Test dialogue 1 (slow), Part I
From Test A

C: Hi, Greg.

G: Hi, Cindy. How are you?

C: Good, thanks. So what’s this I hear you’re going to Spain for the summer?

G: Yes, we are going with my wife to visit her family in Spain.

C: Wow, that’s great. But isn’t it going to be hard to travel with two children?

G: Oh, yeah! There are a lot of things that I have to worry about that I wouldn’t have to worry about without kids. But it’s worth it. A lot of people in the family haven’t seen the new baby.

C: Oh, yeah, that’ll be so fun!

G: So, how about you, Cindy? What are your summer plans?

C: Mmm... I’m not totally sure yet. I’ve got a job for the end of the summer, but I’m not sure what I’m going to do during the first month and a half.

G: Go on vacation!

C: Yeah, but that’s expensive.

G: Not as expensive when you don’t have two children to take with you.

C: True.

G: Besides, there are a lot of beautiful places to visit near here.
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1001 - 2000: baby during fun hi lot thanks worry

AWL: job

UWL: (none)

Off-list: cindy greg kids mmm spain vacation wow yeah

Test Dialogue 1, Part II

G: There are a lot of beautiful places to visit near here.

C: Yeah, although actually, I was kind of thinking of going home to visit my family.

G: Where do you live again?
C: New York.

G: New York, well, that’s kind of far.

C: Yeah, so I guess if I go there, I’ll fly. But then I won’t have a car to get around.

G: When was the last time you were in New York?

C: For Christmas break.

G: Oh, so not that long ago.

C: Half a year!

G: Yeah, not that long ago. Heck, my wife hasn’t been home to Spain for three years.

C: Three years? I can’t imagine! Doesn’t she miss home?

G: Well, yes and no. This is her home now, and she’s pretty happy here. And when you have children, where you live feels like home.

C: Well, I’m still the baby of the family, and I kind of miss home.

G: That settles it! You have to go back to New York at the beginning of the summer.

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1001 - 2000: baby christmas guess imagine lot
AWL: (none)

UWL: (none)

Off-list: heck spain yeah york
K: Hi, Brittany. You look happy!

B: Oh, I am, I am! I just came back from this wonderful shoe store that was having an incredible sale.

K: Oh... I remember you said you loved going shoe shopping.

B: It’s one of my favorite things to do.

K: What’s the store?

B: It’s called DSW. It’s a new store. They just opened up in the new mall on the north side of town.

K: Oh, I see. I’ve never been to that mall. Isn’t it pretty far?

B: It’s pretty far from where you live, but it’s not that far from where I live.

K: And did you go to the mall just to go to the shoe store?

B: No, which made my discovery even more wonderful. I didn’t expect to see such a fantastic store.

K: Is it fantastic because of the selection or because of the prices?

B: Both!

K: And I assume you bought some shoes...

B: Oh, yes! The shoes I’m wearing right now—I got these for working.

K: They’re quite elegant.
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1001 - 2000: hi shoe shoes shopping

AWL: assume selection

UWL: (none)

Off-list: brittany dsw elegant fantastic incredible mall

Test Dialogue 2, Part II

B: And I got another pair of shoes for walking.
K: Walking shoes—that’s a good thing to have.

B: And I got another pair of shoes that I can wear to my best friend’s wedding next month, which is just so great. I wasn’t sure where I was going to find shoes to wear with the dress that I bought for the wedding. And now my problem is solved.

K: Maybe you should buy your best friend a pair of shoes for her wedding.

B: Hmm... that’s not a bad idea, but I already got her another present.

K: Yeah, you should probably get her something her husband can enjoy too.

B: Exactly.

K: So... is that it?

B: What?

K: Is that all the shoes you bought?

B: Oh, no. I got another pair of shoes for the next time I’m out in the country.

K: Brittany, are you serious? You got a pair of shoes for being in the country?

B: Oh, yeah! You can’t wear city shoes when you’re in the country.

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1001 - 2000: exactly pair probably shoes solved

AWL: (none)

UWL: (none)

Off-list: brittany hmm wedding yeah
T: Hi, Karen, how are you?
K: Pretty good, and yourself? What’s new?
T: Well, I was just at home and I saw that there was someone new moving in.
K: Oh, into that apartment next to yours?
T: Yeah.
K: That was empty a long time.

