

UNIT 1

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2. STATIVE AND NON-STATIVE VERBS

A.

- **What does your friend want to do? When? Why is the Present Simple used here?**

Your friend wants to go on a trip now.

The Present Simple is used because *want* is a stative verb, and therefore is not used in progressive tenses.

- **What is the difference between *you are thinking* and *you think*?**

The meaning of the verb *think* is different in each case: *you are thinking* means that you are considering something, whereas *you think* means you believe it.

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VOCABULARY

- Geographical features: coast, jungle, valley, lake, swamp, peninsula, etc.
- Facilities in a hotel: reception, exercise room, restaurant, gym, etc.
- Sights: museum, bridge, fort, etc.
- Tourism-related jobs: hotel manager, airline pilot, cruise director, etc.

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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READING

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1. PRE-READING

- **Which of the following activities do you find most appealing? Why?**

Personally, I find white-water rafting the most appealing of all the activities. I like it because it's exciting, it's good exercise and because you get to see beautiful rivers and countryside.

- **If you were interested in taking part in one or more of the activities above, what information would you like to know?**

I would like to know where I can do the activity and when I can do it, for example which season, at weekends, etc. Of course, I would also like to know if I have to have any special skills and how much it would cost.

POST-READING

- **Which of the trips or vacations would you prefer and why?**

I would prefer the White-water Rafting Trips and the Diving Trips because I enjoy being close to nature.

- **Which of them would you definitely not be interested in? Why?**

I would definitely not be interested in the Extreme Sports and Stunts Vacation and the Zero-gravity Flight Experience. I think that both of these activities are too extreme for my tastes.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

- **Where do you usually go on holiday? How do you get there?**

I usually go to a seaside resort on my holidays because it's a nice place to be during a hot summer. My family and I usually travel by ship or by car depending on where we are going to.

- **Would you prefer a relaxing holiday or an active one?**

I think an active holiday is best because I have more fun when I participate in different activities. If I want to relax, I can stay at home.

- **What do you like doing on holiday?**

Of course that depends on where I am, but generally speaking I like doing sports, going sightseeing and eating the local food.

2. FOCUS ON PICTURES

A.

SA: Both destinations provide the opportunity for relaxing in different ways. In picture A1, you have the chance to go swimming and enjoy a variety of water sports, such as scuba diving and windsurfing. On the other hand, a holiday in the mountains (picture A2) gives you the chance to breathe fresh air, enjoy nature and go hiking.

SB: If I had to choose between the two, I would probably opt for the beach, because I love to spend time in the sea and do water sports.

B.

SB: Both means of transport are very popular. Travelling by car is particularly convenient for shorter trips. If you have to make a longer trip, it also gives you the chance to admire the countryside. However, flying is better for long distances because it is much faster. Nevertheless, the higher cost of flying and the time it takes to get to an airport are disadvantages.

SA: Although I recognise that flying is faster, I prefer to use a car as I feel more relaxed. For example, I can have a break whenever I want one.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- **If you had to choose between an extreme holiday and a relaxing spa getaway, which would you prefer and why?**
 - Extreme holidays are a challenge, but not for everybody.
 - A spa is a relaxing option, away from the noise of the big city and the hectic lifestyle.
- **Imagine that you could go on a two-week paid holiday anywhere in the world. Where would you go and how would you get there?**
 - I would choose to go to Bali and stay in a bungalow on the sea shore. I would go swimming, try the local delicacies and enjoy the sun. I would get there by plane, because Bali is far away from where I live.
- **If you were planning a holiday and had to choose between a place you have never been to before and somewhere you have been to many times, which would you choose and why?**
 - I love surprises, so I would definitely go for a place I have never visited. I like the thrill of discovering a new country / meeting new people / tasting local food.
- **What do you think the secret to having a good holiday is?**
 - For some people it means visiting an exotic country or staying at luxurious hotels, but I think the most important thing is to travel with good company, to share your travelling experience.

WRITING

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DISCUSS

- **If you had the opportunity to visit an English-speaking country, which one would you choose?**
I'd choose England because I've read so much about that country.
- **Which places would you like to visit in that country and what activities would you like to do?**
I'd definitely visit London and I would see all the sights there. I'd visit the British Museum and I would also eat fish and chips.

