

## QUANTIFIERS

### Dialogue 1

**Context: Public Places - two international students are talking**

Hafsa: Hi Merve, how are you today?

Merve: Hi Hafsa, I'm good, thanks. How about you?

Hafsa: I'm fine, thanks. I'm just looking for a place to hang out and study. Do you have any suggestions?

Merve: Well, there are plenty of places to choose from in Los Angeles. It depends on what you like and what you need.

Hafsa: What do you mean?

Merve: Well, for example, if you like nature and fresh air, you can go to one of the many parks in the city. They have a lot of green space, benches, fountains and playgrounds. You can relax, read or have a picnic there.

Hafsa: That sounds nice. Do you have a favorite park?

Merve: Yes, I do. I like Griffith Park. It's the largest park in the city and it has a lot of attractions and activities. You can hike, bike, ride a horse or visit the observatory there.

Hafsa: Wow, that sounds amazing. I'd love to go there someday.

Merve: You should. It's a great place to have fun and enjoy the view. But if you're looking for a quieter and more academic place, you can go to one of the libraries in the city. They have a lot of books, magazines, journals and computers. You can study, research or borrow materials there.

Hafsa: That sounds useful. Do you have a favorite library?

Merve: Yes, I do. I like the Central Library downtown. It's the main library of the city and it has a huge collection of resources and services. It also has a beautiful architecture and a garden.

Hafsa: That sounds impressive. I'd love to see it someday.

Merve: You should. It's a great place to learn and explore. But if you're looking for a more social and lively place, you can go to one of the cafes or bars in the city. They have a lot of drinks, snacks, music and entertainment. You can chat, meet new people or have a party there.

Hafsa: That sounds fun. Do you have a favorite cafe or bar?

Merve: Yes, I do. I like The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf on campus. It's a cozy and friendly place that has a variety of beverages and pastries. It also has free Wi-Fi and outlets for your laptop or phone.

Hafsa: That sounds convenient. I'd love to try it someday.

Merve: You should. It's a great place to chill and catch up with friends. So, what do you think?  
Which place do you want to go to?

Hafsa: Hmm, they all sound good to me. But I think I'll go with the library for now. I have some assignments to finish and some readings to do.

Merve: Okay, that makes sense. Do you want me to join you?

Hafsa: Sure, if you don't mind.

Merve: No, not at all. I have some work to do too.

Hafsa: Great. Let's go then.

Merve: Okay, let's go.

Note: The idiom used is "catch up with" (meaning talk to someone and find out what they have been doing).

## **Dialogue 2**

## **Context: Public Places - two students talk about the library**

Allen: Hey Chris, how are you doing today?

Chris: Hey Allen, I'm doing fine, thanks. How about you?

Allen: I'm good, thanks. I'm just heading to the library to study. Do you want to join me?

Chris: Sure, why not? I have some homework to do too. But I'm more interested in the library. It's such a nice place.

Allen: Yeah, it is. It has a lot of books, magazines, journals and databases. You can find anything you need there. And it's not just for studying. You can also relax and have fun there.

Chris: Really? How so?

Allen: Well, for example, you can go to the reading room and browse through some novels or comics. They have a lot of genres and authors to choose from. You can also borrow some books and take them home.

Chris: That sounds cool. I love reading. What else can you do there?

Allen: Well, you can also go to the study lounge and work on your homework or projects. They have a lot of tables, chairs and outlets for your laptop or phone. You can also use the computers or printers there if you need them.

Chris: That sounds useful. I need to print some papers for my classes. What else can you do there?

Allen: Well, you can also go to the media center and watch some movies or listen to some music. They have a lot of DVDs and CDs to choose from. You can also use the headphones or speakers there if you want.

Chris: That sounds fun. I love movies and music. What else can you do there?

Allen: Well, that's pretty much it. But the best part is that it's open 24/7. You can go there anytime you want, day or night.

Chris: Wow, that's awesome. I wish I could live there.

Allen: Yeah, me too. It's like a home away from home.

Chris: Yeah, it is. Well, I think we're almost there. Are you ready to hit the books?

Allen: Yes, I am. Let's go and get some work done.

Chris: Okay, let's go.

Note: The idiom used is "hit the books" (meaning study hard).

## **Dialogue 3**

**Context: Public Places (Two characters from “Friends” talk.)**

Rachel: Hey Monica, can you do me a favor?

Monica: Sure, what is it?

Rachel: Can you go to the bank for me and deposit this check? I'm running late for work and I don't have time to do it myself.

Monica: Okay, no problem. But why don't you just use the ATM or the online banking app?

Rachel: Because I don't trust them. I prefer to do it in person with a teller.

Monica: Really? Why?

Rachel: Well, because I've had some bad experiences with them. One time, the ATM ate my card and didn't give it back. Another time, the online banking app charged me a fee for no reason. And another time, the bank sent me a statement with someone else's transactions.

Monica: Wow, that's awful. But you know, those are just rare exceptions. Most of the time, they work fine and they're very convenient.

Rachel: Maybe for you, but not for me. I don't like taking any chances with my money. I like to see it with my own eyes and make sure it goes where it's supposed to go.

Monica: Okay, okay. I get it. You're old-fashioned. But you know, going to the bank in person has its own drawbacks too.

Rachel: Like what?

Monica: Like waiting in line for a long time, dealing with rude or incompetent tellers, or getting robbed by a masked gunman.

Rachel: Oh, come on. That's ridiculous. That never happens.

Monica: Actually, it does happen. Remember when we were at the bank and there was a robbery? We had to lie on the floor and pretend to be dead while the robbers took all the money and ran away.

Rachel: Oh yeah. That was scary. But that was just a one-time thing. It doesn't happen every day.

Monica: Well, you never know. It could happen again. And then what would you do?

Rachel: Well, I would stick with you and hope for the best.

Monica: Aww, that's sweet of you.

Rachel: Of course, we're best friends. So, will you go to the bank for me?

Monica: Of course, I will.