

# 17 • Languages



<p>Are there are a lot of different dialects in your country of origin?</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Which foreign languages do people learn in your country of origin?</p> <p>17</p>
<p>Do different people from your country of origin ever have problems understanding each other?</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Which foreign languages, other than English, do you know, and how well can you speak them?</p> <p>17</p>
<p>In your mother tongue, do you speak a dialect? If yes, do you always speak it or only in special situations?</p> <p>17</p>	<p>How do you feel about learning English?</p> <p>17</p>
<p>In your country of origin, is it generally acceptable to speak a dialect? Are some dialects more acceptable than others?</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Do you think it is important to have a world language? Is English the best choice?</p> <p>17</p>
<p>Are there big differences between dialects in your country of origin and the standard language? If yes, give some examples.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Native English speakers often do not learn another language. How do you feel about that?</p> <p>17</p>
<p>Are your country of origin's dialects based on geographical/regional factors only, or are other factors also relevant?</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Which foreign languages, other than English, would you like to be able to speak?</p> <p>17</p>

# 18 • Life Choices



Put the following things in order of importance to you, where 1 = the most important and 5 = the least important:

- Job/career or studies
- Hobbies/free time activities
- Close relationship (husband/wife/boyfriend/girlfriend)
- Family
- Friends

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Compare with your partner(s).

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Now, put the above categories in order according to how much time you need for them (or choose to spend on them) in a normal week, where 1 = the most time, and 5 = the least time.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Compare with your partner(s) again.

Are you happy with this situation or is there anything you would like to change? For example, do you work too much? Do you have too little time for hobbies or friends or family? Do you spend too much time watching TV?

Discuss with your partner(s).

# 19 • Work



Make a list below of things you like about your job and things you don't really like, then compare and discuss with your partner(s).

😊 Like 😊	☹ Don't like ☹

Which of these words describe your feelings about your work? Choose as many as you want, and you can also add your own words.

<b>challenging</b>	<b>frustrating</b>	<b>rewarding</b>	<b>tedious</b>	<b>interesting</b>
	<b>exciting</b>	<b>repetitive</b>	<b>fun</b>	<b>satisfying</b>

If you didn't need the money, would you work? Why/Why not?

In Britain, more than 65% of winners of the lottery jackpot say that winning the lottery made them unhappy in the end. What could be the reasons for this? Discuss with your partner(s).

## 20 ● Men, Women, Husbands, Wives



Answer and discuss the following questions with your partner(s).

1. If a husband and wife both work full-time, they should share the housework equally and fairly.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
2. Many husbands think they do half of the housework, but in reality women do more.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
3. If a woman wants a successful career, she has to work harder and better than her male colleagues.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
4. The husband should have the last word on big decisions.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
5. Men are better at managing money than women.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
6. If a couple decide to have children, the woman should stay at home to look after them.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
7. Women are more organized and more efficient than men.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
8. Women's emotional reactions cause a lot of problems in relationships.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
9. Women are more intuitive than men.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
10. Many men can't accept a female boss.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
11. Men often find it difficult to talk about their feelings and emotions.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
12. There is too much pressure on women to look thin and beautiful.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
13. It is not realistic to expect a relationship to last a lifetime.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends
14. Women are better drivers than men.  
 Agree       Disagree       It depends