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How to Use the Dialogues

Use the dialogues to practice the simple tenses ***and*** speaking English.

It is important to read the dialogues ***aloud***.

The special thing about these dialogues is that they only use one tense per dialogue. Moreover, there are five dialogues for every tense. That way the student can practice each tense to perfection.

There are several ways to use the dialogues:

- In a private lesson, the teacher and student read the dialogue together. The teacher reads the lines of the first character and the student reads the lines of the second character. Then they switch and reread the dialogue. Now the student reads the lines of the first character and the teacher reads the lines of the second character.

- With more than one student, divide the students into pairs. Student A reads the lines of the first character and Student B reads the lines of the second character. Then they switch and reread that dialogue. Now Student A reads the lines of the second character and Student B reads the lines of the first character.

- After reading, encourage a conversation on the topic and using the same tense.

Since contractions are very common in spoken English, the dialogues have many contractions. Refer to the contraction table at the end of this book to see all contractions and their full forms.

IMPORTANT: To get the most out of these materials, make sure the students understand all the words used. Do not let them guess words from context. If the students encounter a new or unclear word, explain to them what it means, or have them use the dictionary. For more on that read the article Building Vocabulary and Some Common Mistakes.



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Simple Present, Dialogue 3

Description: Daniel and Amanda meet for a first date.



Daniel: Hi Amanda! Thanks for coming.

Amanda: You're welcome! I'm always happy to have dinner at a nice restaurant. I'm always hungry.

Daniel: You're funny! Have a seat. How are you?

Amanda: I'm good, thank you. How are you?

Daniel: I'm good too.

Amanda: Thank you for the invitation. What looks good on the menu?

Daniel: I always order the lobster. Do you like lobster? It's on me.

Amanda: Wow, thank you. You're so generous. I also love lobster, but it's too expensive. Meatloaf always sounds good to me.

Daniel: Do you like fruit shakes?

Amanda: I love fruit shakes! My favorite is strawberry banana.

Daniel: That's so cool. Strawberry banana is my favorite too. You know, you make me a little bit nervous.

Amanda: You make me a little bit nervous too. At least we always agree on everything.

Daniel: You really are funny!

Amanda: Yes, I'm funny. See, we agree again.

Daniel: Ha! Well, what's your favorite movie?

Amanda: Rocky.

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Daniel: Rocky? Well, that's an odd choice. Mine's Star Wars.

Amanda: Star Wars?

Daniel: Yes, so apparently we don't agree on everything!

Amanda: What about books? What's your favorite book?

Daniel: My favorite book is Brave New World. I read it over and over again.

Amanda: Oh. I don't know that book, but it sounds good. My favorite book is The Call of the Wild.

Daniel: I know that book! It scares me. I can't believe that's your favorite! So, you must love dogs? I love dogs.

Amanda: Not really. I like cats.

Daniel: Oh. Okay. What about sports? Do you like sports? I love golf. I love to play golf, to watch golf, and to talk about golf. I even dream about golf!

Amanda: I watch professional wrestling. I go to matches and I watch them on television. I even have a collection of t-shirts.

Daniel: What? That's weird!

Amanda: I'm sorry!

Daniel: No, don't be sorry. We're just different. We can deal with that.

Amanda: Well, so much for the idea that we agree on everything.

Daniel: We still can! We just have to agree to disagree!

Amanda: Deal!

Daniel: Yes, it's a deal!

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Simple Present, Dialogue 5

Description: A father and daughter talk.



Daughter: Daddy, my birthday is on July 23rd.

Father: Yes honey, I know. I'm your father, remember?

Daughter: I always have a birthday party on my birthday.

Father: Yes honey, I know.

Daughter: This year, I want to have my party at the waterpark.

Father: The waterpark?

Daughter: Yes. My friends like to swim and slide down the waterslides. The waterpark is so much fun.

Father: I don't know honey, the waterpark is expensive. And we don't want your presents to get all wet.

Daughter: Oh. I didn't know the waterpark is expensive. What about the zoo? I want to have my party at the zoo.

Father: I don't think so honey. Not everyone likes the zoo. Plus, the zoo is expensive too.

Daughter: Do they let kids ride the giraffes?

Father: Ha! You're silly. I'm pretty sure that giraffe rides are against the rules. What about a party at our house?

Daughter: I don't want to have my party at our house. Our house is boring. We don't have any giraffes. Or waterslides.

