13 Trading Places

In this unit you will:
- tell someone about the things you can do
- read and understand a help wanted ad
- write a note of apology
- describe the roles couples choose

Ways to Learn
At Crossroads Café, the employees try to observe and learn from each other so they can work better together. They watch and learn. One way to learn English is to observe others.

Observe Others
Circle who or what you watch or observe to learn English.

Who do you watch at home to learn English?
- a neighbor
- family members
- does not apply

Who do you watch at work to learn English?
- my supervisor
- a coworker
- does not apply

Who do you watch at school to learn English?
- my teacher
- a classmate
- does not apply

Who do you watch in the community to learn English?
- a waitress
- a store clerk
- a bus driver

What do you watch on T.V. to learn English?
- news
- educational programs
- stories

On Your Own
List the people you watched last week. What did you observe?

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Before You Watch  
Look at the pictures. What do you see?
What do you see in each picture? Write the number of the picture next to the word.

1. waiter
2. handyman
3. manager
4. cook
5. delivery person
6. busboy

What is happening? Write the number of the picture next to the sentence.

1. Rosa is taking money from a customer at the cash register.
2. Jamal is delivering the take-out orders.
3. Henry is waiting on tables.
4. Mr. Brashov is fixing something.
5. Katherine is cooking lunch in the kitchen.
6. Jamal is pushing a cart.

Write one question you have about each picture. Then read your questions to someone.

1. Why is Henry waiting on tables?
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 

Focus For Watching  Read the questions. Then watch.

1. Who is cooking?
2. Who is delivering the food?
3. Who is giving the customers change?
4. Who is serving the food?

1. Who says the customer is the most important person in the café?
2. Who decides that the employees will trade jobs for one day?

1. Who thinks that the café will lose some business because of the experiment?
2. Who says that Mr. Brashov thinks he is the only one that can manage the café?
After You Watch

What do you remember? Match the questions with the correct picture. You may use a picture more than once.

In Today's Show...

1. Who is cooking?
   a. Mr. Brashov

2. Who is delivering the food?
   b. Rosa

3. Who is giving the customers change?
   c. Henry

4. Who is serving the food?
   d. Katherine

1. Who says the customer is the most important person in the café?
   e. Jamal

2. Who decides that the employees will trade jobs for one day?
   f. Jess

1. Who thinks that the café will lose some business because of the experiment?

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Read the sentences and check (√) Yes or No. If the answer is No, write the correct job.

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<td>5. Henry is the handyman.</td>
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<td>6. Jamal is the delivery man and busboy.</td>
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Put the sentences in order. Number 1 to 5.

1. Everyone has a new job. Katherine is cooking; Rosa is giving the customers change; Jamal is delivering take-out orders; and Henry is serving food.
2. Mr. Brashov plans an experiment to have his employees change jobs for a day.
3. The employees at Crossroads Café are arguing about whose job is the most important.
4. It's lunchtime and the regular customers arrive for their meals. There are too many customers.
5. Customers are yelling for their food and waiting for their change. Take-out orders are late. The experiment is not working.

Write the story. Use the five sentences above. Add these three sentences. Then close the book and tell the story to someone.

• Each employee thinks his or her job is the most important.
• Everyone thinks that the new jobs they are doing are very easy.
• The customers are very unhappy.

The employees at Crossroads Café are arguing about whose job is the most important.
Your New Language: Talking about Ability

Rosa, you’re not the only one who knows how to cook. I’m a mother. I can cook.

And I fix things around my apartment all the time. That doesn’t mean I can do Jamal’s job.

To express ability or inability to do something, you can say:
- I can cook.
- I can’t cook.
- I know how to cook.
- I don’t know how to cook.

★ Complete the conversations. Use these words.

**manage**

What can you cook?

I can **make** spaghetti and tuna sandwiches.

We only eat out on Saturday. We can’t afford to eat out more than once a week.

We can **afford** a few extras, like going out to dinner.

**afford**

Who will fix things around here?

I’ll give it a try. I can **repair** things around here.

**repair**

He doesn’t think we can **make** the café.

**make**

How can I possibly take a vacation?

He doesn’t think we can **afford** the café.
Match.
1. The stove isn't working.
2. Do you know how to speak Spanish?
3. I know how to learn English quickly.
4. She doesn't know how to play tennis.
5. Do you know how to cook?

a. No, I don't, but I'm studying.
b. Yes, I do. Italian cooking is my speciality.
c. Let's teach her.
d. So do I. Watch Crossroads Café.
e. I know how to fix that. It's electric, isn't it?

What do you know how to do? ______________________________________

________________________________________

_______________________________

Complete the conversation. Write can, can't, know how to, or don't know how to in each blank.

JESS: We ______ afford to eat out more than one night a week.

(1)

CAROL: Yes, we can, Jess. There are some things that we ______ afford to do now that I'm working.

(2)

JESS: And, I'm telling you that we ______. Look at these bills.

(3)

CAROL: I saw those bills. I paid some of them last night.

JESS: You ______ do that!

(4)

CAROL: Yes, I do, Jess. I ______ add and subtract just like you.

(5)
Put the conversation in order. Number 1 to 4.

1. **KATHERINE:** No, I can’t, but I can learn.
2. **KATHERINE:** Sure. I can make spaghetti with meat sauce.
3. **ROSA:** Well, can you cook Mexican food?
4. **ROSA:** Can you cook Italian food?

Put the conversation in order. Number 1 to 4.

1. **JAMAL:** Thanks. I’ll let you know.
2. **JAMAL:** Yes, but I may need some help. I can’t do it by myself.
3. **MR. BRASHOV:** I can help. Let me know when I can help you.
4. **MR. BRASHOV:** There’s a leak in the water pipe in the utility room. Do you know how to repair it?

Put the conversation in order. Number 1 to 5.

1. **MR. BRASHOV:** I don’t know. But, Katherine can do that.
2. **JESS:** I don’t know. Does she know how to work the cash register?
3. **MR. BRASHOV:** I think so. But if she doesn’t know how to do that, I can teach her.
4. **JESS:** Can she place the order for the supplies?
5. **MR. BRASHOV:** Do you think Rosa can manage the café?
In Your Community: Help Wanted Ads

Read the help wanted ad for Katherine’s job. Check (✔) Yes or No.

Food Server
Waitress or Waiter
Friendly, fast, helpful person with family restaurant experience needed. Full-time (FT) day position M-F. Call Crossroads Café for appt. (909) 543-2345 Ask for Mr. Brashov.

| 1. You need to go to the restaurant and talk to Mr. Brashov about the job. | Yes | No |
| 2. A food server is a waiter or waitress. | ✔ | |
| 3. The job is at night. | | |
| 4. Experience is necessary. | | |
| 5. The job is 25 hours per week. | | |

Read the help wanted ad for Henry’s job. Check (✔) Yes, No, or Don’t Know. If you check Don’t Know, write questions you would ask to get the information.

Bus/Delivery Person
Part time, energetic, dependable, flexible person w/ own transportation to work in restaurant. Will train. Call bew 2-4 pm (909) 777-3434.

| 1. This job pays minimum wage. | Yes | No | Don’t Know |
| 2. The job pays mileage. | | | ✔ |
| 3. The hours for this job are between 2-4 P.M. | | |
| 4. Experience is required. | | |
| 5. This person can work 10-15 hours per week. | | |
| 6. This person must have a car or bicycle. | | |

Your Questions:

Read the following help wanted ad for Jamal’s job. Check (✔) Yes or No. If Yes, circle and number the information in the ad that supports your answer.

