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出版前言

进入21世纪,我国经济和社会的发展日新月异,对外语人才的要求不断提高。外语教育也随着经济和社会的发展,在教学目标、教学模式、教学手段等方面发生着巨大变化。无论是修订后的《高等学校英语专业英语教学大纲》,还是《大学英语课程教学要求(试行)》,都要求培养出来的学生具有较高的英语综合应用能力,并对学生的英语交流能力、尤其是口语交际能力提出了更高的要求。

口语交际能力的提高离不开好的口语教材。外教社在自主研发口语教材的同时,也积极寻求国际上能够符合我国教学实际需要的好教材,希望国外教材的引进能为我国师生提供更多的选择,从而促进我国英语口语教学的发展。经过广泛比较和调研,外教社决定引进英国著名教育出版机构——麦克米伦出版公司的全球畅销教材*Inside Out* (《流畅英语口语教程》)。该教材经过教学实践充分检验,深受世界各地学习者的欢迎。外教社引进该教材后,结合国内教学实际,对之加以整合和改编,希望它能成为提高高校学生英语口语能力的得力工具。

本教材有以下优点:

1. 每单元话题经充分调研筛选而成,涉及日常生活的各个领域,让不同层次、不同兴趣的学生均能有话可说,从而最大限度调动学生的参与积极性。

2. 采用让学生从知识和情感两方面充分“参与”的教学策略。供学生听、读和讨论的材料与生活密切关联;练习的设计互动性和开放性很强,鼓励学生讲述真人真事,从而激发学生的交流欲望,有效提高口语表达的流利度。

3. 在全面训练英语技能的基础上发展学生的英语交际能力。口语训练与阅读、视听、语法、词汇等内容紧密融合,相辅相成,区别于国内传统口语教材,独树一帜。教师可以根据课时安排和学生水平有选择地使用这些内容。

4. 教材作者均为资深英语教学专家,有在世界各地教授英语的经历。教材融入了丰富多彩的各国文化,体现着浓郁的地域风情。学生在学习过程中,可以将别国文化与中国文化相联系,并通过比较、思考,提高对文化差异的辨别力,从而增强跨文化交际能力。

5. 作者奉行让学生在轻松愉悦中学习英语的教学理念。教材中风趣幽默无处不在,大到一篇文章,小到一个句子、一幅图片、一张漫画,不时让人开怀一笑,大大加强了学习效果。

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《流畅英语口语教程》为学生设计了合适的话题、真实的语境、丰富的内容、新颖的课堂活动,能够充分唤起学生学习英语的兴趣,使学生通过吸收丰富的语料,快速提高听说能力,深入了解各国文化和社会知识,有效培养他们的英语交际能力。该教材适合我国高等院校学生作为口语教材使用;各校也可以根据自己的硬件设施条件,将该教材作为视听听说或听说教材使用。

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Me



Listening

- 1 01 You're going to listen to Susan talking about some of the different names that people call her. Which name doesn't she like?
- 2 Listen again. Match the people (a-h) with the names (1-8) that they call Susan.

| | |
|--|--------------|
| a) her father and sometimes her sister | 1 Mum |
| b) her friends and the people she works with | 2 Susan |
| c) her old friends | 3 Suzanne |
| d) her son | 4 Suki |
| e) her mother | 5 Sweetheart |
| f) her best friend | 6 Maggsie |
| g) her sister-in-law | 7 Bunny |
| h) her husband | 8 Sue |
- 3 Write down the different names that people call you. Tell your partner. Which of your names do you like best/least?

Lexis: family words

LANGUAGE TOOLBOX

Son / daughter
(Ex-) husband / wife / partner
Boyfriend / girlfriend
Stepfather / stepmother
Half-brother / -sister

- 1 Work with a partner. Copy the following table. Under each heading note down the first names of people in your family.

| Parents | Brothers & sisters | Grandfather & grandmother | Sons & daughters | Uncles & aunts | Cousins | Nephews & nieces |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| | | | | | | |

- 2 Add more headings and names to the table in 1.
- 3 Discuss the following questions about the names in your table.
 - a) Which names are typical in your country?
 - b) Which name is the most unusual?
 - c) Which name do you like best?

