

To understand

Jak powiedzieć, że czegoś nie rozumiem? Czasami przyda się proszenie kogoś o powtórzenie.

I don't understand
I don't know what you mean
What do you mean?
I don't get it
Could you please explain that?
It's so confusing

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Sometimes people speak too fast. Moreover, their accents are difficult to understand. I can't understand a word and it's confusing. What should I do when I can't understand something?

Ask more questions

Ask for repeat

Smile and pretend that you understand it

I'm Polish / I am from Poland

I'm Polish and I speak Polish
I'm a Pole, I'm from Poland
Are you English?
You're British, aren't you?
My friends are Italians, they live in Italy
She's Finnish / He lives in Hungary

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Other nations think that Polish people are very religious.

They also believe that everybody in Poland loves to drink litres of vodka every day.

Those are stereotypes of course (or maybe not). Anyway, what characteristic positive features do you consider as Polish?

Introduce yourself

I'm + funkcja, zawód, I'm a singer / I'm a doctor / I'm an engineer

I like to "infinitive" read books

I like reading books

I live in ... Poland, Warsaw, a village, small town

I have + noun, I have a car/ two sisters / one child

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Maybe you have difficulty when it comes to introducing yourself to other people, especially for the first time. It's not your fault, a lot of English speakers also struggle when talking about themselves.

It's good to have a plan for another conversation. Prepare some "automatic phrases" you will use whenever someone asks you to introduce yourself.

Giving advice

Dawanie rad w języku angielskim.

Na początek kilka słów i zwrotów

advice / advise - czy znasz różnicę? Jeśli nie, zobacz materiał video przyporządkowany do tej lekcji.

Advise me / Give me advice

I will give you advice

I need your advice

What do you suggest?

I suggest you to

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

My son met a girl but she is very jealous. She doesn't like his friends.

What should I advise him? Give me your advice.

- Talk to your girlfriend
- Break up with this girl
- You should stop meeting your friends

Being married to...

Być może masz męża lub żonę, a może Twoje dzieci, wnuki lub przyjaciele są w sformalizowanym związku. Jak można o tym opowiedzieć?

I am married to a great woman

We got married 5 years ago

she is married to a British man

He is engaged to / they got engaged

They are dating

Mary and John broke up

Our relationship is serious

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Mary and I got engaged in April. Our relationship was great, so we decided to get married but our parents don't like it

What should we do?

- Talk to your parents and explain that you love each other
- You should break up
- Stop dating and wait with your decision

Divorced / widowed

Mieliśmy zwroty z małżeństwem, zatem teraz czas na kilka innych stanów cywilnych.

I'm single

I am divorced / I have been divorced for 10 years

I'm getting a divorce after 16 years of marriage

He will divorce you and take your money

I've been a widower for many years

My friend is a widow. Her husband passed away last year

Krótkie ćwiczenie

My daughter got married 2 years ago. She doesn't love her husband anymore. The only reason she lives with him is their son. Should she leave him?

- Yes definitely I recommend it
- No, she should sacrifice her happiness
- I have no idea what to advice

Complain about sth

Czas na zwroty z kategorii narzekać na coś

Stop complaining

I complain about my boss

Stop grumbling, we've got work to do

Can't complain

I'd like to make a complaint please

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Sometimes I complain about my job but to be honest I am a lazy person.

I don't go to my job every day but my wife is grumbling that I am always busy.

What should I tell her?

- Appreciate what you've got
- Your wife is right, you spend too much time at your computer

Places in the city

Teraz zwroty związane z miejscami w mieście

I live in the city centre/center

He lives in a quiet/dangerous neighbourhood

The store is in/on/at the town square / main square /

I bought some flowers at the market square

The commune office is open every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Municipal office / City hall / town hall

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I've lived in this city for 5 months now. It's time to register my place of residence. I live in a flat near the city centre.

Where should I go and what should I say?

