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The sentences below are commonly used by native speakers, so non-native speakers of English can make full use of their speeches in their daily English conversation.

I just have to **stop off** (*to visit or stay at a place briefly when you are going somewhere else*) in the bathroom.

Shona : " Jeannie, may I use your bathroom ? "

Jeannie : Go ahead, but **make it snappy**, okay ? (*to tell someone that you want them to do something immediately and to do it quickly*)

You should have heard the fuss my mom **kicked up** !

And could I have a long-sleeved jacket this time ? The short-sleeved ones are so **babyish**.

Sorry, I am terrible **with** names !

If **it's any consolation**, Mom yells the most at the students she thinks are the best.

I guess I'm grinning because Jeannie didn't **holler** very much for a change.

Hugh MacKendrick is a real **slave driver**.

He's so cute that **it's a shame** he's not nicer.

... even though Hugh is obviously **out of my league**. (*to be too good or too expensive for you*) The championship doesn't have to be

Oh, Shona. You are such a **party pooper**. (*someone who spoils other people's enjoyment by disapproving of or not taking part in a particular activity*)

You could if you **put** your mind **to** it.

I saw them going into that pizza parlor on Austin Street. **Are they dating** ?

..... hoping she didn't sound too **breathless**.

I thought it might **brighten up** my practices.

Well, we're just **starting out**, so we foul up sometimes.

Don't you need a jacket or anything ? It's **freezing out**.

Hugh : And here you are spending your coffee break with another Highland dancer.

Shona : But that's **by choice**.

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If you keep working on it hard, I think you have **a real shot at it** this year, ...

But I haven't been very **up front** about - somebody else.

..... maybe he just wants more people to **fill out** the audience, but I am dying to go.

I'll call you later **about** Friday night, OK ?

You'd think I was planning to **pull an all-nighter** or something.

..... she was speechless **with** delight.

I don't want to **gush** or anything, -- but well, you are great.

You should come **jam** with us sometime.

Bye, Mom don't **wait up**.

This girl definitely has **taste**. It's not fair, MacKendrick. You always hog all quality women.

This round's **on** me. You can get the next one if you want.

Myles seemed to be **a big hit** with all the girls.

Last Sunday I wanted to kiss you too, but I was afraid that if I did, you'd think I was being **fresh**. (*being too confident and showing a lack of respect, or showing by your actions or words that you want to have sex with someone*)

.... **savoring** (*to enjoy food or an experience slowly, in order to appreciate it as much as possible*) the memory of Hugh's kisses

I was a total **wreck** (*A person who is physically or mentally broken down or worn out*) that day.

I thought maybe you had an **ulterior motive**.

So you saw through my **diabolical** plot, uh ?

I understand you have a pretty **good shot** at that second runner-up again.

Shona has an even better shot at winning first place, Aynsley, so you'd better be **on your toes**.

Hugh let out a **whoop** of laughter.

It's a lot of hard work **and everything**, but I really love it.

You can't risk it, not **with** the championships so close.

Finally they nodded their heads **in unison**.

I wish you two wouldn't **holler at** me like that. It's awfully embarrassing when I'm with a guy.

You better win that championship just to make up for all this **neglect**.

Have you got your hooks **into** John Powell yet ?

Mom, you weren't supposed to **let on**, I wanted to surprise her.

You're really starting to show a lot of **poise**,

Pair that with poise, and in my opinion you've **got** Aynsley **beat**.

She's still **on my case** for coming home late the last couple of times we went out.

You'll have a whole week to **rest up** for it.

I fell on the way home, I didn't damage anything vital, but I feel kind of **achy**.

Will you please stop **channel-hopping**

In answer to her parents' worried questions, she confessed that she and Hugh had broken up.

I'm just picking up a pair of panty hose. would you believe every pair I own **has a run**. *(a long vertical hole in tights and stockings)*

I bet she's planning on **making a big play for** him tonight at Cathy Davidson's very exclusively party.

Now that Hugh's available, she'll probably be all over him, trying to catch him **on the rebound**.

I don't like any of these dresses, they're really **tacky**. *(of cheap quality or in bad style)*

.... you should have seen him tripping all over his feet. He simply couldn't keep time **with** the music.

Afterward she ran some errands for her mother, then spent the rest of the day working on an English paper, doing household chores, and listening **for** the phone.

Vandals is a new teen club that just **opened up**.

You're not much of a **talker**, are you ?

Kim : I thought he'd be a refreshing change from you-know-who.

Shona : ' Refreshing ' is hardly the word **for** it.

Can't you put a smile on your face and **make the best of it** for tonight ?

I was feeling kind of lonely and **mixed up**.

Her legs felt **rubbery** *(weak)* as she climbed the stairs, as if

You're not still **moping about** Hugh, are you ?

He's bound to be there, whether he wants to come or not. Jeannie and Christina wouldn't let him **wimp out**. *(to decide not to do something because you are too frightened)*

Ok that's enough **play-by-play** *(A detailed commentary of an event as it unfolds)*, I don't want to know what happens next !

Are you two **up to** joining me ?

Aynsley was **talking a blue streak** *(to talk quickly and without stopping)* , but Hugh didn't seem to be paying much attention.

I can't believe she actually got him up **on his feet**.

I think I just saw him heading for the refreshment **stand**.

Your father just **threw his back out** (*to injure one's back in some way*) on the dancer floor.

I told you I was a **rotten** dancer.

Shona raced to the kitchen **on tiptoe**

I know I should have called you, but I guess my pride **got in the way**.

I was so wrapped up in how important the championship is to me that I didn't **spare a thought** for how important your gig was to you.

You'll need to be well **rested** for the competition tomorrow.

I'm just beginning to recuperate from an **overdose** of it.

You absolutely **sparkled up** there onstage.

Oh please, you're going to give me a **swelled head**.

She knew she stood a better chance of winning the championship since her chief competitor wasn't **in top form**.

Today's competition would determine whether she was a champion Highland dancer or just an **also-ran**. (*someone in a competition who is unlikely to do well or who has failed*)

If you don't want me to coach you for the **nationals**, I won't.

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