

Pre-Intermediate 3
Unit 4 Dialog
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Going to the Seaside

John and Alec are planning for a trip to the seaside.

plan (noun) = program; what you want to do

plan for something (verb) = organize an activity

Alec: Oh, boy! It's awfully hot today.

John: Yeah, it's been hot this summer. How about going to the beach this weekend?

awfully = terribly, too, extremely

It's been = It has been

How about going to the beach this weekend? = What do you think about going to the beach this weekend? = What is your idea about going to the beach this weekend?

beach = seaside

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John: Let's borrow my father's car and go there.

A Conditional Sentence Type II:

If we had a car, we could go there. = We don't have a car; therefore, we can't go there.

borrow ≠ lend

borrow = get something from somebody for a short time

lend = give something to somebody for a short time

Alec: What if he doesn't lend it to us?

John: Then we can hire one from a car agency.

what if = what will happen if

then = if so, in that case

hire = rent

Alec: That's too expensive! Do you think we can afford it?

John: Yeah, I think we can. Don't worry.

expensive ≠ cheap, inexpensive

expensive = costly

afford to do something = to have enough money to do something

afford something = to have enough money for something

Examples:

➤ *Tom can't afford a big house.*

- *Tom can't afford to buy a big house.*
- *John and Alec can afford to hire a car from a car agency.*

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Sample Summary:

John and Alec discuss the possibility of going to the seaside to escape the summer heat. Alec is concerned about the lack of a car, but John suggests borrowing his father's car. If that's not an option, John proposes hiring a car, despite Alec's worry about the cost. John reassures Alec that they can afford it and not to worry.

Sample Summary:

John and Alec want to go to the beach because it's very hot. They think about using John's dad's car to get there. If they can't use the car, John says they can rent one. Alec worries it will cost too much, but John tells him not to worry because they have enough money.

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