UNIT 27

LESSON 39

Role play – stating, discussing problems and proposing solutions

In most role play exercises each student takes the role of a person affected by an issue and studies the impacts of the issues on human life and/or the effects of human activities on the world around us from the perspective of that person.

In the following role play two friends discuss their future plans as they have completed their engineering degree. Their dialogue indicates their status.

Bharghav and Santhosh are classmates. Both have just completed their engineering. Santhosh is planning to go abroad for higher studies. Bhargav yearns to join his friend to continue his studies. But his circumstances do not allow him to do. They discuss.

Santhosh: Hi Bhargav, What's up? Why do you look so upset?

Bhargav: You know I'd love to join you and go abroad for my M.S. but my bad luck my father cant afford it and he wants me to take up a job..

Santhosh: Then I think you should take up a job. What your family now needs is your support.

Bhargav: I agree but I can't ignore my future.

Santhosh: Come on Bhargav. Your father is on the verge of his retirement, and your elder sister is a widow who is unemployed and has two children to be taken care of This is the time you should give your father your moral support. You need to postpone your future plans. What's your aim? You want to do your higher studies abroad, isn't it?

Bhargav: Yes. Do you have a solution? If I take up the campus placement, how can I go abroad for my studies? I can do only either of them. How do you think you can solve my problem?

Santhosh: You still have four months to go before you join your job. You start applying and see whether you could get complete scholarship or financial aid. Also look for part time jobs. I can talk to my schoolmate who is at present studying in MIT in USA. I shall ask him to scout for all details. Meanwhile you can talk to your dad and find out whether he needs only partial support or entire. If he is very particular ,you should earn ; then the other alternative is you can work for two years, complete your responsibilities, try to get a sponsor from your company, go abroad and fulfil your dreams. Is it fine?

Bhargav: Excellent buddy. I am feeling so relieved. I shall certainly talk to my dad. Meanwhile please ask your friend to get me some useful information. Thanks a lot. Bye.

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