UNIT 2

READING

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1. PRE-READING

- **When you hear the phrase 'amazing places', what kind of places come to mind? Which ones would you like to visit?**
The places that come to my mind are places of historical and cultural interest. Places of amazing natural beauty like national parks also come to mind. I'd very much like to visit the Sanqingshan National Park in China which I've seen pictures of and the historical city of Damascus in Syria.
- **Which of the following are important for you when you visit a place?**
Since I love nature, geographical features attract me but I'm also interested in culture and traditions. Of course, it always helps if the weather is good when you visit a place.
- **What do you know about Iceland?**
I know that it is an island country in the North Atlantic Ocean, but other than that, I know very little about it. (Information about Iceland follows in the text.)

POST-READING

- **Would you like to visit Iceland? Why/Why not?**
I wouldn't say that I don't want to visit Iceland, but in fact there are many other places in the world that I would rather visit.
- **How is the place you come from different from Iceland?**
I come from a country in the Middle East. The geographical features of my country are very different from the ones in Iceland and the weather is very different too.

LISTENING

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1. PRE-LISTENING

- **Do you like visiting museums? Why / Why not?**
Actually, I like visiting museums a lot. Of course it depends on what kind of a museum it is, but generally speaking in museums we can see interesting exhibits that are unique in some way, or learn about different topics.
- **Which of the following museums would you be most interested in visiting?**
Because I love chocolate, I think the museum I'd be the most interested in visiting is the chocolate museum.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

- **Where do you live? What do you like or dislike about the area?**
I live in a flat in a big city that is the capital of my country. I like living here because big cities have more to offer than rural places. For example, my flat has all the comforts and there are many shopping malls and restaurants nearby.

2. CHOOSING BETWEEN OPTIONS

OPTION 1	
What are the neighbourhoods like?	- located downtown - five-minute walk from subway station and within walking distance from supermarket, various cafés, restaurants
What are the drawbacks of each?	- more expensive - small, one bedroom - a lot of street noise
What sort of condition is each building in?	- modern apartment, well furnished, airy, with a view of the city
How much is the rent for each place?	- 450 dollars in total per month
OPTION 2	
What are the neighbourhoods like?	- on the outskirts of the city - 30-minute bus ride from downtown - quiet area - pleasant surrounding area, open spaces
What are the drawbacks of each?	- you have to share the kitchen, living room, bathroom with others - poor bus service and lack of facilities such as shopping malls, hospitals, libraries, etc.
What sort of condition is each building in?	- old house with a large garden, trees and a wooden fence
How much is the rent for each place?	- 300 dollars per person

The option I would choose is the first one. I think it is important to be near supermarkets and restaurants and also have access to reliable and frequent means of transportation.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- What are the advantages or disadvantages of living in a large city?

Advantages:

- access to supermarkets, restaurants, etc.
- access to public transportation

Disadvantages:

- hectic pace of life
- large cities are often overcrowded and polluted

- What are the advantages or disadvantages of living with roommates?

Advantages:

- company
- more economical (split rent, electricity bills, etc.)
- split housework

Disadvantages:

- limited personal space (probably only your bedroom)
- lack of privacy
- housework can cause stress and arguments

- If you could build a house anywhere you wanted, where would you choose, and why?

- I would choose to build my house on top of a hill overlooking a bay, preferably on a Mediterranean island, because I love being close to the sea and I also enjoy waking up in the morning to a beautiful sea view.

WRITING

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DISCUSS

- What kind of magazines do you enjoy reading? What particular kinds of articles attract your attention?

I like reading in general, so I like reading magazines too. I particularly like reading literary magazines with articles about poetry and poets. / I'm a sports fan so I like reading sports magazines with articles about different sports.

- Do you like reading magazines about travel and different places in the world? Why / Why not?

Yes, I do because it is unlikely that I will be able to travel to many places in the world, so by reading articles about these places, I get to know about them.

MODULE 2

UNIT 3

READING

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1. PRE-READING

- Look at the following crimes, discuss how common they are and rank them in order of seriousness.

I think theft is quite common, with murder and kidnapping being considerably less common. In my opinion, murder and kidnapping are much worse than the other crimes listed.

5. POST-READING

- Make up your own funny crime story using one of the following openers.

