Digital Innovation in Customer Service Discussion

1. Role-Play Dialogue (Approx. 10 minutes)

Characters:

- Sarah
- Mark

Scenario: A discussion between a Customer Support Manager (Sarah) and an IT Specialist (Mark) on implementing digital innovations, such as chatbots, to improve customer service.

Sarah: Mark, our customer service team is overwhelmed with inquiries. If we integrate chatbots, then we could provide 24/7 support and reduce wait times.

Mark: That's a great idea, Sarah. Al-driven chatbots could handle routine questions, allowing our agents to focus on more complex issues.

Sarah: Exactly! Plus, customers prefer quick responses. If we implement an intelligent system, we might even enhance customer satisfaction.

Mark: We should also consider integrating chatbots with our CRM. That way, if the bot can't resolve the issue, a live agent could take over seamlessly.

Sarah: I agree. But do you think customers will accept interacting with AI instead of human agents?

Mark: If we design the chatbots well, they could simulate natural conversations. Moreover, we can program them to escalate cases that require human intervention.

Sarah: That sounds promising. We must ensure that the chatbot is properly trained and continuously updated with customer feedback.

Mark: Definitely. If we leverage machine learning, the system will improve over time. I'll prepare a proposal outlining the integration steps and potential challenges.

Sarah: Sounds good. Let's present this to the management team next week.

2. Comprehension Questions (Approx. 5 minutes)

1. Why does Sarah suggest integrating chatbots into customer service?

 Sarah suggests integrating chatbots to provide 24/7 support and reduce wait times for customers.

2. How could chatbots and CRM systems work together?

 Chatbots could handle initial inquiries and seamlessly transfer complex cases to live agents via the CRM system.

3. What concern does Sarah raise about using chatbots?

 She is concerned that customers may not accept AI interactions instead of human agents.

4. How can chatbots improve over time?

 By leveraging machine learning and incorporating customer feedback, chatbots can enhance their responses and efficiency.

3. Teacher's Lesson Points (Concise Version)

Pre-Class Preparation:

- Review the dialogue, key vocabulary, and grammar points (modal verbs and conditionals).
- Be ready to explain additional details related to AI and digital innovation in customer service.

Introduction (2-3 minutes):

• Begin with a short discussion: "How has digital innovation improved customer service in recent years?"

• Introduce the lesson objectives: learning business vocabulary, conditionals, and modal verbs.

Reading & Analysis (10 minutes):

- Have the student read the dialogue aloud, emphasizing pronunciation and natural flow.
- Pause to highlight key grammar points (e.g., *If we integrate chatbots, then we could...*).

Comprehension Check (5 minutes):

· Ask the comprehension questions and provide constructive feedback.

Role-Play Practice (Remaining Time):

- Conduct a role-play session, switching roles between Customer Support Manager and IT Specialist.
- Encourage the use of targeted vocabulary and grammar structures.

Wrap-Up (2-3 minutes):

- Summarize key vocabulary (digital innovation, chatbots, CRM, AI-driven).
- Assign a homework task: *Prepare a short written proposal on another digital innovation in business.*