Unit 2

♦ Oral and Written Agreements
♦ Telephone Conversations
♦ Telephone Messages
♦ Questions in the Past Tense
IVAN AND STEFAN HAD AN AGREEMENT

Read the story and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Ivan is in Marta and Jose’s new apartment. He’s trying to fix the stove. He calls Stefan, the owner, but he dials the wrong number. The operator helps him and gives him credit for the wrong number.

When he talks to Ivan, he tells him that the stove and the refrigerator don’t work. They are in need of repair. He is trying to repair major appliances, but Stefan promised him when he hired him that he only needed to do minor repairs. They had an agreement.

Stefan tells Ivan that he doesn’t have enough money to hire qualified people to do major repairs, but he will see what he can do. Ivan is unhappy because he has too much work for one person. Also, Stefan broke his promise and their agreement.

1. Who is the owner of the building?

_________________________________________________________________________

2. Does the stove in Jose and Marta’s apartment work well?

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3. What is Ivan doing to the stove?

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4. The stove doesn’t work, but the refrigerator does. Is that true?

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5. Why is Ivan unhappy with Stefan?

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IVAN AND STEFAN MAKE A NEW AGREEMENT

Ivan is home in his apartment. He’s fixing a toaster. He hears a knock on the door, and he’s surprised when Stefan comes to visit him. Stefan makes a little conversation and Ivan asks him what he wants to talk about.

Stefan tells Ivan that he can hire some more people or he can do the work himself for extra money. Ivan remembers that Stefan made the same oral agreement before. This time, Ivan wants to make it a written agreement. He doesn’t know if he can believe Stefan this time. Stefan promises to honor the agreement. The two men shake hands.

1. What kind of agreement did Stefan and Ivan make the first time?

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2. Did Stefan honor the original agreement with Ivan?

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3. What kind of agreement does Ivan want from Stefan?

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4. What is Ivan doing when Stefan comes in?

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5. Do Ivan and Stefan shake hands?

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VOCABULARY

• apologize    say “I’m sorry”
• commitment    when you have to do something
• credit    money you get back
• fix or repair    make something work again
• honor    do what you say you will do
• invite    ask someone to come
• laborers    workers
• note    a short letter
• oral agreement    when people agree in conversation to do something
• promise    say you will do something
• qualified    is trained and has skills for something
• treat    a gift; something given free
• written agreement    when people write down a commitment
Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary words.

1. I am going to school to become __________________ to work on computers.
2. Jose needs extra help with moving some furniture.  
   He needs to hire some ________________.
3. The students are having a party, and they want to ________________ their friends.
4. Anita bought a broken light. She wants to return it and get ________________.
5. Let’s go out for dinner! You don’t have to pay. It will be my _____________.
6. Mike is not here right now, so I will write him a ___________ to say hello.
7. I’m sorry I can’t ______________ my commitment to come to the meeting. I will ____________ to the people.
8. Ivan is the manager, and part of his job is to ______________ things that are broken.
9. Stefan has a ______________ to Ivan because they made an agreement.
10. You may use my bicycle today if you _____________ to return it today.
11. Tim and Sandy talked about starting a business. They have an ________________.
12. Ana signed the papers to rent a house. She has a __________________________.
JOSE LOOKS FOR A HELPER

Jose and his friend Amir are on the street. Jose is reading a note from a student that he hired to help him move the next day. In the note, the student apologizes because he has a problem and he can’t honor his commitment to Jose. Jose is confused by the expression “honor the commitment.” Amir explains that the student has to break his agreement with Jose.

Jose is unhappy because now he needs someone else to help him. All his friends have to work tomorrow. Amir remembers that many day laborers hang out and look for work near the café where he eats lunch. Maybe Jose can find some help there. Amir invites Jose to lunch, “his treat,” which means that Amir will pay for Jose’s lunch.

1. Does Jose understand the note?

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2. Who is sending Jose the note?