Handyman

| 1. This person must come to work regularly. | Yes | No |
| 2. The individual must know how to build tables, fix leaky faucets, and repair wires. | | |
| 3. The repair work must be done well. | | |
| 4. Only men should apply. | | |

Find a help wanted ad in the classified section of your newspaper. How is your help wanted ad the same or different from the help wanted ads above?
Read and Write:  Spotlight on Jess

Read the questions. Read Jess’s note to his wife very quickly to find the answers. Circle the answers.

🌟 What does Jess write about?
   a. a gift for his wife
   b. a gift from his wife

🌟🌟 How does Jess feel about his marriage?
   a. angry
   b. lucky
   c. sad

🌟🌟🌟 What is the tone or feeling of this letter?
   a. apologetic       b. angry              c. cheerful

Read the note again carefully.

Dear Carol,

I’m sorry about the watch. It’s a great gift and I really like it. I am very lucky to have someone as special as you. I want you to know that I am going to stop feeling sorry for myself and start enjoying life a little more. So, how about going to that new restaurant tonight, even though it’s not Saturday?

Love, Jess

P.S. You pay. You can afford it!

Find the words in the reading. What do they mean? Circle the answer.

🌟 Gift:
   a. a watch       b. a sweater       c. both of these

🌟🌟 to afford something:
   a. to have enough money to buy it
   b. to throw it away
   c. to sell it

🌟🌟🌟 to feel sorry for oneself:
   a. to be sad
   b. to smile
   c. to laugh
Now you write a note to someone. Tell about something you did that you are sorry about. In your note answer the following questions:

1. What did you do?
2. How do you feel?
3. Why did you do it?
4. What are you going to do to make things better?

Read your note to someone. Then ask: Did you understand? Do you have questions?
What Do You Think?

Which person do you think has the most important job at Crossroads Café? Circle the picture of the person. Why do you think so?

Look at the sentences below. Check (✓) I agree, I disagree, or I don’t know.

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<td>2. Without my cooking, the café would not do so well.</td>
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<td>3. The customer is the most important person.</td>
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<td>4. This cooking job isn’t so tough.</td>
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<td>5. Being a waiter is not a difficult job.</td>
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Answer the questions. Then read your answers to someone.

1. Do you think that everyone at Crossroads Café is important? Tell why or why not.

2. Do you think that the customer is the most important person? Tell why or why not.
Culture Clips:  The Roles Couples Choose

Match.
1. Peter Chu is the cook in the family.
a.
2. Irene Cruz is ironing.
b.
3. Mrs. Estelle is teaching.
c.

Complete the sentences. Write one word in each blank. Use these words.
responsibilities roles rules couple
determine wrong marriage right patterns

Husband and wives play many different ____ roles ____ during their _____. Some follow the ____ of their parents. Some don't.
(1) (2) (3)
There are no _____. Each ____ must ____ their own rules.
(4) (5) (6)
There is no ____ or ____ way for couples to share _____.
(7) (8) (9)

Think.

"There is no right or wrong way for couples to share family responsibilities. They must choose roles that work for them."

Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Write your ideas. Then tell your ideas to someone.
Check Your English

Write the correct word under each picture.

waiter
cook
handyman
delivery person
busboy
manager

1. ___
2. ___
3. ___
4. ___
5. ___
6. ___

Make a sentence or question from each group of words.
1. a cook Rosa meal can delicious
   Rosa can cook a delicious meal.
2. quickly can Katherine take orders
3. speak Rosa how Spanish to knows
4. know you how English to speak do

Finish the Story. Use the words in the box. Write one word in each blank.

The employees at Crossroads Café are arguing about whose __________ job is the most __________. To show his employees that all jobs are equally important, Mr. Brashov tries an __________. He has his employees __________ jobs for a day. For a little while the experiment works. Katherine is __________. Rosa is bossing __________ around. Jamal is __________ take-out orders and Henry is __________ food. However, when the __________ crowd arrives, things change quickly. __________ are yelling for their food and waiting impatiently for their change. The experiment is not working.