- Look for the town hall
- Well, don't care about it, they will let you know what to do

Pharmacy, chemist's, medicine, drugstore

Często odwiedzamy apteki czas na zwroty z kategorii leki

Here's your receipt

I got a prescription from my doctor for ... these pills / drugs / this medicine

Can you recommend good medicaments for ... a cold, a cough, a sore throat

I'd like some paracetamol / painkiller

Do you have vitamin C?

Does it have any side-effects?

Imagine that a part of your body hurts. You can't name it but you can describe it or point at it. Ask for a medicine.

For example:

- this upper part of my leg, around here hurts. Can you recommend a cream for me?

At a hospital / clinic

Były już lekarstwa teraz czas na zwroty z kategorii w szpitalu

I have a headache / broken ankle

I have a fever

I have a cut
I have a heart problem
I need an appointment
I need a prescription
I suffer from an allergy to peanuts
My blood type is 0

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Nowadays, they say if you feel sick you should stay home.
But if your symptoms are serious, contact your doctor.
And what should you do in an emergency situation?
Like when you break your leg, cut or burn yourself?

Call the emergency number 911
Leave it at that, it will cure by itself

Airport

Where is the check-in?
Your ticket please
Can I take my luggage as a carry on?
The flight is delayed for 5 hours
Where are the gates?
Where is the taxi rank?

Krótkie ćwiczenie

Sir can you open your suitcase?
You are transporting sausages which is not allowed.
You cannot bring such products to our country.

I fight for my rights
I give it to the security airport guard

My friend

Powiedz coś o swoim przyjacielu

My friend is a nurse, lawyer, car mechanic, salesman
My friend likes to swim
My best friend liveS / knowS / goeS / wantS
I have some friends in London
I want to make some friends in London
Our friendship is very important to me

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Your friend is very busy and she said she can't visit you today. She was supposed to visit you but suddenly she changed her mind. And you really want to have a meeting with her.

What would you do?

I have to understand her decision

I try to persuade her, maybe she will change her mind

I'll help her with her homework

Law

Warto też znać swoje prawa

It's against the law

Don't break the law

Alcohol is illegal in this country

These items are prohibited

You're not allowed to park here

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

It's illegal to chew chewing gum in Singapore. You can't neither buy it nor sell it. The main purpose for this is to keep the public spaces clean.

Is this regulation good?

It's a bit too much

It's a great idea

We should introduce new rules

Favor

Czasami prosimy kogoś o przysługę. Wiesz jak to powiedzieć po angielsku?

Could you do me a favour?

Would you do something for me?

Can you help me with this task?

Are you in favour of a ban on drinking alcohol?

Could you please give me a call

Would you mind helping me bake a cake?

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

My friend only contacts me when he needs a favor. I want to just stop contacting him but it's difficult. What should I do?

Police

Było prawo - teraz kategoria zwrotów związana z policją

Yes officer

I want to report a crime / robbery / aggressive person

You will get a ticket

Fine for drinking on the street

Have you had anything to drink / smoke /

He was robbed, they stole his wallet

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

A young man was attacked and robbed as he walked home from school yesterday. You were the witness of this situation. Would you report it? What would you tell them? Describe it and add some more details.

Officer, I want to report a crime...

The pandemic

Teraz czas na zwroty związane z pandemią.

How do you deal with the pandemic?

We've been in lockdown now for two weeks in Poland

I've been on furlough since March

In media, they repeat again and again: maintain social distancing and wear a mask

Did you get the vaccine?

Are you planning to get vaccinated?

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

People have different opinions on the coronavirus pandemic.

Even scientists express different views on Covid-19

What to say to a friend who's skeptical of getting the coronavirus vaccine.

I'd try to persuade him, because

I agree, because

Social media websites

Agree / disagree

Consent - They can't publish your name without your consent

Sign up / register / create new account (for the first time)

Sign in / log in /

Log out / leave

Accept cookies from this website on your browser?

Manage data settings, options/ customize / accept

Upload / download

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Yesterday, my friend created an account on a social media website.

They asked him to upload some pictures.

What kind of pictures should he upload?