Long vowel sounds

- 1 02 In each of the following groups of names one name has a different vowel sound from the others. Listen and spot the odd one out in each group.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 /ɔ:/ Paul George Sue Dawn | 4 /i:/ Peter Eve Margaret Keith |
| 2 /u:/ Julie Ruth Luke Burt | 5 /ɜ:/ Shirley Bernard Earl Denise |
| 3 /ɑ:/ Charles Laura Barbara Grant | |

- 2 03 Listen and check your answers to 1. Then listen again and repeat. Rearrange the names so that all four names in each group have the same vowel sound.

What's in a name?

Work in small groups. Discuss the following questions.

- What name would you give this baby girl?
- What names do you like for a boy?
- How did your parents choose your name?

Reading 1 What do you think the following famous people have in common? Read the article and find out.

- Elton John + Marilyn Monroe
- David Bowie + Demi Moore
- Madonna + Bill Clinton



THE NAME GAME

Your name is extremely important. It's how you identify yourself. It's how other people identify you. Elton John was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight. Can you imagine someone famous with a name like that?

5 He had to change it. Marilyn Monroe sounds so much more glamorous than Norma Jean Baker. So how do parents make one of the most important decisions in the lives of their children – giving them a name?

Some parents choose names because they are fashionable. Other parents do the opposite and call their children unusual names, or they even invent names. Helen Petrie, a psychologist at Hertfordshire University, says that people who choose unusual names for their children want to show how special they are.

15 However, the children are not always very happy with their parents' choice. David Bowie's son found the name Zowie so embarrassing that he changed it to Joe. I wonder if Bruce Willis and Demi Moore's children feel good about their names: Rummer Glenn, Scout LaRue and Tallulah Belle!

These days it's fashionable to give your child the name of a place that is important to you: Victoria (Posh Spice) and David Beckham decided to call their son Brooklyn because they were in New York when they discovered that Victoria was going to have a baby. Madonna named her daughter Lourdes after the town in France, and ex-US-President Bill Clinton named his daughter Chelsea after a part of London that he and his wife liked.

30 Personally, I think it's a good idea to give children names of famous people. Leonardo Di Caprio was named after the famous Italian painter, and Liam Gallagher, singer with the band Oasis, called his son Lennon after his hero, John.

I wanted to call my first child Elvis, and my husband wanted to call him Pelé. Fortunately she was a girl, so we named her after my favourite aunt – Blodwen.

Reginald Kenneth Dwight (Elton John) ▶



2 Tick (✓) the reasons for choosing a name that the article mentions. Put a cross (✗) by the reasons the article doesn't mention.

- | | |
|--|--|
| a) because it sounds good | e) because it's the name of a place |
| b) because it's fashionable | f) because it's a religious name |
| c) because it sounds the same in two languages | g) because it's the name of a famous person |
| d) because it's unusual or original | h) because it's the name of another member of the family |

3 Work with a partner. What other reasons can you think of for choosing a name? Think about your family, your friends, and people in the class.

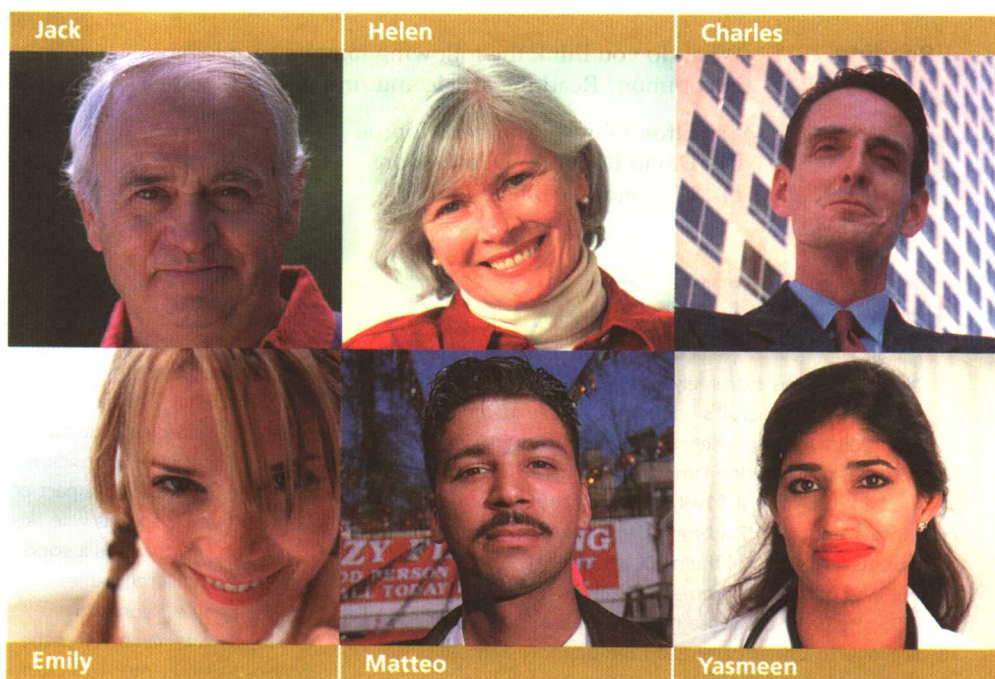
Lexis 1 Complete the following sentences with words from the text above.

