### Comunicación oral en el ámbito laboral



### Module 3

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Making	•	I'd like to reserve flight tickets and	
reservations by		accommodation for my next trip to Tokyo,	
phone		leaving on May 1 <sup>st</sup> and returning on May 20 <sup>th</sup> .	
	•	I'm afraid there's no direct flight. The only one	
		on the 1st has a stopover in Germany.	
	•	Just make sure I don't travel on the red eye	
		(overnight flight).	
Making	•	I would like to book a single room for myself,	
reservations by		for two nights, on a half/full board basis.	
email	•	I will check in on July 1st at 2 pm and I will	
		check out on July 3rd.	
	•	Could you inform me of the hotel rate for a	
		double room?	
	•	Would you mind informing me if your hotel	
		offers a shuttle service from the airport to the	
		hotel?	
	•	I look forward to receiving an email confirming	
		my booking.	
At the travel	•	The resorts get overcrowded <u>in</u> high/peak	
agency		season but are very quiet <u>in</u> low/off season.	
	•	Hotel rooms are more expensive <u>in</u> season	
		than <u>out of</u> season.	
	•	You will be <u>on</u> flight ALP4896.	
	•	You'll have to change planes <u>at</u> Heathrow.	
Checking in at the	•	Where are you flying to?	
airport	•	Can I have your passport?	



	•	Would you like a window or an aisle seat?		
	•	Your baggage will go straight through to		
		Tokyo.		
	•	I will only check the suitcase.		
	•	Is my flight on time, delayed or cancelled?		
	•	What is the baggage allowance?		
	•	I have nothing to declare./ I have a notebook to		
		declare.		
	•	I'm travelling on holiday/business.		
Travelling by taxi	•	Excuse me. Do you know where the nearest		
		taxi rank (British English) / taxi stand		
		(American English) is?		
	•	Could you send me a taxi to 123 Lincoln		
		Avenue? I'd like to go to 456 Park Street.		
	•	How long will I have to wait?		
	•	Is there a flat rate to the Metropolitan Museum		
		or do drivers use the meter?		
	•	How far is it from the hotel to the airport?		
	•	How long will it take to get to the airport from		
		here?		
	•	Thank you for pulling over.		
	•	Where to?		
	•	Could you take me to the Sheraton Hotel on		
		Park Street?		
	•	I'll put your luggage in the boot (British		
		English) / trunk (American English) of the taxi		



		(British and American English)/cab (American			
		English)?			
	•	I'm in a rush/hurry. Can you take the quickest			
		route, please?			
	•	It's faster to take the highway but you have to			
		pay the toll.			
	•	Can I pay by credit card?			
	•	How much do I owe you?			
	•	Could I have a receipt?			
	•	Keep the change.			
Travelling by train	•	What is the train fare?			
	•	Where are the ticket collection machines?			
	•	Is it a sleeper?			
	•	Do I have to change trains?			
	•	Where is the buffet car?			
	•	Which platform does the train to Brighton			
		leave from?			
Picking up a visitor	•	You must be Jane Miller.			
at the airport	•	"It's a pleasure to meet you". "Likewise".			
	•	It's good to finally be able to put a face to a			
		name.			
	•	"How was your flight?"			
		"Uneventful/smooth/bumpy".			
	•	I'll drop you off at the hotel where you can			
		freshen up. Then, I'll give you a ride to our			
		factory.			



### At the hotel

- My name is Jane Miller and I have a reservation for two nights.
- May I have a form of id, please?
- Here you go.
- Could you fill in this form and signing at the bottom?
- We have you booked in room 567, on the fifth floor.
- What time does the restaurant open for breakfast?
- Can I have a wakeup call at 6 am tomorrow?
- When is the check-out time?
- Is room service available?
- I'm afraid the air-conditioning is not working.
   Could you see to it?
- Sorry to bother you, but there's no soap in my room.
- I understand this is not your fault but this room is very noisy. I think someone is playing music loudly next door.
- There's no hot water in my bathroom.
- I'm sorry to say this but the toilet won't flush.
- I hate to tell you this but my room is too hot or cold.



