

Topic Conversation for Advanced - Syllabus
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Unit	Lesson	Title	Target Language	Vocabularies	Reading
A	1	Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about four types of love - learn words and expressions about love in the passage - share your experience about different types of love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - emotion - eros - phileo - agape - storge - compassion - attachment 	<p>Love is an emotion that every person experiences at some point. There are different kinds of love, such as eros, phileo, agape, and storge. Eros is adoring and wanting another person. This person can be your lover, husband/wife, and crushes. Phileo is the love you feel towards your friends. It is understanding and trusting them. Agape is the parental and sacrificial kind of love, for instance, the love of God towards people. Storge is the love towards the community and family. It is creating a strong bond and caring for them.</p> <p>Love can be a mother's happiness upon seeing her newborn child. It can be a father's protective attitude towards his children. It is also caring for your sisters and brothers. It is treasuring and respecting yourself. It is the feeling of compassion towards others. Love triggers either a positive or a negative effect towards a person. For example, just thinking about your loved ones can make you feel inspired, but it can also distract you by thinking about them too much. To love is to hold a deep attachment to other people. The things they do and how they act will always affect you. Love is a wonderful feeling, so love and be loved.</p>
A	2	Leisure Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about the importance of leisure - learn words and expressions related to enjoying and ignoring leisure - share your thoughts about giving time for leisure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tendency - priority - unconsciously - specialist - anxiousness - frustrations - impatience - well-being 	<p>(1) Some people have a tendency to make their work a priority in life. They overwork themselves nonstop, unconsciously abusing their physical and mental health. According to health specialists, when you overwork it brings dangerous effects to your body, causing you to develop a heart attack, stress, anxiousness, frustration, and impatience. Hence, it is important to balance your work and leisure time. Having leisure time will enable you to release tensions and take your mind away from stress.</p> <p>(2) There are various activities you can do in your leisure time. For example, doing your hobbies will make your body feel at ease. You can read your books, play your musical instrument, you can sing or dance. Other activities, such as jogging, taking a walk, swimming, traveling, and watching movies and TV shows are also another way to spend your leisure time. Therefore, don't make work a priority in life. Your health and well-being are more important, so be sure to have a leisure time.</p>

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A	3	Beauty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about forms of beauty - learn words and expressions about beauty in the passage - share your thoughts about different forms of beauty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outer beauty - inner beauty - scenery beauty - timeless - appreciate - solace - stimulates - characteristics 	<p>How do people define beauty? What does it take to be beautiful? Above all, what is beauty? Every individual has different ways of explaining what beauty is. Beauty can take on many different forms: outer beauty, inner beauty, scenery beauty, or even the beauty of an event and many more.</p> <p>For a lot of people, outer beauty which is thought to be something that you are born with is considered to be the most important. It is what stimulates the mind. Take for example, when you meet people for the first time you immediately notice their physical appearance including the clothes they wear. On the other hand, some say beauty comes from within people's hearts. Inner beauty will last forever and will never fade. In contrast, outer beauty fades over time. A person's characteristics or behavior is what others would remember compared to a person's physical appearance.</p> <p>However, beauty is also found in nature such as the sunset or the sunrise. One finds joy and solace by looking at scenic views that nature offers. Many people usually make memories by recalling the events and relating them to the surroundings that they see. Thus, making it timeless. The idea and standard of beauty have greatly changed all throughout time. It takes a certain kind of quality to appreciate the true meaning of beauty.</p>
A	4	Good and Bad Manners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about good and bad manners - learn words and expressions about manners in the passage - share your experience about showing good manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - manners - well-mannered - ill-mannered - cheeky - attitude - possess 	<p>By definition, manners refer to how a person acts and behaves in front of other people.</p> <p>We all have both good manners and bad manners, which naturally coexist within us. Basically, if you are a well-mannered person, you tend to be polite and respectful to others. You make people smile with your kind gestures. You may even be the reason they had a good start that day. In contrast, if you are ill-mannered, you are considered rude and a bit cheeky with people around you. What is worse? You could be the reason for one's bad day.</p> <p>On the contrary, being good-mannered does not always mean having a good attitude and similarly, being bad-mannered does not always follow that one has a bad attitude. Sometimes it is the other way around because there is a thin line between manners and attitude. We may possess these qualities, but it is still our choice as to which of these two would define us as a person.</p>