A thief attempted to break into what he thought was a deserted car, however, what he didn't know was that the owner of the car was just taking a nap in the back seat. The thief got into the car, managed to start it and was driving to his house to hide the car, when he decided he wanted to do some shopping. He parked the car outside a supermarket and went in to do his shopping. Meanwhile, the owner of the car, who had been fast asleep in the back seat, woke up to find himself far from where he had originally parked. After a few minutes, he put two and two together and guessed what had happened. He took out his mobile phone, notified the police who came immediately, and when the thief came out of the supermarket with his groceries, he was arrested.

LISTENING

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1. PRE-LISTENING

• Why do laws exist?

Laws exist to protect people from being harmed by others and to discourage people from harming others.

• Can you think of any laws that are too extreme, strange or ridiculous to be enforced?

I read somewhere that in Britain it is against the law to die in the House of Parliament. I think that is a very funny law. If somebody had a heart attack and died in the House of Parliament, how would the authorities be able to enforce the law?

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

• What kinds of crimes are common where you live?

Traffic violations are quite common, and in crowded places thefts are also common.

• For certain minor crimes, people can be sentenced to do community service rather than serve time in a prison. What do you think community service is?

(Students guess what community service is. Community service is unpaid work that criminals sometimes do as a punishment instead of being sent to prison.)

2. FOCUS ON PICTURES

A.

SA: Picture A1 shows a burglar breaking into a house, whereas picture A2 shows a pickpocket stealing a wallet. In my opinion, it is easier to prevent a burglary. Always lock the door before you leave and make sure that all the windows are closed. Putting in a burglar alarm would give you added security, too. On the other hand, preventing a pickpocket is not easy, as it can happen to anyone; yet there are some dos and don'ts that can help. Firstly, always be careful when you are in a crowded place. Secondly, don't have your wallet in a place where it can be seen by other people.

SB: I think a burglary would be worse, because it might involve violence. I would be terrified if a stranger broke into my house especially because I would be in danger. Usually people are not aware of pickpockets until it's too late. However, it is still upsetting because something valuable is stolen.

B.

SB: In picture B1 we see a person doing community service because he has violated a law, probably a minor one such as driving through a red light. In picture B2 we see a prison cell, which is the conventional form of punishment, especially for serious crimes. In my opinion, community service is right for first-time offenders because it gives them the opportunity to reform. However, I strongly believe that violent criminals who are a danger to society should be sent to prison.

SA: In my opinion, the most difficult punishment to endure is imprisonment, as you have to live in a

confined place, away from your family and friends. Also, former prisoners face difficulty finding a job.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

• What do you think leads people to commit crimes like shoplifting or pickpocketing?

- People who commit these crimes might believe that they are easy to get away with. They irresponsibly overlook the moral issues of right and wrong and don't think of the consequences if they get caught.

• Is it better to punish or try to reform a criminal?

- There needs to be a balance between the two. Punishment shows the criminal that he will suffer and sets an example for others. Counselling offers better chances of long-term benefit for the community.

- It depends on the crime and the age of the offender.

• In your opinion, what are the advantages of having somebody who committed a crime do community service?

- The community benefits from it (e.g. painting a hospital or doing the shopping for an old person as a form of punishment).

- By violating the law, a criminal is aiming at personal gain. Community service means reversing the process: they have to offer something to others without benefit.

WRITING

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DISCUSS

• What examples of vandalism can you think of?

One act of vandalism that I have heard about is when diving platforms in Jeddah were destroyed. I've also heard of football fans in many countries who commit acts of vandalism during games; they destroy stadiums and surrounding shops.

• What do you think causes vandalism?

People who commit acts of vandalism have a lack of respect for public property and for other citizens in general. This might be due to the fact that their families, their schools and the communities where they live have not done enough to give them the right values of good citizenship and to instil a sense of responsibility in them.

UNIT 4

READING

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1. PRE-READING

• What is your favourite adventure story?

My favourite adventure story is the Epic of Gilgamesh. It's the story of the mythological Sumerian hero-king Gilgamesh and his friend Enkidu; together they have many exciting and dangerous adventures.

• What qualities do you think an adventurer should possess? In your opinion, is courage more important than physical strength?

I think an adventurer should be curious, brave and have the quality of perseverance. I do think that courage

is more important than physical strength because no matter how strong you are, if you are not courageous, you probably wouldn't embark on an adventure.

