

Speaking Practice Set 3: Conversation and Question**Directions:** Here is the transcript.

Narrator Now listen to a conversation between two students.

Male student Hey, Jennifer! How are things going?

Female student Well, I'm relieved it's the end of the semester, but that's actually part of my problem.

Male student What do you mean?

Female student Can you believe this? My computer broke yesterday, so it's at the shop being repaired. It won't be ready until the end of next week, which is when all my papers are due.

Male student Why not use the computer lab? They've got lots of machines there.

Female student I know. But it gets so noisy there that I can't keep my mind on my work. I mean, when I'm at the computer, I'm not just typing—I'm thinking, so I need quiet to concentrate.

Male student Maybe you could try going in the morning or evening—it might be less noisy then.

Female student Maybe, but this time of year, everybody's working on papers, and it could be crowded even then.

Male student Hmmmm. What about calling back the computer repair shop to see if they can have your computer ready at the beginning of next week instead? That would still give you enough time to finish your papers by the end of the week.

Female student Oh, I hadn't thought of that. The only problem is that the shop is closed today and tomorrow for the long holiday weekend. So it would be a few days before I could talk to them.

Directions: Give yourself 20 seconds to prepare your response to the following question. Then record yourself speaking for 60 seconds.

48. The speakers discuss two possible solutions to the woman's problem. Briefly summarize the problem. Then state which solution you recommend and explain why.

PREPARATION TIME: 20 seconds

RESPONSE TIME: 60 seconds