

Appendix A

Basic personal oral communication goals may be expressed in terms of situations, functions and topics. For example, we define situations in which the students must use the target language, for example, in a hotel, the function of the interaction, in this case a request for information, and the topic of communication, e.g., obtaining lodging. In the following outline, we list topics and situations which are likely to be most useful to beginning students.

Preliminary Unit: Learning to Understand

TOPICS

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| 1. Names | 5. Clothing |
| 2. Description of students | 6. Colors |
| 3. Family | 7. Objects in the classroom |
| 4. Numbers | |

SITUATIONS

1. Greetings
2. Classroom commands

I. Students in the classroom

TOPICS

1. Personal identification (name, address, telephone number, age, sex, nationality, date of birth, marital status)
2. Description of school environment (identification, description and location of people and objects in the classroom, description and location of buildings)
3. Classes
4. Telling time

II. Recreation and leisure activities

TOPICS

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| 1. Favorite activities | 6. Holiday activities |
| 2. Sports and games | 7. Parties |
| 3. Climate and seasons | 8. Abilities |
| 4. Weather | 9. Cultural and artistic interests |
| 5. Seasonal activities | |

SITUATIONS

1. Playing games, sports

III. Family, friends and daily activities

TOPICS

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Family and relatives | 4. Daily activities |
| 2. Physical states | 5. Holiday and vacation activities |
| 3. Emotional states | 6. Pets |

SITUATIONS

1. Introductions, meeting people
2. Visiting relatives

IV. Plans, obligations and careers

TOPICS

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Immediate future plans | 5. Careers and professions |
| 2. General future activities | 6. Place of work |
| 3. Obligations | 7. Work activities |
| 4. Hopes and desires | 8. Salary and money |

SITUATIONS

1. Job interview
2. Talking on the job.

V. Residence

TOPICS

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Place of residence | 4. Activities at home |
| 2. Rooms of a house | 5. Household items |
| 3. Furniture and household items | 6. Amenities |

SITUATIONS

1. Looking for a place to live
2. Moving

VI. Narrating past experiences

TOPICS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Immediate past events | 4. Holidays and parties |
| 2. Yesterday's activities | 5. Trips and vacations |
| 3. Weekend events | 6. Experiences |

SITUATIONS

1. Friends recounting experiences

VII. Health, illnesses and emergencies

TOPICS

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Parts of the body | 4. Health maintenance |
| 2. Physical states | 5. Health professions |
| 3. Mental states and moods | 6. Medicines and diseases |

SITUATIONS

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Visits to doctor | 4. Buying medicines |
| 2. Hospitals | 5. Emergencies (accidents) |
| 3. Health interviews | |

VIII. Eating

TOPICS

1. Foods
2. Beverages

SITUATIONS

1. Ordering a meal in a restaurant
2. Shopping in a supermarket
3. Preparing food from recipes

IX. Travel and transportation

TOPICS

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Geography | 4. Experiences on trips |
| 2. Modes of transportation | 5. Languages |
| 3. Vacations | 6. New experiences |

SITUATIONS

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Buying gasoline | 4. Obtaining lodging |
| 2. Exchanging money | 5. Buying tickets |
| 3. Clearing customs | 6. Making reservations |

X. Shopping and buying

TOPICS

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Money and prices | 3. Gifts |
| 2. Fashions | 4. Products |

SITUATIONS

1. Selling and buying
2. Shopping
3. Bargaining

XI. Youth

TOPICS

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Childhood experiences | 3. Teen years experiences |
| 2. Primary school experiences | 4. Adult expectations and activities |

SITUATIONS

1. Reminiscing with friends
2. Sharing photo albums
3. Looking at school yearbooks

XII. Giving directions and instructions

SITUATIONS

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Giving orders at home | 5. Following game instructions |
| 2. Giving instructions at school | 6. Giving an invitation |
| 3. Following maps | 7. Making an appointment |
| 4. Finding locations | |

XIII. Values

TOPICS

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Family | 5. Sex roles and stereotypes |
| 2. Friendship | 6. Goals |
| 3. Love | 7. Religious beliefs |
| 4. Marriage | |

XIV. Issues and current events

TOPICS

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Environmental problems | 7. Crime |
| 2. Economic issues | 8. Sports |
| 3. Education | 9. Social events |
| 4. Employment and careers | 10. Cultural events |
| 5. Ethical issues | 11. Minority groups |
| 6. Politics | 12. Science and health |

SITUATIONS

1. Discussing last night's news broadcast
2. Discussing a recent movie