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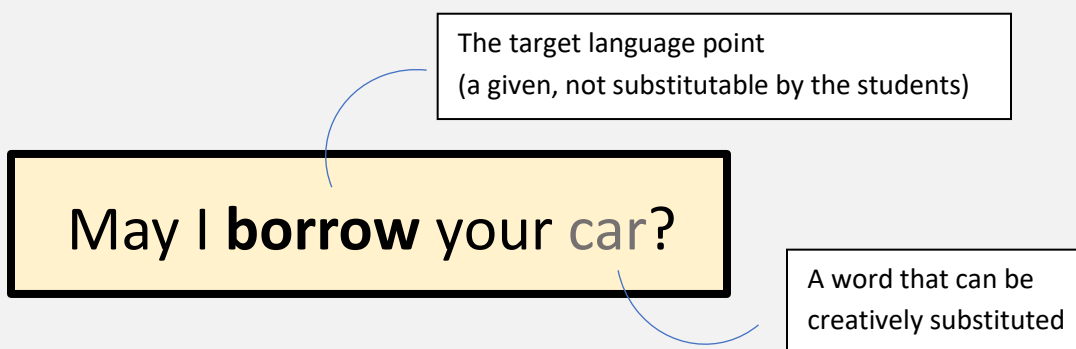
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past (the)  
pineapple  
pres. cont. (always + annoying habit)  
present perfect  
present perfect  
present perfect  
present perfect  
present perfect  
promise  
put sb. to work  
question  
raise sb.'s voice  
read  
relaxed  
release (anger)  
restaurant  
ridiculous  
rotten  
rush  
saw (from see)  
seafood  
show up  
sleep  
some more  
something  
sorry  
speak to  
stand (meaning bear)  
starving  
stop -ing  
stop -ing  
stop it

talk about  
talk  
talk  
Take your time.  
tell me  
tell me  
tell me the truth  
tell me what happened  
tell me what happened  
tell sb. to do st.  
tell you  
telling you  
that  
that one  
that's not true  
that's not true  
then (meaning in that case)  
then (meaning in that case)  
then (meaning at that time)  
there  
There is nothing you can do.  
this  
This is not a good time.  
this one  
threw (the past of throw)  
throw away  
tomorrow  
true  
understand  
understand  
unless  
unusual  
upset  
volunteer

wake up  
wait  
We have to talk.  
we'll  
what  
whatever  
What can I do?  
What do you mean?  
What do you mean?  
What do you want?  
What do you want from me?  
what else  
what else  
What is wrong with you?  
What would you like to...?  
when the time comes  
where  
where  
Where have you been?  
Where is it?  
whole  
why not?  
will, will not, won't  
wish clauses  
would like  
Would you like to...?  
wouldn't hurt a fly  
yell  
yes  
You don't mean that.  
You know what I mean.  
You need help.  
your turn

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O  
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

# A

A FEW VERY SIMPLE LOOPS FOR BEGINNERS		
A: <b>Please.</b> B: <b>No.</b>	A: <b>Wake up.</b> B: <b>Stop it.</b>	A: <b>I want to sleep.</b> B: <b>I want to read.</b>
A: <b>Yes.</b> B: <b>No.</b>	A: <b>Where is it?</b> B: <b>I don't know.</b>	A: <b>I'm sorry.</b> B: <b>No, I'm sorry.</b>
A: <b>Let's go.</b> B: <b>Wait.</b>	A: <b>It's mine.</b> B: <b>No, it's mine.</b>	A: <i>(speaks in another lang.)</i> B: <b>I don't understand.</b>
A: <b>Look.</b> B: <b>What?</b>	A: <b>This?</b> B: <b>No. That.</b>	A: <b>It's your turn.</b> B: <b>No, it's your turn.</b>
A: <b>Do it.</b> B: <b>No.</b>	A: <b>Let's go.</b> B: <b>I want to play.</b>	A: <b>After you.</b> B: <b>No, after you.</b>
	A: <b>No.</b> B: <b>Please.</b>	A: <b>It's my turn.</b> B: <b>No, it's my turn.</b>
	A: <b>Here?</b> B: <b>No. There.</b>	A: <b>This one?</b> B: <b>No, that one.</b>

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ARE YOU LISTENING?
A: Let's do something <b>unusual</b> .
B: U-huh.
A: Let's <b>get out of</b> the city.
B: U-huh.
A: Let's go to that <b>restaurant</b> where we went for our <b>first date</b> , and eat <i>seafood</i> just like then.
B: U-huh.
A: Are you listening?
B: What?

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## D

### DORMANT ANGER

- A: I want you to **release** your **dormant** anger.  
B: I'm not angry.  
A: You **evidently** are.  
B: I am not!  
A: You are **fuming**.  
B: What do you want from me?

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## F

### FIGURE IT OUT

- A: I don't know how.  
B: **Figure it out.**

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## I

### I CAN'T STAND BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO

- A: **I can't stand** being told what to do.  
B: I'm not **telling you** what to do.  
A: Yes, you are!  
B: No! You can do **whatever** you want. **All I'm saying is**, before you do something, let's sit down and talk about it.  
A: **Stop** instructing me!  
B: Why are you so **upset**?

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## I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START

- A: **I don't know where to start.**  
B: Just **tell me what happened.**  
A: You will be **mad** at me.  
B: No, I **won't.**  
A: You **will.**  
B: I **will not!**  
A: See? You're mad already.  
B: I am not mad!  
A: Then why are you **raising your voice?**  
B: I'm sorry. Is it something about the car?  
A: No.  
B: Then what is it?  
A: You are **going to** kill me.  
B: Don't be silly. You know **I wouldn't hurt a fly.**  
A: **Promise?**  
B: Promise. I'm very **calm. Take your time.**  
A: Thank you.  
B: Well?

