

## Exemplar Dialogues

### Attributes of good dialogues for presenting new language structures:

1. short (your primary aim is simply to present the new structure, not to teach conversation skills)
2. the context conveys the meaning of the structure clearly (this can be ascertained by replacing the target structure with nonsense words)
3. the dialogue is of some interest to students (so they will pay attention to it)
4. the language is simple (so you don't have to take time to deal with additional new language)

### Dialogue 1

(Adapted from a dialogue written by Tung Sing)

*Two brothers, John and Peter, are students in Australia. They are going to spend their holidays later this winter in Hong Kong. They are now packing their luggage. The following is their conversation.*

Peter: Hey, John. What will you bring?

John: I will take my thick clothes. You know, Hong Kong is very cold in December.

Peter: Oh, that's great. Then, I'll bring my skiing boots. I can ski in Hong Kong!

John: Oh! My dear brother. You can't do that. It never snows in Hong Kong! You never see snow in Hong Kong.

Peter: Oh... too bad!

### Dialogue 2

(Adapted from a dialogue written by Donna.)

Peter: I am back, Mom.

Mrs Chan: How's your day, Peter?

Peter: Fine. Can I have something to eat, Mom? I am so hungry.

Mrs Chan: There is an egg sandwich on the table.

Peter: Sandwich again! You always give me egg sandwiches.  
I have it every day. Can I have something else?

Mrs Chan: But you always eat up your egg sandwiches.

Peter: Yes. But can I have something else today?

Mrs Chan: Yes, here's a ham sandwich.

### **Dialogue 3**

(Adapted from a dialogue written by Edith)

Mcdull: Your flowers are very beautiful. How do you do that?

Mcmug: I always give them enough water. I water them every day. And I always put them near the window. They need a lot of sunshine.

Mcdull: I always give my plant enough water, too. I water it three times a day. But it's dying.

Mcmug: Mcdull, what is your plant?

Mcdull: It's a cactus.

### **Dialogue 4**

(Adapted from a dialogue written by Valerie)

**Ann:** Hello, I am Ann. You must be the new student in class today.

**Betty:** Yes, I am Betty and I am from England. Have you ever been to England?

**Ann:** No, I've never been to England. In fact, I've never been on a plane before. I want to see Beckham in England. Is he good?

**Betty:** I don't know. I hate football. I've never watched a football match in England.

**Ann:** What a pity. OK, let's go to yum cha?

**Ann:** Yum cha? What is it? I've never tried it before.

**Betty:** You'll love it.