Unit 23

♦ Going to a Dance

♦ Present Perfect Continuous

♦ So
TICKETS TO THE DANCE — Part 1

Read the story and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Mr. Ito was finishing up at work when someone knocked on the door. It was Sonia. She asked him if he was busy because she wanted to talk to him. Mr. Ito invited her in.

Sonia explained that her school was going to have a fund-raising dance and she was selling tickets for $4 each. The dance was going to be on Saturday night at 8:00 in the evening. His wife was welcome to come, too.

Mr. Ito told Sonia that he was divorced, but he bought two tickets anyway. If he didn’t find anyone to go with him, it was all right with him to go stag, which means alone.

1. Was Sonia polite when she knocked on Mr. Ito’s door?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. What did Sonia invite Mr. Ito to?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. How much did it cost for two people to go to the dance?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. Was Mr. Ito married?

_______________________________________________________________________

5. Did he decide to go to the dance?

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TICKETS TO THE DANCE — Part 2

Christine and Joaquin were working when Maria interrupted them. Maria was selling tickets to the school’s fundraiser. She and Mrs. Lopez were a team, so they were selling tickets together. They wanted to win the prize for the most tickets sold: a $200 gift certificate.

Christine wanted to go, but Joaquin didn’t. He thought school dances were boring. Finally, Maria and Christine convinced Joaquin to go with them.

1. Who interrupted Christine and Joaquin?

_________________________________________________________________________

2. Who did Maria team up with to sell tickets?

_________________________________________________________________________

3. Did Joaquin want to go to the dance?

_________________________________________________________________________

4. What was the prize for the people who sold the most tickets?

_________________________________________________________________________

5. Did Joaquin agree to go?

_________________________________________________________________________
VOCABULARY

Study these definitions.

- bargain  a good buy, not expensive
- convince  to make someone agree with you
- decline  to say no to an offer
- fund-raising  collecting money for a charity, school or church
- refreshments  something light to eat and drink
- social event  a party, or a dance
- social skills  good manners
- teaming up  working together

Complete the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. The school is having a ___________________________ dance because they need money for the big graduation ceremony in June.

2. Mr. Ito asked Anh if she wanted to dance. Anh _____________________ because she was waiting to dance with her husband.

3. At first, Joaquin didn’t want to go to the dance, but Maria and Christine told him that he’ll meet interesting people and have a wonderful time. They _________________ him to change his mind and go.

4. Wilson is always friendly and polite. He has very good __________________._

5. Mrs. Lopez and Maria are ________________________ to sell tickets to the dance. They will share the prize if they win.

6. We have a big sale today. This beautiful pair of Italian hand-made leather shoes is only $40. That’s a real ___________________________.

7. When you have guests visiting you at your home, it’s nice to offer them _________________.

8. This party is the biggest ___________________________ of the year at our school.
AT THE DANCE — Part 1

It was Saturday night and the school auditorium was full of people who were dancing, talking, and having a good time. Joaquin asked Christine if she wanted something to drink. She said, “No, thank you.”

Maria saw Teshome and asked Christine to come meet her friend from Ethiopia. Christine was happy to meet Teshome, but they only talked for a little while before Teshome excused himself. He had to dance with Mrs. Lopez.

Mr. Ito asked Anh to dance, but she didn’t want to because she was waiting to dance with her husband. Mr. Ito apologized because he didn’t know she was married. Anh wanted to tell him it was all right, but she didn’t remember his name.

1. What did Joaquin offer to get Christine?

_________________________________________________________________________

2. Did Christine accept his offer?

_________________________________________________________________________

3. Did Christine want to meet Teshome?

_________________________________________________________________________

4. Who did Anh decline to dance with?

_________________________________________________________________________

5. Why didn’t Anh dance with him?

_________________________________________________________________________
WOULD YOU CARE...?

“Would you care to...?”
“Would you care for...?”

Examples:

______________________ dance?
______________________ a piece of cake?

• We use to before verbs.
• We use for before nouns.

1. ________________________________ something to drink?

2. ________________________________ go outside and get a breath of fresh air?

Boris has just met a girl at a dance. He is being polite and offering her many things. Complete these sentences for Boris with Would you care for... or Would you care to...

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3. ________ some refreshments?

4. ________ a glass of wine?

5. ________ sit and talk awhile?

6. ________ some potato chips?

7. ________ some soda?

8. ________ eat a slice of pizza?
AT THE DANCE — Part 2

Joaquin was having a great time at the dance. He wanted Mr. Novella’s birthday party next Saturday to be just as fun. Maria was excited about that party because she wanted to see all her co-workers.

Later, Anh asked Maria what she was planning to bring to Eddie’s birthday party next Saturday. It was going to be potluck, and everyone had to bring food or drinks. Maria apologized to Anh because she forgot about her son’s party. She didn’t know what to do.

1. Was Joaquin having fun at the dance?

2. Who was having a birthday party next Saturday?

3. Did Maria forget Mr. Novella’s party?

4. Did Maria forget Eddie’s party?

5. Does potluck mean that everyone brings food?
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS
How long...?

Study the following questions and answers.

How long have you been reading? I’ve been reading for 2 hours.

