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see my suitcase on the conveyor belt! Is it lost? Not all of the suitcases from your flight are out yet. It is probably still onboard the plane. I'm very sorry to hear that. Come and speak to a colleague of mine, please? Of course, you can change seats for an extra $15. No, I'm afraid all of the seats are booked up. When
is the final boarding call? Where is the taxi rank/coach stop/bus stop? Find out your English level in just a few clicks. Take placement test Is anybody else traveling with you today? Yes, my wife is with me. No, it's just me. What's the purpose of your trip? I'm visiting Kiev
on business. I am a journalist. I'm going on holiday for a few weeks. May I see your boarding pass and passport? How many pieces of luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today? None, I only have hand luggage are you checking in today?
the airport? Do you have any flammable materials, firearms or perishable food items? No. Oh whoops! I did pack some bananas. I can take them out now if they are banned. Could you take your laptop out of its case and put all electrical items in a tray, please? Can you take off your shoes and watch, please? Can I ask you to open your bag for me?
Can you walk through the scanner, please? Is Barcelona your final destination or are you transferring on to somewhere else? It's a connecting flight. I have to catch another flight from Barcelona to Lisbon. Barcelona to
any food that's suitable for vegetarians? Yes, of course, we have a cheese sandwich. Yes, a selection of crisps and biscuits are available on the on-flight menu. Can I have a bottle of water, please? Of course, here you go. Sure, that will be $4 please. Is there a complimentary meal? Yes, a trolley will be around in fifteen minutes or so. No, but there's not be sufficient to the on-flight menu.
a selection of refreshments available for a small fee. Am I allowed to get out of my seat? Not during take-off. Wait until the red light goes off, please. Yes, go ahead. This turbulence is frightening, when will it pass? Don't worry sir, it should only last a few more minutes. Don't worry, it's just a bit bumpy, it will pass soon. We don't know, but don't
worry — it's not unusual and you're perfectly safe. Can you show me how to use the fan? Is the aisle seat taken? Yes, my husband is sitting there, sorry, my son is sitting here. Excuse me please, I need to use the bathroom. How long until
touchdown? Not long now, another forty minutes or so. Three hours yet, sir. Can you put your bag under the seat, please? Can you fasten your tray table in the upright position for take-off? Please open your window for lift-off. Can you sit down,
please? Can I get you anything to drink? Yes please! Can I have a beer? No thanks, I'm all set. Is there an extra fee for food and drink? Would you like to see our selection of gifts available on board today? Do you need to fill in an arrival card/landing card? Please wait for the green light to disembark. How much is a return ticket to Liverpool?
That depends. When do you want to come back? $59 if you are coming back today. When are off-peak fares valid? We don't have off-peak fares. If you're traveling between 9am and 4pm, or on the weekends. Times that aren't rush hour, basically! How often does the train to Manchester run? It runs every hour at 35 minutes past. Twice a day. Do
you want to see a timetable? Can I book a window seat please? Sure. It costs $5 extra to reserve a seat. Of course. No, sorry, there are no reserved seats on this train. Does it go directly, or do I need to change? It goes directly, all the way to Toronto. You have to change at Hull. What time does the train leave? At 10:55. Not until this afternoon.
Which platform is it on? The platform hasn't been announced yet. You'll see it on the boards in a few minutes. It should be platform three. How do I get to platform three a student discount? Only if you have a valid Student Railcard. Do
you? Yes, with a valid student ID. Not for this service. How many stops left until we get to Tulsa? Thirteen stops, it will be about an hour and ten minutes longer. Do trains to Margate leave from this station? Yes, you're in the right place. The platform will be announced soon. No, they only go from St Pancras and Victoria, so you'll need to cross
 London. Do you need directions? Does this train have sleeper seats? No, I'm afraid not. Yes, they cost $80 each. Can I book a seat that faces forward? Yes, there's a buffet car. No, you have to bring your own. I booked my ticket online. Do I need to
collect a paper version? Yes, you'll have to type your reservation code into one of the machines over there. Yes, I can print it for you here. No, just show the QR code on your phone. How long is my ticket valid for? Anytime this week. It's only valid on this particular train. Can you swap places with me? I want to sit next to my girlfriend. Sure!
Where's your seat at the moment? No, sorry, I like having the window seat. Do you know how much longer my train will be delayed? No idea, sorry. There will be further announcements on the board when we get them. It shouldn't be more than ten minutes late, it's just being held at a red signal. Do you know if the 10:45 to Oxford is canceled? It's
not canceled, just running ten minutes late. It has been canceled, I'm afraid. There's another one due at 11:45. Return or one way? Return, please. I want to come back today. One way, plase. Is that a single? Yes, I'm going one way? Return, please. I want to come back today. One way, plase. Is that a single? Yes, I'm going one way? Return, please. I want to come back today. One way, plase. Is that a single? Yes, I'm going one way? Return, please. I want to come back today. One way, plase. Is that a single? Yes, I'm going one way.
too? I haven't bought it yet. Can I buy one from you? Standard or first class? Standard, please. What's the difference in the service? Do you want a window or aisle seat? I don't mind. A window seat please. Do you want to see it? Your ticket isn't valid on this
train. Would you like to upgrade it? Sorry about that, I didn't know! How much does an upgrade cost? Oh no, I didn't realize! When is the nearest ATM? There's one outside the post office. Excuse me, do you know where The Hotel Belle Vue is? Let me just check on my phone. Carry on down this road until
vou see an ice cream shop, then turn onto the street on your right. It is somewhere towards the bottom of that road on the left. Hi there, can you show me on this map where the train station is? Do you have a pen? I can circle it for you. Here it is, Excuse me, do you live around here? I need some help with directions! Sorry, I'm just visiting too. Yes,
sure, what are you looking for? Excuse me, do you have a second to help me with directions? No, sorry, I'm running late. Yes, where are you trying to get to? Do you know where I can buy a plug adaptor around here? There's a pharmacy on the high street, which is very close to here. If you follow the signs to the train station, there is a mall on the
way. Do you know where the nearest pharmacy is? Is there a swimming pool around here? Sure, there's one quite close to here. Walk up the hill until you see a McDonald's, then turn left onto a very small road. You show me on Google
Maps? Sure, give me your phone, I can drop a pin in. Yes, here you go. Excuse me, where can I catch the bus into town from here? You need to take the number 8 or the number 12. They leave from the bus stop near the park. You have to cross the street to be on the right side. Excuse me, what's the best way to get to the center from here? You
can walk from here, just follow the signs to the mall. You need to take the bus, just catch the number 12 towards Finchley and ask for Cecil Square. Excuse me, I'm lost! Please, can you
call me a taxi? Sure, where to? No, but there's a taxi stand near the train station up the road. Could you repeat that please? Could you write that down for me? Do you want me to show you on
Google Maps? Yes, please, let me get my phone. No, thanks, I don't have internet access on my phone. Do you want me to write it down for you? Yes, please, do you have a pen and paper? That would be great, thanks. Did you catch all that? No, could you say it again, please? Yes, I think so! Do you have any double rooms available for tonight? No,
I'm afraid we're all booked up. Certainly, how many nights are you planning to stay with us? Do you have any beds available in a female-only dorm? Yes, we have one available in an 8-bed dorm. No, all of our rooms are mixed gender. Does it come with an ensuite? Yes, of course. No, the bathrooms are shared. How much does it cost for one night?
$60 per night, $50 per night if you book more than three nights in a row. $12 for an 8-bed dorm, $10 for a 16-bed. Do I have to pay upfront? Yes, all included? Yes, all included. No, would you like to see the price list for access? What time is breakfast served?
From 7am to 10am on the terrace. We don't serve breakfast at a set time but the cafe on the ground floor opens at 6:30am. Can I have an extra keycard, please? Sure, here you go. Sure, but there's a $5 deposit for every extra card. What is
the door code? It's written on the chalkboard here, we change it every day. Here, let me write it down for you. What is the combination for the safe? There are instructions in your room. You must set it yourself. Let me write it down for you. What is the combination for the safe? There are instructions in your room. You must set it yourself. Let me write it down for you.
ground floor, just along the corridor. Are there any good restaurants for dinner around here? Yes, you can find information on the leaflets in the common room. Yes, what kind of food are you looking for? Absolutely, there's a great Greek place just down the street. Our sheets are dirty. Can you please change them? I'm so sorry about that! I will
send someone up. Are you sure? We changed them this morning. How much is the bottle of champagne in the mini-bar? There should be a price list in your room, but I'll print another one out for you now. $20, I believe. Would you like to buy it? What time is check-out? 10am. 9am. Or you can leave at midday for a small fee. Do you have lockers?
Yes, there are some next to the shower room. Do you need to buy a padlock? No, but we have a safe behind the desk for your valuables. Can I leave my rucksack behind the desk for a few hours after checkout? Sure, no problem! Just be sure to put a label with your contact details on it. You're welcome to leave it in the common room, but it's at your
own risk. Is there a kitchen I can use? Yes, we have a shared kitchen down the hall. Please label your food! No, we have a cafe, though. Am I allowed to bring my own food and drink in? Sure! There's a fridge in the kitchen. No, we have a cafe, though. Am I allowed to bring my own food. Does the room have air conditioning? Yep. No, but
there's a fan you can borrow if it gets really hot. No, sorry, we're a budget hostel! Where is the nearest ATM? There's one down the street outside the little grocery store. Here, let me show you on a map. Hey, I've lost my ring, did anyone hand it in? Let me check the lost property box. I think someone did leave a ring at the bar last night...let me
check. Do you have a reservation? Yes, I booked online. Let me find the email. No, do you have any spare rooms for tonight? What name is your reservation under? Would you like to be in an 8-bed or 16-bed dorm? How much is the
price difference? 8-bed please. Would you prefer to be in a top or bottom bunk? Top, please? Sure, is my driver's license alright? Here's my passport. I would prefer to keep hold of it, though! Can I take an email address or contact phone number? Sure, it's
09793 879922. Let me write down my email for you. Would you like a view of the street or onto the sea? What's the difference in price? The sea, please, my rucksack is so heavy. How many nights will you be staying? At least two, maybe more. Can I book night by
night? Three nights, if possible. Do you want to have breakfast with us too? How much extra does it cost? I'm not sure yet, may I see a menu? Yes, please. No, I'm all set. Can you please strip your
bed on your final day? Sure, where shall I leave the sheets? Of course. Please read and sign our guest code of conduct. Do you want a map of the city? No, thanks, I'll use my phone. Yes, please! Could you recommend a good bar for tonight? Is everything okay with your room? It's great, thanks! Not bad, but it was very loud last night. It's good, but
I can't figure out how to work the air conditioning. Can you help me? Prefer to learn with a video? This short film by Bob the Canadian teaches a selection of very useful hotel words. Can I have a table for two, please? Do you have a reservation? Of course, come right this way. Could we possibly sit in the window? Those seats are reserved tonight,
I'm afraid. Of course, take a seat. What are the specials for today? They're on a board by the bar. I can read them out to you... I'll bring you the menu. No, only at lunchtime. Is the cheeseboard big enough to share between two? Yes, it's huge! It's not very big, but
you could share it if you aren't very hungry. What do you recommend? The house special today is the fish soup, it's delicious. It depends what kind of food you like to order them as a side? Can I see the wine list please? Of
course, I will bring it right away. It's on the back of the food menu. Can I have the burger without onions, please? Do you have anything suitable for vegans? Everything vegan is marked on the menu with a capital "V." I think the pasta can be made vegan. I will go and check with the chef. Do you know if the meat is halal? Yes, we only use halal meat
here. Let me check that for you. Which dish are you looking at? I'm allergic to peanuts. Can you ask the chef if they are used in this sauce? I think the sauce is made with peanuts. Let me check with the chef. Can we have a jug of tap water for the table, please? Of course, ice and lemon? Sure. Can I see the dessert menu please? Sure. It's on the
back of the main menu. How spicy is the curry? It's pretty mild. It's quite hot! Would you like a side of yoghurt? What flavors of ice cream do you have? Chocolate, vanilla and strawberry. It changes every day. I will go and check. Can I have some extra ketchup please? Can I get my leftovers in a doggie bag please? Okay, I will put your pizza in a
takeaway container. We don't offer that service, I'm afraid. Is it table service or do we order at the bar? You need to order at the bar? You need to order at the bar? Sure, how much are you each paying? Is there a service charge? Yes, 12%. No, it's optional. Eat-in or take-away?