T: Yeah, it was, and I liked it that way.
K: Well, yeah, the neighbor you had before was a real jerk. Was he kicked out, or did he just move?
T: I think he just moved. I was so happy when he did. I was about to move out myself. I couldn’t stand all his noise!
K: So what about your new neighbor? Is it a man or a woman?
T: A woman.
K: Did you talk to her?
T: No, she looked so busy. And there were a couple people helping her move.
K: Did she have a lot of stuff?
T: Yeah, she really did. Just boxes and boxes of stuff. Who knows what all that stuff was! I didn’t even see them moving in any furniture when I went by. Just boxes, and more boxes.
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1001 - 2000: busy empty hi kicked lot noise stuff

AWL: couple

UWL: (none)

Off-list: apartment jerk karen yeah

Test Dialogue 3, Part II

K: Any pets?
T: Not that I saw. And believe me, I was looking to see if there was any indication. That dog that my last neighbor had nearly drove me insane with its constant barking.

K: So, probably no pets.

T: Well, it’s hard to tell.

K: If she does have a pet, do you think she’s probably a cat person, or a dog person?

T: I think a cat person, but I just don’t know.

K: People can surprise you.

T: Tell me about it!

K: Well, look on the positive side. Maybe she’ll be nice.

T: I’m not going to bet on it.

K: Why?

T: I don’t know, I’ve just had such bad luck with neighbors in the past.

K: Well, if I moved in next door to you, do you think we’d be friends, or do you think you would just distrust me because I was your neighbor?

T: Well, Karen, it’s hard to say. Now that I think about it, I’m not sure what kind of neighbor you would be!

K: Hmm, well then!

T: No, I’m just kidding. I’m sure I would eventually stop being suspicious.

K: I think you should go over to her apartment and welcome her to the neighborhood.

T: You think so?

K: Yeah, that way you can talk to her directly and find out what kind of person she is.

T: Hmm, that’s probably a good idea.

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**1001 - 2000**: cat luck nice pet pets probably suspicious

**AWL**: constant eventually indication positive

**UWL**: (none)

**Off-list**: apartment barking bet distrust hmm insane karen kidding yeah
Test Dialogue 4A (fast), Part I
From Test A

L: Hey, Mary, how are you?
M: Great, Lance, and you?
L: Oh, pretty good. Got any plans for the weekend?
M: Well, Shawn and I were planning on seeing a movie tonight, but I’m not sure what we’ll go see.
L: Oh, well if you haven’t seen “American Ride,” you’ve got to go see that movie.

M: Oh, really? “American Ride”? Can’t say I’ve heard about it before. What’s it about?

L: It’s about this young guy who buys a motorcycle and drives all over the United States. He meets all these crazy characters and has all these great adventures. And you get to see a lot of places in the country and how each one is so totally different from the others. And meanwhile the main character is trying to figure out the meaning of life, and what it’s all about, and why the United States is the way it is. Oh, and see, the guy’s name is Hans, and he’s from Germany, so it’s funny to see this German guy in Texas and Alabama. And later on, he goes to Alaska.

M: Oh yeah? He drives to Alaska on his motorcycle?

L: Yeah, and he has mechanical problems on the way, and it’s really cold.

M: Is the movie German or American?

L: It’s American, and I don’t think the actor was really German either, but it’s hilarious, and you and Shawn should definitely go see it.
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1001 - 2000: funny hey lot meanwhile mechanical tonight

AWL: definitely

UWL: (none)

Off-list: alabama alaska american crazy german germany guy hans hilarious lance mary motorcycle movie shawn texas yeah

Test Dialogue 4, Part II
M: Where’s it playing?

L: Uh, it’s at the mall.

M: Oh, wait, that movie theater is really expensive.

L: Yeah, but all movie theaters are expensive.

M: No, no. You know they have that dollar theater on the east side. What’s the name of it? Uh, Goodwill Theaters, I think. It’s over on Dodge Street.

L: Yeah, but that’s really far, and who knows what movies they’ll be playing.

M: Oh, I don’t know. I’ve seen some pretty good movies there.

L: Yeah, but you’ve got to see “American Ride.”

M: Well, maybe eventually it’ll show at the dollar theater, and I can see it then.

L: You don’t know what you’re missing out on. I really think this movie is one of the best movies I’ve seen in a long time.

M: Gee, you’re pretty serious about this movie!

L: Yeah, and I don’t go to movies just to go to movies. I go to see good movies.

M: Oh, after this hard week I’ve had, I don’t care that much about how great the movie is. I just want to relax and be entertained.

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1001 - 2000: entertained

AWL: eventually relax

UWL:

Off-list: american dodge gee goodwill mall movie movies theater theaters uh yeah
L: Hi, Sam! I have to tell you about this wonderful restaurant I went to last night.

S: Oh yeah? What’s the name of it?

L: It’s called Sushi Ten.

S: Sushi Ten. So is it a Japanese place?

L: Yes.

S: Oh, well, I don’t really like Japanese food.

