

English Listening

محادثة المحاضرة رقم ٢

جاك وبيتر

Jack : Hi !How are you doing ?

Peter : Hi. You're Jack ، right ?

Jack : yeah . and ، sorry ، you're ?

Peter: peter . peter Riley .

Jack: Oh, yeah, we met on campus Last week .Peter ، these s my friend ،Bruce Lee . He's just moved into the building.

Peter: Hi Bruce Lee.

Bruce : Nice to meet you . You can just call me Bruce Lee's my last name.

Peter: Oh Lee . That sounds...

Bruce :Chinese .

Peter: Oh . So, you're from....

Bruce ... :from San Francisco . My parents came over from Hong Kong before I was born.

Peter: Oh, that's cool. Actually , uh, I was **thinking** of taking **Chinese** this **term** . Maybe you could **help** me.

Bruce :Well, my Chinese really isn't very **good**..

Jack : Uh, Listen, Peter. We're **really** hungry .

Do you want to get **something** to **eat** with us ?

Peter : Sorry, I **can't** .I have to go **meet** my new **classmates**.

Jack : Oh, OK. Well ,**stop** by sometime . I'm up in **212**.

Peter: Hey, I'm on the same **floor** .I'm in **220**.

Jack : No kidding...

Peter: Well , **nice meeting** you, Bruce. I'm sure I'll **see** you **soon**.

Peter and Jack: See you later.

في المحادثة باللون الاحمر الكلمات المشددة في النطق

اسئلة القطعة

Questions :

1 –Which students already know each other ?

– Jack and Peter .

2- What information do you find out about Bruce ?

- He moved to the building . His parents from Hong Kong . They come over to Francesco before he born .

3 –What will the students do after this conversation ?

- Jack and Bruce go to the restaurant to eat and peter go to meet your new classmate.

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المشرفة جينا و التعرف على الجامعة

Advisor مشرف الطالب

Schedule جدول مواعيد

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Orientation اجتماع تعارف \ توجيهه

Placement test اختبار تحديد املستوى

Hello, everybody. Welcome to the American Language Center. I'm Gina Richards, your academic advisor. You can all just call me Gina. I know today is your first day at our school. So you're probably a little nervous and maybe a little shy, too So, I want to tell you right at the beginning if you don't understand something. Please ask questions OK? And listen very carefully because we're going to give you a lot of important information - information that will made your experience here enjoyable and useful. OK, here we go let me tell you about the plan for today There are three things on your schedule test . First, you will take a placement test. This test will measure your English level . you'll take a reading grammar , and composition test .Oh, and also listening . a listening test the whole placement test takes three hours . next, you well meet in small groups, with a teacher, for an orientation . this orientation meeting will be about important things you need to know, like where to buy your books, what types of classes you'll have,

how to find a roommate, things like that. this is where you can ask a lot of questions.

then finally, this afternoon , you will take a campus tour .we'll show you the main buildings where your classrooms are you'll see some of the sports facilities , you know, the tennis courts, the swimming pool, places like that and you'll also visit the library and the computer lab. i think you'll be surprised how large and how beautiful our campus is . all right . are there any questions before we begin .

اسئلة القطعه |

peter : let's get a medium with extra cheese and pepperoni on it.

Bruce : can we get mushrooms and tomatoes, too ?

Kenji : I don't care. Just get a large one 'cause I'm really hungry

question : where are the students ?

- this restaurant has got the best pizza on campus .

Kenji : yeah, they told me about this place at the orientation . so ,
Bruce, how are your classes going

Bruce : pretty good well, my chemistry class is a little boring .
professor Murphy knows the subject, but he's not a good teacher.
last week he was sick, and his T.A. was teaching the class. She was
much better. this T.A. spends a lot of time answering our questions
and correcting our homework .

question : what do you think ‘ ’ T.A. ‘ ’ means ?

–Kenji – teaching assistants aren't common in Japanese universities .The professors teach all the classes.

Peter : Really ?

Kenji : uh huh . I was very surprised when I first name here you know what else is unusual for me ? all the facilities I mean the swimming pool five tennis courts the museum even a post office Faber college doesn't look like the college campus where come from.

Question / what does Kenji think about the Faber College campus ?

Kenji / it's different from japan .

Kenji / speaking of tennis courts, i want to play tomorrow. can i just go there or do I need to .

