

AWC TC6 Communication Quality component: Preview

Task 1. Match each word (1-13) or phrase with a definition (a-m)

How to do this task?

Step 1. Listen out for the phrase in the conversation

Step 2. Do this task. *Share a screenshot in your class group before the class.* Your teacher will check your responses during the class.

1. fill in
 2. **sth is** behind smn
 3. chilly
 4. pick-up
 5. cuisine
 6. figure out
 7. look into
 8. apparently
 9. vibe
 10. dietary requirements
 11. go out of one's way
 12. down time
 13. take place
- a) find a good solution/answer to a question/problem
 - b) kind of cold
 - c) come to a place to get the person and take them to another place
 - d) be in the past
 - e) according to what I heard
 - f) happen
 - g) atmosphere, feeling
 - h) find out more details about sth
 - i) try really hard
 - j) complete a form with your information
 - k) specific needs related to the food you can/choose to eat
 - l) a special style of food in a certain country or region
 - m) time off

Gapped Transcript

Amber (China) and Seth (overseas) are two colleagues talking about the business trip arrangements.

Amber: Hi Seth, how was your weekend?

Seth: Good thanks, and _____?

Amber: **Not too bad at all. I just want to double check whether you _____** your business trip next month?

Seth: Yes, _____ is done, the flights have been booked, I have even already filled in my health _____ form and it's all _____ now.

Amber: Ah, that's right, you still need to fill in health forms when _____ China, **don't you? Do you still need to** take a _____ test?

Seth: No, **thankfully, that's _____** now.

Amber: **Indeed!**

Seth: **That reminds me,** do I need to send you any information?

Amber: **Would it be possible to** send through those flight details so we can arrange your _____?

Seth: **Of course! That's very kind of you. I appreciate that.**

Amber: **It's not a problem. Just to _____,** you'll be here from the 4th until the 10th, is that right?

Seth: Yes, that's right. **Could you** go over the schedule?

Amber: **No problem.** So, **we've** arranged quite a few meetings and _____ a tour of our labs. **That will take up most of** Monday and Tuesday. **If all goes well, you should be able to** have _____ relax after that before we travel to our manufacturing plant in Ningbo.

Seth: **That sounds good.** Now I just need to figure out what places to see during my _____ **Do you have any suggestions?**

Amber: **That's a good question.** Do I have any suggestions? You know, I haven't really been out in Beijing for a while.

Seth: **I'm the same.** I haven't even had a night out in town for awhile. **Let me know _____** anything.

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Amber: Well, **something you should make a high priority is** dressing warm. Beijing **will probably be** pretty _____ next month.

Seth: Will do. Are there any activities _____ at that time?

Amber: **What do you mean by** activities?

Seth: Um, festivals, concerts, national holidays, that kind of thing. **It would be good to plan in advance** if I could.

Amber: **Considering** the time of year, **I'm afraid I don't think there will be**. **At least** not any of the big ones. We just had National Day, and Spring Festival is normally around late January/Early February. But Beijing does have some smaller _____ that I can look into.

Seth: **What kind of** smaller festivals?

Amber: My colleague went to a 'coffee festival' the other day. **There's a good chance that** there will be _____ happening while you're here.

Seth: What's a coffee festival? **I didn't think** China drank much coffee. **At least not enough to** have a festival about it.

Amber: **At this stage**, at least in Beijing, it's definitely more popular than tea. My department would grind to a halt without coffee. We're all _____ coffee drinkers.

Seth: Oh wow, **I definitely had a different impression**. So what was this festival like?

Amber: **I only have second-hand information, but from what** my colleague said, the organisers had rented out an area in the park and over a hundred different coffee sellers had stalls. There was _____ some entertainment in the form of live music.

Seth: (skeptical) Coffee-related music?

Amber: Hah, no, just some local bands. **Apparently** it had a nice...**what's the word**...kind of means 'feeling or atmosphere', **begins with** a 'v'.

Seth: Oh, **I think you mean** 'vibe'

Amber: **That's the** _____! So, is that the type of thing you are interested in?

Seth: Something like that. **I was thinking of something more** _____, but now I think it's best to just do whatever's available.

Amber: **As** it's going to be your first time in China, I will try to make it a memorable trip. I've already **made** _____ for us to go to some traditional restaurants in the evenings of the days when we are working.

Seth: **I appreciate that. What kind of** restaurants **did you have in mind**?

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Amber: Beijing has restaurants from all over China, so we can find almost every kind of Chinese _____. Do you have any dietary requirements or preferences?

Seth: No, **fortunately**, I can eat anything. **I tend to prefer** spicy food **though**.

Amber: OK, **that's good to know**. **I should've** asked you first. I was worried about taking you to a restaurant where everything was too spicy for you. I will look at some other options and **rearrange**.

Seth: Oh, I don't want you to go out of your way. I'm sure your _____ choices are fine.

Amber: **It's fine**. I've booked so far in advance there won't be any trouble. And, **to be honest**, I prefer spicy food too.

Seth: **If that's the case, then please go ahead**.

Amber: I have to go now. **I'll be sure to** look into some _____ activities for you to do on your days off. **It might be a good option to** arrange the tickets for some traditional Chinese Opera and a tour of a couple of very special Beijing museums. **I'll let you know if I** find anything that looks _____.

Seth: **That sounds like a plan**. **I'll let you go for now**. **Speak soon**.

Amber: **Bye for now**.

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