

Chat Room for Teens **1**

includes more than 500 questions

- that are related to teenage concerns
- that provide practical, interesting vocabularies and expressions
- that are easy to apply in any situation

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Introduction

The Chat Room is a wonderful invention. It allows users instantly to communicate freely, and for free, with anyone in the world. They can talk about any subject they care to, and express their opinion in any way they like. They can even be in contact with many people at once. The Chat Room has indeed revolutionized global communication.

CHAT ROOM FOR TEENS operates in much the same way. English learners are encouraged to express themselves freely on a wide range of relevant topics. Many thought-provoking questions and examples are given to spur independent language usage. There are no specifically “right” or “wrong” answers, so there is no need for users to be intimidated — any more than if they were discussing the same topics in their own language instead of English. And this natural, interesting teaching method will build confidence as well as competence, helping the learners to master a skill that will have countless applications — social as well as commercial — around the world, for the rest of their lives.

English, after all, is actually Earthlish — if Dutch, Korean, Saudi, and Brazilian colleagues meet together in Moscow, they will undoubtedly talk to each other in English. And the ones who are best able to express themselves accurately and effortlessly will have a tremendous advantage over their less-talented fellows. Promoting this skill and facility in English is the goal and purpose of the entire line of LIS Korea books, from EXPRESS YOURSELF to TEEN TALK to any of the other fine publications by this thoughtful, progressive company.

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LESSON 01 Can I Speak to Sue?

Warm-up Dialog

Feeling Better

Bobby : Hi, Mrs. Jones. How are you?

Mrs. Jones : I'm very well, Bobby. How are you?

Bobby : I'm okay now. Thanks.

Mrs. Jones : Sue said you were sick.

Bobby : Yes, I had the flu. I had to miss a week of school.

Mrs. Jones : Well, I'm glad you feel better now.



Bobby : May I speak to Sue?

Mrs. Jones : I'm sorry, she isn't home now. She's still in ballet class.

Bobby : When do you think she'll be back?

Mrs. Jones : She said she was going shopping first. So maybe she'll be home in two or three hours.

Bobby : May I call back then? Or can she call me?

Mrs. Jones : Of course! Can I pass along a message?

Bobby : Just tell her I need some help with all the homework I missed.

• Questions

1. What is Sue's complete name?
2. Where is Sue? What is she going to do next?
3. Why is Bobby calling her?

Pictures



- Q1: What does "Hang on" mean?
- Q2: When would someone use that expression?
- Q3: What other, similar, expressions could you use instead of "Hang on please"?

- 2.
- Q1: What does "You've got the wrong number" mean?
- Q2: When would someone use that expression?
- Q3: If someone told you you've got the wrong number, what would you say? What would you do?



- Q1: When do people use this expression?
- Q2: If you were asking someone to take a message, what would you say?
- Q3: We do not hear this expression much anymore. Why not, do you think?

4. Q1: What are some differences between talking and texting?
- Q2: How often do you text? Who do you usually text to? Who do you usually talk to?
- Q3: Which method of communicating do you think is more convenient? Why?



- Q1: Do you often get spam? How many spam messages do you get per week?
- Q2: How do you cope with it?
- Q3: Why do people send spam? What do you think about them?

6. Q1: Do you use the internet on your phone? Why or why not?
- Q2: What do you use the internet for most of the time?
- Q3: If you use the internet on your phone, how much does it cost? Is that a reasonable fee?



LESSON 01 Can I Speak to Sue?

Answer Me

• 1 An Important Question

Stella : Hi, Dad.

Dad : Hi. What's up?

Stella : I have an important question to ask.

Dad : OK. What do you want to know.

Stella : Well, can I get a new phone?

Dad : Why? Is there something wrong with the one I got you a few months ago?

Stella : No. It's fine.

Dad : Then why do you need a new one?

Stella : All my friends are getting new ones. They laugh at the one I have. They say it's old-fashioned.

Dad : But you picked it out yourself.

Stella : I know. But fashions have changed. I need to keep up.

Dad : But it'll change again in a few more months, and then again a few months later. I can't just keep buying you a new phone all the time!

Stella : I know. But, just this once, okay?

Dad : No, I don't think so.

Stella : I knew you would say that!

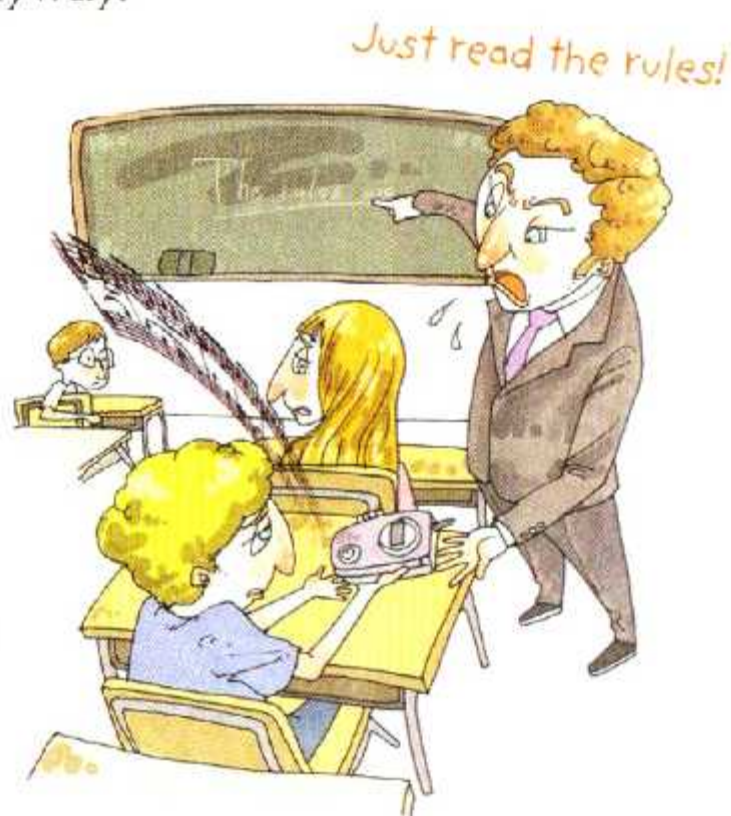


• Questions

1. Which one do you agree with more, Stella or her father?
2. Do you have a phone? How long have you had it? How many phones have you had in the last two years?
3. Do your parents always buy you a new one when you ask for it?

• 2 Sound Policy

- Teacher : Whose phone is that ringing? Is that yours, Tommy?
- Tommy : Yes, sir. I'm sorry.
- Teacher : Give it to me!
- Tommy : OK. Here it is. Can I have it back at the end of class?
- Teacher : No, you know what the rules are. I'll give it back to you in a month.
- Tommy : A month! That's not fair.
- Teacher : But you know what the rules are.
- Tommy : But this is my first offense. I just forgot to turn it off this time, because nobody ever calls me anyway.
- Teacher : Then, since you never use it, you won't miss it for the next month, will you?
- Tommy : But I need it to call other people. And I have to let my parents know where I am.
- Teacher : But the rule is, if a phone rings in my class I keep it for a month. I can't treat you any differently than anyone else who has broken this rule, can I?



• Questions

1. Do you think the teacher is being fair? If you were the teacher, what would you do?
2. Do you usually take your phone to school? What are the school rules about doing so?
3. What do your parents think about your having a cell phone?