Unit 21

- Asking About Job Responsibilities
- Just a Little / Just a Few
- A Lot of
ROSALBA’S PHONE CALL

It was a busy day at Roberto’s Garage. Marta was on her lunch break. Jack and Roberto were discussing which parts to order for a Cadillac when the telephone rang. Roberto answered it. It was Rosalba, who was calling for her sister, Marta.

Roberto told Rosalba that Marta was on break. So Rosalba left her a message. The pregnancy test was positive. Then, the phone rang again. It was Jose, Marta’s husband. Roberto congratulated Jose about his wife’s pregnancy. Jose was surprised. Jack heard the conversation. He and Roberto decided to respect Marta’s privacy and to keep quiet about her pregnancy.

1. Was Roberto’s shop busy?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. Did Marta take a lunch break?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. Who left an important message for Marta?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. Who else called Marta?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. Why did Roberto congratulate Jose?

_____________________________________________________________________
JACK AND ROBERTO HELP MARTA

When Jack entered the garage, he found Marta. She was working under a car. She was installing some new shock absorbers. Jack told her that she shouldn’t work so hard. He helped her to stand up.

Then Marta began to take out the trash. She was dragging a big yellow trash can across the garage, and Jack and Roberto ran over to help her. Marta was confused. She didn’t understand why Roberto and Jack were so helpful. She thought something strange was happening.

1. Did Marta install new shocks in a car?

2. Did Jack tell Marta to work harder?

3. What did Jack and Roberto do when Marta was dragging the trash can?

4. How did Marta feel when they helped her?
VOCABULARY

Study the definitions.

• appear  to be present
• available  present and ready for use
• break  time off from work for lunch or rest
• confirmed  proven to be true
• earn  to make money by working
• hold on  to wait on the telephone
• install  to put in
• message  information that one person leaves another person
• severe  very serious
• undocumented  without papers
Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. If Mr. Calderon doesn’t pay Gustavo his money, he will have to _____________________ in court.

2. If you continue to drink alcohol, you will have _____________________ problems with your health someday.

3. Mr. Calderon thinks Gustavo came to this country illegally. He thinks Gustavo is _____________________.

4. This is a good job. You will _____________________ $500.00 a week working here.

5. If you are speaking with someone on the telephone and someone else comes to your door, you can tell the person on the telephone to _____________________ while you answer the door.

6. Every day, we take a lunch _____________________ at 12 o’clock in the afternoon to eat with our friends.

7. If you call me and I’m not home, don’t forget to leave a _____________________.

8. When the headlights on your car go out, you should immediately _____________________ new ones.

9. You can rent a car at Zenith Car Rental. It always has a lot of good and inexpensive cars _____________________.

10. My friends said that flight 101 from France is going to be late. I called Pacific Airlines and it is _____________________ that the airplane will be late.
ASKING ABOUT JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are not sure if you must do something at work, you can ask your boss,

Do I need to …? or Should I …?

Examples:

Do I need to wash the windows?  or  Should I wash the windows?

Look at the pictures below. Practice making two questions for each picture with Do I need to..? and Should I…?

mail these packages

1. Do I need to  mail these packages?
2. Should I ________________________________

turn on the oven

3. ________________________________
4. ________________________________
5. _________________________________________________________________
6. _________________________________________________________________
7. _________________________________________________________________
8. _________________________________________________________________
9. _________________________________________________________________
10. _________________________________________________________________

- give the customer a receipt
- turn off the light
- start the dishwasher
ROBERTO’S MISTAKE

When Marta was finishing her work for the day, Jack and Roberto offered to help. Marta said that it wasn’t necessary. She wanted to know why they were helping her so much. They didn’t usually do that. They said that they were helping her because they thought she was pregnant.

Marta was very surprised because she knew she wasn’t pregnant. Why did Jack and Roberto think that? Roberto told her about Rosalba’s phone call about the results of the pregnancy test. Marta explained that Rosalba took the test, not Marta. Rosalba was pregnant.

Roberto was embarrassed about his conversation with Jose. When Jose called, Roberto congratulated him because he thought Jose was going to be a father.

1. Why did Jack and Roberto offer to help Marta?

2. Was Marta pregnant?

3. Who was pregnant?

4. Did Roberto tell Jose that Marta was pregnant?
GUSTAVO AND HIS LAWYER

Gustavo and his lawyer, Mr. Miller, visited Mr. Calderon’s office. Mr. Miller was very direct. He told Mr. Calderon that Gustavo worked for three days at $75 per day. The working conditions were unsafe and Gustavo hurt his back. Then Mr. Calderon replaced Gustavo and never paid him.

Mr. Miller talked about Gustavo’s rights. Mr. Calderon said that Gustavo didn’t have any rights because he was undocumented. Mr. Calderon was wrong about two things. First, he broke the law when he hired someone without the correct documents. There were serious fines for bosses who did that. Second, even undocumented workers have rights. Mr. Miller gave Mr. Calderon papers to appear in court.

1. Who went to visit Mr. Calderon?

2. Did Mr. Calderon know that Gustavo had rights?

3. Do undocumented workers have rights?

4. Did Mr. Calderon break the law?

5. Where will Mr. Calderon have to appear?
JUST A LITTLE / JUST A FEW

We say a little for non-count nouns. We say a few for count nouns.

Examples:

Would you like some milk? Just a little, please.

a few oranges

a little water

a few cookies

a little salt

Fill in the blanks with just a little, please or just a few, please.

