

Social language list

This is a unit-by-unit list of all the productive social language from *Top Notch 1*.

Unit 1

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| I'd like you to meet my friend, [Susan Grant]. It's a pleasure to meet you, [Susan]. Great to meet you, [Tom]. Good to meet you, [Mark]. I'd like you to meet [Andrew]. This is [Ellen]. How nice to meet you, [Sarah]. My name's [Katherine]. But everyone calls me [Kate]. Everyone calls me [Bob]. | Just call me [Sue]. Please call me [Lisa]. Good morning. Who's [that]? Over there? Let's say hello. I'm [Alex], and this is [Lauren]. Where are you from? Hey. You don't know? For real? | [She] sure is. Could you repeat that? How do you spell that? [Carl] is originally from [Germany]. [His] hometown is [Boston]. [Her] favorite [sport] is [baseball]. [Jill] lives in [Chicago]. [I] was born in [Russia]. [Her] nickname is [Meg]. |
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Unit 2

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| Are you free / busy on [Friday]? What's up? There's [a concert] at [the City Center]. Would you like to go? What time? I'm [an R&B] fan. That's more my style. We're both [hip-hop] fans. | I'm a real [R & B] fan. How about [some live music]? I'd love to go. Perfect! See you [there]. Sorry. I'd love to go, but I'm busy on [Saturday]. That's not for me. That's past my bedtime. | Too bad. Maybe some other time. Excuse me. I'm looking for [the bank]. Do you know the address? I'm sorry. I'm not from around here. Thanks, anyway. Sounds good. Great! |
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Unit 3

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| What's new? Actually, I have some good news. That's great. Congratulations. Thanks! Actually, I have some bad news. [My sister] just got [divorced]. I'm sorry to hear that. Is [she] OK? Thanks for asking. | So tell me about [her fiancé]. Do you come from a large family? Not really. I have [one brother]. What about [cousins]? I have [three aunts] on [my father's] side. That's pretty big! Do you have any [grandchildren]? How many [children] does your [son] have? | Do you look alike? How are you similar? How are you different? Do you both [like rock music]? Do you [wear] the same kind of [clothes]? Do you [listen to] different kinds of [music]? |
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Unit 4

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| Could you recommend [a restaurant] nearby for [dinner]? What are you in the mood for? I don't know. Maybe [a salad]. Actually, there's a great place nearby. It's called [Tom's]. Would you like directions? Are you ready to order? Do you need some more time? I'm ready thanks. | I'll have [the pasta] for [my main course], please. Or on second thought, maybe I'll have the [fish]. I think I'll start with [a salad]. What does that come with? It comes with [vegetables]. There's also a choice of [vegetables]. The [fried clams] sound delicious. Anything to drink? | And to drink? What kind of [juice] is there? I'd like [the squid], please. Certainly. [We're] ready to order. I'm sorry. This isn't what I ordered. [We'll] take the check, please. Is the tip included? Do you accept credit cards? |
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Unit 5

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| [The printer is] driving me crazy. It's on the blink again. What's wrong with it? What <i>isn't</i> wrong with it? It's not working. It's an absolute lemon. No, seriously, what's the problem? | The thing's an antique. [I'm] ready for an upgrade. Any suggestions? What about the [Pell]? I hear the [Z200] is great. And it's inexpensive. | You know, I'm [going shopping later]. Would you like to come along? Hi, [Ann]. How's it going? Fine, thanks. My [computer]'s not working again. I'm sorry to hear that. That's too bad. |
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That's a shame.
Oh, no!
Well, that is a problem!

What kind of [camera] is that?
Maybe it's fixable.

Don't bother. It's not worth it.
It's a piece of junk.

Unit 6

What are you up to?
I'm crazy about [tennis].
He's so out of shape.
I'm on my way home.
Why don't we [go dancing] sometime?
This coming [Saturday]?
Great idea.
When's good for you?
Sorry, I can't. I have to [study].

Well, how about [Thursday]?
That's good for me.
Perfect.
Hey, how about [your husband]?
Can [he] come, too?
No way.
[He]'s a couch potato.
[He]'s crazy about [tennis].
[He]'s so out of shape.

See you then.
Where are you off to?
[I'm] on my way home.
[I'm] going to the [gym].
Don't you usually go there
[on weekends]?
How come?

Unit 7

[We're] home!
Welcome back!
Welcome home.
When did you get back?
Were you on vacation?
No kidding!
Did you have a good time?
It was [fantastic].
[Phil and I] really needed a vacation!

That's *my* kind of [vacation]!
So, how was [the flight]?
It was pretty [comfortable], actually.
What was [Hawaii] like?
Just [awesome]!
Cool!
That sounds nice. Tell me more.
I can't wait for the next one.
That's good!

That's too bad!
Can I give you a hand?
It's OK. I'm fine.
Are you sure?
Absolutely. Thanks.
That's really nice!
No, thanks. I'm OK.

Unit 8

Excuse me. How much is
[that V-neck]?
This [red] one?
That's not too bad.
Could I get it in a larger size?
Would you like to try it on?
Here you go.
Would you like to take it / them?
I'll take [these flats], please.

How would you like to pay for
it / them?
Excuse me?
Cash or credit?
Could you gift wrap it / them for me?
How much is this / are these?
Do you have [this shirt] in [a larger size]?
Would you like to try it on?
Thanks for your help.

My pleasure.
Can I help you?
Of course!
Absolutely!
Definitely!
OK!
Sure!
Certainly!

Unit 9

Excuse me. Do you speak English?
Thank goodness! I'm looking for
Terminal [2].
No problem. I'm on my way there now.
Just follow me.
Well, that's a coincidence.
I'm catching a flight to [Manila].
I'm connecting to [a different flight].
We should hurry.

And where's home?
What a small world!
Can I still make the [six o'clock flight]?
I'm sorry. It left [five minutes] ago.
Too bad.
What should I do?
Well, you could take the [2:30].
One ticket, please.
[One-way] or [round trip]?

Can I help you?
I hope so.
I'm going to need [a car] in [Seattle].
What date are you arriving?
Let me check.
What a shame.
Oh no!

Unit 10

I'm almost out of cash.
I sure hope these shops accept
credit cards.
I'll bet they do.
They have some really nice stuff.
It's a bit / a lot more than I want to
spend.
It can't hurt to ask.
I'm not very good at bargaining.

Let me show you something more
affordable.
I'm looking for [a digital camera].
Which is [the least expensive]?
How much do you want to spend?
No more than [\$100].
Well, we have some really good ones in
your price range.
Could I have a look?
How much do you want for that [vase]?

This one / These ones?
I can give you [20] for [that rug].
OK. That sounds fair.
Would you take [30]?
All I have is [20].
I could go as low as [35].
I can't go lower than [40].
You can have it for [20].
How about [18]?
It's a deal.