L: Then you haven’t been to this place! It’s out of this world!

S: Is it a new restaurant?

L: No, I think it’s been around for a while. And it’s extremely popular. We had to wait half an hour just to get a seat, and we went on a Wednesday!

S: That is popular.

L: And you wouldn’t believe how many people we knew who were there. I saw Mr. Adamson and his wife there.

S: From work?

L: Yeah, and I saw some other people I know.

S: Gosh, a lot of people go out on a Wednesday night, huh?

L: Well, you just have to try this place. Their menu is about six pages long! There are so many choices.

S: How did you decide what to order?

L: Actually, I just asked for whatever the people around me were eating.

S: I think that’s what I would have to do too.
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**1001 - 2000:** extremely hi lot restaurant

**AWL:** (none)

**UWL:** (none)

**Off-list:** adamson gosh huh japanese menu sam sushi yeah
L: And I ate all these incredible dishes I had never had before.

S: Yeah, but it’s sushi. That’s raw fish, yech!

L: You really have to try it.

S: Maybe some day.

L: I was thinking of suggesting that we all go there when we have our end of the year party.

S: You want to take everyone in the office to have sushi? Somehow I don’t think they would all go for that.

L: Oh no? What would you suggest?

S: You know, like a place that serves American food.

L: I don’t know, Sam. I think you would be surprised. In some ways sushi has become an American food.

S: That’s ridiculous.

L: Society is really changing, and so are the public’s preferences. If you saw how popular this place was...

S: Lisa, I think you’re confusing fashion with a deeper societal change. I don’t think that sushi has become the new American food. I think it’s just something that is popular right now.

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1001 - 2000: confusing dishes fashion preferences raw

AWL: (none)

UWL: (none)

Off-list: american incredible lisa ridiculous sam societal sushi yeah yech
B: Hi, Karen. How are you?

K: Fine. And you, Brian? You look a little irritated.

B: I am, actually. I just had a talk with this new secretary of ours. Have you met her?

K: The new secretary? No... actually, can’t say that I have.

B: Yeah... I don’t think she’s very good.

K: Why, what does she do?

B: She talks on the telephone all the time. And they’re personal calls... to her son, I think.

K: Well, you know, Brian, mothers have to talk to their children during the day.

B: But it’s not appropriate for her to be talking to her son on the phone when I have something that I need her to do.

K: Mmm, yeah.

B: And then, I asked her to make some copies for me, and she had trouble figuring out the photocopy machine.

K: Well, she’s new to the job, Brian. You have to give her some time.

B: But if she doesn’t even know how to work a photocopy machine, what’s she doing getting hired as a secretary?

K: Isn’t she, actually, just a temporary secretary while Diane is away on sick leave?

B: Is she?

K: I think so.

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1001 - 2000: copies during hi hired phone sick telephone

AWL: appropriate job temporary

UWL: (none)

Off-list: brian diane figuring irritated karen mmm photocopy yeah

Test Dialogue 6, Part II
K: I think Diane got sick and had to take a couple months off from work, but she’s planning on coming back.

B: Oh, that’s terrible. Do you know what Diane has?

K: No, I don’t. It’s sort of like a rumor around the office. I’m not completely sure if it’s true or not.

B: Oh, I hope she’s okay.

K: Yeah.

B: Do you have Diane’s home phone? Maybe we could call her and find out if she’s okay.

K: I don’t think I do, but maybe Mary does.

B: We should ask. I would be really glad if Diane comes back instead of having this incompetent new person around forever.

K: Oh, okay, back to that.

B: Yes, back to that. There’s something else, too.

K: What’s that?

B: She didn’t make any coffee in the morning.

K: Well, maybe making coffee isn’t one of her official responsibilities.

B: Oh, come on. Someone in the office has to make the coffee, and the secretary is the most obvious person to do it.

Test Dialogue 6, Part II, vocabulary profile

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1001 - 2000: coffee phone responsibilities sick terrible

AWL: couple obvious

UWL: (none)

Off-list: diane forever incompetent mary okay rumor yeah
A: So, Karen, have you heard about the new grocery store on Speedway and Swan?

K: Speedway and Swan? No, I haven’t. What’s it called?

A: It’s called Sunflower, and it’s great. You should go.

K: Why? What’s so great about a new grocery store?

A: It’s got really great prices and an amazing selection with a lot of specialty foods.

K: Oh yeah?

A: Yeah, like the other day I decided to make my wife an authentic French dinner, and I was able to get all the ingredients at Sunflower, including this one kind of cheese that’s normally quite difficult to find.

K: I need a husband who cooks me French cuisine.

A: Well, not everyone can be as special as I am.

