Your English Toolbox

VOCABULARY · EPISODE 220

Are You Still Open? Asking About Opening Hours

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Key words & expressions · English

9 learning entries

Study task: Review the audio expressions, then practise the entries labelled Web extra separately.

1

Are you still open?

DEF

A question asking whether a place continues to serve customers now.

Still focuses on the present; it is especially useful near closing time.

Excuse me, are you still open?

The café was open earlier, but is it still open now?

2

What time do you close?

DEF

A question asking for the time a place stops being open.

Use open instead of close to ask for the starting time.

What time do you close today?

They close at eight, so we have time for a visit.

3

in ten minutes

DEF

Ten minutes from the present moment.

This expresses time remaining, rather than a particular clock time.

We close in ten minutes.

The information desk opens in ten minutes.

4

Are you open on Sundays?

DEF

A question asking whether a place normally opens on Sundays.

On Sundays suggests a recurring pattern; this Sunday refers to a particular date.

Are you open on Sundays?

Are you open this Sunday, even though it is a holiday?

5

What are your opening hours?

WEB EXTRA - not spoken in the episode

DEF

A question asking for the usual times a place opens and closes.

A neutral, polite question useful when planning a visit.

What are your opening hours during the week?

Could you tell me your opening hours for the museum?

6

Are you open on bank holidays?

WEB EXTRA - not spoken in the episode

DEF

A question asking whether a place opens on public holidays in the UK.

Bank holiday is the usual UK term for a public holiday; opening hours may differ.

Are you open on bank holidays, or do you close?

Is the library open on the bank holiday next Monday?

7

Do you close for lunch?

WEB EXTRA - not spoken in the episode

DEF

A question asking if a place shuts temporarily around lunchtime.

Useful for businesses with a midday break; it does not imply closing for the day.

Do you close for lunch, or are you open all afternoon?

Does the pharmacy close for lunch on Saturdays?

8

When is the last entry?

WEB EXTRA - not spoken in the episode

DEF

A question asking for the latest time visitors are allowed to enter.

Common at museums and attractions; last entry can be earlier than closing time.

When is the last entry to the museum?

The gallery closes at six, but last entry is at five thirty.

9

Do I need to book a time slot?

WEB EXTRA - not spoken in the episode

DEF

A question asking if a particular period must be reserved in advance.

A time slot is a specific period allocated for an appointment or visit.

Do I need to book a time slot before I visit?

We booked a morning time slot for the exhibition.