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A	5	Childhood Memories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about childhood memories - learn words and expressions about childhood in the passage - share your childhood experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - childhood - memories - bitter and gloomy - fairy tales 	<p>Seeing a picture of you in your childhood years brings back so much memories. Some are funny and happy and some are bitter and gloomy. But whatever memories you hold close to your heart, those are the reasons for what you have become today.</p> <p>Who can forget the fairy tales our parents and grandparents used to read for us before we go to sleep and the games we played with friends back then? The sweets we loved to eat and the person we wanted to be with all the time? Everybody has a lot of stories to share about because one never runs out of childhood memories.</p>
A	6	Shopping in Today's World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about online shopping - learn words and expressions about online shopping in the passage - share your experience about shopping online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shopping - instant - time consuming - blink of an eye - technology - hassle-free - browse - queue 	<p>Like most of the foods that we have nowadays, shopping has now become instant as well. Shopping is very time consuming, but in today's world, we can buy our most wanted fashionable dresses in a blink of an eye. Shopping is very tiring, but, now, our longed-for pair of shoes is just a click away.</p> <p>With the help of advanced technology, shopping has become instant and hassle-free. Before this so-called "online shopping", we used to browse around shops for just about anything. This takes us long hours and causes our feet to ache.</p> <p>Now, through the Internet, we can just browse online shops with just one click and in the comfort of our homes. This is much more convenient as we can avoid long queues and aching feet. Moreover, it saves us time, money and energy. But, the real question is, are we even sure of the quality? Are we assured that we get the best value for our money?</p> <p>Nevertheless, we could always return and have an item replaced if we are not satisfied with it. But, then again, are we assured that what we buy online will be delivered to us?</p> <p>These are just some of the questions we need to ask ourselves before shopping online.</p>

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A	7	The Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about what defines a family - learn words and expressions about family - share your experience about being with a family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - family - society - belongs - concept - genetically - regardless - blood-related 	<p>What is a family? Anyone who is asked this question always answers, "Family is the basic unit of the society." Indeed, it is. Everybody belongs to a family: the child on the street belongs to a family; the superstar belongs to a family; the hero who saved his country belongs to a family; the person who persecuted millions of people belongs to a family; even the animals and plants have their own families; also, microorganisms belong to a certain family.</p> <p>We are primarily defined based on the family we come from. But, this concept changes over time. A person could no longer be defined, genetically. Many other aspects are considered. What are these aspects? There is no definite enumeration.</p> <p>Although, there are those who are much closer to their friends than their families, or to those who they grew up with, spent time with and lived with for years. They treat them just like their own family regardless of the fact that they are not related by blood. No matter, blood-related or not, it all depends on how deep and special your relationship is with these people you call "family".</p>
A	8	Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about homelessness - learn words and expressions about homelessness - share your thoughts about homelessness in your country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - homeless - shelter - outside forces - calamity - threaten - security 	<p>"I'll go home...", can the homeless utter these words? The answer could possibly be both "yes" and "no". It could be a "no" because, perhaps, their concept of home is a house or a shelter; the building itself. Well, that is quite right. How can a homeless go home if he/she lives on the streets or under bridges? On the other hand, it could be a big fat "yes", because, perhaps, the homeless consider the streets and bridges their home.</p> <p>Even so, homeless generally describes people who live on the streets or under the bridges. Our homes protect us from the dangers of the outside forces such as calamities, dangerous animals or even from our own kind. But, have you ever wondered, what protects the homeless? Where do they go in times of calamities? What do they do when something or someone threatens their security?</p>

