



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### Conversation Preparation Guides

**Title: Explaining Boarding School Rules**

**Topic: Policies and Rules**

**Level: Intermediate**

#### Practice on Your Own

- Practice words for boarding school, permission, time, days of the week, guest(s), to visit, to wake up, to sleep, to eat, dining hall, breakfast, lunch, dinner and class(es). Read the material available to you on these different topics. Also listen to audio examples to be able to pronounce words properly and to help enrich your vocabulary.
- Imagine you are in charge of a dormitory at a boarding school in a place where the language is spoken. You have a new student, and you are explaining to the student the policies, rules and regulations of the school with regard to staying in the dormitory. Practice your conversation in the language you are learning and in accordance with the culture where the school is located.
- Practice pronouns (masculine and feminine, singular and plural).
- Review how to speak about the present.
- Think of questions the new student might ask you as well as words for yes and no.
- Practice out loud on your own (or with friends) before the conversation session.

#### Practice in Conversation Session

- **Warm-up policies, rules and regulations practice.** Be prepared for a warm-up activity. You and your conversation partner and fellow students can ask each other to say the days of the week, what rule is for what activity and the time it is done.
- **Role play.** You play the person in charge of the dormitory and your role play partner is a new student. Role play the conversation about policies, rules and regulations.
  - Start your conversation with culturally appropriate greetings and then introduce yourselves by name.
  - As you interact, tell the new student about the time for waking up, the times that breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining hall, class times and bedtime.
  - Let the new student ask you about the days of the week that guests can visit, how many are allowed and the duration of their visit. Use words for no and yes as you interact.

- Switch roles with your role play partner and continue practicing until you are comfortable with your fluency in this topic in the language you are learning.