Take-away, please. Eat-in, please, if there's space. There's a twenty minute wait to be seated, is that alright? That's fine, can we wait at the bar? I think we'll go elsewhere, thanks. Do you have a reservation? No, do you have space for us? Yes, I booked under the name "Mike." How many of you are there? There are six of us. Only two. Can I take
your jacket? No, thanks, I think I'll keep it on. Yes, please. Thank you. Would you like any drinks while you're deciding? Two gin and tonics, please. Are you ready to order yet? Yes, I think so! I would like the bruschetta to start with, please. No, can you give us another minute please? Are you having starters or just main courses? We're just
ordering mains. We are having starters. I would like the prawn cocktail, please. What kind of wine would you like? Can I see a wine list, please? A bottle of the house red, please. How many glasses? (For the bottle of wine) What kind of beer would you like? What options do you have? I like dark beers, what do you recommend? Can I get you any
sauces? No thanks, we're all set. Can I get BBQ sauce and mayonnaise please? Do you have any allergies? My wife is allergic to shellfish. No, we eat everything! Is everything okay with your meal? It's delicious, thanks! The pasta arrived cold, can you heat it up, please? No, I found a fly in my soup. Would you like to see a desert menu? Yes,
please! No, we're full, thank you. Can I get you anything else? A glass of tap water would be lovely. Can we have some more napkins please? Paying by cash or card? Cash, if that's alright. Card, please. Are you paying all together? We want to split the bill in half, please. Yes, this is on me. How much is this? It's $5.99. Those cost $1.99 each or
three for $5. Do you have this in a bigger size? Let me check for you. No, I think that's the largest size we have. Do you know where the potato chips are? They're on aisle five with the pasta. I can show you. Just over there on the left. Can I have a receipt, please? Can I pay by card? No, we're cash only, I'm afraid. There's an ATM outside the
shop, though. What time do you close? Are you open tomorrow? Yes, from 9am until 5:30pm. No, we are closed on Sunday. Where are the fitting rooms, I'm afraid. Do you sell souvenirs? Yes, there are some at the back of the shop. No, but there's a good gift shop two doors down from
us. Is this on sale? Yes, it's 20% off. No, it must have been put on the wrong shelf. Can I return this if it doesn't fit? Yes, as long as you have the original packaging and receipt. No, all sales are non-refundable. This costs more than I thought it would. Could you check the price please? Sure, I can double check. I'm afraid it does cost $5.99.
Perhaps someone put it on the wrong shelf. How much does that come to? That's $9.99 all together, please. Are you in the line for the cash register? Yes, sorry. No, go ahead. Anything else for you today? Do you sell cigarettes? No thanks, I don't
need it. Yes sure, I'll Get one more. How much is the discount? I can't find the barcode on this, could you get me a different one? Sure, I will go and get one with a sticker on it. Do you want to sign up for our loyalty program? No thanks, I'm a tourist! Do you need a
bag? No, thanks, it will fit in my backpack. Yes, please. Does that cost extra? When does the museum open? It opens at 10am every day except Mondays. Am I in the right place for the tour? Yes, wait over there by the sign please. Which tour are you looking for? Have you booked? Where is the entrance to the cathedral? You have to go around the
back and through a big metal gate. It's in a building next door. Do I need to book a ticket online for this? Yes, visitors are only allowed to enter in timed slots. No, you can buy them here. Is there parking near the garden? Yes, visitors are only allowed to enter in timed slots. No, you have to find parking on a side street. Where is the gift shop? It's on the second floor
just near the escalators. Is the gallery suitable for children? Yes, we've got plenty of activities for kids! Mostly, but some of the rooms have content warnings. I can show you which ones they are on a map. Maybe, but I think they might get a bit bored. Can you drop us off here? What is there for tourists to do in this city? There's a famous
 cathedral you might like to check out, and a huge shopping center. We have some leaflets behind the front desk. What do you enjoy doing on holiday? Where is the tourist information center? It's two streets over, next to the bank. There's a kiosk in the town center. How much is admission? $5, or $4 for seniors, children or students. How long are
we allowed to stay for? Until closing time, if you like! We close at 5:30pm. Your ticket is valid for an hour and a half. What time does the coach depart for families? Yes, it's $40 for two adults and two children under twelve. Not
exactly, but children under five go free. Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? Of course, let me find one for you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have brochures in Portuguese? No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you. What are you looking for? Do you have any free maps of the city? Sure, here you go. No, but maybe I can help you.
of course, it's out back and the door code is 4409. Are you looking for the exhibition? Yes, am I in the right place? No, I'm alright, thanks. How many tickets do you need? Two, please. Is there a discount for seniors? Would you like an audio guide? That depends. Is it available in Mandarin? No thank you. Do you want a leaflet about
our tours? Sure, thanks. No, thanks. No, thanks. No, thanks. Can I see your ticket, please? Sure, here you go. Can you stay behind the barrier, please? Sure, here you go. Can you stay behind the barrier, please? Sure, here you go. I don't really understand what I
am signing! Do you have a version in French? Where are you from? I'm from Poland, how about you? I am from São Paulo but I live in Lisbon now. Can you take a picture of me? Sure! Pass me your phone. No, sorry, I'm in a hurry. How long have you lived in Manchester? All my life. I was born here! Only about a year. Before that, I lived in London.
What's it like to live in Cornwall? I love it. The sea makes it a very special place. It's @cathygreen. How long do you plan to stay in Australia? Our flight is in ten days, but we have been here over a month already. Just a week. What do
you think of the food here? The portions are huge! I really like it, it's so different from what I usually eat. What do you think of New York so far? It's a crazy city! There is so much to see. I love the culture but the streets are very dirty. Can you be a bit quieter, please? I'm trying to sleep. Sorry, we'll go to the common room. It's a hostel, deal with it!
