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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Each unit of *Topic Talk* takes between 50 and 120 minutes to complete. Each unit of the Student's Book provides 50–60 minutes of classroom instruction. Teachers can select from up to another 50 minutes of optional extension activities from this Teacher's Guide. In addition, each unit has an optional Warm-Up activity which can be downloaded from our website at www.eflpress.com. The time it takes to complete a unit will depend on a number of things: how the text is used, the level of your students, the level of their motivation, the cohesiveness of the group, and other factors.

Although the order of the units is somewhat graded, the units can be done in any order. You can focus on the units which you feel are most appropriate to your students' needs. If you have less time, you can easily shorten the length of the activities by reducing the number of questions. Likewise, if you have more time, you can increase the length of the activities by having the students practice again with a new partner, or by having them write more of their own questions. The photocopyable Extra Questions in this Guide can be done as homework if appropriate.

For extra listening practice, students can interview the teacher for many of the questions and take notes while listening. However, some teachers may feel uncomfortable answering a few of the questions due to their personal nature. Having the students ask the questions from memory, without referring to the textbook, can be an excellent way to review the questions and determine whether or not the students have mastered them. Before doing this activity, be sure to give the students a few minutes to memorize the questions.

Each unit of the Student's Book has three sections—Listen, Practice, and Talk.

LISTEN

This section introduces students to the topic. Students listen to native speakers doing the same task they will do in the Talk section.

Except for the questions themselves, the recordings are completely unscripted and unrehearsed, and as such are authentic. The underlying approach behind *Topic Talk* is that students need to be exposed to authentic English. As authentic English is used, students are not expected to fully understand all the language in the recording. Students must simply listen for the native speakers' responses to the questions and circle them. If you have higher-level students or want to emphasize listening more, you can use the Listening in Depth photocopiables as well as the tapescripts in this Guide to give the students further listening practice.

Procedure:

1. Students should first read the questions (and answer choices) without stopping to look up new words, trying to get a general understanding of each question.
2. Next, students can refer to the question translations at the back of the Student's Book for problematic vocabulary and/or to check their comprehension. Students should also learn the vocabulary listed after the question translations, which is essential to know for doing the listening task. Depending on your teaching style (or the students' learning style), you may prefer not to use the Japanese translations, but rather explain the vocabulary directly to your class.
3. Play the recording and have the students circle the answers they hear. Be sure to tell the students that some questions have more than one answer.
4. Play the recording again as necessary. If parts of the recording are too fast for your students, you can read from the tapescript.
5. Write the names of the two native speakers on the board. This will make it easier to talk about the conversation.
6. Check that the students have circled the correct answers by asking them to read out their choices, or have the students compare their answers with a partner. Optionally, photocopy the tapescript and have the students find the answers in the tapescript and circle them.

- Finally, students should listen to the entire recording again with their books closed.

PRACTICE

In this section students practice saying the questions by repeating them after the recording. The questions are said first slowly, and the second time at natural speed. This is done so that students will be able to hear how words are reduced or assimilated in fast speech.

Procedure:

- Explain the purpose of this section to the students.
- Play the recording. Have the students repeat the questions after the recording at natural speed. Or, if you prefer, the students can repeat both the slow and fast versions. If you choose to do both versions, you will need to pause after each question.
- Explain any pronunciation points you feel are useful. For example, ‘going to’ almost always changes to ‘gonna’ in natural speech, ‘your’ is usually reduced to ‘yer,’ and Wh-Questions have falling intonation while Yes/No Questions have rising intonation.

*Note: It is not absolutely necessary to use the recording to do this activity. If you prefer, you can just read out the questions to your students at both speeds.

TALK

Encourage students to speak only English when doing this activity. Students should sit facing each other. This encourages eye contact and prevents students from seeing their partner’s book. The person answering should have his or her book closed.

Also, encourage students to expand on each question and extend their conversations. A simple and effective way to facilitate this is to set a time frame for the activity. Simply tell the students that they are expected to keep talking (in English) for 10 (for example) minutes. You can increase the amount of time as the course progresses and as students gain more confidence in speaking English. You will need to give examples of how to expand on the questions. Emphasize that students are expected to ask some of their own questions, not only those in the book. The questions in the book are meant to be a springboard for additional conversation.

While students are conversing, circulate and answer any questions they may have.

The time it will take to complete the Talk section will vary depending on the students’ level and your class goals. Generally, it should take 20–35 minutes to complete. If you are teaching a mixed-level class with a wide range of abilities, the photocopiable Extra Questions can be given to the faster groups as they finish their interviews.

Before doing the Talk section it is advisable to teach the following expressions:

How do you spell...?
Could you say that again?

Students will invariably have problems with spelling as they attempt to write down their partner’s answers. By preteaching the above expressions, you will enable students to ask each other for help in English.

It is also advisable to teach your students how to write short notes for their partner’s answers as there is not enough space provided in the chart for anything longer. For a few of the questions it may be necessary to write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.

Also, before the students get with a partner, make sure you give them time to write their own questions for #14 and #15.

If your students are of a high enough level, and you want them to at least partially memorize the questions before beginning their interviews, you can use the question translations at the back of the Student’s Book as a memorization tool. Have the students work with a partner and take turns quizzing each other. Partner A says the question in Japanese and B has to supply the English for it. Continue at a faster and faster tempo until all the questions have been memorized.

*Note: When the recordings were made, the native speakers were instructed to say “Number 1,” “Number 2,” and so on before asking each question. This was done so that the students would have reference points when doing the Listen section. Students do not need to say the question numbers when doing their interviews; in fact, the conversations will probably flow more smoothly if the numbers are not said.

Answer Keys & Notes

This section provides answer keys for the Listen and Listening in Depth sections as well as individual unit notes.

Tapescripts & Vocabulary

The tapescripts can be used solely as a reference for the teacher, or they can be photocopied and distributed either for classroom use or for homework. They can also be downloaded from our website and modified as desired.

Possible ways to use the tapescripts:

1. Have the students read the tapescript and look up new vocabulary.
2. Have the students read the tapescript to check their answers after doing the Listen section.
3. Students can listen to the recording while following along reading the tapescript.
4. Students can work with a partner and practice saying the tapescript for speaking practice.
5. Cut out the parts of the tapescript so that each question or answer is on one strip of paper. Mix up all the strips and have the students match the questions with the answers either physically (on their desk tops), or by giving one strip to each student in the class to memorize, and then having the students find their match by going around the class and saying their line until they find the line that matches theirs.
6. Make gaps in the tapescript and have the students listen and fill in the missing words. Possible things to gap out are important vocabulary, reductions, contractions, or assimilations. To test whether or not students have mastered how to say the questions, gap out all the questions (leaving only the answers), and have the students write the questions.

The vocabulary is listed in a bilingual format at the end of each tapescript. Roman characters are used for the Japanese so that non-Japanese teachers can access the vocabulary and check student comprehension where needed. For those who prefer a pure Japanese version, one is available at our website. The vocabulary is divided into two groups: *Key Vocabulary* which is crucial to know to be able to do the listening or speaking task, and *Extra Vocabulary* selected from the recording. The Student's Book includes only the former group. The translations of the unit questions (found in the Student's Book) are not included in the Teacher's Guide.

The Extra Vocabulary is included mainly for higher-level students; it is not meant to be taught to lower-level students. It is up to the discretion of the teacher which vocabulary to teach, or whether to pre-teach vocabulary before listening to the recordings or to learn it afterwards.

Discourage students from attempting to write the Japanese translations for the vocabulary above or near their equivalents in the tapescript or in the Student's Book. Studying vocabulary with a translation is often an ineffective way to review. It is much more effective to look at the (English) context the vocabulary was first encountered in to see if the meaning can be remembered.

