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5YE-2

A: Not a lot of things get me going like politics do.

B: Speaking of politics, who are you voting for?

A: I advise you to avoid this topic before I get really into it.

B: Okay I take it back. Forget that I asked.

5YE-3

A: What have you been doing to fill your schedule?

B: I am in the process of writing a book. What about you?

A: I have my fingers in multiple projects. Staying on that grind.

B: You never slow down, do you?

5YE-4

A: Only once in a blue moon I will consider taking a trip to an onsen.

B: Is there a specific reason for that?

A: Yeah. I don't like settling for low-quality ones.

B: I see so you're the type that only goes to upscale onsens.

5YE-5

A: I wish I could understand people who live in third world countries.

B: I understand. I try to empathize but the truth to the matter is that I don't know anything.

A: It's hard when you have no connection to it. It feels abstract.

B: It's hard to conceptualize. Somethings definitely don't hit me as hard as they should

5YE-6

A: How regularly do you hit the gym?

B: I'm not sure exactly but I'd say as often as possible. Almost every day.

A: That is some dedication. Go you.

B: Well you know what they say, "consistency is everything".

5YE-7

A: Do you have any exciting plans this weekend?

B: Nothing much. Just chilling at home, taking a "me day".

A: That sounds nice. I haven't had a day like that in ages.

B: You should soon! Live a little.

5YE-8

A: I was shocked to hear that Marissa had a shotgun wedding.

B: I'm more surprised that her boyfriend stepped up to the plate.

A: That's true. He struck me as pretty immature.

B: Well as long as they are happy, that is all that matters.

A: Has anyone told you that your fashion sense is always on point.

B: This is the first time. Thank you. It means a lot.

A: No need for thanks. It's not a compliment just an observation.

B: Well thank you. That means even more to me now.

5YE-10

A: What is something you can't go without?

B: I can't go without my phone. It is my life.

A: Ah that's something I really can't relate with.

B: Well that makes sense. You didn't grow up with phones like I did.

5YE-11

A: How long have you felt that getting married later is better?

B: For as long as I can remember.

A: That's interesting. I haven't met many people who think like you.

B: The idea has just started catching on.

5YE-12

A: What is the best coping mechanism for grief?

B: Journaling works for me. Did something happen?

A: Not to me. My friend's mother kicked the bucket.

B: That's too bad. At least now she is in a better place.

5YE-13

A: When would you like to scope out some new restaurants?

B: Saturday works for me. How's your schedule looking?

A: Saturday this week is no good for me. How does Saturday next week sound?

B: No sure. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

5YE-14

A: How would you like your eggs done?

B: I'd like them poached. Can you manage that?

A: I can give it a go. Can't promise anything though.

B: Well as long as you give it the old college try, I'm sure they will taste great.

5YE-15

A: What do you think of the new album Suchmos released?

B: It was different from their other works. The pacing was a bit fast for my taste.

A: I understand that. It wasn't my cup of tea either.

B: Yeah. They should go back to their old sound. It's what made them popular in the first place.

5YE-16

A: How much does it cost to rent an apartment in Japan?

B: It's less expensive than New York in the long run, but the upfront costs are ridiculous.

A: What kind of upfront costs are there?

B: Key money, gift money, cleaning fees, utilities, deposit, and usually two months rent.

A: How much coffee is too much coffee?

B: Can you ever have too much coffee? I think that's impossible.

A: Well you know what they say, "you can have too much of a good thing".

B: Of course, I know I'm just exaggerating to emphasize how much I love coffee.

5YE-18

A: When I think of global politics it gives me a grave headache.

B: You can say that again. Have you been keeping up with what's going on in America?

A: It's quite depressing, therefore I have stopped and started focusing my attention elsewhere.

B: Not surprised. I'm usually optimistic but the news has been giving me a run for my money.

5YE-19

A: Could you guys simmer down? I'm trying to focus.

B: Sorry for disturbing you. Why don't you just go upstairs?

A: No matter where I go I can hear you two. If I were the neighbors I'd call the police.

B: Well good thing you're not the neighbors, huh?

5YE-20

A: Where would you like to spend this weekend?

B: The city life has become kind of drab. I need some spice in my life.

A: How about we visit the countryside? We could rent a cabin or pitch a tent.

B: That sounds like a great idea. I haven't been camping in years.

5YE-21

A: How did you handle your children leaving the nest?

B: I thought about all the great places my husband and I could go to.

A: Isn't that a little cold?

B: Maybe but it helps me keep my sanity.

5YE-22

A: I forgot my calculator, could I borrow yours?

B: Maybe. It depends. How do you ask?

A: May I please borrow your calculator?

B: That's more like it. Since you asked so nicely here you go.

5YE-23

A: Did you hear the news about climate change?

B: Do you really believe that hoax?

A: There seems to be substantial evidence to support the claim.

B: Well you see, the evidence is all fudged to trick us into spending more money.

5YE-24

A: When was the last time you told your mother you love her?

B: I always tell her on her birthday every year.

A: She must be a happy lady, knowing how much you care.

B: Still, I could afford to say it more often.

A: I was debating on whether or not to go to the store.

B: Well why not just go?

A: I feel as though I am procrastinating studying if I do that.

B: You have plenty of time to do both.

5YE-26

A: The other day I made a trip to the corner store and saw you shopping.

B: Why didn't you say "hi"?

A: You looked preoccupied, you were making a beeline to the fruit.

B: Well next time give me a holler!

5YE-27

A: Never have I thought about leaving my rural hometown.

B: Now is better than never. There is so much out there.

A: I'm too firmly rooted in the community to want to leave.

B: I understand it's hard to uproot yourself but I think it's well worth it.

5YE-28

A: I have the feeling it might rain tomorrow. What do you think?

B: You're probably right. Did you check the weather?

A: Nah, why would I do that? I can just feel it in my bones.

B: Well that's not much to go off of.

5YE-29

A: Sometimes I think to myself "English is too difficult for me".

B: What motivates you to keep going?

A: Well I just remind myself that it's a slow process.

B: That is so true. Persistence is the key to mastery.

5YE-30

A: I have been cooped up in my house for weeks.

B: That needs to change! Let's go out on the town and hit up the bars.

A: You know that's not really my thing.

B: That might be true but it's the best place mingle.

5YE-31

A: Have you heard of Chris Abroad? He is a famous Youtuber.

B: Haven't heard of him. How many followers does he have?

A: At least a couple thousand. He's popular with expats in Japan.

B: What kind of content does he make? Travel vlogs?

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