

## Lesson 4: First day

### Introduction:

1. What do you think you will do on the first day of your homestay?
2. What information might you need to know?
3. What could go wrong?

### Vocabulary / Phrases:

|                      |                       |                                |                     |
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| cereal / corn flakes | to register           | currency                       | to charge a battery |
| an adaptor           | to figure out         | emergency                      | paperwork           |
| I was wondering....  | Can I ask if/whether? | Do you know where/when/how...? |                     |

### Conversation:

Helen: Morning Maki! How did you sleep?  
Maki: Good morning. I slept well, thanks.  
Helen: What would you like for breakfast? Cereal or toast?  
Maki: I'll have cereal, please. Thank you.  
Helen: No problem. Oh, you must tell me if there's anything you're allergic to.  
Maki: I'm not allergic to anything, but I don't like things that are too sweet.  
Helen: Okay, I'll keep that in mind. Here's your cereal.  
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Helen: So you have a busy day today. First, I'll take you to the Language Academy so you can register for your classes.  
Maki: Okay, can you tell me what I need to take?  
Helen: If I were you, I would take my passport and any documents you have from the school. And you'll need some money, too. Do you have any English money?  
Maki: A little, but I think I need to go to a currency exchange shop.  
Helen: Okay, I know a place we can go to.  
Maki: That'll be great, thanks. And I was wondering if I can get a phone?  
Helen: Yes, we'll go into town for lunch and get you what you need.  
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Maki: Sorry, can I ask if you have WiFi? I brought my tablet with me and was wondering if I can connect to the internet.  
Helen: Yes, hang on, I'll get the password for you.  
Maki: Thanks. Actually, I think I need to charge the battery first. Oh no, my power cord from Japan won't work here. Do you know where I can get an adaptor?  
Helen: Okay, we'll figure something out. Before I forget, here's a list of emergency contact numbers for you.  
Maki: Ah, thank you. That's really helpful.

### What to expect:

Some homestay families will have everything planned for you. Other families might not have prepared anything! Be ready to ask for help and advice whenever you need it.

Try role-playing a conversation at a currency exchange shop, a mobile phone shop, or asking for an adaptor at an electronics shop.