

Speaking Practice for Intermediate & Advanced Students

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Lesson 1

What Do These Signs Mean?

Answer These Questions

Example

No horn



Answer

This sign warns people not to blow their horns. The symbol is usually displayed in a quiet area such as a residential area⁺ or school zone. As traffic becomes heavy, impatient drivers tend to make noise with their horns. So people in the quiet areas want to prevent the horns from being blown. They say no one would need to blow a horn if everyone drove carefully and defensively.⁺

⁺residential area : neighborhood devoted to dwellings rather than for commercial or industrial area
⁺drive defensively : drive in a manner that anticipates what other drivers may do, rather than aggressively

What do these signs mean?



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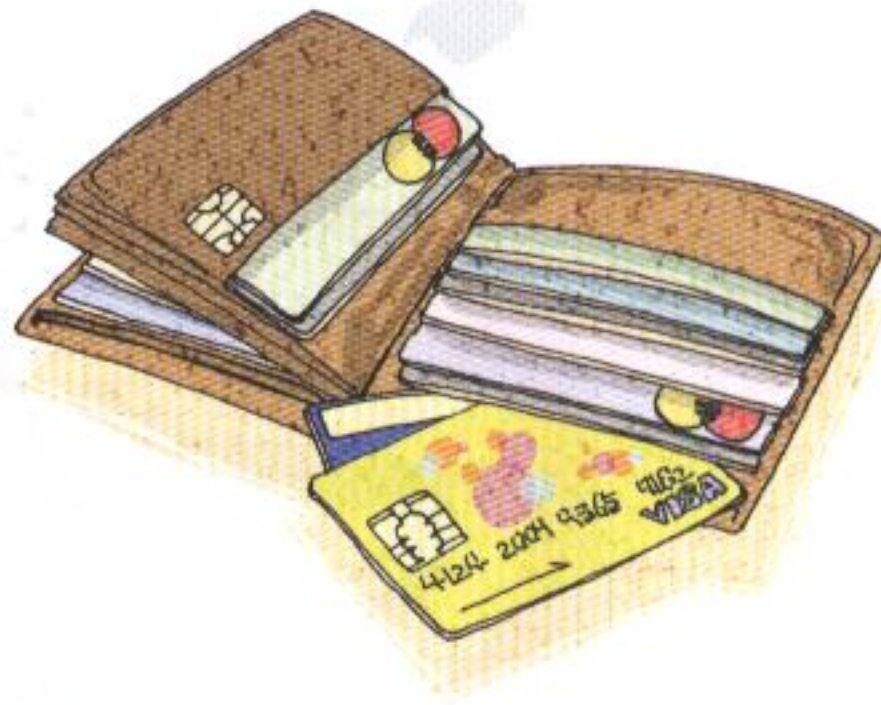
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What Are They For?

