

Unit 01 Meeting People

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Weekend Activities: visiting a museum, watching a movie, relaxing with friends, going hiking

Bad Events: the death of a loved one, an extended hospital stay, being in an accident, breaking a bone

Life Goals: getting a good education, starting your own company, having children, owning a home

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What do you usually do on the weekends?

On the weekend, I try to do something exciting or different. During the week I work hard and do the same thing every day, so I really try to enjoy my weekends. I like to go hiking, or perhaps visit a museum I haven't been to before.

b. Describe the unhappiest day of your life.

The unhappiest day of my life was when I broke my leg. It was a really silly accident! I tripped over the sidewalk in my haste to cross the street to get to an ice cream store. I had to spend all day in hospital, and no one came to see me.

c. What is your goal in life?

My goal in life is to get a good education, specifically in science. I want to open my own company to make new medicine to help sick

people. I believe global health is a very important issue, and people need affordable medicine.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Are you an outgoing person? Explain.

Yes, I am outgoing because I love meeting and being with people. I always look forward to going dancing, going partying, or doing something fun with my friends. Sometimes, when we meet new people, we invite them to my house and have a party.

2. Describe one thing that can improve your mood instantaneously.

Chocolate can instantly improve my mood when I am unhappy. I love the taste, but my mom, a pharmacist, explained it has something that produces a chemical called serotonin. This is what makes it addictive.

3. What inspires you to be creative? Why?

I like the final result of my creativity; that is why I like to create. For example, when I draw a picture, I always step back and take a long look. I also really enjoy it when my friends look at it and smile. Then I know that they like it.

4. If you won \$1,000,000 in a lottery, how would you spend it? Explain.

If I won \$1,000,000 in a lottery, I would like to invest as much of it as possible because I could live off the interest and dividends. However, I would also give some to charity because it would be nice to improve the quality of life for people who are poor or sick.

Unit 02 Sports

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

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- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Sumo Wrestling: traditional sport of Japan, matches are over quickly, is an old sport, played by fat men

Sports Fans: attend many games, collect memorabilia, follow favorite teams, know about players

Drugs in Sports: are illegal, used by some athletes, can enhance performance, give an unfair advantage

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What is a traditional sport of your country? Describe it.

Sumo is a traditional sport of my country. It's an old sport filled with rituals. The aim is get your opponent out of the ring or on the ground. Sumo wrestlers are normally fat, powerful men.

b. Are you a sports fan? What is your favorite team?

No, I'm not a sports fan the way I understand it. To be a real sports fan, you have to attend all the games of your favorite team, know everything about its players, and collect memorabilia of your team. I don't do all that, but I have a favorite team. They are not the best team, but they have the most heart.

c. Do you think athletes should be allowed to take drugs to enhance their performance?

Explain.

No, I think taking drugs to enhance performance is immoral. It is also illegal. Using drugs gives an athlete an unfair advantage over other players. Even worse, drugs can have serious negative effects on an athlete's health.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
b. 3
c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Who is your favorite basketball player?

My favorite basketball player is Michael Jordan. He used to play for the Chicago Bulls. He is probably the greatest basketball player of all time. I have his jersey, his shoes, and a basketball with his autograph on it. He was very exciting to watch. He was so popular that he even has his own breakfast cereal.

2. Do you think hunting and fishing are sports? Explain.

No, I don't. I can't imagine having hunting or fishing as an Olympic sport. There are probably a lot of sports-related lessons you can learn from both, and I am sure you need strength and endurance, but I cannot see killing an animal as something to strive for in competition and as a spectator sport.

3. Why do you think professional athletes change teams frequently?

I think one reason professional athletes change teams frequently is because they are looking for better opportunities to develop their game skills by practicing with various coaches and players. I

think that many athletes sell themselves too. They are paid such extraordinary amounts of money that I don't really blame them. I would probably do the same.

4. Should advertising companies use professional athletes to promote their products? Explain.

I think using professional athletes for advertising is a good idea as long as they aren't advertising anything bad for you, such as cigarettes. People often look up to professional athletes and view them as role models. This means athletes have a certain amount of responsibility towards their fans.

always makes me laugh, but at the same time, he really cares about me. He is my best friend because we have so many similar interests. We've been friends ever since we first met each other in elementary school.

b. Where do you think is a good place to meet new friends?

I think the best places to meet friends is in a school club or social club because there you are most likely to meet people with similar interests. It is always easier to become friends with someone with whom you have something in common. Yes, a place where you are comfortable and where you have fun is also a great place to meet new friends.

c. Do you think it is possible to maintain a long-distance friendship?

Of course, it is possible to have a long-distance relationship. With the Internet, it is so easy to stay in contact with people. You can call or email them nearly everyday. As long as both friends are willing to put in the little bit of extra effort to stay in contact, there is no reason why it cannot work.

Unit 03 Friendship

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Attributes of a Best friend: makes you laugh, cares about you, enjoys the same activities, similar interests

Places to Meet: at a party, at school, at church, in a club

Long-Distance Friendships: stay in contact, talk on the phone, talk through email, lots of effort

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

a. Describe your best friend.

Dan is such a funny and entertaining guy. He

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- b. 1
- c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

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Sample Responses

1. Explain the proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

The proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed" means that only those friends who are ready to support you and do everything for you in difficult situations are your real friends. Often when people are faced with a difficult situation, they learn who their real friends are by seeing who

comes to support and help them when they need it the most.

2. Do you agree with the following saying “Books and friends should be few but good”? Explain.

I think you can have as many friends as you want or need. Some people are great at connecting with others. Certain friends act as support for different people in different ways. I do not agree with the saying. With both books and friends, you need to have as many as you need in order to make sure that you do not miss a great book, or even worse, a great friend.

