

## SKILLS

# Telephoning: making contact

**A** What kinds of phone calls do you make in English? What useful telephone expressions do you know?

## USEFUL LANGUAGE

### MAKING CALLS

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**CD1 TRACK 8**

**A:** Good morning, VTS. Which department, please?

**B:** I'd like to speak to Corina Molenaar in Human Resources, please.

**A:** Thank you. Hold on. I'll put you through.

**C:** Hello. Human Resources.


**B:** Hello. Is that Corina Molenaar?

**C:** Speaking.

**B:** Yes, I'm phoning about your advert in *Careers Now*. Could you send me an application form, please?

**C:** Certainly. Can I take some details? Could you give me your name and address, please?

**B:** Yes, sure, it's Sophie Boiteaud, which is B-O-I-T-E-A-U-D.  
And my address is ...

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**A:** Yes, please. This is Johan from Intec. Could you tell her I won't be able to make the training course on Saturday? She can call me back if there's a problem. I'm on 0191 498 0051.

**B:** OK. Thank you. Bye.

**CD1 TRACK 10 (K = KARL, M = MATT)**

**M:** Hello, Matt speaking.

**K:** Hi, Matt. Karl here.

**M:** Oh, hello, Karl. How are you?

**K:** Fine, thanks. Listen, just a quick word.

**M:** Yeah, go ahead.

**K:** Do you think you could let me have the other number for Workplace Solutions? I can't get through to them. Their phone's always engaged.

**M:** Er, I've got it here. It's 020 9756 4237.

**K:** Sorry, I didn't catch the last part. Did you say 4227?

**M:** No, it's 4237.

**K:** OK. Thanks. Bye.

**M:** No problem. Bye.

**CD1.8 Listen to the first call again. Complete the expressions on the right so they have the same meaning as the ones on the left.**

- 1 Can I talk to ...?
- 2 Just a moment ...
- 3 I'll connect you.
- 4 Am I speaking to Corina Molenaar?
- 5 Yes, it's me.
- 6 The reason I'm calling is ...
- 7 Can I have your name and address?


- I'd like to speak to ...
- Thank you. **hold on**
- I'll **put you through**
- Hello. .... **Is that** ..... Corina Molenaar?
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**D**

 **CD1.9 Listen to the second call again and complete this extract.**

A: Hello. *Could I speak*<sup>1</sup> to Giovanna, please?

B: *I'm afraid*<sup>2</sup> she's not here at the moment. Can I *take*<sup>3</sup> a *message*?

A: Yes, please. *This is*<sup>5</sup> Johan from Intec. *Could*<sup>6</sup> you *tell*<sup>7</sup> her I won't be able to *tell*<sup>8</sup> the training course on Saturday? She can *call*<sup>9</sup> me *back*<sup>10</sup> if there's a problem. I'm *on*<sup>11</sup> 0191 498 0051.

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**B:** OK. Thank you. Bye.

 **CD1.10 Listen to the third call again. Choose the phrases the speakers use.**

Matt: Hello, Matt speaking.

Karl: Hi, Matt. Karl here.

Matt: Oh, hello, Karl. How are *things* / *you*<sup>1</sup>?

Karl: Fine, thanks. Listen, just a quick *word* / *question*<sup>2</sup>.

Matt: Yeah, go ahead.

Karl: Do you think you could *give me* / *let me have*<sup>3</sup> the other number for Workplace Solutions? I can't get through to them. Their phone's always *busy* / *engaged*<sup>4</sup>.

Matt: I've got it *here* / *right in front of me*<sup>5</sup>. It's 020 9756 4237.

Karl: Sorry, I didn't *hear* / *catch*<sup>6</sup> the last part. Did you say 4227?

Matt: No, it's 4237.

Karl: OK. Thanks. Bye.

Matt: *No problem* / *Don't mention it*<sup>7</sup>. Bye.

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A

There is one word missing in each of the expressions below. Put the missing word into each expression.

1 Could I speak <sup>to</sup> Ken Wu, please?

2 This <sup>is</sup> Pedro Casas in Buenos Aires.

3 I'm calling <sup>about</sup> our latest order.

4 Could you transfer <sup>me</sup> to the production department, please?

5 Could you ask him <sup>to</sup> call me back?

6 Can I leave <sup>a</sup> message, please?

7 Could you tell <sup>me</sup> what it's about?

8 I'll put <sup>you</sup> through.

9 Can I get him <sup>to</sup> call you?

10 I can transfer <sup>you</sup> to his voicemail.



# What do people want from work? Discuss in pairs.

*a large office, nice colleagues, ...*

Work in pairs. Make three word partnerships in each section to find out what four people want from work.

1	high	colleagues	2	company	phone
	long	salary		mobile	facilities
	helpful	holidays		parking	car

3	friendly	security	4	fast	facilities
	travel	opportunities		flexible	promotion
	job	boss		sports	hours

**What do *you* want from work? Use the word partnerships from Exercise B and make a list. Work in pairs. Compare your lists and choose the five most important things.**

high salary, long holidays, helpful colleagues

company car, mobile phone, parking facilities

friendly boss, travel opportunities, job security

fast promotion, flexible hours, sports facilities

**Match six of the word partnerships in Exercise B to their meanings (1–6).**

- 1 a lot of money *high salary*
- 2 a lot of time away from work
- 3 good people to work with
- 4 the chance to go to different places on business
- 5 move quickly to a higher position at work
- 6 you can change the times when you start and finish work

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friendly boss, travel opportunities, job security  
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