- some pictures of his face
- some photos of his family
- he should not send any pictures

Web store / online shop

Search for anything

Results

Product / seller + reviews

Add to cart

Buy now

Add to favourite / watchlist / wish list

Shipping fee / free shipping

Delivery / one-day-delivery

Payments / pay via Paypal

Buyer protection / money back

Total cost

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I was looking for a new laptop so I found one on eBay where it costs \$1000. I almost bought it but suddenly I found another web store and there the same laptop is \$200 cheaper. On the other hand, the website seems to be new. Anyway, it looks legit. What to do?

- Buy on eBay, it's safe and well-known
- Take the risk, you will save \$200

Online shopping scams

Beware of fake websites

You can't find the address or phone number for the company

Check the URL address and make sure it's not just a similar name

Privacy policies, terms and conditions are hard to find

Unbelievably low prices

Limited information about the product

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

How to avoid being scammed?

There are many rules that must be followed but I will give you some advice.

If you find something interesting on local classifieds but the buyer can't meet in person because of a number of reasons, never send your money.

The store doesn't answer your emails and doesn't pick up the phone, probably it's monkey business.

And what do you advise to avoid being scammed? At least one tip.

Social activities

Do you take part in social activities?

Connect to peers, groups, and your community

Take a cooking class in your town

Go to the local community center

Go hiking with a local hiking group or running with a local running club

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Participating in activities you enjoy makes sense. I bet you like some activities. Maybe sports, cooking, gardening. Some of these activities you can find on Facebook groups.

Imagine you signed up for a FB group related to your hobby. What question will you ask there?

Immigration and Emigration Office

I apply for permission for permanent residence (permanent stay permit)

What is your marital status?

Where are you going to stay in our country?

What is the purpose of your visit? Going for work, family, travel

Do you have a criminal history? (I have a few speeding tickets)

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Be prepared to answer questions about your family, job and even private matters.

There might also be questions about your partner's family and many more sensitive questions.

What do you think, is it ok to ask such private questions?

- I have no problem with these questions, because

- no, it should not be like that

In my opinion

In my opinion, it's not very...

What's your opinion on/of/about ...

I (really) believe/think/feel that... you're a good man

My opinion is that there are too many cars in our town

As far as i know, this school has got good reputation
To my mind, it means that she likes you

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

What's your opinion on the latest news? Remember what was the last information you heard today or yesterday and share your short opinion on this issue.

Sorry or excuse me?

I'm (really) sorry (that) I forgot about it
I'm sorry about your father
Sorry to bother you
I apologise / apologize for...
My apologies
Excuse me, can I ask you a question
No excuse, you have to finish the task

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I asked my colleague how his job is going. I had no idea he didn't like to talk about it and he took my question as something offensive. Maybe he thinks now that I rate his work badly. Should I say sorry? What should I say?
- come one, I didn't mean to be mean
- I apologize for that

Job and work

I'm looking for a job / part-time job / full-time job / temporary job
What's your profession / occupation?
I like to work in this company
I will take this job
I work on my English
Physical work, paperwork, academic work, housework VS homework

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I like different types of work. It depends on my mood. Sometimes it's desk work – typical office work but other times I also like physical work. What kind of work do you prefer? And which one is the worst for you?

How to use electronic devices

Can you turn it on?
Turn it off, please
Turn it up, I can't hear anything
Turn it down, it's too loud
Turn the volume down

Your phone died, plug it in / charge it
I think my phone is broken

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I can't turn on my PC, it has some LED lights on it but these lights are off.
I press the power button and nothing happens. Why is my computer not working?

- make sure it's plugged into an outlet
- call the computer service

How much do you make?

I earn \$500 a week
Do you have some money?
I don't have money / no money / any money
She makes \$1M a year, she's rich
I make only £5.000 pounds a year, I am poor

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I earn the minimum wage of about 2200PLN. It's not enough money to live in a big city.
I should find a job that pays twice as much as my current one. What is the average salary I need to live comfortably in Poland? How much should I make?