Peter / you need to make a reservation just call the tennis center and give them your ID number. you know your student ID . they'll give you a reservation number . the office is open between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Question / how can students make reservations for a tennis court ?

Bruce / here's the phone number for reservations

Peter : hey, jack and I already have a court for tomorrow afternoon . do you want to play doubles with us ?

Kenji : sounds good to me can you come Bruce ?

Bruce : yeah. I have a class 'til 2.00 let's meet there at 2:30

Question / what are the students going to do tomorrow ?

Kenji / you mean, meet at the tennis court, right ?

Peter / Uh huh. See you there.

محادثة المحاضرة (3)

بيتر وجاك بيتر يبي العطلة تجي

Peter : Wow . look . it's raining cats and dogs again I **hate** this weather. When does winter break start ?

Jack : winter break ? it's only October.

Peter : I know, but I'm sick of studying. I want to go **someplace** warm and lie on the beach for a week. Someplace where it's sunny and dry. Florida or Hawaii, maybe ?

Jack : yeah. Where we can go swimming and **snorkeling** and get a great tan. Now that's my idea of a perfect vacation

Bruce : not mine . I can't swim very well, and I don't like lying in the sun

Peter : Oh, yeah? How come?

Bruce: I don't know. I just **prefer** the **mountains**, especially in winter. I love snowboarding. In **fact** I'm **planning** to go o Bear Mountain with some friends in December. Do you want to come?

Jack : No thanks. I went there last year. I was freezing the whole time. Anyway, I don't know how to **ski** very well. Last year I fell about a hundred times .

Bruce : Peter, how about you ?

Peter : Sorry, I'm like Jack , I don't want to go anyplace where it's below 70 degrees.

Jack: **By the way**, what's the weather forecast tor tomorrow?

Bruce : the same as today. Cloudy, cold, and a 90 percent chance of can .

Jack : Oh, no I left my umbrella at the library.

Bruce: you can **borrow** mine . I've got an extra one.

محادثة المحاضرة الثالثة (3)
التخييم في الغابة والدب والمدير

Story camping

Manager: you're all wet and **muddy**. what happened to you ?

Wife : you're not going to believe this It's the most incredible thing It all started when we decided to go hiking this morning

Husband : yeah, the weather was sunny and clear when we got up. So we put on shorts and T-shirts and went hiking . Half an hour later it started raining cats and dogs

Wife : we hiked back to our **tent** as fast as we could. We couldn't wait to change into dry clothes .

Husband : Right. But when we went into our tint, we couldn't find our clothes So we went back outside to look around. And then we saw the craziest thing two great big brown bears came out of the woods, and **guess** what ? They were **wearing** our clothes

Manager: Aw, come on. That's impossible what do you mean, the bears were wearing your clothes?

Husband : well, one bear had my T-shirt around his neck. And the other one had Mary's **pants** over his head. We **still** don't know where the **rest** of our clothes are .

Manager: (laughing)

Wife : I know it sounds funny, but we were so scared those bears were big and now we have a big problem.

Manager: what's that .

Wife and husband : we don't have any dry clothes to wear .

The seasons

هذي محادثه قصيره في المحاضرة (4)

Conversation 1

A . nice weather we're having .

B. yes . isn't it a nice surprise? At this time this usually much cooler and raining already.

A . well, this weather will probably end soon; all the leaves on the trees are brown, and the nights are getting cold.

Conversation 2

A . take your coat; it's freezing outside.

B. nah, I'm only going to the corner store I'll be back in five minutes

A. I'm telling you, it's in the low thirties out there. Do you want to get sick?

Conversation 3

A . how do you like all this rain ?

B. will, it's good for the trees and flowers

A. yes, it's nice to see the leaves coming back on the trees again

B. yeah, and I'm glad the snow is all gone

Conversation 4

A . is it hot enough for you ?

B. whew ... it sure is. I don't mind the heat so much . It's the humidity that bothers me look I'm all wet.

A. me too . let's go get a cold drink somewhere

B . yeah, someplace with air conditioning

Conversation 5

A . ah, this is the life. No traffic, no worries . just lie here and enjoy doing nothing

B. honey your back is turning red. If you're not careful. You're going to get sunburned

A. could you put some sun screen on my back ?

Conversation 5: shopping for food

Andrew : well, I got a few groceries that aren't on the list .

Nancy : I can see that We're not shopping for an army , you know .

Andrew : I always do this when I'm hungry.

Nancy : well, let's see what you have here .