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A	9	Walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about walking as an exercise - learn words and expressions about walking as an exercise - share your thoughts about the benefits of walking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - civilization - lifestyle - strenuous - taxing - burn off - ease up - underrated - ideal - chronic - maximize 	<p>Civilization has brought a lot of changes into our lives. Along these changes, people get busier and live an unhealthy lifestyle. Staying fit is a strenuous effort for everyone.</p> <p>Planning one's schedule just to find time to hit the gym is both taxing and strenuous.</p> <p>One easy way to burn those calories off and to ease things up is by taking a walk.</p> <p>Walking is an underrated form of exercise. It is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels. It can be done alone, with your family and close friends or even with your pet. Studies show that regular walking helps reduce the risk of chronic illnesses. <u>The longer you walk, the more you can maximize the health benefits.</u></p>
A	10	Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about achieving unity - learn words and expressions about unity - share your thoughts about achieving unity in a group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - unity - entail - rooted - betterment - purposeful - attain - vision - perception - cease - harmony 	<p>"Unity" is only a word, yet it entails a meaning rooted to a deeper understanding for the betterment of every person. Unity means being part of a whole or working with others together to meet a purposeful goal. Unity can exist anywhere, such as your home, community, workplace, school, country, government, and organizations.</p> <p>Unfortunately, unity is difficult to attain when others have different visions, beliefs and perceptions from yours. Having unity is being able to trust and respect others. It is not easy to develop a sense of trust to other people. When you cease to trust others, you fail to work with them.</p> <p>In this age, we often see news about murder, corruption, and war. Countries and people who experience these unfortunate situations lack unity, since, peace and harmony with other people are only attained if there is unity.</p>

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B	1	Developing Oneself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about developing oneself - learn words and expression about how one can develop oneself - share your experience on achieving self-actualization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inborn - circumstances - determination - facets - domains - individuality - modes - obstacles - overcome - essentials 	<p>Everyone has inborn talents and skills which are further enhanced and developed by everyday circumstances and experiences. Being a better version of ourselves is a struggle especially if we lack the will and determination. One can only develop oneself if he desires it. No one can force you to do it; you and only you can.</p> <p>There are a lot of facets one must consider in developing himself. The physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual aspects are the main domains that complete one's individuality.</p> <p>A person may engage in several different modes for him to attain personal growth and development.</p> <p>In addition, to develop oneself, one should go through several obstacles or challenges along the way. One should be able to overcome these challenges successfully. This is one of the essentials in developing oneself. The more challenges you go through, the more experiences you gain, the better you become.</p>
B	2	Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about dreams - learn words and expressions about dreams in the passage - share your dreams during sleep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duration - surreal - bizarre - idiosyncratic - nightmare - notion - de ja vu 	<p>A dream is a series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep. The duration of a dream varies from a few seconds to approximately 20 - 30 minutes.</p> <p>Dreams range from normal and ordinary to surreal and bizarre. Experts presented their idiosyncratic interpretations of a dream or two. A prominent man in this field is Sigmund Freud. He stated that dreams are the manifestations of our deepest desires and emotions which come as nightmares.</p> <p>There has been a notion that that particular person or thing you dream about at night is the very last thing or person you think of before you doze off; or perhaps, the thing or person you have been thinking about all day.</p> <p>Well, not only that. Have you ever felt like doing the same thing over again, or being in the same place, or in the same situation? As if, you've been there before? Guess what? You have; in your dreams. At least, that is what most people say. This is what people know as 'de ja vu'.</p> <p>It does make sense, for the most part. If you think about it, you cannot remember what you dreamt about that night. But, when it happens, you feel it. You feel as if you have been there and done that.</p> <p>Nevertheless, dreams are interpreted in many different ways. Some believe it is true, some do not. No matter, dreams are one of those things that make our lives more interesting and filled with wonder.</p>

