

Extra Scenarios for Practice

Part A

1. You would like to start a business breeding fancy snails to sell to the restaurant trade. You need to know about ideal conditions for them, how to house them, the best food, etc.

Your opening line: Is there anything on the web about how snails breed?

2. You are planning an extensive trip through Europe and would like to find out how to get an international driver's license.

Your opening line: Where are your travel books?

3. You are a ninth-grade student whose ethnic studies class assignment is to research a topic of your choice on an ethnic group of your choice. You are Guatemalan and were adopted and what you really want to know is if there is a way to find the adoption agencies in Guatemala. But, you don't know the librarian and instead couch your question in the guise of the class assignment.

Your opening line: Can you help me find information on childbearing customs during infancy in Guatemala?

4. Your roommate recently broke her leg and needs to take public transit where ever she goes. She needs to get to her doctor's appointment this Saturday. You don't know anything about public transportation but you have her doctor's address and told her you'd find a bus schedule for her.

Your opening line: Do you have bus schedules?

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Part B

5. You have heard that the Cayman Islands are a haven for investments, and that people can make more money investing there than is usual in the U.S. You specifically want to know what Cayman banks pay on a one-year CD.

Your opening line: Can you show me a website that shows international interest rates?

6. You are in junior high school, doing a report on Stephen King. You need something with some fairly recent information about him. Your mother told you about an article she saw in the dentist's waiting room.

Your opening line: Do you have the October issue of *Woman's Day*?

7. You are a student attending a community college who has limited English skills. You would like to find a book with some American proverbs and colloquialisms, but you don't know those terms and only remember that many of these are metaphors. You also need to be able to check the book out.

Your opening line: I need a dictionary.

8. You're in high school and doing a report on Chinese mythology. You specifically need the characteristics and pictures of the members of Pa Hsein. You ran across a mention of them in an encyclopedia where they were referred to as the "eight immortals." But there weren't any pictures or discussion of what each was known for.

Your opening line: Where is your mythology section?