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BUYING A
SERVICE PLAN

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Tom: Hi, I'm **in the market for** a new cell phone plan.

**in the market for = shopping for;
interested in buying**

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it's about to

We were just about to leave when
Jerry arrived.

Work is about to start in a new
factory building.

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break up = to lose a phone signal

I can **barely** hear you. We're breaking up.

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first rate = of the highest quality

If you're looking for a restaurant, I recommend the Mediterranean Grill. The food there is **first rate**.

You will also hear the term "**second rate**" to describe something that is of **inferior** quality or not very good.

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bells and whistles

I just want a **reliable** car. I'm not looking for a lot of bells and whistles.

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**no-frills = a simple and basic
service or product**

If you want to fly cheaply, try a no-frills airline like Ryanair.

"frills" are extra **features** or **benefits**.

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run you = cost you

It's going to run you \$600 for a one-year **membership** to Club Five Fitness.

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**one-time fee = a charge that you
only pay one time**

To join FitOne Gym, I had to pay a one-time fee of \$199, then a monthly membership fee of \$49.

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set up = establish

I set up direct **deposit** so that my **paychecks** are automatically deposited into my **bank account**.

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the fine print = the part of a contract
with special rules and limitations

Julie didn't read the fine print of the
fitness club contract carefully, and
now she's stuck with a lifetime
membership.

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get stuck with

I'm in charge of cleaning the bathroom once a week at our dormitory. I don't know how I got stuck with this task!

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throw in = include for no additional fee

If you sign up for a one-year **gym** membership today, we'll throw in a free set of towels.

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could use = need; have use for

Your ties are all **stained**. You could use some new ones.

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**no strings attached = with no limits
or special demands attached**

Kim got a full **scholarship** to
Stanford, no strings attached.

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all set to = ready to (do something)

The salesman at the Gap asked, "All set to check out?"

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sign on the dotted line = to agree to
or sign up for something

I'm interested **in** joining the gym but
before I sign on the dotted line, can
you please **explain** the cancellation
policy?

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get into = to get involved with

My evening MBA program is more **demanding** than I **thought it would be**. What have I gotten into?

Negative Questions

You're not happy with them?

No, I'm not.

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Yes, it does.

Negative Questions

confirm

You didn't tell Ted we think he's a **lousy boss**, did you?

Expected answer: No, I didn't.

Negative Questions

surprise

Haven't you mailed that letter yet?

Negative Questions

a polite invitation

Won't you come in?

Wouldn't you like some coffee?

Negative Questions

how to answer

Didn't you see the car coming?

-Yes, I did.

-No, I didn't.

Negative Questions

how to answer

Aren't you hungry?

- Yes, I am. / Yes, I'm **starving!**

- No, I'm not. / No, I just had
breakfast.

Negative Questions

how to answer

Won't you sit down?

- Yes, thank you.

- No, I've only got a minute.

Negative Questions

how to answer

You're not tired after your trip?

-Yes, I am tired.

- No, I'm not tired.

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