

Chat Room for Teens 3

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- that are related to teenage concerns
- that provide practical, interesting vocabularies and expressions
- that are easy to apply in any situation

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Introduction

The Chat Room is a wonderful invention. It allows users instantly to communicate freely, and for free, with anyone in the world. They can talk about any subject they care to, and express their opinion in any way they like. They can even be in contact with many people at once. The Chat Room has indeed revolutionized global communication.

CHAT ROOM FOR TEENS operates in much the same way. English learners are encouraged to express themselves freely on a wide range of relevant topics. Many thought-provoking questions and examples are given to spur independent language usage. There are no specifically "right" or "wrong" answers, so there is no need for users to be intimidated — any more than if they were discussing the same topics in their own language instead of English. And this natural, interesting teaching method will build confidence as well as competence, helping the learners to master a skill that will have countless applications — social as well as commercial — around the world, for the rest of their lives.

English, after all, is actually Earthlish — if Dutch, Korean, Saudi, and Brazilian colleagues meet together in Moscow, they will undoubtedly talk to each other in English. And the ones who are best able to express themselves accurately and effortlessly will have a tremendous advantage over their less-talented fellows. Promoting this skill and facility in English is the goal and purpose of the entire line of LIS Korea books, from EXPRESS YOURSELF to TEEN TALK to any of the other fine publications by this thoughtful, progressive company.

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LESSON 21 I Don't Understand Adults

Warm-up Dialog

Just Checking

Joanna : Dad, do you really love me?

Dad : Of course I do! Don't you think that's a silly question?

Joanna : It's always a good idea to be sure about other people's feelings. One can never be too careful, you know.

Dad : Have I ever let you down? Didn't I go to your piano recital last month, even though I had to postpone a project at work?

Joanna : Of course you did! And you told me that my performance was very good.

Dad : Of course it was. You practiced very hard.

Joanna : And you've always supported me when I wanted to play football.

Dad : You could be a wonderful striker if you were just a little bit faster. But you're still young. I'm sure you

You told me you'd love me unconditionally.



Yes, I love you. But I don't love these grades.

will be the best player on your team before you graduate.

Joanna : Thanks. I need that boost of confidence.

Dad : That's what dads are for. Your mom and I love you no matter what. You know that, don't you?

Joanna : I sure hope so!

Dad : What's this all about?

Joanna : My grades are not so hot this time, and before I gave you my report card I just wanted to make sure you loved me unconditionally, not only when I'm doing well.

● Questions

1. In what ways does Joanna's father support her?
2. What abilities does she have?
3. What is she concerned about?

Pictures



- Q1: Does your dad often come home late? What about your mom?
- Q2: Do you want your dad to come home earlier? Why or why not?
- Q3: What does your mom say when your dad comes home late?

- 2.
- Q1: Does your dad smoke? Does he sometimes smoke indoors?
- Q2: What do you think about smoking?
- Q3: Do you know anyone who has ever tried to quit smoking? What happened? Did that person succeed?



3.



- Q1: How often do your parents drink? With whom?
- Q2: Why do adults drink alcohol? Why are kids discouraged from drinking?
- Q3: Have your parents ever driven when drunk? What happened?

- 4.
- Q1: Do you believe them when adults say, "I will always love you"?
 - Q2: Do you believe it when they say, "I'm too busy"?
 - Q3: Do you believe them telling you, "I forgot"?



- Q1: Do your parents ever gossip? If so, about what?
- Q2: Do you think gossiping is good or bad?
- Q3: Do kids gossip? About what?

- 6.
- Q1: What do your parents do on weekends?
 - Q2: Many parents mainly just watch TV and sleep on weekends. What do you think about that?
 - Q3: What would you like your parents to do on weekends?



LESSON 21 I Don't Understand Adults

Answer Me

• 1 Inconsistency

Dad : I don't understand how you got in trouble at school.

Mavra : I'm sorry. I just wanted to come home early, that's all.

Dad : But you know what the rules are! You should obey them.

Mavra : Dad! Watch out!

Dad : What's wrong?

Mavra : You just ran a red light!

Dad : I know. But there wasn't anyone coming.

Mavra : But you know what the rules are. You should obey them!



• Questions

1. Do your parents usually obey traffic laws? If not, which ones do they break?
2. Do you understand why some people break the law? Are they ever justified?
3. Why should we obey the law? Are there some times when we should not?

• 2 Like Father, Like Child

Patsy : Dad, I need some new make-up.

Dad : OK. How much money do you need? Is this enough?

Patsy : No. I need at least twice that much.

Dad : What? Isn't that an awful lot of money for make-up?

Patsy : Well, I could get something cheaper, but it wouldn't look as good, and it wouldn't be as healthy on my skin.

Dad : You need to learn how to be more frugal. Just because something costs a lot more doesn't mean it's actually better.

Patsy : But don't you always wear expensive tailored suits instead of clothes off the rack?

Dad : Well, yes, but I need to look sharp. I need to make a good impression on my clients.

Patsy : OK. But why did you buy a sedan last month instead of a compact? That's not for business reasons, is it?

In my line of work I need a nice car.



But I'm a girl! In my line of work, I need to look as good as I can.

• Questions

1. Are your parents "stingy" or "wasteful"? How about you?
2. Does your family drive a sedan or a compact? Why?
3. Do your parents usually wear expensive clothes? Where do they get them?

LESSON 21 I Don't Understand Adults

Answer Me

• 3 Motivation

Gene : Wow! Look at that car!

Bonnie : It's very beautiful. But I bet it's really expensive.

Gene : Of course it is! That's the whole point about having a lot of money — so you can buy costly items.

Bonnie : No, you're missing the whole point. Rich people should use their wealth to help the poor.

Gene : Well, that's up to them. It's their money; they can do anything they want with it.

Bonnie : If the person who bought this car had used the same amount of money to feed a starving family or send some poor kid to school, think how better off our whole society could be.

Gene : Yes, yes, I know. But nobody would work hard to make a lot of money if he couldn't use it to buy nice things for himself.

True wealth comes from helping others.



Being truly rich means buying myself the best things!

• Questions

1. Do you think the rich should help the poor? Why or why not?
2. Do the wealthy in our country do enough for poor people? Explain your answer.
3. Should we pass laws to force the rich to help the poor. If so, how? If not, why not?

• 4 Should Parents Fight?

Sharon : You look very sad. What's wrong?

Kent : Oh, nothing. I'm all right.

Sharon : No, I'm serious. You look terrible! What's the matter?

Kent : Oh, my parents had a big fight last night.

Sharon : What happened? Did they hit each other?

Kent : No, not this time. But they said really bad things about each other. When they do that, I get afraid that they don't love each other — or me! I get worried that our family will break up.

Sharon : Yes, I know how you feel. I'm the same way when my parents fight.

Kent : Your parents fight too? I thought they always got along.

Sharon : Most of the time they do. But sometimes, they just get out of control. When that happens, I just want to run away and hide.

No matter how bad they make each other feel, they make me feel even worse.



• Questions

1. Do your parents sometimes argue? Do they fight calmly or loudly?
2. What do they argue about? How do they resolve it?
3. Is there any difference between you arguing with your friends and your parents arguing with each other?

LESSON 21 I Don't Understand Adults

— Let's Talk More —

• 1 The Stranger in My House

I don't understand how my parents can so easily wake up so early in the morning. They go to bed after I do, but they get up before I do. My mom wakes me up every morning, and my breakfast is already cooked and waiting for me. My dad has already gotten up, taken a shower, dressed, had breakfast, and is already leaving for work when I get up. Who wakes them up? Is there somebody else living in my house who does that? If so, I guess that person must be asleep when I'm awake, because I never see him.



• Questions

1. Do your parents need an alarm clock to wake up early? How about you?
2. How many hours' sleep is enough for you? How many do you usually get?
3. If you don't get enough sleep, are you grumpy in the morning? How long does that mood last?

• 2 Bad Days Continue After Work

When adults are under pressure at work or under social stress, they may take it out on their family. I know when I was young, I could always tell how my dad's day at work was. If he had had a good day, he would come home smiling. He'd have a lot of funny stories to share, and he'd take me to a nearby store to get me an ice cream cone. But if things had not gone so well, he'd hardly talk or smile at all. He would just eat and watch TV, and not pay any attention at all to me or my mom. But I was lucky, I guess, because one of my friends tells me that her parents get very angry and abusive when things are not going their way. Mine never did that.



• Questions

1. Do your parents get angry with you sometimes, even when you have not done anything wrong? If so, how do you deal with it?
2. Do you ever take your frustrations out on someone else, like a younger sibling or a pet? If so, how does it make you feel?
3. List five reasons that adults get upset with their kids.

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— Let's Talk More —

• 3 Doing It the Right Way

Many adults think they can discipline their kids just by having a lot of “do’s and don’ts.” But that is the wrong way to go about it. A list of rules doesn’t mean anything unless the reasons for them are understood. It is better to engage in conversation and persuasion with kids to get them to make good choices than it is to try to enforce arbitrary laws.



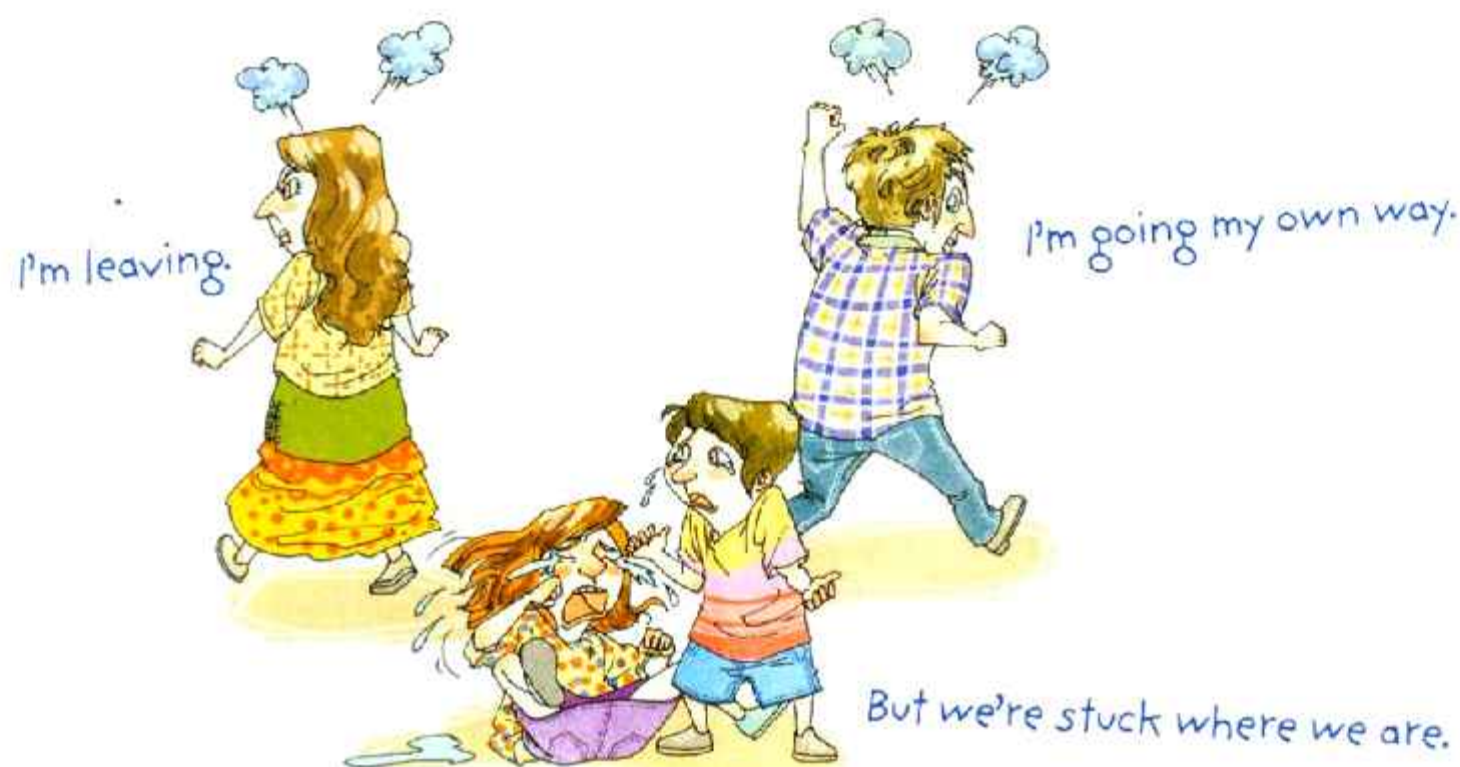
If kids wrote the do's and don'ts book, it would be a lot different than the parents' version.

• Questions

1. How do your parents discipline you? Is it effective?
2. Do your mom and dad agree with each other on how to discipline you?
3. How will you discipline your kids in the future?

• 4 Breaking Up

People divorce too easily these days. They don't consider how this action will affect their children. Most kids are not very secure in their self-esteem, and they need constant assurance that their parents love them and treasure them beyond all else. Furthermore, the kids don't want just one parent, they need them both — and they don't want to have to make a choice between them. A divorced adult may find himself or herself “free” for the first time in years, but his or her child will probably feel like a prisoner, alone and unloved.



• Questions

1. Do you think your parents could ever divorce? Explain your answer.
2. If your parents would be happier if they divorced each other, could you accept their decision? Explain your answer.
3. If your parents were getting a divorce and you had to choose one parent to stay with, which one would it be? Why?

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— Real Talk —

Practice Makes Perfect

Lucille : Dad, I'm confused. Can you help me out?

Dad : Of course! Any time! What's the problem?

Lucille : Why do I have to go to bed so early? I'd like to stay up and listen to music for a while.

Dad : You have to get up for school. You know that!

Lucille : But I have to go to bed early even when I don't have school!

Dad : You need to develop good habits for when you become an adult.

Lucille : Then, why do you stay out so late? You always get home long after I've gone to bed.

Dad : Because I'm an adult.

Lucille : I have to study hard every day, go to piano lessons whether I want to or not, get up early, and obey all the rules at school.

Dad : That's right. You're a very good girl, and I'm proud of you.

Lucille : But if I were grown up, it would be okay to smoke, drink, swear, gamble, disobey traffic rules.... I could do anything I wanted to, right?

Dad : Sure, I guess so, if you were grown up. But I hope you don't do those things, even when you're an adult. Even though I'm guilty of some of them myself, I want you to avoid my mistakes.

Lucille : That's what is so confusing. What's the point of learning to behave in a way that is so different from what I'm actually going to do when I get big? Wouldn't it make more sense for me to get used to acting like an adult now, so I'll be truly ready for adulthood?

Dad : In that case, you need to earn your own spending money and start paying rent.



Work and responsibility are what separates adults from kids.

• Questions

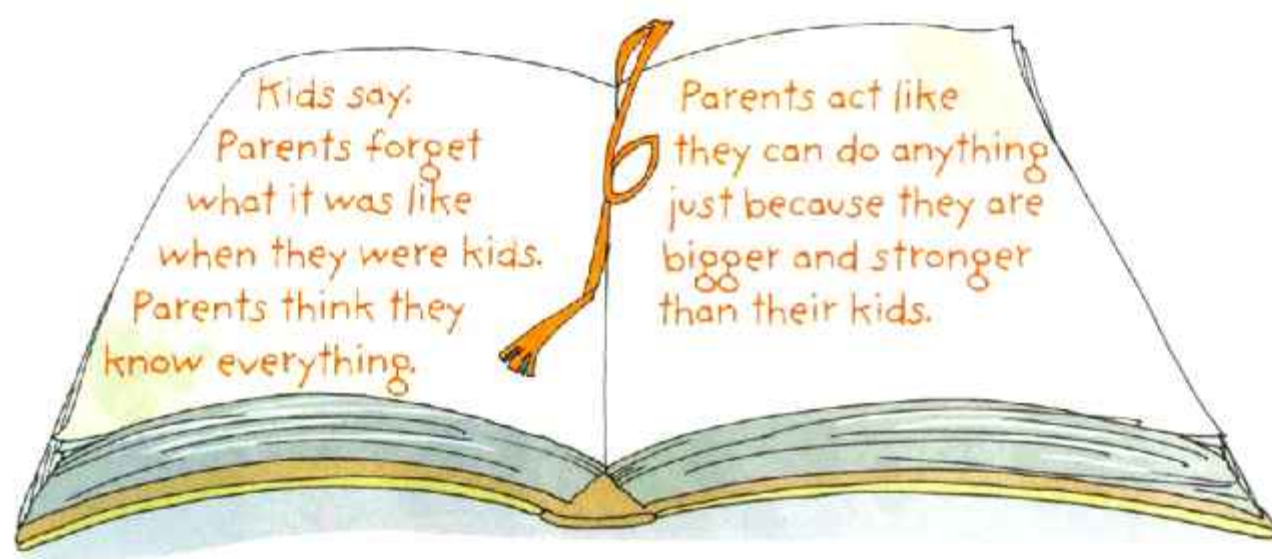
1. What do you feel about Lucille's opinion?
2. What's the hardest part about not being an adult?
3. How will you be different when you grow up? Or will you do the same things in the same ways you do them now?

— Read Me —

Adults say:

- (1) Kids don't know how much their parents really love them.
- (2) Kids don't know they are now having the best days of their lives.
- (3) Kids don't know that parents have only the kids' best interests in mind, even when they do things for them that their kids don't like.
- (4) Kids just don't understand that everything their parents say and do is motivated by real love.
- (5) Kids don't realize their parents want them to avoid the mistakes that they made when they were younger.
- (6) Kids will go astray without sound advice and discipline.
- (7) Young kids don't think adults can make mistakes; older kids think adults are always wrong.
- (8) Kids don't understand that adults have many worries and a lot of stress.
- (9) Kids don't know that parents want their kids to be more successful than they are.

Are they right?



The problem is that kids and adults think they are always right. But sometimes they are both wrong.

• Questions

1. Do you think your parents really love you? Why?
2. Would you rather be a parent or a kid? Explain your answer.
3. On what issues do you agree with your parents, and on what do you disagree?

LESSON 22 Adults Should Know What Kids Want

Warm-up Dialog

Words

Samantha : Do your parents have an extremely small vocabulary?

Josh : No, I don't think so. I hear them use big words all the time.

Samantha : You mean when they are talking to each other! How about when they're talking to you?

Josh : I never noticed. They don't usually talk to me.

Samantha : The only things they ever say to me are "Do this" and "Do that."

Josh : Oh. I see what you mean. My parents also use the same expressions, but not all the time.



These four directions lead kids the wrong way.

Samantha : What else do they say to you?

Josh : "Don't do this!" and "Don't do that!"

Samantha : Oh, that's right! My parents, too. So I guess they studied the same phrase book at parenting school.

Josh : And whenever I ask them a question, they tell me it's for my own good instead of trying to explain why.

Samantha : Yes, I know what you mean.

Josh : Oh! I forgot! It's not just "do this/do that" or "don't do this/don't do that." My father has a wonderful vocabulary when it comes to swear words.

Samantha : Yes, mine too! And also my mom!

• Questions

1. When your parents talk to you, do they use a small vocabulary?
2. What do your parents usually talk to you about?
3. Do you think you are treated like a young child? Explain in detail.

Pictures

1.



- Q1: What does "adults should listen well" mean?
- Q2: With you, do your parents listen well?
- Q3: Do you listen well to your parents? Your friends?

2.

- Q1: Do you feel free to discuss anything with your parents? What subjects would you like to discuss with your parents?
- Q2: Is there anything you can't talk about with your parents?
- Q3: Do you understand your parents well (and vice versa)?



3.



- Q1: Do your parents praise you often enough? Explain your answer.
- Q2: Do your teachers praise you often enough? Explain your answer.
- Q3: When would you especially like to be praised?

4. Q1: Do your parents keep their promises to you? What promises do your parents break most frequently?
- Q2: Do you keep your promises to others? How about promises to yourself?
- Q3: Why do you think "keeping a promise" is sometimes difficult?



5.



- Q1: Do your parents often cheer you up when things are not going well?
- Q2: What do they say or do then?
- Q3: When they try to cheer you up, do you feel better, the same, or worse? Discuss your answer.

6. Q1: Do you often make mistakes? What kind?
- Q2: What do your parents (and teachers) say when you make a mistake?
- Q3: Do you learn from your mistakes? What do you learn?



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Answer Me

• 1 Parents as Friends

Jennifer : Would you like to do something this weekend, like go see a movie?

Jason : I'd love to! But I can't.

Jennifer : Why not? Do you have other plans?

Jason : No. No plans at all. I have to stay home.

Jennifer : Why?

Jason : Because I'm grounded.

Jennifer : Oh. I'm sorry to hear that.

Jason : I didn't really do anything terrible. But I was a half-hour late from school.

Jennifer : It doesn't matter what we do, you know? Our parents are "the bosses" and we have to obey them.

Jason : So? Does that give them the right to act like dictators?

Jennifer : They think it does.

Jason : I think they should try to act like my friends instead. I wouldn't get into trouble with them so often, and we'd all be happier.

Jennifer : When I grow up and have kids, I'll be their friend!

Jason : Me too!

I don't want a jailer for a father — I want a friend!



You'll do as I say. Or else!

• Questions

1. Describe what kind of parents you have. Are they your "friends" or your "bosses"?
2. Do your parents usually accept your ideas, or do they ignore them? Give examples.
3. What kind of parent do you want to be in the future? Explain your choice.

• 2 Not Home Alone

Mom : Ted, it's time to go.

Ted : But I don't want to go. I want to stay here and play with my friends.

Mom : I know, Dear. But I want you to go with me. I don't want to leave you here by yourself.

Ted : I'm not alone! I'm with my friends.

Mom : OK, I don't want to leave you here with your friends without adult supervision.

Ted : But I'm old enough to take care of myself!

Mom : Let's go!

Ted : But I don't want to go to the supermarket with you. There's nothing interesting to do there.