Extra Questions

The optional, photocopiable questions in this section are meant to be an extension to the questions in the Talk section. They can be used to give students extra speaking practice, or used if the teacher runs out of activities and needs to fill in classroom time. They can also be used for extra listening practice if the teacher is interviewed, or they can be assigned for written homework.

The time it will take to complete the questions may vary from unit to unit as the number of questions is not uniform; some units have only 10 questions and some have as many as 15. Generally, they should take 20–35 minutes to complete.

Listening in Depth

The optional questions in this section give students more in depth listening practice than provided in the Listen section in the Student's Book. They are included primarily for higher-level students, but may be used with lower-level students as well, depending on your class goals.

Procedure:

1. Before doing the questions, make sure the students have completed the Listen section in the Student's Book.
2. The students should learn the Extra Vocabulary (located at the end of each tapescript) in conjunction with this activity.
3. Copy the questions and distribute them to the students.
4. Play the recording and have the students write their answers to the questions.
5. Have the students work with a partner and take turns asking each other the questions.
6. Have the students listen to the recording again to check their answers and/or read the tapescript to check their answers.

The time it will take to complete the questions will vary depending on how they are done. Generally, they should take 15–25 minutes to complete.

ANSWER KEYS & NOTES

Topic 1

LISTEN

1. Yes.
2. brother: 31 sisters: 33, 35
3. father: 56 mother: 54
4. both from Chicago
5. No, not at all.
6. mom
7. mom: brown hair, about 5'7"
- dad: dark hair & hazel green eyes, about 5'8"
8. dad
9. cook, take walks
10. go to the beach, go to movies, have barbecues
11. about once a month
12. about 80; Chicago
13. No way!

Listening in Depth

1. her brother
2. Hillary and Sharon
3. yes
4. 101
5. Chicago
6. Chicago
7. no
8. shoulder length
9. hazel green (the same color as her father's)
10. No, (he doesn't even know how to work a microwave.)

Topic 2

LISTEN

1. apple pie
2. Mexican food
3. apples
4. carrot & celery sticks
5. Yes, I can.
6. I can make anything.
7. Special K & bananas, (orange) juice
8. never
9. (poached) salmon, (steamed) broccoli, rice pilaf
10. (just) vegetables
11. very rarely
12. yes: Russian, Greek, Thai, Italian
13. calves' brains

Notes

#11 I don't do that: This is a very strong way of saying she tries not to go to convenience stores.

It's just better bargains: This is an awkward way of saying, "They have better bargains" or "The prices are lower."

#13 Prague: the capital of the Czech Republic.

Listening in Depth

1. Because it's spicy and too full of fat.
2. Because they're good in apple pies, they're healthy, (and they're a great snack.)
3. oranges
4. five
5. Yes, she absolutely adores it.
6. pies, casseroles, roasts
7. No, (she has the same thing every day.)
8. Because breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
9. They have better bargains (and it's fresher).
10. Ethiopian

Topic 3

LISTEN

1. 21
2. June 25
3. 1982
4. May 31
5. around 10:00
6. I don't eat breakfast.
7. about 8:00
8. 1:00
9. starting work; working
10. early
11. yes
12. less than 30 minutes
13. zero

Notes

#5 Wahiwa: This is a city in Hawaii, near Honolulu.

Work late: The whole conversation is filled with examples of ellipsis such as this one. A useful exercise to make the students more aware of ellipsis is to write the ellipted forms from the conversation on the board and have students come up and write the longer, unellipted versions. For example, "Work late" becomes "I work late."

#7 the coffee shop: John works at an internet cafe.

#9 punching into work: This refers to punching the time clock at work.

Listening in Depth

1. He works late (at night).
2. about 11:30
3. about 40 minutes
4. He has no time.
5. at work
6. nothing; it's free
7. at a coffee shop
8. over 8 hours
9. 5-10 minutes
10. He uses his cell phone's clock.

Topic 4

LISTEN

1. Waikiki
2. about six months
3. Yes. It's convenient.
4. a friend
5. an apartment
6. small but nice, on the 6th floor, nice view
7. It's noisy all the time.
8. stereo and books
9. nice
10. It's near bus stops.
11. on the beach, big yard, pool, jacuzzi, tennis court, two-story, nice view
12. four times
13. at least two more years

Notes

#7, #10 there's...: This is not a grammatical mistake. Technically, it should be "there are" but most Americans use "there's" in spoken language even when followed by plural forms.

Listening in Depth

1. (go out and) buy a hamburger
2. Chuck
3. on Maui
4. a studio
5. Because he's near the street and there's a lot of restaurants and bars in the area.
6. no
7. No, not well (but they say 'hi' to him.)
8. Maui
9. Four years
10. get his degree

Topic 5

LISTEN

1. all types
2. I don't have a favorite.
3. Megadeth, Metallica
4. "Take on Me"
5. I always listen to music.
6. at home
7. loud music
8. I don't think I'm a good singer.; yes
9. about 30
10. yes
11. Red

Hot Chili Peppers 12. No. 13. I don't watch any.

Notes

#4 'Take on Me': 1985 song by the band, Aha. The music video won numerous MTV music awards.

#7 heavy feedback: He is referring to the vibration-like noise that some speakers make when playing very loud music.

#8 get up and go karaoke: By this he just means 'go sing karaoke.'

#11 'By the Way': 2002 album by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Listening in Depth

1. jazz, classical, (classic) rock 2. heavy metal
3. Aha 4. He turns on the radio. 5. He went to sing karaoke. 6. some Japanese friends 7. Because he listens to the radio a lot. 8. a jazz CD 9. Yes, it was awesome/really cool. 10. a bass guitar

Topic 6

LISTEN

1. I take the bus. 2. about 20 minutes 3. \$2.00
4. read, listen to music 5. Yes. 6. A guy threw up and just sat there. 7. the mean bus drivers, waiting for the bus 8. yes, six years ago 9. No, I don't. 10. Yeah, my mother has a car. 11. I love convertibles! 12. to the north shore of the island
13. yes, about 4 times a week

Notes

#7 the mean bus drivers: For some reason, bus drivers, at least in Honolulu, seem to be the grumpiest lot on the face of earth.

#12 the north shore of the island: She is referring to the North Shore of O'ahu, Hawaii, which has the best surfing waves in the world.

Listening in Depth

1. 10-15 minutes 2. \$1.00 3. everything 4. It doubles the time. 5. He was really drunk. 6. No, she thinks they have anger problems and are really mean. 7. when she was eighteen 8. It broke down. 9. a Thunderbird 10. It has really cool beaches, it's natural, and it's fun to watch people surf.

Topic 7

LISTEN

1. Yes, I play soccer and I surf. 2. football, soccer 3. surfing 4. basketball, football, soccer
5. baseball: didn't make the team 6. I'm pretty good. 7. Yes, I play for a soccer team. 8. I try to exercise every day. 9. about four times a week, in the pool at work 10. Tiger Woods 11. It's interesting. 12. skiing in Canada 13. big game fishing

Notes

#3 it's almost passion: This is a shortened form of "it's almost like a passion for me."

#7 Mililani: a city near Honolulu, Hawaii.

Listening in Depth

1. football and basketball 2. yes 3. No, he prefers surfing (hands down.) (He loves to surf; it's almost passion.) 4. the state championship
5. summer and winter 6. No, he tries to, but he's lazy (and doesn't exercise as much as he should.) 7. lifeguard 8. right before work (in the pool)
9. They are huge (some of the biggest athletes in the world.) 10. Canada

Topic 8

LISTEN

1. 1511 Nuuanu Avenue (#2, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817) 2. 585-6600 3. 8 1/2 4. about 300,000,000 5. around 80 degrees 6. 5'9"
7. 6', 190 pounds 8. not very far 9. 3,000
10. around 900 11. \$140 12. about \$20
13. \$40,000-50,000 a year

Notes

Only the street address is given in the Listen section answer choices (due to space constraints). However, students are expected to give their full address when answering.