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B	3	The Man Who Helped Feed the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about influential scientist - learn words and expressions about the man who helped feed the world in the passage - share your opinions about how poverty can be put to an end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - devoted - deficiency - agronomist - hybrid - alleviate - innovation - outyield - dogged 	<p>Have you ever thought of feeding millions of people around the world? As of 2022, there are about 811 million people globally who suffer from hunger. That is over 10% of the world's population.</p> <p>A devoted scientist from China transformed his country and many developing countries around the world from "food deficiency to food security" within three decades. Mr. Yuan Longping, who was a Chinese agronomist, is known as "The Father of Hybrid Rice." He was a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering known for developing the first hybrid rice in the 1970s to alleviate famine in China.</p> <p>Yuan endured life's hardships yet pursued innovative scientific research to ascend to the top of hybrid rice research and development. Because of his unending dedication to helping the poor, he persevered in accomplishing the growth of hybrid rice -a type of rice that has been bred from two different parents. This innovation, which significantly outyields other varieties of rice up to 15%, helped feed extra 70 million people worldwide every year.</p> <p>His death on May 22, 2021, triggered messages of grief across the country. Mr. Yuan was considered a national hero and a symbol of dogged scientific pursuit in China. He may have left the world but he and his contribution to developing hybrid rice and fighting world hunger will always be remembered.</p>
B	4	Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about language - learn words and expressions about language - share your opinions about the importance of language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conform - Braille - intriguing - dynamicity - obsolete - migration - portmanteau - traverse - ingenious 	<p>Language is communication in its broadest sense. Language does not have to conform to English, French, Korean, or any other 7,100 languages spoken globally; rather, it can be everything. It could be words, letters, sentences, or sounds; at the same time, it could take the form of a sign, bodily movements, or Braille. However, the diversity of language is not only its intriguing feature; but also its dynamicity.</p> <p>Language is evolving; it is not fixed. As new languages emerge, some spoken languages become obsolete. There are, in fact, 241 extinct languages. It has changed dramatically over the millennium for three reasons. One of them is trade and migration. As different cultures interact, people share and borrow words from other languages. These are called loanwords. Words like Avatar, tsunami and Sudoku were originally Japanese but are used in English. Another factor driving language evolution is the development of new technologies. We create new words and phrases to describe things that did not exist. Some of these are portmanteau words. Finally, some words gain new meaning through time. For example, the mouse that was a rodent is now a part of a computer.</p> <p>Language is diverse and dynamic, and it is vital. It enables us to express our emotions, art, and selves. Furthermore, language helps us build connections with others and create a sense of community, helping us broaden our perspective, as we traverse life. It allows us to be much smarter, more ingenious, and more loving human beings.</p>

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B	5	Animation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read a passage about animation - learn words and expression about animation in the passage - share your opinions about animation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frame rate - kept pace with - computer-generated - imagery - surrealistic - movements - distinctive - enduring 	<p>Animation has been around for longer than we ever knew and has significantly contributed to civilization. Drawings depicting a series of events at a slow frame rate are the earliest kinds of animation. They were not only short but also lifeless. The development of animation kept pace with the development of machines, which led to the revolution in computer-generated imagery. These animations were then broadcast on television, eventually turning into fully computer-animated films with surrealistic looks that have changed significantly over time.</p> <p>Due to the fact that animation has been around for a while, many people have grown old alongside these visuals. Without the development of animation, life would be totally different. According to an animator, animation is not the art of drawings that move but the art of movements that they draw. This is because it offers a distinctive experience through the details of how it works. It has not only given countless people's lives an enduring impact, but has also provided a variety of unique experiences to their audience through animation production, history and culture, and economic contributions. At the moment, animation is used not only for entertainment but also as a teaching and marketing tool, as well as a source of income for many people.</p>
B	6	Multiple Intelligences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about eight different types of intelligence - learn words and expressions about multiple intelligences - share your thoughts about how one can nurture their intelligences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expertise - multiple intelligences - visual-spatial - verbal-linguistic - logical-mathematical - bodily-kinesthetic - interpersonal - intrapersonal - naturalist 	<p>Everyone is intelligent. It is only a matter of finding your area of expertise. Howard Gardner, a developmental psychologist, has identified eight different types of intelligence that every person possesses. This allows people to evaluate themselves and identify their strengths and weaknesses. Also, educators will have an idea which area they need to focus on when teaching their students. Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences identifies the following: Visual-Spatial, Verbal-Linguistic, Logical-Mathematical, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, and Naturalist.</p> <p>Visual-Spatial involves perception of the environment. This creates and manipulates mental images. Verbal-Linguistic involves words, reading, writing, speaking, and knowing foreign languages. Logical-Mathematical involves numbers and solving different logical problems.</p> <p>Bodily-Kinesthetic is physical coordination or expressing oneself and learning through physical activities. Musical is expressing oneself to music and rhythm. Interpersonal involves knowing how to communicate and understand other people. While, intrapersonal is understanding one's inner self. Naturalist is understanding the environment and the world. Multiple Intelligence theory gives you an idea on how to develop your strengths and use it to your advantage.</p>