5. POST-READING

- **What do you think will happen next in the story?**
(Answers will depend on students' predictions.)
I think that Quatermain, Sir Henry Curtis and Gagool will be trapped in the chamber and will start trying to find a way out. They will manage to find one, but it will be very dangerous and maybe on the way out, someone will die.
- **If you were to undertake a journey through the African wilderness, what sort of difficulties do you think you would encounter?**
I suppose I would encounter many difficulties such as wild animals, poisonous insects, difficulties travelling through the jungle, unfriendly tribes, maybe lack of food and shelter, etc.
- **Why do you think the search for hidden treasure is a popular theme in many books?**
Because a hidden treasure always excites our imagination and the search is usually adventurous and a lot of suspense is involved.

LISTENING

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1. PRE-LISTENING

- **Do you like motorcycles? Why / Why not?**
I love motorcycles because riding them gives you a sense of freedom that you don't have in a car. Also they are more convenient in traffic and easier to park than cars.

I don't particularly like motorcycles because when you ride them you are exposed to the elements, rain, heat, cold, etc. Moreover, riding a motorcycle can be dangerous and if you are involved in an accident, you could be seriously injured.
- **What kind of events do you think take place at a motorcycle rally?**
It's hard to guess, but I would imagine that races take place, maybe organised excursions, or exhibitions of motorcycles.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

- **Are you an adventurous person? What makes you think so?**
Well, I'd say that I am an adventurous person because I love stories of adventure; whenever I have the opportunity to do something I haven't done before, or go some place I have never been before, I never turn it down. Also, I'm not afraid of the unexpected.

I don't think I am very adventurous. I like to have a sense of security and a certain degree of predictability in my life. In addition, I don't enjoy having to do without comforts.
- **How would you feel if you had to spend two months on a desert island by yourself?**

Well, it would depend on the circumstances, for example whether I had supplies with me or not. However, I'd probably feel lonely and initially frightened but motivated to face the challenge.

2. SPECULATING AND MAKING A DECISION

SA: First of all, I don't think that a sleeping bag or a tent would be very useful. They would make it more comfortable on the island, sure, but they wouldn't exactly help us survive, would they? Besides, we can make a shelter out of branches and leaves, or maybe stay in a cave if we find one.

SB: Good idea. I don't think matches and a compass would be very handy, either. If we're on an island, do we really need a compass? How lost could we get? It's not like there are many directions to go in. I definitely don't think we need matches, because all we have to do is strike two rocks against each other, or rub some dry sticks together, and we can start a fire that way.

SB: That's great. Now, I can't decide between the axe and the water purification tablets. If we find fresh water on the island, we wouldn't need the tablets, but if the water isn't clean, we're going to need them. I think the tablets are very important for our survival.

SA: You're right. Besides, we don't really need an axe; we can work together and pull things apart with our hands. I don't think we need a fishing pole either, because we can create a spear from a long stick, and make one end of it sharp with a rock. We can catch fish with that. It's essential that we have a first-aid kit, though. You never know what kind of infections we can get!

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- **Which items that you use every day would you find difficult to live without?**
- I definitely wouldn't be able to survive without my computer! It's how I find information / download e-books / communicate with friends and family all over the country; it's more convenient than using a phone.
- **What qualities should you possess to survive on a desert island?**
- In order to be able to survive on a desert island, you need to possess a great deal of patience and the ability to think logically and rationally in stressful situations. I also think it's important to have physical and mental strength. You have to remain calm and stay optimistic and make the best with what you have and try to survive.
- **Why do you think more and more people are in search of adventure nowadays?**
- Humans by nature like new experiences. They like to test themselves in terms of strength and endurance and see how they will react in these extreme situations. Also, there is a wide choice of 'extreme' activities and sports to do. TV programmes promote a positive attitude towards adventurous activities.

WRITING

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DISCUSS

• **Do you play trick on your friends? Why / Why not?**

Actually I do play a lot of tricks on my friends because we all have a great sense of humour and laugh a lot with the tricks we play on each other.

No, I don't because it's not nice to put your friends in a difficult situation and make them feel uncomfortable or embarrassed.

• **What's the best trick you've ever played on someone or someone has ever played on you?**

(Answers will vary depending on Ss' individual experiences.)

