

Course: Intermediate Level 2

Day 21

Would you know how to use this Pay phone?



Day 21: Asking how to use a pay phone



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Dialogue 1: Using a public telephone that needs coins

A: Excuse me. I have to call my friend. But I don't know how to use this phone. Could you help me a little bit?

B: First, you have to pick up the receiver. Then insert some coins. The more coins you put in it, the longer you can talk.

A: Oh, OK. And then just dial?

B: Can you hear the dial tone?

A: Yes.

B: You can dial now. When the money's out, it'll automatically hang up.



Dialogue 2: *When you need a phone card*

A: Hi. Could I ask for some help?

B: OK. What's the matter?

A: I need to use this pay phone. But I don't know how.

B: Don't you just have to put in some coins?

A: There is no coin slot.

B: Really? Oh, then it must need a phone card.

A: A card? I don't have one of those.

B: Here, you can use mine. Put it in the card slot and dial.

A: Thanks. It'll only take a minute.



Dialogue 3: When your friend lends you his cell phone

A: Hey, didn't you say you had a date with your girlfriend this afternoon?

B: Oh, yeah! What time is it?

A: Four o'clock.

B: Oh, no! I was supposed to meet her by three-thirty. I'd better call her through that pay phone. You know how to use one, right?

A: No.

B: Uh-oh! I don't know, either. What should I do?

A: Hey, you can use my cell phone. I have it here with me.

B: Thanks! You're a lifesaver!



Dialogue 4: Realizing the machine is not a pay phone

A: Sir! What are you doing?

B: Me? I'm trying to make an urgent call to my boss.

A: Then you should use a pay phone.

B: That's what I'm trying to do. Could you please tell me how to operate this thing?

A: That? That isn't a public phone, sir. It's the telephone used to call the staff and customers in the hotel.

B: Really? Oh, I apologize for my ignorance. Where are the public phones, then?

A: Right outside those doors.

B: Thank you, ma'am.



1. Receiver
2. Hang up
3. Slot
4. Urgent
5. Ignorance

You need to call someone important only to realize that you left your phone at home.

Your train has missed the connection and now you're going to be an hour late for the appointment. You have only five minutes to find a phone and make one call.



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***