Example:

Would you like some more tea? Just a little, please.
1. Would you like some more rice? ____________________________________________

2. Would you like some meatballs? __________________________________________

3. Would you like some butter? ____________________________________________

4. Would you like some French fries? ________________________________________

5. Would you like some juice? _____________________________________________
6. Would you like some more cookies?

7. Would you like some popcorn?

8. Would you like some more cake?

9. Would you like some crackers?

10. Would you like some more chicken?
GINA GIVES TANYA SOME ADVICE

There were some beautiful flowers on Tanya’s desk. Gina stopped by and asked Tanya where she got the flowers. Amir left them for her. Gina told Tanya that she just spoke to Amir. He was deciding if he needed to quit his job in order to continue to date Tanya. This news made Tanya sad because she knew that he might get a promotion if he stayed.

Then the telephone rang. It was Mr. Trilling who needed Tanya’s help. She told him that she didn’t have time to help him. She had her own deadlines to meet. Tanya was worried that Amir might quit. Gina suggested to Tanya that she should talk to her aunt about her relationship with Amir.

1. Did Gina give flowers to Tanya?

2. Was Tanya able to help Mr. Trilling?

3. Was Tanya worried about Amir?

4. What should Tanya do to help Amir?
A LOT OF

We can use a lot of with count and non-count nouns. It means much and many.

I have a lot of work to do. (much)
Gustavo has a lot of friends. (many)

Look at the following pictures. Say whether there is a lot of, a little or a few of the items shown in the pictures. Be careful! With count nouns use There are. With non-count nouns use There is.

Examples:

There are a lot of bananas.  There are a few apples.
There is a lot of sugar.    There is a little milk.

1. honey __________________________________________________________

2. apples __________________________________________________________
3. ice cream

4. lemons

5. salad

6. cookies

7. tomatoes
FOCUSED LISTENING WORKSHEET

Watch the video section called “Focused Listening.”
Then circle the correct answer in each group.

SCENE 1

Why did Jack put incorrect shock absorbers on the car?
1. He thought that the customer would like them.
2. He didn’t care about what he was doing.
3. He was following Ray’s instructions.

SCENE 2

Why does Gustavo feel he should get paid?
1. He should get paid because he earned the money.
2. He should get paid because he wants to take Min on a date.
3. He should get paid because he needs to buy new clothes.
UNIT 21 TEST

Circle the correct answers.

   a. a few
   b. a little
   c. a lot

2. Would you like some French fries? Just _____________________, please.
   a. a few
   b. a little
   c. a lot

3. Would you like some more _____________________? Just a little, please.
   a. butter
   b. meatballs
   c. cookies

4. Would you like to take home some _____________________? Just a few, please.
   a. milk
   b. salt
   c. bananas

5. _____________________ a lot of milk in the refrigerator.
   a. Have
   b. There are
   c. There is

6. _____________________ a lot of apples on the table.
   a. There are
   b. Has
   c. There is

7. There is _____________________ butter on my plate.
   a. a few
   b. a little
   c. many

8. There are _____________________ oranges here.
   a. a few
   b. a little
   c. how much
UNIT 21 TEST

9. ___________________________ turn off the light?
   a. Must I do
   b. Where to
   c. Should I

10. ___________________________ turn on the oven?
    a. How to
    b. Do I need to
    c. Should

11. ___________________________ mail this package?
    a. Should I
    b. Needs
    c. Where

12. ___________________________ wash these dishes?
    a. Must
    b. Should
    c. Do I need to

13. I’m hungry. When is our lunch ________________________?
    a. hours
    b. break
    c. food

14. If you are not legal in this country, you are ________________________.
    a. documented
    b. a citizen
    c. undocumented

15. Please give my wife a _________________________. Tell her I will be late for dinner.
    a. paper
    b. note
    c. message

16. Mr. Brown has a ________________________ cold. He can’t come to work today.
    a. very
    b. severe
    c. a lot of
UNIT 21 TEST

17. Tanya has a good salary. She _________________________ a lot of money.
   a. earns
   b. can’t have
   c. takes

18. My car needs a new battery. My mechanic will _________________________ one this afternoon.
   a. has
   b. borrow
   c. install

19. Mr. Behar must _________________________ in court because he didn’t pay his employees.
   a. appear
   b. hold on
   c. earn

20. Please _________________________ . I have another call.
   a. be careful
   b. be on time
   c. hold on
UNIT 21
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 5)
1. appear
2. severe
3. undocumented
4. earn
5. hold on
6. break
7. message
8. install
9. available
10. confirmed

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES
(pages 6 & 7)
2. Should I mail these packages?
3. Do I need to turn on the oven?
4. Should I turn on the oven?
5. Do I need to give the customer a receipt?
6. Should I give the customer a receipt?
7. Do I need to turn off the light?
8. Should I turn off the light?
9. Do I need to start the dishwasher?
10. Should I start the dishwasher?

JUST A LITTLE / JUST A FEW
(pages 11 & 12)
1. Just a little, please.
2. Just a few, please.
3. Just a little, please.
4. Just a few, please.
5. Just a little, please.
6. Just a few, please.
7. Just a little, please.
8. Just a little, please.
9. Just a few, please.
10. Just a little, please.

A LOT OF (pages 14 & 15)
1. There is a lot of honey.
2. There are a few apples.
3. There is a lot of ice cream.
4. There are a lot of lemons.
5. There is a lot of salad.
6. There are a few cookies.
7. There are a lot of tomatoes.

FOCUSED LISTENING (page 16)
1. 3
2. 1