- I think that my name *sounds* much nicer in my language than in English. (line 5)
- I won't have to ____ a decision about names. I'm not going to have any children! (line 7)
- I'd like to have an unusual name – it would make me ____ special. (line 18)
- I know exactly what I'm going to ____ my children. (line 23)
- My parents named me ____ a relative. (line 26)
- I think it's a good ____ to choose a name that's easy to say in different languages. (line 31)

2 Find out if any of the sentences in 1 are true for your partner.

I never forget a face

- 1 How good are you at remembering people's names? What techniques do you use?
- 2 Try this memory test. Study these names and faces for thirty seconds. Then turn to page 124 and see which you can remember.



Reading 1 Read this advice for improving your memory. Find an appropriate heading for each paragraph.

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| a) Repeat it | c) Use it | e) Write it down |
| b) Visualise it | d) Check the spelling | f) Make associations |

eHow You can learn to improve your **memory for names** if you follow these steps.

- 1 Pay attention when you are introduced to someone. Use their name when you're speaking to them and look at their face.
- 2 A few minutes after you meet the person, say his or her name to yourself again. If you have forgotten it, talk to the person again and ask for the name.
- 3 Write down the new name three times while picturing the person's face; do this as soon as possible after meeting someone.
- 4 Ask how to spell a difficult name. If you know the spelling of a word and can picture it in your mind, you'll remember it better.
- 5 Connect a name to a common word you will remember. For example, the name *Salazar* could sound like 'salamander', 'bazaar' or 'sell a jar'.
- 6 Connect the face to the name. In your mind, say the name and something about the person's appearance. For example, Emily – long blond hair; Matteo – moustache; Helen – looks friendly; Charles – looks like a banker.

(Based on eHow to remember names by Valerie Singer www.ehow.com)

- 2 Work with a partner. Discuss these questions.
- Which of the techniques in 1 have you used for remembering names?
 - Which of the techniques in 1 could help you to remember new English words and expressions?
 - What other ways can you think of to help remember and learn new English words and expressions?

Lexis:
describing
people



'Do you find the accused
'looks guilty' or
'doesn't look guilty'?'

- 1 Look at the nouns, noun phrases and adjectives in the box. Which words can complete sentence *a*? Which words can complete sentence *b*?

friendly a banker a typical mum intelligent shy a doctor very young
middle-aged stressed out intelligent about sixty Greek a waiter
a Swedish au pair a student fit a retired police officer a bit tired rich

- a) He/She looks ____ . b) He/She looks like ____ .

- 2 What type of word do you use after *look(s)*? What type of word do you use after *look(s) like*?
- 3 Write a sentence to describe each person in the six photographs on the previous page. Leave a space (____) for the name.
For example: ____ looks about 60. He looks intelligent and quite friendly.
- 4 Give your paper to a partner and ask them to complete the sentence with the correct name.
- 5 Repeat the same exercise for three people in your class. Ask your partner to complete the sentences with the correct name.

Meet A.L.I.C.E.

- 1 Read the responses in this conversation. Who or what is A.L.I.C.E.?

Hi. My name's A.L.I.C.E.

- 1 *name What your does mean ?*

It means **Artificial Linguistic Internet Computer Entity**.

- 2 *were born you Where ?*

I was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

- 3 *grow Where did up you ?*

I think I grew up in San Francisco.

- 4 *look do like you What ?*

I'm blue and I've got one wheel.

- 5 *do What do you ?*

I talk to people on the web.

- 6 *like your Do job you ?*

Yes, I have a passion for my work!

- 7 *languages you any speak Can foreign ?*

No, I only speak English at the moment, but I'd like to learn.

- 8 *married you Are ?*

No, I am single. How about you?

- 9 *got children Have any you ?*

No, but you can download me and make A.L.I.C.E. clones for yourself!

