

Expressing Concern



This week...

It has been a week since Tina has heard from Scott. She is starting to get worried, so she calls him in Australia.

Lesson Targets

- Calling a friend to see how he/she is doing about a particular problem
- Expressing concern for a friend or family member

Daily English Conversation

Advanced Class

Warm Up – Topic Question



When was the last time you were concerned about something?

Picture Description

What is that man so worried about?



A



B



C



What is she thinking about?

What are they working on?



Scott	Hello, this is Scott speaking.
Tina	Hi, Scott. This is Tina. I haven't heard from you in over a week and I was starting to get worried.
Scott	Hey, Tina. I am so sorry that I didn't call you. Things have been a bit hectic over here .
Tina	How is everything with your family?
Scott	Everything is much better now. Thanks for asking.
Tina	I'm glad to hear that. When you are coming back to Japan?
Scott	I plan to return at the end of next week.
Tina	Please take care. I can't wait to see you again, Scott.

I am sorry that I didn't
send you an email.

1. I haven't heard from you in over
2. I am sorry that I didn't
3. Things have been over here.
4. I plan to return



Role Play – Expressing Concern

Student B has been having some troubles recently. Student A is calling Student B to find out how he/she is doing.



A: Hello, this is (name) speaking.

B: Hi (name), this is (name). How is everything with you?

Key Phrases

- I'm so sorry I didn't contact you.
- Things have been a bit hectic.
- Everything is much better/worse/the same.
- Thanks for asking.
- I haven't heard from you in a while.
- Can I do anything to help you?
- *Other*

Troubles

- lost job
- sick family member/relative
- sick pet
- broke up with girlfriend/boyfriend
- injury
- *other*

* Choose a topic below and tell a short story that is either true or not true. The other students in the class and the teacher ask one question each about the story. Then they guess whether your story is true or false.



1. I worry a lot, even if I know it's unnecessary.
2. I hardly ever worry about anything.
3. One of my good friends had some trouble recently.

1. What is considered the safest way to travel?

- A:** motorcycle
- B:** airplane
- C:** walking
- D:** horse riding

2. Who wrote: "When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen."

- A:** Steven Spielberg
- B:** J.K. Rowling
- C:** Ernest Hemingway
- D:** Jane Austen

3. Which American rapper claimed to have 99 problems?

- A:** 50 Cent
- B:** Nicki Minaj
- C:** Missy Elliott
- D:** Jay-Z

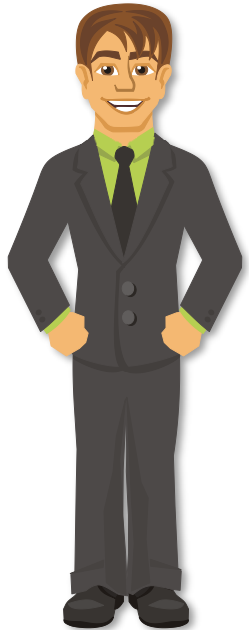
4. What percent of UK children have never received a hand-written letter?

- A:** 5%
- B:** 10%
- C:** 20%
- D:** 30%



- ☐ When you're in trouble, do you ask for help or try to fix it yourself?
- ☐ What do you worry about the most?
- ☐ How would you react if a friend suddenly fell out of contact with you?

better	- I am feeling much better these days.
call	- Please call me if you need any help.
concern	- I am really concerned about my best friend.
hardly ever	- I hardly ever hear from her anymore.
hectic	- Things have been so hectic recently.
return	- I am not sure when I will be able to return .
unnecessary	- It is unnecessary to call me every day.
worry	- Please don't worry . I will be OK.



James



Wakana

Fast Food

Fast food is inexpensive food prepared by restaurants that cater more towards speed and low prices rather than quality or nutritional value. From famous American fast food 'chains' to British fish and chips, fast food is found in almost every country in the world. Next week James and Wakana decide to have a meal at a fast food restaurant.