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B	7	Computer & Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about computer & internet - learn words and expressions about computer & internet in the passage - share your thoughts about the significance of computer & internet to people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - feature - innovation - conducive - high risk - forbidden 	<p>Technological development has come a long way. Many devices have emerged and became every man's necessity. One important invention is the computer. It contains commands and features that help people in various ways. This machine is very convenient in accomplishing people's needs and purposes. Some people use it for innovation at work. One feature of a computer is to write documents and make easy presentations. Other features include research, making reports, business proposals, photo and video editing, etc.</p> <p>Despite the fact that computers are conducive, it also brings harm and negative effects to people. For instance, when a computer is used for entertainment they will need the internet to search different information, videos, and social networking sites. There is a high risk of getting into forbidden websites. It is also the main source of bullying. Thus, it is important to remember that computers and internet are for helping out, not for destroying yourself or other people.</p>
B	8	Misinformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about misinformation in the digital age - learn words and expressions about misinformation in the passage - share your thoughts about misinformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - user-generated content - paved the way - deceive - unverified - credulous - algorithm - flag - credible - skepticism 	<p>Advancements in communication technology have had extensive benefits in spreading information to people. For instance, user-generated content in online social media has made it easier for people who share common interests, worldviews, and stories to come together. However, this freedom of information has also paved the way for the spread of misinformation.</p> <p>As defined, "misinformation" is false information, regardless of whether or not it's intended to mislead or deceive people. Recent studies show that increased exposure to unverified rumors increases the likelihood of people being credulous. Moreover, people's desire for instant answers may also overpower their desire to be certain of their validity.</p> <p>In an era of misinformation, questioning everything you read must be the standard. Is it the most up-to-date information? Is the author credible? Are there any other sources that confirm the information? Is the information too good to be true? At the end of the day, skepticism goes a long way to combat misinformation.</p>

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B	9	Endless Desires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about the idea of endless desires - learn words and expressions in the passage - share your thoughts about endless desires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - purchased - acquired - rushed - ticked pink - desire - luxury - innate - hilarious 	<p>She bought an iPod on the first day and an iPhone on the second. She purchased Chanel jewelry on the third day, acquired a Lamborghini car on the fourth and secured an Hermes bag on the fifth. She thought that was enough but it wasn't. She rushed to the mall, picked a pair of Louis Vuitton footwear and was tickled pink wearing it on her way back home. What an endless desire of luxury that was!</p> <p>It is undoubtedly a fact that having unlimited desire is truly an innate human nature. We compare ourselves to others and always wish to have what others have. It is hilarious to note that we get so curious about the possessions our friends, family and relatives have, the brands they are in to, the size of their house, the place where they live and even their lifestyle. Sad but true, we are so fond of longing for things we don't have instead of counting our blessings.</p>
B	10	Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about the idea of pollution - learn words and expressions about pollution in the passage - share your thoughts about environment protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teemed - marine - uninhabitable - pollutants - dumped - industrialization - terrestrial - skyscraper 	<p>Mother Earth is dying. Her blue blood teemed with marine animals like fish, seashells and sea grass is now dirty and uninhabitable. Waste full of chemicals and pollutants are dumped into the oceans and seas. Tons of trash are thrown into different bodies of water which made her barely breathe.</p> <p>Mother Earth is dying. Her skin full of green grasses and trees with thick leaves is now a mass of rotten brown flesh because of industrialization and illegal logging. Those grasses where terrestrial animals feed on; those trees of thick leaves where birds lay their eggs are now replaced with skyscrapers and establishments.</p> <p>Mother Earth is dying. Her body so cool and relaxing is now burning like hell because of greenhouse gases. Industrial smoke, bus and car emissions, combustions rapidly increase her body's temperature causing her to be weak day by day.</p> <p>Mother Earth is dying and she is telling us to help one another - To Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.</p>