Can I borrow your phone charger? I'm using it right now but you can borrow it in half an hour or so. Sure! Go ahead. Have you seen my bag? I'm not sure. What does it look like? Yes, I think I saw it in the kitchen Can you turn off the light? I'm trying to sleep! I need to pack! Just get an eye mask! Sorry, yes, of course. Do you mind if I switch the light?
on? Of course not, go ahead. I'm about to go to sleep soon, so I'd rather you didn't. Do you want to borrow some sunscreen? No thanks, I'm alright. Yes, please! Do you want to come out with us tonight? I can't, I have a flight in the morning. Sure! Shall we meet in the hostel bar at 8? What languages do you speak? French, Spanish, a little bit of
English. My native language is Japanese, but I'm learning English and Portuguese. Do you snore? Yes, sorry, you're in for a loud night. I don't think so! Throw a pillow at me if I do. Want to play a board game? Sure! What games do they have here? No thanks, I'm going out soon. Do you travel a lot? Yes, I love traveling. Not really. I enjoy it though
Can I have your phone number? Sure, it's 9876788 2990. No, sorry, my phone doesn't work in this country. What do you do for a living? I'm a music student. How about you? I quit my job to go traveling, but I was a journalist before that. And you? Check out our guide to 28 small talk questions for more on this. How many English words do you
know? Take our English Vocabulary test to find out! Loved this article? Explore more fascinating hobbies vocabulary here! English is often used in travel situations as a common language which many people can speak. This means that knowing some English phrases can make your trip safer and more fun, even if you're not traveling to a place where
English is the official language. Travel is also an amazing reason to improve your English. This was Andrea's goal to help her improve, and she achieved English fluency in 6 months! Want to get some practice speaking English before your vacation? Try a few sessions with a Preply English tutor or discover the Preply business trip English lessons. You
can practice all the speaking skills you'll need. Just a few sessions will make a huge difference to your confidently speak a foreign language, you should get as much speaking practice as possible. Anyone who has mastered a second language knows this to be true. It's the
only "trick" for faster language learning that works! But if you're learning a language exchange is a simple yet
effective way to practice a new language. You connect with someone learning your native language, and in the other, your partner's, giving both of you the chance to learn and teach. With so many language exchange apps and
websites out there, finding a conversation partner has never been easier. Whether you prefer casual text chats or more structured video sessions, there's a platform out there to suit every type of learner. Here are our top 12 picks of the best platforms to find your perfect language buddy and discover why language exchanges are so effective
Disclaimer: The author of this article tested and reviewed each language exchange app listed below. While all information has been fact-checked, it is important for any reader to complete their own research before signing up, subscribing, or paying for any service. Best use cases: Personalized 1-on-1 lessons with native speakers Pricing: Starting at
$10/lesson, varying by tutor Average rating: 4.8/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android Okay, you caught us... This isn't exactly a language exchange website. Preply is a platform for finding online tutors for 1-on-1 classes in almost any language exchange website. Preply is a platform for finding online tutors for 1-on-1 classes in almost any language exchange website.
disheartening process of trial and error. A story of putting yourself out there and trying to make meaningful connections, but being left disappointed time and time again. Preply tutor, you can talk only in your target language and focus on the
skills you want to practice. With prices starting at around $10 per hour, tutoring doesn't have to be expensive. Many people consider it to be a worthwhile trade-off for the time and inefficiency that typical language exchanges can cost. Start with a trial lesson and you'll be amazed at the speed of your progress! If you're not happy with your tutor,
Preply will replace them up to two times for free. Flexible scheduling Professional multilingual tutors Customized learning your language, without the need to schedule sessions in advance Pricing: Free Average rating: 2.8/5 stars Available on:
Web, iOS (in some regions), and Android If you want to message a native speaker in the next five minutes, you can make that happen with Speaky. After setting your interests, you are shown a tiled screen of users online learning your language. You can message anyone, and anyone can message you. A useful privacy feature allows you to hide your
profile from people of the opposite gender. Some students also find the app buggy, claiming that it has deleted their messages for no reason. However, it does have tons of members, so there will always be someone available to message right now, whenever "right now" happens to be. Large user base Can hide your profile from certain users No video
chat Some users report bugs Best use cases: Participating in live, unscripted video calls for direct conversation practice with people who speak your target language exchange apps, in theory, is that they get you in conversation with a native speaker of your target language. However, in
practice, most language apps are based on messenger services. So really, you're getting writing practice, rather than that all-important speaking practice. The Mixxer is a website designed to combat this problem. Users have to connect to their accounts to WhatsApp, Skype, or Zoom straight away to start a language exchange. Of course, you can
message other students before video chatting with them. But it's for people who are looking for live speaking practice rather than someone to text and send audio messages to. The Mixxer was created by a college language teacher from Pennsylvania, USA. On one hand, this means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, so it can't attract millions of the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget, and the means that the website is run without a budget with the means that the website is run without a budget with the means that the website is run without a budget with the means that the website is run without a budget with the means the means that the website is run without a budget with the means the website is run with the means the website is run
members or professionally moderate user behavior. On the other hand, it was created purely for the needs of language students, with no business goals to prioritize. There are even free conversation starters to help users structure their sessions productively. Are you uncomfortable jumping into video chat without screening your language partner
first? If so, that's understandable and this site might not be for you. If you're willing to take a slight risk, however, then this site might be a surprise winner. Supports live speaking practice Includes conversations, whether it's offline or in
person Pricing: Free Available on: Web With over 100,000 members, Polyglot Club stands out for its vibrant community and diverse learning opportunities. More than just a messaging app, Polyglot Club stands out for its vibrant community and diverse learning opportunities.
