

Expressing gratitude

COMMUNICATION

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Intermediate

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English






Goals

- Can recognise and recall a range of formal and informal ways of expressing gratitude.
- Can identify and explain in which context these expressions are to be used.





When somebody helps us with something, we usually want to **express our gratitude**. We do this by saying **thank you!**



Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you are going to learn some ways to **express gratitude** to different people in your life.



I can't thank you enough!

Expressing gratitude formally

On the following pages, you will find some phrases to help you **express your gratitude formally**. You can use them with **people you don't know** very well or perhaps your **boss** or a **senior colleague** at work.

I really **appreciate** it.

to be grateful to someone for something

To be grateful means **to be thankful**. If you are **grateful**, you usually **tell** someone or **show** them that you feel that way.



I'm really grateful to you for your help.

appreciate

We use the word **appreciate** when we are **thanking** someone or showing them we are **grateful**.

It means we **recognise** that someone has done something **good** for us.



I **appreciate** it.



We really **appreciate** that!



Unscramble

to John

for

it.

I

I'm grateful

his help.

really

appreciate



your

help with

this.

I appreciate



Speaking

What would you say to show you are grateful in these situations?



Your boss gives you an extra two days to work on a presentation because you couldn't finish it in time.



A senior colleague you have never met before offers to introduce you to a key contact at work.



Expressing gratitude to close friends and colleagues

When you are **expressing your gratitude** to **close friends** and **colleagues**, you can be more **informal**. You also might want to tell them that you will **return the favour**.



Thank you, **you're a life-saver!**

I can't thank you enough

It means a lot to me

You can use both of these phrases when someone has done something **important** that you are **very grateful** for.



I can't thank you enough, Alex!



Thank you, **it means a lot to me.**



New words

Thanks a lot
for...

Thanks a lot for reading my report.

You really
saved the day!

Chloe, you really saved the day by looking after Jack today.

You're a life-
saver!

You're a life-saver, thanks!

I owe you one!

Thanks Jen, I owe you one!

Seriously though, thanks!



Seriously though, thanks – you're a great friend.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps using the words at the side.

1. You really saved the _____.
2. It _____ a lot to me.
3. I owe you _____!
4. Seriously _____, thanks.
5. I can't thank you _____.
6. Thanks a lot _____ that.
7. You're a life-_____.

one

enough

day

saver

means

though

for



Categorise

Which of these phrases would you use with close friends and colleagues? Which would you use with your boss? Give reasons for your answers as your classmates might have different ideas.

You really saved the day!

I owe you one!

I really appreciate that!

I can't thank you enough.

I'm very grateful to you for helping.

It means a lot to me.

Seriously though, thanks.

Thanks a lot for helping me.

Close friends

My boss



Speaking

Which phrases would you use to express your gratitude in these situations? Compare your answers with a classmate or your teacher.

Your friend is taking care of your daughter while you go to the doctor.

Your mum just helped you change the tyre on your car.

Your colleague helped you improve a report before you gave it to your boss.

Your partner made dinner after you'd had a long day at work.



Dialogue

Fill in the gaps in this dialogue and then practise it with a classmate.



Kelly, you're a _____-saver! I didn't see that those figures were wrong and Pete gets so angry about those kinds of things.

Don't worry about it - it only took me 5 minutes.



Only 5 minutes! You're a maths genius. _____ though, thanks.



Write a dialogue

Write your own dialogue similar to the one above then read it through with a classmate or your teacher.





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no

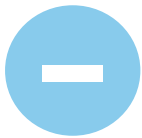
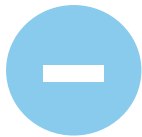




Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





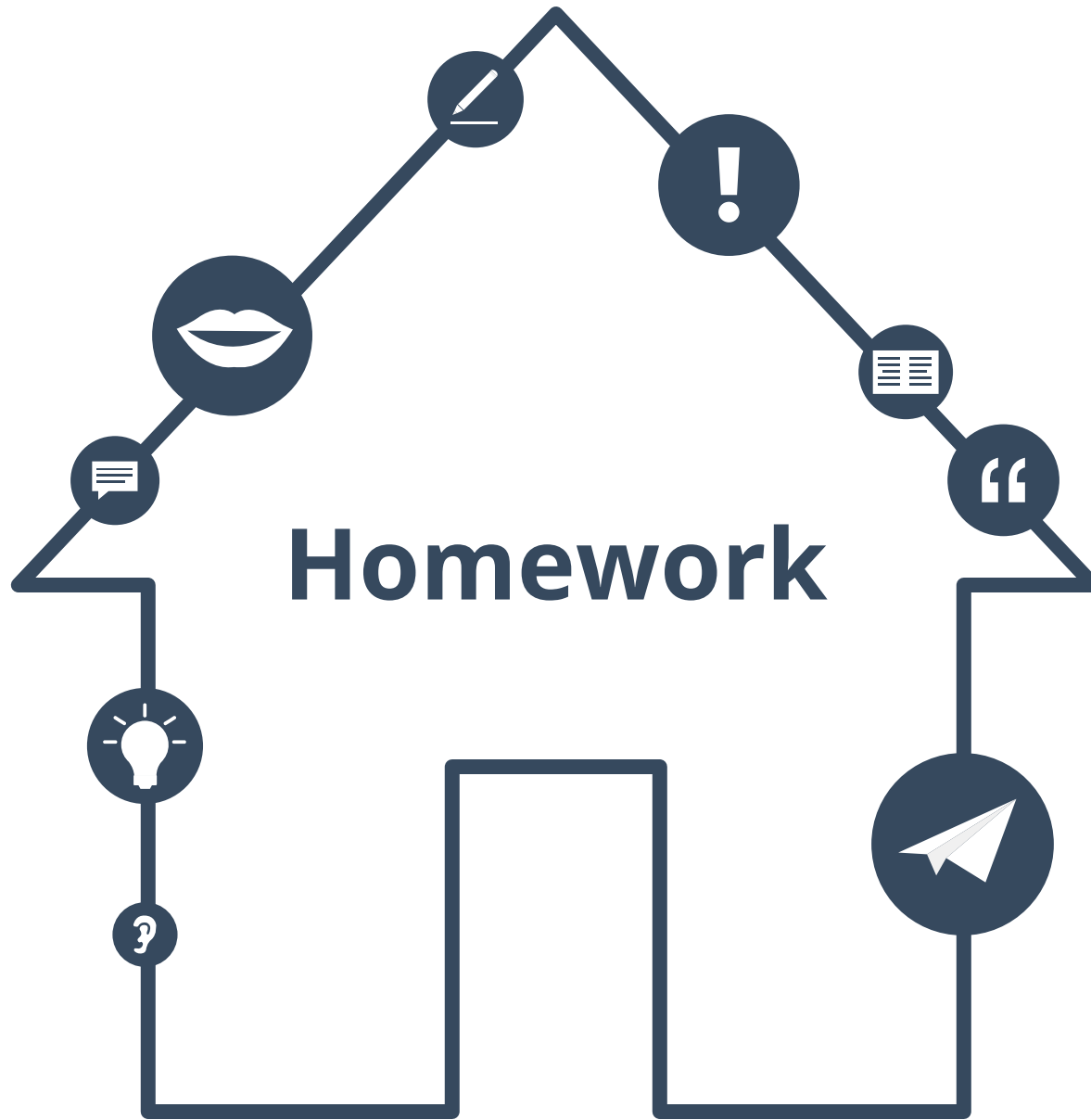
Answer key

Exercise p. 8
I'm grateful to John for his help. I really appreciate it. I appreciate your help with this.

Exercise p. 14
1. day, 2. means, 3. one, 4. though, 5. enough, 6. for, 7. saver

Exercise p. 15
Students' own answers

Exercise p. 17
life, seriously





Unscramble

A

It to me.
a lot means

B

your help. you for
grateful to I'm really

C

the You really
saved day!

D

thank enough.
you I can't



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 23
A. It means a lot to me. B. I'm really grateful to you for your help. C. You really saved the day! D. I can't thank you enough.



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