



Transcripts

Module 1

Lesson 1

Track 2

1 bus stop; 2 market; 3 farm; 4 lake; 5 airport; 6 waterfall; 7 crossroads; 8 hill; 9 railway; 10 apartment building; 11 campsite; 12 river; 13 bus station; 14 valley; 15 gas station; 16 roundabout; 17 river; 18 village; 19 mall; 20 street

Track 3

Paula: I live in a small apartment with my parents and my two brothers. We live near the airport of a big city with lots of apartment buildings and busy streets. As you know, it is complicated to go from one place to another in big cities. When we are on holiday, I prefer to go to a small village to visit my family because it is not as noisy as the city. They have a farm and we can feed the animals there, something that we cannot do regularly in the city. What I like the most is that the village is not as crowded and I feel like I can relax and spend time with my cousins. They are like my sisters, since we get along really well. There is a campsite nearby with a fantastic waterfall where we usually go swimming. As you can imagine, every time we go there, I feel like I am myself, in contact with nature and enjoying the pleasures of life. We usually buy the groceries at the local market, which is not as big as the supermarket near my house, and where we find all kinds of things like fresh meat, fruits and vegetables. When we leave, we go to the bus station and I feel like I want to stay there and don't come back, but I know I need to go on with my life at school and expect to go back soon.

Track 4

1 at the roundabout; 2 go past; 3 take the second left; 4 zebra crossing; 5 turn right; 6 between; 7 traffic light; 8 opposite; 9 cross the street; 10 turn left; 11 walk two blocks; 12 take the first right; 13 take a U-turn; 14 go straight on; 15 at the corner; 16 next to

Track 5

1 rainy; 2 degrees; 3 thunderstorm; 4 dry; 5 foggy; 6 windy; 7 wet; 8 cloudy; 9 weather forecast; 10 sunny

Track 6

museum; library; factory; grocery store; cinema; café; post office; theatre; gallery; cottage

Track 7

Melissa: ... and now, Tom Michaels has the weather forecast for today.

Tom: Thank you Melissa. Weather conditions in the country are very different today. In the south, the temperature will be the coldest in all the country at around 12° centigrade and very rainy, so I suggest

that you take your umbrella if you need to go out to the grocery store or decide to go to the cinema. In the north it will be hotter than in the south, so make sure to wear light clothes. The temperature will be at around 27 degrees so kids may want to go to the park. In the east the weather is dry, but cloudy and

the temperature will be at around 17° centigrade. The middle of the country will have a sunny weather with the temperature around 20 degrees, warmer than in the east, as you can tell. Finally, the west of the country will be cloudy with chances of some thunderstorms in the afternoon and the temperature will be around 15°. You may want to spend the afternoon going to the café with some friends. That's all we have today for the weather. See you tomorrow.

Track 8

1 subway; 2 ferry; 3 plane; 4 public transportation; 5 train; 6 ship; 7 taxi; 8 helicopter; 9 bike; 10 streetcar; 11 ambulance; 12 bus; 13 motorcycle; 14 scooter; 15 spaceship

Track 9

1 videoconference; 2 server; 3 make a call; 4 scissors; 5 interview; 6 printer; 7 keyboard; 8 meeting; 9 assistant; 10 upload; 11 switch off; 12 print; 13 receptionist; 14 switch on; 15 drawer

Track 10

Teacher: Good morning, class, and welcome to the Economics course for this semester. I am very glad to be your teacher and hope you all work hard to pass the course. My name's Carlos Carranco and I will be your teacher. Let's start by introducing each other first. I am from Toluca and I have two children. I love sports and listening to music. Who would like to speak now?

Carmen: Hello, teacher. My name's Carmen and I've been a student here for the last 4 semesters. I am from Ixtlahuaca and I have two brothers. I like watching movies and practice karate in the afternoons.

Teacher: Nice to meet you, Carmen. Very interesting. Who's next?

Sergio: Hi, everybody. I'm Sergio and I enjoy reading a lot. I am from Veracruz but moved here last month, so I'm new in the school. I'd like to make lots of new friends and will do my best to get good grades. Oh! And I also play football.

Teacher: Great, Sergio. Welcome to the school. I'm sure you'll make a lot of friends. Anyone else?

Katia: Nice to meet you all. I'm also new here, so that makes two of us. My name's Katia, but you can call me Kat, that's what my family and friends call me. I like science, so I hope I can learn a lot in your class teacher.

Teacher: Thank you, Kat. You'll surely enjoy what we'll learn in this class. Who else?

Pamela: How do you do, teacher? Long time no see. Do you remember me from the second semester? I was in your class.

Teacher: Of course I do, Pamela! Good to see you. Tell your classmates something about you.

Pamela: Well, I am Pamela and I have one sister. . .

Track 11

Formal greetings: Good morning, Good evening, Nice to meet you, Good afternoon, How are you? Good to see you, How are you doing?

Informal greetings: Hello, Hi, What's up? Hey! How do you do? What's going on? Long time no see

Track 12

Man: Could you possibly do me a favor?

Man: I'm afraid I can't. I'm busy right now.

Woman: Can you sign on each page, please?

Man: I'd be happy to. Have you got a pen?

Woman: Would you mind opening the window?

Woman: I'm sorry, but I can't reach it.

Man: Can I request that you keep silence?

Women: Of course. We're sorry

Woman: Would it be possible for you to arrive earlier tomorrow?

Man: No problem. What time shall I come?

Man: Could I ask you to bring the documents?

Man: I just can't. I'm sorry.

Woman: Could you please take off your shoes?

Man: Certainly. Where can I leave them?

Woman: Could you please take me home?

Woman: I'd love to but I didn't bring my car.

Track 13

Nora: Hello?

Aaron: Good morning. This is Aaron Parkins. I'm calling from Delta Solutions. Can I speak to Miss Nora González?

Nora: This is Nora González. How can I help you?

Aaron: I'm calling because you recently applied for the job as a secretary in our company and I would like to arrange an appointment for an interview with you.

Nora: Oh! Thank you for calling, Mr. Parkins. Sure, when would you like to meet?

Aaron: Are you available next Tuesday at 10:30 am?

Nora: I'm afraid I can't on Tuesday because I'll be in a course? Do you think we can meet on Wednesday?

Aaron: Let me look at my calendar. Yes, Wednesday suits us. Are you free at 9?

Nora: 9 sounds perfect. Can you give me your address, please?

Aaron: Sure. We're located on 162 Tahoma Street, 3rd floor. Please look for me, or Mr John Spears when you arrive at the reception desk.

Nora: Alright. I'll see you there next Wednesday at 9, then.

Aaron: Great! We look forward to meeting you here.

Track 14

Receptionist: Good afternoon. Delta Solutions. How can I help you?

Nora: Good afternoon. This is Nora González. May I speak to Mr. Parkins, please?

Receptionist: Of course, Miss González. I'll put you through.

Aaron: Aaron Parkins speaking

Nora: Hello, Mr. Parkins. This is Nora González. I'm calling to confirm my visit tomorrow for the interview with Mr. Spears.

Aaron: Hello, Miss González. I'm very glad to hear you. I was just about to call you. Unfortunately, my boss is out of the country and won't be back until Thursday evening. Would it be possible to change our meeting for Friday?

Nora: Yes, Friday's fine. What time is best for you? I have another appointment at 10:30, but I can make it to your office anytime after midday.

Aaron: Noon is fine. Let me write it down. All set. I will inform John about the change. He'll be happy to see you on Friday. Thanks for understanding.

Nora: No problem. See you, then.