events give learners the chance to immerse themselves in language practice in a casual, social environment. If you can't make it to an in-person event, you can still engage with other members via online chat, public chat rooms, or the platform's built-in video chat feature. One of Polyglot Club's unique features is its text correction service. Users can
submit written entries, such as short essays or journal entries, and receive detailed feedback on grammar, vocabulary, and phrasing from native speakers. With the handy notebook feature, you can save these corrections and review them later. The platform includes a language learning video library with explanations of grammar, vocabulary, and
           nuances for over 100 languages, from French and Korean to Nepali and Welsh. Polyglot Club also offers a marketplace where users can find language services like translators, tutors, and writers, or even promote their own services. Completely free Offers many learning resources and ways to connect Website can be glitchy or slow to load
Best use cases: Finding language exchange partners near you for in-person practice Pricing: Free, although some events charge a fee to attend Average rating luent speakers is the real deal! If you are able to travel to big towns and cities, it's
worth going to an in-person language exchange, even if you're nervous. Meetup is a website for planning gatherings of strangers around common interests. It has a big presence in Europe and the Americas, and language exchange is one of its most popular event categories. You can search by city and language. Meetups are usually free or cheap and
often take place in bars, cafes, or parks. Sometimes, exchanges involve fun activities such as dance classes or bowling to give attendees something to talk about. Of course, your opportunities will depend on where you are in the world. But if you're learning the language of a country that you've just relocated to, then what are you waiting for? Don't let
fear hold you back - everyone else will be in just the same situation as you are! In-person interactions Wide range of activities Location-dependent Varies in quality and frequency Less convenient than online language exchanges Best use cases: Practicing language skills safely, with verified profiles, one-click blocking, and filters that help you control
who can connect with you Pricing: Free access to some features Starting at $3.49/month Average rating: 4.1/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android Idyoma is an intuitive language exchange app designed to help users connect with language learners nearby or around the world. With its user-friendly swipe function, similar to popular dating apps
you can easily browse through profiles without the pressure of rejection. In your profile, you can select up to three languages you're practicing and three that you already speak to customize your experience. Plus, users can build out their profiles with photos and leave comments on how their conversations went. One standout feature of Idyoma is its
commitment to safety and genuine connections. For an extra layer of security, users can pay to verify their profile. Idyoma also prioritizes user safety by offering one-click blocking and filters to control who can find you, as well as disabling photo messages - all efforts to create a safer environment, especially for women and girls. Beyond individual
chats, Idyoma lets users form group conversations with people from around the globe. You can instantly translate messages or share corrections to improve your language skills on the spot. For those looking for longer-term partnerships, Idyoma's Pen Pal program is a great way to foster more meaningful connections over time. The app even learns
your preferences, showing you better matches over time, and limits initial connections to encourage higher-quality exchanges. Option to look for language exchange partners located nearby Verified profiles ensure you connect with real people, not bots or scammers Not many filtering options Subscription model can be confusing Best use cases:
Connecting with native speakers and trusting you'll each get plenty of time to practice Pricing: Free access to some features $4.99/week $9.99/week $9.99/
text-based chats. The app allows you to connect instantly with native speakers of your target language, removing the often awkward and slow-moving messaging phase. One of Lingbe's standout features is its reward system. Users earn "lingos" by helping others learn their native language. These lingos can then be spent on practice sessions with
native speakers of other languages. This reciprocal approach makes language learning feel like a community-driven effort, where you give and receive in equal measure. However, it does require more active participation on your part, so be prepared to put in the work. If you don't want to spend as much effort, Lingbe Pro gives you unlimited language
exchanges, video calls, and private practice rooms, plus an ad-free experience. Other premium features include gender filters and the option to skip users you don't want to talk to. Lingbe's group chats, known as "rooms," are another fun feature that sets it apart from other platforms. These rooms host live group conversations on specific topics so
you can practice in a dynamic social setting. Additionally, the platform includes tasks where you can ask and answer questions about your target and native languages to create a learning environment. Can connect with language exchange partners immediately Helpful built-in correction and translation tools Some reviews report technical issues, like
calls dropping Requires a lot more work than other language exchange platforms Best use cases: Chatting with native speakers via an advanced platform with tons of built-in learning features Pricing: Free access to some features $12.99/month $79.99/year $149.99 for lifetime access Average rating: 4.6/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android In
2025, HelloTalk is the king of language exchange apps. Or at least a member of the royal family. It has over 18 million users - that's over twice the population of New York City! Language learners fill in a profile, and the app suggests similar profiles of people you might enjoy connecting with. The chat feature is very advanced: You can send photos
emojis, and doodles to your new language partners. Once you've gained each other's trust, it's even possible to send text and voice messages and make phone calls for free! The free version of HelloTalk will be sufficient for most learners, but you can only set one target language. Consider paying for a subscription if you're trying to master a few
languages at once. One of the age-old problems of language exchanges is that learners find it hard to know when to switch languages. HelloTalk has a handy feature to prevent the awkwardness of trying to be strict with a relative stranger. If you turn on "Language Exchange mode," you'll get a notification when it's time to switch languages. With so
many users passing through, it's slightly more suited to those who want casual chat than those who want a more developed language exchange. However, HelloTalk deserves its great reputation. Free option available Chat with native speakers No clear learning structure Not suitable for beginners Free version limits you to one target language Best
use cases: Filtering language exchange partners using a user review system Pricing: Free $13.99/month $31.99 for 3 months $79.99/year Average rating: 4.6/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android Like HelloTalk, Tandem is a very up-to-date app with millions of users. It's even been called the Tinder of language exchange apps because of its
swipe-based matching system for connecting with language partners. But don't let that comparison put you off: people on Tandem are here to learn. Once you've filled out your profile, your inbox will quickly receive lots of messages. With so many users, it can be hard to focus on one conversation at a time or to move beyond superficial topics, but the
app is very easy to navigate. You can leave reviews of other users, which helps keep things professional and focused on learning rather than feeling like a dating app interaction. You can send voice messages or video chat, but there isn't much of a culture of doing either, since most interactions are spur-of-the-moment. There's also a handy "correct
this message" feature to help your partner out without derailing the conversation. If you want to enjoy language exchanges through a slick, up-to-date messaging app, Tandem is a great option. Provides reviews of users Innovative "Correct this message" feature Free version features pop-up ads Lacks additional educational materials Best use cases.
Building long-term connections for a more focused, personalized language exchange Pricing: Free access to some features $5.99/month $11.99 for 3 months $23.99/year Available on: Web The MyLanguage Exchange website looks older than the concept of language itself, but don't be put off. Although it looks like nobody has updated the website's
design since the mid-2000s, MyLanguage Exchange is a thriving network of language exchanges, with new members joining every day. It is a straightforward database of people looking for language exchanges, with columns for a short-term
chatting with many strangers, MyLanguage Exchange is the opposite. Once you have connected with someone, it is typical to switch to an alternative form of messaging, such as email, Skype, or WhatsApp. Study buddies blur into the realm of "new friends" very quickly. This is language exchange for those who loved doing language exchanges in
school. You could meet someone on this site who will become a part of your life long term - a person you might Skype with for years and eventually fly halfway across the world to meet. Students who are used to the anonymous and instant feel of modern apps might find this a bit creepy or even potentially dangerous. But everything depends on what
you are looking for and how much of yourself you want to share. Potential for long-term connections Versatile messaging options Dated website design Less anonymity compared to modern apps Best use cases: Joining specific subreddits focused on language Pricing: Free
Average rating: 4.8/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android If you like the idea of finding one long-term study buddy for a language exchange but don't like old-fashioned websites, then "the front page of the internet" might be a surprisingly good choice. Reddit has some very weird corners, but there's a thriving forum for almost any topic, and
language learning is no exception. Reddit itself isn't very suited to hosting language exchanges, but you can easily find another student to pair up and then organize an exchange using video chat on another platform. Since people use Reddit to discuss all kinds of niche interests, you'll be able to check out what potential language partners are
interested before accepting their request to learn more. It's another option to consider! Potential for long-term connections Best use cases: Finding active communities where members regularly share resources, tips, and
encouragement to help each other progress Pricing: Free Average rating: 4.5/5 stars Available on: Web, iOS, and Android If Reddit isn't your thing but you like the idea of finding a language exchange through your existing digital networks, then Facebook might be just the solution. There are private groups on Facebook for just about anything, so try
entering "[your native language] to [your target language] to [your ta
know, after you've added someone as a friend, Facebook allows you to chat, phone, and video call them. It's almost like it was designed for language exchanges! These groups also provide something you didn't know you needed - a team of other language exchanges! These groups also provide something you didn't know you needed - a team of other language exchanges! These groups also provide something you didn't know you needed - a team of other language exchanges! These groups also provide something you didn't know you needed - a team of other language exchanges!
