M: Track 1
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M: Track 2 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: Thanks for the lift, Dennis.
M: You're welcome. Let's get together again soon.
W: I'd love that. Good seeing you!
M: Good seeing you, too. Take care.

M: 2
W: Are you Joseph?
M: Yes, I am. I'm your new maths tutor.
W: Great. My name is Wendy.
M: Nice to meet you, Wendy. We have a lot of work to do this month.

M: 3
W1: Well, I should head home.
W2: Me, too. It was nice meeting you.
W1: Nice meeting you, too. See you in Friday's class.
W2: Yep. Good night!

M: 4
W1: Jessica, this my brother, Ben. Ben, this is my roommate, Jessica.
M: Hi, Jessica. It's nice to meet you.
W2: It's good to meet you too, Ben. Sandra talks about you a lot.
M: Oh, no! Sandra, what do you say about me?

M: Track 3 **<1 second pause>**
M: Hey, Bella! Good to see you. How are you?
W: Hi Mario. I'm great. How's life in London?
M: It's good. I really like my new job there, and the city is great.
W: I'm glad. And how's your girlfriend these days? Her name is Julia, right?
M: Right. She's fine. She's a journalist here in town and loves it. By the way, we're getting married in June.
W: Really? Congratulations!
M: Thanks. Hey, how are your parents?
W: Not bad, thanks. It's my dad's birthday today.
M: Oh, that's nice. How old is he now?
W: Sixty years old. Actually, we're having a birthday dinner for him at 6.00. What time is it?
M: It's 5.35.
W: Oh, I should head to the restaurant. Good seeing you, Mario.
M: Good seeing you, too.

M: Track 4 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
M: Hi there. My name is Mark, and this is my friend Suzanna.
W: Nice to meet you both. I'm Tomoko, and this is my boyfriend's party.
M: Oh, you're his girlfriend! We're Bruce's classmates.

M: 2

W: Who's that over by the door?
M: Oh, that's Michelle's new supervisor. Do you want to meet her?

M: 3
M: Wow, Anna, look at that car outside! I wonder whose it is.
W: Actually, it's my parents'. They just picked it up it yesterday.
M: Amazing, I've always wanted one of those.

M: Track 5 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: I'd like to meet new people. What's your advice?
M: Let's get together on Saturday. I want to introduce you to my friends from school.

M: 2
M: Marcia, I'd like to introduce you to Peter Snell. Mr Snell is our CEO.
W: Nice to meet you, Mr Snell. I'm Marcia, the new designer.

M: 3
W: Hey, you're in our drawing class, right? Do you want to sit down and join us?
M: Sure.
W: Cool. What's your name?

M: Track 6 **<1 second pause>**
M: Nice to meet you, Brittany.
W: Nice to meet you, too, Mr Marks.
M: How do you know about this job?
W: From an announcement on a noticeboard at my university. I love fashion. I have some experience in design because I'm a student, but I want professional experience.
M: So are you a fashion student?
W: Yes, I am. At the London College of Fashion.
M: I see. How much time do you have for this internship, then?
W: I'd like to work 10 hours a week.
M: That's good. So, who is your favourite fashion designer?
W: You, of course!
M: That's a smart thing to say. So, what's your fashion like? What kind of clothes are you interested in?

M: Track 7 **<1 second pause>**
W: What do you think of this weather, Alejandro?
M: I don't like it. It's too cold and cloudy in Glasgow. I want to go home to Canterbury!
W: How is the weather back home? Do you like it?
M: I love it. It's quite warm and dry.
W: What's the temperature down there now?
M: My mum says that it's about 20 degrees Celsius.
W: That sounds great!

M: Track 8 **<1 second pause>**
W: Hey, Ahmed. I have a question for you.
M: Okay, what is it?
W: Do you have a job?
M: No, I don't have one. I'm a full-time student. Do you have a job?

W: Yes, I do. I have a part-time job at Luigi's restaurant. I'm a waitress.
M: Do you like it?
W: Yeah, I really do. I like the people there. They're very friendly.
M: I want a job, too. I'd like to have some more money for tuition fees.
W: Well, my boss wants a new cook. It's extremely hard to find a good one. Do you cook, Ahmed?
M: No, I don't. But my sister Fatima is such a great cook, and she wants a part-time job, too!
W: That's great. Maybe she can meet my supervisor this week.