- 10 *created you Who ?*

Dr Richard S. Wallace – he is very clever!

- 2 Write the words in the questions in 1 in the correct order.

- 3  04 Listen and check your answers to 1 and 2.

- 4 Underline the stressed word in each question. Listen and repeat the questions in the conversation.

- 5 Work with someone you don't know very well. Interview them using appropriate questions from 2 and add more questions of your own.

LANGUAGE TOOLBOX

What's your favourite ... ?

Are you interested in ... ?

Have you ever ... ?

How often do you ... ?

Close up

Questions: word order 1 Work with a partner. Look at the table and discuss the questions.

| Statement | | | Question | | |
|-----------|------------------|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| subject | (auxiliary) verb | | (auxiliary) verb | subject | |
| You | are ... | → | Are | you ...? | Are you married? |
| You | can ... | → | Can | you ...? | Can you speak any foreign languages? |
| Your name | means ... | → | What does | your name ...? | What does your name mean? |



'Can Wolfgang come out and play?'

- a) What is the difference in word order between a statement and a question in English?
 b) When do you need to use the auxiliary verbs *do*, *does*, *did* to form a question?
 c) How do you form questions in your language? Is it the same as English?

2 Change the following statements into questions. Then ask your partner the questions.

- a) You are hungry. *Are you hungry?* e) You live in Rome. *Where do you live?*
 b) You smoke. f) Your favourite colour is red. (*What*)
 c) You can play the guitar. g) You left school in 1997. (*When*)
 d) You've been to Disneyland. h) You've got 200 CDs. (*How many*)

3 Rewrite these questions in the correct order.

- a) you are old How ? *How old are you?*
 b) life in Do after believe death you ?
 c) do much weigh you How ?
 d) you anything ever Have stolen ?
 e) much earn How you do money ?
 f) you many partners How had have ?

4 Work in small groups. In what situations is it okay to ask the questions in 3?

- in your English class • with your best friends • in your family • at work • never!

Subject questions

1 Look at questions A and B below. Question A is an object question because the answer (A.L.I.C.E.) is the object of the verb. Question B is a subject question because the answer (Dr Wallace) is the subject of the verb. Do you use an auxiliary with a subject question?

| Statement | | | Question | | Answer |
|------------|---------|------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| subject | verb | object | | | |
| Dr Wallace | created | A.L.I.C.E. | → A | What did Dr Wallace create? | → A.L.I.C.E. |
| | | | → B | Who created A.L.I.C.E.? | → Dr Wallace. |

2 Work in pairs. You are going to ask and answer some general knowledge questions. Student A turn to page 124. Student B turn to page 126. Follow the instructions.

Language reference: questions

Word order

To form a question in English you put an auxiliary verb before the subject. In the present simple you use the auxiliary *do* or *does*. In the past simple you use the auxiliary *did*. With the verb *be* you put *am*, *is*, *are*, *was* or *were* before the subject.

| question word | (auxiliary) verb | subject | |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| - | Is | your sister | married? |
| - | Does | she | love him? |
| Where | do | they | live? |
| Why | did | she | get married? |

Subject questions

When the question word is the subject you do not use *do*, *does* or *did*. A subject question has the same word order as a statement.

| subject | verb | |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Who | created | A.L.I.C.E.? |
| NOT | Who did create | ... |
| subject | verb | |
| Who | lives | here? |
| NOT | Who does live | ... |

Stand By Me

Song 1 Look at the words of the song. On lines *a-f* and lines *g-l* there is an extra word. Find the word and ~~cross it out~~.

- a) When the ~~good~~ night has come,
- b) And the Disney land is dark,
- c) And the moon is the only flashing light we see,
- d) No, I probably won't be afraid,
- e) Oh, I won't ever be afraid,
- f) Just as long as you stand up, stand by me.

So darlin', darlin', stand by me, oh stand by me.
Oh stand, stand by me, stand by me.

- g) If the blue sky that we look upon
- h) Should tumble and fall over,
- i) Or the rocky mountains should crumble to the sea,
- j) I won't cry, I won't cry out,
- k) No, I won't shed a big tear,
- l) Just as long as you stand up, stand by me.

So darlin', darlin', stand by me, oh stand by me.
Oh stand now, stand by me, stand by me.

And darlin', darlin', stand by me, oh stand by me.
Oh stand now, stand by me, stand by me.
Whenever you're in trouble,
Won't you stand by me, oh stand by me.
Oh stand now, oh stand, stand by me.



