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TEF Canada speaking prompt book

Original Section A and B situations for asking questions and persuading a friend.

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15 Section A situations: call for missing information

For each fictional notice, call the person responsible. The bullet after it names possible information gaps, not an answer key. Let your partner decide the details.

1. **Tool library:** A neighbourhood association lends household tools on Saturdays. Ask about membership, deposits, borrowing periods and damaged items.
2. **Repair workshop:** A cooperative offers bicycle repairs on weekday evenings. Ask whether parts are included, how appointments work and what happens if a repair takes longer.
3. **Community garden:** A shared garden has a few plots available. Ask about plot size, water access, required volunteer work and the waiting list.
4. **Language exchange:** A library hosts conversation meetings twice a month. Ask which languages, levels and group sizes are available and whether registration is necessary.
5. **Moving help:** A small company advertises help moving apartments. Ask about vehicle size, stairs, insurance, minimum booking and cancellation.
6. **Evening course:** A local college offers introductory photography classes. Ask about equipment, missed classes, fees and the final project.
7. **Shared studio:** A makerspace rents desks for short projects. Ask about opening hours, safety training, materials and visitor access.
8. **Pet care:** A neighbour advertises daytime care for dogs. Ask about group size, outdoor time, vaccinations and emergency contact.
9. **Weekend market:** A market invites first-time craft sellers. Ask about stall fees, table provision, weather policy and set-up time.
10. **Sports club:** A club offers beginner badminton sessions. Ask about equipment, coaching, trial sessions and accessibility.
11. **Room rental:** A resident advertises a furnished room near a bus route. Ask about utilities, quiet hours, lease length and visits.
12. **Meal service:** A neighbourhood kitchen delivers prepared lunches. Ask about allergens, delivery area, ordering deadline and changes to an order.
13. **After-school activity:** A museum runs a science club for children. Ask about age groups, supervision, fees and pickup rules.
14. **Second-hand furniture:** A seller lists a desk and chair as a set. Ask about dimensions, condition, transport and whether separate purchase is possible.
15. **Volunteer training:** A community centre seeks event helpers. Ask about training, shift length, language needs and whom to contact if unavailable.

15 Section B situations: persuade a particular friend

Each offer is fictional. Tell your friend what it actually includes, then respond to the stated concern. A plausible exchange must make room for your friend's reply; a list of benefits alone is not a conversation.

1. **Neighbourhood clean-up:** A group meets for a two-hour park clean-up and lends gloves. Your friend dislikes losing a whole weekend. Could you suggest a short shift and a shared plan afterward?
2. **Cooking class:** A centre offers a small-group vegetarian workshop. Your friend worries about cost. Explain what the fee covers, then ask what budget would be comfortable.
3. **Book swap:** A library runs a monthly book exchange. Your friend rarely finishes books. Show how a low-pressure visit could still be worthwhile.
4. **Bike-to-work week:** A workplace offers a route-planning session. Your friend fears busy roads. Acknowledge the concern and explore a safer partial route.
5. **Amateur theatre:** A group needs volunteers backstage. Your friend is shy about performing. Clarify the role and why it might fit.
6. **Food-waste workshop:** A community kitchen teaches storage and leftover recipes. Your friend thinks the advice will be obvious. Identify one practical skill worth testing.
7. **Weekend hike:** A club offers a guided easy trail and transport from town. Your friend worries about pace. Ask about their limits and propose checking the route.
8. **Local history walk:** A museum offers a low-cost guided walk. Your friend prefers indoor activities. Connect the visit to their interests without claiming the weather will cooperate.
9. **Skill exchange:** A neighbourhood board matches people who can teach small skills. Your friend thinks they have nothing to offer. Suggest one concrete skill and ask what they would like to learn.
10. **Community radio visit:** A local station offers a guided visit of its studio. Your friend does not want to speak on air or be recorded. Explain why the visit interests you, then propose checking the station's visitor and recording rules before deciding.
11. **Shared garden day:** A garden welcomes visitors to plant seedlings. Your friend has no gardening experience. Explain the beginner role and address dirty clothes or timing.
12. **Public lecture:** A university offers a discussion on city trees. Your friend fears it will be too technical. Explain how they could attend and still ask a simple question.
13. **Board-game evening:** A café hosts open tables for newcomers. Your friend does not know the rules. Suggest a beginner table and a short visit.
14. **Community choir:** A choir invites people to a trial rehearsal. Your friend fears singing alone. Explain the group format without promising an audition policy you have not checked.
15. **Film discussion:** A cultural centre screens a short film followed by a conversation. Your friend wants a quiet evening. Suggest attending only the screening if the organizer permits it.

Notes for your next attempt

Choose one prompt or situation from this pack. Write what you tried, what worked, and one change for your next attempt.

Chosen prompt / situation

What I said or wrote

One revision to try next time