

ESL Radio Show – Episode_6

De'ja: Hello Everyone. I am De'ja, an ESL professor from International College.

Shabnam: Hi. I am Shabnam, an ESL professor from International College as well.

Welcome back to **ESL Radio Show Episode_6**. The Radio show focuses on English communication among non-native students. Today, what we have in our baggage to talk about it

- The Library in “**English at University**”
- An American song.

Let's start the Radio show with the topic “The Library” in **English at University**. How are you feeling these days De'ja?

De'ja: Do you know “Yellow Dust”? It's really annoying me these days.

Shabnam: Please do wear mask and stay from all kind of dust. So, here we go with our series on **English at University**.

English at University - the series that teaches some English phrases to help you through your first year of study abroad.

The Library

Narrator

New student Sujin is settling into university life but still hasn't visited the most important place you'll need to go to, to help you with your studies. It's a great place for a bookworm like Sujin– it's the library. So Sujin, have you got your library card with you?

Sujin: Yes, I've got it thanks.

Narrator

And your reading list – the list of books you need to read for this year's course?

Sujin: I've got it here... I just need to find the books now. Ah, here I am now – The Library.

AMANDA: Next...

Sujin AMANDA! Do you work here *as well*?

AMANDA: Yes, we tend to double up round here. It's the funding cuts – the university's not got that much money – anyway dear, I suppose you're looking for some books?

Sujin: Yes, that's right. Where can I find books about business please?

AMANDA: Down there, turn left, then right, then to the end... under 'B'... B for biology...

Sujin: and 'Business'. Thanks.

Oh no... oh dear... none of the books I need are here!

Narrator

Oh dear Sujin. A bibliophile like you – someone who loves reading - needs to get to the library early if you want to get the books you need - but don't worry, I'm sure you can reserve them.

Sujin: Reserve them? But what do I say?

Narrator

Go and ask AMANDA to check if she has your books in stock – and if not ask if she can reserve them for you – and see if she can put them by for you... that means keep them for a period of time until you can collect them...

Sujin: OK, I'll do just that. Thanks.

AMANDA: Next! Oh it's you again... any luck?

Sujin: No, I'm afraid not. I can't find anything. Please could you check if you have any of these in stock.

AMANDA: No... no... no. Sorry, no. It looks like a DANIEL SMYTHE has them all out at the moment.

Sujin: Oh dear. Well, perhaps you could reserve them for me please?

AMANDA: Of course, dear.

Sujin: OK. So could you put them by for me when they come in please?

AMANDA: Certainly, dear. We'll send you an email when they're back in.

Sujin: ...and when do you think they will be available?

AMANDA: Let's have a look... three weeks' time.

Sujin: Three weeks? That's too late! I need them for my studies.

Narrator

Don't panic Sujin, I'm sure we'll find a solution. But well done for trying to get hold of those important course text books. You've managed to ask for help and at least reserve the books you need, using these useful phrases...down below in the manuscript.

You can practise these phrases, pick up a few more plus learn some top tips about studying in abroad on our website at ic.suwon.ac.kr/extra-programs/esl-radio-podcast Now, Sujin's back in her room. Before she can hit the books – I mean study hard - she needs to get hold of some text books for the next lecture so what's she going to do?

Abi: Oh hi Sujin. Something on your mind?

Sujin: Yes, all the textbooks I need have been taken out of the library.

Abi: Oh never mind, there's never time to read those *boring* books anyway... but hold on... I think I did buy some of them when I was in the first year... let's have a look... there, how about this one?

Sujin: 'Mind Your Own Business'! – yes, that's one of them – it looks almost new. Thanks Abi!

Abi: Don't mention it. I don't think I ever read it. You can keep it. Now come on, it's time to eat.

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Next

In the next episode, Sujin goes to the canteen with Abi to get some food - but Sujin hasn't quite worked out the system for getting what she wants.

Language focus: Learn phrases about asking for help finding a book:

Please could you check if you have any of these books in stock?

Could you reserve them for me please?

Could you put them by for me when they come in please?

When do you think they will be available?

Could you see if you have any of these books available to borrow?

Could I book them for as soon as they next become free?

Could you set them aside for me when they get handed in?

Do you know when they are due to be returned?

Vocabulary: Words and phrases about people who love books, and reading.

a bookworm

a bibliophile

hit the books

I'm A Believer

By The Monkees

I thought love was only true in fairy tales
Meant for someone else but not for me.
Love was out to get me
That's the way it seemed.
Disappointment haunted all my dreams.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

I thought love was more or less a given thing,
Seems the more I gave the less I got.
What's the use in tryin'?
All you get is pain.
When I needed sunshine I got rain.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

Love was out to get me
Well that's the way it seemed
Dissapointment haunted all my dreams

But then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

I'm a believer, I'm a believer yeah yeah

An American song