#1 15-11 (answer choice): Students should learn how to say the 'dash' as most Japanese addresses are given this way.

#3 8 1/2: 25.5 cms.

size 5: 22 cms.

"I wear a little smaller.": A more common way to say this would be "My size is smaller" or "My feet are a little smaller".

#4 Many students will have no idea what the population of Japan is. Nevertheless, they can ask someone else in the class, or ask the teacher if necessary.

300 million: This was the approximate population of the USA at the time.

there's...: See Note for Topic 4, #7.

#7 In the Practice section both the 'she' and 'he' versions are said for this question. In fast speech, the 'h' is dropped in 'he.'

#10 there's...: See Note for Topic 4, #7.

Listening in Depth

1. Hawaii 2. Honolulu 3. 96817 4. five
5. Normal (—it's pretty much the way it is every day.)
6. No, (she's only 5'1"). 7. Yes. 8. MTV 9. \$60
10. her boyfriend

Topic 9

LISTEN

1. Andrew 2. 25 years 3. three times a year
4. in elementary school 5. Washington, D.C.
6. Chicago 7. short, blonde hair, wears glasses, cute, a little fat 8. reading science fiction, football
9. very analytical, very critical 10. both like football, both are very critical 11. His friend is more conservative.; His friend has different political beliefs.
12. Yes, all the time. 13. Yes.

Notes

For Questions #5, 6, 7, and 9 in the Practice section both the 'she' and 'he' versions are said in the recording. In fast speech the 'h' is dropped in 'he.' For Question #8 both the 'his' and 'her' versions are said. The 'h' in both 'his' and 'her' is usually dropped in fast speech.

#7 'belly': As used here, this word means 'fat stomach.'

Listening in Depth

1. 27 2. He lives far away. 3. two blocks
4. Washington, D.C. 5. a house 6. Yes. 7. the Washington football team 8. a little bit 9. mostly the same 10. No, (it's his favorite thing about having him as his best friend. They can get really mad and it's okay.)

Topic 10

LISTEN

1. about 2 or 3 times a week 2. Barney, Sponge Bob Square Pants 3. Extreme Makeover 4. talk shows 5. No, I don't like it. 6. no: I used to but not now. 7. yes: usually 3,6, or 8 8. Bob Moore
9. Robin Williams 10. The M & Ms commercials
11. The Bachelor, Survivor, The Bachelorette
12. I didn't watch any TV. 13. No.

Notes

#2 'Barney': 'Barney & Friends', a popular show for preschoolers. Barney is a purple dinosaur.

'Sponge Bob Square Pants': A popular cartoon for kids.

#3 'reality shows': Real life dramas on TV.

'60 minutes' (answer choice): A popular documentary on CBS that has been on TV for decades.

'Extreme Makeover': A reality show in which people's wishes come true by having their looks altered, and lives and destinies changed.

'cut people up and make them look better': This refers to the plastic surgery that is done to the people on the show to improve their looks.

#4 'Ricky Lake': A talk show.

#5 'Friends': A comedy about six close-knit friends living in New York City. At the time, this was the most popular show on TV in the States.

#8 'David Letterman' (answer choice): A talk show host widely regarded as one of the funniest men in America.

'I was going to ask you...': Lisa is always saying this guy or that guy is 'hot,' so Cee is teasing her.

'there it is': By this he means, "And now you said it (like I thought you would)."

#9 'drinks like ten water bottles...': When Robin Williams does stand up comedy he really gets into it, sweating profusely. But ten water bottles is probably an exaggeration.

#11 'The Bachelor': An ABC reality series in which one handsome, successful and likeable, single man searches for the woman of his dreams.

'The Bachelorette': A show similar to The Bachelor, but where a single woman searches for the man of her dreams.

'Survivor': A reality show in which viewers watch a bunch of people trying to survive, stranded in some remote place.

#13 'Dave & Buster's': A US restaurant chain which not only serves food, but has large game/entertainment areas inside the restaurants as well.

Listening in Depth

1. one 2. No, (she hates them.) 3. talk shows
4. She's never been able to get into it (and she doesn't think it's funny.) 5. Because she has to watch them all the time (and so she's sick of them) (and they are just repetitive.) 6. a newscaster
7. He's hot. 8. Yes, (he loves him.) 9. the red one 10. She won't have any time.

Topic 11

LISTEN

1. Yes, I work at an internet cafe. 2. He owns a driver's ed. school. 3. Yes, she does. 4. No, my brother doesn't work. 5. sell real estate 6. a server: You can make good tips. 7. make a lot of money 8. anything boring 9. a garbage truck driver 10. a police officer 11. outdoors 12. a librarian or secretary 13. an easy, high-paying job

Notes

For the Extra Questions #5-15, students must answer about a job they have. If a student does not have a job, s/he can make up the information.

#8 'sit down': She uses this verb here as an adjective.

Listening in Depth

1. She makes coffee and helps people with the computers. 2. about two years 3. She works for her father. 4. He's in jail. 5. in his 40s 6. Yes, (kind of.)
7. They get paid really good money and they only work in the mornings (and have the rest of the day free.) 8. No. 9. She thinks people would respect her a little more. 10. Yes, (she'd still rather work for the sense of self-worth and to use her brain a little.)

Topic 12

LISTEN

1. Los Angeles 2. about a week 3. I flew.
4. 6-7 hours 5. with two friends 6. went to amusement parks 7. at a friend's house 8. ethnic food 9. stuffed animals 10. \$1700 11. really warm and beautiful 12. the roller coasters
13. There was a lot of traffic.

Notes

- #7 Santa Monica: a city about 7 miles north of L.A.
pay any hotel: Matt probably meant to say 'pay for any hotel' or 'pay for a hotel' here.

Listening in Depth

1. Hawaii 2. Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm 3. Santa Monica 4. Indian and Persian
5. Yes, it was great (amazing). 6. Donald Duck
7. his girlfriend 8. \$700 9. Knott's Berry Farm
10. Yes, (they were.)

Topic 13

LISTEN

1. It's a convenient location.; It's a good school for my major. 2. The classrooms are hot.; The buildings are too old. 3. philosophy 4. Professor Sanders 5. English 6. math, history, science
7. sometimes: to go surfing 8. about an hour
9. No, I don't. 10. go to movies, go to bars, work
11. party 12. travel 13. Yeah, I'd love to.

Notes

- #1 Asian studies: Trevor is a student at the University of Hawaii, which has one of the top Asian studies programs in the world.
- #6 'Yes/No': She means subjects that are factual, with a lot of Yes/No Questions.
- #10 The Hilton Hawaiian Village: The largest hotel in Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- #12 'there's a couple...': See Note for Topic 4, #7.

Listening in Depth

1. Asian studies 2. Yes. 3. She's funny, nice, helpful to students, and always happy when she comes into class. 4. linguistics 5. No, (not at all.) 6. (at least) two-three hours 7. She's lucky if she does 30 minutes. 8. the Japanese club, the philosophy club, the poetry club 9. at a hotel (The Hilton Hawaiian Village) 10. Asia, Europe, Australia, South America

Topic 14

LISTEN

1. at home 2. at least three times a month
3. never 4. comedies, action 5. action

6. westerns, heavy drama documentaries
7. Arnold Schwarzenegger 8. A Home of Their Own
9. Down Periscope 10. Down with Love; Ewan McGregor & Renee Zellweger 11. The Whole Ten Yards 12. yes 13. Bruce Willis

Notes

- #2 go to the bargain: She means "go to the matinees when the movies are discounted."
- #3 just take them from there: By this she probably means either watch the movies or record them.
- #4 'City Slickers': 1991 comedy with Billy Crystal.
- #7 to say nothing of politically: This expression means "And he is great politically, too." At the time, Arnold was the governor of California.
- #8 'A Home of Their Own': The correct movie title is 'A Home of Our Own,' a 1993 movie starring Kathy Bates.
- #9 'Down Periscope': 1996 movie starring Kelsey Grammer and Lauren Holly.
- #10 'Down with Love': 2003 movie.
- 'Doris Day': One of the top female movie stars from the 60s, and one of the greatest singers of all time.
- #11 'The Whole 10 Yards': 2004 movie.
- 'The Whole 9 Yards': 2000 movie with Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry.
- #12 '220 times': It's not clear if she is exaggerating here or not.
- 'Romancing the Stone': 1984 romantic adventure starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito.