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## I HAD TO SEE YOU

- A: What do you want?  
B: I **had to** see you.  
A: You **haven't** shown up **for the past** five years.  
B: **Did you miss** me?

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### I WANT MY PINEAPPLE

- A: I want my pineapple.  
B: **I've told you. I threw it away.**  
A: How **could** you!  
B: It was **rotten**.  
A: It was not!  
B: Have a banana.

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### I WANT TO BE ALONE

- A: I want to be **alone**.  
B: But **I've only just got here**.  
A: I know, I'm sorry.  
B: Come on. **Give me a hug**.  
A: No, no. I really **need you to leave**.  
B: **You don't mean that**.  
A: I do.  
B: **What is wrong with you?**

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### I WISH I COULD COME

- A: I really **wish I could** come.  
B: **Then** come!  
A: **I've told you!** I can't!  
B: **Stop yelling** at me! Everyone **is always yelling** at me.  
A: I'm sorry.  
B: Nobody likes me. No one is happy that **I have invited** them.  
A: **That's not true**. I'm happy that **you've invited** me.  
B: **Liar**.

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### I'M AN EXPERT

- A: I'm **an expert on** mushrooms.  
B: You don't know anything about mushrooms.

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### I'M STARVING

- A: I'm **starving**.  
B: Have **some more**.  
A: **Could I have** something **filling**?  
B: Have **another** apple.

*Frantisek Chlan*

### IN A HURRY

- A: **We have to talk**.  
B: **This is not a good time**.  
A: It's **important**.  
B: **We'll** talk tomorrow.  
A: You don't **understand**.  
B: No, you don't understand. I'm **in a hurry**.  
A: Me too!  
B: **Then** why are you still here?

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## INTENTIONS

- A: What **exactly** are your **intentions** with me?  
B: **I'll tell you when the time comes.**  
A: When will that be?  
B: Soon.  
A: I want to know more!  
B: My intentions are good. Are you happy now?  
A: No.  
B: **What else** do you need to know?

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## IT HURTS!

- A: **Ouch! It hurts!**  
B: **Where?**  
A: **Here.**  
B: Here?

*Monika Hagenhoferova*

# M

## MONEY (version 1)

- A: Where **did you get** the money?  
B: **I found it.**

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### MONEY (version 2)

- A: All right, **for the last time**. Where **did you get** the money?  
B: I **found it**.  
A: **That's not true**.  
B: **What do you mean?**  
A: **You know** very well **what I mean**.  
B: No! I really don't understand!

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## T

### TELL ME THE TRUTH

- A: **Tell me the truth**.  
B: **I've told you** the truth.  
A: I want the **whole** truth.  
B: I don't know **what else** to say.  
A: **You know what I mean**.  
B: I really don't.

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### TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED

- A: Just **tell me what happened**.  
B: I am telling you! **First** I opened the door.  
A: And **then?**  
B: Then I **turned on the light...**  
A: Yes, and then?  
B: Don't **rush me!**

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## THE TIME MACHINE

- A: Would you like to visit **the past** or **the future**?
- B: The past.
- A: All right.
- B: No, the future! I don't know.
- A: You need to **make up your mind**.
- B: It's **difficult**!
- A: Look, everyone is waiting.
- B: Just **give me a second**.
- A: I'm sorry, I can't wait **any longer**. Ladies and Gentlemen!
- B: Wait!
- A: Is there **another volunteer** who would like to test this time machine?
- B: That's not fair! I was here first!
- A: Then **answer the question**!
- B: I will.
- A: OK, one last **chance**.
- B: Thank you!

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## W

### WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING

- A: We have to do something!
- B: I know! But **first** we have to think.
- A: We don't have time to think!
- B: **Calm down**!

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### WE HAVE TO TALK

A: **We have to talk.**

B: **Not now.**

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### WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

A: **Where have you been?**

B: **Nowhere.**

A: That's not an answer.

B: I want to go to bed.

A: You're not going **anywhere unless you tell me.**

B: That's **ridiculous.**

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### WHY IS IT TAKING YOU SO LONG?

A: Why is it taking you so long?

B: I'm doing **all I can.**

A: You **seem** very **relaxed.**

B: I'm **always** relaxed.

A: I'd like to **speak to** the manager.

B: I am the manager. **What would you like to** know?

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# Y

## YOU BROKE IT

- A: You **broke** it.  
B: No, I **didn't**.  
A: I **saw** everything.  
B: **What do you mean?**

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## YOU'RE EARLY (version 1)

- A: You're **early**.  
B: You **asked me to** come early.  
A: But not this early! I'm not ready!  
B: I can help you.  
A: No, **not yet!**  
B: **What can I do?**  
A: Nothing! Come back **in an hour**.  
B: Oh, come on!  
A: **I mean it.** Please.  
B: Just **put me to work**.  
A: No.  
B: **Why not?**

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### **YOU'RE EARLY (version 2)**

A: You're too **early**.

B: But you **told me to** come **early**.

A: I **told you to** come **a few minutes** earlier.

B: No, you said '**a few hours**'!

A: This is **futile**. Look, **there is nothing you can do**. Please go home and come back later.

B: Why? I want to stay here and help you!

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### **YOU NEED HELP**

A: **You need help**.

B: No, I'm **fine**.

A: **Let me see**.

B: **Don't touch it!**

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