

Functional language in different situations challenge

functional language review/ Cutting Edge Upper Intermediate

Instructions for teachers

The game works better if you cut up one pack of cards per group of three or four players, but you can just get them ticking them off the list instead (maybe with a different coloured pen or different symbol for each person and each round).

Instructions for students

Choose one situation from this list and say things that you could say in that situation with as many different functions on the cards as you can. Continue until no one can use any of the other cards, then take turns choosing other situations to do the same with.

In the street	A supermarket	
A market	A department store	
A convenience store/ corner shop	A club/ A disco	
A bar/ A pub	A fast food restaurant	
A posh restaurant	A cinema (= movie theater)	
A theatre	A hospital or surgery	
At home	In or near someone else's house	
On the phone	By email	
By text (= SMS)	On your blog/ Facebook page	
A bus, coach or train	A hotel check-in desk	
A taxi	A spa, public baths or sauna	
A swimming pool or gym	A train station or underground station	
A library or bookshop	A stadium or other sporting venue	
A museum or art gallery	A concert or music venue	
A post office	Immigration	
On a plane	An airport check-in desk	At work

When your teacher stops you, ask about any functions or situations you aren't sure about, working together to think of something linking one related function and situation each time.

Brainstorm at least three phrases for each card (not worrying about situations this time).

Cards to cut up or tick off

Farewell	Greeting	Apology	Request
Offer	Invitation	Introduction	Suggestion/ Advice
Refusal	Thanks	Excuse	Opinion
Agreement	Disagreement	Acceptance	Complaint