3. What does the Chinese proverb “Do not remove a fly from your friend’s forehead with a hatchet” mean?

The proverb “Do not remove a fly from your friend’s forehead with a hatchet” means that if you try to help your friend, make sure you provide the help that your friend needs and can benefit from. If you are a real friend, you will never hurt your friends physically or emotionally. It also means that you must always be mindful of how you help your friends. Doing something to help that will end up hurting your friend is not being a friend at all.

4. Explain the Spanish proverb “It is better to weep with wise men than to laugh with fools.”

This means that it is better to spend time with wiser people, even if the circumstances are not that happy, than to spend time with people who don’t know much. It means that you should spend time with wiser, more intelligent people and not with shallow people.

Unit 04 Holidays

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

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b. Speaker #2: personal experience
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c. Speaker #3: personal experience
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2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

A Family Get Together: big feast, everyone comes home, catch up, traditional foods

Valentine’s Day: dinner date, box of chocolates, romantic, roses

Businesses: commercial, promotions, profits, sales

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

a. Do people celebrate Thanksgiving in your country/culture?

Yes, we celebrate Thanksgiving. We always go to our grandparents’ house and have a big feast. We enjoy traditional dishes, sit around and catch up with all of our relatives, and see how their lives are going.

b. Describe how you celebrate Valentine’s Day in your country/culture.

Valentine’s day is a huge holiday in my country. You see hearts, chocolate, and roses for sale everywhere. People go out for dinner and exchange gifts, like boxes of chocolates, flowers, and cards. It is supposed to be a really romantic holiday, but I think it’s all just a waste of money.

c. How do businesses make money on holidays?

Businesses make money through promotion and sales of specialty items specifically designed for the holiday. The big holidays have become too commercialized these days, so they’re not really fun anymore. Because they make so much money, businesses have started to promote even minor holidays in hopes of making a profit.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. How do you celebrate birthdays in your family?

Birthdays are not a big deal in my family. Most of us do not really care about them, and we do not like the extra attention paid to us. Normally, we go out to a nice dinner together and then go home at the end of the night. We usually do not receive any extravagant presents or get any more attention than we normally do.

2. Is there a Teacher's Day in your country/culture?

Yes, there is a Teacher's Day in my culture. It is in late spring. We usually honor our teachers by giving them presents and cards that show how much we appreciate their effort in helping to make our lives better.

3. What is your opinion about making New Year's resolutions?

I rarely make New Year's resolutions. In the past I have made them, only to find myself a week into the year breaking that resolution. I have tried to exercise more and study harder, but I have found that I always go back to the way that I was acting before.

4. When do you celebrate a Mother's or Women's Day in your country/culture?

We usually celebrate Mother's Day in my country in May. To celebrate the day, we always call and do nice things for our mothers. We usually take our mom out for a nice dinner or go to brunch. We also buy our mom a nice gift to show how much we appreciate all that she does for us.

Unit 05 Stereotypes

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Stereotypical Women's Roles: faithful wife, caretaker of the house, housekeeper, good cook

Physical Jobs: machine operator, construction worker, mechanic, fisherman

The Stereotypical Man: stronger than women, enjoys physical labor, masculine, swears a lot

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What is the typical woman's role in a family in your culture?

The typical woman's role in a family in my culture is a faithful wife, caring mother, and good cook. I think women are expected to do all these things because it is what they have traditionally done. It is often seen as the woman's responsibility to be the caretaker of the house.

b. What are typical jobs/occupations for men in your culture?

Most jobs that deal with physical labor such as construction typically belong to men. Mechanics and heavy machinery operators tend also to be men. I think that these jobs are typically male jobs because they involve a lot of dirt, sweat, and pain, which are things that are often embraced in a male culture.



c. What language/vocabulary is considered appropriate for a man to use but inappropriate for a woman in your culture?

In my culture, it is OK for men to swear or use strong language. It is not seen as a big deal by most people. Women who swear in public are often labeled as uncouth or unladylike. This is because women have traditionally been seen as pleasant and soft-spoken.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. What colors are acceptable for a woman to wear but are unacceptable for a man? Explain.

Although people in my culture have become more tolerant to what men and women can wear lately, I think it would still be a bit surprising to see a man wearing pink or light yellow because it's considered to be a traditionally feminine color. If a man wears pink or yellow, he will often be teased or mocked by his buddies for dressing up like a little girl.

2. Can a woman be a “breadwinner” in your culture? Explain.

More and more, women have started to be known as primary “breadwinners” in society. This is due to various laws and changes in attitudes that have allowed women access and promotion to high-powered jobs in society. In many places women no longer experience a “glass ceiling” on their careers and as a result, they are able to earn more than enough money to be the primary financial contributor in a home.

3. Is it acceptable for a woman or man to show strong emotions in public? Explain.

I don't think that men or women should show their emotions in public. When people become emotional, they often become irrational and make bad decisions. They can also make others around them very uncomfortable. Both sexes should be treated fairly and equally, and thus I think that both sexes should be expected to control their emotions in public.

4. How is a certain body image formed and promoted in society?

I think that the biggest determinant of how someone should look is due to how the rich and powerful look. The body shape that is harder to attain, I think, is the more desirable body shape. Now, everyone wants to be slim, fit, and tanned because it shows that you exercise outdoors. But in the 18th century, food was rare, and everyone had to work outside all day, so plump people with very white skin were considered beautiful.

