

## MODALS II (PRESENT)

### Dialogue 1

#### Context: Booking a holiday

Diane: Hi, Sarah. I have some great news. My grandfather gave me some money as a graduation gift because I graduated in the top 5%. He said I can spend it on anything I want.

Sarah: Wow, that's wonderful! How much did he give you?

Diane: I'm so thankful and thrilled. I've always wanted to travel somewhere after graduation.

Sarah: Me too. Do you have any idea where you want to go?

Diane: Well, you know how much I adore K-pop, right? I've always dreamed of going to South Korea and watching my favorite bands live.

Sarah: Oh, me too! I'm a big fan of K-pop as well. That sounds like a fantastic idea. How about I help you plan your trip?

Diane: Really? Can you help me?

Sarah: Of course! We're best friends, aren't we? And we have the same taste in music. It would be so much fun to help you.

Diane: Aww, thank you so much, Sarah. You're the best. Let's start planning my trip then. When do you think I should go?

Sarah: Well, since we're graduating in June, how about you go in July? That way, you can avoid the rainy season and enjoy the summer weather.

Diane: That sounds perfect. How long do you think I should stay there?

Sarah: Hmm, maybe a week? That should give you enough time to see the sights and attend some concerts.

Diane: Yeah, a week sounds good. Where do you think I should stay?

Sarah: Well, I heard that Seoul is the best place to stay if you want to experience the K-pop culture. There are a lot of clubs, cafes, and shops that cater to K-pop fans. And it's also easy to get around by subway or bus.

Diane: Seoul sounds amazing. Let's look for some hotels or hostels that are affordable and convenient. Do you think I need to book in advance?

Sarah: Yeah, I think so. It might be hard to find a place if you wait until the last minute. Plus, you might get a better deal if you book early.

Diane: OK, let's do that then. What else do I need to do before I go?

Sarah: Well, you need to get your passport ready, of course. And you also need to apply for a visa online. It's not hard, but it might take some time to process.

Diane: OK, I'll take care of that. And what about the flights? Do you think I can find some cheap tickets?

Sarah: Yeah, I think so. There are a lot of websites that compare prices and offer discounts. You just need to be flexible with your dates and times.

Diane: Alright, let's look for some flights then. And what about the concerts? How can I get tickets for those?

Sarah: Well, that might be tricky. Some of the concerts sell out really fast, and some of them are only open to fan club members. You might have to bite the bullet and pay extra online or buy from scalpers.

Diane: Oh, no. That sounds risky. But I really want to see my favorite bands live. Do you think it's worth it?

Sarah: Don't worry, Diane. You only live once. You should go for it and enjoy yourself. You deserve this opportunity of a lifetime.

Diane: You're right, Sarah. I should do this. I'm going to have the best time ever in South Korea.

Sarah: Yes, you are. I'm so happy for you. It's going to be awesome!

Note on idioms:

**Bite the bullet:** This means to do something unpleasant or difficult that you have been avoiding or delaying. For example, in the dialogue, Sarah says Diane might have to bite the bullet and pay extra online or buy from scalpers to get concert tickets, meaning she might not have any other choice but to do that.

**You only live once:** This means that you should enjoy life and take risks, because you will not have another chance to do so. For example, in the dialogue, Sarah says this to motivate Diane to go for it and enjoy herself, meaning she should not miss this opportunity.

## Dialogue 2

### Context: Booking a holiday

Jane: Hi Emily, how are you doing?

Emily: I'm fine, thanks. How about you?

Jane: I'm good, too. I'm so glad it's Friday. I can't wait to relax this weekend.

Emily: Me too. It's been a hectic week at school. Do you have any plans for the weekend?

Jane: Well, I was thinking of going to the beach. The weather is supposed to be nice and sunny. Do you want to join me?

Emily: That sounds like a great idea. I love the beach. How about we go on Saturday morning?

Jane: Sure, that works for me. We could take the train there. It's faster and cheaper than driving.

Emily: OK, let's do that. What time should we meet at the station?

Jane: How about 9 a.m.? That way we can get there early and find a good spot.

Emily: Sounds good to me. Do you think we need to bring anything?

Jane: Well, we should bring some sunscreen, towels, water and snacks. Maybe a book or a magazine to read.

Emily: OK, I'll pack those things. Do you want to bring a volleyball or a frisbee? We could play some games on the sand.

Jane: Sure, why not? That sounds like fun. I have a frisbee in my closet. I'll bring that.

Emily: Great. I'm really looking forward to this trip. It will be a nice break from work.

Jane: Me too. It will be good for us to unwind and enjoy the sun.

Emily: Yeah, we deserve it. We work hard during the week. We should treat ourselves once in a while.

Jane: Exactly. You know what they say, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Emily: Haha, yeah. And we don't want to be dull girls, do we?

Jane: No way. We want to have fun and live life to the fullest.

Emily: That's right. Well, I'll see you tomorrow then. Have a good night.

Jane: You too. Bye.

### Dialogue 3

#### Context: Booking a holiday

Bryan: Hey Bridget, what do you think of going camping this weekend?

Bridget: Camping? That sounds like fun. Where do you want to go?

Bryan: Well, I heard there's a nice campground by the lake. It has a lot of facilities and activities. We can swim, fish, hike and bike.

Bridget: That sounds great. But what about our dog? Can we bring him along?

Bryan: Of course we can. He loves the outdoors. He'll have a ball running around and playing with other dogs.

Bridget: Okay, then let's do it. What do we need to pack?

Bryan: Well, we need a tent, sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, a cooler, a stove, pots and pans, plates and cups, utensils, napkins, trash bags, matches, a flashlight, a first aid kit and a map.

Bridget: Wow, that's a lot of stuff. Do we have enough room in the car?

Bryan: Don't worry, we'll make it fit. We can also buy some food and drinks on the way. What do you feel like eating?

Bridget: Hmm, how about some hot dogs and burgers for dinner and some eggs for breakfast? They're easy to cook and tasty.

Bryan: Sounds good to me. I'll also bring some coffee and tea. And some water and juice for the dog.

Bridget: Perfect. I'll also pack some snacks and fruits for the road. And some dog food and treats for our furry friend.

Bryan: Great. I think we're all set. I'm really looking forward to camping with you. It's going to be a piece of cake.

Bridget: Me too. It's going to be a nice change of pace from our busy lives.

Bryan: You're right. We need some time to unwind and reconnect with nature.

Bridget: Absolutely. Well, I think we have everything planned. I'll see you tomorrow morning at home, okay?

Bryan: Okay. See you then. Bye for now.

Bridget: Bye.

Note: The two idioms used are "have a ball" (meaning have a lot of fun) and "a piece of cake" (meaning very easy).