K: That’s what your wife tells me. But, so anyway, this place is cheap, too, huh?

A: Yeah, really cheap. Like they had salmon on sale for only five dollars a pound.

K: What? That’s outrageous. I don’t think I’ve ever heard of salmon selling for so little. Have you eaten any of it? Do you suppose it’s okay? It’s probably not that fresh.

A: I don’t know. I bought some the last time I was there and it seemed fine to me.

K: Hmm.

A: Their vegetables are also just incredibly cheap.

K: Do they have a wide selection?

A: Yes, they do. But I think that on the vegetables maybe they’re not quite as fresh as some places. You have to eat whatever you buy there within a couple days, or it’ll go bad.
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**1001 - 2000:** cheap cheese cooks dinner lot probably

**AWL:** couple normally selection

**UWL:** (none)

**Off-list:** amazing authentic cuisine french grocery hmm huh incredibly ingredients karen okay outrageous salmon specialty speedway sunflower swan vegetables yeah

Test Dialogue 7, Part II

A: But I think that on the vegetables maybe they’re not quite as fresh as some
places. You have to eat whatever you buy there within a couple days, or it’ll go bad.

K: Oh well, come on, that’s no good.

A: But they’re perfectly fine for the first few days.

K: But then you have to go there every few days. Speedway and Swan is pretty far for me to go, just to buy some vegetables that are only going to be good for two days.

A: It’s not that far from you. You live just two blocks from Speedway. And Swan is just a mile or two further down.

K: That’s if you go by car, but I almost always go by bike.

A: Don’t you have a car?

K: Yeah, but I really prefer not to drive it. Gas is so expensive these days, and I think my car just isn’t that reliable.

A: So you normally walk to the grocery store?

K: No, I ride my bike.

A: How do you carry all your groceries on your bike?

K: I put them in my backpack.

A: Well, still, you can’t take that many things with you. You must have to go to the grocery store many times a week.

K: Yes, that’s true, but, it’s okay with me.

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1001 - 2000: blocks perfectly prefer

AWL: couple normally reliable

UWL: (none)

Off-list: backpack bike groceries grocery okay speedway swan vegetables yeah
N: Hi Alan how’s it going?

A: Oh okay how about you? You look pretty tired.

N: Yeah well trying to balance work, school, and family is pretty tough.

A: Tell me about it. It’s really hard to find time for everything especially for us parents.

N: How’s your wife doing?

A: She’s great. You know we’re going to have a second baby.

N: Wow. That’s great Congratulations. No I didn’t know. When’s she due?

A: In October.

N: Oh that’s wonderful. You have to tell Sharon that I said congratulations. So has she been staying home?

A: No, she’s been working part time. This fall she’s going to take a leave from work.

N: Uh huh.

A: And her mom is going to come down for a few weeks.

N: That’s really important. I don’t know what I would do if my mom didn’t live close by.

A: She lives in town, does she?

N: No, but she lives in Nogales, only about an hour away.

A: So she comes up pretty frequently?

N: Yeah, she does. She’s great. She’s really good with the baby.

A: And I’m sure she’s thrilled to be able to spend time with her granddaughter.

N: Of course!
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**1001 - 2000:** baby balance congratulations especially frequently granddaughter hi parents tired tough

**AWL:** (none)

**UWL:** (none)

**Off-list:** allan huh nogales okay sharon thrilled uh wow yeah

Test Dialogue 8, Part II

A: So are you ready for the big test on
Wednesday?

N: Not really. Are you?

A: No I’m not. I’ve got a lab report to write before then, so I’m concentrating on that first.

N: What class is the lab report for?

A: Chemistry.

N: How’s your chemistry class? Do you like it?

A: It’s okay. The teacher’s really good, really clear. I like sitting in the class and listening to lectures. But the lab part of the class is a lot harder for me. Are you taking chemistry?

N: No. I’m an English major, and people in English don’t have to take classes in chemistry.

A: Oh well it’s not so bad except for these stupid labs and the lab reports. That’s the hard part for me and it can take so much time to do.’

N: Well, good luck with that.

A: Thanks.

N: So, listen, a few of us from class were thinking about getting together and forming a study group for Wednesday’s test. Do you want to join us?

A: Yes, definitely. I’d really like to study with someone else for this exam. Do you know when you’ll get together?

N: No, we haven’t decided for sure. Why don’t I call you in a couple of days and I’ll let you know.

A: Yeah, that would be great. Would you do that? I would really appreciate it.

N: No problem. And I have your number.

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1001 - 2000: lot luck stupid thanks

AWL: appreciate concentrating couple definitely lectures major

UWL: (none)

Off-list: chemistry exam lab labs okay yeah