. Country where you were born
6. Nationality
7. Mother's name
8. Father's name
9. Sex: M or F
10. Marital status: married, single, divorced, separated
11. Passport number
12. Country of passport
13. Date of issue
14. Expiry date
15. Issuing authority
16. Place of issue

LESSON 9: CUSTOMS FORMALITIES 1

1. Here's my passport, visa, I.D. card.
2. I also got my driver's license with me.
3. I'll be staying at a youth hostel, here's my membership.
4. How long will you be staying here?
5. Only a couple of days.
6. And then?
7. I'm just passing through; I'm on holiday.
8. Where are you going next?
9. I'm going to Belgium to meet up with some friends.

LESSON 10: CUSTOM FORMALITIES 2.

1. Have you got anything to declare?
2. I'm sorry, I don't understand.
3. Have you got anything you have to pay tax on?
4. I don't think so, but you can search my bag.
5. No that will take too much time; too many zippers.
6. May I go through then?
7. As long as you don't have any drugs on you.
8. No, I haven't; only medicine for my personal use.
9. Have you got a doctor's certificate to prove that?
10. Yes, but it's at the bottom of my bag.
11. Are you serious, young man?
12. Yes, that way I'm sure I won't lose it.
13. Do you carry any dangerous goods?
14. Certainly not. Is that all?
15. Yes, that's all.

LESSON 11: PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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| 1. | Good Friday | | variable |
| 2. | Easter Sunday | | variable |
| | The first Sunday after full moon in spring. | | |
| 3. | Christmas Eve | | 24 December |
| 4. | Christmas | Merry Christmas! | 25 December |
| 5. | Boxing Day | | 26 December |
| 6. | New Year's Eve | | 31 December |
| 7. | New Year's Day | Happy New Year | 1 January |

LESSON 12: FAMILY LIFE

1. Mr Perfect got married 20 years ago.
2. He is an ideal husband
3. He works in a factory from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
4. After work, he picks up the children from a nearby school.
5. The 5 children only just fit in his 20-year-old van that has only one seatbelt.
6. While the children watch T.V., Mr Perfect does their homework.

7. At 6 o'clock, he prepares the evening meal.
8. While the children have their shower, dad does the dishes.
9. After that, he reads some bedtime stories and tucks them in.
10. The oldest child is allowed to stay up till midnight.
11. Mrs Perfect - Mr Perfect's wife Mabel- looks after the house and the small garden if she feels like it.
12. Husband and wife don't talk much because Mr Perfect is exhausted when he has finished his chores.
13. He usually falls asleep soon after.
14. Consequently, they never quarrel; they never have an argument.
15. One could call it a very unusual marriage.
16. During the weekend, they all visit the grandparents.

LIMERICK

Mary wants to marry
a man with whom she can tarry
after their marriage
in a carriage
drawn by a horse called Barry.

LESSON 13: FULL MOON PARTIES

1. John Elton organises a party once or sometimes twice a year.
2. Usually in spring and between autumnal showers in autumn.
3. In winter, it's often too cold.
4. In summer, it's usually rather hot.
5. Mr Elton has a large property, about 2 hectares in the shape of a rectangle 400 by 50 metres.
6. The party is held in the open behind his dwelling.
7. It's a B.Y.O. party which means bring your own food and drinks.
8. The multicultural dishes are shared amongst the many colourful guests.
9. After their meal, they dance to exotic music.
10. When the CD player is turned off, the party goers leave to go home.
11. Some hop in their cars, others on bicycles if they live in the neighbourhood.

LESSON 14: THE 8 WH-WORDS

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| 1. Why are you late? | I missed my train |
| 2. When did you get up? | At 8 o'clock. |
| 3. What did you have for breakfast? | A piece of toast. |
| 4. Which train did you miss? | The 8 o'clock one. |
| 5. Where do you live? | In Paddington. |
| 6. Who drove you to the station? | My mother did. |
| 7. Whose car did she take? | My father's. |
| 8. To whom will you apologise? | To the teacher. |

LESSON 15: TRIVIAL DETAILS

1. How far is it from your house to the station?
2. About 5 kilometres. (about 3 miles: 1km = 0.62miles)
3. How long will it take to get to it?
4. It depends; 5 minutes by car, 20 on the pushbike.
5. How much does a ticket cost?
6. \$2.35; if I have a yearly membership card, I get 40% off.
7. How much is the membership card?
8. \$50. In the long run, it's quite a good deal.
9. Single or return?
10. That's for a return ticket.

LESSON 16: VERBS

1. TO BE: I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, PRESENT
we are, you are, they are

I was, you were, he was, she was, it was, PAST
we were, you were, they were

2. TO HAVE: I have, you have, he has, she has, it has
we have, you have, they have

I had, you had, etc...

3. TO BE ABLE TO: can, could

4. TO WANT: want, wants, wanted

5. He likes to eat. He ate all the cheese; he has eaten it all!

LESSON 17: CONTRACTIONS

1. I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they **will** do it next week.
I'll, you'll, he'll, she'll, it'll, we'll, you'll, they'll do it.
 2. I, etc... would do it if I could.
 3. I will not do it this week.
I won't do it this week.
 4. We are in London right now.
We're in London right now.
 5. They are here at the moment.
They're here at the moment.
 6. You're at Jim's place, aren't you?
 7. **Is Shirley coming today? No, she isn't!**
 8. I won't be coming tomorrow.
 9. **I've been here since February.**
 10. Weren't you sick last week? Yes I was.
 11. **I'm going to Australia next week.**
 12. In two months time, I'll visit New Zealand.
 13. **I shall send you a postcard; I promise!**
 14. We shall sign the papers on Tuesday as promised.
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POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS:

My, your, his, her, its, our, your, their parents

LESSON 18: SOME RIDDLES

1. What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?
Time to renew it!
2. A man was born with 2 arms, but he had only one hand.
Why did he cross the road?
To go to the second-hand shop!
3. Why did the frog jump to the middle of the road?
To see his flatmate.

LESSON 19: AT THE RECEPTION DESK

1. Good morning, madam.
2. My name is Leonard Lampart of the Australian Soccer Pool Association with its Head Office in Melbourne.
3. Is Mr Terry in?
4. Is it very important?
5. He is usually very busy. Can I take a message?

6. No you can't; it's urgent!
7. Can you be a bit more specific?
8. Yes, I can indeed!
9. He has won 5 thousand dollars.
10. That's very good news; I'm very happy for him.
11. By why all the hurry?
12. He's got to immediately collect the cheque himself.
13. Can't it wait till after work?
14. No, it can't!
15. And why not?
16. If he doesn't collect the cheque within the next half hour...
17. Then what?
18. We'll give it to his friendly neighbour.
19. That's absurd! However, that's not my problem.
20. Just a moment then; I'll dial his number to see if he's in.
There's no answer.
21. Do you know where I can find him?
22. I'm afraid not; he's on holidays overseas.

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 1

1. I hope the sun will **shine** today; it hasn't **shone** for a week.
2. **We have to win this time. We haven't won for months. The last time we won was on my birthday.**
3. He **hung** his coat on a rusty nail because he doesn't want to **hang** it anywhere else.
4. **The criminal was hanged at noon today.**
5. Mary is even too weak to **wring** out her handkerchief. Since she hasn't got a **wringer**, I **wrung** all her washing by hand.
6. **I've rung you about ten times. I rang you yesterday at midnight. What is the best time to ring you?**
7. I don't want to **sing** this **song** any longer. We **sang** it yesterday twice. All in all, we must have **sung** it 100 times.
8. **The spider clung to the string it had strung. It sometimes clings to the end of it for hours in the hope to catch a fly. Yesterday, the spider and another spider beside her caught six.**
9. When her father comes home, little Butterfly **flings** herself off the **swing** to meet him.
10. **Three days ago, she swung so wildly that she flung herself into the bushes (oe), so she met a porcupine instead of her father.**
11. Mosquitoes always like to **sting** me. In the morning, they **stung** me once, in the afternoon, they **stung** me twice so in the end I was **stung** three times (thrice).
12. **The springbok sprang from the spring-board into a pool without water; just as well because he couldn't swim. He had never been taught because his mother didn't teach him.**
13. The punk had his head **shrunk** because another punk gave him a drug that makes it **shrink**.
14. **The Titanic was supposed to be unsinkable. However, after it had hit an iceberg, she sank half an hour later. It took quite a while before she had sunk to the bottom of the ocean.**

LESSON 20: THE FOUR SEASONS (VIVALDI)

1. In summer, the sun comes up earlier and sets later than in winter.
2. People say that the days are lengthening.
3. In spring, flowers appear, fruit trees blossom, deciduous trees grow new leaves, farmers sow seeds to grow crops.
4. In autumn, deciduous trees lose their leaves; evergreens don't.
5. The moon regulates the tides; ebb and flow.
6. Stars give light, planets don't; they receive their light from the sun.
7. It's nice weather. It's overcast. It's hot. It's cold.
8. It's quite pleasant. It's humid; there's too much moisture in the air. It's chilly. It's awful. It's windy. It's miserable.
9. It's going to rain. It's raining. Bring a raincoat.
10. Bring an umbrella. No, it's going to be fine; the sky is clearing.
11. Liverpool was plagued by heavy rain.
12. Quite a number of houses in Manchester lost their roofs.
13. During a heavy thunderstorm, a cow was hit by lightning.
14. She was one of three cows that stood under a tree to look for shelter.
15. In Helsinki, a Finnish toddler was blown out of her pram during a strong westerly. It happened while her mother was talking to the milkman.
16. The temperature is expected to reach 28 degrees Celsius.
17. Even when it's cloudy or overcast, quite a number of people wear sunglasses to protect their eyes.
18. So not only when the sun is shining.

TWO RIDDLES

1. What kind of animals can jump higher than a house?
All kinds of animals. Houses cannot jump!
2. What holds up a train?
Bad men!

LESSON 21: AN UNEXPECTED REQUEST

1. What's your name?
2. **Genevieve.**
3. Can you repeat that please; I didn't get it.
4. **Genevieve.**
5. How do you spell that...?
6. How old are you?
7. **I'm 15; I'll be 16 in December.**
8. Where do you live? **In Windsor.**
9. What school do you go to? **St Paul's Grammar School.**
10. Did you pass your maths test last week?
11. **Yes, I did, but only just.** Congratulations!
12. Perhaps you can help me while you're here.
13. **Maybe I can; depends with what.**
14. Do you play netball?
15. **Yes, I do. Why do you ask?**
16. One of our players left; we desperately need to replace her.