My brother played a good trick on me. He was away studying at university and the whole family was expecting him to come home for a few days because we were celebrating a special occasion. While we were waiting for him at the airport, he phoned me to tell me that he had missed his flight and would not be able to come after all. We were all very disappointed, especially my mother. We drove back home in silence and as we were entering the house, we saw my brother there. He said, 'Surprise, I'm here after all!' He had taken an earlier flight, just to play a trick on us and was waiting for us at home with gifts for everyone!

MODULE 3

UNIT 5

READING

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1. PRE-READING

• **What do you think cities will be like in the future?**

I think cities will be quite different. There will be many modern skyscrapers. I also think that there will be new advanced means of transport that will solve the traffic problems most large cities have.

• **What are the advantages and disadvantages of working or studying at home?**

Well, obviously one advantage of working or studying at home is that you don't have to commute to work / school. Also, you can work or study any hours you like. A disadvantage is that you don't have colleagues or fellow-students to discuss any problems with or even just to socialise with.

5. POST-READING

• **Would you like to live in a residential high-rise building like the ones described in the text? Why / Why not?**

Yes, I would because I think living in a place like that would be very convenient. I would be able to do many things like shopping and working out at the gym without having to waste time getting there and back.

• **How does the idea of having several virtual reality images of yourself sound to you?**

To me it sounds totally bizarre. It's very hard for me to even imagine what it would be like. I'm not sure I'd really like it.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

• **What types of public transportation exist where you live? How often do you use them?**

(Answers will vary depending on where Ss live.)

Well, where I live we have a public bus service that is quite efficient. Unfortunately, we don't have an underground or sky train yet. I don't use the buses very often because my family usually goes places by car.

2. HELP SOLVE A PROBLEM

Solution 1: car

If I were him, I would definitely buy the car, because he can use it to commute to work and go on vacation with his family (you wouldn't be able to do this with the motorcycle). Also, buying a car is a good idea because unpredictable weather conditions, such as rain or extreme heat, will not affect his journey. It is also safer and more comfortable, especially when you want to cover long distances.

Solution 2: motorcycle

The best solution would be to buy a motorcycle, because it's much cheaper both to buy and use. A motorcycle consumes less gas than a car and is less harmful to the environment. In addition, it's faster, even during rush hour.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

• **Why do you think many people prefer to drive to school/work rather than use public transportation?**

- Driving to work/school is far more comfortable than standing in a crowded bus or train.
- Driving is less time-consuming and far more convenient because there is no need to wait at bus stops or subway stations.
- Public transportation can be unreliable, dirty or in need of repair work.
- A car gives you the freedom to go anywhere you want.

• **In your opinion, what can be done to encourage people to use public transportation?**

Measures

- improving facilities for the elderly and people with disabilities
- reliable and safe night service that would appeal to young people
- reducing the travel time
- new routes within and on the outskirts of the city
- new daily, weekly and monthly cards with special prices for the young, the unemployed and the elderly

• **What do you think vehicles will be like in the future?**

- They will probably run on alternative sources of energy (e.g. vegetable oil / hydrogen / methanol).

• **Is it possible to have a form of transportation that is not harmful to the environment?**

- Apart from bicycles, almost all forms of public transportation are harmful to the environment, as they release CO₂ in the atmosphere.
- Some experimental cars are already using alternative sources of energy.

WRITING

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1. DISCUSS

- **Do you think that your lifestyle is as healthy as it should be? Why / Why not?**

I think I have a fairly healthy lifestyle. For example, I don't eat a lot of junk food, I keep fit and I always get enough sleep.

Unfortunately, my lifestyle is not as healthy as it should be. I don't eat regularly, I tend to skip meals and eat a lot of fast food. I don't have time to exercise and I don't always get enough sleep.

- **What things would you change in your life if you wanted to have a healthier lifestyle?**

I would try to eat more healthy food, I would try to exercise more in order to keep fit and I would try to make sure I get eight hours of sleep every night.

UNIT 6

READING

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1. PRE-READING

- **In your opinion, what are the most serious environmental problems we are facing? Why?**

I would say that global warming is a very serious environmental problem that affects people all over the world. The destruction of rainforests is also a serious problem because they produce 40% of the earth's oxygen.

- **What sources of power do you think will be used in the future?**

I think that the use of nuclear power and solar energy will become more common because reserves of fossil fuels are running out.