Andrew : Some nice, fresh strawberries for only \$1.79 a pound .

Nancy : well, that's fine . they always have nice produce here . But why do you have all these cookies

Andrew : Don't you like them ?

Nancy :Oh, I don't know ... I hope you got a box of tofu.

Andrew : I think I forgot . Where's the aisle with the Asian foods, again ?

Nancy : Aisle three

Andrew : I'll go get it.

Nancy : wait-this steak you got looks really expensive

Andrew : Well, it isn't It's on sale for just \$3.99 a pound

Andrew : And what's this ? More ice cream? We already have a quart. Why don't you put it back?

Meanwhile, I'll get in line right here

cashier : I'm sorry, Miss; this is the express line, and it looks like you're got more than ten items Oh, and we don't take checks here.

محادثة المحاضرة السادسة (6)

Conversation 1

Server: Good evening. My name is Pierre.

Would you like a something to drink ?

Bob: No, thanks. But we would like to order
Some appetizers.

Server: Certainly, here are your menus. Our
specials tonight are lemon chicken and fresh
broiled swordfish.

Question 1: The speakers are in a...?

Susan: This is such a beautiful restaurant, Bob.
Thanks for bringing me here.

Conversation 2

Felipe: Why don't we sit at the counter ? There
aren't any free tables.

Salim: Fine.

Waitress: Coffee?

Felipe: Yes.

Salim: Yes, please.

Waitress: I'll be right back to take your order.

Question 2: The speakers are in a... ?

Felipe: This is my favorite diner. The prices are
low and the service is great.

Conversation 3

A: These salads look great. Do you want one‘ ?

B: No, I want a hot dish from over there.

Server: Yes, what would you like ?‘

A: Is that mushroom soup ?

Server: No, it‘ s bean soup.

A: How much is it ?

Server: It‘ s two dollars a bowl. You pay down there at the cashier.

Question 3: The speakers are in a...?

B: I hear this cafeteria is open all night.

Conversation 4

Server: May I take your order ?

John: I‘ ll have two burritos, no onions, and two small Cokes‘ .

Server: For here or to go ?.

John: For here. Oh, and an order of nachos.

Server: That‘ ll be eight dollars.

Question 4: The speakers are in a...?

John: I know fast food is fattening but I really Love it.

Real-World Tasks: Recipes and Regional Foods

Tom: To make French toast for four people, Here's what you'll need: two eggs, one cup of milk, one-half teaspoon of salt, and about a tablespoon of butter. Have you got all that?

First, beat the eggs, milk, and salt with a fork

for a minute until they're well mixed.

then melt the butter in a frying pan.

While the butter is melting, dip eight slices of Bread into the egg mixture.

Then, When the butter is hot fry the bread Slices until they're golden brown .

Serve them on a warm plate with butter and Syrup or jam .

Looks ta the map of the United States and Canada . . As you hear the name of each food, write it, on the map in the place where it is popular.

Paula: Vancouver, in Western Canada, has Delicious Chinese food because there are many Chinese immigrants in that part of Canada .

And Vancouver has great fish—like salmon. San Francisco also has excellent Chinese and Japanese restaurants. oh and the bread in San Francisco is really special .

Now, if you drive to Texas, be sure to eat some Mexican food. It's very spicy, but so delicious. In the Midwest, the middle of the United States, you can find terrific cheese in Wisconsin. And don't forget to have a steak in Chicago. The beef is very good there.

If you drive to the Northeast, try to visit Maine to
taste the seafood Lobster is fantastic And nearby. in
Montreal. Canada, the French food is fabulous.

Oh, and if you decide to go down south to Georgia,
fried chicken is very popular.

And in Florida, of course, you'll find the best oranges.

محادثة المحاضرة السابعة (7)

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In the City

Kenji : peter. Are you going downtown today ?

Peter : Uh-huh. Why ?

Kenji : can you give me a ride ? I have to run some errands .

Peter : Where do you need to go ?

Kenji : Uh. A lot of places . First. I have to go to the bank . Could you drop me off at the corner of Kung Boulevard and Second Avenue ?

Peter : King and second? Oh . sure I know where that is . But why are you going to the bank? Why don't you use the ATM machine on campus

Kenji : cause my debit card isn't working I've got to get a new one And the cleaner's is next door to the bank . I have to pick up some clothes there anyway .

Peter :Why don't you use the laundry room here in the building ?

