



# Telephone Language



# Answering the phone:

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Microsoft.

help you?

help you?

# Introducing yourself – the caller:

old. (informal)

old Jarvis calling.

the HR

# Confirming a name:

Person answering says this

Question, “Is this X”)

# Asking to speak with someone:

Could I speak to... please? (informal)

May I speak to... there, please?

May I speak to... byis, please?

May I speak to... byis, please?

May I speak to... please.

## Giving details of the call:

g about X.

confirm the meeting tomorrow.

tion to the meeting tomorrow.

to the advert in the local

row.

ormal)

# Taking a message for someone:

1. Do you like to leave a message?

2. Yes, please?

3. Who did you call?

4. What is the message.

## Leaving a message with someone:

Can you tell her that Jane called, please?

OK. I'll call back later.

Can you ask her to call Sam when she

gets to extension 632.

As soon as possible?



## **Enquiries regarding the caller:**

What company are you calling from?

What is your name please?

Who do you want to speak to?

What is your email please?

What number do you want to connect to?

# Asking someone to wait:

(informal)

Wait a moment, please

(formal)

## Connecting someone:

you through.

her line is engaged at the moment.

busy at the moment.

available at the moment. Can

again?

vis.

## **Making special requests:**

Could you repeat that, please?

Could you mind spelling that for me, please?

Could you speak a little, please?

Could you speak slower please? My English isn't very

I have a bad connection.

Let's have another call.

## Problems:

• I have a meeting right now.

• John isn't here at the moment.

• I've just popped out.

• I'll be back at the moment.

• I'll be back at the moment.

• I'll be back at the moment to speak to

## Mistakes:

but I think you've got the wrong

with that name.

John.

number?

## Confirming information:

...at that.

...back to you just to make sure.

...to you.

...back to me?

...didn't you?

## Finishing a conversation:

Get on to that as soon as possible.

See you soon.

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going through.



# Saying goodbye:

later (Informal)

# TRY TO DO BY YOURSELF

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