17. You might be interested in joining our team.
18. **It sounds good. I'll have to first ask my parents though.**

19. Yes, of course. I'm the coach; here's my card.
20. We train on Wednesdays and play on Saturdays.
21. **If my parents don't have any objections, I'll give you a call.**
22. Great! I'm looking forward to it.
23. Bye now; I'm pleased to have met you.

PROVERBS

1. Actions speak louder than words. Deeds, not words.
2. **The calm before the storm.**

LESSON 22: FAST FOOD & ASKING THE WAY

1. We're rather hungry and thirsty.
2. We would like something to eat and drink.
3. Perhaps a sausage roll, a frankfurter, a hamburger, fish and chips or fried chicken?
4. No, thanks; we had better have something healthy!
5. Well, there's plenty to choose from; just say the word.
6. Could you bring us a salad?
7. I'm delighted to be able to satisfy your needs.
8. Can we also have 4 milkshakes of 4 different flavours?
9. Any special reason for that?
10. Yes, there is. We want to share and have a sip of each one.
11. Here you are. Enjoy your meal.
12. Oh, I'm sorry; I dropped my straw. Could I have another one?
I'll pay for it of course!
13. You're a funny one, young man.
14. Excuse me. We're looking for the local Public Library.
15. Can you tell us where it is?
16. There are two libraries actually. The main one is the closest.
17. If it is not too far, we can walk there; we're not tired.
18. It'll only take about 10 minutes; there's no need to take a taxi.
19. Can you give us some directions how to get there?
20. Yes, I can. Go straight ahead, first street left, second right....
21. Hang on; that's too complicated. We'll get lost.
22. I had better get you a map then. You're now here; you have to go there. I'll mark it.
23. We'll have to meet the Mayor at 2; we're members of Green Peace.
24. It's now ten to; you'll be just in time. Good luck!
25. Thanks for your help; we'll be back to pay you!

LESSON 23: PREPOSITIONS

1. So above, so below.
The natural laws in the Universe are the same as those on Earth.
2. Very old people don't like to go out after dark; they rather stay at home.
3. My husband always comes home exactly at 8 o'clock; that means never earlier and never later. He is punctual.
4. Ring the ambulance before it's too late!
5. Managers generally sit behind their desk; not on it or even under it. (under or underneath)
6. A pedestrian got stuck between a garbage bin and the garbage truck; he's all right now.
7. Our cellar is downstairs; we live upstairs.
8. My cousin lives on the 44th floor of a skyscraper.
9. Go down to see if there's any mail in the letterbox.
10. Suzy went for a swim at Bondi Beach to try out her new swimsuit. Also to show off of course.
11. I'll be home from 10 o'clock onwards; we can watch a video afterwards if you like.
12. It's nearly midnight; let's go to bed; I've got to get up early.
13. Jane doesn't live next to the station but near enough to cover the distance in less than 5 minutes; on foot that is.
14. Where were you?
15. I don't want to be rude, but it's actually none of your business!
16. Don't ever say never!
17. My brother finished the cake; there's none left.
18. My sister ate the last biscuit; there are none left.
19. What did you learn today? Nothing much!
20. I'll see you soon. Sooner than I think?
21. You played cricket in the morning, then you had lunch.
22. What did you do in the afternoon? I went through my papers.

LESSON 24: A FEW MORE USEFUL WORDS

1. A lady was too fat to go through the main entrance.
2. Fortunately, she could come in via the wider exit.
3. Trains, buses, cars with or without caravans, trucks, vans, motor cycles and even pedestrians go over the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge.
4. Oceanliners, tugboats (tugs), sailing boats, speedboats, small craft and ferries go under it.
5. Even the replica of the 17th century Batavia went under it. To celebrate the event, even an aeroplane!
6. I'll stay here until (till) noon.
7. Come inside, it's too cold and windy outside; you'll catch a cold!

LESSON 25: HISTORY

1. The historian who is writing about people of ancient times, has a difficult job.
2. In those days, most people couldn't even write.
3. Any records they did keep were often destroyed by wars, fire or floods.
4. Apart from that, most people couldn't even write.
5. We know a great deal about the people who lived in ancient China as long as 4000 years ago.
6. Because the emperors and kings had special scribes to write down the important events of their time.
7. Apart from that, we know a good deal about some of the ancient people through the work done by a special type of historian known as an archaeologist.
8. The word comes from Greek and means "beginning".
9. An archaeologist digs up the remains of long-forgotten cities and settlements.

LESSON 26: COMPARISONS

1. Some buildings are quite high.
2. Skyscrapers are generally higher.
3. One of them can only be the highest.
4. An ant or a louse is smaller than a mouse.
5. Consequently, a mouse is bigger.
6. An elephant and a whale are very large.
7. They are the largest animals on earth.
8. Human beings don't belong to that group.
9. Archaeologists dug up the skeleton of a 1.22 metre tall ape woman who lived 600,000 years ago.
10. She would have been a champion basketball player!
11. I won't be late; 10 o'clock at the latest.
12. My nephew leaves very early, earlier than his neighbour who wakes up - but doesn't get up - at 8 at the earliest.
13. Sally can run very fast. However, her sister runs even faster because she is the fastest of the two.
14. The weight of a potato is often different from that of a tomato.
15. However, one kilo of potatoes is as heavy as one kilo of tomatoes.
16. Joe's toes don't fit in his shoes any longer.
17. The price of 2 kilos is usually double the price of 1 kilo.
18. Six or half a dozen.

PROVERBS

1. All are not thieves that dogs bark at.
2. All cats are grey in the dark.
3. All good things come to an end.
4. All's well that ends well.
5. All roads lead to Rome.
6. All things are difficult before they are easy.

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 2

1. The fat cat **sat** on the flat mat because it likes to **sit** there
2. This camel likes to spit into your face. He **spat** on mine already twice.
3. I **said** that I won't be there. What else do you want me to **say**? Drop the **y** and put an **i**: **say-said**.
4. **Jim** likes to swim. He **once** swam through all the canals in Amsterdam.
5. Did you **read** the article on the plane crash? Yes, I **read** it while driving to work.
6. **Simon** breeds **racehorses**. He **was born and bred** on a horse stud.
7. He once **sped** along a side street at 120k an hour so he was booked for **speeding**.
8. I believe your wife **crept out of bed while she slept**. Yes, and when she fell, she **wept**; she **kept it up for at least 2 hours!**
9. She usually **creeps** out of bed while she **sleeps** and she always **weeps** when she **falls**, no matter what! She never fails to **keep** it up almost endlessly.
10. **She must have fallen a thousand and one times!**
11. Is this seat **taken**, sir? No, **take** it! Someone before you **took** it but left without saying "Goodbye".
12. I sell **fake jewellery**. Today, I sold **\$200 worth**. I **haven't sold that much in years!**
13. Can you **tell** me which bus I have to take to the station, sir?
14. I've already told you! **Didn't you ask me before?** No, sir, that **must have been my twin brother**.
15. The meeting was **held** yesterday; members **hold** it once a month.
16. I felt **a bit sick**, so I **didn't feel like going for a walk**.
17. This **builder** wants to **build** yet another **building**; he has already **built** ten

LESSON 27: MORE PROVERBS

1. Excuse me, sir. Last night, I came across a proverb I didn't understand.
2. It read, "Make hay while the sun shines." What does it mean?
3. The easiest way to explain the meaning is to quote another well-known one that expresses the same idea but used by a different tradesman: "Strike while the iron is hot."
4. Both proverbs mean doing something when the time is right.
5. In other words, "Don't wait till tomorrow if you can do it today."
6. The first one was a warning to the farmer to make sure to get his hay under cover before it started to rain.
7. There was a good reason for it.
8. Piling up wet hay is very dangerous.
9. The haystack will eventually ignite and catch fire.
10. They're actually lessons learnt the hard way.
11. The second one was a reminder to the blacksmith; one can only bend iron when it's red hot.
12. It was also meant for women who did the ironing.
13. Old-fashioned irons were originally heated, first on the woodstove but later by coal.
14. Proverbs are thus the result of observations contained in the shortest possible message so that they could easily be remembered.
15. At first, they were only passed on by word of mouth.
16. Eventually, collectors started to write them down to preserve them for posterity.
17. Although many work-related proverbs seem to be out of date, the basic message will always be relevant, hence their usage.

LESSON 28: CATCHING A SUBURBAN TRAIN

1. In the street: Excuse me, sir. Could you tell me where the railway station is? Is it far from here?
2. No, it isn't; it depends. It'll take you about 15 minutes if you walk.
3. However, if you catch the bus, you'll be there in about 5.
4. Where is the busstop, sir?
5. It is just on this side of the next set of traffic lights.
6. Thanks very much sir; much obliged!
7. That's all right!
8. At the ticket window: Good morning. When is the next train to Richmond?
9. At ten forty-two; you've got 20 minutes.
10. Which platform?
11. Platform 18. Single or return? A return, please.
12. How much will that be; I'm a student.
13. That'll be \$3.60 with concession.
14. In the train: Is this seat free, madam? I prefer a window seat, you see; then I can enjoy the countryside.
15. Yes, that seat is not occupied as far as I know, unless the person sitting there went to the lavatory (toilet).
16. May I open the window? I can't stand the heat very well, I faint easily.
17. We're asked not to open the window; once we're moving, the train will be airconditioned.
18. Lovely day isn't it; at least it's not raining!
19. That looks like a pretty heavy bag you have there; it'll fit under the back-to-back seats, for sure.
20. Yes, thanks; you're right. I might as well put it there.
21. Make yourself comfortable; it's an hour's ride. Richmond did you say?