5. POST-READING

- **Would you like to visit the *Building the Future 7th International Exhibition*? Why / Why not?**

I would definitely like to visit this Exhibition because I'm very interested in both architecture and technology.

Not really, because even though I know that ecological architecture and technological advances are important issues, I'm not very interested in things like that.

- **Which section of the exhibition do you find most interesting / unrealistic? Why?**

In my opinion, the Homes Pavilion is the most interesting because it is also the most realistic, as it shows us things that will soon be possible.

I would say the most unrealistic section is the Sea Residence Pavilion because living in a giant plastic bubble under the ocean doesn't sound very probable to me.

LISTENING

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1. PRE-LISTENING

- **Which endangered species do you know of? Why are they endangered?**

I know that the Loggerhead Sea Turtle (Caretta

Caretta) is endangered because many beaches which are their natural nesting places have become popular with tourists so they no longer have anywhere to lay their eggs. Many of these turtles are threatened by fishing practices, for example they suffocate because they become trapped in fishing trawls. They are also threatened by sea pollution, for example they suffocate by getting caught up in plastic bags that have been dumped into the sea.

The Giant Panda is a species that is endangered because of habitat loss and a very low birth rate.

- **What can be done to protect endangered species?**

Several things can be done such as protecting the natural habitats of these species and banning the hunting of them.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

- **What are some things we can do to save energy?**

We can try to adopt alternative sources of energy that are renewable like solar power for example. At home we can avoid using devices that consume a lot of energy whenever possible.

- **Do you do any of them? Why? Why not?**

Personally, I avoid using the air conditioner when it is not absolutely necessary and I try to use fans instead. I also remember to switch off electrical devices like the lights, the TV and my computer, when I am not using them. I try to do these things because I believe that we all have the responsibility to be ecologically aware and try to protect the planet we are living on.

2. SPECULATING AND MAKING A DECISION

- **How helpful are these ideas?**

SA: Using paper bags is generally considered more environmentally friendly, as plastic bags take hundreds of years to decompose. They also pose dangers to wildlife, especially marine animals, which can choke to death because of plastic bags in seas and lakes.

SB: As for paper bags, although they come from trees that are cut down, they are easily recyclable, but this goes for plastic bags, too.

SA: We should replace conventional light bulbs with energy-saving ones because they use much less energy and last eight times longer. This means you help the environment and economise on your electricity bills.

SB: I agree. In terms of rubbish disposal, I think if we could reduce all that ends up in landfills by recycling, it would make a big difference to the environment. We would reduce the need to consume natural resources and help conserve important raw materials, while protecting natural habitats at the same time.

SA: Also, using your car less would definitely have a positive impact on the environment. Using public transport is one alternative, but riding your bike to work is even better. You stay healthy, too.

SB: What about water? As far as I am concerned, the shortage of water is the next big challenge that the Earth is about to face. We need to take measures to protect future generations. Avoiding baths and taking showers instead is one way to implement this, or simply installing energy efficient shower heads.

SA: Air-conditioning is another issue. It pollutes the environment, consumes a lot of energy and increases the demand for electricity, leading to power cuts during heatwaves. Installing ceiling fans is a good idea, or double-glazed windows that keep the heat outside the house.

SB: All in all, I think saving water and proper rubbish disposal are the two most effective ways of protecting the environment.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

• **Have you or your family taken any measures to reduce your impact on the environment? If so what?**

- Yes, we use energy saving light bulbs. We also have ceiling fans which we use when air-conditioning isn't necessary.

• **Which part of your daily routine do you think has the worst impact on the environment? Why?**

- frequent showering, use of non-recyclable packaging

• **Would you volunteer to help or donate money to an environmental organisation? What kind of organisation would interest you?**

- Yes, both, because it is essential to help find possible solutions. Organisations protecting the rainforests or endangered species, or animals.

- I wouldn't volunteer because I have no free time, but I would donate money instead.

• **In your opinion, what is the best way to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce daily?**

- avoid using paper/plastic bags when shopping; use reusable bags made of cloth

- try to buy products with less packaging

WRITING

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1. DISCUSS

• **Is air pollution a serious problem where you live?**

Actually, it is. I live in a big city and air pollution, particularly in the city centre, is a serious problem.

• **What causes air pollution?**

Well, air pollution can be caused, for example, by factories, exhaust fumes from cars and air traffic near airports.

