

Transferring Professional Degrees

OBJECTIVES

In this episode you will:


- *Learn about asking questions in the past tense.*
- *Learn about transferring professional degrees and licenses.*

INTRODUCTION

 Video script

- ABROCADABRO** The Wizard and Abrocadabro are sitting on the sofa.
Hi. Welcome to English for All. Today we'll learn about transferring professional degrees and licenses.
- WIZARD** Hey, that's my line.
- ABROCADABRO** Oh, I think I like your job. Do you mind? Thank you. If you were a nurse or a teacher or an engineer in your native country, you'd do what is necessary to have the same profession here in the United States.
- WIZARD** Right. Thank you. Today, you will also learn about asking questions in the past. Pay close attention.

VOCABULARY

 Read and learn these words

Intelligent	Steal
Talented	Equipment
Degree	Burglary
Native country	Strange
Cash register	Scare
Robbed	Break into
Security camera	Councilman
Surveillance	Replace
Tattoo	Nurse
Out of focus	Stole

 Put these words in alphabetical order. Use numbers 1-20.

1. Intelligent		11. Steal	
2. Talented		12. Equipment	
3. Degree		13. Burglary	
4. Native country		14. Strange	
5. Cash register		15. Scare	
6. Robbed		16. Break into	1
7. Security camera		17. Councilman	
8. Surveillance		18. Replace	
9. Tattoo		19. Nurse	
10. Out of focus		20. Stole	

COMPREHENSION

 Read and understand

SANDWICH SHOP

Tony and Bill walk into the shop. They notice the cash register is gone. They discover more things missing. The shop is a mess.

TONY The door's open. What happened?
BILL Oh, no.

As they look around more, they realize...

TONY Where's the cash register? We've been robbed.
BILL Did you lock the door last night?

TONY *(depressed)* Of course I did. Who would break into a sandwich shop?
BILL Maybe our security camera caught them.

Tony and Bill walk up to it.

TONY They spray painted it.
BILL We'll never catch them.

SANDWICH SHOP

Shot of a picture showing hand holding a spray can. Bill and Tony sit at a table with DETECTIVE CASTILLO, Latino 30' s.

DETECTIVE These are the pictures we printed. Not much help.

TONY Hey, look at this one. If you look closely, there is a tattoo of a snake on his hand.

DETECTIVE Hmm. I don't know. Maybe. Still, an out of focus picture of a snake tattoo is not much to go on.

BILL This has never happened before. Why anyone want to steal an empty cash register and some old equipment?

DETECTIVE This is not a common burglary. Did you notice anyone strange come into your shop recently?

TONY No.

DETECTIVE Maybe someone's trying to scare you. Mr. Park, do you have any enemies?

TONY Enemies? No I don't think so.

DETECTIVE Good. Listen, I'm going to put this report in. I suggest you get a new surveillance system. If you could think of anything to help me, just give me a call.

BILL Thank you, detective.

DETECTIVE You're welcome.

TONY Thank you.

DETECTIVE Have a nice day gentlemen.

ADULT SCHOOL

Tony, Eva and Tipsuree are talking.


TIPSUREE Why would someone want to break into your shop?

EVA Sounds like someone wants to put you out of business.

TONY But why?


EVA I'll talk to my husband. He's a city councilman. Maybe he can find out something that can help you.

- TONY** Thanks, Eva. In the meantime, I need to find an extra job. Uncle Bill and I spent all our savings replacing what was stolen.
- TIPSUREE** An extra job? Like what?
- TONY** I don't know. Do you have any ideas?
- EVA** Well, let's see. What did you do in Korea?
- TONY** I was a pharmacist.
- EVA** A pharmacist? I didn't know that. Why aren't you doing that now?
- TONY** Oh, I came over to take over my father's business.
- TIPSUREE** But wouldn't you rather be a pharmacist?
- TONY** Of course. But I know can never get my license here. It's impossible to do.
- TIPSUREE** It's not impossible. I was a nurse in Thailand. I'm transferring my credentials so I can be a nurse here.
- TONY** Really? Isn't it hard to transfer credentials?
- TIPSUREE** No. I only needed to take a few courses.
- TONY** Did you have to take any tests?
- TIPSUREE** Oh, yes. The TOEFL exam.
- TONY** An exam?
- TIPSUREE** Yes, the test of English as a foreign language. You have to take it to show how much English you know.
- TONY** I don't think I could take an exam in English.
- EVA** Sure you can, Tony. Your English is very good.
- TONY** You don't understand. I can't take exams in English...
- EVA** Well, maybe you don't need to take it. Go to a counselor and find out what you need to do to transfer your credits.
- TIPSUREE** That would be great if you could be a pharmacist here.
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 Next to the number, write Y for a correct statement , N for incorrect.