LESSON 29: AT A YOUTH HOSTEL

1. Good morning. I would like to stay here three days if it's possible.
2. Did you make a booking?
3. No, I didn't unfortunately, I changed plans.
4. You're lucky; we do have some vacancies.
5. Excellent! What is still available?
6. The dormitory has ten beds in it, or do you prefer a private room?
7. No, thanks; that's too expensive for me. I'm quite happy to stay in a dorm; it's much cheaper, no doubt.
8. For non-members it's \$22 per night; members only pay \$20. Can I see your card, please?
9. A 2 dollar discount suits me; here's my card and my passport as well.
10. Please fill in this form; you can use this pen.
11. Here it is; I hope you can read it.
12. That'll be \$60 plus \$5 deposit for the keys to the dorm and your locker.
13. Do I get a refund when I leave.
14. Certainly, provided you hand in the keys; some people lose them, you see.
15. Is breakfast included?
16. Yes, it is. The dining room in the basement is open from 7-11.
17. Do I have to pay in advance?
18. It depends. If you don't, we'll keep your passport.
19. That's not a good idea. I'll pay you now. I've only got a \$100 note.
20. No worries; here's your change. You're in dorm 8, bed number 4; it's on the fourth floor.
21. Thank you.
22. The hostel is open 24 hours. Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the building; smoke detectors are in operation. Enjoy your stay!

LESSON 30: TRAVELLING BY CAR 1.

1. Good morning, sir. We'd like to hire a car.
2. What sort of vehicle are you after?
3. We're looking for a reliable car because we want to do a fair bit of driving during the next six months.
4. Where are you from?
5. We're backpackers from Belgium.
6. Well, most young people like yourselves come here to hire a car, but then decide to buy one instead.
7. Why do they change their mind?
8. By showing them that hiring a car for such a long time is quite expensive.
9. You mean that buying one is cheaper in the end?
10. Yes, so that's obviously an advantage, isn't it?
11. Can you explain that please; we're interested.
12. We specialise in selling good, used cars and buying them back when your holidays are over. That's got to be a better deal.

13. What sort of car do you recommend?
14. A Ford Falcon stationwagon will give you the least amount of trouble; it's a real workhorse!
15. Is it easy to drive?
16. Yes, especially since it's automatic!
17. Why do backpackers buy it?
18. Because they can sleep in it and it seems to go for ever and ever.
19. What sort of money can we expect to get back for it after the trip?
20. As a rule, we pay half the price you paid for it.
21. That doesn't sound too bad actually!
22. No, our customers are always quite happy with that arrangement.

LESSON 31: TRAVELLING BY CAR 2.

1. Mind you, the car has to still be in reasonably good condition.
2. So not when the mirrors are ripped off, the car is full of dents with a bent bumperbar?
3. You're not wrong! If the worst comes to the worst, YOU owe us some money!
4. So, what have you got?
5. Just as well you came early; that blue one over there is ready to go; it's not beautiful, but it's not ugly either.
6. You mean we could actually be on our way today?
7. Indeed! We'll send you off with a roadmap, a good set of tyres and a full tank of petrol.
8. Does it also run on gas?
9. Yes, but that's not always available in the outback.
10. Is the car insured?
11. Yes, against theft, damage caused by you, and when people die in an accident when you're in the wrong; in Australia it's called the green slip.
12. We'll hope it won't come to that!
13. If it does, never fail to stop in that case, otherwise you'll wind up in jail!
14. We'll avoid that at any cost.
15. You have to stop in order to exchange details.
16. How much registration (rego) is left on it?
17. About 8 months; so you're right as far as that is concerned.
18. After how many kilometers does the car have to be serviced?
19. After about 10,000k.
20. How old is the car?
21. It's a 2000 model, so it's 8 years old. All lights are working, it has a brand new battery and a new air filter.

LESSON 32: TRAVELLING BY CAR 3.

1. What's the petrol consumption?
2. In the city, about 9 k to the litre; in the country, nearly 11.
3. Anything else we should be aware of?
4. Keep an eye on the petrol gauge! When the car stops because the tank is empty, you're in trouble.
5. Yes, that happened to us once before, so we learnt our lesson.

6. Make sure the petrol cap is closed tight.
7. We'll always keep the tank topped up.
8. Especially in some off the beaten track areas where petrol stations are few and far between.
9. The isolated ones that are there probably never shut their doors.
10. That's right; they're open 7 days a week plus you can eat in or take away your hamburger if you're in a hurry.
11. Can you show us how everything works before we go? We've never driven such a car.
12. Of course I can, but let's first fill in the paperwork. I need to check your International Driver's licence as well.
13. We'll pay by creditcard.
14. OK, that's settled. Let's go. I'll take you for a drive around the block.
15. There's no key in the ignition!
16. Thanks, I forgot; it's still on the board. There is also a spare key; you had better put it in a safe place.
17. How do you put it in reverse?
18. Look, like this. Remember to drive on the left in this country; not on the right like you do in most European countries!
19. Do foreigners sometimes forget?
20. Yes, they do! Do not exceed the speed limits; fines are heavy. Remember to wear seatbelts while driving. On your way!
21. Thanks for everything. See you later

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 3.

1. Did you get the parcel I **sent**? When did you **send** it?
2. **This rod is bent; the metal is too soft, so it bends easily.**
3. How much money did you **spend**? I **spent** about \$100.
4. **This time I woke up at 7; I usually wake up at 8. The neighbour's barking dogs must have woken me up.**
5. You always **break** things. Last week, you **broke** my Greek statue. How can I display it when it's **broken**?
6. **Jean always wanted to leap from a very high cliff, so today, she leapt from one into the sea.**
7. John **stole** my wallet so next time, I'll **steal** his.
8. **I nearly froze to death; your place is like a freezer.**
9. The children were playing **hide** and seek. One **hid** in a cupboard; another one was **hidden** behind the curtains.
10. **I don't want to ride this horse any longer; I've never ridden such a disobedient one. She threw me off when I rode in the park yesterday.**
11. How far can you **throw** a tennis ball? I've **thrown** it often 40m.
12. **Did you see the Jetman fly over the English Channel? Yes, I saw it on T.V. I've never ever seen such a thing.**
13. This was the first time that he **flew** over water. He had **flown** over land many times before.
14. **Bill is a book binder. Today he is bound for New York to give a demonstration of how they bound books the old-fashioned way.**
15. Did you **wind** up the clock? Yes, I **wound** it up 2 hours ago.
16. **The soldier was wounded (oe). Nurses wound a bandage around the wound.**
17. I **know**. I should have **known** earlier! I **knew** it all along.
18. **Jack finally sought help; he never wanted to seek help before.**

LESSON 33: PHOTOS AND CDs

1. Can I have this film developed here?
2. Yes, you can. It'll take about an hour.
3. Can you also develop digital photos?
4. No, I'm sorry. There's a special shop around the corner though where you can have it done.
5. I'll go there now because I also need the battery for my digital camera recharged.
6. The owner can also transfer photos from a camera to a CD.

7. Thanks, that's handy to know; I'll be back shortly.
8. Oh, by the way! Do you want me to put a new roll in your camera?
9. Yes, please; a colour one would be good.
10. Can I help you with something else?
11. Yes, I want to buy a couple of CDs.
12. The music department is on the next floor up; you can use the escalator.
13. Excuse me ma'am. Will these CDs work on any CD player?
14. Is yours a PAL or a NTSC system?
15. I really don't know; I've never heard of these names. I'll have to ring my dad; he lives in Hungary, you see.
16. Anything else?
17. Not for the moment, thanks; I'm just looking around.

SOME MORE PROVERBS

1. The apples on the other side of the wall are sweetest.
2. The grass on the other side of the fence is always greener.
3. As you make your bed, you must lie in it.
4. Barking dogs seldom bite.
5. Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow.
6. Better one bird in the hand than two in the bush.
7. Better be sure than sorry.

LESSON 34: SIGHTSEEING

1. Do you want to come with me, Helen?
2. Depends where you're going.
3. I want to go to the famous cathedral here, the little church nearby and eventually the Museum of Fine Arts.
4. Well, that's quite a program! Is it possible to do that in one day?

5. Let me put it this way; it's not impossible.
6. So as a matter of fact, it can be done, you reckon.
7. Now you're talking!
8. OK then, I'll join you. Are these places open on Sunday?
9. Churches by definition, you silly! Museums usually are; we'll find out. Let's go there first then.

10. AT THE MUSEUM: Good morning! What's the admission?

11. It's free.
12. May we go in already?
13. No, not yet; we're open in ten minutes time.
14. Can we take a seat in the foyer or look around?
15. By all means!
16. The architecture is very impressive. When was this building built?
17. In the late sixteenth century.
18. May we take pictures inside?
19. No, taking pictures is strictly prohibited.
20. Museums raise money by selling postcards produced by professionals because costs are forever rising.

21. Do you perhaps know whether or not the little church nearby is open to tourists?
22. No, it has been closed for repairs since the beginning of this year; it was in a terrible state. Some walls were crumbling!

LESSON 35: DIFFERENT SHOPS

1. The butcher (French: boucher) in the butchery sells meat.
Words derived from Dutch = Deutsch (German): -augh
The river was **fraught** with danger.
2. A butcher wanted to **slaughter** the old **draught** horse of his **haughty** and **naughty daughter**. She was so **distraught** that she wanted to jump into the water. Her father **laughed** and **caught** her. That **taught** her a lesson!
3. **The baker in the bakery bakes bread and all sorts of pastry.**
4. The stationer in a stationery shop sells notepads, pens, pencils, textas, paper, newspapers, envelopes, magazines, coloured pens, correction pens, rubbers, folders, files, agendas, paperclips, ribbons for cash registers and old-fashioned typewriters, gluesticks and umpteen other items.
5. **A hardware store sells everything for the handyman and the handywoman such as hammers, chisels, screwdrivers, sawblades, chainsaws, nails, screws, paint, wheelbarrows, ladders, brushes ...**
6. A laundry is where you can do your own washing or have it washed, dried and folded if you're prepared to pay quite a bit more.
7. **A drycleaner cleans coats, blankets, dresses, shirts, etc.**
8. A greengrocer sells vegetables, potatoes, onions and fruit.

LESSON 36: AT THE TAXI RANK

1. Good morning, sir. Can you drive me around the shopping district, please?
2. **Where do you come from?**
3. The Netherlands, where the windmills are.
4. **The flagfall is \$5, that includes the first two kilometers.**
5. Can you stop in front of this bank? Please wait for me; I'll only be a few minutes... Thanks for waiting.
6. **And where to next? I bet you want to go to the Opera House!**
7. How did you guess? Is it far away.
8. **Well, the fare will be about \$20 but judging by your beautiful dress you can afford it.**
9. That's an expensive compliment though. Thanks for the pleasant ride.