Kenji : I'm not picking up laundry. It's dry cleaning.
By the way. Is there a computer repair shop near
there ? I need to drop off my laptop.

Peter : go from the computer repair ? Oh. Yeah
There's a good Buy across the street from the bank.
They fix computers there.

Kenji : Oh. That's convenient . So what are you going
to do downtown ?

Peter : I'm going to the courthouse I've got to pay a
traffic ticket.

Kenji : No kidding I have to pay a ticket. Too . I just
got a ticket last week.

Peter : But. Kenji. You don't drive.

Kenji : Really ?

Peter : yeah. I didn't know it's illegal to cross in the
middle of the street.

Conversation 8:

Comparing Cities and Towns

Peter: Phew . . . I'm glad I don't live downtown. The traffic is terrible. I have a headache from the noise and all the smog.

Ming: You think our downtown is bad ? Ask Kenji about Tokyo.

Kenji: Yeah, Tokyo is noisier and much more crowded.

Ming: Yeah, and I hear the smog's worse, too.

Kenji: That's right.

Peter: So, I guess you don't miss that, huh?

Kenji: Well, I don't miss those things. But a big city like Tokyo can be very exciting.

Peter: Yes, I'm sure that's true. But I prefer the peace and quiet of a small town like ours.

Kenji: Yeah, I like it here, too. The people are friendlier and things are cheaper.

Ming: Small towns can be so boring. When I graduate, I want to live in a big city like New York or Chicago. You can make more money

there, too.

Peter: Yeah, but it's more dangerous there.

Ming: Yeah, that's a disadvantage. But there are also lots of advantages.

Peter: Like what? The long lines at the bank or in the stores?

Ming: Waiting in line doesn't bother me. I really love shopping in the city. You can find anything.

Kenji: Great! Then next time we need something downtown, we'll send you.

Conversation 1 :

A: Next, please.

B: I'd like 'to cash this.

A: Sure Don't forget to sign the back Do you Have an account here ?

B: Not at this branch.

A: Then I'll have to see you identification

Question 1: Where are the speakers ?

B: By the way, how late is this bank open ?

Conversation 2:

A: Excuse me . Do you stop at third and Highland ?

B: Yes, Mrs. ... Passengers , please move to The rear.

A: Could you tell me when we get there ?

B: Sure . I'll let you know .

Question 2: Where is the woman ?

A: Is the bus always this crowded ?

Conversation 3:

A: can I help you ?

B: Yea , I've got four shirts here and two pairs of Pants and a jacket. I'm leaving town in a few days, so can I pick them up tomorrow‘?

A: We can have the pants ready, but the shirts won't be back until Wednesday morning .

B: Well, OK. Oh, and don't forget to take out this coffee stain .

Question 3: where are the speakers?

A: No problem We're the best dry cleaners in town .

Conversation 4:

A: Fill out this application and wait in that line for your eye test .

B: About how long will this take‘?

A: Well, you'll have to take a fifteen-minute road test, and the written test also takes fifteen minutes. But you may have to wait in line a long time for your picture.

Question 4: What is the young man doing ?

B: Will you send me my driver's license or do I have to pick it up in person ?

Conversation 5:

A: Will this get to New York in two days?

B: Only if you send it express mail.

A: OK, I'd like to do that.

B: All right. Anything else'?

A: Yes. a book of stamps, please.

B : We, that's, uh, sixteen dollars and sixty cents, please.

Question 5: Where are the speakers?

A: Is this post office open Saturdays ?

Conversation 1:

A: Metro Bus Company.

B: Hello. I need to go to the airport from Main Street.

A: Main street and what ?

B: Main and Grant.

A: OK .What time do you have to be at the airport .

B: At six o'clock.

A: Take bus thirty-three at four-fifty at the corner of Main and Grant. Get off at Airport Boulevard. That's two blocks from the airport.

B: so It's bus number thirty-three at four-fifty; and I get off at . . .

A: Airport Boulevard.

B: Thank you very much.

Conversation 2:

A: Bus information. Torn speaking.

B: I want to go to Salem is there a bus at around nine in the morning ?

A: Just a minute . . There's one at eight-fifty, leaving from the Hilton Hotel .

B: I see what's the fare?

A: It's \$7 one way .

B: how long does it take ?

A: about forty minutes .

B: thanks .

Conversation 3:

A: Metro Bus Company .May I help you?

B: How can I get to 1800 Orange Street ?

A: from where?