Unit 06 Time Management

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer they speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Daily Planning: keep track of deadlines, upcoming assignments, important events, appointments

SchoolWork: attending lectures, taking notes, studying, reading

Sleep: during the night, close your eyes, a time for resting, usually in bed



- 4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

- a. Is it important to keep a daily planner, calendar, or a PDA?**

Yes, it is. It's very helpful for keeping track of deadlines and upcoming events. I like using a wall calendar because I can make note of important events and see everything that I need to accomplish this month at a glance. If I didn't use a calendar, I would probably forget appointments I had made.

- b. How could you minimize the time that you spend doing your homework, studying, and reading?**

I could minimize the time I spend doing my homework and studying by paying attention at school and taking notes of my teachers' lectures. When I pay attention at school, I learn much faster and better. I also find it much easier to remember and understand the information we have been taught. When I take good notes in class, I probably spend an hour or two less studying for those classes.

- c. How much time do you spend sleeping?**

I usually sleep for about 6-7 hours each night. I don't think it's enough because I always have difficulty waking up in the morning and staying awake in my first class. I would love to stay in bed longer, but I just have too much to do each day and not enough time.

- 6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3
- b. 1
- c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

- 1. Give examples of things that make you waste a lot of time.**

I think I waste a lot of time on waking up. My mom has to shout to get me out of bed. I also waste a lot of time waiting for the bus. Sometimes it is just late, and sometimes it doesn't show up at all. Public transportation can sometimes be unreliable.

- 2. Do you procrastinate? Give examples of how and when you procrastinate.**

Yes, I procrastinate sometimes. When I was in grade school, I didn't like doing my homework, so I would put it off till the last minute. My mother used to get very angry with me for doing that. Now, I try to start my work early so that I have enough time to finish it. But I still procrastinate when it comes to cleaning my room!

- 3. If your friend invites you for a birthday party, is it OK to be late? Explain.**

Yes, it's OK to be 10-15 minutes late. Actually, it's customary in my culture to be a little late for parties because you give your friends a chance to finish doing their last-minute preparations. It is also a little unfashionable to arrive early. I don't understand why.

- 4. Explain the saying "The early bird gets the worm."**

"The early bird gets the worm" means that if you start doing something early, you have more time to accomplish it, you don't have to be in a hurry, and you will get rewarded for not wasting time. For example, if you start working on your major assignment early, you will finish in time, without being stressed out.

Unit 07 Schooling

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Home Schooling Advantages: study areas you like, fits your own learning style, slower paced learning, flexible schedule

Public School Advantages: develop social skills, communicate with teachers, fit in with peers, access to school facilities

Computer Disadvantages: can hurt your eyes, no face-to-face interaction, carpal tunnel syndrome, harmful for kids

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

a. What are the advantages of being schooled at home?

There are many advantages to being schooled at home. For one thing, you can go at a pace that best suits your own learning style. Students can also focus on areas that they are interested in. Another advantage is that homeschooled kids are able to have a more flexible school schedule.

b. What important skills do children acquire in public schools?

Besides studying, children also acquire important social skills that help them fit in with their peers. These kinds of skills are important because later in life, kids will have to fit in with co-workers or

people in other groups they belong to. Another advantage of attending public school is that students have access to facilities like the school gym, the school computer lab, and the school performance hall.

c. Do you think it could be harmful for children to spend a lot of time in front of their computers?

Yes, spending too much time in front of the computer can be very harmful for children. Constant exposure to computer screens can hurt children's eyes. It can also potentially lead to other disabilities like carpal tunnel syndrome. Children need to learn to interact face-to-face with other people to be functioning adults.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
b. 2
c. 1

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Where do you think children experience more peer pressure: through homeschooling or public schooling?

Children experience more peer pressure through public schooling, of course, because they are exposed to more kids at school than in their neighborhoods. At school, children can communicate with and be exposed to other children. Homeschooled kids have far fewer opportunities to be exposed to other children. As a result, kids who attend public schools experience far more peer pressure than homeschooled ones.

2. What can children do when they have difficulty studying or doing homework?

When children have difficulty with studying

or working, they have many options. They can always talk to their teachers to receive extra help. In addition, there are also programs available through public schools to help struggling students. If a family has enough money, they can also hire a private tutor.

3. What is your opinion: will more children be schooled at home in the future or not?

I do not think more children will be homeschooled. I think the number of homeschooled kids will remain fairly constant. Homeschooling requires a lot of effort from the parents that many parents are unable to give due to work and other children. Homeschooled children will also continue to find it difficult to have adequate social lives. This will cause the number of homeschooled kids to remain constant rather than increase.

4. Describe parent-child interaction when a child starts going to public school.

When a child goes to public school, parent-child interaction is usually limited to after school and on the weekend. Children are usually off at school during the day, and busy with homework or other activities after school. This leaves much less time for parent-child interaction. However, most parents play an active role in their children's education. They take a great interest in making sure their children do well in school.

Governments: monarchies, democracies, dictatorships, republics

Legal Matters: judges, courts, lawyers, appeals

Armies: wear uniforms, do peacekeeping, use weapons, have soldiers

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

a. Describe various forms of government that exist nowadays and give examples of countries that have these governments.

Some of the forms of government that exist today are monarchies, democracies, dictatorships, and republics. I find monarchies to be the oldest and the most interesting form of government. Monarchies are interesting because they combine the ancient traditions of royalty with modern forms of government. One well-known example of a country that still has a monarchy is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

b. What is the highest court in your country, and what kind of decisions does it make?

The highest court in my country is called the Supreme Court, and it is responsible for ruling on appeals to difficult or controversial legal cases. The Supreme Court deals with all kinds of crimes from murder to discrimination. After the Supreme Court rules on a case, that's it. There isn't any higher court to appeal to.

c. Why do you think countries need armies?