M: Track 9 **<1 second pause>**
[This activity is about where to pause in a sentence. Please pause in at the commas in #2 and 3 sentences.]
M: 1
W: Shelly feels nervous because she doesn't like being in fast cars.
M: 2
W: Because it's Nobuto's birthday, we're taking him out for dinner tonight.
M: 3
W: Because I wake up very early, I usually shower at night.
M: 4
W: We want to go to Paris because people say it's such a romantic city.

M: Track 10 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: I'm so tired from staying up late to study.
M: You shouldn't go to bed so late.
M: 2
M: I really want our team to be the champions this year.
W: To do that, they have to win the next two games.
M: 3
M: I have to get going. I'm late.
W: You should take the train. It's really fast.
M: 4
M: I'm cheering for my son, but he can't hear me.
W: Then you've got to cheer louder!
M: 5
M: I don't know how to use this washing machine.
W: You should learn. Your clothes smell bad!

M: Track 11 **<1 second pause>**
W: So, what are you going to study?
M: I'm not sure. It is so difficult to choose.
W: Yeah, it is. Well, what do you like to do?
M: My favourite thing to do is play sports, like football and basketball.
W: What do you think about teaching sports to kids?
M: I don't really want to work with kids.
W: Okay, I see. What other things do you enjoy doing?
M: I like to play video games!
W: That's fun! Do you want to design video games, maybe?
M: Oh, that sounds fun.
W: You should study computer science, then
M: I like that idea. Thanks!

M: Track 12 **<1 second pause>**
M1: Hey, Mark.
M2: Dan, it's good to see you. This is my friend, Susan.
M1: Hi, Susan. I'm an old friend of Mark's. We went to the same secondary school.
W: Nice to meet you, Dan.
M1: So, what do you do?
W: I'm a student.
M1: Oh. Which university do you go to?
W: To Cambridge
M1: Are you in graduate school, like Mark?
W: No, I'm a in my second year.
M2: But she wants to go to graduate school too in the future.
M1: What do you want to study?
W: I want to go to law school. I want to be a lawyer.
M1: Well, maybe we can work together one day.
W: Oh. What's your job?
M2: Dan is a police officer.

M: Track 13 **<1 second pause>**
W: These are my high school buddies. Chen is in medical school in Nottingham. Dolores goes to a sixth form college in Croydon. Alice is in graduate school in Edinburgh. And José is going to a technical college in our town.

M: Track 14 **<1 second pause>**
[This activity is to test contractions. Please read each sentence correctly.]
W: 1
M: There's juice in the fridge. Help yourself.
W: 2
M: There are no classes during the break.
W: 3
M: There're a lot of new students in my class.
W: 4
M: There is no smoking in halls.
W: 5
M: There's some money on the kitchen table.
W: 6
M: I don't think there're any jobs on campus.

M: Track 15 **<1 second pause>**
W: Hey Cory, how's your first week of university going?
M: Great. I'm learning a lot about the campus and where things are. Where are your halls?
W: They are the ones behind the admissions building. Which halls are yours?
M: They're the red building near the library. There's a fountain in front of them.
W: Oh, I know those halls I have some friends there. They're near the gym, right?
M: Yeah, that's right. I go to the gym every morning.
W: Is it nice?
M: It's okay. I like to swim, and there's a swimming pool. There usually aren't many people there.
W: How about the library? Do you go there to study?
M: Yeah, and it's great. There have really good business books.
W: Are you a business student?
M: Yeah. What about you? You're a second-year, right?

W: Yes, and I'm studying drama —I want to be an actor. I take some classes in music, too.
M: Interesting. Hey, I'm meeting some friends on the quad soon. Can you come?
W: Sure. I don't have any classes this afternoon.

M: Track 16 **<1 second pause>**
W: Oscar, can you give me some advice?
M: Sure. What's the problem?
W: Well, I'm graduating from secondary school next year. I want to attend your university, but it's expensive.
M: Well, you're right. It's a great school, but it costs a lot.
W: You're a first-year, right? How do you pay your expenses?
M: I get some scholarships for tuition fees. But I have to pay for my books, housing, and other expenses, so I have a job at the campus bookshop.
W: That sounds like a lot of work!
M: It's not easy. But you can do it, too. You just have to work hard.
W: Do you have any time for fun?
M: Well, not much. Housing and books are expensive there, so I usually have to work in the evenings and on weekends. And of course, I have to study a lot.
W: Hmm. I think maybe I should go to a cheaper school.

