

Daily English 44

Wi-Fi and Hotspot 101

1. Expressions to Learn

- a. *It's about time*
- b. *Labor of love*
- c. *All thumbs*
- d. *You bet*
- e. *Holler*
- f. *Piece*
- g. *Every dog has his day*
- h. *Fiddling around*
- i. *You're an angel*
- j. *By all means*

2. Dialogue:

Marie: Here's your order sir, Bolognese and Iced Cappuccino.

Ray: Thanks very much, Marie.

Marie: Enjoy your meal, sir. Just holler if you need anything else.

Ray: Actually, there's one more thing—I need your help in connecting my laptop to the Wi-Fi here. I'm “all thumbs” when it comes to techie stuff. Would you?

Marie: You bet. May I see your laptop first?

Ray: Of course. Ok, here it is.

Marie: Hmmm. I believe your piece here does not come with a wireless transmitter. Would you happen to have a wireless adapter?

Ray: Forgive me for my naivety, Marie. Are you talking about software?

Marie: No, it's not software I'm referring to. A wireless adapter is a small device that can be plugged into a USB port to act as the wireless transmitter of your laptop. It must be in your laptop bag. May I?

Ray: Yes, by all means.

Marie: Oh, here it is! Ok, all we have to do now is to plug this into the USB port of your laptop, click on this button, and voila!

Ray: Great! Thanks very much. I didn't know it was that simple to do. I was fiddling around with the laptop earlier trying to make it work but I missed the part about this wireless adapter. What can I say, you're an angel Marie.

Marie: Thanks. That's nice to hear but it's what we call around here as a labor of love. We are always more than happy to assist our customers every chance we get.

Ray: I really appreciate it a lot. It's about time that I learn how to connect to Wi-Fi from any hotspot area hereon, and I owe that to you.

Marie: Every dog has his day, so they say, sir. Enjoy your pasta and your coffee Mr...?

Ray: Mr. Duvall. But, please call me Ray.

Marie: Nice to meet you, Ray

Ray: The pleasure is mine.

3. Let's Practice!

- A. Answer the following questions related to the story above:
1. What did Ray mean in saying "The pleasure is mine"?
 2. True or False: Ray is a techie. Why?
 3. What exact words did Marie say in expressing her sentiments about helping a customer?
- B. How was "sure" expressed in the story? What other ways of expressing certainty do you know?
- C. Use each of the following expressions or phrases in a sentence:
1. Fiddling around
 2. Holler
 3. It's about time
 4. All thumbs
 5. Labor of love