Exercise 8.2   Seeking information – vacation weekend role-play

Instructions for the Speaker
In the following role-play exercise, the listener is provided with basic information about the context and purpose of a conversation, and an introductory sentence.

The listener plays the part of someone phoning up to book a weekend course away, and you play the part of the booking agent. Both you and the listener are trying to obtain specific information. The information is provided in the course flyer (for the speaker) or course advertisement (for the listener).

1   Explain to the listener that you would like them to play the role of the person booking a weekend course.
2   Using the suggested prompts below as a starting point, play the part of the conversation partner, asking the listener the kind of questions that would occur in this situation. The listener should answer the questions.
3   Encourage the listener to use clarification strategies when they are unsure of the question.

Script:
Speaker: Good morning/afternoon. Vacation Weekend Courses.

Listener: I'd like some information about one of your weekend courses.

Information you require from the recipient after they have selected a course
(see course flyer next page).

Course name:

Date:

Listener name:

Address:

Tel no:

Total cost:

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[47] Adapted from Watcyn-Jones, 1984

Vacation Weekend Courses.[48]

Golf for beginners

Dates:	2nd and 3rd
Days:	Sat-Sun
Information:	This course is ideal for those who are new to golf and would like to master their swing. Included is the Model Golf teaching system to build your perfect golf swing.
Course leader:	Fred Fourputt
Maximum number:	8
Accommodation:	Biltmore Resort and Spa, Phoenix, Arizona.
Cost:	$650

Wine appreciation

Dates:	23rd–25th
Days:	Fri–Sun
Information:	A weekend for those who love wine and would like to learn more about the wine making process, different varieties and the history of the Napa Valley. Course includes accommodation, tour of the valley and two dinners hosted by wine experts from the region.
Course leader:	Rose Shiraz
Maximum number:	12
Accommodation:	Grapevine Bed and Breakfast, Napa Valley, California.
Cost:	$350

Scrapbooking weekend

Dates:	2nd–4th
Days:	Fri–Sun
Information:	Scrapbooking is a great way to preserve memories. Bring along photographs and small keepsakes such as a lock of hair, ribbon or letters to create your scrapbook page. Enjoy the view of Lake Huron as Pixie inspires you to create pages for your scrapbook album.
Course leader:	Pixie Snippit
Maximum number:	6
Accommodation:	Vista Lodge, Caseville, Michigan.
Cost:	$190

Art in digital photos

Dates:	16th–18th
Days:	Fri–Sun
Information:	A weekend for those who enjoy photography and want to create unique images. Friday evening begins with the basics of using the camera, Saturday is spent in the desert finding inspiration and creating your own images. Sunday is spent enhancing your photos with software programs to create the final effect you want.
Course leader:	Steven Snapalot
Maximum number:	15
Accommodation:	Last Shot Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Cost:	$180

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[48] Based on Watcyn-Jones, 1984.

Watercolor painting

Dates:	23rd–25th
Day:	Fri–Sun
Information:	Learn how to paint in watercolors. Enjoy the serenity of the Inn's gardens or venture further to take in the vista among the hills of North Carolina. Paints and other materials supplied.
Course leader:	Amanda Turner, painter and art teacher.
Maximum number:	12
Accommodation:	1899 Wright Inn and Carriage House, Asheville, North Carolina
Cost:	$250

Pottery

Dates:	16th, 17th
Days:	Fri-Sat
Information:	Ever wanted to try your hand at the pottery wheel. Well come along to Boston for the weekend. The first day is about the principles and the second day allows you to explore your creativity.
Course leader:	Margaret Clay, pottery teacher at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education
Maximum number:	15
Accommodation:	Hampton Inn (10 minutes from the school), Boston, Massachusetts.
Cost:	$190

Aphrodisiac dining

Dates:	27th and 28th
Days:	Sat–Sun
Information:	Be prepared for that special occasion. Learn to cook a four course meal with ingredients known for their aphrodisiac properties. Join your fellow classmates for a romantic candlelit dinner at completion of the class.
Course leader:	Chef Romance
Maximum number:	10
Accommodation:	Bella Vineyards Wine Cave, Healdsburg, California.
Cost:	$250 (includes Saturday night accommodation)

Fly Fishing

Dates:	9th and 10th
Days:	Sat-Sun
Information:	Spend the weekend in the beautiful Yellowstone National Park learning the art of fly-fishing. The Madison River was designed for fly-fishing and Sunday morning at sunrise is spectacular.
Course leader:	Sunny Walters
Maximum number:	12
Accommodation:	Cascade Lodge, Madison Junction, Wyoming
Cost:	$280

Exercise 8.2   Seeking information – vacation weekend role-play

Instructions for the Listener
In the following role-play exercise, you are phoning up to book a weekend course away. Some information is provided in the course flyer advertisement below.
1   Using the suggested prompts below as a starting point, play the part of the person booking the weekend course, asking the speaker the kind of questions that would occur in this situation.
2   The speaker will answer the questions. Please use clarification strategies, including spelling out a word, when you are unsure of what the speaker has said.
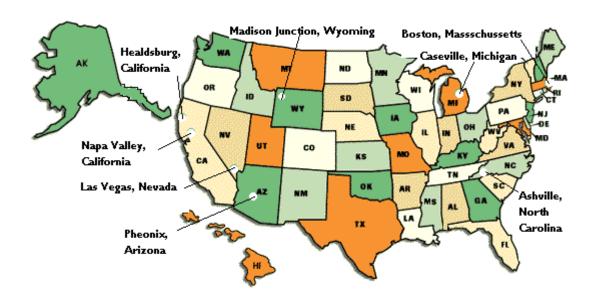

Advertisement Vacation Weekend Courses

Looking for something different? Try one of our popular weekend courses.

Courses this month are:

- Golfing for beginners
- Wine appreciation
- Scrapbooking weekend
- Art in digital photos

- Watercolor painting
- Pottery
- Aphrodisiac dining
- Fly-fishing

Decide which course you are interested in and have a pen handy.

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[49] Adapted from Watcyn-Jones, 1984

Script:
Speaker: Good morning/afternoon. Vacation Weekend Courses.

You: I'd like some information about one of your weekend courses

Following is the information you need to obtain:

Where the course is being held:

Date:

Number of days:

Size of course:

Course leader:

Cost :

Where you will stay:

Any other information: