English: 2Bac (All Streams)

Unit 2 (humour)

Functions : Expressing lack of understanding and asking for clarification

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I- Course

1-1/ Expressing lack of understanding

1. Sorry, I don't understand.
2. Sorry, I didn't get / grasp your point.
3. Sorry, I didn't hear what you said.
4. I'm not sure I follow you.
5. I'm not sure I know what you mean.
6. I don't see what you're getting at.
7. I beg your pardon ?
8. Could you say that again ?
9. Can you repeat, please ?

1-2/ Asking for clarification

1. What do you mean by .... ?
2. Do you mean .... ?
3. What do you mean ?
4. Could you clarify that please ?
5. Could you explain more ?
6. Would you elaborate on that please ?
7. Could you be more explicit ?
8. Could you say that in a different way ?
9. Could you possibly give an example ?

1-3/ Expressing Request

making requests		accepting	declining
- Can you - Will you - Would you -Could you please - Could you possibly - I wonder if you could	+ infinitive ... ?	-Yes of course - certainly - Why not? - sure - With pleasure - The pleasure's mine -of course not. - Not at all.	- Sorry, I can't - I'm afraid, I can't. - I'm afraid not. - I wish I could, but....
- Would you mind	+ gerund ... ?		

II- Practice 1

Express the same function in a different way :

- Teacher, sorry I didn't get your point.

- Could you be more explicit please ?

- What do you mean by “lack of understanding" ?

- I'm not sure I follow you.

- Could you explain more ?

III- Practice 2

Respond to the following situations :

- You didn't hear well your teacher's explanation. (Express lack of understanding)

- Your teacher's question is not clear enough. (ask for clarification)

- Your doctor is telling you what food to avoid eating. (ask for clarification)

- Your friend is showing you how to download an application from the internet. (express lack of understanding)

- You didn't grasp the word "witty” when the teacher explained it. (ask for clarification)

IV- Practice 3

Complete the following conversations :

1) A student wants the teacher to correct his paper.

- Student (express a request) :

- Teacher (accept his request) :

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2) A tourist wants to go to the post office but he doesn't know the way.

- Tourist (express a request) :

- You (decline his request) :

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3) You want your friend to lend you some money.

- You (express a request) :

- Your friend (accept his request) :

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4) The homework is difficult for you.

- You (express a request) :

- Your friend (decline his request) :