Listening in Depth

1. action movies 2. Because she has cable (at home) (and she can see movies that way.) 3. Drama's can get too slow or too serious. 4. She doesn't want to hear about other peoples' woes. 5. Because he is very versatile. (He's great in comedy, drama, and action.) 6. a single mother who raised six children (in Idaho during the depression.) 7. She learned how to get along with other people. 8. a comedy
9. Matthew Perry & Bruce Willis 10. 220

Topic 15

LISTEN

1. \$12 2. No, I'm not. 3. No, they don't. 4. coffee, chocolate 5. \$45 6. about \$6 7. maybe \$20
8. \$2 9. Yes, I do. 10. my motorcycle 11. give some money to my family 12. No, never
13. Yes—sometimes.

Notes

- #4 I can do dark, too: A more common way to say this would be, "I like dark chocolate, too."
- #6 'Down to Earth': Without a doubt, the best health food store in Honolulu. They also have fast vegetarian food.

#8 'Goodwill': A huge used clothing and goods chain. They have everything from clothes to furniture to music.

#12 not with money: He seems to be implying here that he gambles with things other than money, but his meaning is not clear.

Listening in Depth

1. Because there's not really any stuff that he needs.
2. Yes, (if he needs help, they will help him and send him money.)
3. Dark—(the darker, the better.)
4. White—(but she likes dark, too.)
5. Because he does things with his friends (like gather and sing) (which don't cost money.)
6. at the Goodwill store
7. No, (he doesn't use it very much at all.)
8. He uses it in case of emergency.
9. \$1,000
10. Save the Forests

Topic 16

LISTEN

1. about two times a month
2. The India Cafe
3. by myself, friends, girlfriend
4. about \$10
5. Not usually
6. Coffee or Tea, Mrs. Fong's
7. Yes, I have.
8. Armand's Chicago Pizza
9. Ono Pono
10. Bogart's Cafe
11. Morton's
12. Chinese, Ethiopian, Indian
13. My grandfather yelled at the servers at a restaurant.

Notes

#9 'Ono Pono': This is on the campus of the University of Hawaii. The name is Hawaiian.

#11 'Morton's': A high class steak restaurant.

#12 'there's a lot of...': See Note for Topic 4, #7.

#13 ...or the servers: Cee corrects himself here after having said 'waiters' because the politically correct term is 'servers' nowadays.

Listening in Depth

1. about \$7
2. Chinese
3. There was a band playing there that he really liked.
4. on the campus of Cee's university
5. fast vegetarian food
6. a breakfast sandwich (with egg, spinach, and tomato.)
7. \$3.50
8. about \$50
9. Because he was graduating (and it was a special night.)
10. his mother

Topic 17

LISTEN

1. ferrets
2. puppies, koala bears, bunny rabbits
3. cows, penguins, dogs
4. Bugs Bunny
5. bears, rottweilers
6. elephants, tigers, wild boar
7. Yes, I have.
8. yes: a snake
9. Harvey
10. He squeezed my leg.
11. a mouse
12. cats: You don't have to walk them in bad weather.
13. a bird: I can fly free and see the world.

Notes

#1 ferret: a smallish animal with a pointed nose

which is used to hunt rats and rabbits. It's sometimes kept as an exotic pet.

#3 'were little still': A more common way to say this would be, "Do you still have them from when you were little?"

#4 'that poor coyote': In the cartoon, Bugs Bunny always ends up the winner over his rival, the coyote.

#5 rottweiler: a strong and dangerous dog often used as a guard dog.

'up close and personal': This phrase normally means "very close and intimate" but here she uses it in a negative sense.

#7 Kauai: one of the Hawaiian islands.

Listening in Depth

1. Because they're cute and cuddly.
2. Yes, (absolutely.)
3. a dog
4. Yes, (she has, upclose and personal, in the forest.)
5. in Africa
6. in the mountains on Kauai
7. an 8-foot boa constrictor
8. every morning when he wanted to go out
9. Because they are so cute and easy to care for.
10. a dove

Topic 18

LISTEN

1. clothes, jewelry, groceries
2. a Prada bag
3. Ala Moana Shopping Center
4. Macy's; They have the most sales.
5. Payless
6. Waikiki Outlet Shops
7. no
8. \$500
9. about \$500
10. yes
11. 'Shrek', 'Finding Nemo'
12. yes
13. a new car

Notes

#3 Rodeo Drive (answer choice): This is a famous and expensive high-class shopping area in Beverly Hills, California.

Ala Moana Shopping Center: The largest shopping mall in Honolulu, Hawaii. At one time, it was the largest outdoor mall in the USA.

#4 Macy's: one of the oldest and largest department stores in America.

#5 Payless: a large discount shoe store chain.

#6 Waikiki Outlet Shops: a huge outlet area in Honolulu.

Saks: Saks Fifth Avenue—a classy, upscale department store from New York City.

Coach: a popular designer brand.

#8 Versace: a super expensive designer brand.

"buyer's remorse": The meaning of this phrase is roughly 'to regret buying something because it was too expensive or because it was bought on impulse.'

#11 'Shrek': a 2001 computer animated movie.

'Finding Nemo': a 2003 computer animated movie.

Listening in Depth

1. yes 2. black 3. outdoor 4. about \$10 5. Saks
6. yes 7. Versace 8. She tried to return them.
9. everything—paper towels, toilet paper, shoes, clothes, etc. 10. an Audi A8

Topic 19

LISTEN

1. Yes, I think so. 2. I eat healthy food.; I don't eat too much. 3. at least three times a week 4. Yes, it is. 5. not very often 6. Yes, I do. 7. Yes, I do. 8. No, I'm not. 9. No, never. 10. No, I don't. 11. I have some stress. 12. I try to get 7-8 hours. 13. feel love and peace in your heart

Notes

#5 "I eat junk food not very often": A more common way to say this would be, "I don't eat junk food very often."

#6 "There's a lot...": See Note for Topic 4, #7.

#11 is a big part of that: 'That' here means 'being able to handle stress.'

Listening in Depth

1. Because he's a vegetarian. 2. walking, riding his bicycle, Tai Chi, (and a little basketball) 3. sweets like chocolate 4. bananas, mangoes, and papayas
5. a multi-vitamin 6. No, (he used to be overweight when he was younger.) 7. Because it's good for his body. 8. No, never. 9. He doesn't take things too seriously, eats well, and meditates. 10. He has to wake up early in the morning to pick up trash in the park (for community service.)

Topic 20

LISTEN

1. a variety of clothes 2. Yes. 3. tiny tops, mini skirts, low-rise jeans 4. about \$3,000 5. yes: Louis Vuitton, Coach, Prada, Guess 6. anywhere
7. about 20 pairs 8. about 2-3 times a week
9. everything, but especially pink 10. Yes, I have a Nokia. 11. No, I don't. 12. my wedding ring
13. They look good on some people.

Notes

#1 "wear your skirt": The meaning of 'your' here is simply 'a.'

#6 Macy's: a large department store chain in the USA.

#11 a darker black: Lisa's hair is black, so she means dying her hair darker than it already is.

#13 [it]...[it]: She meant to say "They do..." here.