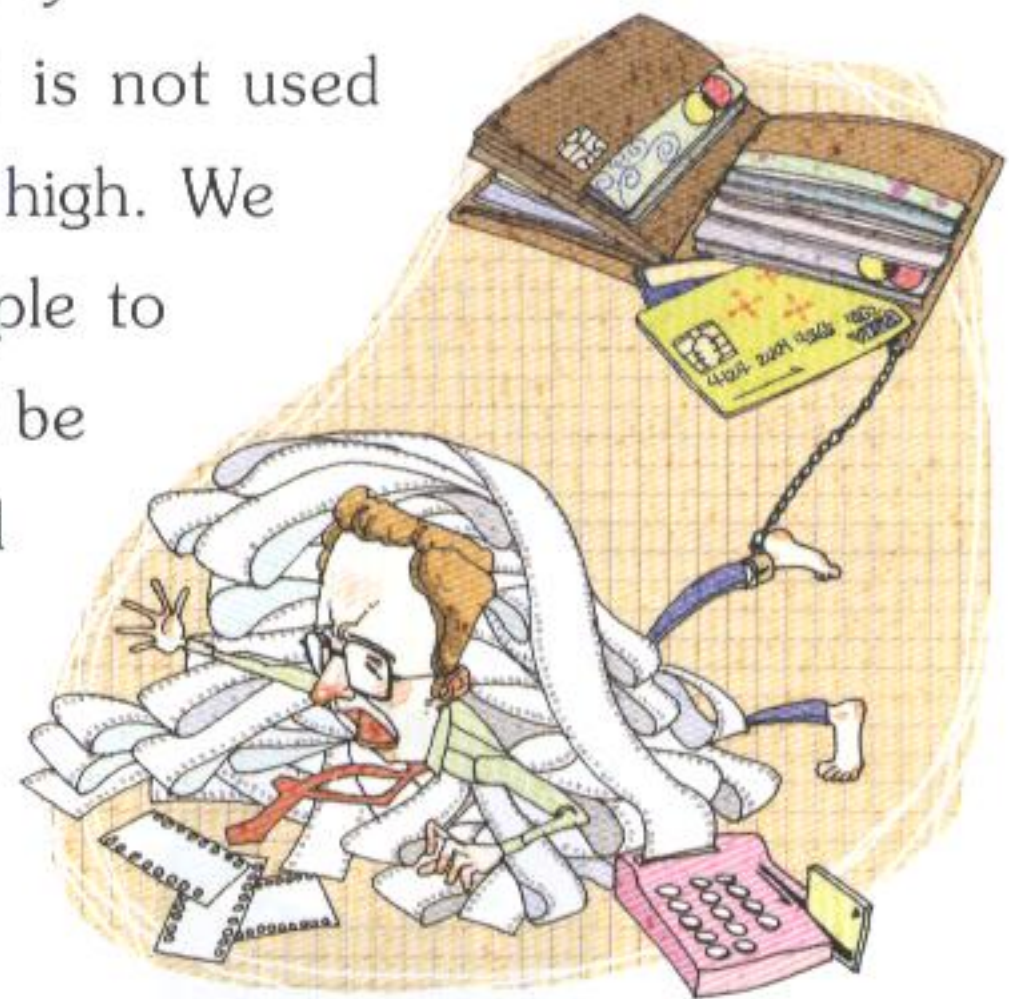
▶ Example

Credit Card



▶ Answer

It is a small plastic card that people use when they buy goods or services without cash. It's a very convenient means of purchasing things people want without having to pay for them at once. However, problems arise⁺ if it is not used wisely, because interest rates are very high. We all know credit cards⁺ encourage people to spend more money. So banks must be more careful issuing⁺ credit cards, and people should also be more responsible about their own spending.



→ **arise** : begin to happen

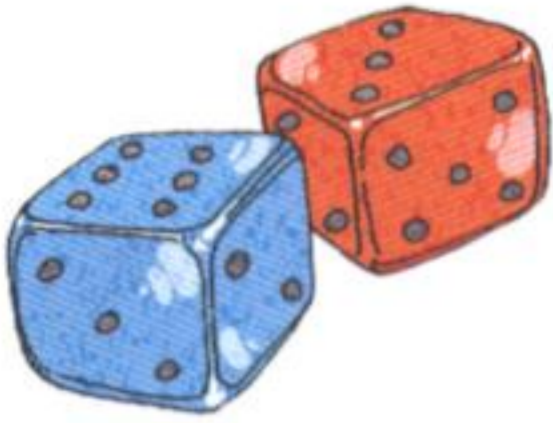
→ **credit card** : plastic card authorizing (sb) to buy goods or services on credit

→ **issue** : provide (sth)

What are they for?



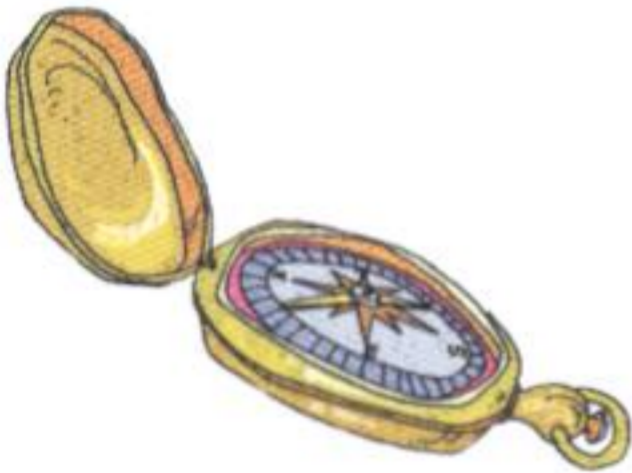
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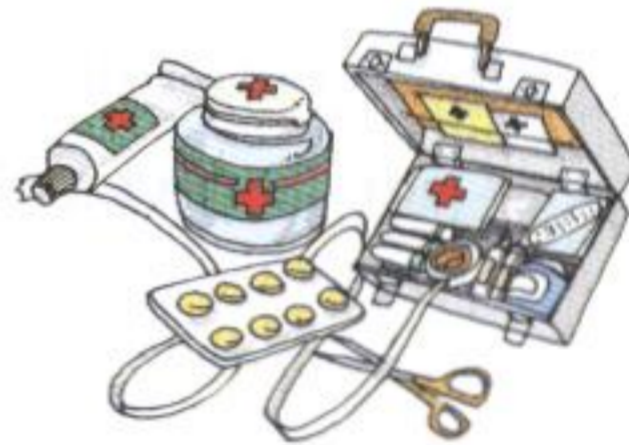
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Lesson 3

What Do You Say?

▶ *Read ME!*

There are some frequently used expressions for certain situations. Every student should know them. (Of course, there may be more than one expression for the same situation.)

▶ *Example*

When you tell someone something and you don't want him or her to reveal⁺ it to anyone else, what do you say?

▶ *Answer*

Don't repeat this to anyone!
It's just between you and me.



→ **reveal** : make known (sth) concealed or secret; disclose

Answer these questions:



1. What do you say when you first meet someone?



2. What do you say when you agree with someone?



3. What do you say when you disagree with someone?



4. What do you say when you swear not to repeat what someone is telling you?



5. What do you say when you suggest that someone try a new food?





Lesson 3

What Do You Say?

Answer these questions:

6. What do you say when you want to tell someone big news?



7. What do you say when you meet someone who has just returned from a long trip?



8. What do you say when you wonder if someone else understands your statements?



9. What do you say when you don't understand what someone has said, so you want it to be repeated?



10. What do you say when you hear sad news from someone?



11. What do you say when you want to change the topic?



12. What do you say when you think someone is joking with you?



13. What do you say when you don't understand someone's real meaning?



14. What do you say when you interrupt someone or cut in front of him?



15. What do you say when you apologize to someone?

