

Interrupting

- A:** Let's look at the schedule for next week.
B: I think it looks good but it's going to be pretty busy near the end of the week.
A: That's right. I think we'll be okay though.
B: Great. Let's move on to the next thing.
C: Excuse me. Can I add something?
B: Of course.
C: I noticed James is on the schedule for Friday. But he won't be here that day.
A: You're right. Thanks for pointing that out.
B: Ok. I'll change the schedule this afternoon.

	M	T	W	T	F
James	8 - 5	8 - 5	off	8 - 5	8 - 5
Mike	9 - 6	off	9 - 6	9 - 6	8-5
Alan	off	9 - 6	8 - 5	off	8 - 5



- A:** That food was great.
B: Yeah, thanks for bringing us to this place.
C: Sure. I knew you would like it.
B: I did. The drinks were good too.
A: Yeah. And they weren't expensive.
C: That surprised me too.
B: We should come here again next week.
A: Hey! Wait a minute!
C: What's wrong?
A: You left your wallet on the seat.
C: Oh! Thank you!

Pardon me.

Excuse me.

'Scuse me.

Careful

Forgive me for interrupting, however . . .
 I'm sorry to interrupt, but . . .
 I'm sorry for interrupting, but . . .
 I hate to interrupt, but . . .
 I'm sorry but I need to interrupt . . .
 I'd like to interrupt for a moment here . . .

Can I interrupt for a second?
 Can I cut in here?
 Can I say something?
 I want to say something.
 I'd like to say something.
 I have something to add.

Hey!
 Whoa!
 Hold on!
 Wait, what?
 Wait a minute.
 Stop right there.

Discuss:

When do you think interrupting is acceptable or not?

How do you feel about interrupting others?

What would make you interrupt another person?

How do you feel if someone interrupts you during a conversation?

How would you respond to someone who interrupted you for something foolish?

Interrupter:

Situation A:

Situation B:

You're in a restaurant.
You want some ketchup.
Interrupt the people near you to get some.

You're in a restaurant having a very serious conversation.
Someone interrupts you.
They want ketchup.

You're in a restaurant having a casual conversation.
Someone interrupts you.
They want ketchup.

You're in a restaurant.
A little girl runs away from her family's table.
She is running for the door.
Interrupt the family.

You're in a restaurant with your family. You're having a very serious conversation. Someone interrupts.

You're in a restaurant. You're with your family. You're having a casual conversation. Someone interrupts.

Your friends are talking about sports. One loves the Yankees, one loves Boston. Interrupt your friends and tell them which team you like.

You're talking to a friend about sports. You love the Yankees, your friend loves Boston.

You're talking to a friend about sports. You love Boston, your friend loves the Yankees.

You see the girl/guy of your dreams. S/he is talking to some friends. Interrupt and ask for his/her number.

You're talking with coworkers about work. There is a big meeting tomorrow. Someone interrupts you.

You're talking with friends about movies. You will go to a theater tomorrow. Someone interrupts you.

You're in a business meeting. Your coworkers are talking about a new plan. You have a great idea. Interrupt and share your idea.

You're in a business meeting. You're talking about a new plan. The new employee interrupts.

You're in a business meeting. You're talking about a new plan. The boss interrupts.

Your friends are talking. There's a great song on the radio. You *really* want to know the name. Interrupt your friends and find out the name.

You're talking about something serious. Your friend interrupts asking about a song on the radio.

You're talking about sunglasses you want to buy. Your friend interrupts asking about a song on the radio.