M: Track 17 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
M: So, what do you do?
W: I'm a student. I study education at Birkbeck College. I'm in my first year.
M: So, you want to be a teacher. What do you want to teach?
W: I love children. I want to work at a primary school one day.

M: 2
W: Do you like studying mathematics?
M: Yes, I love it. There are some really interesting professors in the programme.
W: How many students are in your department?
M: There are 100 students in my department. But a few of them don't like it. They could quit.
M: 3
W: This campus is really nice.
M: I know, Mum! I love the gardens and the fountain in the quad.
W: The library and student union buildings are so beautiful.
M: The halls are too small, though. And the athletics centre is really old.
W: Well, there's delicious food in the cafeteria, and there are some nice cafés.

M: Track 18 **<1 second pause>**
W: Hi, Josh. You look lost. Can I help you find something on campus?
M: Yes, please. I'm trying to get to the financial aid office. Then after that, I'm meeting my friends for lunch at the cafeteria.
W: Okay. Well, the financial aid office is between the library and the athletics centre.
M: Oh, I should stop by the library to get some books, too. How do I get there from here?
W: Just walk along this path. It's on the right.

M: Track 19 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: I'm Jane, and I'm studying mathematics. I'm also taking Russian classes. I enjoy doing many extracurricular activities. I like design, so I want to join a design club.

M: 2
M: My name is Mike. I'm studying physics and chemistry. I love science. I want to join the science club. I'm also thinking of joining an engineering club.
M: 3
W: I'm Tamara. I'm studying music. I'm learning to play the guitar and the violin this term. I want to join the school band, so I'm practising a lot these days.

M: Track 20 **<1 second pause>**
M: Hi, Caroline. I have a question. What's the assignment for our world geography class?
W: You're in that class, aren't you?
M: Yeah, but I'm only taking geography as an elective this term. I'm joining the class two weeks late, so it's hard to keep up.
W: Well, the assignment for tomorrow is just to finish reading Unit 2 of the textbook.
M: Okay, that's not too bad.
W: And remember, we're giving our presentations next week.
M: Oh, that's right! What's the topic of your presentation?
W: It's agriculture in North America. What's your topic?
M: I don't know yet. I don't have any good ideas.
W: Well, I can help you. I'm going to the library now. Meet me there. We can do some research.
M: Sounds great. Thank you!

M: Track 21 **<1 second pause>**
M: How do you like university life, Sandra?
W: I'm having a great time at school this term. I love it.
M: Why do you like it so much?
W: First of all, I have a really good roommate this year. We get along quite well.
M: Do you live on or off campus?
W: In halls on campus. They're really big, and they're close to my lectures. The academic centre and library are across the courtyard from my halls, too, and there's a pretty garden just outside my building.
M: Sounds nice. How are the classes?
W: Very good. I like being a second-year. My professors are great.
M: Cool. Are you doing any fun extracurricular activities this term?
W: Yeah, sports. I'm on a women's football team, and I sometimes go to the swimming pool in the evenings.

M: Track 22 **<1 second pause>**
M: How do you want to travel to Las Vegas?
W: Taking an aeroplane is faster than driving, and it's definitely not as tiring either.
M: True, but driving is much less expensive. And it could be interesting to take a road trip and see the beautiful scenery.
W: No way! I think driving for so many hours is really boring!
M: Hey, we should check to see if there's a bus to Las Vegas. It's less expensive than flying, and less confusing and tiring than going by car.
W: Maybe… But don't forget that toilets on buses are so annoying!

M: Track 23 **<1 second pause>**
[Intonation is included for voice actors.]
M: Lisa, how do you like your new flat? ⌃ (going up)
W: I really love it. It's so close. ⌄ (going down)

M: How do you get from there to school? ⌃
W: Well, walking down John Street is the prettiest way. ⌄
M: Is that the fastest way, too? ⌃
W: When I drive, it's fast. It only takes five minutes. ⌄
M: Yeah, really close then. Is it expensive? ⌃
W: No, it's the cheapest building in the area. ⌄
M: It sounds like a nice place to live. ⌄
W: There's a one-bedroom flat available. It's only £600 a month. Check it out. ⌄
M: Are pets allowed? ⌃
W: Oh, they're not. Sorry. ⌄

M: Track 24 **<1 second pause>**
W: Excuse me. I'm looking for a coffee shop called Café Land. Is it near here?
M: Oh, yes. Café Land. It's that way.
W: Is it far?
M: Keep going for five minutes. Then turn left. It's across the street from the library.
W: Oh, ok. I know where the library is. There's an Italian restaurant across the street from the library, right?
M: That's right. Café Land is between the Italian place and… I think it's a shoe shop.
W: Oh! Shoe Mania. I know exactly where that is. Thanks so much. Have a great afternoon.
M: You, too. Take care.

