

# CHAPTER 3:

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WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'VE  
SAID

# WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'VE SAID.

- Learning a language is difficult and can be scary. When learning another language we may not always understand what the other person has said. Maybe they use a word that you don't know, or maybe they are talking too fast. Sometimes you just need to hear the sentence again because you are not used to the person's accent. In this lesson we will learn how to ask someone to repeat something that you did not understand the same way that a native speaker would.



# USEFUL PHRASES

- Huh?
- Huh? What?
- Huh? What was that?
- Sorry, what was that?
- Sorry, what did you say?
- Sorry, I didn't quite catch that.
- Could you say that again thanks/please?
- Sorry, what was that you said?
- Sorry, could you repeat that. I'm not sure what you said.
- Could you speak a little slower thanks/please?
- Sorry, what does ..... mean.
- Sorry, what is a .....
- How do you spell that?

# USEFUL PHRASES

- Sorry what did you say? I couldn't hear you.
- Sorry, I can't hear you.
- Sorry, I didn't hear what you said.
- Could you say it one more time for me thanks/please?
- I still didn't get that. Come again?
- Sorry, I don't understand.
- Sorry, I'm still learning.

# EXAMPLES

**Ken:** Hey. What's up?

**Andrew:** Hey. Not much, just need to do some shopping. What about yourself?

**Ken:** Same. Just getting some stuff for dinner.

**Andrew:** What are you gonna make?

**Ken:** Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

**Andrew:** Huh? What was that?

**Ken:** Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

**Andrew:** Sorry, I still didn't get that. Come again?

**Ken:** Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

**Andrew:** What does Supercalifragili.... mean?

# EXAMPLE USAGE

- Yo. What's sup.
- Sorry, could you repeat that. I'm not sure what you said.
- Sure. I said yo, what's up.
- Oh. Sorry I'm still learning. Not a lot. I am just trying to get to the train station.
- It's not far from here at all. You go straight and take a right at the traffic lights. Then..
- Ah, sorry, could you speak a little slower please?
- No problem. So first you go straight and take a right at the traffic lights.
- Okay. Then you follow that street until you reach the bank.
- Yep.
- And then you turn left. You will see the station on your right-hand side.