

Fluency Role Plays

1. The Roommate Problem

Context: You share an apartment with two other people, but tensions have risen due to noise, cleaning, and unpaid bills.

Roles:

- **A:** The tidy one, frustrated about the mess and late rent.
- **B:** The sociable one, always inviting friends over.
- **C:** The mediator who tries to keep everyone calm.

Task: Discuss the problems and agree on new apartment rules.

Useful Phrases:

- “I think we need to talk about...”
- “It’s starting to bother me that...”
- “Maybe we could take turns doing...”
- “Let’s find a solution we all agree on.”
- “I totally get your point, but...”

Fluency Fillers:

Well... / You know... / To be honest... / The thing is... / Actually...

Prompts:

- What’s the main problem in your flat?
 - How can you divide responsibilities?
 - What new rule will you create?
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2. The Group Trip Planner

Context: Three friends are planning a 5-day trip together on a tight budget.

Roles:

- **A:** Loves adventure and wants to hike and explore.
- **B:** Wants to relax on the beach.
- **C:** Cares about culture and local food.

Task: Choose one destination and plan what to do each day, where to stay, and how to travel.

Useful Phrases:

- “What if we go to ___ instead?”
- “I’d prefer something more relaxing.”
- “That’s a great idea, but it might be expensive.”
- “Let’s make a list of pros and cons.”
- “Okay, so we all agree on...”

Fluency Fillers:

Anyway... / So, where were we? / As I was saying...

Prompts:

- Choose a destination and daily plan.
 - Decide how to spend your budget.
 - Agree on the final itinerary.
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3. The Job Interview Panel

Context: You are at a job interview for an international company.

Roles:

- **A:** HR manager.
- **B:** Team leader.
- **C:** Job candidate.

Task: Conduct a realistic interview, ask and answer questions about experience, skills, and motivation.

Useful Phrases:

- “Could you tell us about your previous experience?”
- “What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses?”
- “Well, I’ve always been passionate about...”
- “In my last job, I learned how to...”
- “Thank you for the opportunity.”

Fluency Fillers:

Let me think for a second... / That’s an interesting question... / To be honest...

Prompts:

- Ask about background and teamwork.
 - Give detailed answers and examples.
 - End with a short evaluation.
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4. The Restaurant Complaint

Context: A group is dining at a nice restaurant, but the food and service are disappointing.

Roles:

- **A:** Dissatisfied customer.
- **B:** Waiter/waitress trying to solve the issue.
- **C:** Restaurant manager who must decide what to do.

Task: Handle the complaint, negotiate compensation, and keep the situation polite.

Useful Phrases:

- “Excuse me, but there’s a problem with my order.”
- “I’m really sorry about that, let me fix it right away.”
- “Would you like me to replace it or offer a discount?”
- “Thank you for understanding.”

Fluency Fillers:

Actually... / Basically... / I see what you mean...

Prompts:

- What went wrong?
 - How can the problem be solved?
 - What will each person say in the end?
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5. The Lost Tourist

Context: A tourist is lost in your city and needs to find a museum, but their phone battery is dead.

Roles:

- **A:** Lost tourist.
- **B:** Local shopkeeper.
- **C:** Helpful passerby.

Task: Work together to find the best route and give advice about what to see nearby.

Useful Phrases:

- “Excuse me, could you help me find ___?”
- “Go straight ahead, then turn left at...”
- “You might also like to visit...”
- “If I were you, I’d check out...”

Fluency Fillers:

Let's see... / I'm not 100% sure, but... / You know what?

Prompts:

- Give and follow directions.
 - Recommend one attraction.
 - Make small talk about the city.
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6. The Business Pitch

Context: Two young entrepreneurs are pitching their new product to an investor.

Roles:

- **A & B:** Business partners (marketing + design).
- **C:** Investor.

Task: Present your product (name, price, purpose, benefits), answer questions, and secure investment.

Useful Phrases:

- “Our product is designed to...”
- “It solves the problem of...”
- “We’re confident this will attract...”
- “That’s a good question — let me explain.”

Fluency Fillers:

Basically... / In other words... / You see... / The thing is...

Prompts:

- Describe your idea clearly.
 - Respond to investor questions.
 - End with an investment decision.
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7. The Flat Hunting

Context: Two friends are searching for an apartment with the help of an agent.

Roles:

- **A:** Real estate agent.
- **B:** Prefers central location, doesn't mind cost.

- **C:** Prefers quiet, affordable place.

Task: View and discuss three flats, talk about pros and cons, and decide which to rent.

Useful Phrases:

- “How much is the rent per month?”
- “I like the location, but it’s a bit small.”
- “It’s really close to the metro.”
- “Which one do you prefer and why?”

Fluency Fillers:

Hmm... / Let’s compare... / Honestly, I think... / On the other hand...

Prompts:

- Compare location, rent, and size.
 - Negotiate which flat to choose.
 - Make the final decision together.
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8. The Emergency Abroad

Context: While traveling, your bag was stolen with your passport and money inside. You go to the police station for help.

Roles:

- **A:** Tourist who lost everything.
- **B:** Police officer.
- **C:** Friend or travel companion.

Task: Explain what happened, give details, and decide what to do next.

Useful Phrases:

- “I lost my bag — it had my passport and wallet inside.”
- “Can you describe the bag?”
- “Where was the last place you saw it?”
- “Don’t worry, we’ll file a report.”
- “I need to contact my embassy.”

Fluency Fillers:

Then... / After that... / Suddenly... / I couldn’t believe it...

Prompts:

- Describe the situation.

- Ask and answer clarifying questions.
 - Decide on the next steps.
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9. The Social Media Crisis

Context: Your company accidentally posted something offensive online. You must handle the crisis immediately.

Roles:

- **A:** PR manager (wants to apologize).
- **B:** CEO (worried about reputation).
- **C:** Journalist (asks questions).

Task: Decide how to respond to the public and prepare a short statement.

Useful Phrases:

- “This post is going viral — and not in a good way.”
- “We need to release a statement immediately.”
- “Let’s focus on damage control.”
- “It might be better if we apologize publicly.”

Fluency Fillers:

Look, the point is... / Honestly... / From my perspective...

Prompts:

- Discuss the problem.
 - Prepare a 2-sentence public statement.
 - Respond to journalist questions.
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10. The Blind Date (with a Friend)

Context: Two people are meeting for the first time on a blind date, but one person’s friend joins for “support.”

Roles:

- **A:** Person on the date.
- **B:** The date’s friend who joins unexpectedly.
- **C:** The other person on the date.

Task: Have a natural, funny, or awkward conversation and decide if the date should continue.

Useful Phrases:

- “So, how do you usually spend your weekends?”
- “You two seem to know each other well!”
- “This is kind of awkward, isn’t it?”
- “You’re fun to talk to.”
- “Maybe we could meet again sometime.”

Fluency Fillers:

Anyway... / You know what I mean? / By the way... / So...

Prompts:

- Start small talk.
- Handle interruptions politely.
- Decide how the date ends!