Mom : Tell you what. On our way home we'll stop at the game store and look around.

Ted : Does that mean you'll get me a game?

Mom : Not necessarily. But at least you can see what's available.



What's the point of going to the game store if we didn't buy anything?

I said we'd just look around. Let's go!

• Questions

1. Do you usually prefer to play with your friends or go with your parents? Tell why.
2. When do you enjoy shopping with your parents, if ever?
3. Are you free to decide by yourself if you will stay home or go along?

LESSON 22 Adults Should Know What Kids Want

Answer Me

• 3 Bad Parents!

Fred : I hate my parents!

Martha : Really? Why?

Fred : No, I don't hate them! But I hate the way they manage my life.

Martha : In what way?

Fred : They act like studying is the only thing in my life that's important. But I think there are lots of other things that are more important.

Martha : Such as?

Fred : Well, you know, friendship and football, games and ice cream. Stuff like that.

Martha : I absolutely agree, except for football. But, definitely, studying is of rather minor value.

Fred : If studying is so important, why don't our parents study anymore?

Martha : Good question! When I asked my parents that, they told me that if they had studied harder when they were my age, they wouldn't have to work so hard now.



• Questions

1. Do your parents always emphasize your studies? Or do they have other priorities?
2. Do you agree with the way they manage your time? Why or why not?
3. Do you understand their position? Do you think they are right?

• 4 Choice of Friends

Dad : I don't want you to spend so much time with that new girl. I don't think she's a good influence on you.

Clarice : But why, Dad? We like the same things.

Dad : Ever since she moved here, your grades have gone downhill.

Clarice : But that's not her fault, Dad. The schoolwork has just gotten a lot harder, that's all.

Dad : It keeps getting harder all the time. That's why you need to keep concentrating on it. Or else you'll fall way behind, and you'll never catch up.

Clarice : OK. I promise to study harder. You'll see!

Dad : Good. But, meanwhile, I don't want you to be with her at all. Do you understand?

Clarice : That's not fair! I should get to choose who my friends are! I don't pick your friends!

Dad : You heard what I said.

Clarice : It's my life, not yours! I want to live it any way I see fit!

Dad : Go to your room. You can't go anywhere until you do what I say.



Picking my friends is my own business – not anyone else's.

• Questions

1. Do you think you are old enough to decide everything by yourself? Explain your answer.
2. Do your parents dislike any of your friends? Why or why not?
3. Do your parents like your lifestyle? What do they complain about most often?

LESSON 22 Adults Should Know What Kids Want

Let's Talk More

• 1 A Poor Job

Adults, especially our parents, should be our best role models. Because we learn a lot more by observing how other people behave than we do by being told how we ought to act. But, quite frankly, I think most adults do a terrible job at this. They show us all the wrong things to do, but then they get upset when we do the same things! It would be much better if they would always behave properly; that way it would be much easier for us to follow their lead.



• Questions

1. The theme of this paragraph seems to be "practice what you preach." What does that mean?
2. Describe "proper behavior." Is it always easy to act that way?
3. Who is your best role model? Why?

• 2 Like a Robot

Parents and teachers are too impatient with us. They want us to study right, think quickly, learn quickly, and even become wise quickly. But we all need time to read, to think, to understand — and we also need some time to play and even to be completely idle. Even machines need to be shut off sometimes to cool down or to be repaired. But I'm tired of being treated like a machine that keeps doing the exact same thing all the time, without any independence or time of my own. I want to be treated as a human being, not misused as a machine.



• Questions

1. How are people different from machines?
2. Do people resemble machines in some way? How?
3. If you could be a machine, which one would you choose?

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— Let's Talk More —

• 3 Glad to Help

We all understand that our parents have a hard time to do well in that role. And most adults have many other difficult things to deal with in life. But they are just making it even harder on themselves. Wouldn't it be better for them if they realized we are willing to share their load and sacrifice part of ourselves to help them out? They should tell us frankly what we need to do, and we would be ready to do anything we can to help them.

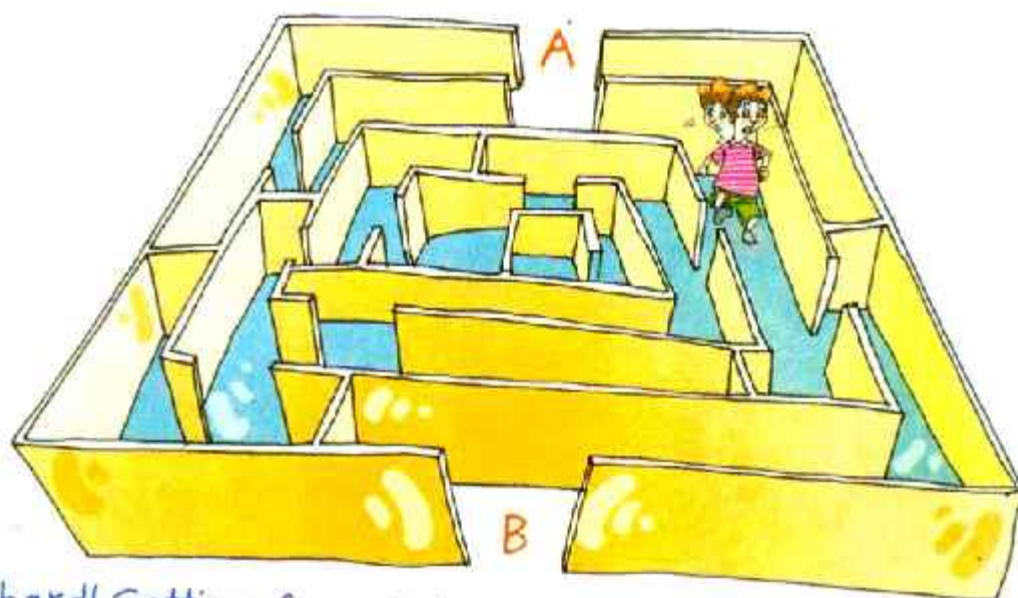


• Questions

1. Do you understand how difficult life is for most adults? Or, do you think they actually have it pretty easy?
2. Talk about your parents' problems and how you could help them.
3. Do you want to grow up very soon, in spite of all the difficulties, or do you want to be a kid forever? Explain what you mean.

• **4 Doesn't Anybody Know How to be Happy?**

I want to live a happy life. But nobody tells me how to do it. My parents tell me how I should act; my teachers tell me how I should think; many adults tell me what I should be doing in the future to make money, to be patriotic, to find love and respect, to be religious, and so on. But they never tell me how to be happy. And when I find things to do that I enjoy, I usually get in trouble! I can't figure it out. Is being happy so hard?



Life is hard! Getting from A to B should be an obvious path, but it's not.

• **Questions**

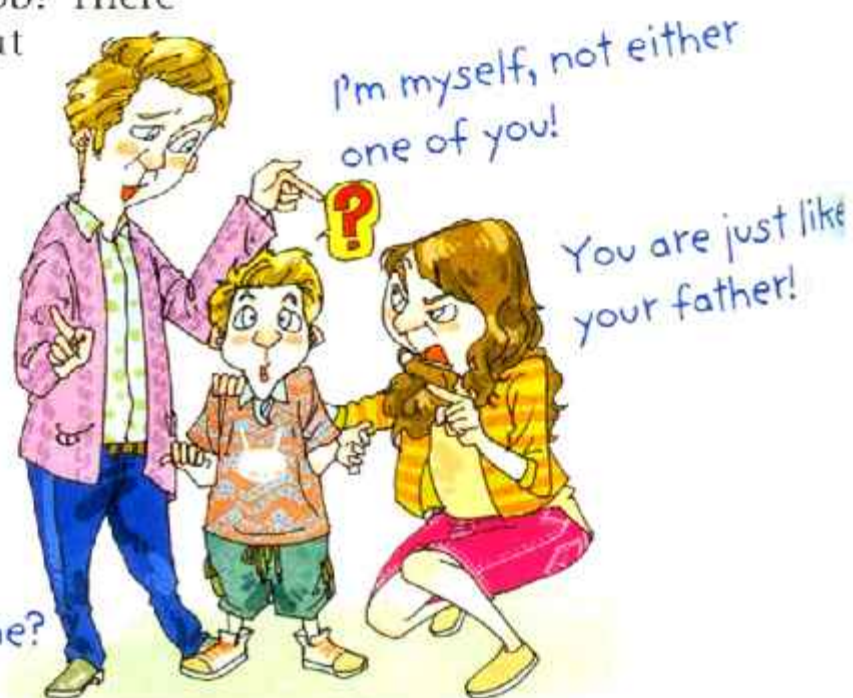
1. Do your parents know how to be happy? Are they happy?
2. What have you been taught about being happy?
3. Do you think you are happy? When are you the happiest?

LESSON 22 Adults Should Know What Kids Want

— Real Talk —

Be Like Me

- Mother : Did you get your test grades yet?
- Sam : Yeah. Here they are.
- Mother : Let me see them.
- Sam : Ok, but you aren't going to like them.
- Mother : You mean you got bad grades again? When are you going to stop playing and start studying?
- Sam : I do study! I study as hard as I can! But you and Dad just don't help me enough.
- Mother : How can you say that? You know I push you all the time.
- Sam : But that's not the same as helping me.
- Mother : I never had bad grades in my life. Why don't you take after me instead of your father?
- Sam : That's what he says!
- Mother : Why do you even waste your time, if this is the best you can do? Why don't you just quit school and get a job? There must be some low-paying work out there that anybody can do. Even you!
- Sam : Mom! I'm trying! My grades aren't excellent, but they're better than they were.
- Mother : That's not good enough. They have to be all A's! If you don't do well in school, how are you ever going to do well in life?
- Sam : Well, if I had parents who loved me despite my shortcomings, I'd sure be a lot happier.



• Questions

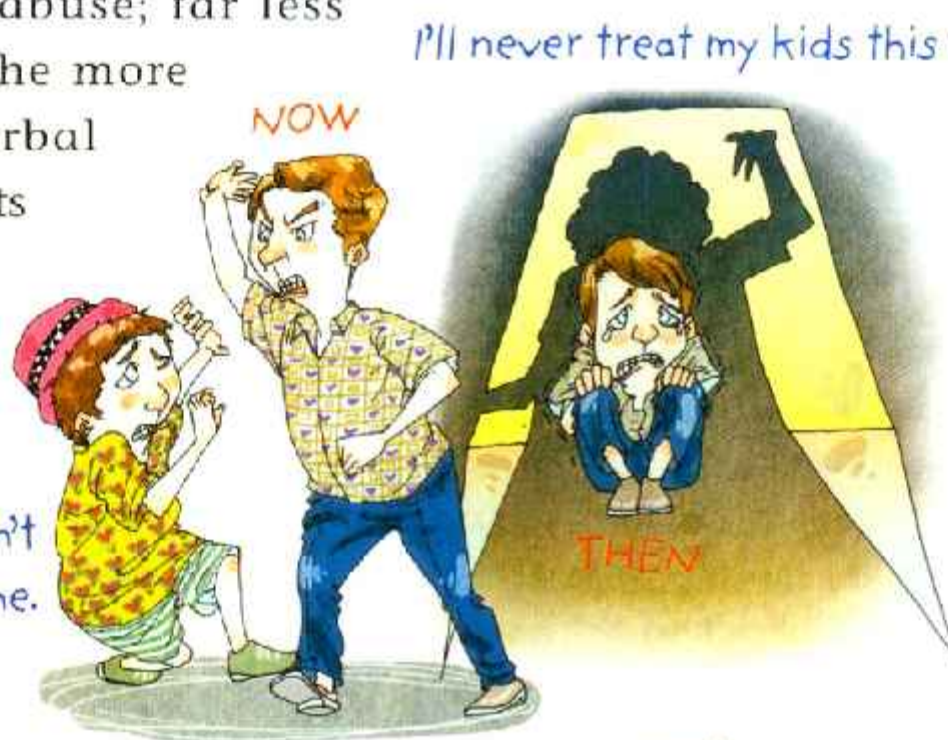
1. How can you and your parents find a balance between doing things you like and things that are good for you?
2. Is it better for a parent to be sympathetic towards kids' shortcomings and make them feel good about themselves anyway, or to push them to do better? Discuss your answer.
3. Describe in detail what you mean by leading a "perfectly happy" life.

— Read Me —

Stop the Abuse!

Physical abuse of children by their parents should be a matter of great concern for us all. Such behavior negatively influences the kids' emotional state for the rest of their lives, often leading to poor self-esteem and feelings of impotent rage. Many times, adults who abuse children were themselves abused as children, and they perpetuate their own suffering on the next generation, which then will probably do the same thing to their own children as well. These unfortunate facts are well known, and efforts are being undertaken to deal with the problem through counseling and intervention. But most of the work is being done concerning the most obvious kinds of physical abuse; far less attention is being paid to the more subtle forms. Although verbal abuse has the same bad effects as physical, everybody seems to take it for granted.

Just because you were abused as a kid, you don't have to take it out on me.



I'm just raising my kids the way I was raised.

• Questions

1. How does abuse (whether physical or verbal or mental) negatively affect its victims?
2. Are the effects of physical abuse different from those of other forms? Explain your answer.
3. Do you ever feel like you are being abused? How does it make you feel?

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LESSON 23 I Want to Be a Professional Athlete

— Warm-up Dialog —

For the Long Term

Mom : Are you finished with your homework already?

Bruce : Yes, Mom.

Mom : OK, let me see it.

Bruce : Here.

Mom : How can you say you're finished? You didn't even do half the assignment!

Bruce : Aw, Mom. It's just a waste of time.

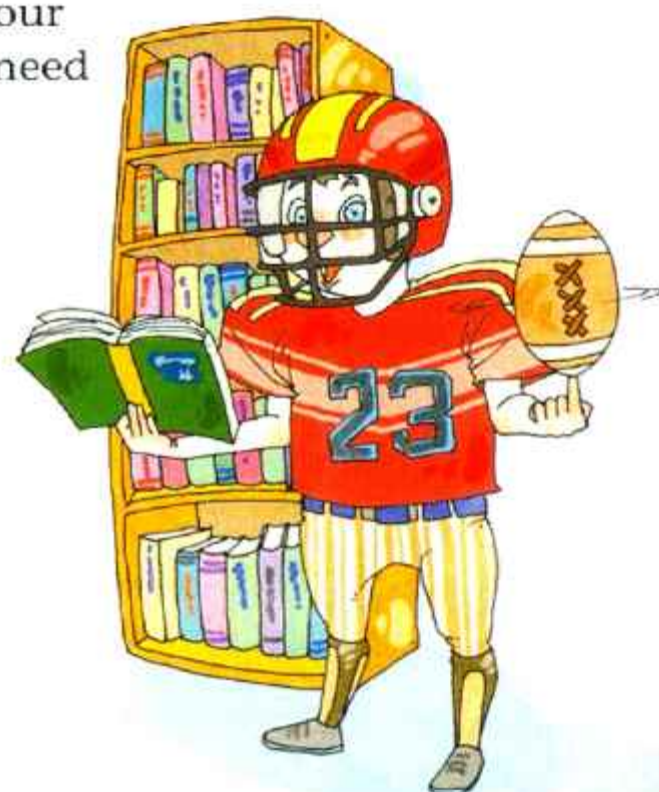
Mom : What do you mean, "a waste of time"? It's the most important thing in your life right now.

Bruce : No it isn't. I'm going to be a professional football player. All this homework just eats into my practice time.

Mom : Maybe you'll be successful in achieving your football dream, and maybe not. But you need to succeed in school in either case. So get back to work on your studies right now!

Bruce : Why would an athlete need to know about math or science or English or any of the other useless classes I have to study for?

Mom : In this world, everybody needs to know some English. How are you going to become an international success in football if the television public can't understand you?



A successful athlete needs
to balance books with balls.

Bruce : Oh. That's a good point. So I'll work hard in my English class and cut back in my other classes so I can concentrate on playing football.

Mom : And you'd better work on your math too, or you'll be cheated in your contracts.

Bruce : Oh, I'll just hire a smart lawyer.

Mom : That's exactly why you'll have to study harder!

Bruce : What? I don't understand.

Mom : Don't you see? No matter how much money you make playing football, the people you depend on will make a lot more than you. People like lawyers and accountants and agents and public relations personnel.

Bruce : I still don't understand.

Mom : These are all people who have studied hard in school to become experts in their fields. They are trained to make a lot of money over a lifetime. Each one of them has many clients, who all eventually get injured or become too old to play at the top of their game any longer.

Bruce : Oh, I see! You're telling me that I can't play football forever. And these other guys don't have to worry about the future because their skills are mental, not physical.

Mom : That's right! You may not have to know a lot about science or art or any of these other subjects in particular, but you certainly need to learn how to think, and you need a good education. Football skills alone won't help you in the long run.

• Questions

1. Why doesn't Bruce want to study?
2. What does he want to be?
3. How does his mother persuade him he is wrong?

Pictures

1.



- Q1: Do you want to be a professional athlete? Why or why not?
- Q2: What is your best sport? Why?
- Q3: Name three sports that may bring a lot of money and fame to their star players. Name three sports that probably will not.

2.

- Q1: Do you want to be a movie or TV star? Why or why not?
- Q2: What do you think about becoming a musician?
- Q3: What about becoming a comedian? Do you think making people laugh is easy? Why or why not?



3.



- Q1: Do you want to work in journalism? Why or why not?
- Q2: What do you think about being a war correspondent? Is it dangerous or not?
- Q3: Journalists often go into politics. Explain why.

- 4.
- Q1: Do you want to be a police officer? Why or why not?
 - Q2: What about being a prosecutor or judge?
 - Q3: What must one do to become a prosecutor, judge, or lawyer?



- Q1: Do you want to be President?
- Q2: Why would some people want to go into politics?
- Q3: Do you think politicians are real patriots? Why or why not?

- 6.
- Q1: Would you like to have a job in business? Why or why not?
 - Q2: What business field would you like to work in?
 - Q3: How do you define business success?



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— Answer Me —

• 1 Surprising Choice or Not?

Anthony : Last night I decided what I want to be when I grow up.

Antonia : What's that?

Anthony : You'll be surprised!

Antonia : A doctor?

Anthony : No. I don't have any aptitude in biology.

Antonia : A lawyer?

Anthony : Nope.

Antonia : OK. I give up. What do you want to be?

Anthony : A teacher!

Antonia : A teacher? But you hate school!

Anthony : That's right. That's why I want to teach.

Antonia : I don't understand. If you hate school, why do you want to teach? Is that some kind of desire for revenge?

Anthony : No. Just the opposite. I finally figured out why I hate school.

Antonia : Why is that?

Anthony : It's because of the bad teachers I always get. So I decided to become a great teacher! All I have to do is the opposite of what they do!

Who do you learn more from —
the strict, demanding teacher,
or the nice, friendly one?



• Questions

1. Would you want to teach? Why or why not?
2. Do you think teaching is easy? Why or why not?
3. Teaching is said to be a noble occupation. Do you agree? Why or why not?

• 2 Occupational Hazard

Eric : Guess what, Mom? I'm going to be a firefighter!

Mom : I hope not.

Eric : Why? I thought you'd be proud of my decision.

Mom : I'll be proud of you no matter what you do. But I'd rather see you do something else.

Eric : But firefighters are real heroes. They save people's lives and protect their property.

Mom : That's right. But they're heroes because the job is so dangerous. I don't want to have to worry all the time about your getting hurt or killed at work.

Eric : But I'll be careful! Don't worry, Ma.

Mom : How can you go into a burning building and "be careful" at the same time?

It takes a brave person to go into a burning building. Most people want to leave as soon as they can.



• Questions

1. Would you want to be a firefighter? Why or why not?
2. Firefighters risk their lives to save others. Could you do that?
3. Name some other dangerous jobs.

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Answer Me

• 3 Up In the Air

Dad : Have you thought about what you want to do when you grow up?

Theresa : Yes. I made up my mind. I want to be a pilot.

Dad : A pilot? Why?

Theresa : I want to travel all over the world.

Dad : Well then, why don't you become a flight attendant? It's a lot easier to get that job.

Theresa : Oh, Dad, don't be so sexist. Don't you think girls can fly planes as well as boys?

Dad : I think you can do anything you want! But why not be a flight attendant? Most girls would kill for the chance!

Theresa : Sure. Many of my friends dream of doing just that. But being a flight attendant is just being a servant to hundreds of people on a plane. It's hard work, and it doesn't pay very well. But the pilot is in charge and can fly planes throughout life; but flight attendants often have very short careers.

Not even astronauts have a gender barrier.



• Questions

1. Being a pilot is an outstanding job. Do you agree? Why?
2. What do you think about becoming a fighter pilot?
3. What about becoming a commander of a spaceship?

• 4 Change of Job Plans

Allan : I'm going to be a doctor! Why don't you become one, too?

Eileen : I never really thought about doing that. It takes an awful lot of school.

Allan : I know. But I really want to help other people. Can you think of a better way?

Eileen : Lots of people help other people. Teachers, lawyers, police officers..... even nurses; and they don't have to study as hard as doctors do.

Allan : Well, yes, of course. But I never wanted to be any of those things. I've dreamed of being a doctor for almost as long as I can remember.

Eileen : Didn't you ever want to do something else?

Allan : Well, when I was very young, my ambition was to pick up garbage.

Eileen : Really? Why?

Allan : Oh, I liked the idea of getting up in the quiet early morning and riding around on a big truck. It seemed very romantic to me, when I was four or five.



Unfortunately he had to give up on his original ambition. So now he is dedicated to pursuing a different dream.

• Questions

1. What is your opinion of doctors? Do you respect them? Why or why not?
2. Do you think the medical profession is an easy one? Why or why not?
3. What is the hardest part about being a doctor? The easiest?

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—— Let's Talk More ——

• 1 What to Be?