Listening in Depth

1. Because if you're not in fashion, you look like a

dork or a loser. 2. No, (because she doesn't feel comfortable in them.) 3. Coach and Louis Vuitton 4. Macy's 5. If there's a special occasion (like a birthday or some dinner.) 6. a flip phone 7. No, she can't stand it (because she doesn't know how it works.) 8. usually blonde or (darker) black 9. Because her daughter pulls them. 10. Because it would probably hurt really badly.

Topic 21

LISTEN

1. 10-12 times 2. abroad 3. The Philippines
4. Middle Eastern countries 5. 3-4 days
6. plane 7. boyfriend or alone 8. United
9. money problems 10. No, I didn't. 11. pineapples, aloha shirts, macadamia nuts 12. Where's the phone?, Do you speak English? 13. yes

Notes

#9 it came through: By this, I assume she means that her credit card approval came through, or the money her parents wired her finally came. It is not clear.

#11 slippers: She is not referring to bedroom slippers, but rather "thongs." In Hawaii, thongs are called "slippers."

Listening in Depth

1. England, Sweden, Norway 2. Singapore & Australia 3. It's much more adventurous & exciting. 4. She gets pretty excited so she starts early.
5. It's faster, more exciting, and adventurous.
6. It gives her a feeling of independence. 7. Her credit card didn't work. 8. No. 9. Fiji 10. Spain

Topic 22

LISTEN

1. magazines 2. nonfiction 3. at home 4. about \$6
5. John Grisham 6. The Bible 7. The Cat in the Hat
8. No. 9. Cosmopolitan 10. No, I don't.
11. every day 12. the front page 13. a children's book

Notes

#5 'you've watched the movie': Cee meant to say, "Do you watch his movies, too?"

Listening in Depth

1. She likes looking at the pictures. 2. biographies
3. six 4. \$1 5. No, (she doesn't usually buy books. When she wants to read a book she goes to the library.) 6. Yes. 7. Dr. Seuss 8. No, but she makes her husband do them. 9. She thinks they're kind of stupid. 10. at the gym

Topic 23

LISTEN

1. about two weeks ago
2. about once or twice a year
3. get a lot of rest, drink fluids
4. almost every day
5. No, not usually.
6. No, I'm not allergic to anything.
7. Yeah, I had a kidney infection.
8. a few days ago
9. about 102° F
10. Yes, I have.
11. Yes.
12. Yes, I have.
13. about two or three days a year

Notes

#1 the stomach flu: You will need to explain what this illness is as it is hard to translate. Stomach flu is an illness caused by a virus that is usually accompanied by nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and weakness.

#6 sulpha: an antibacterial drug.

tetracycline: an antibiotic.

#10 Colorado River: a major US river that runs from Colorado through California, going through the Grand Canyon.

Labor Day: a major US holiday which comes on the first Monday in September and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Although primarily an American holiday, it is celebrated by other industrialized nations as well.

Listening in Depth

1. the stomach flu
2. Her work is stressful.
3. penicillin, sulpha, tetracycline, caffeine, chocolate
4. about a year and a half ago
5. only for about eight hours
6. She had a bug bite that was itching.
7. 106° F
8. She took penicillin and she's allergic to it.
9. all over
10. She fell while riding a dirt bike.

#12 the Macy's Parade: Macy's is a large department store chain in the US which puts on a televised New Year's parade every year.

Listening in Depth

1. her mother, grandmother, and sisters
2. a real, natural tree
3. her nieces, nephews, and parents
4. She gave it to herself.
5. One (whole) year
6. Yes, it was fantastic.
7. the neighborhood children and friends
8. friends and family
9. two of her nieces, her nephew, and her boyfriend
10. drinking problems (alcoholism)

Topic 25

LISTEN

1. I was afraid of the dark.
2. black bears
3. I'm not afraid of any.
4. Yes!
5. No, I'm not.
6. Not at all. I enjoy it!
7. Gerald's Game
8. I was in a plane crash.
9. I don't think so.
10. nervous people
11. Not at all.
12. my future, my health
13. no

Notes

#7 'It really [did]': She meant to say, "It really was."

#9 an apparition: An apparition is some inexplicable thing that is seen, but isn't really a ghost.

Listening in Depth

1. bees and mosquitos
2. Because she was in a plane crash before.
3. Yes.
4. roller coasters (and high, fast rides.)
5. Yes, (she gets along with him very well.)
6. Stephen King
7. Yes, she did.
8. Both engines went out.
9. into the Pacific Ocean
10. She uses her mind to forget where she's at and just focuses on the speech.

Topic 26

LISTEN

1. Christmas: The world becomes a family.
2. Mother's Day: I sent everybody flowers.
3. Christmas, Independence Day, Thanksgiving
4. decorate my house, serve food to the homeless
5. 12-14
6. a trip to Ireland
7. make a haunted house
8. Yes, I buy flowers.
9. Yes, I did.
10. I spend it at home with friends.
11. watched fireworks on the beach
12. watch the Macy's Parade and rest
13. I helped homeless people.

Notes

#8 In Japan, girls give guys valentines and not vice versa. But in the U.S.A. giving is reciprocal.

#10 'it's just warmer': By this she means it's more intimate and friendly.

the dropping of the ball: The drop of the illuminated, thousand-pound crystal ball, which sits atop One Times Square building in New York City, starts promptly at 11:59 pm on New Year's Eve.

LISTEN

1. the beach
2. McDonald's
3. Yes, I am.
4. an amusement park
5. long hair
6. long hair, beautiful, nice smile, light eye color
7. nice personality, nice smile
8. about my age
9. Yes.
10. yes
11. Yeah, I do.
12. No, never!
13. I'm not sure if I would.

Notes

#2 Happy Meal: a set meal at McDonald's for kids.

#6 everybody else's: This is a shortened form of "everybody else's date."

#8 'I don't yo...too young or too old': Here he means, "I don't want someone too young or too old."

#9 'If you have to force': It's not clear what Matt means here but most probably he means, "If you have to force the kiss, it's not such a good idea."

#10 'to do anything about it': By this Trevor means, "to take action on your feelings and ask the girl out on a date."

Listening in Depth

1. Because it's cheap and he likes to watch the sunset.
2. Because he was young (and didn't have much money.)
3. Osaka, Japan
4. about six months
5. Because if the date is boring, you can (still) have fun.
6. No, (he doesn't really care for short hair.)
7. nice personality
8. Yes, (two or three year's difference is okay for him.)
9. It takes a lot of pressure off guys. It's stressful being a guy because they always have to ask the girl out.
10. It was awful.

Topic 27

LISSEN

1. 24–25
2. 27 & 39
3. at least 3 or 4 years
4. probably not
5. Definitely.
6. No, I wouldn't.
7. romantic, devoted, religious
8. Definitely.
9. traditional
10. about 100
11. Tahiti
12. Yes, very.
13. No, I probably wouldn't.

Listening in Depth

1. 28
2. 21 (see her answer to #4)
3. yes
4. yes
5. romantic
6. ideally three
7. her relatives
8. yes
9. 25 years
10. No, (she said they're going to be together forever).

Topic 28

LISSEN

1. No.
2. Yes, I do.
3. Yes, I do.
4. Yes, I believe in horoscopes.
5. No, I don't.
6. Yes.
7. Yes, I did.
8. No.
9. O
10. I don't think so.
11. Breaking a mirror is unlucky.
12. Yes.
13. friends

Notes

#8–10 Most Americans do not believe blood types can tell a person's personality. In fact, many people have never even heard of this idea and do not know their blood type except for medical purposes.

Listening in Depth

1. (He thinks he will stay) on earth.
2. No, he thinks he will be an animal.
3. Because people have seen a lot of them.
4. He thinks you have to get to know someone first (and can't judge them on their looks. You have to see if you are compatible.)
5. Mars
6. Because he's at every mall in America at the same time.
7. no
8. no
9. Because his family is not close(-knit) (and don't worry about him).
10. No, only a few.