LESSON 37: ENTERTAINMENT

1. What would you like to do today, Laura?
2. I just browsed through the entertainment section in the newspaper; there are so many things on at the moment,
3. Yes, it seems to be more and more difficult to choose from.
4. Since we went to Opera per Tutti last week, I suggest we might as well listen to the concert given in St. Stephen's Basilica; it starts at 8 tonight.
5. It was named in honour of Stephen, the first king of Hungary. It's the largest church in Budapest.
6. Do you know where it is?
7. Yes, I've got a map; it's in line with the Chain Bridge over the Danube. From here, 2 stops in the trolleybus.
8. Do we have to reserve tickets?
9. No, that won't be necessary. The church holds an astonishing number of worshippers; 8000, they say, so there will be room for a couple of ungodly ones like us!
10. Who's playing?
11. The Solti Chamber Orchestra. This ensemble was created, with the blessing of Lady Solti, to honour the life and work of the legendary Hungarian conductor Sir Georg Solti who died in 1997.
12. What do they play and how much are the tickets?
13. Works by Bach, Purcell, Bizet, Elgar, Mozart, Puccini, Albinoni. The tickets are 20 euro each; there's no concession for students.
14. Sounds good. I'll meet you at the main entrance at 7:30.
15. Are you first going somewhere else then?
16. Yes. One of my classmates is organising a garden party to raise money for his sister who had her new bicycle stolen.
17. Should I come also? I've nothing else to do.
18. It starts at 3, so we might as well have a game of tennis first, then freshen up and leave.

LESSON 38: DRIVING

1. Do you drive?
2. Now I do; I just got my licence.
3. Did you get it the first time off?
4. No, girls usually do; boys always have to do the test twice or even three times. They always go too fast.
5. So you're on P-plates; manual or automatic?
Provisional
6. A manual, of course; real macho!
7. Why didn't YOU get it the first time?
8. I went through a red light at 80k an hour!
9. That was pretty stupid. How did THAT happen?
10. I had a terrible cold; I kept on sneezing
11. Why did the testing officer let you drive in the first place?
12. Because I caught it from him; that's the amazing thing!
13. It's a wonder that you didn't kill anybody!
14. That's right. Fortunately, there was nobody around.
15. That only happens once in a blue moon!
(two full moons in one month)
16. I had my test at midnight; they were booked out during the whole day. They do three 8-hour shifts now, you see.
17. You had better be more careful from now on.
18. Yes, I use sneeze tablets as well now when I drive.
19. I know somebody who did the very same thing, except HE died!
20. I remember. Benjamin Boilermaker; he was the goalkeeper of our soccer (football) team.
21. He was always a danger to himself; in and out of hospital with broken arms, legs or sprained ankles.
22. He once caught the ball plus a striker's soccerboot!
23. He once scored a goal from a goalkick and that's not a lie!

24. Also at midnight I guess?

LESSON 39: AT THE DENTIST AND A GAME OF TENNIS

1. Where were you the day before yesterday? I rang you twice.
2. What time did you ring?
3. At two and two thirty.
4. Oh, I was at the dentist; I had an appointment for 2 o'clock.
5. What was wrong; anything serious?
6. No, not really except that I've had a toothache for quite a while; 2 cavities because I lost 2 fillings.
7. Did he fix it?
8. Yes, he did.
9. Did you have an injection?
10. No, not for fillings; only for an extraction.

11. Do you have to go back for a check-up?
12. Yes, the day after tomorrow.
13. Does that mean that we have to forfeit our game of tennis?
14. Oh, I'm sorry; I forgot.
15. Can you cancel the appointment; it isn't that important, is it?
16. Of course I can; I'll just ask for another appointment.
17. Did you pay for your trip to London already?
18. No, not yet because the travel agent doesn't accept traveller's cheques any longer; I'll have to withdraw some money when there's enough in my account.
19. Let's buy a bottle of apricot nectar and mango-banana; I'm thirsty after this conversation.
20. I can see that! One minute it's full, the next it's empty!

SOME MORE RIDDLES

1. Why do birds fly south?
Because it's too far to walk!
2. What gets lost every time you stand up?
Your lap!
3. What kind of dog has no tail?
A hot dog!

LESSON 40: DINNER

1. Do you want to come for dinner tonight?
2. I'm looking forward to it; what's the occasion?
3. For one thing, it's payday; I received my first paypacket in my life. That needs a celebration!
4. What's the second reason?
5. I passed all my exams!
6. Congratulations! Shall I come now to give you a hand?
7. That's a good idea. I'll do the cooking, you set the table.
8. Do we need glasses and candle holders?
9. Yes, because I bought a bottle of real Spanish sangria and half a dozen (French: douze) of coloured candles.
10. What's on the menu? You know I'm easy to please.
11. Chickensoup to start with. Then for the main course mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, a side-salad with tomato, cucumber, olives, spring onions, peppers and peanuts.
12. No meat?
13. Yes, of course! Beefsteak: rare, medium or well done.
14. I would like to do the salad dressing; I'll use olive oil, ground pepper, sugar and lemon juice instead of vinegar (vinegar: from French vin aigre - zure wijn)
15. Fine by me!
16. Will I buy some dessert?
17. Splendid! Can you also buy a small jar of honey?
18. Anything else while I'm here?
19. Maybe a packet of codeine in case I develop a headache after all this excitement.
20. Is that all?
21. Definitely! Be sure not to tumble down my rickety stairs.
22. I do remember the proverb! Less haste, more speed.

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 4.

1. What do you **mean** by: "I **meant** to go but I didn't? My mother asked me to come over to help her but I **forgot**."
2. **You always forget things. How many times have you forgotten to ring me?**
3. The nasty looking chap **strode** towards me with big **strides** as if he were to attack me.
4. I found **your purse on the floor under the table. No wonder I couldn't find it!**
5. It's time I **wrote** a letter to my dear old auntie; I don't seem to find time to **write** letters. She has **written** to me twice this month.
6. **You always seem to wear the same clothes; you even wore them six years ago! They must be quite worn now. Yes, I tore a hole in them today; I suppose that old garments tear easily. Yes, they're all torn now; throw them away and buy new clothes.**
7. I could have **sworn** that I heard the minister **swear**; he never **swore** before! It must have been a slip of the tongue.
8. **The lights went off so my father lit a candle.**
9. I **thought** I **heard** a dog bark. You always **think** that you **hear** things. Well, it's far better than being **deaf**!
10. **The leader led the party through what looked like a labyrinth.**
11. The thief **fled** faster than a **fly** when the police appeared.
12. **I like to drive. I've driven hundreds of miles. Last year, I drove around Australia.**
13. "Early to **rise** makes a man **healthy**, **wealthy** and **wise**." For the last 20 years, I've **risen** at 5; yesterday even at 4, but the proverb doesn't seem to work for me.
14. **Littly Freddy likes to blow bubbles. This morning, he blew bubbles from 8 till midday! He must have blown 1001.**
15. What will you **buy** for my birthday? I've already **bought** it!
16. **Did you bring your bike? I brought it yesterday.**

LESSON 41: CAMPING 1

1. We need to do some shopping before we set off.
2. At the supermarket, prices are cheapest beyond any doubt.
3. Yes, at least 20% lower than those at the corner shop.
4. Let's make a shopping list then.
5. It'll probably be a very long one.
6. Here we go: a dozen soft rolls and at least 3 loaves of bread.

7. What kind of bread shall we buy?
8. White for toasting, a multi-grain and a soy-linseed one; that's very good for you.
9. Where were we, oh yes: strawberry jam or breakfast marmalade, chocolate paste, vegemite, peanutbutter, cheese, butter or margarine, eggs, barbecue sauce, cereals, cans of soup, beans, sardines, ham, corned beef.
10. That's already quite a bit!
11. Toothpaste, soap, deodorant, towels, matches, toilet paper.
12. We don't have to buy towels, soap and deodorant; just bring your own!
13. I'm glad there's someone practical amongst us.
14. Drinks: mineral water, orange juice, apple juice, grapefruit juice or a tropical mixture.
15. Vegetables, potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, radishes, cabbage, cauliflower (koolbloem), spinach.
16. Fruit, apples, pears, grapes, bananas.
17. Desserts: yoghurt or custard with tinned fruit.
18. What else? Rice and pasta, olive oil, seasoning - salt and ground pepper - coffee, tea, sugar, milkpowder.
19. We have to have our gas bottle refilled; it's nearly empty. I can smell it; that means it's on the way out.
20. Cooking facilities: pots, pans, fry pan or a skillet, bowls, plates.

LESSON 42: CAMPING 2.

1. Cutlery: knives, forks, spoons, a pair of scissors.
2. **Kerosene for our oil lamps.**
3. What about a torch; we had better check the battery as well.
4. **Yes, no good fiddling around in the dark like last time.**
5. That should be enough, I think; it'll cost a small fortune!

6. **Whose car are we taking?**
7. Mine of course, it's a combi; twice as big as the set of wheels you guys have got.
8. **Always bragging!**
9. Well, it's true! If our tent collapses because of a heavy storm, we can easily sleep in it, plus it holds more.
10. **Do you also pay for the petrol then?**
11. Not on your life; you've got to be joking!
12. **But you're on the dole; you're the only one who gets money by not working!**
13. Is that meant to be an insult?
14. **No, just a practical observation.**
15. We want a campsite with hot showers this time and with a washbasin that isn't blocked.
16. **What's the weather going to be like?**
17. Don't tell me you believe in forecasts!

A FEW MORE RIDDLES

1. What is the last thing you take off when you go to bed?
When you take your feet off the floor!
2. What do giraffes have that no other animals have?
Baby giraffes!
3. Why does the fireman wear red braces?
To keep his trousers up!
4. Why did the little boy throw the clock out the window?
Because he wanted to see time fly!
5. What is the best way to make a fire with two sticks?
Make sure one of the sticks is a match stick.
6. What did the big firecracker say to the little firecracker?
My pop is bigger than your pop!