In the modern world there are literally thousands of kinds of jobs to choose from, and more are being invented every day. What are the criteria that you would apply to your future profession? Are you most interested in how much money you'd make? Then, maybe you should consider a career in business; CEOs of large corporations make more than anyone else. Is celebrity an important quality? Nobody is more famous than movie stars. Should job satisfaction be the main object? You might be surprised at how many people have jobs that they thoroughly enjoy and would not dream of giving up, even for more money or prestige. How about being a useful member of society — is that your main goal? You might consider something like social work, education, or nursing.



Three different kinds of jackpots. Which one is a winner for you?

• Questions

1. Do you think you should have a job when you grow up? Why or why not? What would the alternative be?
2. What is the most important thing in choosing a job? Why?
3. Do you want to make a lot of money? What would you do with all that cash?

• 2 Happy at Work

One of my neighbors is a street vendor. He makes hamburgers and sandwiches all day and sells them very cheaply. His job seems very hard, especially in this cold weather. I can't believe how little money he makes, even though he puts in long hours. But he always smiles and looks very happy. Actually, for that reason, I envy him. My parents both have better jobs, but they don't seem to enjoy life.



• Questions

1. Who do you think has the happiest job in the world? Why?
2. Do you think the rich are always happy? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the poor are always sad? Why or why not?

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— Let's Talk More —

• **3 Simple, Isn't It?**

People sometimes tell me that they are dissatisfied with their current situation but don't know how to get ahead. I could never understand that. To me, the necessary ingredients are very obvious. First is good health, though people may have little control over this. But even people with disabilities and poor health can succeed in having their dreams come true, if they are willing to do the following: they must persevere and keep working hard to overcome all obstacles; and, most important of all, they must think and then think again. In short: Plan your work, and then work your plan. And you cannot fail.



No matter what your job is,
if you keep digging in hard enough
you can find gold in it.

• **Questions**

1. What do you think your future job will be? What do you have to do to achieve that goal?
2. Do you think you are healthy enough? What can you do to improve your health?
3. Do you always keep trying until you finally succeed? If not, why not?

• 4 Top Five Spots

If money, prestige, and job satisfaction are the main criteria for job success, the five most popular positions are President, CEO, judge, doctor, and professor. All of these titles require a great deal of intelligence, luck, drive, and ambition in order to attain them, and people may spend decades to achieve them. In all these cases, the failure rate is much higher than the success rate, but they are still considered to be the highest-ranking professional titles — perhaps because of the great difficulty of obtaining them.

It's hard to climb the highest peak, but the view from the top is worth the effort.



• Questions

1. Using the same criteria, what are the five least popular positions?
2. What are the good and bad things about being President?
3. What would be the worst aspect of being a pro athlete?

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Real Talk

What's Right for You?

Ralph : What do you want to be when you grow up?

Mona : I don't want to tell you. You'll laugh at me.

Ralph : No, I won't. I promise.

Mona : Ok, but don't laugh!

Ralph : I won't. What do you want to be?

Mona : I want to put out fires.

Ralph : You want to be a fireman?

Mona : No, silly. I don't want to be a fireMAN; I want to be a firefighter.

Ralph : Wow. What an interesting job choice. Why?

Mona : I don't know. It has always interested me, ever since I saw a movie about it.

Ralph : But aren't they always fireMEN?

Mona : Most of the time. But that shouldn't mean anything. If a woman can do the job, why shouldn't she be allowed to do it?

Ralph : That's certainly true. A person's skills and ambitions should be the only matters that count, not what someone looks like.

Mona : What about you? What would you like to do?

Ralph : I think the best job in the world is being a hairdresser. Most of my friends laugh at me, because they think that only women and gay men do that job.

Mona : There is no difference between women wanting to do "men's jobs," and men wanting to do "women's jobs," is there?

Ralph : I don't think so.

I'm sorry, Dear. I have to work late tonight putting out a fire.

When I leave here, I still have to fix dinner and clean up the house.



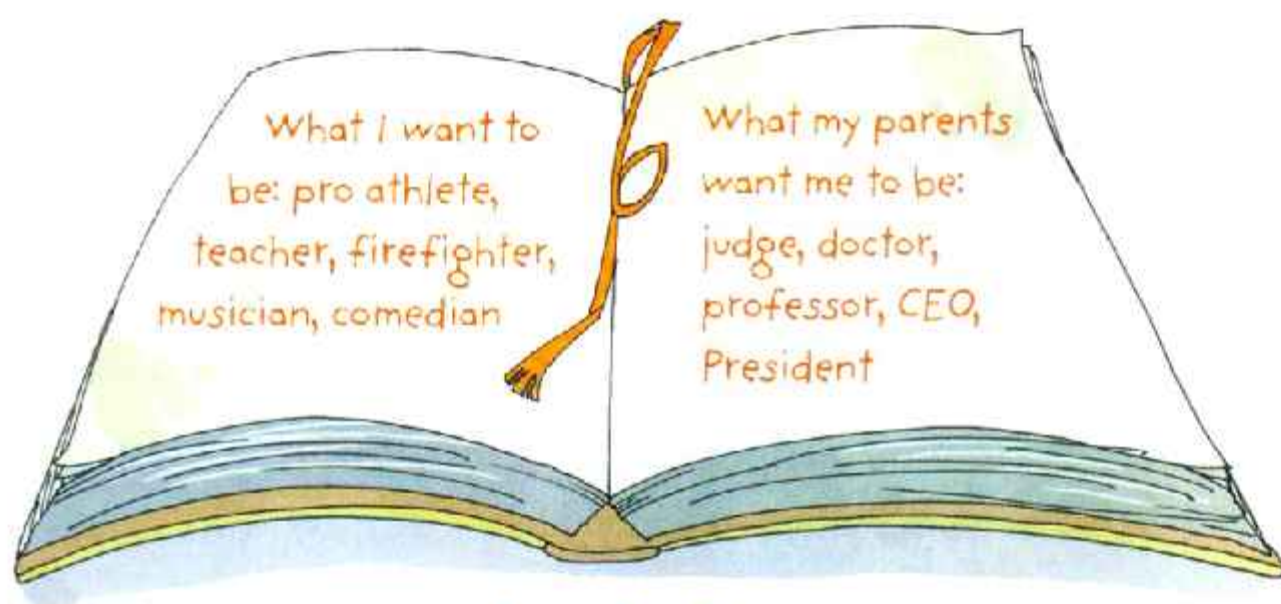
Questions

1. Why is Mona reluctant to tell Ralph about her future plans?
2. What does she want to become? Why? Do you really think she has given it much thought?
3. How important should gender be in job choice? Are there any jobs that only men (or only women) should do?

— Read Me —

A Dilemma

Which do you think is more important: “what I want to be” or “what my parents want me to be”? I think people should choose their own lifestyles, based on their own talents and ambitions. Nobody else knows “me” the way I do. It’s my life, and I have to live it by myself. Nobody else can live it for me. But a lot of my friends and relatives tell me that I’m being foolish. They say that my parents know a lot more about the world than I do, and that I owe my parents everything; so I should do whatever they want me to do. That’s why I’m confused. I don’t know what to think about this topic. Can you help me make up my mind?



I guess we're not on the same page.

• Questions

1. What do you want to be? Why?
2. What must you do to make your dream come true?
3. What do your parents want you to be? Why?
4. Do you want to make a lot of money on your future job? Or are other aspects of work more important to you?

Chat Room for Teens

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LESSON 24 When We Have Worries

— Warm-up Dialog —

Can Real Friends Break Up?

Mom : What's wrong, Dear?

Ronnie : Aw, Mom, I had a big fight with Bill today.

Mom : What was the fight about?

Ronnie : He accused me of telling the teacher the real reason he wasn't in school on Friday.

Mom : He was absent? Why?

Ronnie : I can't tell you. I promised I wouldn't tell anyone. But he wasn't doing anything wrong.

Mom : He was supposed to be in school. Not being there was wrong!

Ronnie : OK, I'll go along with that. But he had a good reason for playing hooky. I just can't tell you what it was.



Mom : So what is he so upset about?

Ronnie : He doesn't believe me when I say it wasn't I who squealed on him. Somehow, the teacher found out, but I didn't tell her. I swear!

Mom : So are you two going to make up? You've been friends for an awful long time.

Ronnie : I want to, but right now he won't even speak to me!

Mom : Well, I'm sure it will work itself out soon. It would be a real shame to split up over something like this. But if he doesn't come around, I guess you'll just have to find some new friend.

Ronnie : I don't want a new friend, I just want to be friends with Bill again.

• Questions

1. Why didn't Bill go to school?
2. Why is Bill upset?
3. What does Ronnie want to do?

Pictures

1.



- Q1: What worries do teens have if they have no friends?
- Q2: What worries do teens have if they have many friends?
- Q3: Do you know how to make friends? What are the main reasons kids end their friendships with one another?

2.

- Q1: Do you prefer brand-new or well-worn, comfortable clothes?
- Q2: Do you know how to look gorgeous with inexpensive clothes?
- Q3: Do you envy your friends who wear top-brand designer clothes? Why or why not?



3.



- Q1: Do you worry about test results? Why or why not?
- Q2: Do your parents worry about your exam scores? Are they oversensitive or justly concerned?
- Q3: What is the best way to improve your grades?

4. Q1: Do you have a weight problem? Do you think you are too heavy or too light?
- Q2: Some people are very sensitive about weighing too much, even if they are of average weight. Why is this?
- Q3: If you thought you had a weight problem, what should you do?



- Q1: Do you get enough pocket money?
- Q2: What do you spend your allowance on? (Be specific.)
- Q3: If you needed extra money for something, how could you get it?

6. Q1: Do your parents demand that you get good grades? Explain your answer.
- Q2: Do your parents insist that you exercise every day? Discuss your answer.
- Q3: Do your parents always expect you to follow their advice? Do you always do so?



LESSON 24 When We Have Worries

Answer Me

• 1 Dating Problems

- Mick : I'm glad I ran into you!
- Maureen : What's up?
- Mick : I need your advice.
- Maureen : On what?
- Mick : I want to know how to get a date.
- Maureen : Where do you want to go?
- Mick : Oh, maybe a movie. And then somewhere to eat.
- Maureen : When?
- Mick : Any time.
- Maureen : OK. Don't wait until the last minute to ask, but don't make plans too far in advance, either. Maybe two or three days ahead of time.
- Mick : What should I wear?
- Maureen : Something casual. But make sure it's clean.
- Mick : Do I need to buy new clothes?
- Maureen : I don't think so. Not for a movie and a meal.
- Mick : OK. I'm glad I talked to you.
It's good to have a close friend who's a girl. Thanks.
- Maureen : Oh, you're welcome. Do you have any other questions?
- Mick : Well, I don't know who to ask. Do you have any suggestions?



After we have a hamburger, why don't we get some ice cream? And then we can go to a movie. What do you want to do then?

• Questions

1. Do you go out on dates? How often?
2. What do you usually do on a date?
3. What do your parents think about your dating?

• 2 No Nose, Nanette!

Nanette : I want a nose job! Will you pay for it?

Dad : What? Why do you want a nose job? There's nothing wrong with the nose you've got.

Nanette : No, it's not the right shape. If it were a little bigger, I'd be more attractive.

Dad : That's silly. You look great with the nose you have. It makes you look like your mother.

Nanette : That's what I mean!

Dad : But your mother looks really wonderful for her age. I can't imagine her looking any better, even with a bigger nose.

Nanette : But times have changed, and Mom's nose is old-fashioned now. I want a new-look nose.

Dad : So, are you going to get a new one every time fashions change? It's not like buying a new dress, you know.

Nanette : No, just once. I promise to love my new nose forever.

Dad : No. I don't think it's a good idea for people to spend a lot of money on such silliness.

Nanette : Are you opposed to plastic surgery?

Dad : It has its place, if people are horribly deformed. But most people look better with the face they're born with than with the one they buy.

It doesn't matter. You can always get another one later!



Which one is the most fashionable?

• Questions

1. Do you want to have cosmetic surgery? Why or why not?
2. What would your parents say about it?
3. Do you agree that one's appearance is an important factor in making friends?

LESSON **24** When We Have Worries

Answer Me

• 3 Don't See Him

Mom : Where are you going?

Darrell : I'm going to meet Harold.

Mom : Oh, no, you're not. I told you I want you to stop seeing him.

Darrell : But we already made plans! He's waiting for me.

Mom : I don't care. You're not going to see him. That's an order.

Darrell : Why not?

Mom : You know why not! He's a bad influence on you.

Darrell : No, he isn't!

Mom : He never studies, and you pick up all his bad habits.

Darrell : But I've done all of my homework. I finished early so I could meet Harold. I haven't spent any time with him at all this week.

Mom : You heard me!

Darrell : It's not fair. I should be able to spend time with anyone I want.

Don't be a mama's boy! Come on with me.



• Questions

1. Do your parents approve of all of your friends?
2. Describe the qualities of your friends.
3. What characteristics does anyone need to be a "friend"?

• 4 Car Envy

Arleen : When are we going to get a new car?

Dad : A new car? I'm still paying for this one!

Arleen : But it's so small.

Dad : I got it because it's cheap on fuel and is easy to park. Big cars are more comfortable, maybe, but they're a lot harder to operate and maintain.

Arleen : Karen's dad just got a brand new sedan. It looks wonderful.

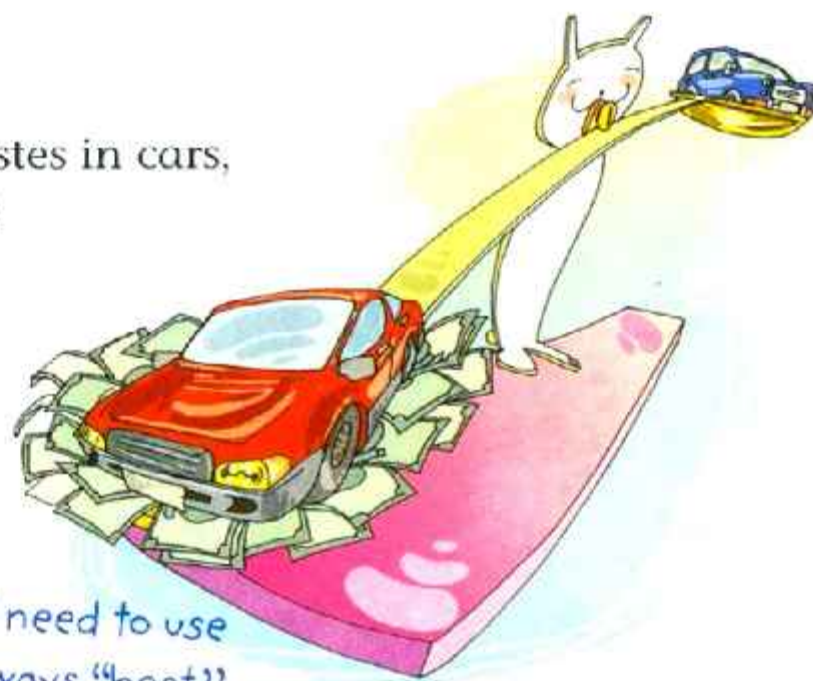
Dad : Yes, I'm sure it does.

Arleen : And everybody thinks her family is better off than ours because they have a wonderful car and we don't.

Dad : So that's what this is all about. You're just concerned with status symbols instead of substance.

Arleen : What do you mean?

Dad : I mean people have different tastes in cars, and different needs too. But just because I prefer a compact doesn't mean that I'm poverty-stricken. And just because Karen has a big car doesn't mean she's rich.



When we weigh our choices, we all need to use a different scale. "Heaviest" is not always "best."

• Questions

1. What kind of car does your family have? How old is it?
2. What are the advantages of that kind of car? What are the disadvantages?
3. What do you think is the best car? Why?

LESSON 24 When We Have Worries

—— Let's Talk More ——

• 1 Problems with Parents

Parents are a constant source of worry for any kid. Maybe a child has stepparents, and then the kid might think they don't love him or her. Many parents, even natural ones, often lose their temper at their children. Others seem to have no interest at all in what their kid is doing, as long as he or she doesn't get into trouble. I don't have any of those worries, but I still have big problems due to them. Because my folks lack sufficient financial resources, I can't do the same things my friends do. So I wish I had rich parents!



• Questions

1. Do your parents give you happiness or a headache? Explain.
2. How do your parents discipline you?
3. Give your parents a report card. What do they do well, as parents? What could they do better?

• 2 Worst of All Positions

Kids' biggest problems are their brothers and sisters. Even though parents think they treat them all the same, they really don't. The older kids are given more freedom, and the younger ones are spoiled, so they do whatever they want. The big ones push the younger ones around, but the little ones just cry to Mom when that happens. It's terrible being the middle child — the position has all the disadvantages and none of the advantages of being first or last.



• Questions

1. Do you think you are treated equally with your siblings? Give examples.
2. Do your parents prefer boys or girls? Why? How do you know?
3. Do your parents want their kids to be bookworms or jocks? Or something else?

LESSON **24** When We Have Worries

— *Let's Talk More* —

• **3 Is It Really That Simple?**

Everybody says going to a university is the best way for people to achieve their dreams, get a good job, find a wonderful spouse, and enjoy a happy life. But when I look around, I see lots of people who went to college but are unemployed and unhappily married, and a lot of others who only finished high school but are very satisfied with their position. So, I guess, a university degree doesn't guarantee success, but it does give us more options in life.



The trip may be hard, and sometimes we don't get where we want to be, but we have to keep going or fall behind.

• **Questions**

1. Do you want to go to a university? Why or why not?
2. Do your parents want you to go? What do they say about higher education and your future?
3. Many people, like Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, never finished college but have still managed to succeed in their careers. What do you think about that?

• 4 Tick, Tick, Tick

Time never goes away. It has always been here, and it always will be here. But it doesn't stand still, not even for a moment. As soon as you say "Now," it's already past. And you can always say that you'll do something tomorrow "for sure," but of course "tomorrow" never comes. After all, every day is "today." I guess what I'm really trying to say is, if you don't know what to do with Time, you will never catch up with it.



Now is all we ever have, so we have to make every second count.

• Questions

1. How do you manage your time?
2. What do you do when you have free time?
3. Talk about effective ways of using time as well as examples of wasting time.

LESSON 24 When We Have Worries

— Real Talk —

Another Way

- Vincent : Hello, Vi. I haven't seen you at the gym recently.
- Violet : Hi, Vinnie. I've been studying real hard lately, so I haven't been out much.
- Vincent : How about having lunch with me?
- Violet : I'd love to, but I can't. I don't eat lunch anymore.
- Vincent : What do you mean? Are you sick?
- Violet : No, I'm on a diet. I need to lose some weight.
- Vincent : That's silly! Skipping meals isn't a good idea at all.
- Violet : It's the only way I can slim down. I'm too busy to exercise.
- Vincent : No, I'm serious. Everybody needs to eat. You'll lose weight by not eating, but you'll just gain it all back again.
- Violet : Then what do you suggest?
- Vincent : Come on back to the gym.
- Violet : I can't. I told you I have to study. I don't have any time to do anything else.
- Vincent : Then, just eat less. Make sure you eat good, healthy food, and that you get enough in all the food groups, but cut back on what you would normally consume.
- Violet : OK, I'll try.
- Vincent : And keep away from high-calorie stuff like candy and sodas. In fact, just eliminate all the snacks. Don't eat any junk food.
- Violet : Your suggestions are even harder than not eating lunch!
- Vincent : But I guarantee they'll work!



Eating well and getting plenty of exercise are the keys to good health.

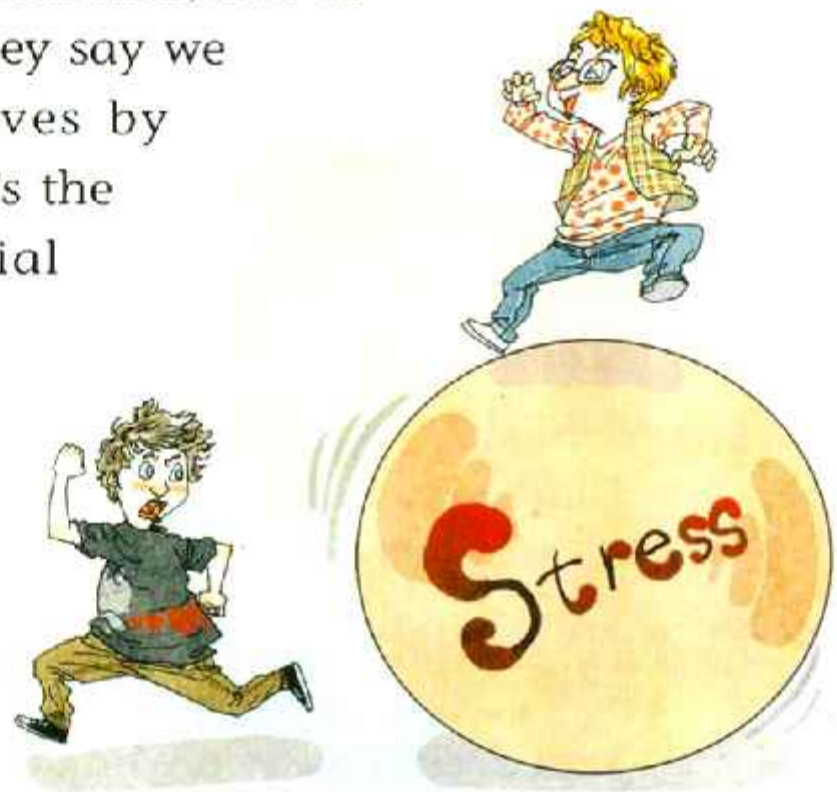
• Questions

1. What's wrong with not eating?
2. How can one eat well and still lose weight?
3. Why does Violet think Vincent's method is more difficult than her own?

— Read Me —

Is Stress Fun?

