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Lesson Objective

The student shall be able to speak and comprehend both social and business language and demonstrate effective oral communication skills.

Section one

Vocabulary:

Evaluation criteria: ability to understand idioms and use them in sentences:

IDIOM	DEFINITION
1. On the home stretch	To say that you are on the home stretch means that you are approaching the end of something such as a task, a race or a journey.
2. Paddle one's own canoe	If you paddle your own canoe, you do what you want to do without help or interference from anyone.
3. Jump on the bandwagon	If a person or organization jumps on the bandwagon, they decide to do something when it is already successful or fashionable.
4. Miss the boat	If you miss the boat, you fail to take advantage of an opportunity because you don't act quickly enough
5. Drive a hard bargain	A person who drives a hard bargain always makes sure they gain advantage in a business deal

Now complete these examples with one of the idioms and ask someone else to give an example with that idiom:

- 1) All right, sir, you drive a hard bargain. I'll sell you this car for \$12,450.Jane, but I'll sign the contract.
- 2) Don't give up, we are.....
- 3) After years of hard work and commitment to the family business, John decided it was time to.....and set up his own business
- 4) Anyone still hoping for concert tickets will discover they have..... I sent off my university application at the last minute and nearly.....
- 5) When organic food became popular, certain stores were quick toand promote it.

Section two

Timed speaking/ verbal communication and comprehension skills

Evaluation Criteria

- Ability to effectively speak and respond to spoken English in a social or business environment :

Notice: You will have one minute preparation time. In 1-2 minutes, you have to answer to at least one question from one of the groups identified below. As a rule, the examiner will stop You after 2 minutes.

1) Travelling :

- a) Do people in your country like to travel?
- b) How has travelling changed, compared to several decades ago?
- c) When do people travel (as tourists), who do they usually go with?
- d) Do you think travel can (or, does) change people's ways of thinking?
- e) What are the disadvantages of not traveling?

2) International travel :

- a) Do people in your country like to travel abroad?
- b) Can you suggest why some people (from your country) go abroad to work?

**3) Travelling differences :**

- a) If you were traveling with friends, what qualities would you like them to have?
- b) In what ways does a person's wealth affect the quality of that person's traveling experience?
- c) Who do you think learns more from travelling, old people or young people?
- d) Some people like to take a lot of things with them when they travel and other people prefer to take as little as possible. Why do you think people have this difference?

4) Modern Technology and Travel :

- a) In what ways has modern technology changed people's traveling experiences?
 - b) Do you think the internet has had an effect on people's traveling behavior today?
 - c) If you were going on a trip, what essential modern technology would you take with you, and why
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