Countries need armies because they represent power and ensure national and international security. Army service is not compulsory in my country. Although my country has a small army, it contributes to international security by sending soldiers on peacekeeping missions to several countries, including countries in the Middle East.

Unit 08 Politics

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.



6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. What is the structure of the government in your country?

The government in my country is composed primarily of the Dail. This is made up of over two hundred seats. Each TD—Teach Dail (or minister)—is voted in by the people in his or her area. When an issue comes up, every TD in the Dail votes, and the majority vote wins.

2. Which branch of the government is responsible for enforcing the laws?

The ministry of defense is responsible for enforcing laws. Ultimately, the minister for defense is in charge. However, he delegates the day-to-day policing of the country to the chief of police. National security is controlled by the commandant of the army, including issues such as terrorism.

3. Who is the chief commander of the army in your country?

The chief commander of the army is the Minister for Defense. His duties include command of the police and the army. However, he occupies more of an administrative role, leaving the running of the army and the police to their respective commanders. He is also responsible for maintaining peace between my country and our closest neighbor.

4. Do people actively participate in elections in your country? Explain.

Yes, they do, because people understand that their votes count and their active participation influences

the future of the country. Each constituency has a specific number of seats, and the people with the most votes fill the number of seats available. So if there are four seats available, the four people with the highest number of votes get the seats.

Unit 09 If You Could

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** [] personal experience
[X] personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** [X] personal experience
[] personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** [] personal experience
[X] personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Safari Animals: elephants, hyenas, rhinos, giraffes

A Beach Vacation: go swimming, play volleyball, have a massage, get a sun tan

Movies: on the big screen, sometimes emotional, in a theater, surround sound

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. If you got a chance, where would you go on vacation?

If I had the chance, I would go to Tanzania for a vacation. I want to go on a safari and see wild elephants, rhinos, and giraffes. I could also see the ancient city of Zanzibar. Tanzania would be the ideal destination for my fantasy vacation.

b. If you got a chance, where would you be now?

If I had a chance, I would be at the beach with my friends now. We would play volleyball, swim, and have fun because I am tired of studying and work-



ing hard. Relaxing on the beach while getting a sun tan is just what I need to reduce the stress and anxiety of everyday life.

c. If you got a chance, what movies would you watch again?

If I had the chance, I would like to watch the movie *Life is Beautiful* in a theater. It is a story about a man in a concentration camp during World War II. The movie's theme is to make the best of a situation no matter how grim it is.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. If you got a chance, what celebrity would you like to meet? Explain.

If I got a chance, I would like to meet Will Ferrell. I think he is the funniest man in Hollywood. I think he always makes really funny movies, and I imagine that in real life he is even funnier. I think that I would be laughing the entire time that I was with him.

2. If you had a chance, what subjects would you study? Why?

If I had the chance, I would study Spanish. In high school, I chose to study Latin because I thought it would help me get a better score on my college entrance exam. I got a good grade, but nobody speaks Latin. It's not useful at all to me now! Spanish, on the other hand, would be really useful for traveling.

3. If you got a chance, what would you change about your life? Explain.

If I had the chance to change my life, I would choose where I was born. When I look around the world, I see so many other countries that have so much more opportunity. My country is really limited. There are few good jobs, and people have to give up everything in their lives to get one of these jobs. This is no way to live, so I would choose to be born in a different country.

4. If you had a chance, what would you have done differently? Explain.

If I had the chance, I would never have eaten the chicken dinner that my friend's mom made. I cannot eat chicken without thinking about the terrible taste of that chicken. I used to love chicken, but now I can't eat it. Had I known what was going to happen I would never have eaten that chicken in the first place.

Unit 10 Inventions and Discoveries

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer they speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** [] personal experience
[X] personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** [] personal experience
[X] personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** [X] personal experience
[] personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Things That Fly: birds, hot air balloons, airplanes, helicopters

Studying Space: cameras, exploration, telescopes, planet watching

Penicillin: fights diseases, helps people recover, destroys infections, fights bacterial infection

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.



Answers will vary.

a. What do you know about the invention of flight?

Leonardo da Vinci thought of the helicopter, but he was never able to put this idea into practice. In the early 1900s, the Wright brothers successfully flew the first man-powered machine. Their flight was only a few minutes, but it would soon lead to rapid changes in aviation.

b. What inventions are necessary for space travel?

The most important invention for space travel is an ability to travel quickly over long distances. Space is so vast that unless we can travel quickly, our astronauts will be dead before they reach their destination. The future of space exploration lies on Mars. It is the only planet that is close enough to establish any sort of exploration on. Other than that, we will have to continue exploring space through telescopes and cameras.

c. Describe an important advancement in the field of medicine.

The most important advancement in the field of medicine was penicillin. Penicillin destroys infections allowing a person to recover from injuries without the possibility of a bacterial infection. Without penicillin, all other medical advances in surgery would have been almost impossible, which is why it is the most important.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
- b. 2
- c. 1

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. How and why do people invent something new?

People often invent something new first by figuring out why they want to invent something, and then figuring out how to invent it. People always have new ideas for why they want to make a new product, but they often don't know how to make it. People want to make new products that can help to change their lives.

2. Why do you think the invention of the printing press was important?

The invention of the printing press was important for several reasons. Prior to the printing press, people had to copy every book by hand. This took a long time. The printing press was much faster, and it made many more books available to everyone. This encouraged more and more people to become educated. The printing press made it possible for knowledge to become widely available.

