

Social language list

This is a unit-by-unit list of all the productive social language from *Top Notch 3*.

Unit 1

Allow me to introduce myself. No need to be so formal. Please call me [Surat]. Do you mind my asking you a question? Not at all. Is it customary for people to be on a first-name basis? Good [morning]. [Beautiful day], isn't it?	It really is. By the way, I'm [Kazuko Toshinaga]. Do you mind if I call you [Kazuko]? Would it be rude to call you [Kazuko]? What would you like to be called? How do you prefer to be addressed? Do you use Ms. or Mrs.? Absolutely not. Please do. Please call me [Jane].	So how was your [day]? [Unbelievably] busy. That's a lot to do before 9:00. That was nothing! What did you do about [lunch]? Wow! I'll bet your [pretty] hungry now. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
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Unit 2

[I need to see a dentist] as soon as possible. I think it's an emergency [Would you like me to] make an appointment [for you]? I was wondering if you might be able to [recommend someone who speaks English.] Thanks for fitting me in. [This tooth is] killing me. When did it first begin to hurt? It's been bothering me [since last night]. Let's have a look. Open wide. Well, let's [take an X-ray] and see what's going on.	Let me check. If you could. I'm sorry, but I don't think I can [come to the meeting this morning]. Really? Is there anything wrong? Well, actually, I don't feel very well. That must be awful. Would you like me to [call a doctor]? That's really nice of you, but I'm sure I'll be fine. Then call me later and let me know how you feel, OK? I need to make an appointment for [a blood test].	I wonder if I might be able to [come in early next week]. Let's see [if I can fit you in]. How about [tomorrow]? Could I [come in the morning]? Let me check. Would you be able to [be here at 10:00]? That would be perfect. We'll see you then. I really appreciate it.
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Unit 3

I need to have these [documents copied] a.s.a.p. Do you think you could [make 300 copies by 11:00]? I'm afraid that might be difficult. I know this is last minute. It's really urgent. I'll get someone to take care of it right away. You're a lifesaver! No sweat. Thanks a million.	Any chance I could have them first thing tomorrow morning? I owe you one. Sorry to keep you waiting. I see you've got a lot on your plate today. I won't keep you any longer. Do you think I could [borrow your car]? I'm sorry, but [I'm going to need it]. No problem. I understand. No worries.	Don't worry about it. I'll think of something. Maybe you could [get Jack to lend you his car]. Good idea. Could I [have this jacket dry-cleaned] by [tomorrow]? That might be difficult. Well, I'll see what I can do. It won't be ready until [after 4:00]. I really appreciate it. Thanks!
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Unit 4

I've never run into you here before. Looking for anything special? No, I'm just browsing. I'm just picking up some [gardening magazines]. [She] can't get enough of [them]. This one doesn't look bad. [She] can't seem to get into [it]. [I guess mysteries] just aren't my thing.	[They] put me to sleep. Well, you're a big reader. I wonder if you could recommend something for me. [He] can't put it down. [It's] a real page-turner. Actually, [I'm reading a thriller called <i>Don't Close Your Eyes</i>]. Is it any good? I highly recommend it.	I doubt I'll finish it before [next week], though. Is <i>that</i> this month's <i>Car Magazine</i> ? Could you tell me [where you bought it]? I can't find it anywhere. I'm dying to [read it]. Too bad. Take my copy. I'm done with it. Are you sure?
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Unit 5

Oh, my goodness.
Take a look at this!
That sounds horrendous.
Any word on [casualties]?
No reports of deaths or injuries so far.
The death toll could end up being huge.
Can you imagine [the property damage]?

What's going on in the news today?
You bet I do.
How could anyone forget?
What a disaster. I'm on the phone with [your parents].
Would you like to say hello?
I would, but I'm running late.
Anything you'd like me to tell [them]?
There's a storm on the way.

Will do.
Well, [the *Times* says there was a terrible storm in the South].
[A lot of houses] [were] destroyed.
What a shame!
But [there haven't been any deaths].
Thank goodness for that!

Unit 6

I wonder if I could pick your brain.
Sure. What's on your mind?
I'm having trouble making up my mind.
I must have changed my mind ten times before I settled on medicine.
Have you given any thoughts to becoming [a physical therapist]?

I should have thought of that.
So what are you doing these days?
No kidding! I thought you had other plans.
That's right. I was going to be [be an artist], but [I changed my mind]
How come?

Well, it's hard to make a living as a painter!
I should have [married Steven].
Why do you think that?
Could be. But you never know.
True.

Unit 7

What was the occasion?
What's that—a holiday?
That's right.
It takes place in [September or October] each year to [celebrate the harvest].
Does everyone dress up like that?
We get together with our relatives
The [train stations] are mobbed with people.
The traffic is impossible.
It reminds me of [Eid al-Adha].

How about that!
Sounds just like our holiday!
I heard there's going to be a holiday next [week].
What kind of holiday is it?
It's a seasonal holiday.
Have a [nice / great / happy] holiday!
Enjoy yourself on [Chuseok]!
You too!
Thanks! Same to you!

Do you mind if I ask you [about something]?
Of course not. What's up?
I'm not sure about the customs here.
If someone invites you for dinner, should you [bring the host a gift]?
Yes, it's a good idea.
Would it be appropriate to [bring flowers]?
Definitely!
Thanks. That's really helpful.

Unit 8

This itching is driving me crazy!
Look at your arm!
[The mosquitoes] were brutal!
[I] got eaten alive.
What a nightmare!
There [are] tons of [mosquitoes in the mountains] this time of year.
Hello!
With all due respect [to Ben]...
[You just] have to bite the bullet.

Whether you like it or not, [the poison is effective].
[Ben] won't hear of it.
Whether you like it or not, [the poison is effective]
I just got [a new car]
No kidding! What kind?
I thought I'd treat myself.
Congratulations!
If I [had the money], I'd [get a new car myself].

Sorry I'm late. [I thought the meeting was tomorrow.]
What happened?
I'm ashamed to say [I just forgot to put it on my calendar].
Don't worry. That can happen to anyone.
Well, if [I had written it down], [I wouldn't have forgotten].
No harm done.
We were just getting started.

Unit 9

What a coincidence!
I was just thinking about calling you.
It's been such a long time.
It sure has.
Let's sit down and catch up.
What are you up to these days?
Do you mind if I ask you a [political] question?
I hope it's not inappropriate.
I'm not sure it's polite to ask about [politics].

Some people might find it a little personal.
Shoot!
No worries.
Actually, I haven't made up my mind.
I'm leaning toward [Clancy].
No problem.
So, would you say you're [an independent]?

No offense, but I feel a little uncomfortable, [talking about politics]. I hope you don't mind.
Absolutely not.
It's a good thing I asked.
How do you feel about [capital punishment]?
I'm in favor of it. I believe [if you kill someone you deserve to be killed].
What about you?
Actually, I'm against [the death penalty].

I think it's wrong [to take a life],
no matter what.
I guess we'll have to agree to disagree!
Really? I have to disagree with you
there.

Do you think so? I'm not sure I agree.
Well, I'm afraid I don't agree.
No offense, but I just can't agree.
I agree with you on that one.
I couldn't agree more.

I couldn't have said it better myself.
That's exactly what I think.
I think it depends.

Unit 10

Have you folks been here long?
I can't say I have.
What a coincidence!
Was it worth seeing?
You don't want to miss it.
Be sure to take it slow.
Do you think that's doable in
[two days]?

I'm sure you could handle them both.
Where exactly is [the temple] located?
I've been thinking about it.
Be sure to [take pictures].
Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to
[the beach]?
That way.
Sure, but [be careful].

Well, [it's too dangerous for children to
go swimming there]. But I'm sure you'll
be fine.
Thanks for the warning.
It's a must-see.
It's overrated.
It's a waste of time.
Watch out for [snakes].
Keep an eye out for [bears].