M: Track 25 **<1 second pause>**
M: Hey, Leslie! Are you still looking for a new flat to rent?
W: Yes, I am. Actually, I was at a new place on Bronte Street on Thursday. I'm thinking about getting it.
M: Really? Was it nice?
W: Yeah, it was amazing, actually! It was quite large with a small patio, and the windows were big and bright.
M: Sounds good. What else?
W: There was a living room attached to a dining room, and there were nice chairs, tables, and a sofa I can use!
M: That's really convenient. How many bedrooms were there?
W: There was one big bedroom with a view, but there wasn't a bed or furniture.
M: Were the kitchen and bathroom good?
W: They were very pretty and clean. The sinks were both new, too.
M: Sounds amazing! And Bronte Street is such a fun part of the city. Was the price OK?
W: That was the only problem. The rent was higher than my current place. I'll have to think about it.

M: Track 26 **<1 second pause>**
M: Last year's timetable was so much better for me than this year's.
W: Really, George? How so?
M: Well, all my classes were in the afternoon, so I could sleep in late. This year, my classes start at 8.30 am! My courses are also much harder now that I'm in my final year.
W: Wow, bad luck!
M: And now my classes finish in the evening, so I can't continue my part-time job as a waiter. Last year I was rich compared to this year!
W: Not good for your social life, eh?

M: Exactly, Alex! Last year I was always at the cinema, restaurants, or nightclubs on the weekend. This year I'm home studying on Saturday and Sunday.

M: Track 27 **<1 second pause>**
[pronunciation exercise – pronounce bold words carefully]
W: 1
M: Raoul and I **watched [/t/]** a really frightening horror movie last night!
W: 2
M: I'm so glad my daughter **cleaned [/d/]** her room on Monday!
W: 3
M: Benjamin never **listened [/d/]** to rock and roll as a secondary school student.
W: 4
M: I **walked [/t/]** with my friends along the beach a lot this summer.
W: 5
M: Angela **helped [/t/]** her grandmother to cook a huge family meal.
W: 6
M: My parents **dropped [/t/]** me off at the campus two months ago.

M: Track 28 **<1 second pause>**
W1: Sorry it's so dirty in here. I just woke up, so I couldn't clean. Anyway, I'm happy you're here to look at the flat. I really need a roommate. It's too expensive here for one person! So there's the extra bedroom.
W2: It's, uh, nice. Is this place kind of old?
W1: I think they said they built it about forty years ago.
W2: Yeah, that seems about right. Is that a balcony out there?
W1: No, there's no balcony in the flat. Anyway, here's the bathroom. Sink, shower…
W2: No bathtub?
W1: Nope. As you can see, the bathroom's too small for that. Anyway, there's the kitchen over there. The cooker is great! Do you cook?
W2: Sometimes.
W1: Good. I don't, and my last roommate never did either. It was really annoying.
W2: I see… Well, I made appointments to see a couple of other places, so I have to be going.
W1: Great. Call me later and let me know. Remember, it's available immediately.

M: Track 29 **<1 second pause>**
[SFX: Phone ringing, pick up the phone]
M: Hello. How do I get from here to London?
W: You can either take the bus or the train to get there.
M: Which is quicker?
W: The train is really fast. It only takes two hours and is a non-stop trip. The bus isn't non-stop. It takes three and a half hours.
M: Which way is more expensive?
W: The bus is £25 cheaper than the train. It's quite a good deal.
M: I see. How can I travel with the most comfort?
W: This is surprising, but the bus is just as relaxing as the train!
M: Wow, that's very interesting. How do I buy a bus ticket?
W: You can buy one right now by phone.

M: Track 30 **<1 second pause>**
M: A

M: Where do you want to go this time?
W: What about going to a desert? Maybe somewhere in Arizona.

M: B
M: How was your trip?
W: Fantastic! Our tour guide took us all over the jungle.

M: C
W: Ben is exploring the mountains in Peru now. And then he's going to ride camels in Africa.
M: He's a real thrill-seeker!

M: D
M: Let's take a bike trip. I want to go somewhere new.
W: Yeah, let's go somewhere off the beaten path.

M: Track 31 **<1 second pause>**
W: So, what did you find online?
M: Well, there's a tour of Patagonia in Argentina. It's really beautiful. It's in a lot of films.
W: That sounds amazing. Let's go there.
M: Wait. There's another option.
W: Oh, what is it?
M: Exploring the jungle in Costa Rica.
W: That sounds cool, too! How about doing both?
M: You know that's too expensive.
W: You're right. Hey, what about going to Argentina this year and exploring Costa Rica next year?
M: Sounds good!

M: Track 32 **<1 second pause>**
M: So you and your sister are leaving soon?
W: Yes. She's finishing school on Friday and we're flying to LA on Saturday.
M: Oh, so you're going to California?
W: No, we're driving to Las Vegas the same day.
M: What are you going to do there?
W: We just want to see the city. And after that, we're going to Sedona in Arizona to see the desert.
M: Are you going to the Grand Canyon, too?
W: Of course.
M: Cool. I really want to go there.
W: After that we're hiking around Yellowstone.
M: Wow, what a trip. It's going to be great. Are you driving back to LA from Yellowstone?
W: No. That's a really long drive. We're taking a plane back to LA from Montana and then flying back here.
M: Well, have a great trip. Send me some pictures.

M: Track 33 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: Jim can't swim.
M: 2
W: We can drive.
M: 3
W: Ella can't travel now.
M: 4

W: I can speak Portuguese.
M: 5
W: They can't pay for the trip.

M: Track 34 **<1 second pause>**
W: 1
M: We need to check the online deals soon. I can do it after class.
W: 2
M: There are no trains or airports there, so I need to rent a car. Then I can drive you home.
W: 3
M: I can book the tickets. Do we need to come back before the end of the school holiday?
W: 4
M: Can you compare prices on the website right now? I need to reserve the trip today.

M: Track 35 **<1 second pause>**
M: I can give you a good deal on this ticket, but you need to book it ASAP.
W: Sure. I'm ready to book it now.
M: Okay. Hmm, the plane looks really full. Let me try and find a seat for you. Oh, here's one!
W: Uh, don't put me in a window seat, please.
M: Are you afraid of heights?
W: No, but it's a very long trip, and I like to get up and walk around sometimes. Give me an aisle seat, please.
M: Hmm. Sorry, but there are no aisle seats left. Actually, this window seat is the only one available.
W: Oh. Well, book it. I can ask somebody to change seats with me.
M: That's right. Okay, it's 120 pounds
W: That *is* a good deal! Here you are.
M: Thanks. Now I need to print the ticket for you. And… here's your ticket. Don't forget your passport, and have a great trip!
W: Thanks a lot!

M: Track 36 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
W: Don't close the window. We still need to print the tickets.
M: 2
W: Don't get a middle seat. Get a window seat.
M: 3
W: We need to leave at 9.30. Don't be late.
M: 4
W: Have a great trip, and take care.
M: 5
W: Don't put your bags in the aisle.

M: Track 37 **<1 second pause>**
W: 1
M: What about checking online for tickets?
W: Good idea. Let's do that now.

W: 2
M: I can call the travel agency tomorrow.
W: Really? Thanks. Please don't forget the passport numbers.

W: 3
W: I like sitting in window seats. The view is always great.

W: 4
M: Yum! This food is delicious. Could you show me how to make it?
W: Sorry, I didn't make it. And I'm surprised you like it. It's too spicy for me.

W: 5
M: It's too hot to travel to Egypt in the summer.
W: Good point. Let's go there in the winter.

W: 6
M: Wow, look at this ad for Amsterdam. It looks fantastic there.