LESSON 43: LAY-BY AND A VISIT TO THE OPTOMETRIST

1. Do you like this dress, Kay?
2. Well, it's not bad. Try it on; the change room is over there.
3. How does it look?
4. Well, to be honest, it looks kind of funny on you. A bit old-fashioned really. Besides, it doesn't fit properly.
5. What about that one?
6. I think it'll suit you better; try again.
7. I'll check first to see if they got my size; I'd want a smaller size.
8. That looks great on you! However, the sleeves are too long.
9. I can shorten them myself; I'm a good seamstress, you know!
10. Well, if you're happy with that, go ahead.
11. How much is this dress, ma'am; the tag is missing.
12. Thirty dollars. Since it's on sale, I'll take 20% off.
13. I'm sorry; I haven't got that much on me.
14. You can use our lay-by system.
15. OK. I'll pay \$5 now and come back next week.
16. As you wish. I'll put it aside for you; here's your receipt.

17. Can I buy sunglasses in this store?
18. Yes, you can. Take the escalator; you've got to go 2 floors down.
19. Hello! I need a special kind of sunglasses; the ones I have are faulty. They're prescription glasses. I'm colourblind, you see.

20. You had better discuss that with our optometrist.
21. Can I make an appointment?
22. That won't be necessary; he happens to be here. Follow me.
23. My friend would like to come with me; is that permitted?
24. I have no objection; please come in as well then.
25. Good afternoon, ladies. Two pairs of sunglasses, I hear?
26. No, sir. Kay only wants to see whether the glasses you suggest I should have, look nice on me.
27. Has your boyfriend no say in the matter?
28. I haven't got one; he cheated on me!

LESSON 44: AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL 2.

1. Do you sell stamps or stamped envelopes here?
2. No, I'm sorry; we don't , only telephone cards, tickets for boat trips on the river and sightseeing buses.
3. Is there any mail for me perhaps?
4. Yes, there's a letter for you from the Taxation Department.
5. Was anybody looking for me; a lady or a gentleman?
6. No, but somebody called while you were out. I took a message; here it is.
7. I would like to hire a towel; I forgot to bring one. I guess my bag was already full.
8. As with the keys to your locker, we charge a \$5 deposit. Just a moment, please! ... Excuse me, sir; are those suitcases yours?
9. Indeed, they are mine; are they in the way?
10. Well, isn't that obvious; they're right in front of the entrance. Nobody can come in or go out!
11. Where will I put them then?
12. In any case not THERE, that's for sure! You can put them in the store room over there for the time being; you can go up at 1 o'clock when the rooms are ready and the beds are made.
13. Will they be safe there?
14. You put them there at your own risk; we don't employ detectives. The best thing is for you to stay in there as well then, just to make sure nothing goes missing.
15. That's a bit rude, isn't it?
16. Well, you asked for it; we're too busy to waste time with trivialities like that.... I'm sorry for this unwanted interruption; my god, some people are dense!
17. Yes, you can easily get frustrated here, I can see that.
18. Oh, as from tomorrow, breakfast will start at 8 instead of 7.

LESSON 45: INTERNET CAFÉ 1.

1. Excuse me, boy; can you tell me where the nearest internet café is?
2. That's a bit of a coincidence! Funny you should ask me; I just left it.
3. How far is it from here?
4. Not far at all! A bit further on, between the flower shop and the shoe shop.
5. That's close indeed! Thanks.
6. Can I take you out tonight? I don't have to study, you see.
7. Well, I've got to think about that one; ring me next month.
8. What's your phone number?
9. I haven't got one.
10. So you have me on!
11. INSIDE THE CAFÉ: I like to burn a CD, check my e-mail and download my photos.
12. I'll be right with you. I'm just in the middle of cleaning the scanner and repairing the printer; it didn't work.
13. OK; I'll look around in the meantime.
14. By all means.
15. Is this a public phone; can I use it?
16. Certainly!
17. Do you sell telephone cards? I would like a 10 dollar one.
18. There happens to be one on the counter; take it!
19. I might as well make an overseas call while I'm waiting; do you happen to know the country code for China by any chance?
20. No, but you can look it up in the telephone book; it's on the shelf behind the photo copier.
21. Hello; can I speak to the Minister for Foreign Affairs please if he happens to be in. No? Tell him his nice niece called. I have no contact numer, so I'll ring again.

LESSON 46: AIRPORT CONVERSATIONS 1.

1. Could I have a time table please and a one-way ticket to the airport?
2. Domestic or International?
3. Domestic please.
4. That will be £3, thank you.
5. Do I have to change anywhere?
6. Yes, at Central; you have to go to platform 13. Trains leave every ten minutes.
7. Thirteen? That's a weird number. I'm superstitious, you know!
8. As long as you don't cross the path of a black cat or walk under a ladder, you'll be right!
9. You sound like my grandfather; always joking.
10. Well, it's far better than whinging, isn't it! Enjoy your flight.

LESSON 47: AIRPORT CONVERSATIONS 2.

1. Driver, can you take me to the overseas terminal.
2. Are you in a hurry? You look pretty excited!
3. I'm supposed to meet a friend who's about to land.
4. Before she has crossed the tarmac, collected her baggage and gone through Customs, you're looking at 30 minutes at least.
5. You're right; I'll calm down.
6. Can I help you in any way, madam? You look flustered.
7. Is it that obvious? I'm meeting a friend who's just come in from Singapore.
8. You're in the Departures Hall at the moment, madam. You need to go to the Arrivals Hall; just follow the signs.
9. Thank you; it's not my day. I seem to be on another planet.

LESSON 48: TRAVELLING BY CAR 4.

1. Wait a minute; a few more things you've got to be aware of.
2. We're all ears; fire away!
3. The membership for the Road Service is in the glovebox; the number to call is on the little tag attached to the keyring.
4. Is that for the whole country?
5. That's right.
6. Anything else we should know?
7. There IS actually. After you've checked the oil, the pressure in the tyres and topped up the water in the radiator and the battery, make sure the bonnet is closed properly, otherwise it'll fly up.
8. Yes, of course. The last thing you want is to have your view blocked.
9. It might even rip off its hinges, smash the window or fly over the top and cause an accident.
10. Something like that happened to a friend of ours; the roofrack with a mattress on top of the car in front of him landed just in front of his motor bike.
11. Those are the hazards of driving. That reminds me. The country roads here are badly lit at night, so use your high beam as much as possible.
12. It would make it easier to spot stray animals as well.
13. Are you clear now about everything? If you still have any questions, give us a ring; there's always somebody here.
14. That should be sufficient, I think. Anyway, thanks again!
15. See you when you come back. Enjoy your holiday and happy birthday next week.
16. What kind of petrol do we put in?
17. Premium unleaded; just as well you asked!
18. Phew! That's a lot to remember. I'm already dead tired after all this.

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 5.

1. A fly **flew** against the edge of the desk. It's not there any more so it must have **flown** away.
2. Little David **used to** grow pumpkins. Last year, he **grew the biggest one ever** because he **has** grown himself also.
3. The person involved in the accident was **bleeding** profusely. If the doctor hadn't been on the spot, he would have **bled** to death.
4. These two businessmen **always** meet **at ten on the dot**. Yesterday morning, they met **half an hour later** because they **both had been busy**. (busy-business; drop the y ...)
5. **Put** the jug on! I've already **put** it on.
6. The young waitress **shook the milk but** spilt it all so we didn't get our milkshake. **While she was all shaken up**, the owner told us that she usually spills **everything**.
7. So we said: "Why don't you **tell** her to find **another** job?"
8. He **answered**: "I **married** her!"
9. If you would have **done** it the way I **did**, you wouldn't have had to **do** it again.
10. I live **opposite** a mushroom farm. When they turn the compost, it **stinks to high heaven**. This morning, even my clothes **stank because the farm hadn't stunk like that for years**.
11. I've **cut** 2 pieces or shall I **cut** 4?
12. If I go **and she goes**, we **both** go. If I went **and she went**, we **would both be** gone.
13. My tyre **sprang** a leak. That's the second time it has **sprung** a leak today!
14. The blacksmith **shod (not shot!) my horse; four shoes in all**.
15. Don't **shoot!** You've already **shot** me twice; I'm dying.
16. He **bade his wife farewell**. He always bids her farewell when he leaves. She always cries after he **has** left.

LESSON 49: FEELING ILL 1.

1. You look a bit off colour, Jean.
2. Do I? You mean a bit pale?
3. Yes, that's about the same thing, isn't it?
4. I haven't been feeling well lately.
5. What are the symptoms?
6. For one thing, I've had a temperature for starters.
7. And what else?
8. It's much like a hamburger with the lot!
9. That's a very descriptive way of putting it!
10. Well, I still haven't lost my sense of humour yet.
11. Tell me all about it!
12. My back hurts, I've got a bad cough and a stomach ache.
13. Where else does it hurt?
14. My left foot. I thought one of my toes was broken when I tripped over the electric heater in the living room.
15. Where did you wind up?
16. Luckily I fell onto the couch.
17. And IS it broken?
18. No, I had an X-ray done; it's only bruised.
19. Was that all?
20. No, after the fall, my nose started bleeding; my carpet is full of blood because I didn't have a handkerchief.
21. You must have looked as if you had scarlet fever!
22. It's not funny, you know!
23. I didn't say it was, but the way you told me, it reminded me of a comedy show where everything goes wrong.
24. Yes, I suppose people find that hilarious.

LESSON 50: FEELING ILL 2.

1. Did the doctor give you a prescription for all your ailments?
2. He prescribed about ten different drugs.
3. The chemist must have been suspicious.
4. Well, he really looked somewhat surprised.
5. And then?
6. As a matter of fact, he burst out laughing and then with him all the assistants and about twenty customers!
7. How embarrassing!
8. I felt like the actress in the famous play called "The Hypochondriac."
9. You must be feeling better as we go through the acts.
10. I think you're right you know; I DO feel a bit better.
11. Maybe it was all psychosomatic.
12. No, I'm sick of being sick!
13. Are you still working?
14. No, I took a week off.
15. Time to take your pills now; how many?
16. I've got to take all tablets three times a day.
17. What! That's 30 in one day!
18. Yes, quite a lot isn't it?
19. Quite a lot? It's committing suicide!
20. Should I go to another doctor to get a second opinion?
21. Of course you should!
22. Shall I call an ambulance?
23. No, a taxi will suffice.

LESSON 51: RENTING A FLAT 1.

1. Hello, we're here for a whole year on a working visa.
2. Where are you from?
3. Denmark, a small country of about 5 million inhabitants.
4. That's where the Danish pastry comes from and the tins of real butter cookies.
5. We want to rent part of a house, preferably on the ground floor, somewhere near the beach.
6. Why near the beach? It's usually more expensive.
7. We want to work in one of the restaurants near the ocean.
8. The cheapest one I've got is at the back of an old-fashioned suburban house in a quiet cul-de-sack.