- Y 1. The sandwich shop was robbed
- ___ 2. The shop had a security camera
- ___ 3. The detective is trying to help Tony and his uncle
- ___ 4. The detective shows them a clear picture
- ___ 5. One of the pictures shows a tattoo of a tiger
- ___ 6. The cash register is gone
- ___ 7. The detective tells Tony to hire a security guard
- ___ 8. Tony says he has many enemies
- ___ 9. Tony thanks the detective
- ___ 10. Tony and his uncle are unhappy

LIFE SKILLS

 Read and understand

COUNCILMAN PACHECO' S STUDY

COUNCILMAN Pacheco does paper-work.

EVA Honey?

DR. PACHECO Yes.

EVA Do you remember that sandwich shop I told you about?

DR. PACHECO Yeah.

EVA Somebody broke in and stole everything.

DR. PACHECO That's odd. Why would anyone want to break into a sandwich shop?

EVA Exactly. It seems like someone is trying to put the owners out of business. Do you know why someone would do that?

DR. PACHECO Maybe the property is worth something. Where is that shop located?

EVA It's on, um, Sixth Street right across from the Post Office.

DR. PACHECO That area may be up for redevelopment. Let me take a look.

EVA Thanks, Hon.

EVENING COUNSELOR' S OFFICE

Tony at the counter.

COUNSELOR Now let me understand this. You want to get a pharmacist's license in this country?

TONY Yes.

The COUNSELOR is a friendly sort.

COUNSELOR Were you a pharmacist before?

TONY Yes.

COUNSELOR And you were a pharmacist before, right?

TONY Yes.

COUNSELOR Where did you get your license?

TONY In Korea. I was a pharmacist for five years. I have a lot of experience. So I don't need to take any exams. Right?

COUNSELOR I'm sorry. You have to take the TOEFL Exam. Many people have to take it in order to go to college or to transfer licenses like this one.

TONY Do I really have to?

COUNSELOR Yes, you do. Look, let me get you some information.

She hands him a brochure.

TONY Thank you.

SANDWICH SHOP

Tony is at a table looking at the brochure. Michael (with glasses) and Bill come in.

MICHAEL Hi, Dad.?

TONY Hey, son.

MICHAEL What's that?

TONY It's the application for a special test. I don't want to do it.

BILL What is it for?

TONY *(hesitating)* It's the test to show I know English. So I can get my pharmacist license here.

- BILL** So what's the problem?
TONY I don't want to take this test.
BILL But sometimes doing what makes you happy takes work.
TONY I don't have to be a pharmacist. I own a sandwich shop now. There is nothing wrong with selling sandwiches.
BILL No, there's nothing wrong with selling sandwiches if that's what you want to do. I think you are saying you are not going to be a pharmacist because you are too scared to take this test.
- Tony thinks hard.*
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Read and understand

Transfer your degree, license or course credit from your country

Many people who come to the United States have been professionals in their native countries or have achieved a certain level of education. Some are teachers, dentists, lawyers and doctors and could easily do those jobs here but they don't speak enough English. As a result, they are forced to take jobs as gardeners, dishwashers, etc. The good news is that it is possible to transfer professional degrees and licenses from other countries. Of course, there are restrictions and it's important to remember the following:

- Each profession has its own requirements and rules for transferring.
 - Most professions and licenses require a passing grade on the TOEFL exam. This test measures how much English the person knows
 - Some university and high school courses taken in the country of origin may be transferred. Speak with the school Counselor.
 - Usually there are fees involved when transferring credits or degrees
 - A transfer of degree or license does not guarantee employment in your profession
 - ▪ Schools, the Internet and public libraries are excellent sources to find out about transferring degrees and courses.
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Prescription Drugs4U Pharmacy	
Michael Park 1320 Santee Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90002 (213) 555-6677 Place of birth: Korea Date of birth: 3/7/91	Date: May 7, 2001 Doctor: Valerio Madrigal Prescription #: 2133221 Expiration: May 2002
Indication:	To reduce inflammation, take 1 capsule three times a day with meals until finished
Special instructions:	Do not take on an empty stomach.