Father: I think we need to change the subject. What do you want for your birthday?

Daughter: You mean presents?

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Father: Yes, I mean presents. What do you want for presents? What does a five-year-old girl need these days?

Daughter: I want a princess dress. A long, pink princess dress.

Father: Is that all?

Daughter: I want a princess crown too.

Father: Is that it?

Daughter: And princess shoes … and princess earrings … and a princess necklace.

Father: Is that it?

Daughter: Yes.

Father: Okay, let's see what we can do.

Daughter: Daddy?

Father: Yes honey?

Daughter: I want a princess doll too. Princess dolls are beautiful. I like to play with their hair. So, I need some hair brushes too.

Father: Okay, maybe. Your list is a little long.

Daughter: Well, you have lots of money, right?

Father: No, I only have a little bit of money.

Daughter: Well, how much does a princess doll cost?

Father: I don't know honey, but we need to eat too.

Daughter: Right. I like to eat. And we also need to save money for the waterpark and the zoo.

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Simple Past, Dialogue 2

Description: Dallas and Anna meet at a wedding.



Dallas: Hi there!

Anna: Hello.

Dallas: So, what brought you to this beautiful wedding on this beautiful day?

Anna: I went to college with the bride. So, she invited me.

Dallas: Nice. I went to college with the groom. So, he invited me. He and I studied history together.

Anna: Cool. Did you find history to be an interesting subject?

Dallas: Absolutely. I was very good at history.

Anna: Impressive. What was your favorite topic?

Dallas: I really liked the history of England. For example, King Henry the Eighth. Did you know he had eight wives?

Anna: Well, he was indeed Henry the Eighth, but he only had six wives.

Dallas: Oh, of course. I knew that. Well, at least his daughter, Queen Elizabeth the First, only had one husband!

Anna: Well, in fact she didn't marry anyone. So she didn't have a husband at all.

Dallas: Oh, of course. But the important thing is that in her time England and the US had very good relations.

Anna: Queen Elizabeth the First died in 1603. There was no US.

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Simple Present Story 4

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Who is he? Where does he live? What does he do?

Robert Hughes lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He lives with his wife, Patricia. They live with their two children, Sam and Lana. Robert loves his family.

Robert works as a police officer in Atlanta. He likes his job. He is a good police officer. Robert is a police officer because he likes to help people.

Robert protects the citizens of Atlanta. He solves crimes and catches criminals. He keeps the citizens safe.

Sometimes he visits the schools. He talks to students. The students like Robert. Officer Robert Hughes is a hero in Atlanta.

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Simple Present Story 4 – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Present tense.

1. Where does Robert Hughes live? Whom does he live with?

_____

_____

2. Why is Robert a police officer? What does Robert do for the citizens of Atlanta?

_____

_____

3. What does Robert do when he visits the schools?

_____

_____

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence "<u>Jack</u> sweeps the floor."

Negative: Jack does not sweep the floor.

Yes/No Question: Does Jack sweep the floor?

WH-Question: Who sweeps the floor?

Tag Question: Jack sweeps the floor, doesn't he?

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1. Robert loves his family.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. Robert works as a police officer in Atlanta

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. The students like Robert.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

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C. This is a copy of the original story. Go over it and fill in the blanks with the right words from the box below.

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Simple Present Story 4 – Answers

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Present tense.

1. Where does Robert Hughes live? Whom does he live with?

Robert Hughes lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He lives with his wife and his two children.

2. Why is Robert a police officer? What does Robert do for the citizens of Atlanta?

Robert is a police officer because he likes to help people. He protects the citizens of Atlanta.

3. What does Robert do when he visits the schools?

Robert talks to the students when he visits the schools.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

1. Robert loves his family.

Negative: Robert does not love his family.

Yes/No Question: Does Robert love his family?

WH-Question: Whom does Robert love?

Tag Question: Robert loves his family, doesn't he?

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2. Robert works as a police officer in Atlanta

Negative: Robert does not work as a police officer in Atlanta.

Yes/No Question: Does Robert work as a police officer in Atlanta?

WH-Question: Who works as a police officer in Atlanta?

Tag Question: Robert works as a police officer in Atlanta, doesn't he?

3. The students like Robert.

Negative: The students do not like Robert.

Yes/No Question: Do the students like Robert?

WH-Question: Who likes Robert?

Tag Question: The students like Robert, don't they?

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