Ordering food

I'd like..some food, please
Two sandwiches, please
I prefer / I want: some eggs, pork cutlet, tuna salad
(Without)/no meat, mushrooms, no mustard, mayonnaise
I'd like to order take-away
I will get take away/take out

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Imagine you're at a restaurant and you can't find your favourite dish. Moreover, you forgot its proper name. The best way to order the meal is to describe it. So focus and give as many details as possible.

My favourite...

What's your favourite meal?
Who's your favourite friend?
My favourite actor is Brad Pitt
I like it / love it / admire it / adore it (I admire you)
My favourite sport is football, I like it so much because I like team sports

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

I like listening to music so much.

It's my favourite hobby.

There is no better companion than a music player and headphones.

Listening to music is the best way to relax and reduce stress.

And what is your favourite hobby? Tell me.

My hotel room

There's something wrong with my room...

My toilet is clogged / blocked

I've lost my key / card

My room stinks. I want another one

.... in my room doesn't work

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Imagine you entered a hotel room and there's a huge puddle of water. You look at the ceiling and you already know what the problem is.

Go to the reception and tell them about this issue.

Ordering drinks

I'd like a drink, alcohol free, please

I'd like some water, juice, coffee, tea

Decaf coffee, add some milk

Excuse me, my glass is dirty, broken, empty

A glass of wine please

Can I get a shot of Vodka please

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Imagine you're witnessing a situation where a customer is yelling at the waiter.

His coffee was too hot. What do you think of this person?

- why is he so angry about this poor waiter, it's not his fault

- he's right! The cafe service should take more care of customers

To eat / eating

I like to eat / eating pizza

I like Polish food / Polish cuisine

I don't like / I hate cereals

What do you like for breakfast / dinner / supper / lunch?

I prefer vegetables and I avoid fruits
My favourite breakfast is millet with raisins

Krótkie ćwiczenie:

Everything you eat in the morning has an impact on your life. The morning meal is regarded as the most important one for your health. What's more, it provides you with energy for the day.

Make a shortlist and answer:

What do you eat for breakfast, dinner, supper, lunch, etc. Describe your meals.

Birthday

Happy Birthday, Beautiful, My sweet, My dear, Man

Make a wish

May all your dreams come true

I wish you all the best

Let's celebrate your special day

I'm so proud to have a friend / daughter / son / grandson like you

Krótkie ćwiczenie

Think of the first person who came to your mind and then send them best birthday wishes. Be original

Lost in the city

Excuse me I think I've lost

I need help

Where's the exit / enter?

How can I get to ...

The map/guide says we're next to ...

Which bus goes to the Airport?

Krótkie ćwiczenie

It's hard to get lost. Nowadays, we have GPS navigation maps, like Google maps and many other devices. However, let's assume your battery died and you have no idea where you are.

What would you do?

- I would be looking for people of my age (it's easier to communicate)
- I would be looking for something like a tourist information office

Let's play (children and grandchildren)

Let's play tag / hide and seek / console / guessing game

I'll tell you a story / fairytale

Give me a hug / kiss

I'll teach you how to cook / sing / play the guitar / play chess

Krótkie ćwiczenie

Do you remember some children's games from your childhood? For example hide and seek or playing tag?

Usually, it's not easy to translate the game's name from Polish to English and other way around. So the best way is to describe it. Think of it and describe your favourite game from your childhood using at least 3 sentences.

Pets / animals

Do you have any pets at home?

I have a dog / cat / hamster / guinea pig / fish tank

It has / He has curly, dark coat / hair / fur

I feed him meat / porridge / nuts

It's its cage / tank / aquarium / terrarium

Krótkie ćwiczenie

We own dogs, cats and rabbits. What about exotic pets like snakes, spiders and lizards?

Do you think keeping exotic pets is a good idea?

Maybe your friends, children or grandchildren have some of them?

Short-term plans

What do you do on Friday?

I will go to work

In the morning / evening I will meet my friends

I will visit you in 5 days

She will finish the project next week

I'm going to visit you tomorrow / I'm gonna*

Krótkie ćwiczenie

Everyone loves weekends!

After a long week of working, everyone is ready to relax or spend time with friends and family.

Do you have any plans for the weekend?