

SURVIVAL ENGLISH

International Communication for Professional People

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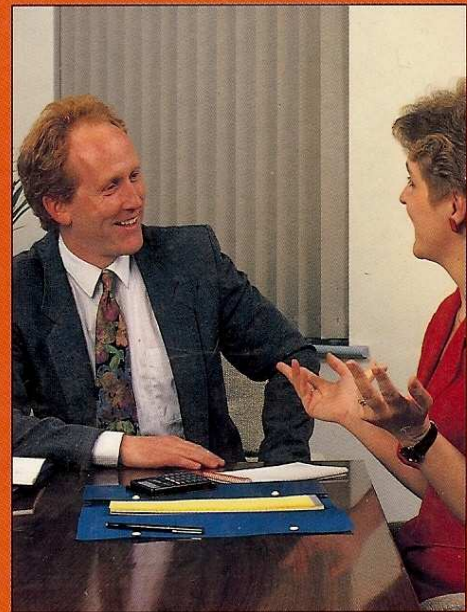
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17 Traveling Companions



Conversation A

Jeff Kramer is looking for his seat on the plane.

Jeff: Excuse me. I think I'm in 15C.

Woman: This is 14C.

Jeff: Are you sure?

Woman: Yes, look here ... oh, dear! I am sorry.

Jeff: That's OK. Sorry to disturb you.

Woman: That's quite all right. It's entirely my fault.

Conversation C

Jeff: Excuse me, I didn't get a headset ...

Attendant: Oh, sorry about that. I'll get you one.

Jeff: Thank you.



Conversation D

Man: Are you staying in Denver?

Jeff: No. I'm changing planes there, and going on to Aspen. Isn't there a big political convention in Denver this week?

Man: Yes, I guess that's why the flight is full. Full of politicians, probably.

Jeff: Yeah, I can't stand politicians. They're all crooks!

Attendant: Here's the newspaper you wanted, Senator.

Man: Thank you.

Jeff: "Senator?" I really am very sorry. I didn't mean ...

Man: Don't worry about it! No offence!

Conversation B

Attendant: Would you like a newspaper, sir?

Jeff: Yes, please ... uh, *USA Today*.

Attendant: I'm afraid we're out of *USA Today*.

Would you like a *Miami Tribune*?

Jeff: Yes, that's fine.

Attendant: How about you, sir?

Man: Can you get me a Denver newspaper?

Attendant: Sure.



1 Look at the pictures with each conversation. Use them to make similar conversations.

2 Look at the key language (in blue) and the Titles below. Role-play conversations with similar "mistakes"!

3 A flight attendant on the plane is asking people to obey the regulations. Match the attendant's sentences to the situations.

Titles

General	Academic	Political	Military
Mr.	Professor	President	General
Ms.	Doctor	Senator	Colonel
Mrs.		Governor	Major
Miss	Medical Doctor	Mayor	Captain
			Lieutenant
			Sergeant

Situation	Attendant's sentences
1 Someone is smoking a cigar.	A I'm sorry, you'll have to turn it off.
2 Someone is using a portable phone.	B I'm sorry, you'll have to put it out.
3 Someone is asking about using a Walkman.	C I'm afraid you can't use that here.
4 A child is playing an electronic game.	D Yes, that's all right.