

9E – Preview Answers

You choose

Fill in the blanks with the words below. You can use each word more than once.

may interrupting clarify mean
meant saying misunderstood word

1. Excuse me for *interrupting* but can you tell me where the bathroom is?
2. That's not what I *meant*. I never *meant* to say the war was a good thing.
3. Do you *mean* that the company can't afford to pay bonuses this year?
4. If I *may*, I'd like to read something from the minutes of our last meeting.
5. I'd just like to *clarify* that I told him not to have that last drink, but he didn't listen.
6. Can I have a *word* here? I have something important to say.
7. Sorry, I think you *misunderstood* what I said.
8. Are you *saying* that you are completely sold out of ice cream?

You try Answers will vary

For each sentence, ask a question to clarify the information. Try to use a variety of ways to clarify.

1. I'll arrive at 9 a.m. on the 25th.
I'm sorry, did you say on the 25th? Do you mean the 25th of this month?
2. Mr Van der Waals will be delivering a lecture this afternoon.
I'm sorry, could you clarify what time the lecture is this afternoon?
3. I'm not so fond of fish, so I'll have the chicken.
So you're saying you'd prefer to have the chicken?
4. We'll go to visit them the week after next on Saturday.
Could you clarify the date of that Saturday?
5. The new sofa will cost \$200 plus a sales tax of \$22.
Do you mean the new sofa will cost \$222 in total, then?
6. I'm going to be out between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. so please call at another time.
What time would be a good time to call you back?
7. If you head west it's 2 km away. Be sure to take exit 15 off the highway.
Could you tell me which way is west, exactly?
8. We'd like to reserve a room for two with an ocean view if that's possible.
Would you like a room with one or two beds?

What do you think? Answers will vary

Sometimes it can be difficult to interrupt someone when they are speaking. How can you make your interruption polite?

I'm sorry for interrupting, but could I please say a word?

Have you had to correct someone's mistake recently at home, work or school?

Yes, I have. I am a teacher, and I frequently have to check the homework of my students for errors and mistakes. They are very cute, however, so I am never angry.