9. That means it won't be very noisy.
10. That's right! It's only 5 minutes walking distance from the shopping centre and the restaurants.
11. For how many months do we have to sign a lease?
12. For six months.
13. Is there anybody at the moment?
14. The old lady who rents it out is there most of the time; she's a widow. Her husband passed away last year.
15. Could you make an appointment for us; we want to have a look at it first.
16. OK, I'll ring to see if she's home.
17. Please do.
18. She says she'll be home from midday onwards.
19. Please tell her that we'll be there at a quarter past 12.
20. Yes, that will suit her perfectly.
21. Could you give us directions how to get there?
22. It's at number 12 Blue Grass Close; a weatherboard cottage.

LESSON 52: RENTING A FLAT 2.

1. That's a musical name! Did her husband play in a band?
2. Yes, he played a 5-string banjo; he probably coined the name when he bought the first block of land in the street.
3. Sorry for interrupting you.
4. That's all right! Turn left into the main street, take the third street on your right - there is a police station on the corner - and then first left.
5. Before we go, we might as well see if we can afford it.
6. There's a \$200 deposit and the weekly rent comes to \$100; that includes gas and electricity.
7. That's quite reasonable.
8. I think she doesn't want to be alone in the house; that's why.
9. OK then; we'll be back.

INSPECTION

10. Good afternoon, madam! The agent gave you a call to say that we were on our way.
11. That's right, I expected you; come in.
12. I am Sally and this is Laura; pleased to meet you.
13. I may look a bit exhausted because I didn't sleep at all last night.
14. Don't worry, that can happen to the best of us; I hope it will be better tonight.
15. I'll take you through this rather long corridor; afterwards you will be able to come in from the back.
16. Have you lived here long?
17. Yes, I have. As a matter of fact our first child, who is now a grown man of 42, was born here.
18. Do you live by yourself now?
19. Yes, my husband died two years ago; I still haven't got used to it yet.

LESSON 53: RENTING A FLAT 3.

1. Yes, I can imagine.
2. Here we are; it's a small but a completely self-contained (s/c) set-up.
3. Well, there's a place to cook, to sit and to sleep; that's about all we need.
4. You're not into camping then?
5. No, we want to find some part-time work nearby.

6. Oh, by the way; the bathroom is outside, but under cover of course.
7. The same as at my grandparents; nothing unusual.
8. You can also sit in the garden if you like; it's a bit overgrown because I suffer from arthritis. I'm not so agile as I used to be.

9. Oh, we like gardening; we might even put in some veggies.

10. By all means; you're welcome to do that.
11. We're both raised on an organic farm so we both have green fingers so to speak.
12. My brother comes occasionally to get rid of the weeds; he has a poultry farm, so he's usually pretty busy.
13. We can look after that while we're here.
14. So, what do you think of the place; something you had in mind?
15. As far as I am concerned, I feel already at home.
16. And what about you, Laura?
17. I also feel quite comfortable here.
18. This is only the second time I've people staying here.
19. Is this why the gas-range and the fans are kind of new looking?
20. No, that's because the previous tenants made a mess of the place while I was in hospital for a hip replacement.

LESSON 54: RENTING A FLAT 4.

1. Were they all by themselves then?
2. Yes, they were. My son who was living with me at the time because of a divorce got attacked by a fierce leopard that had escaped from the zoo.
3. Was he mauled like gladiators in a Roman Circus?
4. You wouldn't believe it but he only had a few scratches.
5. How come? I've never heard of a person surviving under those unforeseen circumstances.
6. That's what they all say. However, the leopard happened to pick the wrong target.
7. Are you going to tell us that the leopard instead of your son jeopardised its life? Another religious miracle perhaps?
8. No, but it's quite hilarious actually. The leopard didn't know that my son is a World Champion Weight Lifter; I'll show you his gold medallion....
9. You were talking about the mess the tenants left behind.
10. That's right; we got sidetracked. They smashed all the cups and saucers, burnt two chairs, took three double adapters, damaged four outlets, cut off the plugs of the bedlamps and the water jug, ruined the blinds, broke the doorlock and a coffee table.
11. They must have been drug addicts judging by the way they vandalised the place.
12. I daresay! My brother and I were flat out to restore order.
13. That must have cost a mint to have things repaired.
14. The plumber and the electrician spent a whole week here.
15. Did the culprits take off without collecting their deposit?
16. Yes, they did. Besides, they wouldn't have had a chance to get it back. The police would have charged them with all sorts of offences.

LESSON 55: RENTING A FLAT 5.

1. What is the voltage here; is it safe to use our 220 volt hairdryer?
2. Yes, it is, as long as you don't have the jug, the toaster, the washing machine and three fans on as well!
3. What would happen; would we set the house on fire?
4. No, not something that hectic! You'll simply blow the fuse.

5. At home, you just turn the main switch and bingo!
6. No, not here; we've still got the old system whereby you have to replace the fuse.
7. Are there any spare blankets, sheets, pillow cases and bathtowels anywhere?
8. Yes, they're in the yellow cupboard over there; an awful colour isn't it? My husband was colour blind.
9. I bet the vacuum cleaner is also in it!
10. Yes, it is, but not the tablecloth, the paper napkins and the teatowels; they're in the kitchen drawer, second one down.
11. The tap is leaking; it probably needs a new washer; we can fix that for you, we've done it many times before.
12. That's handy! Washers and spare lightbulbs are in a little cardboard box on the shelf in the shed; tools are also there.
13. We'll also fix the window. It seems to be stuck; I just tried it. My father taught me to do all these odd jobs around the house when I was six; it saves a lot of money!

14. There's a mirror in the bathroom above the vanity table. If you need another one for here, I'll get you the one that's in my living room; I'm too old to be vain.
15. Are there any dangerous or even poisonous creatures about?
16. I wouldn't worry too much about them; just use your eyes and your common sense. There will always be spiders, rats, mice, flies, mosquitoes, snails, slugs, ants, bugs and the occasional snake.

LESSON 56: RENTING A FLAT 6.

1. Well, that should be about all, I would imagine.
2. I'm here most of the time; just ask if you're in trouble.
3. That's nice to know.
4. Have you had any lunch yet; you must be hungry by now?
5. I'm actually starving to tell you the truth.
6. I know what youngsters are like; a piece of toast in the morning and a glass of water to lose weight.
7. That's about right!
8. Take some milk out of the fridge, I bought it this morning; you must be thirsty as well.
9. Shall we set the table then?
10. Yes, please. I'm going to try out my new Teflon skillet. You can choose from quite an assortment of ways to use eggs; bacon and eggs, fried egg and onion, hard- or soft boiled eggs, scrambled eggs, an omelet with mushrooms.
11. I'll have bacon & eggs; I think Laura is more into scrambled eggs.
12. Not a problem! I won't be long. You can butter some slices of bread if you like. Bread is in the bread bin, plates are under the sink, cutlery in the top kitchen drawer.
13. Well, I'm quite full; that was delicious!
14. And what about you, Laura?
15. More than enough! That was very kind of you.
16. Here is the key to the back door; you can let yourself out, I take it?
17. Yes, thanks; we'll be back shortly. We'll sign the lease now.

SOME MORE RIDDLES

1. Why do white sheep eat so much more than black sheep?
Because there are so many more white sheep!
2. How many lions can you put in an empty cage?
One. After that, the cage is not empty!

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 6.

1. Don't **dig** too deep; you've already **dug** deep enough.
2. **The ballet dancer kept spinning. If she keeps it up, she must have spun at least 2 minutes.**
3. I believe you have **quit** work. I'll **quit** today; it's too hard.
4. **Did you make your bed? I made it one second ago, so it's made.**
5. That medicine has **proven** its value already so I don't have to **prove** it myself.
6. **The woodmen were busy hewing the tree trunk to pieces. Ten minutes later, they had hewn the whole trunk.**
7. I won't **give** you any more money. Last week, I **gave** you \$100. I must have **given** you \$400 this month.
8. **John trod on a nail. He has trodden on it before. He's too lazy to get rid of it. His father was a fakir who used to tread on broken glass and hot coal as a "Mind over Matter" exercise.**
9. Aborigines believe in sprits who **dwell** in secret places where their ancestors have **dwelt** for thousands of years. These spirits would attack lonely travellers and children who had **run** away from the camp. In Holland, similar creatures were used to stop children playing too close to the edge of the water; it worked!
10. **The gasbottle is almost empty; I can smell it. I already smelt it yesterday.**
11. During a **hold-up**, one of the criminals **held** the shopkeeper in a tight grip. The shop has been **held** up twice now.
12. **Don't ask me to lend you more money. You never pay me back. I've lent you too much already.**
13. **Bear** in mind that I **bore** the brunt of your troubles. It has to be **borne** in mind that I wasn't **born** yesterday!
14. **My husband was bored to death and I was bored stiff.**
15. **Shearers shore** all day so now the sheep are **shorn**.
16. **Shall I tell you the good news? No, you told me already.**

LES 57: TRAVELLING BY CAR 5.

1. After four months, the vehicle the Belgian boys had bought developed problems.
2. They had a puncture caused by a roofing nail.
3. Since they had placed the jack in the wrong spot, it went up right through the floor of the car when they jacked it up!
4. Besides, the spare tyre was flat!
5. Fortunately, they had a mobile phone so for the first time, instead of the usual small talk, it was used for an emergency.
6. Unfortunately, they were in the middle of nowhere so the Roadservice of which they were a member didn't come to the rescue until 10 days later; by helicopter!
7. Both boys and Falcon were flown to the nearest depot some 300 kilometers towards the coast.
8. A month later, the car wouldn't start properly and when it did, it kept on stalling.
9. They once ran out of petrol and had to hitchhike to get to a petrol station 50 kilometers away.
10. They had to walk back because they were on a one-way road!
11. In the end, they had to stop at a garage and ask the mechanic to find out what was wrong with their vehicle.
12. In order to make it roadworthy again, he needed to replace the starter motor, the carburettor, the battery, the sparkplugs, the fanbelt, the four tyres, the windscreen wipers, the handbrake and the gearbox.
13. The garage didn't have these parts in stock so they had to order them in which would at least take two weeks.
14. Since the repair would take another two weeks, the boys asked the owner of the garage where they could set up camp.
15. He said, "Just follow the road you're on, turn right beyond the bridge and then walk about ten k until you come to a shady spot next to a little creek; it's quite comfortable.