3. How do you think the invention of computers changed our lives?

The invention of the computer has made our lives so much easier. Now we have access to so much more information than we ever had in the past. Computers have allowed everyone access to the vast amounts of information available in the world.

4. Do you think the fields of genetic engineering and cloning have a future? Explain.

I don't support the idea of genetic engineering and cloning because I think they can bring immense negative effects to humankind if they are misused. People might try to select the kind of children they will have, or they might try to live to an unnaturally old age. In addition, we will have to deal with the rights and responsibilities of those involved in the cloning process.



Unit 11 Money

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer they speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Investing: property, bonds, stocks, commodities

Gambling: odds, blackjack, poker, bets

Expenses: clothing, taxes, rent, food

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

a. Do you think it is wiser to save money in the bank or invest it?

I think it is wiser to invest the money. By investing, money can gain more interest than it would gain from a bank. My father's investments in stocks have taught me this. Extra money should always be invested.

b. Have you ever gambled?

Yes, I like to gamble. I have never been to a casino, but I like playing card games with my friends. Sometimes, I play blackjack and poker on weekends at my friend's house. Gambling can be dangerous because some people become obsessed with winning. They may gamble away everything that they have in the hope of winning their money back.

c. What do you think you spend too much money on (e.g. clothes, shoes, entertainment, video games)?

I think I spend too much money on food. Every day I buy a couple of drinks, some snacks, and lunch. By the end of the day, I spend ten dollars on stuff that I could have made and eaten at home. I'll probably end up cutting down on the drinks and the snacks, but I'll still go out to lunch every day.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
 b. 1
 c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Explain the saying "Time is money."

This saying basically means that productive and wealthy people are constantly doing things that make money. Many people with high paying jobs, like lawyers, do not have enough time to meet with all their clients. Wasting their time is in essence costing them money because they could be meeting with clients rather than picking up dry cleaning or going grocery shopping.

2. Why do businesses often use the "buy now, pay later" approach?

The "buy now, pay later" approach is great for businesses. First of all, they move their merchandise out of the store. More importantly, they make money off the interest that is charged to the customer.

3. If you won \$1,000,000 in a lottery, what would you do with the money?

If I won a million dollars, I would quit my job and take my family and friends on a vacation to a tropical paradise. After the vacation, I would take whatever money was left and I would set up a trust fund. I would leave the money in an account, and I would live off of the interest of that money.

4. Where do people keep their money?

Some people hide their money somewhere in their house. This allows convenient access to the money, but if the money is stolen, it cannot be replaced. You can also put your money into a bank. While in the bank, your money earns interest, and it is also very safe.

Unit 12 Parenting

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion

b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion

c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Education: schoolwork, tests, classrooms, homework

Bad Behavior: needs discipline, loses privileges, is unacceptable, deserves grounding

Parents and Children: lots of love, support, encouragement, care

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. How can parents teach their children the importance of education?

Parents can teach their kids that education is important by setting a personal example and involving themselves in their children's learning. If parents help their children with schoolwork, they show their kids that education is important. This will result in the children taking their

education more seriously and working harder.

b. Do you think parents should discipline their children for misbehavior?

Yes, they should because they have to get the point across that bad behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. However, they shouldn't use physical punishment. Instead, parents should temporarily take away privileges that the children enjoy.

c. Do you think children should support their parents when they get old?

Yes, of course. Children should support their parents when they get old because their parents gave them life, love, support, and care for many years. This is a very common practice in my culture, so there is also some social pressure for children to care for their parents.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

a. 2

b. 1

c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Do you think parents should treat their sons and daughters equally? Explain.

Parents should certainly treat children of both sexes equally. In many countries, it is a legal requirement not to distinguish between people based on their sex. Both boys and girls deserve to be treated as equals and to be given equal rights and privileges in their families and in their societies.

2. When should children start making their own decisions about their lives?

Parents should make this decision based on their good judgment of their children's maturity

because some children are ready to make their own decisions at a very young age; others aren't ready until later on. Making decisions requires knowledge of the possible consequences of their actions, and some children are unable to think things through until they grow older.

3. What do you think grandparents can teach their grandchildren?

Grandparents can teach their grandchildren valuable lessons of life and wisdom. As people age, they become wiser with knowledge that you can't learn at school. Grandparents can teach grandchildren about local history or about life lessons. This is the wisdom that comes from experience, not from books.

4. Recall one valuable lesson that your parents have taught you. Talk about it.

The most important thing my parents taught me is probably respect. This includes not only respect for other people but also respect for their property, their privacy, and their right to have different opinions about things than I do. Everybody deserves to be treated with respect.

Unit 13 Space Exploration

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

The Sun: provides warmth, gives us light, far away from the Earth, made of hydrogen and helium

Space Exploration: space shuttles, space stations, space suits, space experiments

Telescopes: have lenses, range in size, help us see faraway things, used by astronomers

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What can you explain about the sun?

The sun is a brightly burning mass of gases. This provides us with the warmth and light that we feel and see from our planet. The sun is mostly made of hydrogen and helium. Light that leaves the sun takes eight minutes to reach the Earth.

b. What space stations/space shuttles do you know?

I have heard about the space shuttles that were used by the US for space exploration. Currently, many countries contribute to space exploration, including a joint venture by some countries in Europe. Someday it might be possible for people to live in space, but I don't think that will become reality for a long time.

c. What is a telescope used for?

A telescope is a tool with multiple lenses that is used to study stars and other objects in space. Telescopes can range from very small ones to be used at home to very big ones to be used in a space observatory. For really powerful telescopes, you need really big lenses, and that is what limits how powerful a telescope can be.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.