People say that nobody can avoid stress, so we may as well “enjoy” it. Apparently what they mean is that stress raises the production of hormones that provide energy, and that makes us focus on achieving a goal. Without stress, these people claim, no one would work as hard and accomplish as much, so stress leads to good results. Others, however, while admitting the main claims of the first group, point out that long-term stress is bad for all of our biological systems. Constant stress leads to heart problems, headaches, loss of sleep, and general irritability. They say we can live longer, healthier lives by avoiding stress altogether. What’s the point of achieving our material goals if we can’t enjoy them?



It all depends on whether we can stay on top of our stress or whether stress is driving us.

• Questions

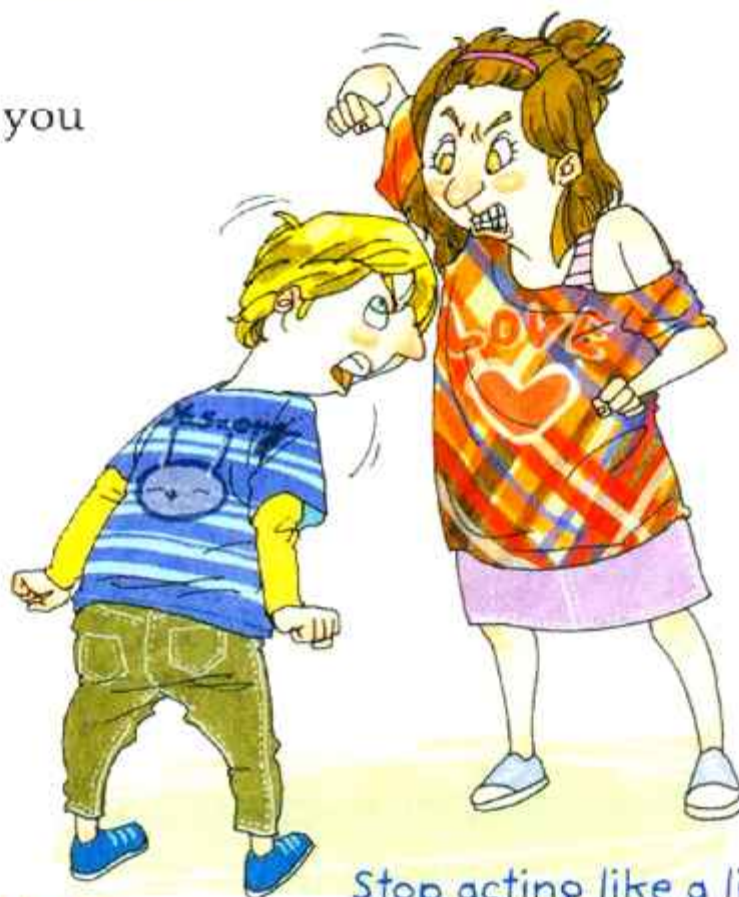
1. Do you work well under stress, or does stress hinder your ability to accomplish your goals?
2. What is the most stressful experience of your life?
3. Describe how you deal with stress.

LESSON 25 How Are Boys and Girls Different?

— Warm-up Dialog —

Male Dominance

- Bruce : Let's stop this game and go to the park now.
- Roberta : Why should we always do what you want? I like this game!
- Bruce : Because I'm the man!
- Roberta : You're not old enough to be a man yet. And, anyway, what does that have to do with anything? Just because you're the male doesn't automatically mean you're the boss.
- Bruce : Of course it does. Males are stronger and smarter than females.
- Roberta : Is that so? You know I can beat you up anytime I want to. I've done it many times!
- Bruce : That's because you're bigger than I am. It takes boys longer to grow.
- Roberta : And I'm a better student than you are.
- Bruce : That doesn't mean anything. You have more time to study. I have lots of other things to do, like play football.
- Roberta : So playing football means that you're the boss?



Do as I say! I'm the man.

Stop acting like a little boy, or I'll hit you again!

- Bruce** : No, not exactly. But the most important people have always been men. They're supposed to be the leaders.
- Roberta** : OK, tell me that you and your friends are more honest than my friends.
- Bruce** : I didn't say that.
- Roberta** : Tell me that your friends are more mature than mine.
- Bruce** : I didn't say that, either. In fact, I admitted that you're more mature, for now. But when we all grow up, it's going to be the men who are going to make all the important decisions, and you're just going to have to obey us.
- Roberta** : I guess you just don't realize that times have changed, do you?
- Bruce** : They haven't changed at all. Men are born to rule!
- Roberta** : Do you want me to beat you up again, is that it?
- Bruce** : Even if you do, it won't change anything. Eventually, I'll keep growing and you'll stop. And then I'll have my revenge!

• Questions

1. Why does Bruce think that men are the natural leaders in society?
2. Why does Roberta disagree?
3. Who wins the argument? Does anybody win?

Pictures

1.



- Q1: Do you think girls are more talkative than boys? Why or why not?
- Q2: What do girls talk about?
- Q3: What do boys talk about?

2.

- Q1: Do you agree that girls are more jealous than boys?
- Q2: Talk about cases you know of girls being jealous.
- Q3: Talk about cases of boys you know being jealous.



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- Q1: Do you think girls are more worried about their weight than boys are?
- Q2: Other than weight, what aspects of their body do girls care most about?
- Q3: Do you think boys are very interested in their appearance, or not much at all? Explain your answer.

4. Q1: Do you think girls have more interest in fashion than boys do?

Q2: Do you think girls spend more money than boys on clothes and accessories?

Q3: What do girls buy to improve their appearance? What do boys buy?



5.



Q1: Do you think girls have more difficulty studying math than boys do? What about English?

Q2: What subjects do you think girls do well in, in general?

Q3: What subjects do boys excel at? Why do you think there are differences (if any)?

6. Q1: Do you think girls are more emotional than boys? Why or why not?

Q2: Do you think girls are more imaginative than boys? Why or why not?

Q3: Do you think girls are more empathetic than boys? Why or why not?



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Answer Me

• 1 Sibling Rivalry

Sandra : What's the matter with you? You look upset.

Gene : I'm upset about my dad.

Sandra : Why? What did he do? Did he hurt you?

Gene : Not physically, no. But I'm tired of playing second fiddle to my sister. I think he loves her more than me.

Sandra : In what way?

Gene : He always gives her anything she wants.

Sandra : Such as?

Gene : Well, if she wants extra money, he always gives it to her. But he never gives me enough.

Sandra : Anything else?

Gene : She always gets what she wants.

Sandra : Is she older than you?

Gene : What does that have to do with it?

Sandra : Maybe your father doesn't love your sister more. Maybe he just thinks you're still a baby.

Gene : That's even worse!



I wish I could sit on the couch and have fun with Dad, too. But then I'd miss my favorite TV show!

• Questions

1. Do you think fathers love daughters more than sons?
2. Whom do you think mothers love more, boys or girls?
3. What about your parents? Do they love their kids equally, or do they have favorites? Explain your opinion.

• 2 Sweet Janet

Janet : Let's go get some ice cream.

Mick : I thought you were worried about what you eat.

Janet : I am. I'm on a very strict diet.

Mick : You're on an ice cream diet? That sounds wonderful!

Janet : No, silly. But I'm allowed to splurge a little bit on things I like, as long as I don't go overboard.

Mick : I see. But I still don't understand why girls seem to enjoy snacks more than boys do, even though they're always complaining about their weight.

Janet : That's just a generalization. Not all girls are like that.

Mick : Not all girls, of course. But most of them.
Why is that?

Janet : Because we're so sweet, I guess.

Mick : If you were that sweet, you wouldn't need to eat the extra sweet things.

Janet : That's not a sweet thing to say! I was going to treat you to an ice cream cone. But now I guess I'll have to eat by myself.

Mick : I was just kidding, honest! I think you're very sweet!



• Questions

1. Do you think girls enjoy snacks more than boys do? Explain your opinion.
2. What snacks do girls enjoy most?
3. What snacks do boys enjoy?

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Answer Me

3 A Hungry Boy's Dilemma

Max : I'm hungry!

Mary : Why don't you fix something to eat?

Max : Cooking is women's work!

Mary : What? How can you believe such a thing? Everybody should learn how to cook.

Max : Why?

Mary : You just said you're hungry. Your mom isn't home, so she can't fix you anything. And, I'm certainly not going to. But if you could cook on your own, you wouldn't have to stay hungry.

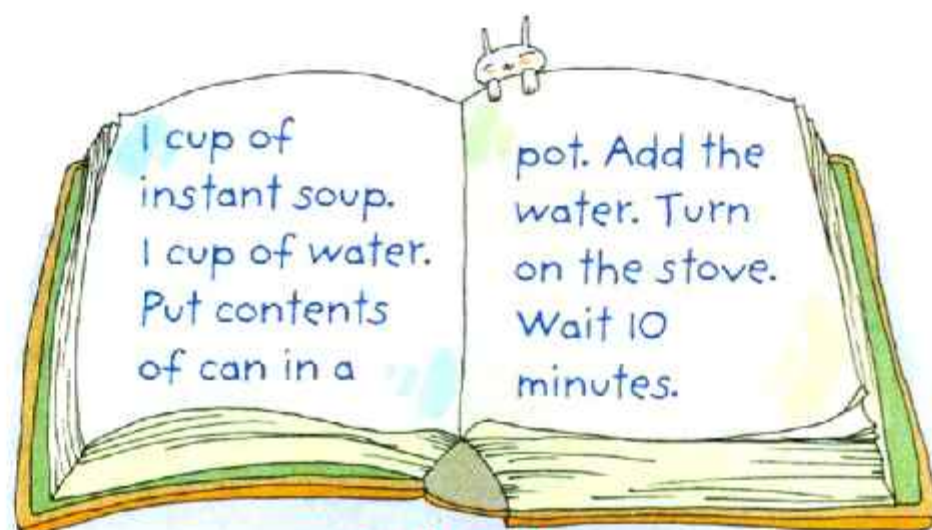
Max : Well, that's why there are so many fast food restaurants, I guess.

Mary : Do you have any money?

Max : Well, no.

Mary : Poor boy! Then what are you going to do?

Max : Well, I guess I will fix something after all. Would you like some boiled eggs?



Cook Book

"Just having a recipe doesn't mean you're a great chef. You have to stir some pots first."

Questions

1. Do you think boys should learn how to cook? Why or why not?
2. Did your parents ever teach you how to cook?
3. What foods can you prepare? What is the tastiest food you can prepare by yourself?

• 4 Pent-up Emotions

Frank : Are you crying? It's just a movie!

Gladys : But it's so sad!

Frank : Girls are just too emotional, I guess. Men don't cry at movies.

Gladys : Don't you laugh during funny movies?

Frank : Sure! But that's different.

Gladys : No, it's the same thing. Laughing at funny things and crying about sad things are the appropriate emotional responses.

Frank : Maybe so, but real men don't cry in public.

Gladys : That's so unnatural! I guess boys are taught not to cry, because "crybabies" are believed to be weak and unmanly.

Frank : That's what I was saying.

Gladys : That's so sad. Keeping one's true emotions all bottled up inside can't be healthy. Men should be more honest with themselves, and then maybe they'd be happier and healthier too.



Boys may try to contain emotions, but sometimes they still need to cry. What happens when the bottle fills up with tears? Do they drown in sorrow?

• Questions

1. Do you think crying is a sign of weakness?
2. Do you think emotional responses should be the same for boys and girls alike?
3. Why do you think boys feel ashamed if they cry?

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— Let's Talk More —

• 1 Growth Rate

Girls grow up much faster than boys. Their bodies grow more quickly; have you noticed how many young girls are taller than boys of the same age? Their bodies also become adult at an earlier age; young boys often have a very high voice until well in their teens, and may be embarrassed by the way it changes when they talk. Young girls may be rather “womanly,” but very few boys are “manly” yet. However, the boys do catch up, and they all become mature adults eventually.

Even though we're the same age, you're still such a cute little boy.



Just wait five more years, and you won't be able to look down on me then.

• Questions

1. What does being mature mean? Is it only a physical description, or can it mean emotional as well?
2. Do you agree that girls are more mature than boys at the same age? Why or why not?
3. Do you think you are fully mature yet? Why or why not?

• 2 Trouble Makers

In the last week, how many girls do you know who got in trouble at school? How many boys did? In most situations, the boys in trouble probably far outnumber the girls who were. Does that mean that girls are more honest than boys? More mature? Less adventurous? Although maturity may indeed have something to do with it, the answer probably has more to do with social training. In most societies, girls are much more protected than boys are. They have less freedom to do what they want and are expected to behave in conformity to certain standards more than boys are. They may even have less means (such as money or free time) to do what they would like.

I wish I were a boy. Then I could shave my head, get in fights, smoke big cigars, and have fun.



I wish I were a boy. Then I could shave my head, get in fights, smoke big cigars, and have fun.

Don't worry about it.
These days, girls can do
anything they like.



● Questions

1. Who do you think is more mature, girls or boys? Who has more freedom?
2. Do you think girls are more truthful than boys? Explain your answer.
3. Do you think girls follow the rules more often than boys? Discuss your answer.

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• 3 It's Easy to be "Economical" When You Don't Spend Any Money

Girls are said to be more frugal than boys. They don't like to be called "cheap," however; as far as they are concerned, they are "more economical." On the other hand, boys are often expected to pay girls' expenses when they are together, while girls are hardly ever expected to pay for boys. And, to avoid embarrassment or to show off, boys may spend more than they can really afford to make sure girls have a good time.



• Questions

1. Who do you think is more likely to be thought of as cheap, girls or boys? Explain your response.
2. How often do you buy snacks for your friends? Do you think they are more generous or less generous in this regard?
3. What do you think about "going Dutch"? Is it better for each person to pay for his own expenses or to take turns paying for everyone else?

• 4 Sports for All

A lot of boys spend more time on athletics than on academics. If they are not playing sports, they are watching sports on television or talking about sports among themselves. In some cases, male popularity is based more on physical ability than on intelligence or moral character. On the other hand, girls who have similar interests in playing or watching sports are thought of as being tomboys. They are expected to be more interested in music or make up. But why can't individuals follow their own minds and do whatever they like, without social judgment?

I don't understand my dad. He never pays attention to important things like hair color or skin condition.



Your brother can't stop me from scoring, and neither can you!

• Questions

1. Do you agree that boys like sports a lot more than girls do?
2. What do girls like to do? What shared interests do boys and girls have?
3. Do you like sports? Which ones? Why?

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Real Talk

Birthday Wants

- Nick : I'm having a birthday party next Tuesday. Can you come?
- Nancy : Next Tuesday? That's my birthday too! I was going to invite you to my party.
- Nick : I guess you can't come to mine then, and I can't go to yours either. Oh, well.
- Nancy : But at least I can send you a birthday card.
- Nick : Yeah. I'll send you an email card today.
- Nancy : I'd rather have an old-fashioned paper card instead. It's more personal, I think.
- Nick : OK. But I've never sent one of those before. The email ones are so convenient.
- Nancy : What would you like for your birthday?
- Nick : I hope my parents get me a new game player. My old one is so slow and dull, none of my friends wants to play on it anymore.
- Nancy : I hate playing electronic games!
- Nick : I thought you liked games.
- Nancy : I do. I love to play real games with real people. But I don't like the electronic ones. They just don't interest me.
- Nick : I could spend all day playing. If I get a new one, that is. But I don't think my parents understand. They think that since my old one works fine that I don't really need to get a state-of-the-art model.
- Nancy : Well, I hope you get it.
- Nick : What do you want?
- Nancy : I'm sure that my folks will get me a nice new dress and shoes. I can hardly wait!
- Nick : What? You mean that's what you want to get — clothes? That's no fun. We get clothes all the time anyway. So we should get something special for our birthday!
- Nancy : New clothes are very special. Dresses go out of fashion very quickly, you know, so it takes a lot of work to keep up to date.
- Nick : One pair of shoes is just like any other pair.
- Nancy : No, they're not.
- Nick : Oh, yeah, you're right. I wouldn't want to play football in my dress shoes. It would ruin my feet! But any pair of sports shoes is just as good as any other pair of sports shoes. It really doesn't matter what you wear. Until they wear out, of course.
- Nancy : So, I guess having new shoes is just as important to me as having a new game is to you.

Would these birthday presents make Nick happy?



What would Nancy think if she got these things for her birthday?

Questions

1. When is Nancy's birthday?
2. Which one is probably more interested in surfing the net? Why do you think so? (Try to base your answer on what Nick and Nancy say.)
3. In what way are their birthday wishes similar? How are they different?

—— Read Me ——

Unfair Discrimination

Is it true that girls are smarter than boys? Or that boys are more honest? Are domestic chores more suitable for women than for men? The way you answer these questions says a lot about your view of the world. For instance, we can say that adult women are shorter and weigh less than adult men, but we are talking in terms of average sizes; it does not mean that every man is larger than every woman. Intelligence tests may be similarly skewed (although, actually, there is no evident gender difference in intelligence); so an average result does not guarantee the same result in every individual case. If we move from the general issue of intelligence to that of specific aptitudes, again we will find that gender is no barrier to talent. A woman may have the skills that would allow her to be a fine politician, CEO, or welder, while a man might become an exceptional homemaker and childcare giver. So it is just as discriminatory to disparage house husbands as it is to ridicule female presidents. The reason we categorize, or prejudge, people's ability on the basis of race, nationality, age, disability, gender, wealth, status, education, religion, or any other metric — rather than on the actual performance of the task itself — is rooted in cultural assumptions. The sooner we can learn to accept people for their genuine abilities, the sooner we can all lead more productive, useful, and happy lives.



Doing my job well means I hold
the whole city together.
I'm full of pride in
my occupation.



Taking care of the house fills me with
satisfaction. I'm proud of the splendid job I do
and want to show off my home to my friends.

• Questions

1. Name one real difference between males and females.
2. Have you ever felt someone has unfairly prejudged you?
Describe the situation.
3. Are some people better because of what family they belong to?

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— Warm-up Dialog —

My Parents' Problem, Not Mine

Ron : I'm hungry. Let's go get a pizza.

Toni : How about a hamburger instead? The shop is closer.

Ron : OK. I like them both.

Toni : Me, too. I don't know what my parents are so worried about.
It's just beef and bread.

Ron : Sounds pretty healthy to me!

Toni : Yeah. But my folks keep insisting that fast food has too many chemicals and too much salt and sugar, so it's very bad for my health. They're worried that eating too much fast food will cause me to gain too much weight.

*I've been hungry since
I came home from school.
I wish you were here to
fix something to eat.*



*It might be late, but at least it's a
lot.*

Ron : My parents tell me the same thing. Maybe they're right. But, really, if I eat too much of it, it's their fault.

Toni : Oh? Why do you think so?

Ron : Because they're both too busy to fix regular meals. Most of the time, we either eat out or we have food delivered. Or we just eat sandwiches and ramyun. If they were really concerned about my bad eating habits, they should do something about their own, as well.

Toni : I agree. But I think they're exaggerating, anyhow.

Ron : Meanwhile, there are so many tasty fast foods to choose from, so I can have fried chicken or pizza or burgers any time I want!

• Questions

1. How do you decide what to eat?
2. Do you always agree with your friends' choices?
3. Who usually pays when you eat out with your friends?

Pictures

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Q1: Do you often eat at fast-food restaurants?

Q2: Which ones do you like the most? Why?

Q3: What do you eat there?

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Q1: Can you cook ramyun? Explain how.

Q2: Which do you like better, ordinary ramyun or cup ramyun?

Q3: Do you often eat rice? When?



3.



Q1: Do you like canned fish? What about canned fruit? Why or why not?

Q2: Compare the price of fresh food and canned products. Which is cheaper? Why?

Q3: Canning and freezing technologies were important developments in the food business. Explain why.

4. Q1: What do you like to snack on?
- Q2: Do you often eat snacks? When? (Between meals? Late at night?)
- Q3: Eating snacks is usually considered the main reason people gain weight. Why?



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- Q1: Do you drink tap water or bottled water? Why?
- Q2: What is your favorite soda?
- Q3: Does your family enjoy traditional drinks such as ginseng tea? Which ones?

6. Q1: Do you order food to be delivered to your home? What kind of food? How often?
- Q2: Does delivery food come quickly enough? How long does it take?
- Q3: Are delivery prices good or poor? How much does delivery service cost?



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Answer Me

1 The Man In Charge

Jackie : Hey. I hear that your parents went to Europe for a few days.

Herman : Yeah. They'll be back next week.

Jackie : Why didn't you go along?

Herman : I wanted to, but they said they wanted to be by themselves for a while.

Jackie : Who's taking care of you and your sisters?

Herman : Nobody. They said I'm in charge.

Jackie : Wow. That's a lot of responsibility.

Herman : Yes, but I can manage. I'm not a little kid anymore. I'll be fine!

Jackie : What about food? I didn't know you could cook.

Herman : Don't worry! They fixed lots of food for us before they left. It's in the refrigerator. I just have to heat it up in the microwave.

It's amazing! I just push the microwave button and I can cook anything I want!



Questions

1. What is the longest period of time you've ever been left alone at home?
2. Have you ever had the responsibility of preparing a meal for yourself or other family members?
3. If you had to fend for yourself for a week, what would be the hardest thing to take care of?

• 2 Karen's Recipe for Success

Karen : Where do you want to go?

Leroy : Any place is fine. But I want to drop by the bookstore first.

Karen : What do you need?

Leroy : Oh, I'm looking for a new cookbook.

Karen : Why? Are you going to cook something?

Leroy : Actually, I cook all the time at my house. Mom put me in charge, since I plan on being a chef some day. So, I need the practice.

Karen : A chef? Why?

Leroy : I just love to cook! Don't you?

Karen : Not especially. But I guess everyone is a cook these days.

Leroy : What do you mean?

Karen : All anybody has to do is read the instructions on a box or can, and turn on the microwave oven.

Leroy : That's not real "cooking."
Cooking is an art and takes lots of skill and training.



Chef or machine? Which is the better cook?

• Questions

1. Which style of cooking (Leroy's or Karen's) is the one practiced at your home?
2. Do you ever cook? What do you make? Do you enjoy it?
3. In your opinion, is cooking a boring, hard chore, or is it something that brings a lot of self-satisfaction?