Topic 29

LISSEN

1. The government is in good shape and the President is in control.
2. drug-related crimes
3. Yes, I have.
4. Israel
5. Yes, someone stole my ring.

6. No, I haven't.
7. No, never.
8. Yes, three times before.
9. call 911; hide
10. try to find a man to help; call 911
11. I have good door locks and a burglar alarm.; I'm cautious and alert.
12. A guy set his car on fire.
13. For: You should die for a very serious crime.

Notes

#1 Carol lives in the USA and the President at the time was George W. Bush.

#7 always: It's very hard to believe that Carol has never driven over the speed limit, etc. but anything is possible.

Listening in Depth

1. a hit and run car accident
2. California
3. Because of so much war.
4. an emerald birth-stone ring
5. No, she didn't.
6. Yes, (many years later.)
7. No.
8. Outside (or in another room)—(she almost walked in on them.)
9. Absolutely.
10. He was just crazy.

Topic 30

LISSEN

1. It's a bad habit.
2. I enjoy gambling.
3. I love this school.
4. No, I don't.
5. yes
6. It's a good right.
7. I disapprove of him.
8. yes
9. no
10. I've never had it.
11. Pitt
12. Carrey
13. happiness

Notes

#1 cowboy killers: This expression means the cigarettes are strong, strong enough to kill cowboys.

#3 do you plan on graduating?: He is teasing Jerome because Jerome mentioned 'hot chicks' as a reason for liking his school.

I'm going to drop out: He is, of course, saying this facetiously.

#5 I don't see why not: You will need to explain the meaning of this common expression, using the gloss at the back of the Student's Book if necessary.

#6 I'm not sure about you!: Jerome is, of course, teasing Nick, insinuating that Nick is crazy.

#7 Both Jerome and Nick are Americans, and the leader he was referring to was George W. Bush, who at the time was the President of the USA.

#9 SPCA: The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This nonprofit, charitable organization is dedicated to the welfare of all animals. They provide refuge, medical care, nourishment, and a second chance for life for unwanted animals.

#11 in Titanic or something: Jerome is obviously not a DiCaprio fan. Dicaprio was the star of the *Titanic*, which was the top grossing movie of all time.

how many posters...: Again, Nick is teasing Jerome.

#12 [pretty both]: He meant to say "both pretty..."

Bruce Almighty: 2003 movie starring Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston, and Morgan Freeman.

Ace Ventura I & II: 1994 & 1995 movies starring Jim Carrey and Courteney Cox.

Listening in Depth

1. yes 2. Since he was 15; 11 years 3. Marlboro Reds 4. once or twice a week 5. He loves the people and there are a lot of hot chicks. 6. No, she's from a foreign country. 7. no 8. No (he can't stand them.) 9. zero 10. Bruce Almighty (and possibly Ace Ventura I and II.)

TAPESCRIP TS & VOCABULARY

► Topic 1 Family

Tapescript (Lisa asks Cari)

1. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I do. I have one brother and two sisters.

Are you closer to your brother or your sisters?

Um...I'm closer to my brother actually.

2. How old is your brother?

Um...I think my brother is like...I thi...thirty-one.

And how old are your sisters?

Uh...my sister, Hillary, is about thirty-three and my sister, Sharon, is thirty-five.

Oh.

3. How old are your parents?

Um...I think my father's about fifty-six and my mom is fifty-four.

Wow—they're old!

Really—you think that's old?

Yeah.

My great grandmother's a hundred and one. That's old!

That is! She's ancient!

4. Where are your parents from?

Uh...they were both born and raised in Chicago.

Do they still live there?

Um-huh.

5. Are your parents strict?

Um...no, they're not strict at all.

6. Do you get along with your mom or dad better?

I definitely get along with my mother better.

Do they get along with each other?

No, they don't.

Oh, I'm sorry.

7. What do your mother and father look like?

Um...my mom's about 5'7" and she's got...um...shoulder-length brown hair, and my father is probably 5'8" and he's got...um...dark, chestnut colored hair and hazel green eyes.

8. Do you look more like your mom or your dad?

Um...I look more like my father.

How so?

Um...I have like a lot of his...his facial features, as well as like my hands look like my father's, and my eyes are the same color as my father's.

You have nice eyes.

Thanks!

9. What do your parents do in their free time?

Um...my mom likes to...uh...my mom likes to take walks, and my dad...um...my dad likes to cook.

Oh. He likes to cook, huh?

Yeah, he loves cooking.

That's interesting. My dad doesn't even know how to work the microwave.

Really?!

Really!

10. What things do you do together with your family?

Um...we usually...uh...do barbecues at each other's houses, um...or we'll go to the movies, and sometimes we go to the beach if it's really nice out.

11. How often do you see your aunts, uncles, and cousins?

Um...pretty frequently. I'd say...uh...about like once a month.

Do you have a big family?

Uh...yeah. I have a decent-sized family.

12. How old are your grandparents? Where do they live?

Um...I'm not really sure how old my grandparents are. I think they're around...um...eighty years old and they live in a suburb of Chicago.

13. Do you want to live with your parents after you get married?

No way! I would never want to live with my parents after I got married!

► Topic 1 Family

Key Vocabulary

almost never (*hotondo...nai*)
an only child (*hitorikko*)
at all (*zenzen*)
definitely (*zettai ni*)
great grandmother (*hii obaa-san*)
hazel (eyes) (*usuchairo no me*)
I'd say... (=I think...)
like (31) (=about)
No way! (*Tondemonai!*)
pretty frequently (*kekko hinpan ni*)
probably (*tabun*)
suburb (*koogai*)
5'7" (5 feet, 7 inches =170cms)
5'8" (5 feet, 8 inches =173cms)

Extra Vocabulary

actually (*jitsuwa; hontoo no tokoro wa*)
ancient (=slang for "very old")
as well as (=and also)
(be) close to (someone) (... to *shitashii*)
born and raised (*umare sodatsu*)
chestnut colored (*kuriiro no*)
decent-sized (family) (=pretty big)
doesn't even (know) (...*sura*; ...*sae*)
each other (*otagai*)
facial features (*kaodachi*)
How so? (*Donna tokoro ga?*)
microwave (*densi renji*)
"nice out" (=nice weather)
shoulder-length (hair) (*kata ni todoku nagasa*)
um.../uh... (*eeto...*)
um-huh (=yes, yeah)

► Topic 2 Food

Tapescript (Cee asks Carol)

1. What's one of your favorite foods?

My favorite foods...mm...I'd have to say apple pie.

Hm...Why do you like apple pie so much?

Because I can make them from scratch, and they're the best, and everybody loves them.

2. What's a food you hate?

I hate Mexican food!

Why do you hate Mexican food?!

'Cause it's spicy and it's too full of fat. Ugh!

Oh!

I don't like it.

3. What's your favorite fruit?

My favorite fruit are apples because not only are they good in the pies, but they're just a great snack. And they're healthy.

Hm...yeah. Do you like oranges?

Oh, I love them!

Do you like mangoes?

Mangoes not too much, but I like oranges. Oranges are better.

Mm...

Fresh orange juice.

Mm...

4. What's your favorite snack or dessert?

My favorite snack is definitely fruit...uh...or vegetables actually. I really love carrot and celery sticks.

Nice!

Yeah.

5. Can you cook?

Yes, I can. And I've been cooking since I was five years old.

Do you love cooking?

I absolutely adore it, and I love cooking for large groups of people.

Nice.

6. What can you make?

I can make anything you want. I can make pies, casseroles, and roasts.

Can I go to your house for dinner?

Any time!

Nice!

Sure!

7. What did you have for breakfast today?

Every day for breakfast I have a bowl of Special K and bananas, and I drink some orange juice, and maybe some decaf coffee.