How long has Dee Dee been swimming? She’s been swimming since 2:00.

Write a question for each picture using How long... Read the answer to help you write the questions.

Example:

(Maria and Ara Skate) How long have Maria and Ara been skating?
They’ve been skating all morning.
1. (Teshome study)  
   He’s been studying since 7:00 pm.

2. (Mr. Ito and Jessica dance)  
   They’ve been dancing for an hour.

3. (Mrs. Lopez sew)  
   She’s been sewing since 4:00.

4. (You wait for the bus)  
   I’ve been waiting for the bus for 15 minutes.
5. (You play cards) ______________________________________________________
   We’ve been playing since 8:00 pm.

6. (Anh works at the flower shop) __________________________________________
   She’s been working there for 4 months.

7. (We shop for clothes) __________________________________________________
   We’ve been shopping since 1:30.

8. (Christine talks to Teshome) ____________________________________________
   She’s been talking to Teshome all evening.
SO

We can use so to connect two sentences when the second sentence is a consequence of the first sentence.

Examples: Ara wanted to eat Chinese food. He went to Sam Wong’s restaurant.
Ara wanted to eat Chinese food, so he went to Sam Wong’s restaurant.

Anh needed a hair cut. She went to a beauty salon.
Anh needed a haircut, so she went to a beauty salon.

Connect the following sentences using so.

1. Teshome needed money. He got a job at a restaurant.

2. Ara wanted to surprise Maria. He bought her a ring.

3. Mr. Ito wanted to talk to Jessica. He asked her to dance.

4. Anh had a doctor’s appointment. She left work early.

5. Mrs. Lopez was tired. She went to bed early.
THINK ABOUT IT

Choose one question. Think about it and then write your ideas.

1. How do you think Mr. Ito feels when he finds out Anh is married?
2. Is it easy or hard for you to meet new people in a social situation? Why?
3. What are five things you could do at a party or a dance where you don’t know anyone?

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PROBLEM SOLVING
(video - 18:00)

*Watch the video section called “Problem Solving.”* Listen to the conversation and identify the problem. Write a letter to Maria telling her your best solution to the problem.

The problem is: ________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Dear Maria,

* *I understand your situation. I think you should*...
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Sincerely,

_________________________________________
Circle the correct answers.

1. ______________________ something to eat?
   a. Would you care to
   b. Would you care for

2. ______________________ dance with me on the next song?
   a. Would you care to
   b. Would you care for

3. ______________________ go for a walk on the beach?
   a. Would you care to
   b. Would you care for

4. ______________________ some dessert and coffee?
   a. Would you care to
   b. Would you care for

5. Yvonne is hungry, ______________________ she’s going to a restaurant.
   a. so
   b. because

6. We’re tired ______________________ we’ve been working all day.
   a. so
   b. because

7. Igor doesn’t have to work tonight, ______________________ he’s going to the movies.
   a. so
   b. because

8. My boss is happy ______________________ I did an excellent job today.
   a. so
   b. because

9. Terry and Jane are in love, ______________________ they’re getting married.
   a. so
   b. because
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10. We need to learn English, ______________ we’re going to adult school every day.
   a. so
   b. because

11. _______________? She’s been working all morning.
   a. How long has she been working
   b. How long is she been working

12. _______________? He’s been singing since 9:00.
   a. How long has Joe been singing
   b. How long Joe has been singing

13. _______________? We’ve been dancing for two hours.
   a. How long you been dancing
   b. How long have you been dancing

14. _______________? They’ve been talking for twenty minutes.
   a. How long they been talking
   b. How long have they been talking

15. _______________? I’ve been living here for ten years.
   a. How long you been living here
   b. How long have you been living here

16. _______________? He’s been jogging all afternoon.
   a. How long has Tim been jogging
   b. How long has been Tim Jogging

17. Our church needs a new paint job, so we’re having this ________________ dinner to make some money.
   a. Italian
   b. fund-raising
   c. delicious

18. Kerry’s Department Store is having a big sale. There are excellent ________________.
   a. credits
   b. people
   c. bargains
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19. I didn’t believe it at first. But you have __________________ me that it’s true.
   a. convinced
   b. believed
   c. declined

20. I have to __________________ your offer to dance because I am waiting to dance
    with my husband.
   a. take
   b. convince
   c. decline
VOCABULARY
(page 50)
1. fund-raising
2. declined
3. convinced
4. social skills
5. teaming up
6. bargain
7. refreshments
8. social event

WOULD YOU CARE...?
(pages 52 & 53)
1. Would you care for
2. Would you care to
3. Would you care for
4. Would you care for
5. Would you care to
6. Would you care for
7. Would you care for
8. Would you care to

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS
(pages 56 & 57)
1. How long has Teshome been studying?
2. How long have Mr. Ito and Jessica been dancing?
3. How long has Mrs. Lopez been sewing?
4. How long have you been waiting for the bus?
5. How long have you been playing cards?
6. How long has Anh been working at the flower shop?
7. How long have we been shopping for clothes?
8. How long has Christine been talking to Teshome?

SO
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1. Teshome needed money, so he got a job at a restaurant.
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