________________________________________________________________________

3. Can the student honor his commitment to Jose?

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4. Does the note make Jose happy?

________________________________________________________________________

5. Who is buying lunch?

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

Study these telephone conversations.

Phone Call # 1
………..rrrrring………..
Atila: Hello?
Ivan: Hello. May I speak to Stefan, please?
Atila: There’s no one here by that name.
Ivan: Is this 555-1363?
Atila: No, it isn’t.
Ivan: I’m sorry. I dialed the wrong number. Goodbye.

Phone Call # 2
………..rrrrring………..
Yoon: Hello?
Ivan: Hi. May I please speak with Stefan?
Yoon: There’s no one here by that name.
Ivan: Is this 555-8742?
Yoon: Yes, it is, but you have a wrong number.
      There is no Stefan living here.
Ivan: That’s all right.

Phone Call # 3
………..rrrrring………..
Roberto: Hello?
Sylvia: Hello. May I speak to Roberto?
Roberto: This is Roberto.
Sylvia: Hi, Roberto! This is Sylvia. How are you?
Roberto: I’m fine. How are you doing?
Sylvia: Very well, Thanks. Today is a beautiful day.
LEAVING MESSAGES

Leaving a message with a person

A: Good afternoon. Denny’s Restaurant.
B: Hello. May I speak with Roberto, please?
A: I’m sorry, he’s not here right now. May I take a message?
B: Yes. Please tell him Sylvia called.
A: OK. What’s your phone number, Sylvia?
B: It’s (213) 555-4463.
A: I’ll give him the message.
B: Thank you very much.

Leaving a message on a machine

Machine: Hello! This is (213) 555-2939. We are not here right now. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message, and we will call you back as soon as possible. Thank you. BEEEEEP.

Sylvia: Hi. This is Sylvia. I’m leaving a message for Roberto. Please call me tomorrow after 5:00 pm. My number is (213) 555-8887. Thank you and a have a nice day.
Fill in the blanks in the following conversation.

You want to speak to Carlos. You dial his number, and his sister says he isn’t home. Leave a message for him to call you.

………rrrrring………

Sister: Hello?
You: Hello. May I _______________________, please?
Sister: I’m sorry. Carlos isn’t in right now. May I take a message?
You: Yes, please ________________ Carlos that __________________, and ask him to _______________ me.
Sister: OK. What’s your number?
You: It’s ________________________.
Sister: I’ll give him the message.
You: __________________________ very much.
Sister: You’re __________________. Goodbye.
JOSE HAS BAD LUCK

Read the story and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Jose just saw that his car has a flat tire. He has a spare tire, but he doesn’t have a jack. Amir saw a nearby service station, so he goes there to borrow a jack. After they change the tire on Jose’s car, they arrive at the café. Jose is looking for help, but they are too late. The workers are not there. Jose is disappointed because he missed his opportunity to find a worker.

1. Why does Jose need a jack?

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2. Where does Amir go to get a jack?

_________________________________________________________________________

3. Do Jose and Amir go to the office after they fix the flat tire?

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4. Do they get to the café in time to find some day laborers?

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5. Is Jose happy or sad that he missed the day laborers?

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JOSE FINDS A NEW FRIEND AND HELPER

Amir and Jose are eating lunch at a table on the restaurant patio. Jose tells Amir that next time, it will be Jose’s treat. Amir agrees when he says, “It’s a deal.”

The waiter sees his friend Gustavo at another table. He’s surprised that Gustavo isn’t working. Gustavo was on the telephone and he missed the work truck. Jose hears their conversation and asks Gustavo if he needs work. Gustavo is excited and he introduces himself to Jose and Amir.

They talk about the job. Jose explains that he needs Gustavo to help him move tomorrow. Gustavo wants more money if he works past 6:00 pm. Jose won’t give him more money, but he offers him a meal. He tells Gustavo that his wife, Marta, is a great cook. Gustavo accepts the job and the dinner. They now have an oral agreement.