• **In your opinion, what can be done to reduce air pollution?**

Well, I think that factories should be obliged to have filters installed in order to limit the amount of pollution they cause. People should try to use hybrid cars rather than cars that use older technology and generally people should avoid driving their own car and prefer using public transport as much as possible.

MODULE 4

UNIT 7

READING

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• **Do you like visiting museums? Why / Why not?**

I really enjoy visiting museums and what's more any kind of museum, museums of natural history, art museums, historical museums, archaeological museums, you name it. I find the exhibits fascinating because they tell us so much about the world we live in.

• **What kind of exhibits can you see in the following types of museums?**

In a **natural history museum**, you can see exhibits of plant and animal life as well as geological exhibits.

In an **archaeological museum**, you can see artefacts from ancient times that tell us a lot about those civilisations.

In a **technology museum**, you can see how technology has developed through the ages.

5. POST-READING

• **How do you think a visit to these museums would benefit you?**

A visit to **Ripley's museum** would be beneficial because I think most people are naturally curious and would like to see a lot of strange objects that have been collected from around the world and this has the ability to broaden one's horizons.

A visit to the **Lacda gallery** would benefit people by informing them about the applications of digital art and also inform them of the latest advances in this field of art.

A visit to the **Ellis Island Immigration Museum** would be informative and at the same time humbling because it would show people the circumstances that led millions of immigrants to leave their homes in search of a better life and the conditions they faced during their journey and upon arrival.

The American Museum of Natural History is a museum that would be quite educational; it would inform people about the history of our planet and make them more aware of the different forms of life on our planet.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is a museum that offers a unique cultural experience. By visiting it people can see examples of art throughout the ages and become familiar with different cultures.

• **Is there any museum that you wouldn't consider visiting? Why?**

I'm not sure if I would choose to visit the **Lacda gallery**. I'm not so interested in digital art and I would probably find doing something else more enjoyable.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

• **Do you consider yourself creative? Why/Why not?**

Yes, I do. I like making things like model planes and I'm very good at drawing and painting.

• **Do you know any famous artists in your country? What have they done?**

(Students' individual answers will vary.)

2. FOCUS ON PICTURES

A.

SA: Both pictures are examples of works of art displayed in an art gallery. Picture A1 shows a photograph of a train going through a desert whereas Picture A2 shows a painting and it is abstract art. I believe that both photography and painting require certain artistic talent and imagination. Also, they are both forms of art that allow the artist to fully express him/herself. The main difference, which I believe exists between them, is that in A1 the image depicts reality as it can be seen through the lens of a camera, whereas in picture A2 the artist uses colours to create a non-existing image which expresses his/her thoughts or feelings. Also, in photography the artist must know how to work with light whereas in painting the artist must know how to work with colours.

SB: I prefer painting because it requires more imagination. Also, in abstract art each person who looks at a specific painting may have a different impression.

B.

SB: Picture B1 shows the inside of a museum with modern exhibits, whereas picture B2 shows the inside of a museum with historical/cultural exhibits. Both museums have a lot to offer their visitors. In the first museum, technology and multimedia are used to create new and exciting forms of art, such as installation art which allows visitors to interact with the art. This type of museum also represents our modern lifestyle. In the second museum visitors can see artefacts from the past and acquire a better understanding of the customs, beliefs and traditions which the specific people had.

SA: I believe that historical museums are more interesting because they allow us to learn about the past and see artefacts that no longer exist or are of historical significance.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- **Why do you believe visiting art galleries and museums is important?**

- Visiting art galleries and museums is important because it broadens one's mind and it provides intellectual stimulation, as well as a greater appreciation of the arts. It's a creative pastime which helps visitors understand various cultures and acquire knowledge.

- **What is the most impressive work of art you have ever seen?**

- The most impressive work of art I have ever seen is Water Lilies by Claude Monet. The image and the colours used to create it are beautiful.

- **If you were an artist, what would you like to create? Why?**

- If I were an artist, I would probably create a painting of the sea. This way I could use various shades of blue which is my favourite colour.

WRITING

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1. DISCUSS

- **How often do you write letters? Who to? What about?**
I don't really write letters very often because I find

e-mail more convenient. However, if I didn't have e-mail, I would write letters to friends and relatives who live in other places. I would write to tell them my news and to keep up with their news or just to keep in touch with them.