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C	1	Billboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about billboards - learn words and expressions - give an idea about why billboards exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prolific - ubiquitous - provocative - sleazy - slick - oppressive - tutelage - dehumanized 	<p>Aloft the canopies of the concrete jungle hang the most prolific of all marketing devices, the billboard. They have sprung up along every major highways, as well as any highly traveled roads. For the denizens of the urban landscape it is a fixture of daily life. It is as imposing as it is ubiquitous. These colorful depictions of commercialized living is where one finds the constant promises of the enhancement of one's life through the consumption of their offers.</p> <p>Sleazy and slick salesmen exploit the fears and basic instincts of the vulnerable populace, all in an effort to extract more revenues, with billboards being one of their main tactics in their campaign to be bought by the public. Among those who fight back against the oppressive tutelage of modern marketing is an anonymous street artist who goes by the name of Banksy. He's internationally known for provocative art that challenges the status quo of crass commercialism and champions causes drowned out by the noise of advertising. He brings humanity back to a dehumanized society. He is a hero of our time.</p> <p>Billboards are attention grabbers. You can't help but notice a sign that is as wide as your house. Because of their size, they are highly successful at catching people's attention but billboards can be distracting. It attracts too much attention then it can potentially increase the likelihood of drivers crashing into each other, because they were too mesmerized by what is on the billboard.</p>

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C	2	Internet Friendship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about finding friends on the internet - learn words and expressions about internet friendship in the passage - share what you think about the good and bad side of the internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - omnifarious - congregate - gregarious - propagates - intercultural - assimilation - ubiquitously - speculation 	<p>People are innately social. We all gravitate towards one another for omnifarious reasons. If we don't have an actual reason, we're quite creative in making one. Take for example parties, galas, and other events that encourage us to congregate.</p> <p>Some more proof that we never grow tired of being gregarious is the development of online social networking sites and messenger apps. I wouldn't be surprised if Mark Zuckerberg reveals that the reason behind the creation of Facebook is the trusted and proven fact that business propagates at a rate which is directly proportional to the number of people. So why not provide a site that'll allow everybody to demonstrate how crazy we are about everybody else? Such a clever guy.</p> <p>Messenger apps and online social networking sites give us the ability to make friends with people from as far as halfway across the world. Isn't it amazing? Intercultural exchange and assimilation of different customs and traditions are now happening ubiquitously. On top of that, incipient advancements in technology may enable us to detect other life forms in our solar system, and eventually, our galaxy. In the future, we'd not only be taking pleasure in making conversations with fellow earthlings, but also with Jedis, Na'vis, or Kryptonians. Before you know it, you're already sharing your hobbies and interests with a Jedi! Taking things up a notch, by the time all these speculations have become a reality, physical teleportation of things might already be one of the features on your messenger app!</p> <p>Internet friends will have been able to send and receive gifts from halfway across the galaxy. What kinds of interesting gifts would they be! The future of internet friendship is indeed something to look forward to.</p> <p>Internet affords us a future of boundless opportunities for interaction and contact. It transcended our expectations with the emergence of many social networking sites that now serves as venues for us to stay in touch with our friends and be updated on their whereabouts and current preoccupation.</p>

