

Hello. This is your teacher Paul.

How are you today?

So far there are three people here this morning.

Can you see my screen? Okay.

Today we will practice the following:

Lessons from this week

Indirect speech

Prepositional phrases

Height and weight

And the idiom "hold up"

The first lesson from this last week was

on indirect speech. Do you know how to use indirect speech?

"It's going to rain today," Paul said.

What did I say?

Paul said it was going to rain.

"I'm tired," Paul said.

Paul said that he was tired.

"I'll need some help," my brother said.

My brother said he would need some help.

will -- would

"Can I borrow your car?" My friend asked.  
(the friend is a woman)

My friend asked if she could borrow my car. if = whether

It's very important to learn how to use indirect speech because you must describe what other people say.

Ariagna said that she couldn't hear me.

The original statement was "I cannot hear you."

The manager said he needed new workers.

"I need new workers," the manager said.

If you missed lesson 16 this week, go back and study that lesson because indirect speech is a very important thing to learn how to do.

Okay. Let's move onto prepositional phrases.

Do you know how to use prepositional phrases?

She gets up early in the morning.

I have to go to work.

I have to work today.

There's a mouse behind the kitchen cabinet.

(Behind the kitchen cabinet) there's a mouse.

There's a mouse.

....in the garbage.

....outside of my house.  
....on top of the refrigerator.

I usually work at night.  
I'll finish working this evening.  
I'll finish my job at night.

He needs to go to the DMV.

My son went **to fix** his car.  
He needs **to change** his driver's license  
this year.  
He needs to get a new driver's license.

"to fix" and "to change" are infinitives.

Did you have a chance to look at the  
lesson for height and weight?

Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

How tall are you?

a meter is about three feet.

I'm five feet and eleven inches tall.

I'm five eleven.

Ariagna is 5'5"

Ariagna is five feet, five inches tall.

Understanding measurements in English is very important if you live in the United States or if you do business with companies in the United States.

I weigh 210 pounds.

I'm 210 pounds.

What's your weight? ("weight" is a noun)

What do you weigh? ("weigh" is a verb)

way / weigh

How heavy are you?

hold up

There are a few different ways of using the idiom "hold up."

Do you know how to use this idiom?

hold up = 1. to be in a particular condition after some difficulty, struggle, period of time.

If you've worked all day, someone might come up to you and say, "How are you holding up?"

You worked ten hours.

How are you doing? (after a long time of

work)

If you have an old car, someone might ask you, "How's your car holding up?"

This won't hold up in the cold weather.

I blogged about this today.

How are you holding up?

I'm doing okay. Or I'm holding up okay.

Census forms

I'll open the webinar up to questions.

The US team didn't/couldn't hold up against the Dutch team.

You can ask me anything about English.  
Or if you saw something on the news this

week, you can ask me about that.

What does "cast a spell" mean?

cast a spell = enchant, charm, use special magical powers on someone

She cast a spell on the young man who instantly fell in love with her.

This is often used in song lyrics.

What is the difference in meaning between "magic " and "magical"?

"Magic" is a noun.

"Magical" is an adjective.

This cleaner works like magic.

It's a magical solution to a problem.

This is magical.

He practices magic. He is a magician.

She goes to a good college.  
She goes to a good university.

He goes to Macalaster College.  
This is the college that Kofi Anan went to.

He goes to the University of Minnesota.  
I went to Southern Illinois University.  
After that, I went to DePaul University.

You have to pay tuition at a college or a university.  
tuition = \$ for school

Some schools are free, but the vast majority of schools require tuition.  
Some people can go to college on a scholarship.

Some cities and states have universities and colleges that are almost free.

It's getting closer.

I have scheduled another webinar for this Wednesday, March 31 from 7 PM until 8 PM.

The green level focuses on the passive voice.