- **How would you communicate with a friend who lives in another city or country?**

As I already mentioned, I find e-mail quite convenient but I could also communicate by phone, or by instant messaging services like MSN.

UNIT 8

READING

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1. PRE-READING

- **How often do you use a dictionary?**

I use a dictionary quite often because I'm learning two foreign languages and I find it necessary to look up the meaning of words, check their pronunciation and also find examples of how these words are used.

- **Do you think that compiling a dictionary is a demanding task? Why? / Why not?**

I'm sure that compiling a dictionary is an extremely demanding task. Just the idea of having to include all the words in a particular language, define them accurately and give other kinds of information about them is mind-boggling.

5. POST-READING

- **Which of the dictionaries in the text do you think was the most pioneering or influential?**

I think that the dictionary compiled by Khalil Ibn Ahmad was probably the most pioneering because it was the first complete single language dictionary and also the most influential because it encouraged the compilation of other dictionaries.

- **Which of them would you like to see and possibly use?**

I'd really like to see Khalil Ibn Ahmad's dictionary and I'd like to be able to see and use the Oxford English Dictionary.

LISTENING

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1. PRE-LISTENING

- **Did you like fairy tales when you were a child?**

Yes, I did and I think most children like having fairy tales told to them.

- **What do you know about the Brothers Grimm?**

(Answers will depend on individual Ss' knowledge.)

Background information

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm were two German brothers who lived during the second half of the 18th century and the first half of the 19th century. They are famous for the folk tales and fairy tales they published. These stories were and still are very popular throughout Europe. A few of their most well-known stories are Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin and The Frog Prince.

SPEAKING

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1. WARM-UP

- **Do/Did you often use your school library? Why / Why not?**

Yes, I use it very often. It has a large variety of books and I can borrow them free of charge. Sometimes I borrow books that I need for my projects and other times I borrow books that I like to read for fun.

- **What type of books do you like to read?**

I like reading science fiction books because reading stories about events that take place in the future always excites me. I know that these stories aren't realistic but I like them because they make me use my imagination.

2. SPECULATING AND MAKING A DECISION

- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of each of these options?**

- Encyclopedias are very useful and reliable reference books, but they are quite costly.
- Art books help students learn about various forms of art and develop their creativity. On the other hand, they are not as beneficial for them as certain other types of books.
- Dictionaries are practical and they also help students' language development, but they may not be used very often by many students.
- Magazines, periodicals and comics are motivating for most students. They may read about topics which are up-to-date or out of the ordinary. The downside of purchasing these is that the school will have to pay a monthly or yearly subscription.
- Classical novels are also very important to have in a school library not only because they help language development, but because they allow students to read books which have been recognised as masterpieces. On the other hand, they may not be popular with certain students who may find them boring.
- Atlases may be very interesting for certain students and they may also help them in classes like Geography. Nevertheless, for other students they may not be as useful or interesting as something else.

- **Which two do you think would be most useful for the students?**

I believe that the two most useful collections for the students would be the encyclopedias because they are reliable reference books which are necessary in every library and the novels (classics) because this way the students can be introduced to literary masterpieces which have been admired throughout the years.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION

- **In your opinion, what are the features that make a book important?**

I believe that one of the main features that make a book important is whether it is able to positively influence the reader. This may be by allowing him/her to understand more about a culture, people or life in general.

- **Is it important for schools to have a library with a variety of books?**

I think it's very important. If a school has a library, books will be in easy reach for its students.

This is very convenient for the students because they won't have to go out of their way to find a book they need. Also because access will be so easy, many students may start using the library more often and therefore read more books.

- **Why do you believe people read books?**

There are many reasons why people read books. First of all, reading books is an enjoyable way to spend one's time. Secondly, some books are educational and help us expand our knowledge by learning about the past or present.

WRITING

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1. DISCUSS

- **Do you read reviews of books in newspapers or in magazines? Why / Why not?**

Yes, I like to read reviews because they help me choose books that I want to read.

No, I don't find them very helpful. I prefer to read books that my teachers or friends have recommended to me.

- **Do reviews influence your decision to read a book?**

Yes, the information about the plot, characters and style of writing help me to decide if I would like to read a particular book or not.

No, I find reviews boring and not very reliable as the opinions expressed are always very subjective.