

Following is the text related to conversation between a student Kartik and Dashrath the owner of a canteen. Read and learn how to speak in similar situation.

At the canteen

Kartik : A dosa and a coffee please. Here are the tokens.

Dashrath : Welcome to the canteen. Did you join the school today? You are a day scholar, I suppose.

Kartik : Yes, my name is Kartik. You are the manager of this canteen, I guess.

Dashrath : That's right. My name is Dashrath.

Kartik : Mr Dashrath, I commute to the school from a far- off place. I would like to use the canteen services regularly. What are your timings?

Dashrath : We are open from eight in the morning to six in the evening.

Kartik : When do you serve lunch?

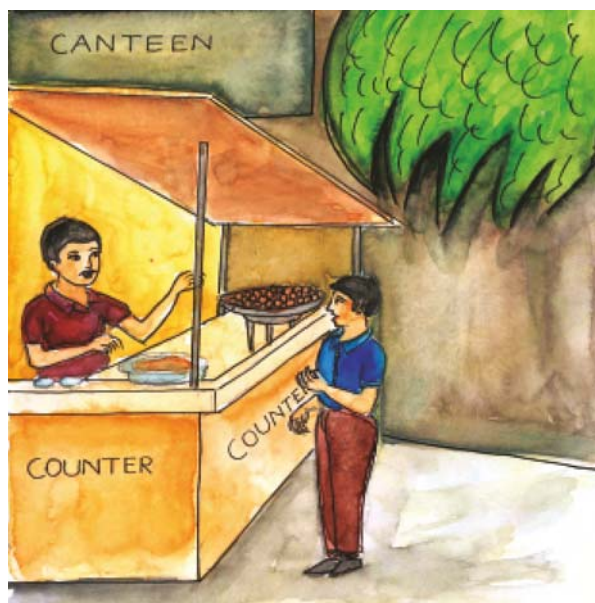
Dashrath : Between 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Kartik : And What do you serve for lunch?

Dashrath : Its South Indian food, basically with rice, vegetable, sambar, rasam and curds. But we also serve some chapatis along with it.

Kartik : Don't you have some light tiffin too?

Dashrath : Yes, that we have the whole day – idlis, puris, dosas and so on.





Kartik : Can't you start serving lunch a bit earlier? I have no class between 11 and 12 on most days. Can't I come and finish lunch earlier?

Dashrath : I'm afraid, we can't start serving lunch earlier than twelve noon.

Kartik : How much is the lunch token?

Dashrath : You see, there are subsidized rates and so we charge only fourteen rupees per token.

Kartik : Does that include curds?

Dashrath : No, it doesn't. Curds cost extra four rupees per bowl.

Kartik : Thank you, Mr. Dashrath. Just one more thing. Can't I have a monthly account with you? I'd rather pay once a month when I receive money from my father.

Dashrath : Well, we don't normally allow it. Perhaps as a special case.....Can you pay an advance deposit?

Kartik : Yes, I can.

Dashrath : That's all right then.

Glossary:

day scholar : a pupil who does not live in the school hostel

commute : travel some distance between one's home and place of work

token	:	coupon; a marked note
subsidized	:	pay part of the cost of producing to keep the selling price low
advance	:	money paid earlier than expected.
deposit	:	a sum of money paid to a bank or some person

Activity I

1. With your teacher try to know

- i. What is the difference between:
 - a) a canteen and a cafeteria.
 - b) a restaurant and a hotel.
- ii. What is a motel?
- iii. What does brunch mean? Can you guess?
- iv. What is a buffet party?
- v. What does “subsidized rates” mean?
- vi. Is the word 'tiffin' Indian?

2. Answer the following questions in 10–15 words

- i. Who are Kartik and Dashrath?
- ii. What were the timings of the canteen ?
- iii. What was served in the lunch ?
- iv. What were the subsidized rates for the lunch token ?
- v. How much does the curds per bowl cost ?

Activity II

1. Enrich your word power:

Match the words in column 'A' with those in column 'B'

Word	Meaning
a. dish	a. small pub or hotel
b. supper	b. a room in which members of the armed forces eat together
c. soup	c. liquid cooked food.

d. dessert	d. main meal of the day
e. set lunch	e. sandy piece of land
f. desert	f. lunch with a fixed menu
g. inn	g. a small restaurant
h. lodge	h. a small shop
i. café	i. food served as a meal or part of meal
j. kiosk	j. a place to stay in
k. mess	k. small meal eaten just before one goes to bed
l. dinner	l. sweet dish

Activity III

1. Do you know about the following informal expression?

'I'm afraid' is used to express, regret, apology or inability to do something. This is another way of saying, 'I'm sorry!' For example.

I'm afraid, I can't come this evening.

I'm afraid, I've broken your pen.

There are a number of informal expressions. Two such expressions are – 'd rather (would rather) to express preference and 'd better (had better) – to give advice about what a person should do.

Now, fill in the blanks given below choosing either-'d rather /'d better:

- i. I have coffee than tea.
- ii. I sit and chat with you.
- iii. You give me your telephone number; someone may want to contact you.
- iv. We talk to him.

2. Frame questions based on the following statements :

Example : -

I love eating mangoes. (what)

What do you love to eat ?

The question should begin with the help of the words given in the brackets :

- I. Ranu was taken to the hospital because she was suffering from fever. (Why)
- ii. I will go to Udaipur by train. (How)
- iii. The canteen owner gave me two packets of biscuits for ten rupees. (How many)
- iv. Many tourists go to Jaipur to see the forts and palaces. (Where)
- v. Aditi won a bravery award. (Who)

Activity IV

You have joined class VII in a new school. You want to play for the school table tennis team. Develop a conversation with the PTI of your school narrating as to how you can be the most suitable selection for the team.

Activity V

Speculate; make inferences – what might have happened?

- i. The little child is crying; the milk bottle is empty.
- ii. Mahesh went to bank to deposit a cheque; when he got there, he discovered that his cheque was missing.
- iii. Your brother's bicycle was stolen last week when he left it in front of the canteen.

Activity VI

Your friend's parents are very rich. One dark night while cycling you saw some men kidnapped your friend and took him away in a white Maruti car. What will you do?

Taking a decision:-

Will you

- chase the car on your bicycle?
- ring up the police?
- inform your friend's parents?
- just do nothing.
- any other option?