B: From Hollywood Boulevard. Hollywood and Temple.

A: Get on bus number 102 at the corner of Hollywood and temple. Get off at Madison Avenue and Orange, then walk two blocks north on Orange .

B: How often does the bus run?

A: Ah, let's see. Bus 102 runs. uh. ever six minutes.

B: Every six minutes ?That's great. Thanks.

Conversation 9:

Beth: I'm so stressed out My landlord just raised my rent I think I'll have to move.

Ming: Really? You know, my building has some vacancies . It's a pretty nice place, and it's just ten minutes from campus.

Beth: Oh yeah? How much is the rent for a studio ?

Ming: There are no studio apartments in our building. My neighbor just moved out of a one-bedroom. He paid \$850 a month, I think.

Beth: That's not bad Tell me more.

Ming: Well, one-bedrooms come with a bathroom , a kitchen, a fireplace in the living room, pretty big closets, and uh ... Are you looking for a or unfurnished place?

Beth: Unfurnished. I have all my own stuff. What about parking and laundry ?

Ming: There's no garage. You have to park on the street. But there is laundry room downstairs.

Beth: Hmm. I think I'm interested Could you give me the address?

Ming: Sure. It's 1213 Rose Avenue. The manager's name is Mr. Azizi. Call him up or just stop by and talk to him.

Beth: Thanks, Ming. I'm going to do that tomorrow for sure.

Conversation 10:

Touring an Apartment

Mr. Azizi: So, here's the living room. Oh, and please don't touch the walls; we just painted them. I hope you like green.

Beth: Well, green is not my favorite color . . .

Mr. Azizi: As you can see, there's lots of light in here. And here's the fireplace. It's great in the Winter.

Beth: Whew, it's warm in here, isn't it? Is there any air conditioning ?

Mr. Azizi: No, there isn't. Just keep this Window open. Oh, it's almost never this noisy.

Beth: I'm sorry, what did you say?

Mr. Azizi: Come this way. Here's your kitchen, an electric stove, a dishwasher . . . This big refrigerator is included, and there's room for a breakfast table here . . .

Beth: That's nice. Could I see the bedroom?

Mr. Azizi: Sure, it's over here. We just put in new carpeting, so . . . uh . . - we raised the rent \$25.

Beth: Oh, really? Hmm . . . the bedroom looks a little small.

Mr. Azizi: But look at all the closet space! And here's the bathroom, with a shower and bathtub .

Beth: Oh, what about that leak?

Mr. Azizi: Hmm. I can't believe it. The plumber just fixed it last week.

Beth: Uh, if I decide to take this apartment, when can I move in?

Mr. Azizi: It's available on the first of the month- So that's actually the day after tomorrow.

Beth: I see. And, uh, do I have to sign . . . I mean, is there a lease?

Mr. Azizi: It's up to you- You can sign a one-year lease or you can pay month-to-month- So uh, are you interested?

Beth: Possibly. I need to think about it a little more- And I have a few more questions.

Mr. Azizi: No problem. Let's go to my office and talk.

Conversation 1:

Sam: Alex, can I talk to you about something ?

Alex: Sure. What's up?

Sam: you know , last night I couldn't study because of all the noise . and then I couldn't sleep either. You kept me up till 3:00 a.m.

Question 1: What did Alex probably do last night?

Alex: sorry man .

Conversation 2:

Amy: I hate my roommate . look at this! All the dishes are still on the table from last night ! and her clothes ! she never puts them in her closet. They're on the floor , on the chair , everywhere.

Susanna: Amy, why don't you talk to her about it ?

Amy: I already talked to her about ten times she won't change .

Question 2: why does Amy hate her roommate ?

Susanna: you know, you should find another roommate who isn't messy and who cleans up after herself .

Conversation 3 :

Tara: Do you mind if I watch the news ?

Kim: Yes, actually I do . My favorite comedy is coming on right now.

Tara: Is that more important than the news ?

Kim: Don't start that again. We had the same argument last night. Just turn to channel 4, OK ?

Question 3: Which sentence is probably true ?

Tara: I think our house needs another television set.

Conversation 4 :

Joe: Sasha, we need to pay our bills today The telephone bill is \$360 and the gas is \$40.

Sasha: OK, so I'll give you \$200. We're sharing everything half and half, right ?

Joe: Yes, but it's not fair. You made most of the phone calls. And I almost never cook. So I don't want to pay half of these bills.