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Answer Me

• 3 Normal or Not

Ivan : I feel like my family is a factory.

Harriet : How's that?

Ivan : Nobody ever relaxes. We all have something to do all the time.

Harriet : Really?

Ivan : Yes. Mom and Dad both work, so we kids have to do all the housework.

Harriet : What do you do?

Ivan : I have to make the beds and wash the clothes.

Harriet : Who cooks?

Ivan : Nobody.

Harriet : Nobody? Then how do you eat?

Ivan : In the morning, we eat sandwiches that are delivered to our house. We eat our lunches at school. And then, on the way home, we eat at a fast-food restaurant near our house.

Harriet : It sounds very hectic.

Ivan : It is! I wish I lived in a normal family.

Harriet : Well, maybe that's more normal these days than you think.

Last night I visited a friend's house. We ate some really strange food. I think they must have cooked it themselves. How odd!



• Questions

1. Is your family like a factory? If so, describe how.
2. Instead of a "factory," what else could you compare your family to?
3. How often is your whole family together every week? What do you do?

• 4 What Will It Be Like?

Darren : Do you like to think about the future?

Rachel : Sure, sometimes. I want to meet the perfect man and have five children.

Darren : No, that's not what I mean.

Rachel : Then what are you talking about?

Darren : I don't just mean what we're going to do when we grow up. I mean what life will be like for everyone — what all the differences will be between the future and now.

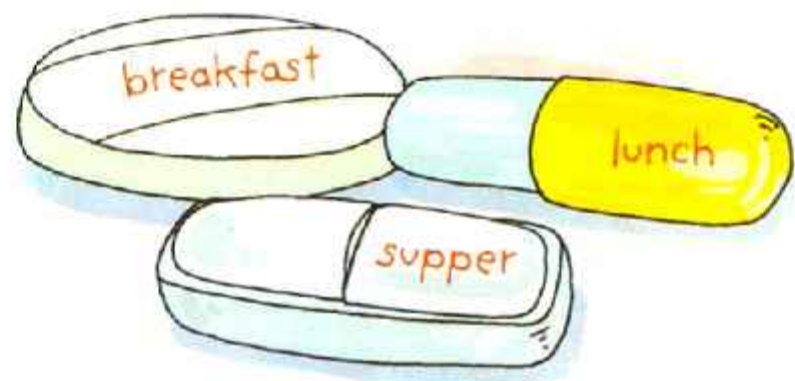
Rachel : You mean things like space travel and teleportation? Things like that?

Darren : I'm more interested in how things in ordinary life will change.

Rachel : Such as?

Darren : Such as, what if someone invents a meal tablet? We could just swallow one of these every day and get all the vitamins and minerals we need, and we wouldn't have to eat any food.

Rachel : That would be wonderful. I hope someone invents that before I get married. I don't want to have to fix meals for seven people every day!



Three different kinds every day. They might have different colors, but they all taste the same.

• Questions

1. Do you wonder about what life will be like years from now? What would you like to happen?
2. What would be the most useful new invention in the next ten years?
3. What has been the biggest change so far in your lifetime?

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—— Let's Talk More ——

• 1 Is There a Problem With Your Food?

The growth of fast foods and instant foods has been phenomenal over the past few years. More and more people are too busy to fix regular meals at home, so they order out more often; go to a hamburger, chicken, or pizza fast-food restaurant; or heat up something in a can or package that's already been prepared. As a result, food costs have climbed, and food-related problems like obesity and diabetes have exploded. At the same time, the social costs have also been enormous: as family members no longer share a common meal, they become strangers to each other, and they become more isolated and solitary.



*Eating by myself is wonderful! I can eat whatever I want.
(But I never see the rest of my family. I wonder how they are doing.)*

• Questions

1. Why don't people cook as many meals as they used to?
2. What are we gaining by avoiding traditional meals?
3. What are we losing?

• 2 Fast Food Is Good Food

People are essentially conservative. They learn basic values while growing up, and it's hard for them to adopt new attitudes. A case in point: their complaints about fast food. Most of us eat out far more often than our parents did, and most of the time we eat out at a fast-food place rather than a traditional restaurant. But, at the same time, we complain bitterly about the negative effects this is having, such as our society becoming overweight and unhealthy. But these complaints are mostly a matter of unreasoned prejudice and not based on scientific research or nutritional facts. The truth is that fast foods are more closely regulated in terms of content and preparation than anything else we eat. If society is becoming too fat or more prone to illness, the fault is due more to lack of exercise, or other factors such as pollution, than to the kind of food we consume.



• Questions

1. Do you agree with the writer's point of view? Why or why not?
2. Why do we eat out more often than our parents did? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?
3. What can we do to eat more traditionally? Should we?

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— Let's Talk More —

• 3 The Next Step

Technical development has accelerated the trend towards an instant-food world. In recent decades, we invented microwave ovens, slow pots, refrigerators, and other new ways of cooking food and keeping it fresh. And we have also developed various means of preserving food, including better canning, freeze-drying, and other such technologies. But perhaps the next step will be cooking robots, which will do all the old-fashioned work of buying the right ingredients, putting them together in a tasty, nutritious way, and cooking them to perfection. Maybe there will even be robots programmed by the big fast-food franchises to make meals just like the ones we eat out, so we have them at home any time we like.

*I do all the work around here,
but nobody ever thanks me.
I wish I were programmed
to go on strike.*



• Questions

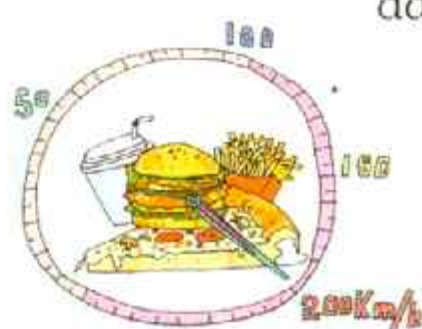
1. How has technology affected the way we eat?
2. Are there also social or economic reasons behind the growth of fast and instant foods?
3. Does technology really shape our world? Give some non-food examples.

• 4 A Matter of Perspective

We hear a lot about fast food. But what about “slow food”? I suggest that this is a good term to describe traditional, conventional ways of cooking and eating. It means that someone, usually a stay-at-home housewife, would have to go shopping every day to buy food to feed the family, then go home and spend several hours washing, peeling, preparing, and cooking it, often in several stages because different foods require different cooking times. Not every housewife is equally gifted, of course, and available foods may not always be equally fresh, so many times home-cooked meals may not be particularly healthy or delicious. And then, after eating, it takes several more hours to dispose of the food waste and clean the table and dishes. Many people (who never had to do these chores every day, day after

day) may claim that the old-fashioned ways of doing things were somehow better, but (even if that were true) they fail to take into account that fewer women work at home these days, and that most people, of both sexes, lead busier, more active, lifestyles than in the past.

(I suppose that some people even deplore the passing of the “good old days” when we had to go out to hunt and kill a bear to eat and then cook it over an open fire in our cave, because there were no grocery stores or ovens.)



The race is on.
Fast food vs slow food.
Who should win?

• Questions

1. Which is better, our modern, busy lifestyle, or a slower, more traditional one? Please explain your answer in detail.
2. What advantages and benefits did our parents have when they were our age that we do not?
3. What advantages and benefits do we have over our parents when they were our age?

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— Real Talk —

Why Brian Eats Out

Brian : Hi, Sue.

Sue : Hi, Brian. It's a nice surprise seeing you here. You're usually at home this time of day.

Brian : I know. But Mom just got a new job, and she gets home late these days.

Sue : How does she like her work?

Brian : I think she's really happy, but it's a problem for me. I don't have anybody to fix supper for me anymore.

Sue : Can't you cook? Or at least make a sandwich for yourself? It's not that hard, you know.

Brian : Oh, I never tried. I never had to. So I'm on my way to buy a hamburger.

Sue : Fast food isn't very healthy. There's too much fat and too much salt. Can't you do better than that?

Brian : Oh, I guess I could get a pizza instead. Why don't you join me? I'll treat!

Sue : I have a better idea. Come on over to my house, and my mom will fix you a real meal! How does that sound?

Brian : That sounds terrific! I'm really tired of all this fast food.

You mean you eat like this all the time? How wonderful!



• Questions

1. What does Brian's mom do?
2. What's wrong with fast food, according to Sue? Does Brian agree?
3. How does Sue resolve the problem? Is this a permanent solution?

—— Read Me ——

Positive Aspects

Is fast food really “junk food”? People fix hamburgers and fried chicken and other similar kinds of fast food at home on a regular basis, so why is it called “junk”? Just because it is prepared outside the home? When fast-food restaurants first became popular, the quality was consistently good, and many people said that they couldn’t prepare such tasty food so cheaply themselves. So is equating fast food with junk food just a prejudice? Doesn’t it really reflect our fear of losing our family values? Is fast food actually inferior to a home-cooked meal? In a lot of cases, going out to a fast-food restaurant is a convenient excuse for actually getting the family together, so maybe it serves a very good purpose after all. Clearly, if fast food did not meet a genuine need in today’s society, the restaurant chains that serve it would not be making so much money.



I guess I'm just a traditionalist. If fast food was good enough for my parents and grandparents, it's good enough for me too.

• Questions

1. What's the difference between chicken that is home-cooked and that is prepared in a fast-food restaurant?
2. These days, is it still cheaper to eat out or at home?
3. "Going out to a fast-food restaurant is a convenient excuse for getting the family together." Explain what this means.

Chat Room for Teens

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LESSON 27 What Does "Growing Up" Mean?

— Warm-up Dialog —

Grown Up or Growing Up?

Mother : Howard, it's time to go to bed. Turn off the computer and take a shower.

Howard : No. I'm almost finished. This is the best score I've ever had, and I'm going to finish.

Mother : No, you're going to bed. You have to get up for school tomorrow.

Howard : I know, but I want to finish this game. I'm old enough to do what I want.

Mother : What makes you think so?

Howard : Because I am, that's what!

Mother : What responsibility do you have? Do you have a job?

Howard : No. I don't need any.

Mother : Well, I have one! How else do you think you have a nice home to live in? Where does the food come from? It doesn't pay for itself, you know. Was this computer free?

Howard : Well, I could get a job if I had to.

Mother : I know you could. But what kind of job could you get without finishing school? What skill do you have to contribute to any employer?

Howard : I'm the best game player in my school.

Mother : Congratulations! How much money have you made playing?



*Is it "Play today because tomorrow you must work," or
"Because you play now, you will work tomorrow"?*

- Howard : Well, nothing yet. But I could!
- Mother : Maybe so. But are you sure? If you're wrong, what would you do to support yourself?
- Howard : Something would come along. I know it would.
- Mother : Howard, you said you're old enough to do what you want. But you don't have any money, you don't have any skill you can use to make money, and you don't have any responsibilities.
- Howard : So?
- Mother : So, all of that is what it takes to be a real adult. You have to be responsible for your choices. You can't just say "Something will come along," because nothing ever just does. You have to go out and get it yourself. And that's difficult, because it's a very hard, competitive world. Nothing comes easy. You need discipline and you must look ahead. Do you think I enjoy having to work so hard every day to support you? I want you to have a better life than I've had!
- Howard : OK, Mom. I'm sorry. I'll turn off the computer.
- Mother : No, that's all right. You can finish your game, this time. You won't have any opportunity to play games when you really grow up, so you might as well play some now while you can.
- Howard : Thanks, Mom. I won't be long.
- Mother : And you still have to get up early for school!

• Questions

1. Define "adulthood."
2. Is Howard an adult? Explain your answer.
3. What does "something will come along" mean?

Pictures

1.



- Q1: Are you tall enough? Do you want to be taller? Or are you too tall?
- Q2: Is your weight average? Would you like to be lighter or heavier?
- Q3: Do you want to grow up soon? Why or why not?

2.

- Q1: Are your studies getting harder? Do you like them?
- Q2: Do you want to go to college? Why or why not?
- Q3: What do you think life is? Do you think it is difficult or easy?



3.



- Q1: Do you want to marry soon? How soon?
- Q2: How many children do you want to have?
- Q3: How will you discipline your kids? Will you follow your parents' methods?

4. Q1: What kind of job do you want? Why?
- Q2: Which do you think is more important, making a lot of money or working in a profession you love?
- Q3: What do you want to do after you retire?



- Q1: Do you think you are becoming more understanding as you get older?
- Q2: Do you know any grown-ups who behave like children?
- Q3: Do you always accept responsibility for your actions?

6. Q1: "Making money is the biggest cause of stress." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Q2: "Educating your children is the biggest stress." How will you teach your kids?
- Q3: You want to live in a big house, drive a nice sedan, and wear brand-new, fashionable clothes. Can these goals be a source of stress? Why or why not?



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Answer Me

• 1 Wake Up!

Mom : Randy!

Randy : Huh?

Mom : Get up!

Randy : What time is it?

Mom : You're late. You should have gotten up an hour ago.

Randy : Why didn't you get me up sooner?

Mom : You know I work all night. I just got in.

Randy : But I should already be at school!

Mom : I know. What time did you go to bed?

Randy : I don't know. Around ten.

Mom : Are you sure? You didn't stay up late playing games?

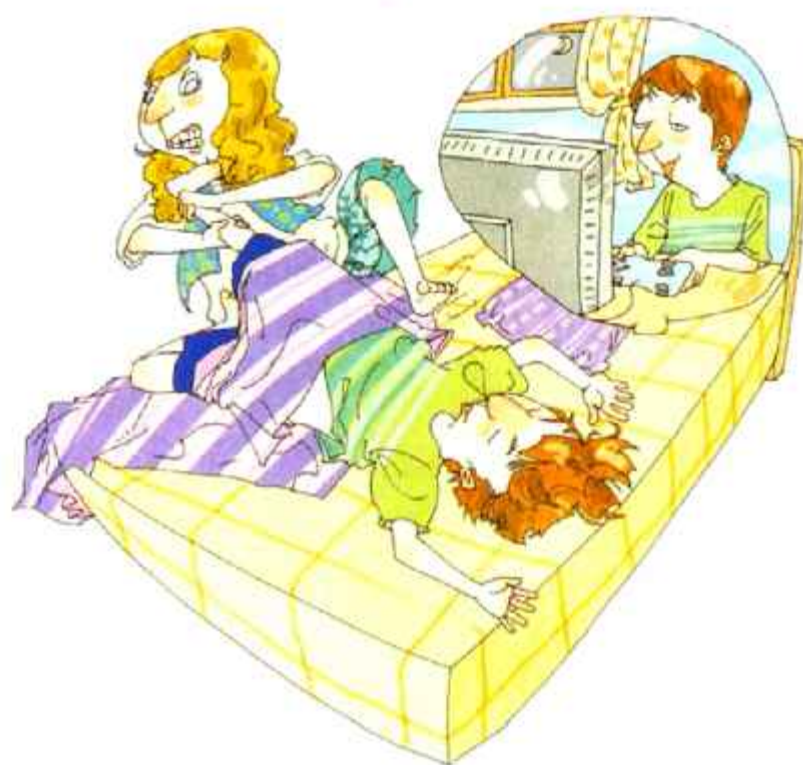
Randy : Not too late. I swear.

Mom : Then why did you get up so late? If I hadn't gotten you up, you'd still be asleep.

Randy : I don't know. Just tired, I guess.

Mom : You're a big boy. Getting up on time is your responsibility, and I'm not here to do it for you.

Only babies need someone else to get them up.



• Questions

1. What time do you usually get up?
2. Do your parents wake you up, or do you use an alarm clock?
3. Whose responsibility is it to get you to school on time? What are you responsible for?

• 2 One of Them Has An Easy Life

Eric : Mom, I'm glad you're home. I'm hungry!

Mom : Why didn't you fix yourself something to eat while I was out?

Eric : I don't know how to cook.

Mom : We have bread, we have eggs, we have ramyun. You don't have to know how to cook to keep from starving.

Eric : But I wanted to wait till you came home, because I love the food you make.

Mom : You mean, "I wanted you to wait on me hand and foot, because I can't do anything for myself." I'm not your slave, you know.

Eric : I'm sorry.

Mom : Look at your bedroom! I asked you to make the bed and wash the dishes while I was gone. You didn't do anything!



You want to be as free as a bird. But even birds clean up their own nests.

• Questions

1. Do you always make your own bed?
2. If your parents are gone, what do you usually eat?
3. Can you cook? What can you make by yourself? Does it taste good?

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Answer Me

• 3 Lesson in High Finance

Ashley : Dad, can I have some more money?

Dad : I gave you your allowance already.

Ashley : I know. But I spent it all, so I need some more.

Dad : What did you spend it on?

Ashley : The usual. Make-up. Phone cards.

Dad : You need to set up a sound budget and stick to it.

Ashley : I know. But this month I got a little carried away. It won't happen again.

Dad : You know that your mom and I are on a strict budget ourselves. Part of our budget includes a set amount for your allowance. I don't think we should make an exception, just because you weren't responsible this month.

Ashley : I'm supposed to get my allowance next week anyway. I just want it early, that's all.

Dad : How about if I give you a little bit now, and deduct it from the amount I give you next week?

Ashley : OK, it's a deal.



Every day is like money
— it just flies away.

Then let me have some more money
today, and tomorrow you can keep
more for yourself.

• Questions

1. How much pocket money do you get?
2. Is that always enough? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever asked for extra money? What do your parents say?

• 4 Group Membership

Mom : Who cooks in this house?

Daniel : You do.

Mom : Who washes the dishes?

Daniel : You do.

Mom : Who cleans the floors?
Who dusts the furniture?

Daniel : You do.

Mom : Who makes the beds?

Daniel : You do.

Mom : Who goes shopping?

Daniel : You.

Mom : Who feeds the pets?

Daniel : You.

Mom : Who walks the dog?

Daniel : Dad.

Mom : So what do you do?

Daniel : I go to school and do my homework.

Mom : That's good. But you know you should do some household chores too. Everybody needs to do his own share, because we are all part of the same family.



*When I got married and said, "I do,"
I didn't know that meant "everything."*

• Questions

1. What do you do around the house?
2. Do you think helping out around the house should be part of your family responsibility?
3. Does your father help your mom with household tasks? What does he do?

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—— Let's Talk More ——

• 1 What Are We?

We are what we do. So we all have a responsibility to ourselves. We must be responsible for our own behavior, our own words. Nobody else can enjoy the fruits of our own actions, and no one else should suffer their consequences, either.



• Questions

1. What defines us: what we would do if we could, or what we actually accomplish?
2. Name the person who is responsible for all our actions.
3. Who gets the rewards for our good behavior?

• 2 Family Value

In the course of a lifetime, people often change jobs, join many different organizations, attend various schools, and perhaps belong to more than one church. They may even switch nationalities. But how many families will you ever belong to? Just one, right? So, what are your family's responsibilities to you? And, even more importantly, what exactly is your responsibility towards your family? The answer to that question is the most important of your life.

The Seven Wonders of the World?
Getting along well with one's family
should surely be the 8th Wonder—
but it isn't. I guess that's because
no one can do it.



• Questions

1. How many schools have you attended? Do you still have ties to your earlier ones?
2. What are your family's responsibilities to you?
3. What are your responsibilities to your family?

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— *Let's Talk More* —

• **3 Our Duty**

As the English poet John Donne said, “No man is an island.” We are all part of a larger society. And membership in any society means that we have responsibilities towards it as well, unless we are to be social free-loaders who are willing to accept the good results of membership without doing any of the work. So, we are all responsible for obeying just laws, being good neighbors, policing the environment, selecting good leaders and guiding their political and moral choices, and improving or at least maintaining the social gains of our predecessors.



No human effort can last without every individual human's effort.

• **Questions**

1. Should young people have to perform military service? Should there be any exceptions?
2. Who should vote? Who shouldn't vote?
3. Are there any laws that should be disobeyed?

• 4 As the World Shrinks

Increasingly, we are not just Koreans or Americans, Egyptians or Argentines. More and more, we are citizens of the world. Pollution in one country damages the environments of others. Economic instability is globally contagious. Human rights abuses diminish the value of humanity everywhere. Poverty, inequality, racism, war, ignorance — none of these is merely the problem of some “other” place; each is a human issue that needs to be addressed everywhere, and not just by “other” people but by all of us.



Everyone on earth is part
of the same family.

• Questions

1. What can you do, right now, to make the world a better place?
2. What can you do in the future, as you get older?
3. What is more important, one's personal problems or global issues?
Be honest!

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— Real Talk —

How To Grow Up

Theresa : I want to grow up faster. How can I do that?

Dad : Oh, don't be in such a hurry. You're only young once; you might as well enjoy it.

Theresa : But sooner or later I won't be a kid anymore. And I want to be ready.

Dad : OK, but you don't just suddenly grow up. It's not like one day you're a child and the next day you have a birthday or something and then all at once you're an adult. It's a process.

Theresa : Even so, what do I need to do to make the process work better?

Dad : It depends on what kind of person you want to become. The habits you start to build now will be the ones that you will probably carry throughout your life.

Theresa : But what are these habits?

Dad : The same ones your mother and I, and your teachers and other adults, are always after you about. We want you to be honest, friendly, diligent, and patient.

Theresa : OK. I understand.

Dad : We want you to develop good thinking, writing, speaking, and computer skills, because you will need them to get ahead.

Theresa : That makes sense.

