

English

Live Class Curriculums

Intermediate



① Can Make, Accept, and Decline Invitations

We were thinking of meeting up at Main Street Pizza on Saturday at 8 p.m.

- *thinking of*
- prepositions *on, at*

② Can Speculate About Someone or Something

You should know this town better than anyone, then.

- modal verb *should* + infinitive (speculations)

③ Can Discuss Plans

Now I'm setting up an agency to represent American artists in China.

- full infinitive or infinitive phrase to express purpose
- *so (that)* + clause with *can* or *will* to express purpose
- *so (that)* + clause with *could* or *would* to express purpose

④ Can Discuss Alternative Plans

We should have called and made a reservation.

- *should have* + past participle (regret)

⑤ Can Discuss Contingencies and Conditions

When I go there, it's always crowded.
If it's crowded, we'll go somewhere else.

- zero vs. first conditional

⑥ Can Discuss Contingencies and Conditions

I'll also let Tess know to meet us at the next place.

- indirect command

⑦ Can Comment on a Situation

Yeah, if I had a bowling alley, I'd use the metric system.

- second conditional

⑧ Can Ask About Amenities

Do they have any vending machines here?

- *have* (exist)

⑨ Can Make an Extended Apology

No, I'm sorry, Jack. If I'd known it was going to rain like this, I would have told you I'd join another time.

- third conditional

⑩ Review Week

Conversation challenges to review what you've learned in this course.

- review

① Can Describe a Sequence of Past Events

We came to New York, moved in with my wife's grandmother, and then started looking for a house to live in.

- past simple (sequence of events)

② Can Add Color When Describing Past Experiences

The location was really convenient, but it was much too expensive.

- positioning intensifiers in a sentence

③ Can Justify Choices With Comparisons

Starting a business is easier than you might think, but getting your first customers is harder than any other thing you'll have to do.

- using "than" + a clause to form the second part of a comparison after a comparative adjective (finite after "than")

④ Can Justify Choices by Describing the Best or Worst Options

Making note of everything was the smartest thing I have ever done.

- using a clause with present or past perfect as a superlative noun phrase complement.

⑤ Can Express Regret

I wish your family came by more often.

- using "wish" with past simple to express regret

⑥ Can Make Contrasts in Describing Preferences

Even though it's not cheap, I love playing tennis here.

- using connecting words to one's preferences while acknowledging contrasts

⑦ Can Make Strong Suggestions and Invitations

You must take your family out to the country sometime.

- using "must" to make suggestions and invitations.

⑧ Can Make Arrangements with Friends and Co-workers

We'll be waiting for you at 7 p.m.

- using future progressive to make arrangements.

⑨ Can Make Conclusions and Guesses

Your business must be doing well now!

- using "must" to guess and make conclusions.

⑩ Can Confirm Information

You've missed having my help, haven't you?

- using complex question tags in past simple and present perfect.