USEFUL EXPRESSIONS
Lesson Sixty-One

Objectives: This final lesson reviews some of the more common expressions in use in everyday conversation. Many of them have appeared in earlier lessons, but a few may still be new to you.

Activities: Because of the high frequency of occurrence of these expressions, they should be memorized. Put together small skits with short dialogues using as many of them as you can, and try to get quite familiar with them. Continue to expand the list as you learn more.

Translation of List:

Useful Expressions

Excuse me.
It's true.
Thank you.
You're welcome.
What's the matter?
It doesn't matter.
I'll try to remember it.
I'll always remember it.
It's very difficult.
It's easy/It's not difficult
almost the same as...
I don't understand
I don't know
How do you say _____ in Kiribati?
I didn't hear you
Please say it again.
It's still not clear
Please speak more slowly
that's enough/it's too much
What?
Excuse me (forgive me)
Please
How is it?
Enough?/Too much?
Expressions for Study:

Taeka aika a rangi ni kaakaboonganaaki

Ko matauninga
E koaua
Ko rab'a
Te raoi.
Teraa ae e riki?
Akea boongana/e aki akaaka
N na kataia n uringga
N na ururingga
E rangi ni kangaanga
E beebeete/e aki kangaanga
kan titeboo ma
I aki oota
I aki ataia/ngkam
E kangaa n te taetae ni Kiribati te taeka ae _____?
I aki ongo (banaam)
Taiooka ma atongga riki/taekinna riki
E aki oota naba
Taiooka ma kawiiiremweko/tabeuua am taeka
e a tau/e a m'aiiti
teraa?
kab'ara au bure
Taiooka/l a butiliko
E uara?
E tau?/E m'aiiti?