Lesson 1 Exercises

Exercise 1

Using the main five keywords in this lesson, create and rehearse a mini-dialogue with your classmate that features the following situation:

You are visiting an older acquaintance who you have not seen in a long time. He was pleasantly surprised by your visit and asked about your current work. When you told him that you had recently become the new manager in your company, he noted that you have certainly moved up in life and praised you for your talent and ability. You humbly expressed that it was his encouraging words, support, and mentorship that helped you become who you are today.

Exercise 2

Using the vocabulary list as a guide, practice the role-playing exercise with your classmate, this time by substituting parts from the original dialogue with your own information and by choosing a variety of vocabulary and expression included in the vocabulary list, including alternative and supplemental vocabulary that you can use to cater to your own situation. You can do so by incorporating the following steps:

Step 1: Express surprise at your friend’s visit

Step 2: Provide an example of a nostalgic reminiscence with your friend

Step 3: Praise your friend’s countenance or professional achievements

Step 4: Ask questions about your friend and family members to express care and concern

Exercise 3

Read the following prompt and try to create an impromptu dialogue with your classmate without looking at resources:

While walking on the street, you see an old friend whom you first met at a business function walking towards your way. On a crowded pavement, you try to catch their attention by calling him from a distance. Both of you express surprise of being able to see each other by chance, for it has been a long time since you last saw each other. The two of you make compliments about each other based on overall appearances. Both of you began to reminisce the old times. You ask each other about how you and your family have been doing.

Exercise 4

Your turn! Using the vocabulary provided, think of a situation that would require you to apply your business skills in knowing what to say when catching up with an old business acquaintance or friend. Then create a carefully planned dialogue with your classmate. Think of how you will begin the conversation, how you will express you value the other person’s friendship, and how you will successfully maintain your friendship with the other person by showing care and sincerity.