So you always have the same breakfast?

Every day.

That's interesting.

Yeah.

8. How often do you skip breakfast?

Never. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. I never skip it.

Ever, ever, ever?

Never. No, never have.

Wow!

Yeah.

I skip breakfast all the time.

9. What did you have for dinner last night?

Last night I had poached salmon with steamed broccoli and rice pilaf. And I made it myself.

Mm—that sounds good!

Very healthy.

Did you have it in your apartment?

Yes.

Nice.

Absolutely.

10. What kind of toppings do you like on your pizza?

Just vegetables. I'm not really a meat person. I prefer just vegetables.

Just vegetables?

Yeah. But it's healthier—the cheese, the vegetables.

All kinds of vegetables?

Uh...anything but mushrooms and onions.

Mm...

Yeah.

Yeah.

11. How often do you buy food at a convenience store?

Very rarely. I don't do that. I prefer going to the grocery store. It's just better bargains, and that's the way I do it.

It's [more] fresh.

Yes.

Yes.

12. Do you like ethnic food? What kinds?

I absolutely love ethnic[s] foods. I love Italian food. I love Greek food.

Mm...Yes.

I love Russian food and Thai. Thai is one of my favorites.

Oh, I love Thai food!

Oh, isn't it great?

Uh...in D.C. they have wonderful Ethiopian food.

Oh.

I love Ethiopian food, too.

Mm...I don't think I've ever had Ethiopian. I think it's a little spicy for me.

Well, yeah.

Yeah.

A lot of ethnic foods are spicy.

13. What's the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

When I was in Prague we were served calves' brains.

Oh!

That definitely was different!

Brains!?

Calves' brains.

That's gross!

Yeah.

► Topic 2 Food

Key Vocabulary

“a meat person” (=a person who likes meat)
anything but... (*...igai nandemo*)
calves’ brains (*koushi no noomiso*)
definitely (*zettai ni*)
grasshopper (*inago; batta*)
Greek (food) (*girishia*)
grocery store (=supermarket)
meal (*shokujii*)
poached (salmon) (*‘musu’ to ‘yuderu’ no aidakurai no ryoori no shikata*)
prefer (*...no hoo ga suki*)
rarely (*mare ni*)
steamed (broccoli) (*mushita*)

Extra Vocabulary

absolutely (*danzen; mattaku*)
actually (*jitsuwa; hontoo no tokoro wa*)
adore (*daisuki*)
‘cause (=because)
D.C. (=Washington, D.C.)
decaf (=coffee with no caffeine)
“different” (=not normal; strange)
“full of fat” (*shiboo ga takusan*)
gross (*kimochi warui; iyana*)
I’d have to say... (*Shiite iu nara...*)
make (something) from scratch
(*saisho kara tezukuri suru*)
not only...but... (*...dakedenaku...*)
serve(d) (*tabemono ya nomimono o dasu*)
since... (*...no toki kara; ...irai*)
Special K (=a kind of healthy cereal)
Sure! (*Mochiron!*)

► Topic 3 Time

Tapescript (Dave asks John)

1. How old are you?

Twenty-one.

Wow—you're a lot younger than me. I'm forty-four.

Forty-four.

Yeah.

2. When's your birthday?

June twenty-fifth.

June twenty-fifth. So it's coming soon.

Coming soon.

3. What year were you born in?

1982.

1982.

4. What's the date today?

Date is Ju...May thirty-first.

5. What time do you usually get up?

Around ten.

Ten?

Ten.

Pretty late.

Pretty late.

Why do you get up so late?

Work late.

What time do you usually finish work?

About eleven-thirty and drive home to Wahiwa for about a forty-minute drive.

6. What time do you eat breakfast?

Don't eat breakfast.

Why don't you eat breakfast?

No time for it. I wake up at lunch time pretty much.

Oh...

7. What time do you usually eat dinner?

About eight o'clock.

Do you usually eat at home or...?

I eat at work.

At the coffee shop?

At the coffee shop.

Do you have to pay for the food?

Nah, it's free. As long as you're on the clock, it's free.

So you can eat as much as you want?

Well, can't do that but...

You can eat a...

...you can eat...

...a good meal for free.

Yeah.

Wow—you’re lucky.

8. What time do you usually go to bed?

One.

One o’clock?

One o’clock.

How much sleep do you usually get?

Over eight hours.

That’s good.

9. What were you doing at 3 p.m. yesterday?

Uh...punching into work.

So you were just starting work.

Just starting work.

At 8 p.m.?

Working.

You were still working.

Still working.

Finish at...what time?

Yesterday I finished at ten-thirty.

Ten-thirty.

10. Are you usually early, on time, or late?

Early.

Early? How early do you usually get to places?

I try to be in the five-to-ten minute range.

11. Do you usually sleep in on Sundays?

Yeah, usually.

12. How much time do you spend on the phone each day?

Less than a half an hour. Less than thirty minutes.

That’s on your cell phone?

Cell phone.

13. How many watches do you own?

Hm...zero.

No watch?

No watch.

How do you know what time it is?

I got a cell phone. Got the little clock on it, so I use that.

Oh, I see. I see.

► Topic 3 Time

Key Vocabulary

cell phone (*keitai denwa*)
It varies. (*Iroiro desu.*)
less than (30 minutes) (...*inai*)
meal (*shokujii*)
pay for (something) (*harau*)
pretty (late) (*kekko*)
still (working) (*mada*)

Extra Vocabulary

“as long as you’re on the clock”
(*kinmu jikan no aida nara*)
“as much as you want” (*hoshii dake*)
Nah (=informal “no”)
pretty much (*hotondo*)
range (...*to...no aida*)
Well... (*Eeto...*)

► Topic 4 House & Home

Tapescript (Ray asks Matt)

1. Where do you live?

I live in Waikiki.

2. How long have you lived there?

I've lived there about six months.

Six months. Wow.

Yeah, not too long.

3. Do you like it? Why or why not?

Um...I enjoy it because it's right in the heart of the city and I can...um...go out and get a hamburger at two in the morning if I want to, or whatever I need is right outside my door.

Yeah, sounds convenient.

Yes. Yeah—convenient.

4. Who do you live with?

I live with a friend...um...named Chuck. And I know him from...uh...Maui actually.

5. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

Uh...an apartment. Studio apartment.

6. What's it like?

Well, it's small but it is nice. And I have a nice view on the sixth floor.

Cool.

7. What's something you don't like about your house?

I don't like that it's noisy all the time...uh...

Oh.

...because [I'm] near the street and there's a lot of restaurants and bars in the area so I always hear so...some...some kind of noise.

8. What things in your bedroom are most important to you?

Uh...probably the stereo because I like...I love to have my music. And my books because I like to read.

Me, too.

9. What are your neighbors like?

Uh...my neighbors are nice. Uh...I don't really know them too well. Um...on the left of me live a Japanese couple who don't speak very much English but say 'hi.' And to the right of me is a local guy who seems very nice.

10. Is your home near a train or bus station?

Um...I live on...on the street I live...uh...there's bus stops all along.

11. What does your dream house look like?

Mm...my dream house is on the beach. It's got a big yard, pool, a jacuzzi, maybe a tennis court...um...two-story, nice view.

I can picture it perfectly!

12. How many times have you moved before?

Let's see...I've moved about four times. Four times. Um...the last move was here to ...uh...Waikiki so...

Where were you before?

On Maui. I lived there four years, and then before that California.

You moved a lot!

Yeah. Well, yeah.

13. How much longer do you think you'll live where you are now?

At least two more years 'til I get my degree.

