**Course Title:** English in Action: Real Talk Time

**Instructor’s Name:** Jean Paquette

**Level Target:** For all levels

**Course description and objectives**

During the two-week course, students will improve their spoken fluency and gain confidence using English in real-life situations. Specifically, students will learn how to respond naturally in everyday conversations by practicing common expressions, asking and answering questions, and participating in short dialogues. To do this, students will begin by learning useful vocabulary and expressions for everyday topics such as shopping, giving directions, using public transportation, and making small talk. Then, students will take part in a variety of games, roleplays, and problem-solving activities to practice these expressions in realistic situations. Many of the activities will be interactive and group-based to encourage communication and build confidence. By the end of the course, students will be more comfortable speaking English in everyday situations and better able to express themselves in real conversations.

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| **Dates** | **Class Work** |
| Day 1 | Survival English: Shopping for clothes  (asking for help, comparing options, bargaining, expressing preferences) |
| Day 2 | Survival English: Asking for directions  (using formal/informal expressions, giving/receiving directions, confirming understanding, asking follow-up questions) |
| Day 3 | Survival English: Visiting a doctor  (describing symptoms, asking for clarification, understanding a diagnosis, discussing treatment options) |
| Day 4 | Survival English: Taking public transport  (checking in at hotels/airports, dealing with problems, asking about services, confirming information) |
| Day 5 | Social Conversation: Introducing yourself  (small talk starters, extending conversations, reacting to personal info, finding common ground) |
| Day 6 | Social Conversation: Making weekend plans  (inviting/suggesting, accepting/declining politely, confirming details, discussing preferences) |
| Day 7 | Social Conversation: Talking about hobbies  (describing routines, asking about interests, showing enthusiasm, making comparisons) |
| Day 8 | Social Conversation: Small talk at work  (greeting colleagues, handling pauses, asking polite questions, switching topics smoothly) |