

# Conversation

Anna: Hi there! Summer in Washington, D.C. is hot and sunny. I always ride the Metro to work. Riding the Metro is cool and fast. But today it's closed. So, I am walking to work.

(On the phone) Ms. Weaver, I am late this morning. The Metro is **closed**. So, I am walking to work.

Caty: That's too bad. It's really hot today.

Anna: Yes it is.

Caty: When you **arrive**, please come to my office. I have important news to tell you.

Anna: Of course. Good-bye. My boss has news for me. The question is: Is it good news or bad news?

(At work)

Anna: Hello, Ms. Weaver.

Caty: Anna, I have good news and I have bad news. Which do you want to hear first?

Anna: The good news. No ... okay, the bad news.

Caty: The bad news is you are not good at reading the news.

Anna: Oh. I am very sorry to hear that.

Caty: So, starting next **month** you will not read the news.

Anna: Next month is **July**. You are **firing** me in July.

Caty: No. I am not firing you in July ... or in **August** or in **September**. That is the good news.

Anna: Okay. You are not firing me. I am not reading the news. What *will* I be doing?

Caty: Well, you are good at asking questions. You are good at talking to people. You are good at showing your feelings. And you are great at being **silly**.

Anna: Thank you, Ms. Weaver. But what does all that **mean**?

Caty: I have a new **assignment** for you! Your **skills** are **perfect** for a new show ... a children's show.

Anna: A children's show ... That is awesome! When do I start?

Caty: You start next month. Start thinking of **ideas** for the show.

Anna: I have **tons** of **ideas**! I can show children what it's like in **outer space** ...

Caty: Great ...

Anna: ... or in the **deep, dark ocean** ...

Caty: Those are great ideas, Anna. Please go think of more ... at your desk.

Anna: Yes. What **other** things can I show them? **Mt. Everest! Everyone** has different skills. You have skills. I have skills. The important thing is to know what you are good at. Until next time!