► Topic 4 House & Home

Key Vocabulary

- all along (the street)
(*zutto; saisho kara saigo made*)
- at least (*sukunakutomo*)
- convenient (*benri*)
- for the rest of my life (*shinu made*)
- I really can't say. (*Hakkiri ienai.*)
- local (guy) (*jimoto no*)
- noise (*soo'on*)
- noisy (*urusai*)
- on foot (*aruite*)
- probably (*tabun*)
- "right in the heart of" (*domannaka*)
- "right outside my door" (*doa o deruto sugu*)
- seem(s) nice (*yosasoo ni mieru*)
- two-story (*nikai date no*)
- whatever (I) need
(*hitsuyoona mono wa nandemo*)
- yard (*niwa*)

Extra Vocabulary

- actually (*jitsuwa; hontoo no tokoro wa*)
- cool (*kakkoii*)
- degree (*gakui*)
- "don't know them too well"
(*karera no koto wa amari yoku shiranai*)
- "I can picture it perfectly!"
(*Hakkiri to me ni ukaberu koto ga dekiru!*)
- Let's see... (*Eeto...*)
- studio (=a small, one-room apartment)
- 'til (=until)
- um.../uh... (*eeto...*)
- Well... (*Eeto...; Soo desune...*)

► Topic 5 Music

Tapescript (Matt asks Ray)

1. What kind of music do you usually listen to?

Wow—I listen to all types of music.

Uh-huh. From jazz to rap or classical or...?

Not much rap, but jazz, classical...um...classic rock. Yeah—all types.

Good.

2. Who's your favorite singer or group?

Oo—um...let's see. I don't really have a favorite singer or group.

So many to choose from, huh?

Yeah.

Yeah.

Seriously.

3. Who did you like when you were in junior high school?

In junior high...let's see...I liked a lot of heavy metal. Megadeth, Metallica...

Hardcore!

Yep, hardcore stuff.

4. What's one of your favorite songs?

One of my favorite songs...geez...um...'Take on Me' by Aha.

Oh, yeah. I remember that song.

Absolutely not hardcore!

No! Opposite. It's a good song, though.

Yeah.

5. How much time do you spend listening to music?

Wow—I'm always listening to music.

6. Where do you usually listen to music?

Uh...let's see...well, right when I get home, the first thing I do is I turn on the radio. So, mainly at home.

Um-huh.

7. What kind of music do you dislike?

Loud, obnoxious music like...um...stuff with heavy feedback.

8. Are you a good singer? Do you like karaoke?

I love karaoke, but I don't think I'm a good singer.

Do you get up and go karaoke every once and a while?

Yeah, I went last night.

Really?

Yeah.

What did you sing?

Um...lots of Japanese songs.

Yeah?

Because I went with some Japanese friends.

Oh, okay.

9. About how many CDs do you own?

Um...I don't own very many. I guess I'd say about thirty.

Thirty CDs.

I listen to the radio a lot.

Uh-huh. So you don't buy...buy a lot of music?

No.

10. Have you bought any good CDs recently?

Actually, the other day I bought a great jazz CD.

Oh. Who was the artist?

It's a compilation, a mix of several classic artists.

Oh, the classic style.

Yeah.

Good.

11. What are some concerts you've been to before?

I went to an awesome Red Hot Chili Peppers concert a couple of years ago.

Oh, man, that must have been great!

Yeah, it was good fun.

Which album was that for?

Um...I think it was for the...uh...the one with 'By the Way' on it.

Oh, 'By the Way.' Yeah.

Yeah.

That's a great album.

Yeah, it was a really cool concert.

12. Can you play any musical instruments?

N...I tried to learn, but no.

Do you have any?

Um...I have a bass guitar.

Oh.

Yeah.

That's good.

13. What kind of music shows do you watch on TV?

I don't watch shows on TV really.

► Topic 5 Music

Key Vocabulary

actually (*jissai; jitsuwa*)

awesome (*sugoi*)

I guess I'd say... (=I think...)

I'm pretty good. (*Kekkoo tokui desu.*)

I'm terrible. (*Heta desu.; Umakunai desu.*)

mainly (*omo ni*)

not very many (=not a lot)

not very well (*sorehodo umakunai*)

obnoxious (*fukaina; shinkei ni sawaru*)

the other day (*senjitsu*)

types of (=kinds of)

good fun (*tanoshii*)

hardcore stuff (*kagekina mono*)

huh? (*soodeshoo?*)

Let's see... (*Eeto...*)

Oh, man... (=Wow!)

opposite (*seihantai*)

"right when I get home" (*ie ni kaeru to sugu ni*)

Seriously. (=Yeah, really.)

several (*ikutsuka no*)

"so many to choose from"

(*sentakushi ga amari ni takusan aru*)

stuff (*mono; nanika*)

That must have been great!

(*Subarashikatta ni chigainai!*)

though (...*dakedo*)

uh-huh/um-huh (=yes, yeah)

um.../uh... (*eeto...*)

Well... (*Eeto...*)

yep (=informal "yes")

Extra Vocabulary

a couple of (=two)

absolutely (*mattaku; kanzen ni*)

cool (*kakkoii*)

every once in a while (=sometimes)

geez... (*eeto...*)

► Topic 6 Transportation

Tapescript (Lisa asks Cari)

1. How do you get to school?

Um...I usually take the bus to school.

2. How long does it take?

Um...it usually takes...um...depending on whether or not I catch it right away...if I catch it right away, it probably takes like twenty minutes for me to get to school.

That's a long time!

Really?

Yeah.

Ah, it's not that bad.

Well, how long do you usually wait for the bus?

Um...probably like ten, fifteen minutes.

That's a long time!

3. How much is the bus fare?

Uh...right now the bus fare is two dollars.

You're kidding!

No.

Two dollars! That's...

Yeah, it's not that bad. You get a transfer, too so...

But that's each time.

Yeah.

Oh. It used to be like a dollar.

Yeah, it did.

4. What do you usually do on the bus?

Um...I usually listen to music on my headphones or I read a book.

What kind of music do you listen to?

Oh, I listen to everything. Um...right now I have Maroon Five, though, in my CD player.

Maroon Five...

Maroon Five.

...I've never heard of them.

Yeah, they're a really good band.

5. Do you ever travel during rush hour?

Unfortunately, I do travel during rush hour.

Does it take very much longer during rush hour than normal?

Ah, yeah. Probably doubles the time.

6. What's a funny or strange experience you've had on the bus?

Uh...one of the strangest experiences I've had on a bus would have to be...uh...watching somebody throw up on the bus and just sitting there and not getting up...off the bus.

Oh, god! Was...was the person like mentally unstable or something?

No. No. He was just really drunk.

Oh, he was drunk.

Yeah, it was pretty bad.

Yeah!

7. What are two things you dislike about taking the bus?

Um...two of the things I dislike about the bus—probably waiting for the bus and...um...the mean bus drivers.

Yeah, they all have anger problems, don't they?

Yeah, they really do. Definitely.

God, they're so mean!

They are.

They're like worse than taxi drivers.

8. Do you have a driver's license?

Yeah, I do.

When did you get it?

Uh...I got it about six years ago when I was sixteen.

Wow—you got it really young!

Yeah...that's not that young!

Well, I got mine at eighteen.

Oh, okay.

9. Do you have a car?

Um...no, I don't have a car anymore. It broke down like a year ago.

10. Does your family have a car?

Um...yeah, my mother does have a car.

What does she have?

She has...um... What kind of car does she have? She's got a Thunderbird.

Wow!

Yeah.

That's a fast car!

Yeah.

11. What's your favorite type of car?

Um...anything that...that's a convertible.

Oh, I love convertibles!

I know! Definitely!

12. Where's a good place to go for a drive?

Um...I like to go to the north shore of the island.

What is it like up there?

It's just a really really...um...cool... There's really cool beaches up there, and it's really fun to go watch people surf, and stuff like that.

Oh. Very natural.

Yeah—definitely.

13. Do you have a bicycle?

Yeah, I do have a bicycle.

How often do you use it?

I ride it about four times a week.