Sample Responses

1. Are horoscopes popular or important in your country? Explain.

People who belong to cultures that believe in horoscopes might consult them before they make a major step or a major change in their lives. This is not common where I live. While it is often fun to read the horoscopes in the daily newspaper, it is wiser to use good sense when making important decisions.

2. What do you know about attempts to explore the moon?

There were a lot of attempts to explore the moon. First, people would send rockets to the moon. These rockets would take pictures of its craters and bring back samples of the moon's soil. Then astronauts began to land on the moon. The first man to do it was Neil Armstrong, an American astronaut.

3. Would you ever consider traveling into space?

Yes, I would. It must be pretty exciting to go into space and observe our planet, other planets, and stars from space. I know that space tourism nowadays is only available to the very wealthy. I don't think I will ever have enough money to travel into space since it currently costs millions of dollars.

4. Do you think there is life on other planets? Explain.

Yes, I do. I think there may be life in other galaxies because there are so many of them. However, we will probably never meet aliens. Scientists say you cannot travel faster than the speed of light, and even traveling at the speed of light, it would take a long, long time to get to even the next closest star in our galaxy.

Unit 14 Superstitions

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion

b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion

c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

What Are Superstitions: faith-based, not based on reason, belief in an unexplained power, not the same in all cultures

Signs of Good Luck: four-leaf clovers, a new penny, spilling salt, a rabbit's foot

Fortune Tellers: are sometimes con artists, predict the future, may have psychic powers, use cards or tea leaves

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What is a superstition?

A superstition is a belief in the unexplained power of something or somebody. For example, in a lot of cultures, the number 13 is considered to be unlucky. I am not superstitious at all. I believe superstition is a product of ignorance.

b. According to some people in your country, what brings good luck?

In my country, finding a four-leaf clover, a new penny, or spilling salt can bring you good luck. Some people also carry things like a rabbit's foot for good luck. I have no idea where these ideas came from. These beliefs are really old and have been passed down from generation to generation.

c. Do you believe in fortune telling?

I don't believe in fortune telling. I have never gone to a fortune-teller in my life. In general, I think most fortune tellers are just con artists.



There may be some with real psychic powers, but those real ones are few and far between.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Do you have lucky and unlucky numbers of your own? Explain.

No. I believe that anything having to do with numbers is entirely by chance or coincidence. I don't see how a number can be linked to luck and there is no scientific evidence. When I see "lucky" numbers, nothing lucky ever happens to me. The same is true of when I encounter "unlucky numbers."

2. Have you heard of any superstitions related to mirrors?

Yes, I know a superstition related to mirrors. There is one that says if you break a mirror you will have bad luck for several years. I believe it is true. My sister broke a mirror and she was very unhappy for a long time. She broke it five years ago, so hopefully she will be happier in two years.

3. Do you believe in ghosts and spirits? Explain.

No, I don't believe in ghosts and spirits. I think they are just a result of our troubled imagination. Scientists suggest that "bad feelings" that you get when you walk into an old house are actually from noises that are at a frequency too low for you to hear, but can still have a strange effect on your body.

4. A superstition says if your right eye itches, you'll laugh soon. If your left eye itches, you'll

cry soon. Is there a similar superstition in your culture?

I have never heard about a superstition like this in my country. My culture is a very serious one, and people make fun of you if you believe in superstitions. Maybe this kind of superstition comes from a place where people have allergies, so their eyes itch a lot.

Unit 15 Television

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** [] personal experience
[X] personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** [X] personal experience
[] personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** [X] personal experience
[] personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Types of Televisions: high-definition, plasma, flat-screen, big-screen

Advanced Sound Systems: surround sound, multiple speakers, audio input/output, digital sound technology

Parents' Responsibilities: guide children, explain a show's content, block inappropriate shows, supervise their children

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What kind of TV do you have (e.g., HDTV, plasma, flat-screen, big-screen)?

We have a huge plasma TV. It is over fifty inches wide. The advantages are that everything looks really clear. Movies and programs look much



better than on my small television.

b. What sound system do you have with your TV?

We have a home-theater surround sound system that allows us to hear movie-quality sound effects. When I watch a movie, and someone opens a door, it is like a door is being opened right beside me. Our system also has digital sound, so the audio output is really clear.

c. How can parents make sure their children are not watching inappropriate programs?

Parents should supervise and guide their children's TV viewing habits. Parents shouldn't expose their children to shows with adult themes or content. For example, some of the shows during prime time are all about relationship problems. Kids shouldn't watch those kinds of shows.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
- b. 2
- c. 1

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Do you think people are becoming lazier because of TV? Explain.

I think there are other things in society that make people lazy. We can't just blame it all on TV. I think people enjoy just relaxing and turning off their brains when they are watching TV. But they need this relaxation time because they probably have to work hard studying or thinking at their jobs all day.

2. Do you think there are too many commercials on TV? Explain.

Yes, I do. I think there are too many commercials on TV because I get a feeling that for every 10

minutes of my favorite program, I watch 10 minutes of commercials. It's so irritating. I don't think it's beneficial to watch so many commercials. All they do is try to promote products I don't really need, so the advertising company can make a profit.

3. Should commercials be prohibited on kids' channels? Why or why not?

Yes, they should. Children are very easily influenced and will want to have everything they see, especially on TV. After watching these commercials, children naturally will want the things advertised, and they will plead with their parents for them. TV regulators should be aware of this, and limit the nature and amount of advertising aimed at selling products to children.

