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Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Registering at a Language School

Topic: Academic Classes

Level: Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

Imagine you have travelled to a country where the language is spoken to take classes at a language school there. You have been in touch with the language school through email, but this will be your first time going to the school, and you need to register.

- When you enter the school, you need to ask where to find the office that you want to go to.
 - Where is the director's office?
 - Where is the office of registration?
 - Where is the cashier's office?
 - What are the books, and where can I buy the books?
 - Who teaches this class? What do I need to know to be able to attend this class?
- You meet your teacher for the first time, in the office of registration or when the teacher does a placement interview with you. Think of a conversation in which you tell your teacher why you have chosen this school, who you know at this school, what you want to learn at this school...
- After enrolling, imagine you are asked to give feedback about the school. You can talk about your teachers, staff members, classmates, books...
- Make a list of vocabulary that is used in language schools (or schools in general). For instance, director, president, principal, executive director, staff, faculty...

Practice in Conversation Session

- Review your list of vocabulary with your conversation partner in terms of pronunciation and spelling. Also check that you have the right meaning for each word.
- Role play going to a language school to register. Have different conversations with different people.
 - Where to go, to whom you need to talk, where to pay, where to buy books, where the classes are held...

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- In another role play, discuss strengths and weaknesses of the language program you are participating in. You can talk about your teachers, staff members, classmates, books...