

Greetings

VOCABULARY:

- I heard about the job through a *mutual acquaintance*.
- He was a *casual acquaintance* of my family in Japan.
- The president should be **addressed** as 'Mr. President'.
- Mike *complimented* me on my new hairstyle.
- I didn't **recognize** you in your uniform.

- 1. Do you enjoy meeting new people?
- 2. Which greetings are typical in your country?
- 3. What are other ways to greet people?
- 4. What are some good things and things you shouldn't ask people you just met?
- 5. How important are first impressions to you?
- 6. What kind of people do you like to meet?
- 7. What do you do if you forget the name of someone you've just been introduced to?
- 8. If you want to get to know people at a party would you go first to people of your own age or people of your own sex?
- 9. What is the favorite topic for new acquaintances in your country?
- 10. In your country, how do you know if you can trust a person that you meet?





- James is a mutual friend of ours.
- Few people smoke in my *circle of friends*.
- You have to meet my **childhood friend**.
- I don't need a **fair-weather** friends.
- One of my *closest friends* is getting married this weekend.

- 1. Describe one of your closest friends.
- 2. Do you make friends easily?
- 3. Do you have any childhood friendships that are still strong today? Tell us about them.
- 4. Do you have any long distance friends? How do you keep in touch with your long-distance friends?
- 5. Do you think it is a good idea to borrow money from a friend? Why or why not?
- 6. Have you made any friends over the Internet? How often do you write to them? Have you ever met them in person?
- 7. How do you maintain a good friendship?
- 8. How many people do you consider your "best friends?"
- 9. What things should friends do and never do?
- 10. What qualities help you to have good relationships with others?



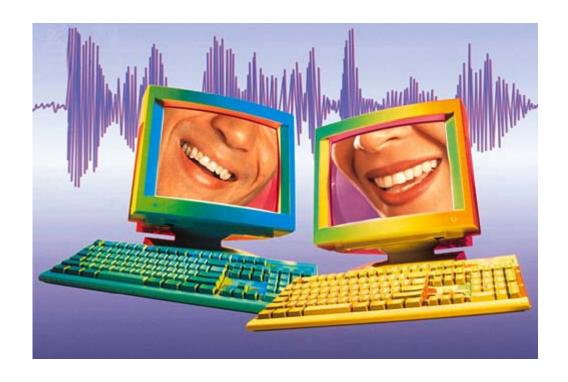


Beauty and Physical Attractiveness

VOCABULARY:

- She had plastic surgery on her nose to straighten it.
- I'm only a few kilos **overweight**, but I just can't seem to lose them.
- I've got to go home and get my beauty sleep.
- I can appreciate inner beauty more than physical beauty.
- Karl's girlfriend is drop dead gorgeous.

- 1. How important is beauty in your daily life?
- 2. Have you ever noticed anyone ever feeling pressured to be more beautiful?
- 3. What do you think of people having cosmetic surgery? How popular is plastic surgery in your country?
- 4. If you will be given the chance to change something in your body, what would it be? Why?
- 5. What do you think of the proverb "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder".?
- 6. Would you date someone who was not conventionally attractive?
- 7. How much time do you spent in dressing yourself up?
- 8. What makes one person more attractive than another?
- 9. Who do you think is the most beautiful that you have ever seen?
- 10. What are some of the disadvantages of being beautiful?





- Don't be scared. Just ask her out.
- I'm going on a **blind date** tonight. I hope he's better than the last one.
- I'm sorry but I have to break our date. I need to go out of town on business.
- I think Daniel has a *crush on me*. He keeps following me everywhere.
- My girlfriend **dumped me** because she saw me with another woman.

- 1. What images spring to mind when you hear the word "dating'?
- 2. Do you think dating today is any different to dating 50year ago?
- 3. At what age did you start to have a crush on someone?
- 4. From what age is it OK to start dating?
- 5. What can you remember about your first date?
- 6. How do you ask someone out?
- 7. Would you ever go on a blind date?
- 8. Have you ever broken a date?
- 9. What is the advantage and disadvantage of dating a drop-dead gorgeous woman.
- 10. Would you rather dump someone or be dumped by someone?





- Where are you going on your **honeymoon**?
- The number of *cohabiting* couples is expected to double by 2012.
- Divorce rate is increasing anywhere in the world.
- Should he forgive his **spouse** for dating another girl?
- All schools have a role to play in promoting more understanding of mixed marriage.

- 1. Is marriage important to you? Why or why not?
- 2. At what age do couples usually get married in your country?
- 3. Are arranged marriages common in your country? How do you feel about arrange marriages?
- 4. Is cohabitation acceptable in your country?
- 5. Marriage life is the best part of a human being's life. Do you agree or disagree?
- 6. At what age are men and women allowed to get married in your country?
- 7. Would you marry someone who couldn't speak the same language as your speak?
- 8. How long is marriage ceremony in your country?





- I was really surprised reading my monthly billing statement.
- Many credit card issuers charge an *annual fee* for granting you credit, typically %15 - \$20.
- I only have to pay 1000 pesos as a *minimum payment* of my credit.
- If you are the *principal cardholder* then you are entitled to get discount prices.

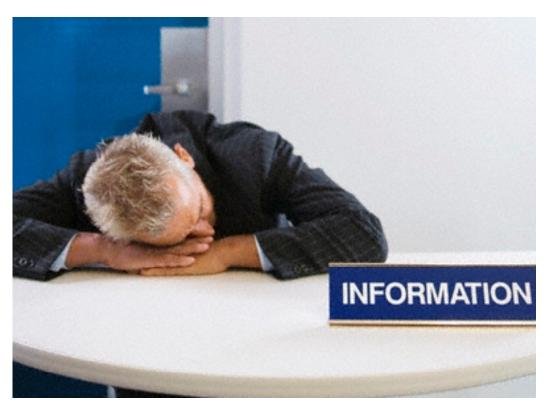
- 1. How many credit cards do you have?
- 2. Is using credit card popular in your country?
- 3. What do you usually use your credit card for?
- 4. What is the biggest purchase you've made with your card?
- 5. What do you think are the advantages of using credit card?
- 6. What do you like least about credit cards?
- 7. Do you think credit cards can make you buy more things?
- 8. In what ways are credit cards better than cash?
- 9. What do you think of the interest charges on credit cards?
- 10. Do you think we'll still be using credit cards twenty years from now?





- Girls tend to do better academically in single-sex schools than in co-educational ones.
- Only a few students can afford the tuition of \$12 000 a term.
- The teacher will explain the school curriculum next month.
- Anyone caught *cheating* will be immediately disqualified from the exam.

- 1. Do you like studying? What was your major?
- 2. Are most schools coeducational in your country?
- 3. Have you tried cheating during an exam?
- 4. What was the most unforgettable experience you had when you were still a student?
- 5. Do you think it is easier to learn another language as a child or as an adult?
- 6. Is it difficult for people without a college education to get good jobs where you live?
- 7. What do you think are the qualities of a good teacher?
- 8. Do you think teachers are paid enough?
- 9. Does tuition fee cost too much in University?
- 10. Should education be free?





Jobs and Occupations

VOCABULARY:

- I'm earning big bucks at my new job. I'll finally be able to afford that new car!
- Brad has been doing the same job for thirty years. He's tired of the daily grind!
- Carlos got promoted. Now he's top dog!
- After weeks of finishing the project, we can go to happy hour and get a few drinks!
- Before I got promoted, I was working for chicken feed!

- 1. At what age do people usually begin to work and retire in your country?
- 2. What are some common occupations in your country? For men and women in your country?
- 3. Do women usually work after they get married in your country?
- 4. Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job?
- 5. What are the most popular jobs in your country?
- 6. What three adjectives would describe yourself as a worker?
- 7. How long have you been working at your present job? How long do you plan to continue working where you are?
- 8. Is it common for men and women to have the same jobs in your country?
- 9. Who among the people you know has the most interesting job? What is it?
- 10. What job would you most like to do? And one job you wouldn't like to do? Why not?





- You know you are too **stressed out**. Give yourself some time to relax.
- I get a lot of *stress* from my coworkers. They're all very competitive.
- Mark stopped working last year because of work load. He felt happy to retire.
- If I feel tired during the day, I take a short nap.

- 1. Have you been under stress recently?
- 2. What are some of the causes of stress?
- 3. When you are stressful, how do you feel physically?
- 4. How do you relieve your stress?
- 5. Do you think stress is good, useful or necessary?
- 6. How often do you think you feel to much stress?
- 7. If you are very busy at work or at school, do you have ways to balance your life?
- 8. What are the things that can make you feel stress?
- 9. What are some of the positive ways people deal with stress?
- 10. What is the most stressful experience you have ever had?





Restaurants And Eating Out

VOCABULARY:

- Let's go out to lunch my treat.
- I love *ready-to-eat foods* such as deli meats and cheeses.
- She can **eat like a horse** and never put on weight.
- She had a *craving* for some chocolate.
- My boyfriend and I always **go Dutch**.

- 1. How often do you eat out?
- 2. Where do you usually go when you eat out?
- 3. Who do you usually go with when you eat out?
- 4. Do you like western food? Japanese? Thai? Italian?
- 5. Have you ever ordered food in English? If so, was it easy to do so?
- 6. What is your favorite appetizer? Main Course? Dessert?
- 7. Do you ever drink alcoholic beverages when you eat out?
- 8. Would you send a dish back if it did not taste good or you received the wrong food?
- 9. Do you ever leave a tip at a restaurant? How much?
- 10. What's the worst experience you ever had at a restaurant?