LESSON 58: TRAVELLING BY CAR 6.

1. The owner continued, "However, before you go, you're better off to calm down after the shock and relax a couple of hours in my home."
2. **That's awfully nice of you to invite us in.**
3. It's entirely up to you of course; you can leave whenever you want. You can meet the wife, my daughter and a friend of ours who used to catch crocodiles in The Northern Territory.
4. **That is quite a dangerous occupation I would imagine?**
5. Yes, something like, "Once bitten, twice shy!"
6. **He works in the zoo now where he only has to feed them.**
7. Thanks very much for your hospitality; we had better be on our way.
8. **Hang on; our friend can give you a lift. He knows this area like the back of his hand; he caught the occasional crocodile in the creek where your campsite will be.**

LESSON 59: INTERNET CAFÉ 2.

1. Hello, this is the nice niece of the Minister for Foreign Affairs; is he in this time?
2. **No, still not.**
3. At what time should I call back?
4. **He pro.....**
5. Sorry, I can't hear you, the connection is bad.
6. **He pro.....**
7. Good heavens; I've been cut off! That's annoying!
8. **What's the matter, girl; did you use up your phone card already?**
9. Yes, I'll put in some coins..... It's engaged!

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 7.

1. I'm sure the **speaker spoke** the truth. He is out-**spoken** as well as well-**spoken**.
2. I'll deal **with him**; I've dealt **with him before**.
3. Everybody **dreams**. Last night, I **dreamt** that my car was stolen.
4. I woke **up when the clock struck 12**. **When it strikes, it wakes the whole neighbourhood**.
5. Did you **find** his address? I **found** it in the directory.
6. **By Jove! (Jupiter). Look at these chives; they seem to thrive on my new compost. They always throve on the other, but they have never thriven like that before.**
7. Did you **sweep** the footpath? I've already **swept** it twice this week.
8. **My chickens are good layers; they've laid two a day.**
9. **Liars like to lie, even when they lie in bed.**
10. **Did you pay me? I paid you yesterday! (drop the Y....)**
11. Why didn't you **say** so then? Because I **said** it already 3 times.
12. **Weavers wove this cloth in a month. Last year, they had woven a dozen similar ones.**
13. Jove **strove** to do his best because he always **strives** to be helpful. For years, he has **striven** to overcome his shyness.
14. **I hurt my leg; it still hurts. I've hurt it twice now but I won't shed tears over it.**
15. I'll **show** you once more. I must have **shown** you at least ten times before; I even **showed** you five seconds ago!

A FEW MORE RIDDLES

1. How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?
Just one but it would have to be a big one!
2. Why does a hen lay eggs?
Because if she let them drop, they would break!
3. What makes more noise than a cat stuck in a tree?
Two cats stuck in a tree!

LESSON 60: WWOOF (WILLING WORKERS ON ORGANIC FARMS)

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1. What is WWOOF? WWOOF is a series of host properties where you can visit and exchange your culture while working for food and accommodation, between 4-6 hours per day with appropriate time off. Verify this information when first contacting the host.
2. **A few entries from The Australian WWOOF Book are given below. Two members can share the same book. The entries give a detailed description of properties, location, the number of guests the hosts can accommodate as well as the type of work that needs to be done.**

NEW SOUTH WALES

Victoria border North to Sydney

3. Aart Bark, 25 Reedy Road, Cattai 2756. Ph 02 45 728 568. 5 acre rural property. Sydney Central to Windsor: 1 hour. Pick up time 20 minutes. Large library, no electricity or TV. Compost dunny (toilet), tank water (rain), bush shower. I am a soccer coach, a musician and an author of books for schools: Dutch, English, Mathematics. Three hours work per day includes: wood cutting, weeding, earth wall building of art gallery & dormitory around existing rammed-earth residence, simple carpentry, feeding horses, cooking, filling kerosene lamps, cleaning a museum of bric-a-brac.
Accom. for 4 non-smoking people in my home to live as family with flexible meals. Languages spoken are: English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish and Italian.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

South of Perth and Inland

4. Helen & Bernard Werner, Corner Dunnet & Folly Rds, Nannup 6275. Ph: 08 9756 0601. 100 acres forest, 6km from Nannup, the heart of the South West WA, 50km from 2 oceans. Red tape stopped our café at property, but we are running a Bistro in town. Diverse work: organic garden work, seasonal cheese making, wine, salami and olives. Accom for 1-2 people in s/c shack or BYO. Main meal at house-meat or veg. Limited alternative power, no TV. Speak Spanish, English, French, some Italian. Stay 1-2 weeks or more. Phone 3 days prior to your arrival.

LESSON 61: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 1.

1. Hi! Sorry I'm late.
2. I bet you forgot to fill in the card for the Immigration Department.
3. Yes, I did forget. All these details; occupation, flight particulars, country of departure, whether you spent time in Africa, etc...
4. Anyway, you're looking well; you must have had a sleep on the plane.
5. Yes, I did. They gave me 3 seats in the double decker Airbus.
6. Lucky you! It does Singapore-Sydney in 6 hours instead of 8 when you fly in the 747.
7. Let's have a cup of coffee somewhere.
8. Good idea! Then you can tell me all about your trip, especially about the journey on a camel through an abandoned coconut plantation.
9. I needed to display a bit of courage though!
10. I heard that you can't always trust camels, they sometimes have strange habits.
11. You're not wrong! They spit in your face when they feel like it!
12. My grandfather used a spittoon; at least that was more civil.
13. Yes, but a dirty habit nevertheless! Can you imagine having something that filthy in a modern living room?
14. Sometimes I think the rubbish on the TV is worse!
15. What about the boat trip on the river?
16. That was even a more daring experience!
17. How's that; a boat trip on a river with land on both sides?
18. Yes, but the river runs through a reserve with hyenas on one side, lions, tigers and the odd rhinoceros on the other!
19. How much room on either side, and what swims in the river?

LESSON 62: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 2.

1. Twenty cm on either side, and sharks in the river!
2. I thought sharks only swam in oceans.
3. But there, also in the river. They follow the ships like dolphins, hoping that someone will fall overboard.
4. That's awful!
5. They are attracted by the tourist who is stupid enough to throw left-over meatballs and curried prawns overboard.
6. Have there been any casualties?
7. Yes, accidental ones and even some organised by nasty relatives who take their rich, old auntie on a cruise in order to inherit her wealth, especially if she's of ill health.
8. In that case she would probably die soon anyway.
9. Not always. Besides, think about the cost of doctors and hospitals!
10. I suppose that's the price you pay when you're wealthy but not healthy; stealthy people will take advantage of that.
11. Here we are. Table for two; excellent.
12. There's already someone coming to take our order; that's quite unusual. I wonder whether their prices are higher than elsewhere.
13. At least the tables are clean and not full of dirty plates and empty cups, so it would be worth it!
14. I'll order a light meal for both of us; I feel rather peckish.
15. Oh, while you do, I'll comb my hair and wash my hands.
16. The waiter: Good afternoon, ma'am; did you have a pleasant flight?
17. My friend did, thanks; I only came to meet her.
18. Can I take your order while I'm here?
19. Yes, you can. For my friend a large plate of rabbit and chips with French mustard and Dutch mayonnaise.

LESSON 63: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 3.

1. And for you?
2. I'll have Chinese noodles with frog legs in garlic sauce and a side-salad with melon, zucchini, cucumber, beetroot, raisins, currants, figs, dates, peanuts, cashews and a dash of lemon juice, virgin Spanish olive oil, a teaspoonful of raw sugar and some black pepper.
3. Anything to drink, perhaps?
4. Yes, two Irish coffees with whipped cream.
5. Any sweets?
6. Ten doughnuts done in piping hot sunflower oil and sprinkled with powdered sugar.
7. Sorry I took so long; I still suffer from jetlag, I guess.
8. I nearly finished my meal.
9. I washed my hair as well. A woman gave me some of her expensive shampoo for brown hair.
10. And then you started chatting, of course.
11. She explained to me that the special shampoo from Taiwan slowly works its way into the skull to get to the roots.
12. No doubt she told you also that your hair will be twice as long after two days.
13. She did too! However, she added that it only worked for people born in the year of the Lizard.
14. And were you?
15. Yes, you wouldn't believe it!
16. Well, at last you can have the pony tail you always wanted.
17. I'd better start eating otherwise it will get cold.
18. Yes, I'll only ask questions when your mouth is empty.
19. You sound like my mother.
20. Did you go outside the Blue Tongue Heads as well?

LESSON 64: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 4.

1. Yes, we did. Unfortunately, a storm blew up, so when the ship started to rear like a wild stallion, most passengers were seasick.
2. **Did you stay on deck?**
3. Yes, but I was almost blown overboard. Fortunately I could blow my whistle.
4. **You mean to say that you carry a whistle in case you're attacked by some louts?**
5. No, I don't panick that easily. The people who were seasick were all leaning over the railing on the leeside for obvious reasons, so the ship almost capsized!
6. **What has that got to do with your whistle?**
7. The captain advised us to wear life-jackets until we reached what was called Treasure Island to lure gullible tourists.
8. **So it was the whistle (fluitje) attached to the life-jacket you blew! h for help (the h used to be pronounced)**
9. You've got it!
10. **Did you get off?**
11. No, the guided tour was cancelled because there were hardly any takers.
12. **Just as well. You would have got lost as usual with volunteer search parties conducted by the native chieftain.**
13. Well, I'd better be off. Here's some money towards the cost.
14. **Thanks; let's walk towards the exit. When will you come up to visit me? You can stay over if you like.**
15. I don't know yet, but as soon as possible though. I've got to first get some skin cancer removed from my arm.
16. **Yes, you've got to get used to wearing long sleeved garments.**
17. What's the easiest and shortest way to get to your place?

LESSON 65: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 5.

1. Via the New England Highway.
2. When do I turn off?
3. When you come to an authentic windmill imported from Holland. Jacob the miller is an old Dutchman from Koog aan de Zaan, just North of Amsterdam. His wife Jacoba runs a grocery store next to the mill.
4. Do I just mention your name?
5. Yes, she'll give you directions.
6. How far is it from there?
7. About 75km. It's a dirt road, so don't do 180k an hour!
8. Oh my god; I just bought a new car. It will be full of dents!