 Next to the number, write T for a true statement, F for false.

- a 1. What is this?
a. a prescription b. a teacher's note
2. Who is this for?
a. Tony Park b. Michael Park
3. Where does Michael live?
a. Los Angeles b. Chicago
4. How many capsules a day does Michael need to take?
a. 3 b. 213
5. What is the name of the pharmacy?
a. Drug b. Drugs4U
6. When does the medicine expire?
a. May 2002 b. 2001
7. What is the medicine for?
a. Inflammation b. Stomachache
8. Who is the doctor?
a. Dr. Madrigal b. Tony Park

SPECIAL SKILLS

 Video script

WIZARD Easy right? Let's go back to our story and see what Tony decides.

CREEPY CLASSROOM

Tony is sitting at a desk by himself. He's taking a test with the proctor from hell!!
PROCTOR Welcome to the TOEFL Exam. Let's begin. What do you get when you mix a subject with a verb?

TONY I don't know.

A buzzard shocks Tony.

PROCTOR Wrong answer!

TONY I don't want to take this test. I'm going to make this sandwich shop the best in the world.

TIPSUREE If you're so unhappy, why don't you just take the TOEFL Exam and be a pharmacist here?

TONY Leave me alone, okay?

TIPSUREE What's the matter with you?

PHARMACIST Hi. Um, just a tuna sandwich, please. Wait a second. Oh, how are you?

TONY How are you?

I know you. Pack-ee-un-jen [ph], right?

Yeah

PHARMACIST We studied together in Korea. We were in the same pharmacy school.

TONY Oh, yes.

PHARMACIST I didn't know you lived here.

TONY Yes, I have been here for a few years.

PHARMACIST Wait. You're not a pharmacist?

TONY No.

PHARMACIST Oh, well, you were the best student. So I mean we all thought you'd be running your own pharmacy by now.

TONY No.

PHARMACIST You know, I'm a pharmacist. I -- I transferred my credentials. And I took that easy TOEFL Exam. I was so much easier than that pharmacy exam we took in Korea.

Tony looks at him. Tips hands him the change. Tony seems devastated.

TONY Five dollars.

PHARMACIST Oh. Well, thanks. I hope to see you around.

TONY It isn't fair. She never studied and she always got into trouble in class.

TIPSUREE You see, Tony she said it was easy to transfer the credits and take the TOEFL Exam. You'd be so much happier.

TONY I I said no. I'm done studying and taking exams.

TIPSUREE Well, I'm sorry, Tony. I think I'm done being unhappy around you.

Tipsuree leaves.

TONY Wait..

ROSALINDA'S LIVING ROOM

Wizard is now resigned that Abrocadabro does the work.
ABROCADABRO Looks like Tony needs another chance. Let's give it to him. And action!

SANDWICH SHOP

TONY I want to be a pharmacist here. I'm going to work very hard to get a good score on the TOEFL Exam.
MICHAEL Good. And I'll help you study, Dad. (LATER) What.
TONY What did we eat last night.
MICHAEL Where.
TONY Where did we eat last night.
MICHAEL Good.

BILL'S DINING ROOM

TONY Tony studies with Michael. Phone rings.
Hello?

TIPSUREE TIPS HOUSE
Hi, Tony. It's Tipsuree. I just wanted to wish you good luck.
TONY Thank you Tipsuree.
TIPSUREE So are you nervous?
TONY A little bit.
TIPSUREE Don't worry. I know you will do well.
TONY I hope so.

TESTING ROOM

Tony takes test. Same PROCTOR is there supervising. But She's the nicest lady in the world.