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C	3	What guarantees happiness?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about what guarantees happiness - learn words and expressions about what guarantees happiness in the passage - share your thoughts about what happiness means 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fuzzy - flourishing - contentment - linked - attributed - neuropsychological - optimism 	<p>All people feel a different range of emotions. Some of these emotions are pleasant and are always wanted to be felt while other emotions we try to avoid as much as possible due to the pain it may cause us. What is perhaps the most popular and desired of these emotions is "Happiness". While all people are naturally inclined to seek to be happy, one might consider what actually would make him or her happy. Is happiness the same for everyone? What actually defines happiness?</p> <p>Happiness can be considered a fuzzy concept and could mean many different things to many people. Some closely related concepts to happiness are well-being, quality of life, flourishing, and contentment. According to a research study, humans seem happiest when they have: pleasure (tasty food, warm baths, etc.), engagements (or flow, the absorption of an enjoyed yet challenging activity), relationships (social ties have turned out to be an extremely reliable indicator of happiness), meaning (a perceived quest or belonging to something bigger), and accomplishments (having realized tangible goals).</p> <p>Happiness has also been closely linked to religion. Such an association may be attributed to the social connections of organized religion, and by the neuropsychological benefits of prayer and belief. To elaborate further, the benefits that make people happier from religion include social contact and support that result from religious pursuits, the mental activity that comes with optimism and volunteering, learned coping strategies that enhance one's ability to deal with stress, and psychological factors such as "reason for being."</p>
C	4	The Advocate of Peace: Malala Yousafzai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about the advocate of peace - learn words and expressions from the passage - share your idea about rights and freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advocacy - stood against - militant - threat - powerful weapon - icon - recipient - scoop 	<p>Can you imagine someone winning a Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 18? Known mainly for her human rights advocacy, Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani girl who stood against the Taliban, an Islamic militant group, and fought for education and women's right in her native land.</p> <p>Malala received the Nobel Peace Prize exactly two years and a day after a Taliban gunman shot her in the head on her way home. Despite the growing threat and danger, she continued fighting for every young girl's right to education and became an inspiration to them. She believes that education is a basic human right and a powerful weapon in promoting global peace and progress.</p> <p>She once told reporters that going to school, "is like walking through a magic door to your dreams". Malala became an international icon for Peace and a role model to the youth. She is the youngest ever recipient to scoop the Nobel Prize.</p>

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C	5	Superhero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about four types of superhero - learn words and expressions about superhero in the passage - define what a hero is to you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quoted - heroic - phenomena - supernatural - superhero - super heroine - sheer - inspiration - avid - fiction 	<p>What is a superhero? The definition of superhero, quoted from Wikipedia is “a type of heroic character possessing extraordinary talents, supernatural phenomena, or superhuman powers and is dedicated to a moral goal or protecting the public”. Superheroes and super heroines are non-existent. They are made up characters for fictional stories. Their purpose is sheer entertainment for readers and sometimes stands as an inspiration to people to do better on what they can do or drag them out from a feculent life.</p> <p>Being a superhero or super heroine is possible in real life and some even live amongst us. ‘What does it take to be a super hero?, you ask. It is simply being kind towards society. Protect your world by being friendly to the environment. Defend your citizens by helping them with what you can and be generous to people when the need arises. These are simple gestures for being recognized as a superhero in real life.</p>
C	6	Angkor Wat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about Angkor Wat - learn words to talk about religious monuments - share cultural or historical sites in your country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - replica - mythical - compass - cardinal - perspective 	<p>Angkor (in Cambodia) is the ancient capital of Khmer Empire. A temple built for King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city is called Angkor Wat (or Angkor Vat) which is dedicated to Vishnu (Hindu). In Khmer language, “Angkor wat” means “temple city”. It is located about six kilometers north of Seam Reap, south of Angkor Thom. The estimated construction time of the temple is 30 years.</p> <p>Angkor Wat is a miniature replica of the universe in stone and represents an earthly model of the cosmic world. The central tower rises from the center of the monument symbolizing the mythical mountain, Mount Meru, home of the gods in Hindu mythology. The surrounding moat represents the sea. The four sides face the cardinal compass points.</p> <p>If you want to visit Cambodia and witness this world’s largest religious monument, it’s best if you get some guidebooks to read. In the guidebook, it is stated that a traveler or a visitor may walk through the temples in the morning to avoid afternoon heat but this would take a minimum of five days. Temple veterans were quick to dismiss this strategy and advised to rent a bicycle in Siem Reap. Another option is a bus tour, which is offered at most area hotels. The easiest way if you are with a two to four other visitors is to hire a car and a driver.</p> <p>Traveling increases our knowledge and widens our perspective. It can help us change some of our habits or even create new ones. When traveling with friends or family it creates memories for a lifetime.</p>