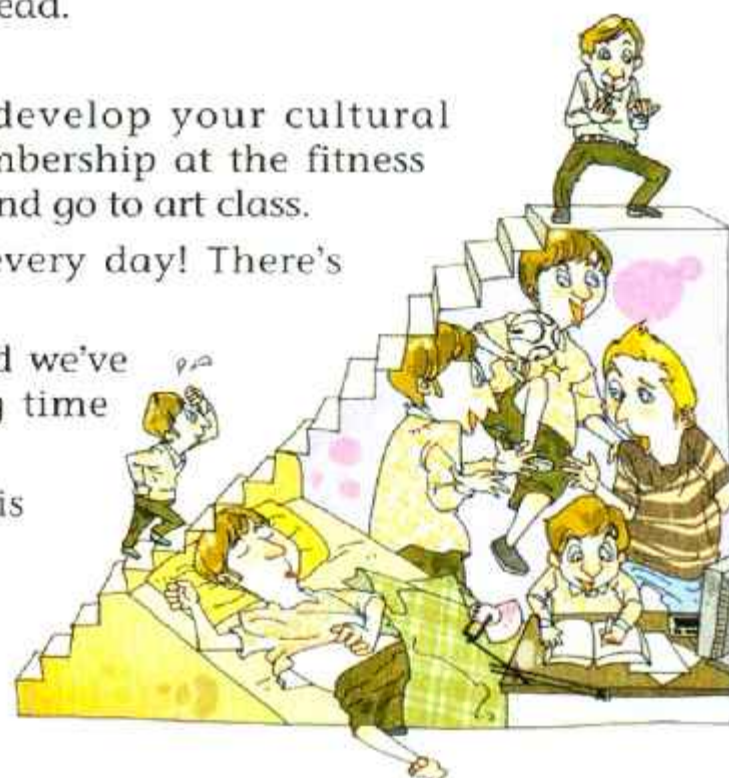
Dad : You should get lots of exercise and develop your cultural personality. That's why you have a membership at the fitness center. That's why you practice the piano and go to art class.

Theresa : But this is the same stuff you tell me every day! There's nothing new here.

Dad : That's right. It's a process, remember? And we've all been working on this process a long time already, but there's still a long way to go.

Theresa : You mean, all I have to do to grow up is keep doing the things I do now?

Dad : That's right. And the fact that you've realized this is a big step forward. You're already wiser and more grown up than you were just a few minutes ago!



Even some 90-year-olds — who haven't taken the right steps — are not responsible adults yet.

• Questions

1. Why does Theresa want to grow up?
2. What are some of the steps in becoming an adult?
3. What is the goal of adulthood?

— Read Me —

What's So Great About Being an Adult?

Most kids think an adult is always free to do whatever he wants. I guess this is because teenagers know that some grown-up is always telling them what to do and preventing them from doing other things. But they are not aware how limited adult freedom actually is. Adults have many responsibilities to fulfill: a job to go to, tasks to perform at work (and sometimes to bring home from the office to complete), bills to pay, social obligations to perform. Putting food on the table, fuel in the car, and a roof over the family's head; paying water and electricity bills every month; paying back the loans taken out to buy the house and automobile; the cost of new clothes, medical expenses, insurance: the list of obligations goes on and on. The longer and more expensive the list, the less and less freedom the adult has. And kids probably do not hear how other adults (the bosses, the police and politicians, the grandparents and in-laws etc.) order their own parents around — in much the same way the kid himself is told what to do!

*The burdens of life are heavy.
I wish I were a kid again.*



*There's nothing I can do on my own.
If I were an adult, I'd be free.*

• Questions

1. How much personal freedom do you have? What can you do? What can't you do?
2. How much actual personal freedom do your parents have? What are they free to do? What are they unable to do?
3. Has your perspective on freedom and responsibility changed? In what ways?

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LESSON 28 Who Am I?

— Warm-up Dialog —

June Who?

June : Who am I?

Dad : Why, you're June, of course. Have you forgotten your name?

June : Dad, I'm serious. Of course I know my name. And my birthday and where I live. Everything like that. I'm not suffering from amnesia. But I'm confused. I want to know who I really am.

Dad : OK, OK. I'll be serious, too. We all go through periods in our lives when we feel lost and unimportant, and we need some reassurance.

June : You too?

Dad : Of course! Everybody! What has brought on this question in your case?

June : All my friends seem so certain about what they want to be in the future, and who their boyfriends are, and what they're going to do. Everything is so clear about their lives. But I don't have any of their answers.

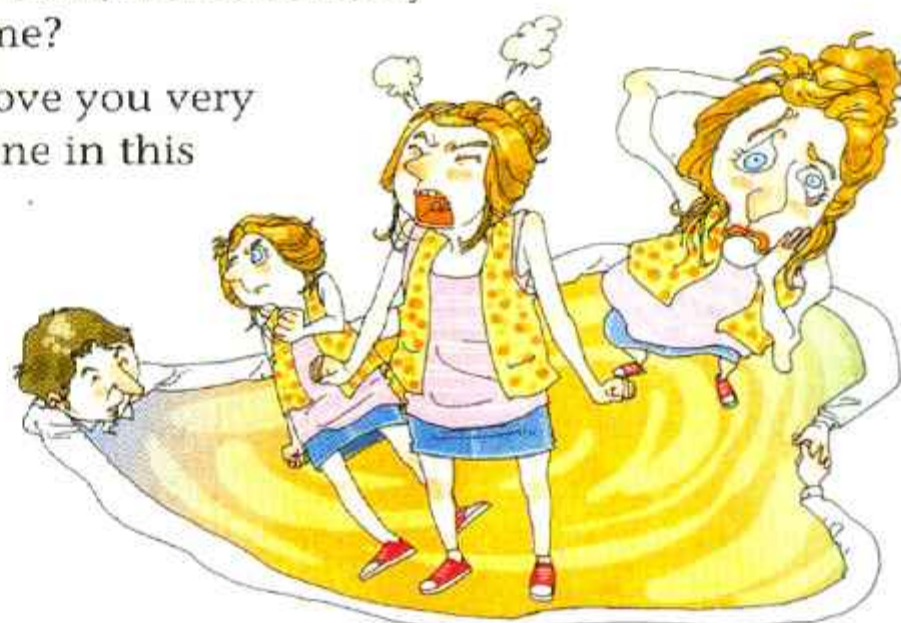
Dad : Well, maybe they aren't as positive as they pretend to be. But, even if they are sure today, that doesn't mean that they're right about anything. Life has a funny way of turning out different than we expect.

June : But I'd still like to know who I am, not necessarily what I'll be. Can't you help me?

Dad : Well, you're my daughter. I love you very much. So, you'll never be alone in this world. There will always be someone you can rely on.

June : I know that. But what about me? Who am I?

Dad : You're a very sensitive, sensible young lady. You have a strong sense of



Nothing helps like Daddy's hug.

right and wrong. You're not the smartest girl in your class, but you usually do pretty well, even if you have to work a little harder than the others. I know that you can accomplish whatever you really want to do.

June : Do you think so?

Dad : I know so. You are also kind and friendly, so everyone has good reason to like you. Life probably won't always be easy, but you won't have to suffer alone. You'll always have friends to help you get through the rough parts.

June : But why am I so confused about who I am?

Dad : Because the answers are not easy. There are some things that even the smartest people in history haven't figured out yet, despite thousands of years of trying. A little self-doubt now and then is good for the soul; it helps us set our priorities and charge our batteries for what's ahead.

June : How long is this going to last? When will I know?

Dad : Who knows? Maybe tomorrow, maybe not. But sooner or later, you'll put these feelings of uncertainty behind you, and you'll be your usual self. You'll realize you aren't perfect, but you'll also know that that's all right, you're good enough. So, stop worrying!

June : OK, I'll try. Thanks for listening to me.

Dad : That's what dads are for!

● Questions

1. What is June's problem?
2. Has her father ever felt the way she does?
3. What is her dad's advice?

Pictures

1.



- Q1: Are you proud of yourself as you are now? Why or why not?
- Q2: What are your strongest points?
- Q3: What are your weakest points?

2.

- Q1: Do you like sports? Why or why not?
- Q2: Do you like science? Why or why not?
- Q3: Do you like music? What kind? Do you play any instrument?



3.



- Q1: Are you shy or outgoing?
- Q2: Are you interested in your friends' lifestyles, such as how they dress or what kind of mobile phones they have?
- Q3: Do you think you are understanding towards other people's problems?

4. Q1: Describe the characteristics of a leader. Are these positive or negative traits?
- Q2: Describe the characteristics of a follower. Are their traits mostly positive or mostly negative?
- Q3: Which category are you in? Why do you think so?



- Q1: What do you want to be? What makes you think so?
- Q2: What do you have to do to accomplish that?
- Q3: What will you do when you finally reach your goal?

6. Q1: Do you always reflect on what you have done today?
- Q2: What are the good things you usually accomplish?
- Q3: What are the bad things you usually do?



LESSON 28 Who Am I?

Answer Me

• 1 The Future Chef?

Irving : Wow! What a workout!

Ruby : Yeah! I'm hungry!

Irving : Let's go to my house and eat.

Ruby : Great idea! What will your mom make?

Irving : Oh, she's not home.

Ruby : Then how are we going to eat? I don't want a sandwich.

Irving : Don't worry. I'll cook something for us.

Ruby : You? You can cook?

Irving : Of course. I'm an expert at making ramyun.

Ruby : Really? Then maybe you should become a chef.

Irving : No, I still want to be an astronaut. But I think all people, even astronauts, should know how to take care of themselves.



Even in outer space, people need to eat.

• Questions

1. Can you cook ramyun?
2. Do you think you could be a good cook just because you can prepare ramyun well? Explain your answer.
3. Who do you think has more aptitude as a cook, a male or a female? Or does gender matter?

• 2 Definite Plans

Derek : Where are you going?

Laura : To the fire station.

Derek : Why? Let's go to a movie instead.

Laura : OK, we can see that new Russian film. But the fire station is on the way.

Derek : Why do you want to go there?

Laura : I like to hang around fire stations. I always have. I want to fight fires someday.

Derek : That's silly! Who ever heard of a firewoman?

Laura : Fire fighters are not just men, you know. I've dreamed of having that job my whole life.

Derek : I've dreamed about being a famous singer, too, but that doesn't mean I will. You know I can't sing very well.

Laura : There are many popular singers who don't have a very good voice. That doesn't stop them from doing what they love.

Derek : But that's different.

Laura : How? If I have the same aptitude and ability as anyone else, why shouldn't I be able to do it?

Derek : OK, when you put it that way, I can't think of any good reason why not. Maybe instead of being a singer, I should become a professional beauty contestant.



If your home's on fire, you don't care what sex is holding the hose.

• Questions

1. What do you think about male nurses?
2. What do you think about male cooks or hairdressers?
3. What do you think about female soldiers? What do you think about putting them in battle?

LESSON 28 Who Am I?

Answer Me

• 3 For Love or Money?

Harold : Did you ever meet my Uncle Ralph?

Maud : No, I don't think so. Why?

Harold : He's in town this week, and I thought you might like to hear him play.

Maud : He's a musician? What does he play?

Harold : He's a jazz guitarist.

Maud : I like jazz a lot. Does he have any CDs or albums?

Harold : No, he isn't at all famous. He barely gets by financially. He is on the road constantly, playing small clubs.

Maud : It sounds like a terrible life. Why doesn't he get a regular job and settle down?

Harold : Because he's doing what he loves.

Maud : Has he tried doing anything else?

Harold : Sure. For many years he was a successful physician, one of the best in his field. He made lots of money and won a lot of awards.

Maud : And he gave all that up?

Harold : That's right. He says he just wasn't happy.

Maud : What did his wife do?

Harold : She divorced him right away and got most of his money. But eventually his kids came to understand his reasons. Now they're very proud of him.



It doesn't matter to me what others think about my job. I love it!

• Questions

1. What did Uncle Ralph do?
2. Do you think he made the right decision?
3. Do you think you would do what he did? Why or why not?

• 4 Making Changes

Connor : I want to be somebody else.

Francesca : Somebody rich?

Connor : No, just not so shy. Nobody likes shy people.

Francesca : Sure they do! They don't like pushy, conceited people.

Connor : You're just saying that.

Francesca : No, I'm not. It might take longer to get to know you, but then everybody likes you!

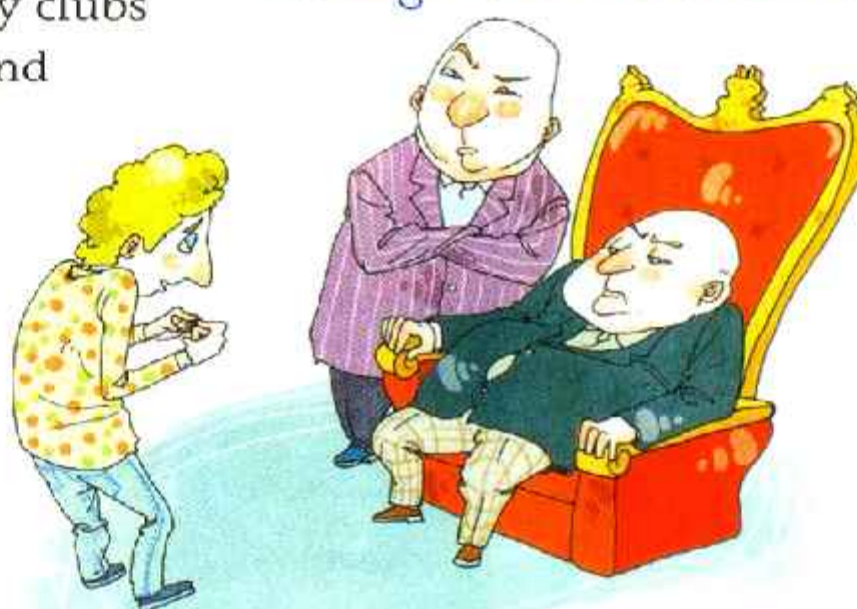
Connor : Nonetheless, I'm determined to change my personality.

Francesca : How?

Connor : I'm going to join as many clubs and groups as possible and then make sure I get active in them.

Francesca : That might work. But I hope you don't change too much. I like you the way you are.

That's good. But we don't need to.



I'm willing to change.

• Questions

1. Do you think Connor can succeed? If not, why not? If so, why?
2. Do you want to change any of your personal characteristics? In what way?
3. What is your idea of the perfect person?

LESSON 28 Who Am I?

—— Let's Talk More ——

• 1 Becoming Whole

We are not born complete. We become who we eventually are. We do this by experiencing life any way we can. We grow in unforeseen ways by reading many books, listening to lots of different kinds of music, practicing many skills, reflecting a lot, traveling many places, and talking meaningfully with as many people as we can.



"No matter how many books are read and places we go, we can never know everything." "But we can learn more!"

• Questions

1. Do you know who you are? Describe yourself.
2. What are you interested in now? List at least 10 things.
3. What do you need to do to develop some of your current interests?

• 2 Not Alone

“Who is he?” is just as important as “who am I?” If you want to achieve your dreams, you’d better know the people around you — your friends, your teachers, your parents, etc. And having good relationships with them is necessary as well, because empathy and understanding are the keys to accomplishment.



Together we can balance our lives, no matter how heavy the problems are.

• Questions

1. How do you know who your friends are? Describe your relationship to them.
2. Describe some of your teachers. What makes some of them better teachers than others?
3. Describe your parents. How could they be better?

LESSON 28 Who Am I?

— Let's Talk More —

• 3 Know Yourself

You can read a book (or, actually, lots of books) and know just as much about astronomy or history as anyone else. And everyone else can know as much about those subjects as you do. But nobody can ever know you as well as you do. No one else can live in your own skin, think your own thoughts, and experience your own emotions as you do. But to truly and completely understand who you are will also take some work on your behalf. You need carefully to develop self-reflective habits to figure out what makes you tick. Once you achieve self-understanding, however, you may gain control over your poor habits and bad characteristics, and then you can accomplish whatever you wish.

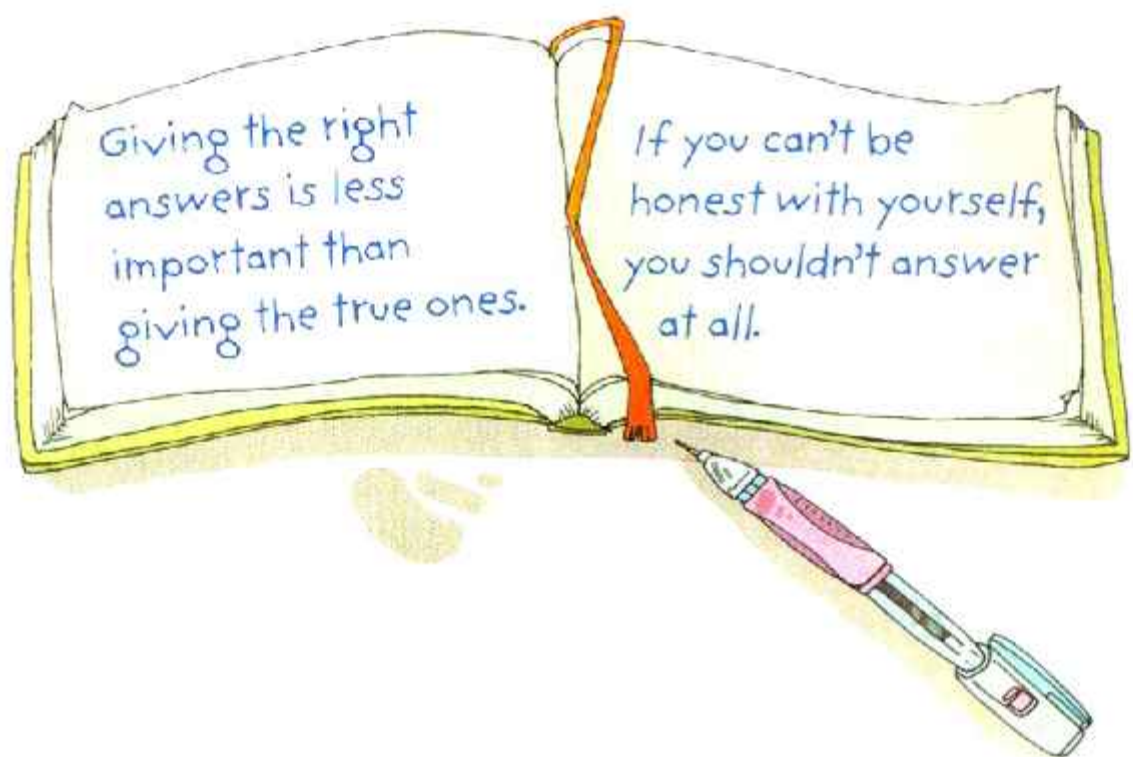


• Questions

1. What can you do better than anyone else, according to the paragraph?
2. Why do you need to reflect on your own qualities?
3. What is your biggest character fault? How can you improve it?

• 4 Personal Check List

1. Do you always keep your promises to yourself?
2. Do you prefer to work alone or with others?
3. Does money make you happy?
4. Are you imaginative? In what ways?
5. Do you frequently volunteer your time to help others?
6. Is "doing the right thing" important even if nobody else is watching?
7. Do you take full responsibility for your own actions?
8. Are you willing to stand up for your ideas, even when they are unpopular?
9. Do you try to solve a problem or complain about it?
10. What are the most important things in your life?



• Questions

1. Do you think keeping promises to yourself is easy? Why or why not?
2. What is the hardest thing you have ever done? How did you manage to accomplish it?
3. What have you done that you are proudest of?

LESSON 28 Who Am I?

— Real Talk —

Two Views

- Ray : Why do you take so long to decide anything?
- Rachel : I don't want to make a mistake. Why do you rush into things without thinking?
- Ray : Thinking just gives me a headache. I just want to get things done, and then I can make the necessary adjustments later. You take a long time to make any decision at all, so you don't accomplish much.
- Rachel : Maybe not, but at least what I do stays done, and I don't have to do it all over again.
- Ray : Contemplation suits some people, I guess, but I believe in action! We can't ever be certain of any outcome, so it's better to be part of the moment. That's what life is all about, living in the now.
- Rachel : I'd rather take care of having a better future and not worry so much about the present. The present is not going to last, but the future is forever.
- Ray : The future may never come! And being careful is boring. I prefer excitement.
- Rachel : I want progress and security. I don't want to have to reinvent the wheel every day. You're always having to fix things that you didn't do right the first time, so you waste a lot of time.
- Ray : You talk about "progress," but I crave change above all. New situations are very energizing, and I love to improvise and adjust to new conditions. That makes life worthwhile!
- Rachel : Change may always happen, but change isn't always good. I'm always trying to make change work in my favor, not just at random.



Some people are content to jump in place, while others want to run as fast as they're going.

• Questions

1. What adjectives would you use to describe Ray? Rachel?
2. What is wrong with Ray's view of life, in your opinion?
3. What do you think is wrong with Rachel's attitude?

— Read Me —

Nature or Nurture

An unanswered question is how much of our character is determined by circumstance and how much control we have over it. It is often stated in terms of “nature” versus “nurture.” Are we essentially the person at birth that we will become as adults? How much of this is due to genetics and biological instinct? Or do we learn to become who we are? Does this depend largely on where (and when) we grow up, what our social and economic status is, who our friends and teachers are? How much control can we exert over the process? Clearly, we can choose to behave in certain ways. For example, we can decide whether or not we’re going to smoke. And we can change our minds later, though habitual smokers may have trouble quitting. But is the act of smoking just another expression of our personality: do we really become someone else whenever our behavior changes? So the question remains: Can I change myself? (Can I change my natural personality?) If so, another question is even more fundamental: How?



A good self-editor can change a frown into a smile.

• Questions

1. Summarize the nature vs. nurture argument.
2. Does anyone know the answer to the problem?
3. What are some factors that may influence who we are?

Chat Room for Teens

03

LESSON 29 Earth Is Getting Sicker

— Warm-up Dialog —

Littering Is Belittling Our Planet

Father : Hil, let's take a walk.

Hillary : OK, Dad. Where are we going?

Father : Just down to the park.

Hillary : It sure is a nice evening.

Father : Yes it is. A bit chilly, though.

Hillary : Oh, it's not too bad.

