

Speaking Booster: Learn English through ESL Podcasts (Book 1)

**Improve your speaking through authentic
conversations and learn to speak like native speakers**

Everyday Life American English

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Introduction

Mostly students complain that what they learn in their classes is bookish, very formal and not what native speakers say and use in everyday life. The aim of this book is to provide students with real life dialogs, passages and contexts so that they would eventually feel more satisfied, get more prepared to follow native speakers in real contexts and feel more confident and satisfied with what they have achieved. This book is a good supplement for the books Listening Booster and Grammar Booster by the same author. Speaking books 2 and 3 are under way and they will be released on the market pretty soon. I hope you can make the most of this book.

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1 - Extreme Sports

Celeste: I'm so glad it's Friday. Are you doing anything this weekend?

Ryan: I'm going snowboarding with James.

Celeste: Didn't you guys go bungee jumping last weekend?

Ryan: Yeah, and we plan to go cave diving in a couple of weeks.

Celeste: I didn't know you were into extreme sports. I guess it's a big adrenaline rush.

Ryan: It is. But for me, it's about pushing myself to the limit.

Celeste: Aren't you afraid of getting hurt?

Ryan: Sure. There's always a danger of getting hurt, but we don't do these sports competitively. It's just for fun. I like trying new sports and seeing how far we can push the boundaries of the sport. Do you want to come with us sometime?

Celeste: Me? I'm not really the adventurous type.

Ryan: You never know. You might like it. After cave diving, we'll probably try climbing.

Celeste: Oh, that doesn't sound too bad. I've done some climbing before.

Ryan: I should tell you that we plan on doing ice climbing.

Celeste: Oh. In that case, I think I'll pass. Have fun this weekend.

Ryan: Thanks and let me know if you change your mind.

Script by Dr. Lucy Tse

New vocabularies and expressions:

Snowboarding: to snowboard means to ride on the snow, the cold snow on the mountain or on a hill, to snowboard is similar to ski except that you don't use two long pieces of wood or plastic skis but you have a board that is just one piece and you put both feet on the board.

Bungee jumping: bungee jumping is a dangerous sport. A bungee is a long rope or cord that is like a rubber band, it stretches and you go to a very high place such as on a bridge and you tie the cord to the bridge and then you jump off a bridge and this cord or rope will bounce like a rubber band and you'll be able to get back up or have someone pick you up at the bottom.

Cave diving: a cave is a large hole in a hill or in an area close to water, cave diving is actually for caves that are underwater and what happens