Ben E. King

Stand By Me

Recorded by Ben E. King (1961 and 1987), Elvis Presley (1967), and John Lennon (1975).

2 **05** Listen and check your answers to 1.

3 Which of the following is the best interpretation of the song?

- a) There are going to be a lot of disasters if you stand by me.
- b) I won't be able to see very well if you stand by me.
- c) If you stand by me, I will feel strong. Nothing will worry me.

4 Tell your partner about a time when you've really needed a friend to 'stand by you'.

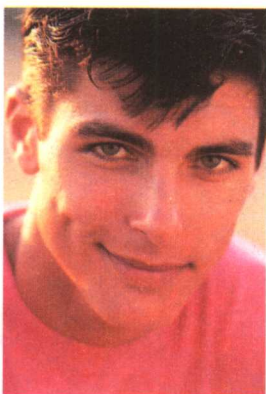
Anecdote

1 **06** Listen to Tom talking about somebody who is important to him. Which of the following topics does he talk about?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What is this person's full name? | <input type="checkbox"/> How often do you see them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> When did you meet this person? | <input type="checkbox"/> Why are they important to you? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How old are they now? | <input type="checkbox"/> What are their best qualities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where do they live? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is there anything you don't like about them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What do they do? | <input type="checkbox"/> When did you last see them? |

2 Work with a partner. Note down as much information as you can remember about the topics Tom talks about. Listen again and check your answers.

3 Think of a person who is important to you. You are going to tell a partner about them. Choose from the list in 1 the things you want to talk about. Think about what you will say and what language you will need.



Tom

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Place

Work with a partner. Look at the four photos and discuss the questions.

- What do you think it's like to live in each of these places?
- Which of these places would you most like to live in?
- Which of these places would you least like to live in?

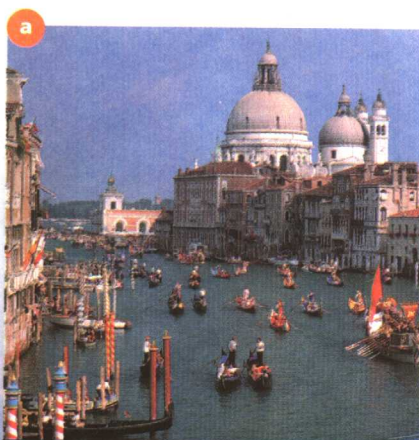
Lexis

- 1 Look again at the photos. Find examples of eight of the twelve items in the box.

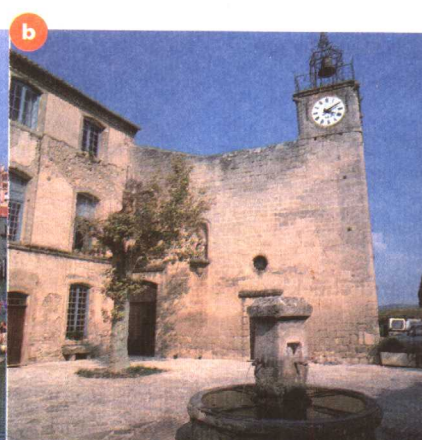
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|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------|
| high-rise buildings | a river | a hill | a statue | a fountain | a canal |
| a park | a church | a bridge | a square | a castle | the sea |

- 2 How many of the things in 1 can you find near your school? Put them in the right order on this line.