M: Track 38 **<1 second pause>**
M: Excuse me, do you work here?
W: Yes.
M: Can I ask you something?
W: Sure. How can I help you?
M: Where is Gate 37?
W: It's quite far from here. After going through security, you need to walk all the way through the terminal. Did you check in already?
M: No, not yet. Actually, where is the check-in counter for Air France?
W: It's behind you. Do you see that red and blue sign?
M: Oh, great. Thanks. And where can I get a luggage trolley?
W: They're in that corner over there. But you only have that rucksack.
M: Yes, but I'm meeting my girlfriend here, and I know she has several suitcases. She always brings a lot on trips.
W: I see. Well, I hope she can check all her luggage for free.
M: That would be nice. We always have to pay extra. Anyway, thanks a lot for your help.
W: No problem.

M: Track 39 **<1 second pause>**
M: 1
M: Can I help you?
W: Yes, please. Where can I get a luggage trolley for my suitcases? I can't carry them all.

M: 2
M: Can you watch my bag? I need to go to the toilet.
W: Sure. Just put it next to mine.
M: 3
W: Could you tell us where the check-in counter for American Airlines is? We need to check our luggage in.
M: It's at the end of the terminal on your right.

M: 4
W: We only have five minutes to get to the gate. Our plane leaves at 3 p.m.
M: Okay, let's hurry. We don't want to be late.

M: Track 40 **<1 second pause>**
W: 1

W: Could you please walk a little slower than that? My bag is heavy.
M: But I want to get to the terminal earlier. We need to go to the duty-free shop.

W: 2
M: Can you talk louder, please? I can't hear you.
W: Sorry, I'm speaking more quietly because the film is starting.

W: 3
M: You write in Spanish more correctly than me.
W: Yes, but you speak better.

M: Track 41 **<1 second pause>**
W: Welcome back! Today we are going to answer some Frequently Asked Questions from air travellers. Are you flying for the first time? Ken Sato has some recommendations. Ken, the first question is: "I'm terrified of flying. What can I do to fly more comfortably?"
M: Many people are anxious on their first flight. I think you should travel with someone. Go with a friend or family member. Then you can talk with them when you feel nervous.
W: Good idea! The next question is: "How much luggage can I take with me?"
M: You can easily find this information on your airline's website. Also, don't forget to measure your luggage before going to the airport.
W: Now, let's talk about the check-in process. How can I check in the fastest?
M: Check in online. I always do that.
W: Me too. Well, our next question is "How easy is it to get the specific food I want on the aeroplane?"
M: It's very easy. The best way is to order it online before the trip. Most airlines have several food choices.

M: Track 42 **<1 second pause>**
[Pronunciation activity: /tha/ vs. /thee/]
M: 1
W: the fastest **/tha/**
M: 2
W: the easiest **/thee/**
M: 3
W: the loudest **/tha/**
M: 4
W: the earliest **/thee/**
M: 5
W: the oldest **/thee/**
M: 6
W: the best **/tha/**

M: Track 43 **<1 second pause>**
W: Good morning.
M: Hi. Is this the SkyAir check-in counter?
W: Yes, it is. Are you flying with us today?
M: Yes, I am. To Brazil.
W: Okay. Can I have your passport, please?
M: Yes, just a second… Here you go.
W: Great. And can you please put your bags on the scale?
M: Sure. Do you mind telling me the boarding time?
W: It's 12.30, so about an hour from now. It's on your boarding pass. Just a second… Right here.

M: Where can I find the gate number?
W: Right here on the boarding pass. Gate 35C.
M: How far is the gate from here?
W: Not far. After going through security, turn right and walk to the end of the terminal. It's fifty metres or so. You can check your flight status on the departure boards both here and inside the security gate.
M: Thanks.
W: Sure. Have a nice flight.

M: Track 44 **<1 second pause>**
W: 1
M: Did you go to the student travel centre yesterday?
W: No, I had too much homework to do. I decided to go tomorrow.

W: 2
M: Are you coming back soon?
W: Yes. Let's meet here in an hour.

W: 3.
M: I went to the passport office last month, but I only got my passport back a few days ago.

M: Track 45 **<1 second pause>**
W: Hey Ichiro, I heard you're going on a trip!
M: Yeah, I'm going to explore some deserts in Africa.
W: You always choose something off the beaten path! It sounds exciting.
M: How about going together?
W: Oh, I hate extreme heat. I prefer cold weather. I'm going to hike in Switzerland for my next holiday.
M: I heard the mountains there are incredible. But Switzerland is expensive.
W: Yes, but I'm going on a tour with a group, so it's cheaper.
M: I know, you're a real thrill-seeker.
W: Yeah, but not when it comes to food. That curry you made for me last week was too spicy!