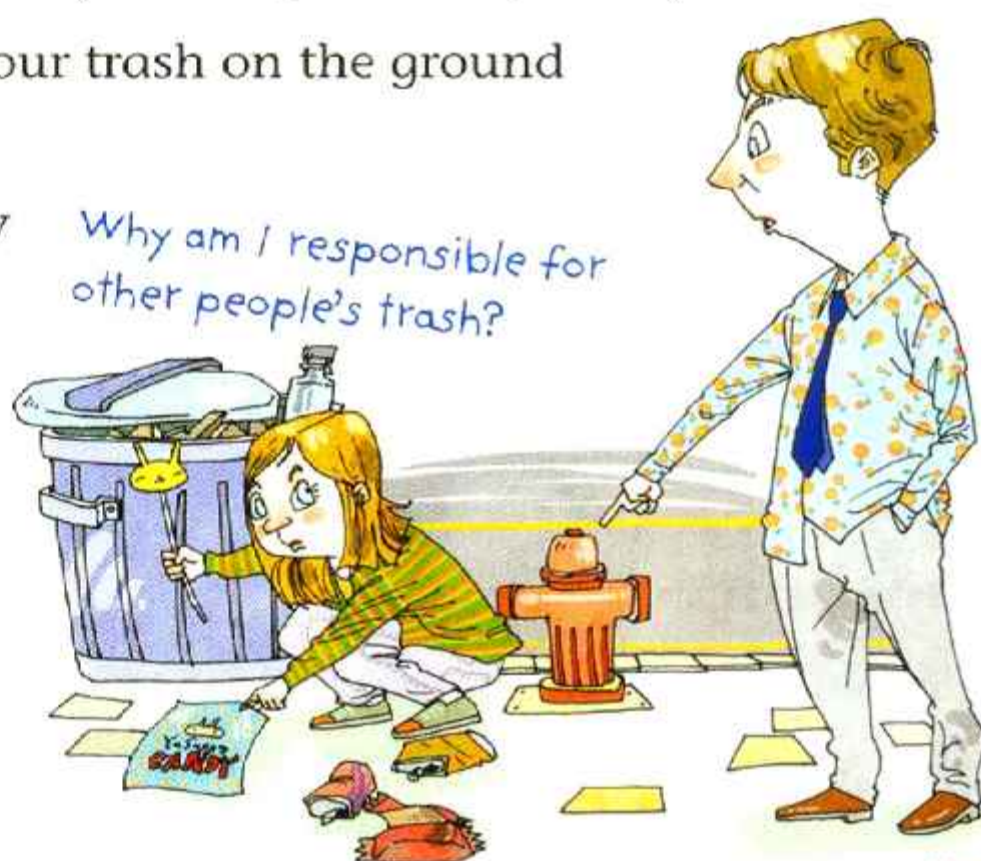
Father : Maybe I'm just getting old.

Hillary : No, you're not! Would you like part of my candy bar?

Father : Hey! Don't throw your trash on the ground like that!

Hillary : Aw, it's just a candy wrapper. Everyone does it.

Father : I said, pick it up!



Why am I responsible for other people's trash?

Because we all live on the same planet. It's all our trash!

Hillary : Oh, all right. But it's just a little piece of paper.

Father : It doesn't matter. We all have a responsibility to keep our neighborhood clean. If everybody threw trash on the street like you just did, can you imagine how ugly and unhealthy it would be?

Hillary : OK, I'm sorry. I won't do it again. I promise.

Father : Good. While you're at it, pick up that empty can please.

Hillary : I didn't throw it there!

Father : I know you didn't. But sometimes we have to clean up after other people too, you know.

• Questions

1. What did Hillary throw on the ground?
2. What did she have to put into the trash can?
3. Why did her father tell her to pick up the can?

Pictures

1.



Q1: One step toward preserving the earth is to walk short distances instead of using transportation. Are you willing to walk? How far?

Q2: What do your parents think about gas prices? What do you think about raising the cost of gasoline to encourage saving fuel?

Q3: Bigger cars emit more pollutants. Is that reason enough to get a compact instead of a sedan or SUV?

2.

Q1: Do you use soap and shampoo every day? Did you know they can hurt the environment? Explain how.

Q2: Are you willing to use eco-friendly products even if they are a lot more expensive? Discuss your answer.

Q3: What do you think about reducing the number of showers you take in order to protect the environment?



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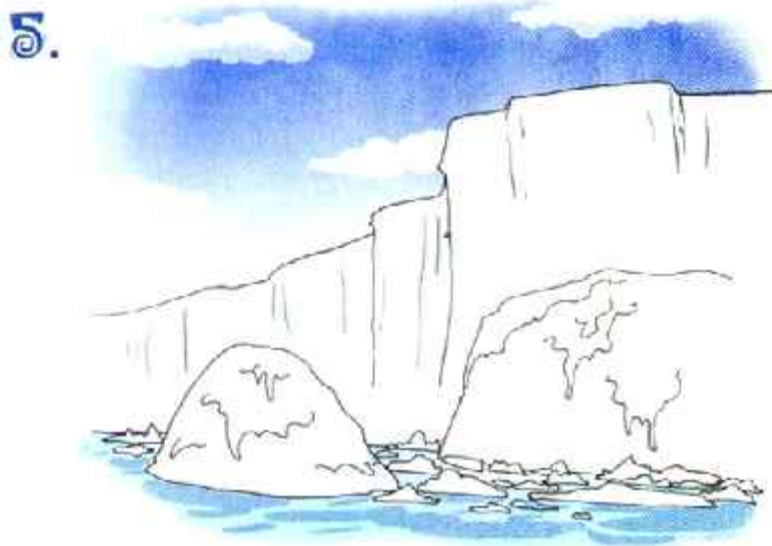


Q1: Have you ever been annoyed by some noise? What were the circumstances?

Q2: Do you think mobile phones are major noise pollutants? Why or why not?

Q3: What noises do people commonly make in public places?

4. **Q1:** What would happen if we cut down all the trees in the mountains?
- Q2:** Do you think we need lumber in order to build homes?
- Q3:** Should you be forced to pay for planting trees in areas where yellow dust comes from, even if they are in foreign countries?



- Q1:** Why do you think glaciers are melting? Answer in detail.
- Q2:** What will happen if icebergs continue to melt?
- Q3:** What can we do to stop it?

6. **Q1:** We have been warned about a lack of drinking water in the near future. What are the causes, in your opinion?
- Q2:** Can you imagine wars breaking out over water? How is that possible?
- Q3:** Talk about how we waste water every day. What can we do to conserve water?



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— Answer Me —

• 1 Small Steps

Herman : Have you ever heard the saying, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step”?

Janet : No. What does it mean?

Herman : It means that if we want to accomplish something important, we have to start by doing simple, easy things.

Janet : OK. Can you give me some examples?

Herman : Hmmm. If we want to save energy, we can turn off all the electrical gadgets at home for an hour every day.

Janet : Or we could walk or ride a bike instead of using a car or bus.

Herman : To save water, we could stop taking baths!

Janet : But then everyone would stink! Maybe we could just take fewer baths instead.

Herman : Or just take showers instead of baths — we would use a lot less water that way.



Even small savings make for a smooth financial path.

• Questions

1. Does your family do anything to save water? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Do you do anything to save electricity? If so, how? If not, why not?
3. What do you do to protect the environment? Answer in detail.

• 2 Why Hunting Is Wrong

Ricky : We need to stop hunting animals. That includes fishing, too.

Ruth : But then how would we eat? We'd all have to become vegetarians.

Ricky : Well, we could do that, of course, and we'd be better off if we did. But we could still eat meat. Hunting, though, is just an unnecessary holdover from past times.

Ruth : But why should we stop? It's in our nature to hunt.

Ricky : It's in our nature to do many things. But as we become more civilized, we learn to control our natural instincts.

Ruth : But you didn't answer my question. Why do we need to stop hunting? What difference does it make?

Ricky : All living things cohabit this earth. Humans don't own the planet; we share it with other creatures.

Ruth : But that means viruses and bacteria, too. These life forms are killers. If we could eliminate them, wouldn't we all be better off?

Ricky : All of life is an interconnected chain. If any species dies off, it causes others to perish also. So, it is in our own selfish interest to keep that from happening.



• Questions

1. Do you think we have a right to kill other animals? Why or why not?
2. Do you think we have a right to kill plants? Why or why not?
3. How can we live harmoniously with animals and plants? Or, do you think that is not possible?

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Answer Me

• 3 Energy Alternative

Joanne : I'm worried about the future.

Jerry : Me, too. I haven't studied for my tests next week.

Joanne : No, that's not what I mean.

Jerry : What do you mean, then?

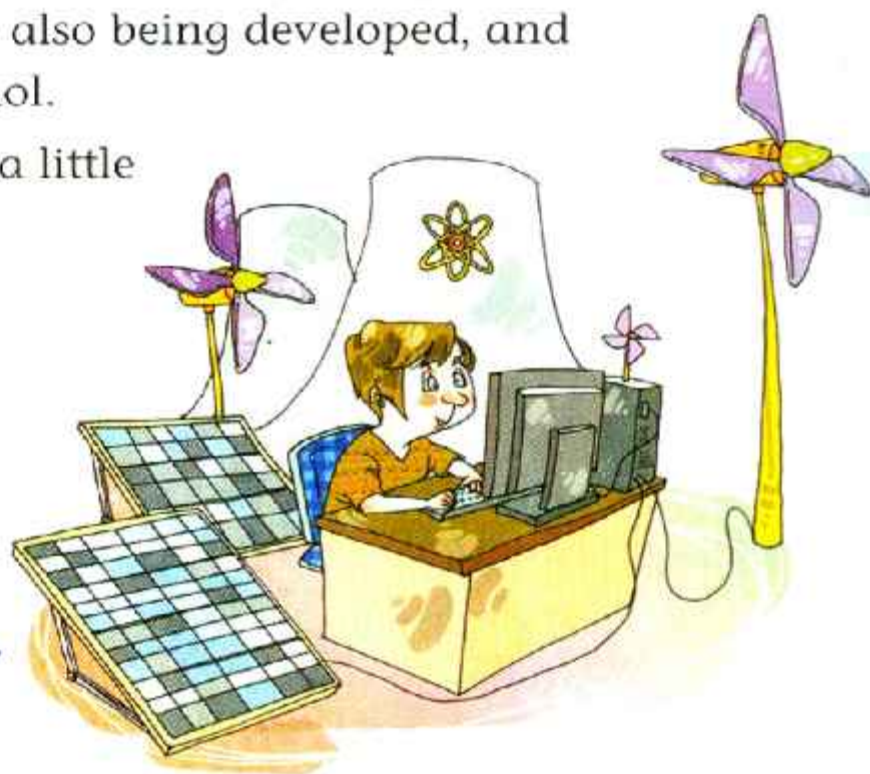
Joanne : Well, we are running out of petroleum. There might not even be enough to last through my lifetime. If we don't have gas, what would we do?

Jerry : There are lots of alternatives. Sunlight, water, air, nuclear power — these are all technologies that are already being used. Besides, hybrid gas-electric engines are also being developed, and alternative fuels such as ethanol.

Joanne : I'm glad we talked. Now I feel a little better. You sure do know a lot!

Jerry : Maybe so, but I still have to start studying pretty soon. Or my future will be spent entirely at home!

*Soon, they'll be able to plug me in, too.
Every keystroke is an energy source!*



• Questions

1. What would happen if we ran out of petroleum? Besides our automobiles, what else runs on gas? Also, do you know that CDs and computer disks are also petroleum products?
2. Without cars as we know them, how would we get from one place to another?
3. What are some effective substitute sources of energy?

• 4 Lots of Space

Roland : We've got to establish space colonies! That's the only answer!

Patty : The only answer to what? What are you talking about?

Roland : We are overpopulating the Earth too quickly. So, we are using up too much land, running out of water, causing too many plant and animal species to become extinct, cutting down too many trees.

Patty : Everything looks normal to me. I think you're exaggerating the problem.

Roland : No. That's the problem. Nobody is taking it seriously, so by the time we start to do something it will be too late.

Patty : How will having space colonies help? Won't that just use up more energy?

Roland : Only at first. But eventually, we'll have new planets we can move to and give Earth a rest.

Patty : But what happens when we overpopulate those worlds, too? Maybe we should just do something here to solve the problems on our own planet.



Sorry, no more room.
But you can all join us later.

• Questions

1. Do you think it's possible to have a space colony? Where?
2. Do you like to read science fiction? Why or why not?
3. Why do many people find sci-fi to be so interesting?

LESSON 29 Earth Is Getting Sicker

— Let's Talk More —

• 1 Poisoning Ourselves

We are killing our land with pesticides. Their purpose is to kill harmful insects that destroy the crops before we can eat them, but they also poison the food we eat. That is why there are so many warnings about food safety. That is why we should also wash all vegetables and fruits before we eat them. But the problem is more subtle than that. For instance, pesticides wash into the lakes and rivers, where they are consumed by fish. Then we eat the fish and, in the process, poison ourselves.

Often, the amount of poison is very small, so we don't notice it right away, but it accumulates in our bodies over the course of time and eventually kills us.



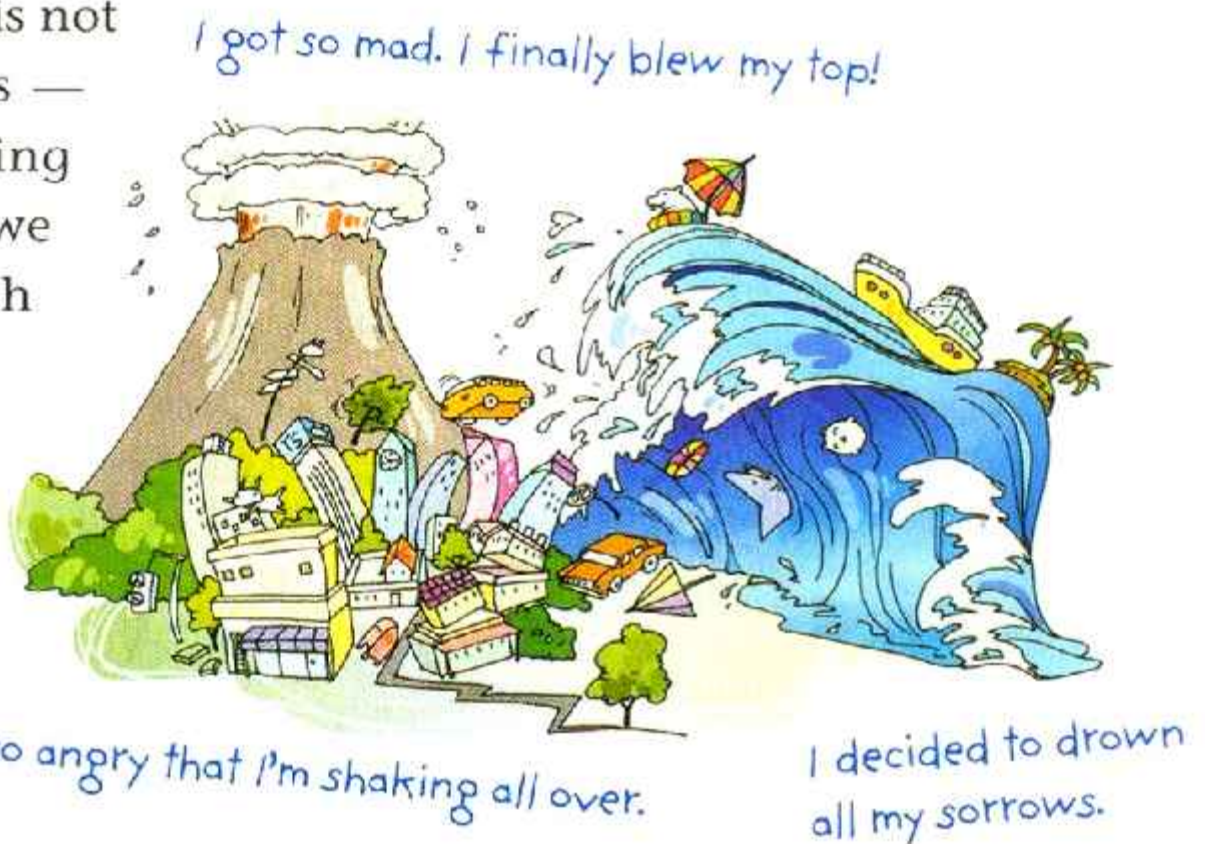
*The plane drops pesticide on the plants on the plain.
But the plain truth is that we are plainly poisoning ourselves.*

• Questions

1. Do you think the food you eat every day is safe? Explain your reasons.
2. Are you worried about remnant pesticide in the fruit you eat? What can you do about it?
3. Would you pay more for organic food? Why or why not?

• 2 At War

The planet is at war against humanity. Witness the rise in typhoons, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis. These used to be rather rare occurrences but have become commonplace. At the same time, the Earth is heating up, causing the glaciers to melt and leading to more droughts worldwide. New diseases are also coming into existence on a regular basis. But, as I think about the issue, I realize that the Earth is not really at war with us — more likely, it is acting in self-defense. It is we who are at war with our world, not the other way around.



• Questions

1. Name the five greatest natural problems and suggest ways of dealing with them.
2. What is the worst weather or natural calamity that you have ever experienced (including rain or extreme temperatures)? Describe what happened.
3. Where is the safest place to live? What is the most dangerous place?

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— Let's Talk More —

• 3 A Better Source

Environmentalists have successfully agitated against nuclear energy for decades, but it is actually the best available solution to their most pressing concerns. That is because it is cheap, clean, and renewable, so it can provide modern civilization with the huge amount of energy it needs without the obvious drawbacks of petroleum. Safety, of course, continues to be a major concern; a nuclear disaster could potentially affect millions of people and pose a threat for thousands of years. But it is a danger that can be managed, at a cost far below what we routinely pay nowadays for all the problems — economic and ecological alike — associated with carbon-based energy.



• Questions

1. What are some problems of petroleum dependence? How might nuclear energy solve them?
2. Why do countries have so much difficulty building new nuclear power plants?
3. If nuclear power is too dangerous, what are the alternatives?

• 4 Necessary Evil

Most people agree that prisons are a necessary evil in any society. If there were no prisons, how could we keep dangerous criminals from threatening innocent citizens. But the prisons themselves are ugly and dangerous, so not many people want to have one in their neighborhood. The same dilemma is posed by many other institutions such as garbage dumps, nuclear power plants, and railroad tracks — they are all clearly important and needed, but they are also unpleasant, noisy, dirty, or potentially hazardous. So we want to have the benefits of all these things, but we don't want to have them next to our homes. That is the explanation for the "NIMBY" phenomenon — *not in my back yard!* This is an excellent example of basic human selfishness: we want all the benefits from something, but we don't want any of the inconveniences — somebody else can have all the problems, as long as my own welfare is taken care of! Obviously, governments constantly have to juggle social needs with local protests; they have to figure out ways of minimizing opposition while also actually achieving something that is intended to benefit everyone.

Compromises must be reached; tax incentives or environmental trade-offs must be offered; or agreements on unrelated issues must be negotiated in order to placate the NIMBY crowd.

*We want it, but we
don't want it here!*



• Questions

1. Define "necessary evil."
2. Can you think of any other projects (other than prisons, garbage dumps, power plants, railroad tracks) that are so noisy, or dirty, or dangerous that you would not want them in your neighborhood?
3. How can the NIMBY problem be solved?

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— Real Talk —

No More Water Worries

Fred : Hi, Mom. What's that?

Mom : Hi, Fred. That's the new water purifier I just bought.

Fred : What's wrong with the tap water? Isn't water all the same?

Mom : The government says the water is safe, but I just don't trust it. So I bought this, just to be sure. Now we don't have to worry about getting sick from drinking tap water.

Fred : Isn't it expensive?

Mom : I guess so. But, in the long run it's cheaper than buying bottled water.

Fred : But we've been drinking tap water all the time, and we haven't gotten sick yet.

Mom : I know, but I just don't want to take a chance on drinking unhealthy water.

Fred : Sure, Mom, whatever you say. But I don't understand why you're so worried about the water. The air is the real problem! Don't you know how much pollution we breathe every day? What are you going to do about that?

Mom : Later on, when I can afford it, I guess I'll have to buy an air filter too. But for the time being at least, we don't have to worry about the water!



I guess I'm the very last filter.....

• Questions

1. Tap water is almost free, and bottled water is very expensive. But people are buying more and more bottled water. Explain why.
2. Why do you think Fred believes air pollution is a bigger threat than water pollution?
3. Is Fred's mother being realistic, or is she an alarmist? Explain your opinion.

— Read Me —

Green Is New

Who is responsible for the ongoing environmental disaster? Is it the haves or the have-nots? The developed countries or the undeveloped ones? Or is it everybody? Is our environment destined to get worse and worse, or can we actually make it better? Even 50 years ago, nobody thought much about pollution. It was regarded as an inevitable byproduct of industrial advance. But then people started to realize how serious the problem actually was, and industrial societies began passing stricter laws to try to reverse the damage. Cars and factories were forced to clean up, and some of the worst problems began to go away. Dead lakes came alive again, and more trees were planted. At the same time, people began to police their own behavior. Recycling became a standard practice, and littering became uncool. But, since then, other parts of the world have also developed quickly. In the short term, most of them are still trying to compete economically with the older industrialized nations and are not yet particularly concerned about the long-term problems of pollution. Can the developed world wait for them to catch up in terms of that awareness, or does it need to act aggressively against them?

*Now that we use water for fuel,
we can wash our cars with gasoline
to make them shiny and bright.*



• Questions

1. How can developing countries be persuaded (or forced) to pay attention to the environment?
2. Is it fair to penalize developing countries for trying to improve the lives of their inhabitants?
3. Are rich, developed nations merely being hypocritical in their attitudes toward developing ones? Are they deliberately trying to keep them poor in order to maintain their own superior standards of living?

Chat Room for Teens

03

LESSON 30 Where in the World Should You Be?

— Warm-up Dialog —

First You Have to Find It

Pavlette : If you could go anywhere in the world for free, where would you like to go?