9. Don't worry; Jacob is also a panel beater. He doesn't charge much; he delivers the groceries so he knows all about dents.
10. Where do you get the money from; you don't have a job, have you?
11. I don't have to pay him; he pays **me!** I'm self employed, you know. He buys my eggs.
12. So you barter.
13. Yes, except that I receive more than I spend, so I'm always in front.
14. Have you got that many chickens then?
15. About 8000! Besides, I've got 300 ducks and 200 emus as well.

16. They lay bigger eggs of course.
17. Yes, and there is a time that their eggs are what we call double yolkers (I for yellow; yoke = juk om melkammers te dragen).
18. Customers would like that because, in that case, they only need 1 egg instead of 2.
19. But also because free-range eggs are better for you. Although I do handfeed the fowl, the pellets are not full of chemicals to boost the egg production. (fowl: w for wings. A foul in rugby is een overtreding)

IRREGULAR VERBS IN CONTEXT 8

1. **Drunks** usually **drink** a lot. The guy opposite once **drank** 20 glasses of beer in **one** hour!
2. **My uncle** chose **to** choose **his own presents**. **The ones** chosen by others **never seem to please him**.
3. Peter likes to **draw** animals. He has **drawn** hundreds. Last night, he **drew** me because I reminded him of a friendly ape.
4. **Don't burn yourself on the hot stove and don't sit in the midday sun either because you'll get sunburnt!**

DON'T TAMPER WITH ENGLISH WORDS

1. The Americans have tried it so now we have two difficulties instead of one. English is at least 40% Latin. Try a well written page! So we have **nite** instead of **night**, so what? **Mite** means **mijt**, not **might**. Forget about using a **z** in **-ise** words; the more graceful **s** in between the vowels makes the **z** sound anyway! So why should we write organise with a **z** but organism with an **s**? So, logically we have: organiser (**French**), organiseren (**Dutch**), organise (**English**).
Same system: amuse, bemuse, Chinese, decompose, paraphrase!

WHICH WITCH TOOK MY SANDWICH?

THE ONE FROM IPSWICH OR GREENWICH?

man	men
woman	women
(a Sue word)	(a Skinny word)

PAST TENSE: +ED OR D

1. turn-turned
2. die-died, bulge-bulged
3. hug-hugged

RIDDLE

1. Why does a stork stand on one leg?
Because if he took two legs off the ground, he would fall.

LESSON 66: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 6.

1. Like the **feed** that is **fed** to the battery chickens via a conveyor belt? Ten to a cage, I believe.
2. **Apart from that, artificial lights are kept on during the evening to make them lay more. That's why they only last a very short time.**
3. What happens then?
4. **They're sold and turned into food for dogs and cats.**
5. So their owners shouldn't complain to the RSPCA about the maltreatment of poultry (from French poule).
6. **The emotional brain of human beings is equal to the primitive brain of reptiles; emotion and logic are like the negative- and the positive pole of a battery.**
7. That's why people who have cats tie a bell around their neck to warn birds. However, they don't lose one night's sleep if these same birds eat worms!
8. **That's why it's better to not start arguing about it.**
9. How long did it take to build your rammed earth cabin?
10. **Ten years. I made the mistake of marrying a husband who left when we had finished drawing up the plans; he had never held a hammer, a saw or a shovel in his hand. He didn't even know what a wheelbarrow looked like!**
11. You must have been worn out by the time the job was done.
12. **Say that again! But at least I have now a roof over my head; not of a palace but not of a hovel either.**
13. What sort of furniture do you have; modern or antique?
14. **A mixture really; all second hand stuff collected over the years from all sorts of places.**
15. Years ago, you had a boyfriend who was an artist painter; do you still have some of his paintings?

LESSON 67: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 7.

1. Only a few; the others I have I saw mentioned in the catalogue issued by the University of Brisbane. When the exhibition was held in the university grounds, I bought them because I had enough money saved up. I even have a large statue given to me by a good friend who is quite a well-known sculptor.
2. Where do you get your water from; it couldn't possibly be town water.
3. In this remote area, everyone collects rainwater in a large tank. The capacity might vary from 10,000 to 100,000 litres.
4. Don't leaves block the gutters?
5. Getting rid of them is one of the many chores country people are stuck with.
6. What about electricity; you almost live in No Man's Land.
7. I have two huge solar panels attached to a strong pole.
8. Why not on the roof like most people?
9. Firstly because they don't usually have the room for such an awkward structure. Secondly, panels on a roof are fixed and therefore not so effective as my panels that follow the sun so to speak with the aid of what is called a tracker.
10. How is the electricity stored?
11. I have a collection of batteries in a special insulated shed.
12. What happens when it has been raining or overcast for a couple of days?
13. One has to establish a totally different routine from that of people who live in the city.
14. That must mean that you can't always use your washing machine.
15. Correct! You just have to live with it.
16. You wrote to me once that you lived in a valley on the eastern side of a very high mountain.
17. That's why it gets dark rather early.

LESSON 68: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 8.

1. If the worse comes to the worst, you can always borrow one of the fifty kerosene lamps your old man has got distributed around his rammed earth Taj Mahal.
2. **How do you know that?**
3. I met him years ago when he organised one of his popular moonlight parties with musicians and belly dancers from all over the world. Don't you remember?
4. **Yes, now you mention it, I do remember.**
5. I bet he still doesn't use a shower!
6. **He always becomes a bit sarcastic when backpackers ask him how he washes himself. He answers, "Like you, with soap and water!"**
7. He told me that taking a shower is an outrageous luxury, a waste of time and water.
8. **Like Napoleon in Russia, famous composers in Germany and Austria, Australian soldiers, settlers, bushrangers and convicts, he only uses 2 litres of hot water in a washing bowl poured from a ewer.**
9. Since the sun disappears early behind the mountain, your days must be kind of short.
10. **No, because we get up very early to enjoy the beautiful view from our large courtyard. You could say that we spend twelve hours inside and twelve hours outside.**
11. You said, "We"; what do you mean by that? I thought your husband left years ago, and you don't have any children.
12. **Funny that you should pick that up! As a matter of fact, he rang yesterday to ask if he could come back.**
13. So he rings when everything is ready. He should have rung nine months and 366 days ago, including two leap years.
14. **We means 10 cats, 5 dogs, 2 canaries, one cockatoo, a pet kangaroo, 20 kookaburras to wake us up, 3 pigs, 2 horses and one milking cow.**

LESSON 69: BACK FROM SINGAPORE 9.

1. Do tourists come to this area?
2. Yes, once in a while, mainly in Spring when it's not too hot.
3. Where do they go?
4. To the National Park with a lake where people can hire canoes and rowing boats.
5. What else attracts their attention?
6. There's a hundred-year-old monastery on top of the mountain. It used to be a cloister but all the nuns got married.

7. It must look like a very impressive monument.
8. Yes, a bit like old city walls. It's now used to accommodate retired monks and brothers.
9. There wouldn't be room for a cemetery with graves and tombstones, I would imagine?
10. No, the dead are being cremated on the spot, and their ashes thrown into the wind.
11. Are you also a host for WWOOF?
12. Certainly! There's always so much to do.
13. Where do they come from?
14. From all over the world, really. However, most of them are Europeans.
15. A new phenomenon. Before WW II, young people went to work after school, now they travel around.
16. Fortunately, I kept the old caravan I used to live in. I put a roof over it so it's quite comfortable. It's completely self contained with two beds, a gas fridge, a gas stove, plates, cups, glasses and cutlery.

17. Do you cook their meals?
18. Sometimes but not always; they're supposed to help with the domestic side of things as well.
19. OK, thanks for meeting me; bye now!

LESSON 70: FAREWELL! 1.

1. Where is the Bus Terminal?
2. Why do you want to know that all of a sudden?
3. I've got to leave immediately!
4. But we're enjoying our Russian pasta with Siberian oyster sauce as well as a sip of sweet, white wine from Suriname.

5. I apologise profusely! I just discovered that I left my wallet in the beach hut at Terschelling.
6. The Bus Terminal is between the House of Parliament and the football stadium and close to Lake Disappointment; you can't miss it as they say.
7. What a strange name!
8. Years ago, people used it as a public swimming pool.
9. That has nothing to do with the name though!
10. Yes, it has! They found out that these very people disappeared mysteriously; something like the Loch Ness monster story.

11. Or according to the proverb, "Expectation is the mother of disappointment".
12. You should have warned me earlier. I've been in the kitchen all day to make doughnuts.
13. You can always give them to the hungry looking child of the neighbours if you have too many. I'll get dressed and pack my suitcase.
14. I'll see if there is a direct flight.
15. I'm ready.
16. That was quick! There is a direct flight and a good connection at Hong Kong.
17. How long do I have to stop over?
18. Not too long; about ten hours.

LESSON 71: FAREWELL! 2.

1. Did you make the right enquiries? Sometimes they give you the wrong information especially when they're in a party mood.
2. **No way! Getting the right information is my specialty. However, the plane might be delayed because of the mist.**
3. Fog doesn't delay a plane, does it?
4. **No, but the bus that gets you to the airport won't operate.**
5. I still want to leave immediately, so I'll drive myself because taxis are on strike. I want to arrive in time in order to check in comfortably and to be able to get an aisle seat; the last time, I sat between two 200kg ladies.
6. **Remember that it is very important not to have any sharp objects, drugs, guns or hand granades on you.**
7. No, I'm more concerned about people who are so terribly slow, slower than a turtle. They can never find their passport and have 5 suitcases instead of one.
8. **Yes, I never understand why they take so much luggage either.**
9. Two years ago, it took hours to get through.
10. **What happened?**
11. There was a large group of people of all religious denominations: Catholic priests, Protestant ministers, rabbis from the local synagogues, an imam from the mosque next door so I was the only ungodly one amongst them.
12. **Where did they go to: Mekka, Rome or Jerusalem?**
13. No, they decided that it would be better to discuss their differences in a neutral venue.
14. **And where was that?**
15. You wouldn't believe this.
16. **Well, tell me!**
17. The Leaning Tower of Pisa because it had been straightened. OK, I must be off; see you next year!
18. **What do you mean, next year?**
19. Well, it's New Year's Eve now, so it got to be next year!