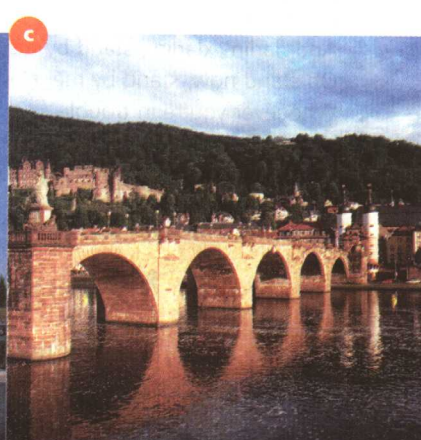
Nearest ← ————— → Furthest away



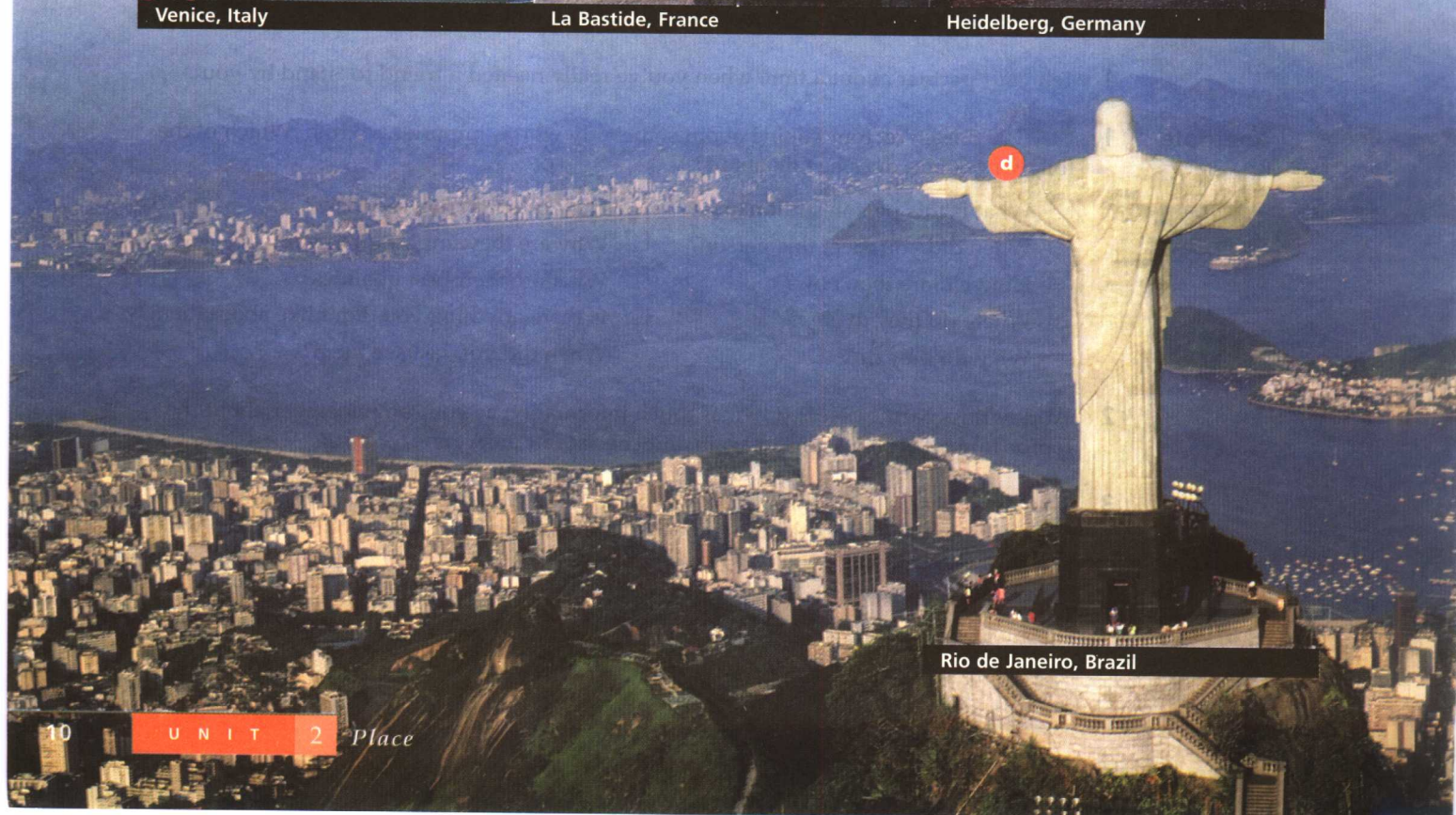
Venice, Italy



La Bastide, France




Heidelberg, Germany



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Listening

- 1  07 You are going to listen to four people talking about the places in the photos. Match each speaker to a photo. Who likes living where they live? Who doesn't?
- 2 Use the most appropriate adjective in the box to complete these descriptions from the recording. (Sometimes more than one answer is possible.)
- new clean crowded boring exciting polluted humid
- a) ... a city that's so big and ____ e) ... the air is lovely and ____
 b) ... people say it's too noisy and ____ f) ... I find it so dull and ____
 c) ... it's too hot and ____ g) ... the canals are dirty and ____
 d) ... it's a mixture of old and ____
- 3 Listen and check your answers to 2. Use these adjective combinations to describe places in your country. Compare your ideas with a partner.

Close up

What's it like?