Track 15

1 cheerful, happy and positive; 2 interesting, a thing or a person that keeps your attention; 3 interested, paying attention to someone or something; 4 beautiful, very attractive; 5 lazy, not willing or not wanting to work; 6 original, special, different from anyone or anything else; 7 bored, feeling unhappy and tired; 8 boring, not interesting or exciting; 9 nervous, worried and anxious; 10 strong, powerful, able to support a heavy weight or force; 11 awesome, extremely good; 12 amazed, very surprised; 13 amazing, causing a big surprise; 14 bossy, someone who always tells people what to do; 15 careful, giving a lot of attention to avoid mistakes or accidents, 16 brilliant, very intelligent; 17 serious, quiet, thinking carefully about things; 18 brave, showing no fear of difficult or dangerous things; 19 depressed, unhappy and without hope; 20 depressing, making you feel extremely unhappy and without hope

Track 16

Constanza: Welcome to your weekly podcast on professional growth, designed for all of you who want to grow in your career and make the most of your skills. Thank you for joining and spending some time with me today.

Welcome everybody to episode 25 of this season of the podcast. I'm Constanza Harris and I'm very glad you are here today. We have a very interesting topic to look at, especially if you're searching for a

new job and want to know what employers look for in candidates. We're going to talk about the types of personality that are needed to succeed in any organization. I hope you enjoy.

The first characteristic I'd like to mention is that you have to be professional; that is to say that you have to be calm and polite in every situation. Possible employers will see this in you from the first interview. Second, I consider that being honest is an important quality for companies.

Your interviewer may ask you to give examples of occasions where you were honest, so be prepared to explain. Being creative is another skill that is considered very valuable. Organizations look for people who can find solutions and solve problems easily. Another ability that your possible employer will look at is your wish to learn; we are always competing with other people to show that we can be better to perform a job, so you need to show that you are willing to keep on learning. Finally, I'd say that being reliable will give you a good chance to be hired. This means that you have to give examples of how people trust you.

Well, Those are the five positive characteristics that I consider most important when applying for a job. Now, let's look at the negative qualities that your interviewer may recognize when you go to . . .

Track 17

- Why do you want to work for this company?
- Because it is one of the most important in the market and I . . .

- What is your dream job?
- Definitely, one in which I can continue to grow and develop my skills. . .

- How did you hear about this job?
- A friend of mine told me about it, and then I searched it on your website.

- How much are you expecting to earn?
- Taking my experience into account, I'm thinking around \$20,000.

- Why are you leaving your present job?
- I would like to try a new challenge in my career, and I feel this is the right place.

- Tell me about one time when you made a mistake.
- When I started working a year ago, I made a wrong decision about. . .

- Where do you see yourself in five years?
- I would like to grow in the company and be a manager of my own team by then.

- How would you describe yourself?
- I am responsible, hard-working and very organized. . .

- What are you looking for in a new position?
- I expect to have enough opportunities to demonstrate my skills and. . .

- When can you start?
- I would need to give my employer a two-week notice, so perhaps on. . .

- If you were hired, what would you like to get from your team?
- I would say that I need to know them first, but I think respect is essential. . .

- Do you have any questions for us?
- No. Everything seems very clear. Thank you.

Track 18

1 play a sport, f; 2 take photographs, d; 3 go cycling, j; 4 listen to music, a; 5 go for a walk in the park, h, 6 draw cartoons, g; 7 play a musical instrument, i; 8 go jogging, b; 9 spend time with friends, k; 10 go to parties, e; 11 work out in the gym, c; 12 be a volunteer at school, l.

Track 19

Joseph: Well, I don't have much free time now because I'm working full time for a marketing agency and a printer and I'm in charge of making and putting displays in different companies and offices. When I was a child I liked American football a lot so I used to have a collection of cards, which I would exchange with my friends at school or in my neighborhood. We used to have lots of fun with it. My mother liked to go shopping a lot, so she used to take my sister and I with her, but I never liked it that much; I find it quite boring. I only go shopping when I need something but I can't say it's a hobby. Instead of visiting shops, I find it more interesting to visit a museum. I try to go once a month and, if I'm in another city, I usually take the opportunity to go to one. During my teenage years I used to go camping with all the family and sometimes we also invited friends. I stopped doing that because some places are not as safe as before. I've always liked music so I was part of a rock band a few years ago. Although we stopped playing together last year, I'm still used to playing the guitar in the evening when I get home. I find it very relaxing and it's a way to keep practicing for when we get the band together again. When I was in primary school I started copying pictures from comic books and I developed the skill; people say I'm good and that's probably because I like what I draw. I spend some time in the evenings or the weekends drawing things that come to my mind or that are connected to my life. I have many notebooks with my own drawings. I hope I can publish them one day.

