## English Functions and Functional Phrases

### English Functions

#### Requesting and Giving Information
- Requesting facts, directions, and information
- Relating facts, directions, and information
- Identifying
- Describing
- Defining
- Clarifying
- Commenting
- Evaluating
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Requesting that someone do/not do something
- Giving instructions
- Asking for/giving confirmation

#### Expressing Feelings and Ideas
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Sharing values and ideas
- Giving/asking for an opinion
- Giving/asking for reasons for an opinion
- Defending one's opinion
- Agreeing with/supporting another's opinion
- Stating whether something is right or wrong
- Expressing certainty/uncertainty, probability and possibility
- Making conjectures
- Expressing interest or lack of interest
- Stating preferences
- Expressing personal insights
- Expressing doubt
- Expressing intentions
- Expressing joy and sorrow

#### Socializing
- Greeting
- Introducing self and other
- Parting
- Making plans to meet again
- Making small talk
- Inviting
- Accepting/declining invitations
- Joking
- Flirting
- Gossiping
- Making social plans
- Offering food and drink
- Accepting/declining food and drink
- Complimenting
- Praising
- Congratulating
- Apologizing
- Sympathizing
- Thanking
- Expressing understanding/lack of understanding
- Politely interrupting
- Allowing yourself time to think

#### Accusing and Denying
- Blaming
- Making Excuses
- Giving an alibi
- Evading/hesitating
- Changing the subject

#### Agreeing and Disagreeing
- Persuading
- Negotiating
- Compromising
- Debating
- Approving and disapproving
- Contradicting another's opinion

#### Influencing Others' Actions
- Asking for help
- Encouraging
- Discouraging
- Giving orders
- Advising
- Suggesting
- Warning
- Insisting
- Giving in
- Promising
- Refusing
### English Functional Phrases

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