At the host's office • I'd like to see Mr Andrew Evans. / May I see N	I'd like to see Mr Andrew Evans. / May I see Mr	
Evans? / I'm here to see Mr Evans. / I have a	ın	
appointment with Mr Evans at 10.		
Are you scheduled to meet him today?		
Why don't you take a seat while I check if I	ne	
can see you right now?		
• I'm afraid he is still in a meeting. He'll k	е	
available shortly.	available shortly.	
Mr Evans will see you now sir. Please, con	ne	
with me and I will show you to Mr Evans	s's	
office.		
Introducing • As you know, I'm one of ABC's region	As you know, I'm one of ABC's regional	
yourself managers.	managers.	
I've worked for ABC for ten years/since 2000.	I've worked for ABC for ten years/since 2000.	
I specialize in	I specialize in	
I deal with	I deal with	
I am responsible for	I am responsible for	
I am in charge of	I am in charge of	
I've been recently promoted to	I've been recently promoted to	
<b>Describing</b> • We are in the hospitality business.		
company profile • We are a leading purveyor of denim in the	We are a leading purveyor of denim in the	
region.	region.	
We are based in Dublin.	We are based in Dublin.	
Our head office is in New York.	Our head office is in New York.	
	We have plants in Korea and China.	
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- We are the market leader.
- We are third in the market.
- We have a 20% market share.
- Our annual turnover is nearly \$10 million.
- We are going to hire or take on 50 engineers as we are planning to expand.
- We are going to launch a new range of products aimed at high-income people.
- Our company has grown to encompass more than 10,000 sales representatives worldwide.
- Our firm has become a powerhouse in the automobile market.
- OPL has established itself as a leader in the apparel retailing industry.
- We are product of our global operation throughout Europe and Africa.
- TDF is regarded as one of the most forward-looking companies in the sector.
- Our company has emerged as one of the most prestigious firms thanks to its high quality controls.
- RTD has a rich history of offering responsive and expeditious customer service to clients.
- We are known for providing cost-effective solutions.



	•	FTS is unique in that it strives to provide its		
		users with high-end products.		
Talking about the	•	Our organization is hierarchical/flat.		
organizational	•	We are headed by the CEO and under him are		
chart		the CMO, the COO, the CFO and the CIO.		
	•	The Vice President of Sales and Marketing		
		reports to the CMO, which means that the		
		CMO is the VP's line manager.		
	•	Two directors report to the VP of Sales and		
		Marketing, so the VP has two direct reports.		
	•	The COO oversees or supervises Operations.		
	•	The Director of Accounting and Finance is in		
		charge of/has control of Finance and		
		Accounting.		
	•	The IT area is made up of architecture,		
		applications and service desk.		
Describing services	•	We offer a comprehensive package for		
		companies interested in outsourcing logistics		
		operations		
	•	Our platform provides clients a wide range of		
		pet insurance.		
	•	We render tailor-made/effective/optimal		
		solutions for the software engineering		
		industry.		
	•	Our consultants can help you design and		
		execute your plans.		
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	•	We specialize in solutions for the video game	
		industry.	
	•	One of our strengths is our ability to design	
		effective safety procedures and ensure their	
		compliance with applicable laws.	
	•	Our company provides staffing and recruiting	
		services to a variety of company ranging from	
		small to medium sized enterprises.	
Describing	•	Our flashlights are made of a flexible and	
products		durable silicone body (feature), which allows	
		users to bend, fold and wrap them (function).	
		Therefore, they can be positioned anywhere	
		and it's great in small spaces (benefit).	
	•	The case is 20 cm in depth, width, height,	
		length.	
	•	The case is 20 cm deep, wide, high, long.	
	•	It's 20 cm in diameter.	
	•	It is 29,7 cm by 21 cm so it has an area of 623.7	
		square centimetres.	
	•	It is 4 cm by 2 cm by 3 cm, so its volume is 24	
		cubic centimetres.	
	•	It weighs two kilos.	
	•	It's two kilos in weight.	
	•	It's circular, oval, rectangular, square, L-	
		shaped, star-shaped, etc.	



# Describing processes

 Our products are manufactured in a factory or plant in China. Then, they are shipped to the United States and stored in a warehouse. They are put together and packed in Iowa and then they are distributed and delivered to our customers.

# Asking for and giving recommendations

- Are there any good restaurants in this neighbourhood where I can sample the local cuisine?
- Are there any places to visit nearby?
- I'm free tomorrow and I'd like to go sightseeing. What places do you recommend?
- Where's the best place to go for a night out?
- There is a good restaurant just two blocks from here, on Main Street.
- I suggest you visit the Museum of Modern Art.
- You should definitely visit the Golden Gate Bridge.
- The British Museum is a must-visit.
- There is a great exhibition at Flamingo art gallery.
- The Bastakia Quarter is a good place to go if you are fond of local traditional architecture.
- The Deira Spice Souk is famous for its stalls full of spices.



	•	It's popular for people who are into	
		nightclubs.	
	•	That area is not worth visit,	
Asking for and	•	How do I get to the museum?	
giving directions	•	I'm looking for the train station. Could you tell	
		me how to get there?	
	•	How far is the London Eye from here?	
	•	How long will it take me to get to the London	
		Bridge?	
	•	It's at the corner of Brown Street and Wisteria	
		Lane.	
	•	It's about a five-minute walk from here.	
	•	It's three blocks ahead.	
	•	• You need to go straight on for one block.	
	•	At the next street, turn left and then take the	
		underpass.	
	•	Go on for about 100 metres and then take the	
		first turning on your right.	
	•	The bus stop is opposite the bank.	
	•	It's at the next traffic light.	
Renting a car	•	What range of cars do you have?	
	•	What type of insurance is included?	
	•	What's included in the quoted daily rate?	
	•	Can I hire a car one-way?	
	•	Is it an automatic or manual?	
	•	Can I take the car into another country?	



	Is there a mileage limit?	
	Do I need to return the car with a full tank?	
	There are five of us. How many can fit in a	
	mid-sized car?	
	What number should I call if the car breaks	
	down or if I have an accident?	
	Where is the nearest gas station (American	
	English) / petrol station (British English)?	
At the doctor's	What the doctor says:	
	What seems to be the trouble? = What has	
	brought you here today?	
	When did it start?	
	Do you have any other symptoms?	
	<ul> <li>Have you taken any medicine for it?</li> <li>Are you allergic to anything?</li> <li>Where does it hurt exactly?</li> <li>How long have you had the cough?</li> </ul>	
	I will take your temperature and then I'll do a	
	full examination.	
	I'm going to check your blood pressure now.	
	We'll take an X-ray and check your teeth.	
	Would you lie down on the couch, on your	
	back?	
	Could you strip to the waist, please?	
	Please take deep breaths in and out while I	
	check your lungs.	
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- Open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue, please.
- I think it's food poisoning. Have simple food that's easy on the stomach.
- I'm afraid you have a mild case of the flu.
- I'll prescribe some cough medicine. Take two spoonsful every 6 hours.
- Take a pill, three times a day after meals but don't take it for more than 7 days. In a few days the blotches should start to go.

### What the patient says:

- I have a terrible headache, a temperature and a runny nose.
- I sneeze a lot and have watery eyes.
- I feel feverish and I'm sweating a lot.
- I have a bad pain in my neck.
- My neck is so stiff that I can't turn my head without feeling pain.
- I feel pins and needles in my waist.
- I have stomach cramps and feel nauseous.
- I have a pain in my stomach.
- I have diarrhea.
- I have a bad cough and feel short of breath.
- I'm dizzy.
- My throat is sore.
- I've twisted my ankle.



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	•	My foot is badly swollen.	
	•	I can't stand on my left foot.	
	•	There's a rash on my face.	
	•	I have blotches all over my face.	
	•	It's very itchy. I can't stop scratching.	
	•	I feel a terrible pain in my chest. (strong and	
		sudden discomfort).	
	•	I have a stomach-ache (discomfort that may	
		continue for longer than a pain).	
	•	My back is aching (hurts).	
	•	I was hurt in an accident (injured).	
At a clothes shop	•	I'm looking for a black shirt that matches	
		these shoes?	
	•	What size are you?	
	•	Is it in the sale?	
	•	When can I try it on?	
	•	It's too tight/loose. Can I try the next/previous	
		size?	
	•	It fits me (= it's the right size)	
	•	It suits me (= it looks good on me)	
	•	I'll take it = I'll buy it.	
	•	I'll leave it = I won't buy it.	
Checking out of a	•	Did you enjoy your stay?	
hotel	•	I'll add the phone calls and the mineral water	
		to your bill. That comes to \$350.	
	•	May I pay <u>by</u> credit card / <u>in</u> cash?	



•	Can I have a receipt?
•	Could I leave my bags here until 5 pm?

## <u>Differences between British and American Vocabulary</u>

British	American
booking (noun) – book (verb)	reservation (noun) – reserve (verb)
single ticket	one-way ticket
return ticket	round-trip ticket
stopover	layover
hand luggage	carry-on baggage
queue	line

### Verb tenses

Present tenses	Past tenses	Future tenses
Present simple	Simple past	Going to
• permanent	• completed past actions	• plans and intentions
situations	• repeated past actions	• predictions based on
habits and routines		evidence
Present continuous	Past continuous	Future simple
• actions happening	• past background	• spontaneous or on-
now	information	the-spot decisions
• temporary situations	• situation in progress in	• offers and requests
• trends and changes	the past	• promises and threats
• future arrangements		



	• several actions	• future events that
	happening at the same	will happen
	time in the past	inevitably
		• predictions based on
		your opinions and
		beliefs
Present perfect	Past perfect	
actions that started	• for one past event that	
in the past and	happened before	
continue in the	another past event	
present		
• actions without a		
time reference		
• when an event is		
happening for the		
first, second, third		
time, etc.		
• to connect a past		
action with a present		
result		