such as "Things you only know if you're an English speaker trying to learn Arabic" can really be very reassuring! And motivating, if you often procrastinate your studies by scrolling through Facebook... Utilizes existing networks Multiple communication options Privacy concerns Varies in group quality The platform's other features are distracting
Language exchange apps and websites offer an accessible and interactive way to practice speaking a new language. By connecting with native speakers or fellow learners, you can improve your skills in a real-world context from the comfort of your own home. Here's why these platforms are so effective. Back in the day, finding opportunities to
practice talking in a second language involved...leaving the house. It's so easy to take it for granted, but learners are unbelievably fortunate to have the option to learn languages from home. If you can't sleep at night and want to practice your Urdu, it's possible to open an app and find someone to chat with within a matter of minutes. You don't even
 have to get out of bed - what a gift! Apps and websites make finding opportunities to practice a second language more convenient than it has ever been. Looking for more tech where you can improve your language skills from anywhere? Check out our article on the best language skills from anywhere? Check out our article on the best language skills from anywhere? Check out our article on the best language skills from anywhere?
gearing up for some important conversations. Whether it's an academic test, an immigration interview, a pitch to a potential client, or simply asking for directions in a foreign land, the stakes are high. Therefore, a misstep in communication can be costly. Here's the good news: A study from the University of Wisconsin-Madison shows that languages are high.
 learners who engage in speaking exercises outperform those who stick to comprehension-only methods. Language exchanges offer a low-pressure playground to hone your skills. These casual chats help you break the ice, overcome speaking anxiety, and build your confidence when speaking your new language. It's like a dress rehearsal before the big
show. Want a bit more practice before jumping into a conversation with a stranger? Check out our blog on how to improve your English speaking skills at home. Learning from non-native speakers can give you a solid foundation, but when it comes to mastering a language, nothing beats insights from a native speaker. Why? For starters, native
speakers naturally understand idioms and slang. If you might learn a phrase that's grammatically flawless but it's something a native would never say, you'll stick out like a sore thumb. Moreover, native speakers have a keen ear for pronunciation nuances that non-natives might overlook. As it's notoriously difficult to perceive new sounds in a foreign
language, natives are generally much better at identifying pronunciation issues than non-natives. This is crucial because the way you sound can significantly impact how you're understood - or misunderstood. If you're on the quest for fluency, connecting with native speakers is a game-changer. The ideal language exchange partner doesn't just help
you swap out those sneaky, textbook-perfect phrases for authentic alternatives; they also guide you in perfecting your pronunciation. With their keen ear for subtle sounds and accents, you'll be able to transition from a book to speaking like a local. When you're reading from a conding like you're reading from a book to speaking like a local. When you're reading from a book to speaking like a local. When you're studying hard, it's easy to forget the real benefits of
 learning a new language. The things that really help you grow as a person could never be measured in CEFR language levels! Being able to speak a new language is like a passport to understanding diverse cultures. This point is emphasized in the study "'I Had a Stereotype That American Were Fat': Becoming a Speaker of Culture in a Second
Language." The research shows that learning a language makes you more culturally sensitive and tolerant. When you engage with a native speaker, these cultural insights deepen. As a result, language exchanges offer more than just a boost in your speaking skills. They can evolve into meaningful friendships that enrich both parties so you can
exchange cultural insights and expand your worldview. Now you've read about our top picks for language exchange websites and apps, what's next? Test them out and do your own research to try and find your favorite. When you've done that, follow these steps to make the most of your time: Know the skills you want to improve: Whether you want to
practice speaking, reading, or writing, choose an appropriate language exchange app to help you progress. Stay consistent: There's no point in constantly switching between different apps and conversations, as you'll rarely get past the stage of "hello, how are you?" Stick with one app over the long term and consider adding this time to your study
plan. Start exchanges with native speakers or experts: If possible, try to locate native speakers or experienced language tutors who can guide you with clearer corrections and common, natural phrases. Use these tips, and you'll make the most of one of the 21st century's most incredible gifts: the possibility to learn a language from home, whereve
you are. Of course, while language exchange apps are a fantastic tool for practicing real-life conversations, they do have their limitations. Your partner may not always be a trained teacher, and exchanges with more structured
learning methods. If you're ready to take your language learning journey to the next level, then try Preply. Powerful filters help you sort through thousands of 1-on-1 tutors based on your budget, schedule, and learning goals. You can even filter by country of origin so you can find a tutor who has a certain accent or knows a regional dialect. You'll then
start with a trial lesson to see if you like working with that tutor. If you aren't satisfied, Preply will replace your tutor up to two times for free. Once you've decided on someone, they'll create a personalized learning plan based on your current level, learning style, and goals. This will help you progress faster so you can use your new language in the
real world sooner rather than later! You also schedule your own language lessons, which makes learning even more convenient. Whether you want to meet early in the morning, during your lunch break, or after work, Preply allows you to build your language learning into even the busiest schedule. If you're ready to get some speaking practice in your
new language, check out our comprehensive guide to how to do a language exchange. Hello, Bonjour, Hola, Salaam, Guten tag, Hello, Здравстуйте! It's the first word you learned the basic English greetings before you even started
investing time in your language skills. But if you want to make the most of your first impression, there are a ton of more colourful ways to say "hello". Do you want to know the most professional way to greet colleagues on a video call? Some slang terms to begin a text to your little cousin? Or a specifically British-English "hello" to amuse the bus driver
on your next trip to London? This ultimate list will guide you through the words and phrases to greet anyone in English with confidence. When it comes to a conversation with a neighbor or a chit-chat with colleagues during a coffee break, you can opt for these informal greetings. Situations where these fit naturally include a casual meeting with
colleagues, having a conversation with your team at work, networking events, greeting neighbors or chatting to a friend. As you almost certainly know already, "Hello" and "Hi" are the most popular greetings for informal situations. Generally, they are followed by the person's name: Hello, Michel. How are you? Hi, Monica. Nice to see you! As a rule,
use "hey" with people you know well. It is perfectly okay to start a conversation with a stranger in an informal situation with a stranger in 
just walking past someone who you relate to informally but do not have time for a long chat with, such as a postman, or a neighbor, or a cafe assistant. This said, it works just as well to start a longer conversation. This is a casual way of asking "How are you?" People prefer to ask one of these questions after the main greeting. Usually, it is followed by
a brief, positive answer. For instance: A: Hello, Amanda! How are you doing? B: Fine, thanks. And you? When you have not seen a person for a while or meet somebody unexpectedly, use one of these friendly greetings. You can use them at the beginning of a conversation, or just after the initial "hello". Hello, Veronica. Nice to see you there. These
common phrases are used to greet an old friend or begin a conversation with a person you haven't seen for a very long time. These expressions are often followed by questions like "How are you?" or "What's new?" And it is a great way to start small talk about what has happened since your last meeting. A: Hey, John! Long-time no see. How are you?
