



## SURVIVAL ENGLISH

This list of survival English skills was created by Lutheran Family Services in Nebraska.

### Suggested Goals / Ideas

- Write & say first and last name
- Write and say address
- Say and write social security number
- Say and write birth date
- Pronounce the alphabet
- Recognize letters and their sounds
- Write the letters of the alphabet
- Family: tell the basic relations in a family
- Tell the names and members of his/her family
- Tell the ages of immediate family members
- Recognize names of colors
- Name and recognize days of the week
- Name and recognize months of the year
- Comprehend spoken dates
- Understand and name numbers from 1-100
- Tell time of day
- Introduce him/herself
- Say names of American money
- Understand worth of various coins and bills
- Comprehend spoken money amounts
- Give basic directions (left, right, go, stop, walk, etc.)
- Understand basic directions
- Make plural forms of nouns
- Use the local bus system (know vocabulary: fare, transfer, driver, etc.)
- Understand common street signs (stop, yield, hospital, school)
- Use and understand common prepositions (next to, across from, near, between, behind, on the corner of)
- Identify important places in the neighborhood (school, post office, grocery store, hospital, etc.)
- Phone: how to express if someone is not at home or not available
- Take a simple phone message
- Leave a simple phone message
- Use the simple present tense (he runs, they walk, she sings, you go)
- Use common verbs: like, want, need, love
- Employment and occupational vocabulary (as appropriate, perhaps names of professions or specific vocabulary and phrases related to their occupation)
- Know how to use 911