4. Should TV programs be rated? Why or why not?

Yes, they should. TV ratings will give people an idea if programs are suitable for whole-family viewing or if some of them might be inappropriate for young children. I think the government has a responsibility to rate the programs being viewed. If a program has an adult theme, it should definitely not be viewed by young children.

Unit 16 Stress

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Adult Responsibilities: raising children, supporting a family, paying bills, saving for the future



Insomnia: can't sleep, bad for your health, can't relax, can be caused by stress

Time Management: not procrastinating, using time wisely, working efficiently, meeting deadlines

- 4 **Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

- a. **What do you think are the main causes of stress?**

The main cause of stress is the buildup of responsibility as people get older. When you are young, you are not responsible for anything. As you get older, you have to work hard to earn money. Then you have children and you have to look after them. This all contributes to stress.

- b. **Why do you think some people have insomnia when they are under stress?**

When people are under stress, they can't sleep because they can't unwind and stop thinking about their problems. When you keep worrying about a problem, your mind can't relax. If your brain isn't relaxed, your body can't relax, and you can't fall asleep.

- c. **How can proper time management reduce stress?**

Proper time management can reduce stress by keeping too many burdens from weighing on a person's mind. People who have demanding jobs with constant deadlines can become stressed by others asking if a job is finished or not. Working efficiently allows you to meet your deadlines, and this reduces stress.

- 6 **Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3
b. 1
c. 2

❖ **Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. **How do you deal with school-related stress?**

Coping with school-related stress isn't easy. There are always deadlines for papers and projects, and keeping up my grades is very important. I guess the only real release I have from the stress of schoolwork is playing video games. When I play a video game, I can forget about everything and just focus on the game.

2. **Why do you think some people gain weight when they are under stress?**

One of the reactions of your body to stress can be a feeling of constant hunger, so you start eating a lot, and you can't control yourself. Eating releases chemicals into your body that make you feel good. The more stressed you feel, the more you eat because you want your body to release those chemicals.

3. **Describe a stressful situation that you have been in.**

Once I was procrastinating and wasn't working on my final assignment for one of my classes, but my final grade depended on it a lot. When I finally started on it, it was the day it was due to be submitted. I worked for hours and hours but had left it too late. I handed in a half finished report and knew I would get a poor grade.

4. **How can setting realistic goals reduce stress? Explain.**

If you set difficult-to-reach goals, you work harder in order to reach them. When you fail, even when working extra hard, it increases your stress levels by giving you a sense of failure. By setting attainable goals and reaching those targets, you give yourself a sense of achievement. This makes you feel good about yourself.

Unit 17 Memories

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Best Friends: are buddies, know each other, talk closely, play together

Learning: book exercises, practice tests, lessons, assignments

Halloween: receive candy, scary decorations, trick-or-treating, dress up

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. Do you remember your best friend from childhood?

I remember my childhood friend, Valerie, very well. We became buddies when we sat next to each other in class in elementary school. We used to play together in her front yard and talked together for hours.

b. Do you remember how you began studying English?

My older sister started learning English long before me. She taught me my first words in English. I remember wanting to be like her so badly that I would sit next to her when she would do her English homework. Eventually, when I started learning English, it was much easier for me because I had been studying with my sister for all that time.

c. What was your favorite holiday when you were a child?

When I was little, we used to celebrate Halloween. My mom would always decorate the house with all kinds of decorations. On Halloween night, we would go out trick-or-treating with my dad.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
b. 1
c. 2

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Describe something you remember about one of your grandparents.

My grandfather was a really smart man, and I always loved going over to his house. I was always so happy to see him. When I walked into the living room, he was always reading the newspaper. He loved to smoke his pipe, and it was always filled with a cherry flavored tobacco.

2. What do you remember about yourself as a teenager?

I am so embarrassed now when I think about how I acted as a teenager. I was such a troublemaker. I never listened to my mom and often thought of ways to make my mom's life more difficult. I used to do such a bad job at washing the dishes that my mom would have to redo them later. I was a terror, and now, I feel really badly about it.

3. How well can you recall people's faces and/or names?

I am quite good at remembering faces but have a terrible time trying to remember a person's name. I can often tell a person where and how we met, but I am awful at remembering what their names

are. Sometimes, if I see a name written down, I have an easier time remembering it.

4. Talk about one thing you would like to forget.

I would love to forget my first boyfriend. I was 18, and I had a really handsome boyfriend. I really liked him at the time, and I thought that he really liked me. But after a month, he broke up with me in order to go out with a different girl. I felt horrible, and even to this day, it still hurts a little bit.

come into my house, and I see them crawling on the floor or on the ceiling.

b. Would you consider participating in extreme sports?

Sure, I would. I have done a solo parachute jump from 1000 meters. I have also gone bungee jumping four times. I love the adrenalin rush you get from these sports.

c. What dangers do you face when you go swimming in the ocean?

When a person goes swimming in the ocean, there are certain marine creatures that live there that might attack a swimmer. For example, I watched a movie about a great white shark that attacked lots of people in the water. I was afraid of swimming in the ocean for a while after I saw that movie, but now I'm not afraid anymore.

Unit 18 Phobias

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Different Emotions: afraid, nervous, scared, calm

Extreme Sports: bungee jumping, skateboarding, parachuting, bicycle racing

Creepy Creatures: spiders, fish, sharks, snakes

Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Do you like watching scary movies? Explain.

No, I don't. I think those movies are made for people who like being scared, but I'm not one of them. I don't like it when the evil guy jumps out from behind the curtains because it makes me jump too. I try to avoid these movies.

2. Do you celebrate Halloween or a similar holiday in your country? Explain.

Yes, we do. When I was very young, we used to dress up for Halloween. I was a big fan of cartoons, so every year I would dress up as a cartoon mouse or duck. We would walk from

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. Is there anything that makes you nervous or afraid?

