

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

Super 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





* Choose the most appropriate meaning of the word from the four options.

1. hectic

- ☐ unhurried
- ☐ systematic
- ☐ frenetic
- ☐ elated

2. worry

- ☐ sureness
- ☐ agonize
- ☐ poise
- ☐ serenity

3. decide

- ☐ defer
- ☐ prolong
- ☐ resolve
- ☐ intermit

4. settle

- ☐ worsen
- ☐ rectify
- ☐ commence
- ☐ annul

5. express

- ☐ vague
- ☐ bleary
- ☐ surmised
- ☐ convey

6. quite

- ☐ utterly
- ☐ partially
- ☐ dubious
- ☐ wavering



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	Things have settled down quite a bit. Everything is much better now. Thanks for asking.
Tina	I'm glad to hear that. So, have you decided when you are coming back to Japan?
Scott	I will be headed back there at the end of next week.
Tina	Please take care. I can't wait to see you again, Scott.

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.

Key Phrases

- Hello, this is speaking.
- I'm so sorry I didn't contact you.
- Everything is much better/worse/the same.
- How is everything with?
- 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*



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



Many people worry about things they shouldn't.

A

Agree

B

Disagree



American Slang

- **don't sweat it** – don't worry too much about it
Don't sweat it! Everything's under control
- **spill the beans** – to reveal a secret
I know you've been doing something in secret. Come on, **spill the beans!**



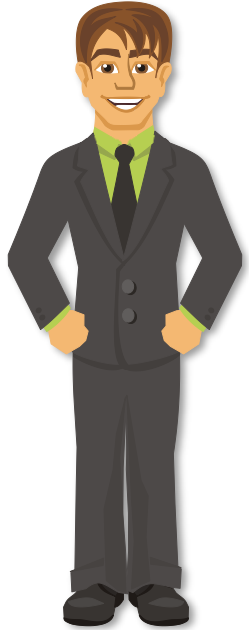
Australian Slang

- **spit the dummy** – get very upset at something
My boyfriend **spat the dummy** when I forgot to call him.
- **goner** – a person or thing that is doomed or cannot be saved
When you fell off the bridge, I thought you were a **goner** for sure!



British Slang

- **blimey** – an exclamation of surprise
Blimey! That's very unexpected news!
- **barmy** – mad, crazy
I've been going **barmy** wondering if you were 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.