



ESL Grammar

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A dialogue in present simple

VOCAB: Going out, Adverbs of frequency

Candy: Hi. As you know, I always speak frankly.

Lynch: True.

Candy: So that's why I want to tell you... there's a problem in this relationship.

Lynch: What?

Candy: That we don't go out enough.

Lynch: Of course not, that's because we're always too busy in bed to go out of the house.

Candy: Oh yeah?

Lynch: Oh yeah.

Candy: Says who?

Lynch: Says me. Come on, Candy, The average couple makes love once a week, how many times a week do we make love?

Candy: A couple.

Lynch: Err...I think you better explain that couple means both 'par' two and 'pareja,' two people in a relationship.

Candy: You just did.

Lynch: So I'm sure our listeners want to join me in condemning your outrageous suggestion we barely do it more than twice a week.

Candy: Okay... twice a day. Sometimes. Occasionally. But, shut up... I want to talk about going out and why we never go out. Not sex.

Lynch: I don't....I wanna talk about our intimate life...

Candy: ...And how good you are...

Lynch: Yeah, preferably.

Candy: Well, I'm sorry, but there's a basic qualification for recommending the skills of a person in any area.

Lynch: Which is?

Candy: That they show skills in that specific area.

Lynch: Why do you always have to give the impression to the listeners that I'm not an expert in the bedroom?

Candy: Err... because you're not.

Lynch: Bullshit.

Candy: Why do you say that?

Lynch: Why do you think?

Candy: I don't know.

Lynch: Don't force me to be juvenile and vulgar.

Candy: Why?

Lynch: Well, come on. I totally disagree with what I have to do now, but if you constantly tell everyone that I'm bad in bed then I just have to reply with cold, hard facts. Like how many times you (cough) each time we do it.

Candy: I'm not saying you're bad in bed, I'm just saying that you're not the Grandmaster Flash that you think you are. And what do you mean... how many times I (cough) each time we do it?

Lynch: You know. The big 'O'. Come on...I mean...how many do you have usually?

Candy: I don't count. The only people who count 'O's' are men. Anyway, stick to the subject... I want to go out more. Rachel goes out all the time.

Lynch: God, Why do we always compare ourselves to bloody Rachel?

Candy: Well, it's very useful in this case. I look at what she gets from Donald and I compare what I get from you – it's simple. And, by the way, I assure you she gets a good, regular supply of 'O's'.

Lynch: Hah...so it's true... you *do* count.

Candy: That's a secret amongst girls. Anyway, I repeat – Donald and Rachel go out frequently.

Lynch: But we go out to that night club you like every month.

Candy: Exactly, once a month means we go out occasionally. I want to go out frequently - Fridays and Saturday. I want to go to restaurants, and plays, and bowling, and nice restaurants.

Lynch: Okay then, do you want to go out to that Greek restaurant tonight?

Candy: No...I don't like Greek food...I'm bored of it.

Lynch: How's that possible? How often do you eat Greek food?

Candy: When I was a kid – all the time. My father loves it.

Lynch: Does he go to Greek restaurants a lot? He never told me.

Candy: Yeah, he usually goes every Friday; and it's horrible; he drinks too much wine and comes back drunk. Like you...except that you seldom drink wine... it's always beer.

Lynch: Well, it's better than spirits and liquor. In fact, I don't know why you always drink spirits and liquor; it worries me.

Candy: I drink liquor because soft drinks and sodas are boring.

Lynch: But why is the only option - soft drinks and spirits?

Candy: Because I don't like wine and beer. I drink gin or rum or vodka. Anyway, why do you worry about it? Do you think spirits are healthier than beer?

Lynch: It depends on the dose. Anyway, let's get back to the issue. I'll call Alex about dinner; he can get us a reservation at that trendy restaurant in the gothic quarter. He works behind the bar.

Candy: I know, he always gives us a free shot of tequila when I go with Angela and Rachel. Sometimes, he puts three cocktails on our table and says, "The drinks are on me."

Lynch: Excellent.

Candy: In fact, he always complains that he never sees us out. You and me together. Which proves the point that we don't go out enough.

Lynch: He doesn't know what he's talking about. He takes far too much cocaine to remember anything. Anyway, we don't need to go out. We're in a relationship. The people who enjoy going out are single people looking to hook up, pick up chicks, chicks looking for guys etc... I don't wanna chat anyone up, I've got you. You've got me.

Candy: But we still need to party... old man!

Lynch: I'll try and forget the last part of that sentence.

Candy: Come on, Lynch, everyone needs to party: dance all night, booze all night, dress up, look good.

Lynch: And then have a hangover. And it always costs so much in restaurant bills, tips, and entrance fees.

Candy: Yeah, but it's such a bloody good laugh.

Lynch: Well, I suppose so... come on then...let's call a cab.

Candy: We gonna party?

Lynch: Yeah...let's party.

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