

As I was saying...

• Interrupting politely

• Returning to a topic

1 | Vocabulary

A Look at the values below. Circle the three most important values to you.

respect compassion determination honesty kindness
 courage sacrifice friendship loyalty sportsmanship

B PAIR WORK Tell your partner who you learn important values from.

Example:

A: I definitely learn about compassion from my parents.

B: I agree. I also learn about compassion from my grandparents.

2 | Conversation

CD1 12 **A** Listen. Why didn't Megan keep the change the salesclerk gave her? What did the salesclerk do for Megan?



Megan: Hey, Derek. It's me. You'll never guess what happened. _____

Derek: What?

Megan: Well, I was in a department store today, and I found a new dress. When I paid for it, the salesclerk gave me too much change. She gave me *a lot* more—

Derek: Sorry, but can I interrupt for a second? Did you keep the change?

Megan: No, of course not. That wouldn't be honest. I gave it back. _____

Derek: I bet she was happy.

Megan: She was. I didn't want her to lose her job. She was so grateful that she offered me a special discount. _____

Derek: She gave you a discount? _____

Megan: I tried to refuse, but she insisted. I've never experienced such kindness from a stranger before.



B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation. Then find the best places to add the sentences below to the conversation and practice it again.

1. Isn't that nice?

3. Did you accept the discount?

2. It's pretty amazing.

4. I know you'd do the same thing.

3 Language Booster

A Notice the different ways we interrupt politely and return to a topic.

Interrupting politely

Sorry, but can I interrupt for a second?

I'm sorry, but can I say something?

Excuse me, may I interrupt?
do you mind if I ask a question?

Returning to a topic

Anyway...

Anyway, as I was saying...

So where was I? Oh...

To get back to what I was saying...

B PAIRWORK Take turns discussing one of these topics. Interrupt one another politely. Return to the topic each time.

this weekend your favorite movie an important value

Example:

A: This past weekend, I went to the mall with my friends. We—

B: Excuse me, but may I interrupt? Who exactly did you go with?

A: I went with Emiko and Peter. Anyway, we had lunch there and...

4 Listening

A Listen. Rachel is talking about four values that are important to her. Write the values she discusses.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

B Listen again. How many times do her friends interrupt her? _____

ONLINE PRACTICE 

SPEAK *with* CONFIDENCE

A Choose one of the values in the Vocabulary section. Think about the answers to the questions below.

How did you learn it?

Who did you learn this value from?

Is this value especially important to you today?

What are some other ways to teach this value?

B GROUPWORK Discuss the values. Don't say the value—let the others guess. Interrupt one another to ask questions.

Example:

A: I learned a value when I found a bird with a broken wing and—

B: Do you mind if I ask a question? How old were you?

A: I was six. Anyway, I wanted to keep the bird, but my mom...