PROCTOR Good luck.

SANDWICH SHOP

Tony is talking to Tipsuree. Bill brings the mail.
BILL (WITH LETTER) This one is for you. It looks official.


Tony gets the anxiously awaited letter.
TONY This is the...
TIPSUREE The results of your test? Open it. *Tony opens it. Makes a sad face.* What?
TONY I made it!! Oh, it says I got 610.
BILL So now you are pharmacist here?
TONY Not yet. I still have a long way to go. But I know I can do it.
TIPSUREE I'm so proud of you!!

Everyone is gone. Bill sits with Tony and hands him an envelope.
BILL Tony, I need to talk to you.
TONY Okay.

BILL I just got this. The doctor wants me to start new treatment. This is how much the treatment will cost.
TONY Wow, a lot of money. But you have insurance right?
BILL I do. But insurance doesn't cover this yet. This is new. I really don't have to do this, I guess.
TONY Oh, Uncle Bill. Of course you should do it. Then I think...
BILL No Tony. Don't think about it.
TONY No, we must sell the sandwich shop.
BILL No there must be another way.
TONY There is no other way.
BILL Tony.

Tony pauses for a moment then gets the phone.
TONY Don't worry. We'll be okay. (ON PHONE) (to phone) Mr. Tran-za? Yes. This is Tony Park. We are ready to sell the shop.

Medical History Form	
William (Bill) Park 1320 Santee Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90002 (213) 555-6677 Place of birth: Korea Date of birth: 9/13/48	
Date:	May 17, 2001
Doctor:	Valerio Madrigal
Have you ever had or been diagnosed with:	
Diabetes	No
Tuberculosis	No
Heart condition	Yes
High cholesterol	No
High blood pressure	Yes

 Read the information above and choose the correct answer.

- b_1. What is this?
a. a prescription b. a medical history form. c. a registration
2. Who is this for?
a. Tony Park b. Michael Park c. Bill Park

- ___3. Where does Bill live?
a. Los Angeles b. Chicago c. Santee
- ___4. Does Bill have problems with his heart?
a. Yes b. No c. I don't know
- ___5. Bill doesn't have
a. high blood pressure b. diabetes c. heart condition
- ___6. Bill is at
a. the hospital b. the bank c. the shop
- ___7. Where is Bill from?
a. Mexico b. Korea c. Los Angeles
- ___8. Who is the doctor?
a. Michael b. Tony Park c. Dr. Madrigal
- ___9. What is the date on the form?
a. May 17, 2001 b. 555.6677 c. Diabetes
- ___10. What is Bill's last name?
a. Madrigal b. William c. Park

CONCLUSION

 Video script

The Wizard, Abrocadabro sits at one of the tables.

ABROCADABRO I can't believe that Mr. Mr. Tran-za? is going to get the shop after all.
WIZARD You're right. It's terrible. But still, we have to review today's lesson.
ABROCADABRO Okay, we learned that it's possible to transfer your professional degrees from your native country.
WIZARD And we also learned about using "did" to ask questions.
ABROCADABRO Did we?
WIZARD Yes, we did!
Oh, you're right.
WIZARD Okay. We have to go. But I bet I will still be here waiting for Rosalinda when we come back.
ABROCADABRO That's not funny.
WIZARD See you soon.

ANSWERS

EPISODE NINETEEN

VOCABULARY			COMPREHENSION		LIFE SKILLS
1. 7	2. 19		1. Y		1. a
3. 5	4. 8		2. Y		2. b
5. 3	6. 12		3. Y		3. a
7. 14	8. 18		4. N		4. a
9. 20	10. 10		5. N		5. b
11. 15	12. 6		6. Y		6. a
13. 2	14. 17		7. N		7. a
15. 13	16. 1		8. N		8. a
17. 4	18. 11		9. Y		9. a
19. 9	20. 16		10. Y		10. a

GRAMMAR			SPECIAL SKILLS	
1. b	2. a		1. b	2. c
3. c	4. a		3. a	4. a
5. c	6. a		5. b	6. a
7. b	8. a		7. b	8. c
9. c	10. c		9. a	10. c