B: I'm fine, thanks! What's new? A: Hi, Taya. How's it going? B: Good thanks A: I haven't seen you for ages. B: Yes, it's been a while. Want these phrases to feel natural? Learn them by speaking with a tutor on Preply Slang is fun to learn: it's informal and a little bit silly, and using it signifies to someone that you're on friendly terms. Here are some
is new in their life. It is not rude and can be used with colleagues who you are close with, as well as family members and friends. This is a short version of "What's up?", which was very popular in America in the early 2000s. Now it is mostly only used ironically or in text. When texting or sending direct messages, some people like to add extra "y"s at
the end of "hey". For some mysterious reason, this is most often used when flirting. The longer the tail of "y"s, the flirtier the message! More than three or four looks a little bit desperate though... Sometimes you need to use more formal or business language to keep a professional tone. Here are the most common situations when such greetings are
necessary: job interview business meeting communicating with top management or CEO chatting with a new colleague having a conversation with clients showing respect to an older person speaking with someone you barely know Use the following salutations to start a formal conversation in any of these situations. If you are looking for a VERY
formal phrase for someone you meet for the first time, or business English vocabulary for a professional situation, this one will be the most suitable. While this salutation is quite uncommon today, you can still hear it from older people. "Hello. How do you do?" is perfect for a business dinner or a formal event, such as a conference. As per professional
 speech in every language, the most appropriate response is neutral or positive "I'm doing well thank you / Fine, thank you / Fine, thank you do" is, strangely, used as a statement rather than a question. This most often happens when shaking
hands with someone for the first time. It is easy to hear if this is the case: there will be no inflection at the end of the sentence. In this instance, the correct response is to repeat the question back to the asker in the same flat tone, "How do you do?" This is one of the respectful greeting examples you can use replying to someone you meet for the very
first time. For example: A: Good morning. I'm Alex White from [Company]. B: Nice to meet you, Mr. White from generally lasts for a few seconds, which gives enough time to say "Pleased to meet you". This is a polite way to ask "How are you?" when you have not seen a person for a
long time. Ask this question only if you have met someone before. A: How have you been? B: I've been busy working a lot. How about you? The best way to ensure that your greetings sound natural and confident is to practice them aloud, preferably with a fluent speaker to give you pointers. No-one to practice with? Find your perfect tutor. These ways
of greeting people are used at different times of the day. Whether you speak with a regular customer, colleagues or new neighbors, these phrases are effective to start the ball rolling. The greetings change depending on the time of the day. For example, "Good morning" is generally used from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. whereas "Good afternoon" time is
from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. "Good evening" is often used after 6 p.m. or when the sun goes down. Keep in mind that "Goodnight! See you tomorrow. To show your respect, you can also add the person's last name to
your greeting words. Usually, native English speakers tend to be more informal even in business communication and use the person's first name after the salutation: Good morning, Mr. Houston Good afternoon, Ms. Partridge Good morning, Kelly It is also common to say "Good morning, sir/madam" when greeting someone in a
formal situation whose name is unknown. This is often heard by staff talking to customers in shops, restaurants and hotels. Want to polish your conversational skills? Check out our article on the five main principles of small talk. In any language, many of the most formal conversations take place in written form: job applications, legal queries,
complaints against a company. Here are the best ways to greet someone in writing when you have something serious to say. You might also want to check out our handy guide to writing emails in English. If you do not know the name of the person you are sending a professional letter or email to then "Dear Sir or Madam" is the most common way to
start the conversation. It is clear, respectful, and to the point. Some instances when this is useful include: When you are emailing a company However, if you are emailing a 
personalized formal greeting. This is another professional way to address an email to a stranger. It is a little old fashioned, but perfect if your formal email is going to be relevant to a group of people, or if you want to sound especially reserved. Suitable situations include: When you are emailing a whole department that you are unfamiliar with When
you are sending a complaint to a company When sending a reference letter for someone you used to manage If you are sending a polication or emailing an HR department about a role you would like to apply for, "To the Hiring Manager" is a very useful greeting. It is particularly helpful if you are emailing a generic company-wide "info@" inbox
because it signals that your message will be about a work opportunity, and immediately instructs whoever manages the inbox to forward your message to the HR department. If you know the name and title of someone you are sending a formal email to, it is better to begin the conversation with "Dear Mr [surname]" instead of "Dear sir or madam." In
rare cases, the person you are emailing might use a salutation which signifies their profession. Doctors and academics who have a PhD sometimes use "Prof". Otherwise, you can use "Dear Mrs [surname]" for a married woman, or "Dear Miss [surname]" for an unmarried
woman. If you do not know the marital status of a woman you are emailing professionally, you should use "Ms [surname]". If you do not know the title of the person you want to reach, or cannot guess their gender from their name, try looking them up on Linkedin. Be aware: even when sending very formal professional messages, most people will
switch to "Dear [First name] after the first or second email exchange. Usually, the person you have reached out to will reply using "Dear [first name]", and after this point, it is polite to address them in the same way. Want inspiration for the next line? Check out our guide on how to start a letter and write a great hook. Knowing a few British English
greetings will make you seem especially friendly when traveling to the UK, showing from the very first impression that you want to engage with the local culture. Here are some British "hello"s, perfect for testing out on the Queen, or on your mates down the pub! When greeting each other in a formal setting. British people are more likely to describe
it as "lovely" to meet someone than "nice". If you travel to the UK, you will notice that many people use the word "lovely" to mean the same as "fine" in American English. To British slang version of "Hello. How are you?" If your friend greets you like this, you can respond with