Track 20

Adolfo: Hi, Layla. Long time no see. What have you been up to lately?

Layla: Hey, Adolfo. Yes, it's been a while. Things have changed since the last time we met. I have been working on my final projects and I'm looking for a job because I want to help my parents.

Adolfo: Really? And how is it going?

Layla: Pretty well. I actually have an interview next Monday. I'm only worried about how to talk about my skills.

Adolfo: Why? You're very good at doing several things. In fact, I've learned a lot from you. For example, you can talk about your ability to get along with people. You make good friends and help others when they need something. I'm sure a company will consider that as something valuable in the way you work with other people.

Layla: You're right. I will include that when I talk about what I'm good at during my interview. I was also thinking of saying that I can use different software and computer programs to do my work. Do you think that's important?

Adolfo: Absolutely! Nowadays companies look for people who can handle various tools to perform their job at the best level so, if you mention that, it will give you an extra point. Besides that, I think you act on your own, without someone telling you what you have to do.

Layla: Well, I have to say that it's not that real. I'm quite organized but I need people to guide me what I need to do so that I don't get lost. I don't think I should mention that.

Adolfo: You're right. Then talk about how good you are at organizing your time. I think that's also important for employers

Layla: Great. I think you've helped me a lot with this. I need to go now to prepare my interview.

Adolfo: You see? You have a few skills you can talk about. See you soon, then.

Track 21

Layla: Hello, Adolfo. Guess what? I think the job interview went quite well. The manager seemed very interested in what I can do for the company and she told me they will call me in a few days for the next interview with the boss.

Adolfo: Really? I'm very glad for you. I told you. You're very good at many things and I'm sure that if you told them that they considered it to have you as a strong candidate.

Layla: Yes. Thanks for your advice, it helped me a lot to prepare my speech. I talked about how good I can organize things but I was honest and said that I need someone to guide me to follow the steps. And I think my interviewer liked my honesty.

Adolfo: I'm very happy that the meeting went well. Congratulations! I'm sure you'll get hired soon.

Layla: Thanks, my friend. I will let you know if that happens.

Adolfo: Would you like a cup of coffee? I'll pay.

Layla: Alright! Let's go for it. And I'll tell you more about the interview.

Track 22

Andrea: I work as a manager in the sales department of an international company that sells books, so I am in charge of a group of five employees who visit bookstores and schools. Among other things, I am responsible for planning all of my team's activities so that we can meet our sales objectives every year. I handle communications with people within the organization but most often with buyers. I also deal with problem solutions whenever we find difficulties.

Esteban: I have worked in the company for about a year now. I am a cleaner so my duties are to keep all offices tidy and get rid of all the trash. Of course I need to arrive earlier than everybody else because the place has to be ready for them to work. I am also in charge of organizing the cups, spoons, coffee and sugar in the little kitchen we have. I sometimes find objects that people leave and I am responsible for giving them back.

Thomas: Teaching for me is the most wonderful profession because it helps people become better. I am responsible for a lot of things, from planning classes to writing exams. I also handle meetings with parents to inform them of their kids' performance at school. I am in charge of uploading students' grades to the school's grading system every week, which makes my work a lot easier.

Kathy: I don't have a job, but that doesn't mean that I don't work. I am a housewife and that means I have to do lots of things. Although I get help from my husband and children, they're out of the house during the day, so I'm responsible for making the food for when they come back home. I am responsible for washing and ironing the clothes but I don't deal with cleaning the house because we all share that duty everyday.