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- 1 Look at the following question. Choose the only possible answer: *a*, *b* or *c*.
- What's your home town like?
- a) Yes, I do. b) It's big and exciting. c) The shops.
- 2 Think of three other possible ways of answering the question in 1.
- 3 Match the questions from the recording with the most appropriate response.
- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| a) What's the <u>weather</u> like? | 1 It's a mixture of old and new. |
| b) What's the <u>architecture</u> like? | 2 They're really friendly. |
| c) What are the <u>people</u> like? | 3 They're too expensive. |
| d) What are the <u>shops</u> like? | 4 It's hot and humid. |

Nouns: countable / uncountable

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- 1 Look at the underlined nouns in 3 in the previous section and complete the table.

| Nouns | Countable | Uncountable | Singular form | Plural form |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| a) <u>weather</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>✓</u> | <u>weather</u> | - |
| b) <u>architecture</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | - |
| c) <u>people</u> | <u>✓</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>person</u> | <u> </u> |
| d) <u>shops</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

- 2 Continue the table in 1 with the nouns in the box. Decide if the nouns are countable or uncountable. Write down the singular form in each case and add the plural form if the noun is countable.

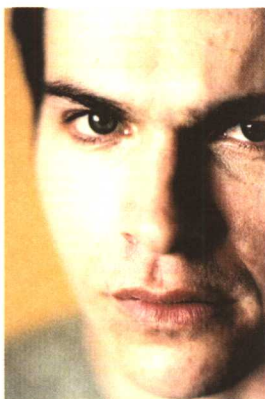
traffic restaurant nightlife public transport park cinema

- 3 Work with a partner. Discuss these questions.
- a) Which countable noun in the table in 1 has an irregular plural form?
 b) How do you make plural forms of these irregular countable nouns: *a man, a woman, a child, a foot, a tooth*?
 c) How do you make plural forms of regular countable nouns?
- 4 Work with a partner. Note down the names of two cities or villages you know well. Combine nouns from 1 and 2 with the appropriate question frame below to ask each other questions about the places you have noted down.
- a) 'What's the ____ like?' 'It's ...'
 b) 'What are the ____ like?' 'They're ...'

First impressions

Writing

- 1 Read this letter from Rick to a friend. How does he feel about the place he is describing?



Rick

Hi!

I've been here a week and my first impressions are not very good. In fact, they are terrible. The city is small and boring. Really boring! The buildings are modern and unattractive, and there are some ugly high-rise office blocks.

The city centre is really dirty and polluted, and public transport is useless. The buses stop at ten o'clock at night, and it's impossible to get a taxi. This probably explains why the streets are completely empty after six o'clock in the evening and the nightlife is terrible. There's nothing to do.

The people look miserable and they're not very friendly. I suppose it could be because the weather is awful – it's cold and hasn't stopped raining since I arrived. Seven days of rain – can you imagine?

But the worst thing is the food – I can't eat it. And the coffee tastes disgusting. Ugh! There aren't many restaurants and they're expensive.

I want to come home! I really hate it here.

Love, Rick


XXX

- 2 Re-write the letter in 1. Make it sound as positive as you can.

Hi!

I've been here a week and my first impressions are really good. In fact, they are fantastic. The city is big and exciting. Really exciting! The buildings are ...

Word stress

- 1  08 Complete the following country and nationality sets. Underline the stressed syllable in each word and then listen and repeat to check your answers. What happens to the word stress in each set?

| A | | B | | C | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Country | Nationality | Country | Nationality | Country | Nationality |
| <u>Cuba</u> | C_____ | E_____ | <u>Egyptian</u> | <u>China</u> | C_____ |
| T_____ | <u>Turkish</u> | <u>Italy</u> | I_____ | M_____ | <u>Maltese</u> |
| M_____ | Moroc <u>can</u> | <u>Hungary</u> | H_____ | P_____ | Portug <u>uese</u> |
| Argen <u>tina</u> | A_____ | C_____ | Can <u>adian</u> | Jap <u>an</u> | J_____ |

- 2 Think of three other countries not mentioned in 1 that you would like to visit. Write down each country and nationality and mark the stress. Tell your partner where you would like to go and what you would like to do there.

Discussion

- 1 Work in small groups. Decide if you agree with the following statements.
French wine is the best in the world. Japanese cars are the best in the world.
- 2 Replace the underlined words in 1 in as many different ways as possible. Use topics in the box or think of some of your own.

coffee watches women beer pop music fashion football players
 perfume tea rice men roads universities food mobile phones
 shops films stereo equipment

- 3 Write as many sentences as you can which you all agree on. Compare with other groups.