"yeah, fine" or, if you want to sound even more British, "not bad" — which means exactly the same thing. This is a very common slang way to say a chilled-out "Hi" to a friendly answer is "Not bad, mate, you?" This is a very common way of saying "hello", especially in the
North of England. It is also used a lot in text messaging. This greeting is only used in Ireland, and "craic" is pronounced to rhyme with you?" or "have you got any interesting new gossip since we last met?" Be careful though: if you use this phrase to greet
someone Irish and are not Irish yourself, it is possible that they might think you are making fun of them! Hungry for some more British slang words for ESL learners It is very difficult to be funny in a new language (or difficult to be funny on purpose, at least!). Being able to understand and
make jokes is often even seen as a sign of fluency. If you are still in the process of learning, slipping a silly or old-fashioned version of "hello" into a conversation is a simple way to make someone laugh. If you are learning English to chat with a partner or friends, surprising them with one of these weird conversation starters can be very funny. Here
are some less serious "hellos" and tips on when to try them for maximum effect. This is a very old greeting that dates all the way back to Old English, and was once used by sailors to call ships. Nowadays, it is only really spoken by Spongebob and other ocean-based cartoon characters. It is just as silly when written in a text message as in person. This
is sometimes used when greeting friends that you haven't seen in a little while. It is a jokier version of "long time, no see". This is a shortened version of "Hello, governor", a greeting used by tradespeople in Victorian London, to show respect when talking to upper class members of society. Dropping the "H" from the "Hello" is intended to make the
pronunciation sound similar to the famous "cockney" accent, associated with the East of London. Today, it is unnecessarily formal and associated with old-fashioned poetry, so using it in real conversation is definitely pretty silly! This is
another way of saying, "What's up?" or "What's going on?". This is a very rarely-used greeting, but will definitely make someone laugh. A buttercup is a delicate yellow flower which grows in grass, and also a very common thing to name your pet cow. It is quite funny to address an adult as "buttercup". This is an abbreviation of "How do you do?"
stereotypically used in some regions of Canada and America. Now, it is mostly only used by cartoon cowboys. Can't get enough learning basic vocabulary? Check out these related articles! A well-chosen "hello" sets the tone for any conversation, whether talking to a close friend or someone you barely know. Don't be afraid to try out these new
expressions in your daily communication. Armed with these words and phrases, you can start almost any conversation off in a more vibrant and fluent way. Want to speak with confidence as quickly as possible? Find a personal English tutor perfectly suited to your budget and schedule. The concept of family holds a special place in Spanish culture,
where strong family ties are highly valued. Understanding family-related Spanish vocabulary can help you connect with Spanish-speaking friends and phrases related to family in Spanish, helping you broaden your language skills and cultural understanding
Keep reading to learn more. The word for 'family' in Spanish is 'familia'. It is used to refer to one's family members collectively. Father - Padre/mamá Parents - Padre/mamá Padre/mamá Parents - Padre/mamá Pad
to refer to a mother. Children commonly use "mamá" and "papá" to address their parents, but it's important to note that these words require an accent on the final syllable to avoid confusion with other meanings. The term "padres" refers to parents in general and can also be the plural form of "father". Be mindful that "parientes" means "relatives"
and should not be used when you want to speak about your parents, Daughter - Hija(s) Son - Hijo(s) Remember that Spanish, unlike English, has gendered nouns, so the plural form of the noun will vary depending on whether it's referring to male or female children. "Hijos" refers to a group of male children or a mixed group of male and female
children, while "hijas" refers exclusively to a group of female children. Sister - Hermano Siblings - Hermanos (brothers or mixed) / Hermanos (brothers or mixed) / Hermanos (sisters) Abuelo - Grandfather Abuela - Grandfather Abuela - Grandfather Abuela - Grandfather Abuela - Grandfather Bisabuelo - Grandfather Abuela - Gra
Sister Tío - Uncle Tía - Aunt Sobrino - Nephew Sobrino - 
describe a family in Spanish usually end in the letter -a and usually words with -o at the end are masculine nouns. For example: Niece - Sobrina Nephew - Sobri
When it comes to describing family members in Spanish, it's essential to understand the proper grammar structures. One of the most critical aspects of this is possessive adjectives are used to indicate who a family member belongs to. For example, "mi" means "my," and "su" means "his/her/their" in Spanish. So if
you want to say "my brother" in Spanish, you would say "mi hermano." Understanding the plural forms of family members in Spanish is crucial. Many words change their endings when they are made plural. For example, "hijo" becomes "hijos" (sons) and "hija" becomes "hijos" (daughters). Additionally, Spanish has gender agreement, meaning that
the endings of words change depending on whether the family member is male or female. For example, "abuela" (grandfather) becomes "abuela" (grandfather) 
understanding these grammar structures, you'll be better equipped to communicate effectively in Spanish and have more meaningful conversations with Spanish using the verb "Ser," you can use the following sentence structure: Mi familia es + (adjective) For example: Mi
familia es grande y amorosa. (My family is big and loving.) Mi familia es muy unida. (My family is very close-knit.) Mi familia es divertida y ruidosa. (My family is fun and loud.) You can also use the verb "Ser" with specific family member names to describe their relationship to you. For example: Mi madre es mi mejor amiga. (My mother is my best
friend.) Mi hermano es muy inteligente. (My brother is very smart.) Mi abuelo es muy gracioso. (My grandfather is very funny.) Remember to match the verb "Ser" with the appropriate form of the subject pronoun, such as "es" for singular third person (he/she/it) and "son" for plural third person (they). Learning Spanish vocabulary about family is not
only a great way to expand your knowledge, but it also allows you to better understand the culture and values of Spanish-speaking countries. Using the vocabulary and grammar rules set out in this article, you will be able to talk confidently about your family in Spanish and engage in meaningful conversations with native speakers. However, if you're
interested in taking your Spanish skills to the next level, one of the best ways to do this is by having regular conversations with a native Spanish speaker. On Preply, you can connect with an online Spanish tutor at a time that suits you and for an affordable price. Choose from thousands of tutors based on their rating, availability, and even which other
languages they speak. They will help you achieve your goals and feel confident speaking to native Spanish speakers, regardless of the subject. Sign up for your first lesson today, and if you're not satisfied, you can try a new tutor for free or get a full refund.
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