

Listening and Speaking

1 BEFORE YOU LISTEN

READ. CLASS. Look at the pictures and read the information. Then answer the questions.

A parent-teacher conference is a meeting between a student's teacher and his or her parents. The teacher and parents discuss the child's progress in school.

PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. A PTO is a group of teachers and parents of students in a school. They work together to improve the school.

1. What is the purpose of a parent-teacher conference?
2. What is the purpose of a PTO?




parent-teacher conference




parent-teacher organization (PTO)

2 LISTEN

A CLASS. Look at the picture. Mr. and Mrs. Duval have a notice from their son's school. Guess: What is the notice about?

B  **CD3 T3** Listen to the conversation. Was your guess in Exercise A correct?

C  **CD3 T3** Listen again. Answer the questions.

1. When is the parent-teacher conference?
 - a. Tuesday the 19th at 6:00
 - b. Thursday the 19th at 6:00
 - c. Thursday the 19th at 9:00
2. What does Mr. Duval have to do on the day of the conference?
 - a. go to work
 - b. go to class
 - c. watch the kids

D  **CD3 T4** Listen to the whole conversation. What is Mr. Duval going to do on Monday the 23rd?

- a. go to work
- b. go to the parent-teacher conference
- c. go to a band concert



3 CONVERSATION

CD3 T5

A Listen to the sentences. Then listen and repeat.

I'll try.
We'll both go.
He'll be at work.
She'll meet him there.
My mother will watch the kids.

CD3 T6

B Listen and repeat the conversation.

Mrs. Duval: Carlo brought a notice home from school today.
There's a parent-teacher conference in two weeks.

Mr. Duval: Oh, yeah? What day?

Mrs. Duval: Thursday the 19th at 6:00. My mother will watch the kids.
That way we can both go.

Mr. Duval: Oh, I have to work that day until 9:00, but I'll try to
change my shift.

Pronunciation Watch

The word *will* usually has a short, weak pronunciation. After a pronoun (such as *I* or *we*), we usually use the contraction *'ll*.

4 PRACTICE

A PAIRS. Practice the conversation. Then make new conversations. Use the information in the boxes.

A: Carlo brought a notice home from school today.
There's a _____ in two weeks.

B: Oh, yeah? What day?

A: Thursday the 19th at 6:00. My mother will watch
the kids. That way we can both go.

B: Oh, I have to be at work that day until 9:00,
but I'll _____.

school play
PTO meeting
science fair

switch hours with someone
ask if I can leave early
change my schedule

B ROLE PLAY. PAIRS. Make your own conversations. Use different information.