I am afraid of spiders. This is called arachnophobia. Unfortunately in my country, there are many large and sometimes poisonous spiders. Often they

door to door, and people would give us sweets or fruit.

3. Give examples of phobias that you know.

Phobias are unexplainable fears of something. I know about a few of these fears. Claustrophobia is the fear of enclosed spaces, agoraphobia is the fear of open spaces, and pyrophobia is the fear of fire. I don't have any of these phobias, but I am afraid of large cats. I don't know what that fear is called.

4. How do you think people overcome their fears?

People overcome their fears by exposing themselves to them and making themselves do what they are afraid of doing. For example, if you have arachnophobia, you can try touching a small spider. You will quickly see it is harmless, and you will lose a little of your fear.

Unit 19 Social Issues

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. **Speaker #1:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. **Speaker #2:** personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. **Speaker #3:** personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Social Problems: poverty, crime rates, unemployment rates, homelessness

Lower Income Families: have a poorer quality of life, can't always buy food, can't afford medication, find it hard to pay rent

Government Programs: daycare facilities, subsidized housing, public schooling, national healthcare

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. Describe common problems that any society has to deal with.

Every society has to deal with poverty, unemployment, crime rates, and looking after the homeless. Poverty should be society's first concern because it includes, and can lead to, all the others. Poverty can lead to homelessness if a family can't pay rent or can't find a place to live.

b. What difficulties do families with very low incomes have to face in their everyday life?

Families with very low incomes have to face the problems of feeding and clothing their children, paying rent, and getting basic necessities on a daily basis. Low-income families typically have a poorer quality of life. For example, they may only be able to afford low-quality foods which can affect the health of children and adults.

c. What government programs do you have in your country to help disadvantaged families with young children?

Government programs include subsidized housing and national healthcare. In my country, the government also provides daycare facilities for families who cannot afford private daycare. I have also seen centers for older children, to educate them further after school and keep them off the streets.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 3
b. 2
c. 1

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. What needs to be done to take care of homeless children?

Homeless children should immediately be placed in a caring orphanage. Great care should be taken to place these children with an appropriate new family as soon as possible. A family environment is more beneficial to a homeless child than an orphanage. It is also very important to keep homeless brothers and sisters together.

2. What do you think of medical insurance options in your country?

I think we have good medical insurance options in my country. Medical insurance is very expensive, however, and can consume a large portion of one's salary. My family uses a comprehensive plan, covering any possible injury. Other plans may be cheaper, but they don't cover all possible accidents, and as medical care is so expensive, we don't want to take the risk.

3. What is the level of unemployment in your country?

Unemployment in my country is very low. Most people have excellent jobs because we have such a large export industry. Those people without jobs are sent to reeducation centers where they can learn a new trade or job. Soon after finishing their education, they are given jobs by the major industrial centers.

4. Describe any problems with drugs and drug trafficking in your country.

Drug trafficking is a major problem in my country because many farmers farm the coca leaf. This is used to make cocaine which is exported in vast quantities every year. Foreign governments have banned cocaine and try to force our weak government to give in to their demands about our foreign policy.

Unit 20 Media and News

1 Listen to the speakers. Check the type of answer the speaker gives.

- a. Speaker #1: personal experience
 personal opinion
- b. Speaker #2: personal experience
 personal opinion
- c. Speaker #3: personal experience
 personal opinion

2 Sort the phrases by writing them in the correct categories.

Parts of a Newspaper: front page, business section, sports section, entertainment section

How Businesses Use Mass Media: radio spots, Internet campaigns, magazine ads, TV commercials

Paparazzi: follow celebrities, want hot news, spy with cameras, don't respect privacy

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What sections of a newspaper do you read the most?

I like to read the front-page articles of every section in the newspaper. Newspapers put the most important stories on the front. By reading the front pages, I get a great idea of what is happening without having to devote a lot of time to reading the whole paper.

b. How do newspapers and magazines help with business?

Newspapers and magazines can print advertisements and reviews that can help attract customers. Newspapers are read every day by millions of people. Popular magazines also have lots of readers. If businesses want to announce plans or just tell people that they exist, they can

use newspapers or magazines to gain exposure that would be difficult to get otherwise.

c. What do you think about how paparazzi get news?

I think that the ways in which paparazzi sometimes get news are really immoral. They spy with their cameras outside of celebrities' houses and clubs trying to get a "sensational" shot that would get them a big paycheck. They should respect the boundaries of people's personal and professional lives.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. What kinds of news do you like to watch on TV?

My favorite kind of news to watch is sports news. I love listening to commentaries about my favorite teams. Even though sports are not so important in day-to-day life, I love knowing what is happening with my favorite teams.

2. What are the most popular newspapers in your country?

The most popular newspapers in my country are *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. *The New York Times* is one of the most respected newspapers in the country. It tends to focus on many topics that have to do with everything from local to international news. *The Wall Street Journal* is the most trusted business newspaper in the world.

3. How is listening to news on the radio important for our everyday lives?

Listening to the news on the radio can simplify our lives in many ways. The traffic reports are by far the most helpful. They get us to work in a quicker and much more efficient manner. Weather updates are also helpful as they can help us to arrange our schedules accordingly.

4. What is "yellow press" and why is it popular?

"Yellow press" is the term used to describe cheap newspapers and magazines that are especially famous and popular because they present scandalous facts and gossip about celebrities' private lives. They often talk about celebrities and whom they are dating. I think they are popular because people inherently love gossip. We love to know what is happening to others even if it is not really our business.