WHEN DOES IT COME
Lesson Twenty-Three

Objectives: This lesson is about schedules - when does it arrive and leave. You'll learn how to talk about scheduled times for different kinds of transportation, get to practice using some of your time expressions, and learn something about transportation in Kiribati.

Activities: Study the accompanying dialogue phrases. These provide the patterns you will use in the exercise. Using the travel schedules provided, or any you may find, break into groups and ask questions according to the pattern: When is the next plane for _____? How often is the boat to _____? etc.

Translation of Dialogues:

When Does It Come?

A: Excuse me, how long before the next bus comes?
B: I think the next bus will be in about 15 minutes.

A: When does the plane usually come?
B: It usually comes every Tuesday.
A: At what time?
B: At a quarter past eight in the morning.

A: When will the ship leave?
B: There's one due to leave in half an hour from now.
A: Does it come every Tuesday?
B: Yes, every Tuesday.
Dialogue for Study:

E Rooroko Nningai?

A: Taiaoka, tao maanra ao e a manga roko te b'ati?
B: I taku b'a tebwi ma nimaua te miniti ao e a manga roko tewaana.

A: E rooroko nningai te waanikiba?
B: E rooroko ni katoa Kauabong.
A: Ao ana tai n roko?
B: Te kuata imwiin waniua n te ingaabong.

A: E na m'ananga nningai te kaibuke?
B: Iai ae e, na m'ananga te itera n aoa mang ngkai.

A: E rooroko ni katoa Kauabong?
B: E eng, ni katoa Kauabong.
Additional Activities: Study the supplementary expressions. Using those of the first dialogue plus these additional ones, create a new dialogue about arrivals and departures. Use the travel schedule if possible.

Translation of Additional Phrases:

It leaves Betio at odd hours and Bairiki at even ones.
It comes every other day.
This coming Monday.
It won't come until Friday.
It departed last week.
My departure time is 10:00 A.M.
I will come tonight.
He came this morning.

Outside Activities: What can you discover about travel between the islands? Is there a regular boat between them? Find schedules for the boats and planes which regularly service them. Listen to the radio, where reports of ship locations are given daily. How many ships are there in Kiribati? What other countries send ships? Compile a general survey of transportation.

Note:
Schedules change frequently in Kiribati. Do not consider the accompanying schedule to be accurate. Current inter-island air schedules are available at Air Tungaru offices, where you may also find Air Nauru schedules.
Additional Phrases:

E kiitana Betio n aoa aika a toa buaka ao Bairiki n aoa aika a toa raoi.

E toa bongia rokona.

N te Moanibong ae e na roko.

E aki manga roko ni karokoa te Kanimabong.

E m'ananga ni te wiiki are e nako.

Au tai ni m'ananga bon te aoa tebwiina n te ingaabong.

N na roko nakon te tairiki.

E roko ngke e ingaabong.

Travel Schedule: