

4.4 Speaking

Commonly used phrases

Focus: *practising conversations.*

1. Words in English can change their meaning according to the context (the situation) where they are used. Below is a list of very commonly used phrases. For each phrase, think of a situation in school, and a situation outside school, where you might hear them or say them yourself. This activity will take a lot of thought; it might help if you work in pairs.

<i>'Excuse me'</i>	In school: Outside school:
<i>'Sorry'</i>	In school: Outside school:
<i>'I see'</i>	In school: Outside school:
<i>'Oh dear'</i>	In school: Outside school:
<i>'Can I help you?'</i>	In school Outside school
<i>'Thanks'</i>	In school: Outside school:

2. Select three of the situations above. Write out the dialogue (they can be short). This will show the situation where the words are used.
3. Listen to one another's dialogues. This shows how many different ways we can use the same phrases.