Sasha: But Joe, we agreed to pay everything 50-50!

Question 4: What does Joe think ?

Joe: I don't think \$200 is enough This month you need to pay more than half.

Conversation 5 :

Carol: Alice, you know, your friends have stayed with us for over a month.

Alice: I know, but they haven't been able to find their own place to live, yet.

Carol: I understand, but we just have one bathroom, a tiny kitchen. and not much privacy.

Alice: But they're so nice -you really think there's a problem ?

Carol: Yeah-we can't even relax, or watch TV, when they go to sleep on the living room floor!

Question 5: What is probably true about their apartment?

Alice: I know it's uncomfortable here for four people, but they'll leave soon, I promise.

Real-World Tasks: Caring for Someone's House

Uncle: So Beth, you're sure you have time to do some things for us while we're away ?

Beth: No problem. Just let me know what you need done.

Uncle: OK. First, can you get our mail from the mailbox, and any newspapers in the yard-and just put them inside the front door in a bag.

Beth: Fine. How often do you want that done ?

Uncle: Every day, actually. But you'll need to feed and walk the dog twice a day, so you'll be over there anyway.

Beth: I see. What do I feed the dog, and how far should I walk him?

Uncle: A cup of dry dog food around 8:00 in the morning, and another around 5:00 should be fine. I'll leave a big bag of dog food in the kitchen. Walk him around the block when he's done eating. Oh, and keep his water bowl filled up, if you could.

Beth: Sure. Anything else?

Uncle: Well the garbage collector comes Tuesday, and I'm going to leave the garbage can down by the

street today, but Tuesday night, can you put it back in the back yard for us ?

Beth: I suppose so...

Uncle: Oh, and can you water the rose bushes in the front yard?

Beth: How often should I do that ?

Uncle: Two or three times a week if it doesn't rain

Beth: So is that all?

Uncle: Just one more thing-you're welcome to enjoy the swimming pool, the house-you know we just got a giant new plasma TV-just clean up, OK ?

Beth: How about the keys to your BMW ?

Uncle: Sorry but the car's not included...

Conversation 11:

Learning new customs

Kenji : So, Salma, is this your first trip to the United States?

Salma: Yes, it is.

Kenji: And what's your impressions so far?

Salma: Well, the people are really friendly , and the city is beautiful. But the food well, it's not so good.

Kenji: Oh, yeah, that's what I thought too when I first got here. But I'm used to American food now. I actually love hotdogs and French fries.

Yolanda: So last night I took Salma to a Mexican restaurant. I wanted her to try something exotic.

Kenji: Did you like it?

Salma: Yeah, the food was pretty good, but it was too much . I couldn't finish it all.

Yolanda: Salma was amazed when I took the leftovers home in a doggie bag.

Kenji: Yeah, that's funny, isn't it? They call it a doggie bag, but it's for people. Anyway, what else surprised you ?

Salma: That the restaurant was so cold ! We don't use air conditioning so much in my country.

Oh, and the water had ice in it, too. I had to put on my sweater ', I was so cold!

Salma: Excuse me . Hello ? short pause Oh . hi.
Eduardo .

Waitress : Excuse me Miss . but we don't allow cell phones in the restaurant .

Salma: Oh. Sorry I didn't know .. Eduardo. I'll have to call you back .. That's strange for me In Lebanon we use phones everywhere. I mean. We try to talk quietly in a place like this. But ..

Kenji : Same in Japan . This kind of rule is getting more popular. Though .

Yolanda : I'm sorry . Salma

Salma: No . no it's OK . When in Rome . do as the Romans do.

Conversation 12:

Coming-of-Age Ceremonies

At what age does a child become an adult? The answer depends on your culture. Here are a few examples.

First. In some North American Indian cultures, a boy becomes a man around the age of 13. At that time, he goes into the woods alone. Without food or water. For several days. When he returns safely, he becomes an adult man. Girls become adult women as soon as they are old enough to have babies, also around the age of 12 or 13.

In Japan today, young people become legal adults at age 20. Each year on the second Monday in January, they celebrate "Coming of Age Day" when all the twenty-year-olds in a town are invited to attend a special ceremony and visit with old friends.

Finally, in the United States, the passage into adulthood takes several years. American teenagers **look forward** to their 16th birthday. Because in most states that is the age when they can get a driver's license. The legal age of adulthood is 18, when Americans can vote, get married, and work full time.