Jamal : I don't know. It costs so much to travel, I can't afford to think about it.

Pavlette : But "free" should be in your budget, right?

Jamal : Of course! In that case, guess I might as well go somewhere that most people can't visit.

Pavlette : Such as?



The high mountains!
The five flags!
Ah!
This must be Bhutan!

Jamal : Well, North Korea and Myanmar are pretty isolated places, I guess. But they're poor, and the governments are very oppressive, so maybe they would not be very interesting. And maybe it would be immoral to go there, under the circumstances.

Pavlette : But Bhutan might be a good idea. The king is very popular at home, so the people are happy. The country is small, but it has a very rich culture, and it deliberately restricts tourism so it can keep its traditions intact. Only a few people are allowed to visit every year, but they are very well treated when they get there.

Jamal : That sounds like a great idea. If I went, I'd probably be the only person I know who could say that!

Pavlette : That's right.

Jamal : But I have one question. Where is Bhutan?

• Questions

1. If you could go anywhere for free, where would you like to go?
2. Would you want to go into space? Why or why not?
3. What's your opinion about staying close to home all the time?

Pictures

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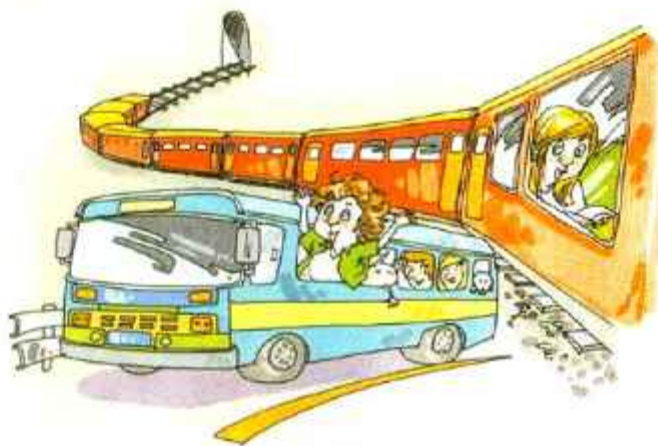
- Q1: Which is more useful, an atlas or a globe? Why?
- Q2: Why is studying Geography important?
- Q3: What countries would you like to visit some day? Tell us why.

2.

- Q1: Why do most countries need a visa to enter them? What would happen if everybody could go wherever they wanted?
- Q2: In addition to a visa, what other kinds of documents are necessary to travel abroad?
- Q3: Security precautions have become much stricter recently. What are some of the restrictions, and why are they in place?

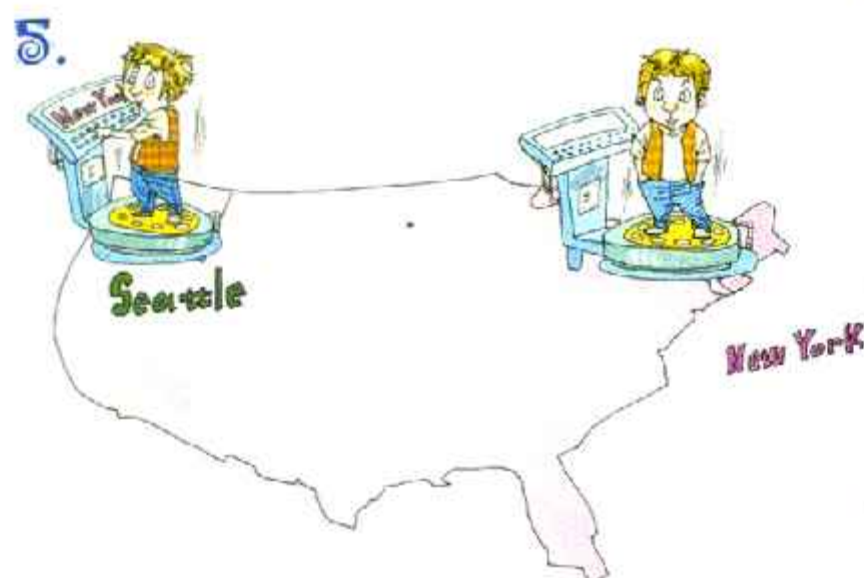


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- Q1: Do you prefer traveling by train or bus? Why? Explain your answer in as much detail as possible.
- Q2: What are some factors, other than personal preference, that help people decide whether to travel by train or bus?
- Q3: What is the longest trip by train, airplane, or bus you have ever taken? How did you pass the time?

4. Q1: Compared to going by bus, train, or plane, what are the advantages of driving to your destination?
- Q2: What do you think the disadvantages could be?
- Q3: What if your family had a helicopter instead of a car? Would that solve or create more problems?



Q1: Is teleportation possible, do you think, or is it just the product of idle imagination? Discuss your answer in some detail.

Q2: If you were teleporting yourself somewhere, what would your biggest worry be?

Q3: What new travel problems would teleportation bring about?

6. Q1: If you were visiting a different country, would you want to try new foods or mostly stick with what you usually eat?
- Q2: Cost aside, when going abroad, would you probably be a first-class-only tourist or a backpacker? What are the advantages and disadvantages of both?
- Q3: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" is a familiar saying. When might that NOT be good advice?



LESSON **30** Where in the World Should You Be?

—— Answer Me ——

• 1 A Week Abroad

Darlene : For my graduation present, my parents told me I could travel anyplace in the world for a week. Where should I go?

Andrew : Why don't you go to Africa? There's a lot of wildness there.

Darlene : Wild? Oh, I'm afraid.

Andrew : Oh, I mean wild animals that aren't in zoos. Big animals, like elephants and lions and giraffes.

Darlene : Oh, I see what you mean. Yes, that might be very interesting. But what else would I do with my time?

Andrew : There are night clubs and shopping areas and cyber cafes, just like here. But you're only going for a week! I'm sure that going on safari would take up most of the time. And why would you want to go all the way to Africa just to do what you do here every day?

Yawn! Another boring tourist.



• Questions

1. If you were making travel plans, would the time you have available be a major influence on where you went? Give us some examples.
2. Which is better, going someplace you've never gone before or revisiting places you enjoy?
3. Why should people want to go abroad if there are still places they haven't visited in their own countries?

• 2 One Road for Everyone

George : You know I was in Los Angeles last week?

Millie : Yes. How was it?

George : It was fantastic! I loved the weather and the food and the ocean. And the celebrities!

Millie : What was the most interesting thing you did?

George : Well, I guess it was driving along Sunset Strip.

Millie : I've heard of that! Isn't it where the famous night clubs are?

George : That's right. It was full of very freaky, interesting-looking people. And this was in the daytime! I bet at night it's really weird!

Millie : What's so great about that?

George : Well, before I knew what happened, it suddenly became Sunset Boulevard.

Millie : So?

George : Well, that's one of the richest areas of LA. Big, fancy mansions and cars everywhere. That's where the movie stars live!

Millie : Did you see any?

George : No, but I drove past their homes! It was very exciting. I've never been in such a ritzy neighborhood.

Millie : Is that all?

George : No! The street ends right at UCLA! All on one street, I passed through one of the most "colorful" scenes, one of the wealthiest, and one of the smartest in the world.



I don't know what's ahead or what's behind. I just stay here in my own neighborhood.

• Questions

1. Are there any interesting streets or neighborhoods you've heard of? What are they famous for?
2. If someone visited your hometown for the first time, what would you recommend visiting?
3. When you go shopping, are you more interested in buying something or looking around?

LESSON 30 Where in the World Should You Be?

Answer Me

• 3 Not in the Guide Book

Mark : I guess I'm a strange tourist.

Mary : Why do you think so?

Mark : I seldom go to the famous sights in a foreign land. I usually find something else to do.

Mary : What do you mean?

Mark : Well, when I was in Copenhagen I didn't see the Little Mermaid statue. On most days I just took a random bus and got off in an ordinary neighborhood so I could see how the Danes live away from the tourist areas. At night, I enjoyed sitting at a small outdoor cafe and just making conversation with the locals. I had a great time, too, but I didn't have any pictures to show my friends when I came home.

Mary : You're very odd.

Mark : And when I was in Rio de Janeiro, I only spent a few minutes on Ipanema. I decided that it was not different than any other beach I'd ever gone to, so I went up into the mountains and visited Petropolis instead.

Mary : I never heard of it.

Mark : Most people haven't. But it was the imperial residence of Brazil's early kings. The town is very small, but full of palaces and big churches. But the people who live there are just ordinary Brazilians. I learned a lot about the country's culture and attitudes, more than if I had only talked to people in the hotel or on the beach.

Dear Mom. I got to Copenhagen two days ago and I'm having a great travel. I didn't go see Hamlet's Castle.



• Questions

1. Which is more important on a trip, seeing the "sights" or learning how other people live?
2. If you were going abroad, list in order of importance the things you would most want to do: a) go shopping, b) visit museums, c) eat strange new foods, d) stay in a nice hotel, e) take pictures of famous things, f) make new friends, g) go to the beach or mountains, h) spend a lot of time resting, i) stay very busy doing something all day, j) other (describe).
3. Tell us about the most interesting trip you've ever taken, at home or abroad.

How can you wear your shoes inside the house? You barbarian!



• 4 How Can They Live Like That?

Kristie : When I visited Korea the first time, I felt so strange.

Clark : How so?

Kristie : I was not used to people taking off their shoes before going inside and then sitting on the floor so much.

Clark : That isn't so bad. When I went to the US, I couldn't understand how they drove on the wrong side of the street. Everything seemed backwards! I was afraid I was going to die in a horrible accident.

Kristie : Relating to people in Korea was also hard to get used to. They don't always mean what they say, since they don't like personal confrontation. It took me a long time to make sense of their indirect way of talking. At first I mistook it for hypocrisy.

Clark : The Americans are just the opposite. They say whatever is on their mind, very bluntly. Until I got to know them better, I just thought they were very rude.

Kristie : It was also difficult to deal with so much cash all the time. I'd get my month's pay in a huge envelope that wouldn't even fit in my bag. I was worried about being robbed.

Clark : At least the crime rates in Korea are pretty low, especially for violent crime. Maybe I've seen too many gangster movies, but I was constantly worried about being robbed or shot, not just once a month on payday.

Kristie : Yes, sometimes our ideas about how a foreign country will be are a lot different than what it is really like. I probably just combined all my ideas about Korea, Japan, and China and thought that all of East Asia would be the same. I was really surprised when I didn't see women carrying big jars of water on their heads, or men wearing pigtaails. Instead, I found a very modern, wired society. I guess I was disappointed that Korea isn't more "exotic" than it is.

Clark : Yes, my preconceptions about the US were also pretty far off the mark as well. The lifestyle wasn't as fast as I'd imagined it. Everything was not just about money and sex. I found that Americans are pretty much like people from my own country after all.

• Questions

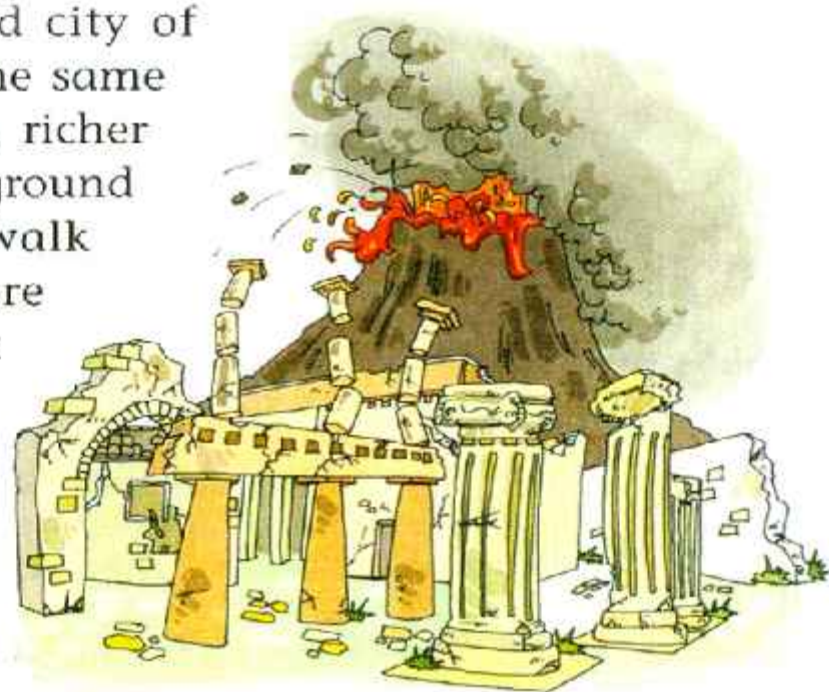
1. Have you gone to another country? What was the strangest foreign custom you encountered?
2. Do you have any stereotypes about other nations? What are they?
3. What country do you think is the strangest?

LESSON **30** Where in the World Should You Be?

—— *Let's Talk More* ——

• **1 Expectations and Disappointments**

I often visit places with very high expectations, which results in great disappointment afterwards. All my life I've heard about how beautiful the Taj Mahal is. But when I got to Agra, I was disgusted by the crowds, the traffic, and especially by how poorly the mausoleum is taken care of. Pollution and disrepair have made it a pale ghost of what it must have been in its prime. I had a similar experience at Pompeii. I made the mistake of arriving in midafternoon, when the weather was very hot and sunny. The area is vast, but repetitious, and there's no shade in the city, and it's hard to find water to drink. So I was hot, bored, and tired most of the time, and my personal discomfort distracted me from enjoying the place. On the other hand, earlier that day, when it was cooler, I had gone to the old city of Herculaneum, which was destroyed the same day as Pompeii; but it was a smaller, richer town, and it was buried, so it is below ground level; thus, it is cooler, is easier to walk around in comfortably, and has more variety; and I enjoyed that visit tremendously.



*The day the city was a victim of
Shake-And-Bake. Can it happen again?*

• **Questions**

1. Name five famous places you'd like to visit. Tell us why you're so interested in them.
2. Have you ever been disappointed after going someplace you had looked forward to seeing for a long time? Explain what happened.
3. What are your favorites among places that you have been to?

• **2 Once Is Not Enough**

Some of my well-traveled friends seem more interested in getting as many different stamps in their passports as actually discovering the world we all live in. They often criticize me for wanting to go back to places I've been to before and wonder why I don't want continuously to experience some new place. But they don't understand that places are not static, anymore than people are; they change constantly, and become "new" all over again. Let me give just one example. The first long trip I took as a youth was to Niagara Falls. I had heard a lot about it, of course, and was very excited about seeing it for myself. Several years later, I went back again, but the second time it was via the Canadian rather than the American side. It was like being at a different spot altogether, since the vantage point from Canada is much better. Not long after that, I visited again, but this time it was in the depths of winter instead of the height of summer. The air was not only freezing — it was intensely cold, as cold as I've ever experienced in my life. The mist from the falls had solidified into grey globs of soot-like matter, and the waterfall itself was like an icicle. The landscape reminded me of something on Mars instead of in the United States! All three experiences were very much unlike the other two, and I would have missed a great deal had I only visited one time.

I guess God forgot to turn off the tap.



• **Questions**

1. How does your own neighborhood change over the course of a year? What's different than when you first moved there?
2. Describe your experience of going somewhere you'd been before and being surprised by how it changed.
3. Is there something about your hometown that you think will never change? What is it?

LESSON **30** Where in the World Should You Be?

—— *Let's Talk More* ——

• **3 La Dolce Vita***

One of my best experiences was when I stayed with friends in Naples. I had never been to Italy before and expected August to be very hot and humid, but I was very pleasantly surprised. Although it was sunny and cloudless every day, it was perfect summer weather, with a nice ocean breeze to moderate the temperature. The city was magnificent, with its old Renaissance and Baroque architecture and its markets and outdoor cafes. It has been ruled by many races — Romans, Saracens, Normans, Spaniards, and others — over the centuries, and each has left a very strong, enduring mark on its character. I was lucky that my stay coincided with a night fair which featured jugglers, mimes, singers, musicians, puppeteers, all in their strange masks and colorful costumes. Naples Bay stretches along many kilometers of beach, marina, and dockworks, and is always the scene of vibrant life. The food was wonderful — the hearty wines and grappa, the pasta and seafood, the fresh vegetables and fruits. I must have gained ten kilograms, it was so good. And the people: late in the evening, the families would come out to dine. They all seemed animated and loving, and had found how to enjoy the sweet life.



The sun! The sea! The ships! Why would anyone want to live anywhere else?

• **Questions**

1. Share your memory of a wonderful place you have visited.
2. Are people the same everywhere, or are they distinctly different? Justify your answer.
3. What is your idea of "the good life"?

**Italian for "the sweet life"*

• 4 Almost Perfect

I don't understand how anyone can fail to love Thailand. I have gone there repeatedly over the last few years and am more impressed on every visit. The smiling people are unfailingly kind, the temples and palaces are truly awe-inspiring, the Thai massages are the most intensely relaxing in the world, the beaches are wonderful while the mountains are cool and refreshing, and the food is both varied and delicious. It is indeed Paradise — and for only pennies a day!



The floating market — where the stores come to you!

• Questions

1. Point by point, compare Thailand to your own country.
2. List five qualities of the “perfect” place to live.
3. Are those qualities the same as for the “perfect” place to visit? Explain your answer.

LESSON **30** Where in the World Should You Be?

— Real Talk —

Many Places

Francine : I'd like to go somewhere in Asia this summer. Do you have any suggestions?

Hector : I've been to many places, and I've loved most of them.

Francine : That's why I asked you. You've seen more of Asia than anybody I know.

Hector : OK. I'll give you some suggestions, and you can take your pick.

Francine : Wonderful!

Hector : I like Japan a lot. The people are exceedingly polite, and the whole society is more orderly than anywhere else I've been except Switzerland. But, once you make friends and break through the social formality, individual Japanese are extremely eccentric and individualistic. Quite a contrast!

Francine : Anywhere in particular?

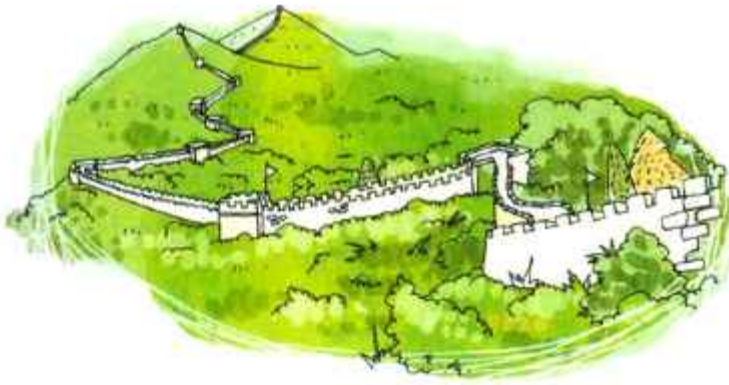
Hector : I especially recommend Kyoto. It was the imperial capital for a thousand years and hasn't changed its cultural character in that respect, but it co-exists, in the same geographical space, with a large modern city. So you get the best of two very different worlds.

Francine : Isn't Japan expensive?

Hector : Unfortunately, yes. But if cost is a concern, you might like Luang Prabang, in Laos. It's a small city, beautifully situated in the mountains, and is crammed with exquisite



Two cities on the same site.



The only man-made object
that can be seen from space.

temples. And it's very cheap. But you have to take a long, sharply winding road from Vientiane to get there, and it takes all day, so if you get carsick you'd better fly.

Francine : OK. I'll keep that in mind.
What about China?

Hector : The Great Wall is stunning, and, like the Pyramids, is something that everyone should see at least once in his life. But actually, I like Taiwan better, especially the Central Mountains, where the aboriginal people, the Ami, still live. The road is right along the edge of incredibly steep cliffs, though, and the scenery can be pretty scary.

Francine : Any other suggestions?

Hector : I like Macao a lot, but I liked it better when it was a run-down Portuguese outpost instead of a gambling mecca. But you'll probably like the fast pace of the new Macao, especially if you make it part of a package with Hong Kong, which isn't far away by boat.

Francine : What if I want to keep away from the cities and just relax?

Hector : Then I'd highly recommend Ha Long Bay in Vietnam. I spent three days there on a floating hotel. We didn't go ashore even once the whole time, and I've never felt so relaxed. The scenery is absolutely breathtaking! But you'd better get there soon, before the tourists spoil it.



The bay where time disappears.

LESSON 30 Where in the World Should You Be?

— Real Talk —

Francine : What about Korea?

Hector : That's always a good choice. I particularly like Buyeo, because it is not like the rest of the country. It's relatively flat, and the lifestyle is more laid-back than in Seoul. But I guess "not being like the rest of Korea" only has meaning if you're already familiar with the country. So, if you're a newcomer and you're only going to be there a few days, Seoul is probably the best bet. But try to get out into the countryside for a day if you can, just for a nice contrast.

Francine : So many options! This isn't going to be as easy as I thought. How about Bali? What's it like?

Hector : I've always wanted to go, but somehow I haven't managed to do it yet.

Francine : Why don't we go together?



The old Korean capital where old-fashioned boats still float.

• Questions

1. Describe the perfect vacation. Plan an imaginary five-day itinerary.
2. Imagine you work for your country's tourism agency. What aspects of your country should be promoted as being the most interesting to foreign visitors?
3. Is it better to travel alone or as part of a group? Why?

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Clothes don't make the man. They just express his culture.



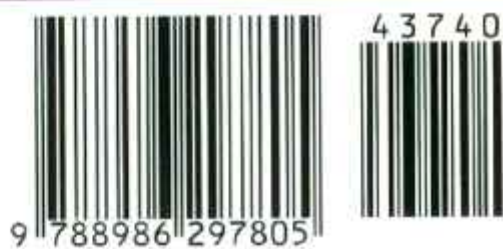
• Questions

1. Why do people spend so much time and money on travel?
2. Why do you, personally, think travel is important? If not, why not?
3. "After you have traveled around the world, you discover that there's no place like home." What does that mean?

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