Dream holiday

- 1 Read through the information about the four destinations on offer in this holiday competition. List them in order (1 = the place you would most like to go to; 4 = the place you would least like to go to). Explain your choices to a partner.
- 2 You are going to enter the competition. Work with a partner. Read the 'How to enter' section and do parts A and B of the competition.
- 3 Check your answers to Part A of the competition on page 124. Compare your written summaries for Part B of the competition with other people in the class. Choose a class winner!

WIN A DREAM HOLIDAY FOR TWO!

The winner of our exciting competition can choose a dream holiday for two in one of these fabulous destinations.



New York

Shopping heaven and a great nightlife. Visit Central Park, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and shop till you drop!



Karağaaç

A tiny village located on the beautiful coast of south-west Turkey. Enjoy the clear seas and white-gold sands of Patara beach, or visit the many archeological sites in the area.



Atlas Mountains

Located in the heart of Morocco, the Atlas Mountains are the perfect place to relax. The people are very welcoming and the air is fresh. You'll feel like a new person.



Havana

The capital of Cuba, famous for its wild music and beautiful people – Cubans know how to have a good time, and so will you.

HOW TO ENTER

Part A

To enter this fabulous competition and win a dream holiday for two, complete the following sentences with option **a**, **b** or **c**.

- 1 The official language of Brazil is ...
a Portuguese
b French
c Italian
- 2 Ankara is the capital of ...
a Morocco
b Turkey
c Malta
- 3 The third largest country in the world is ...
a China
b Argentina
c Australia
- 4 The zloty is the currency of ...
a Hungary
b Ireland
c Poland
- 5 The Alhambra Palace is in ...
a Egypt
b Spain
c Mexico
- 6 Kyushu is an island in the south of ...
a Thailand
b Greece
c Japan

Part B

Now tell us in no more than fifty words which holiday destination you would choose and why you would like to go there.

**Send your answers before
1st April to
Dream Holiday, PO Box 437,
London NW1 4HB.**

Close up

Quantity

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- 1 Complete the following description of a country with the nouns from the box. Which country do you think it is? Could it be your country? Why / Why not?

cars cigarettes coffee hours meat noise people sleep wine

Everything's wrong here!

They do everything wrong here!

They eat far too much (1) ____ and they eat it at 11pm.
Yesterday we went out to dinner at 11.30 and we had trouble getting a table! At 1am we were still eating, and the restaurant was still half-full!

- 5 They smoke too many (2) ____ . They drink lots of strong (3) ____ and a lot of (4) ____ .

They spend too many (5) ____ in the sun and they certainly don't get enough (6) ____ . One Saturday night we went to a disco at 2 am and were surprised to see that there were only a few (7) ____ on the
10 dance floor. Then the DJ arrived at 3 am and the party began!

There are far too many (8) ____ in the cities, and there's too much (9) ____ everywhere!

They do everything wrong here, but the quality of life is great, and people really know how to enjoy themselves. I don't want to go home!

- 2  09 Listen and check your answers to 1.

- 3 This table categorises the quantity expressions used with the nouns 1–9 in the text in 1. Choose a suitable heading for each category (A, B, C): *Use with countable and uncountable nouns; Use with countable nouns; Use with uncountable nouns.*

| A | B | C |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| How many? (far) too many (only) a few | How much? (far) too much (only) a little | not enough a lot of lots of |

- 4 Underline the correct quantity expression in each of these sentences.
- a) I don't eat much / many bread. d) I don't eat much / enough vegetables.
b) I eat a few / lots of fruit. e) I eat a lot of / a little cakes.
c) I drink far too much / far too many beer. f) I don't drink enough / many water.
- 5 How many of the sentences in 4 are true for you? Re-write the sentences so that they are all true for you. Compare your sentences with a partner.
- 6 Work with a partner. Use the question frame below to ask each other questions about daily habits. Add your own nouns and verbs to make different questions.

For example: *How much meat do you eat every day? How many e-mails do you get every day?*

| | Nouns | | Verbs | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| How much | chocolate e-mails | do you | eat drink | every day? |
| How many | bad TV programmes | | watch get | |
| | sleep money wine | | have make | |
| | friends coffee | | phone see | |
| | people meat | | send spend | |