



23. Clarification and Understanding

Asking for Clarification

1	Pardon? Excuse me?	"I think you are too stupid to go to Tokyo University" <i>Excuse me?!</i>
2	What?!	"I've decided to move back to Australia" <i>What!?</i>
3	Would you mind repeating that?	"Can you please %&"#)#"... <i>Um, would you mind repeating that?</i>
4	What do you mean?	"You owe me \$100." <i>What do you mean?</i>
5	I'm not sure I follow you.	"Stand on one foot and howl like a wolf please" <i>I'm not sure I follow you.</i>
6	Could you explain ... ?	<i>Could you explain what you just said to me?</i>
7	I'm kind of confused.	<i>I'm kinda confused about today's topic.</i>

Checking if the other person understands you

1	Do you understand what I am saying?	We need to leave right now! Do you understand what I'm saying?
2	Does that make sense?	There is no past, no future, only the present. Does that make sense?
3	Do you know what I mean?	I get depressed in May. Do you know what I mean?
4	Are you with me so far?	When you are in the middle of a long story.
5	Are you following this?	Oh my gosh. Are you following this North Korea news?
6	Is that clear?	If you don't do your homework, you can't have desert. Is that clear?
7	Get it?	Why would she want to marry a guy like that? I don't get it!

- Can you think of any other ways to ask someone to repeat something you don't understand?