



## I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY IN ENGLISH

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### PDF 6 – Survival Cards

#### Speaking Survival Cards: What Should I Say?

##### Instructions

Work in pairs or small groups.

Your teacher will give you 2–3 cards.

1. Read your situation.
2. Choose the best emergency question from the box (or create your own). 
3. Practice a short conversation.
4. Be ready to act out your favourite one for the class.

#### Emergency Question Box

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- What does ... mean?
- How do you pronounce this?
- Can you give me an example?
- I'm still learning – is this okay?
- Sorry, I didn't understand. Can you repeat?

#### Survival Cards (12 situations)

1. You're in a shop and don't understand the price.
2. Someone speaks too fast on a video call.
3. You want to join an English conversation but feel shy.
4. You forgot the word for "microwave".
5. Your language partner corrects every word.
6. You're at a restaurant – the menu is in English.
7. You want to tell a joke but don't know the words.
8. Your pen friend wrote a long message you don't understand.
9. Group project – you don't know what to say.
10. You meet a native speaker on holiday.
11. You're nervous before the speaking exam.
12. The teacher says "Any questions?" but you have one and feel nervous.

#### Teacher Notes

Print and cut the cards below.  Great speaking activity for the end of class.

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