

## BEGINNER “Can Do” List

### Speaking

A Beginner student practices conversations involving:

#### 1. Meeting people

- Beginner students can make introductions and meet people using “*It’s nice to meet you*”, “*How do you do?*”, “*I’m a .....*” and “*What do you do?*”
- Beginner students can say good bye using “*Goodbye. See you later etc.*”

#### 2. Eating Out

- Beginner students can talk to a waiter to ask the price of food using “*how much is the...*”
- Beginner students can describe food using adjectives like “*delicious*” and “*tasty*”

#### 3. Asking for things and making requests

- Beginner students can make polite requests using “*I’d like to ..*” “*Would you like to.....?*”
- Beginner students can talk about shopping using “*I’m interested in..*” and “*I’m looking for....*”
- Beginner students can make suggestions using “*let’s go...*”
- Beginner students can ask “*wh..*” questions

#### 4. Answering machine messages

- Beginner students can leave answering machine messages giving their name, phone number and reason for calling

### Vocabulary

A Beginner students develops vocabulary in the areas of :

- jobs
- articles of clothing
- eating out and adjectives to describe food (*American,Italian,Mexican,tacos,beer,salsa,good,delicious,yummy,awful,terrible.....*)
- singular and plural food words (*potatoes, tomatoes, candies, water, tea, salad ...*)
- furniture
- travel and transport words

### Grammar

A Beginner student becomes familiar with aspects of grammar including:

#### Present Progressive Tense

- Beginner students can use the negative form of / “*Wh..*” questions using / the affirmative form of / Yes/No questions using / short answers to questions / spelling changes involving / contracted forms of the Present Progressive.

#### The verb “be”

- Beginner students can use the affirmative form “*I am a (occupation)... You are...They are...*”; contracted forms “*I’m a (occupation)*”; “*They’re...*” / Yes /No questions such as “*Am I ...? Are they ....?*”
- Beginner students can ask short answers using the verb “*Be*”

#### Pronouns

- Beginner students can use subject, object, and possessive pronouns.

In addition :

- Beginner students can use the **demonstratives**, “*this,*” “*that,*” “*these,*” and “*those.*”
- Beginner students can use **singular and plural nouns** – focusing on spelling changes.
- Beginner students can use “*there is*” and “*there are*”.
- Beginner students can use **articles**: “*a...*”, “*an...*”, “*the...*”