1. Do they eat inside the café?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. Does Jose find a day laborer?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. What does Jose want Gustavo to do?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. Do Jose and Gustavo have an agreement?

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5. What kind of agreement do they make?

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PAST TENSE: YES / NO QUESTIONS

Study the questions and answers.

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Examples:

Did Sam Watch TV last night?
Yes, he did.

Did Bob and Diane play basketball?
No, they didn’t.

They played tennis.
Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1. Did Paolo play basketball yesterday?  ___________________________  
   No, he didn’t.  
   He played soccer.  

2. Did Bill and Tom fix their bicycle yesterday?  
   ___________________________  

3. Did Olga clean her house this morning?  
   ___________________________  

4. Did Mr. and Mrs. Picasso play cards last night?  
   ___________________________  

5. Did you wash the car yesterday?

6. Did Tino study math last night?

7. Did you listen to music this afternoon?

8. Did Ivan and Jose work last week?
UNIT 2 TEST

Circle the best answer.

1. On the telephone, “Hello, _____________ I speak with John?”
   a. do
   b. may
   c. am

2. Is this 888-0976? No, it isn’t. I’m sorry, I _____________ the wrong number.
   a. dialed
   b. pushed
   c. played

3. If the person you called isn’t home, you should leave a ________________.
   a. letter
   b. note
   c. message

4. A brief message is a ________________ message.
   a. short
   b. long
   c. interesting

5. ______________ you go to the baseball game yesterday?
   a. Do
   b. Did
   c. Were

6. ______________ Joseph work last night?
   a. Is
   b. Was
   c. Did

7. Did your parents ___________ in Mexico ten years ago?
   a. lived
   b. live
   c. living

8. Did Thomas ___________ to the party last night?
   a. went
   b. goes
   c. go
UNIT 2 TEST

9. Did you work at Charlie’s Bar and Grill last year? Yes, I ____________.
   a. was
   b. do
   c. did

10. Did Caroline practice her piano lessons last week? Yes, she ____________.
    a. does
    b. did
    c. was

11. Did the students come to class on time? No, they ____________.
    a. don’t
    b. didn’t
    c. weren’t

12. Did Willy and Irene play at the beach last weekend? No, they didn’t.
    They ____________ at the park.
    a. play
    b. plays
    c. played

13. Did Harry do his mathematics homework yesterday? No, he didn’t.
    He ________________ his English homework.
    a. do
    b. does
    c. did

14. Jose signed a lease to rent this apartment. He and the manager have ________________.
    a. an oral agreement
    b. a written agreement
    c. a promise

15. The last time I talked to Roberto he promised to pay me $400.00 a month for rent.
    We had ________________.
    a. an oral agreement
    b. a written agreement
    c. a commitment
UNIT 2 TEST

16. I’m getting married and I’m going to ______________ all my friends to my wedding.
   a. take
   b. bring
   c. invite

17. I need to talk to Mr. Lego, but he’s not here. I’ll leave a __________ on his desk.
   a. note
   b. present
   c. appointment

   a. correct
   b. play
   c. repair

19. I need to __________ for my mistake. I am very sorry.
   a. apologize
   b. correct
   c. repair

20. Marco graduated from vocational school with a certificate in carpentry and he also has a lot of professional work experience as a carpenter. He’s very _____________.
   a. right
   b. good
   c. qualified
UNIT 2
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 29)
1. qualified
2. laborers
3. invite
4. credit
5. treat
6. note
7. honor, apologize
8. fix / repair
9. commitment
10. promise
11. oral agreement
12. written agreement

PAST TENSE (pages 37 & 38)
2. No, they didn’t. They fixed their car.
3. Yes, she did.
4. No, they didn’t. They watched TV.
5. No, I didn’t. I washed the dog.
6. No, he didn’t. He studied English.
7. Yes, we did.
8. Yes, they did.