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C	7	Artificial Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about artificial intelligence - learn words to talk about artificial intelligence in the passage - share your opinions about the impacts artificial intelligence has to human lives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - computer science - spam filters - prevalent - drawback - domain - counterpart - interference - enslave 	<p>Artificial intelligence is a wide field of computer science concerned with creating smart machines capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence. From the development of self-driving cars, smart assistants such as Siri and Alexa, email spam filters, smart home devices, and emerging innovations such as screenless video and advanced robotics, AI is becoming more prevalent in everyday life.</p> <p>According to an Ipsos survey for the World Economic Forum, about 60% believe that AI-powered products and services will make their lives easier. But will it make life better? Those surveyed were less certain, with only 52% believing that products and services based on artificial intelligence have more advantages than drawbacks.</p> <p>AI can help reduce human error and is available at all times. We can use it to make machines work 24 hours a day. Furthermore, AI is also powering many inventions in almost every domain, which will assist humans in solving the majority of complex problems.</p> <p>However, every bright side has a darker counterpart. With its advanced features, AI is making humans lazy, with most work becoming automated. As AI replaces robots for the majority of repetitive tasks and other manual labor, human interference is decreasing. This will cause a significant problem in employment standards.</p>
C	8	Multipotentialite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about multipotentialites - learn words to talk about multipotentialite: a person with no one true calling in the passage - share your opinions on the advantages and disadvantages of being a multipotentialite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calling - romanticize - coined - pursuit - concurrently - sequentially - polymath 	<p>People around us have asked what we want to be when we grow up at some point in our lives. This question has led us to believe that we must find one true calling to which we must devote our lives. As a result, people overly romanticize the idea of having that one true calling. Yet, some people do not want to be just one thing. Does that mean there is something wrong with them?</p> <p>"Multipotentialites" are people who have a variety of creative pursuits and interests, a term coined and popularized by Emilie Wapnick in her TED talk. She defined multipotentialites as people who pursue multiple paths in life, either concurrently or sequentially. Unlike specialists, they do not have one true calling. Furthermore, unlike polymaths, multipotentialites do not need to be experts in those fields. Their potential lies in their interests and efforts to pursue those career paths. Leonardo da Vinci, Benjamin Franklin, Aristotle, and others are examples of famous multipotentialites.</p> <p>Employers find multipotentialites valuable to the workforce. They are known for their ability to synthesize ideas (providing fresh and new ideas by bringing knowledge together from various fields), learn quickly, and adapt to new situations. These skills give them an advantage in the labor market.</p> <p>Choosing the path to take is hard. You may be confused about your choice, or you may not have come up with one. Therefore, whether you are a specialist or a person with multipotentiality, you should embrace your passion and true self. Being true to yourself leads to a more fulfilling life.</p>

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C	9	Endangered Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about endangered species - learn words to talk about endangered species in the passage - share some ways to preserve endangered species around the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - endangered species - diversity - biodiversity - ecosystems - implement - outlawed - extinction 	<p>In today's world, a vast diversity of animal and plant species populate different regions of the planet. Millions of species of various organisms constitute a biodiversity that encompasses a number of ecosystems. Each of these species plays integral roles in maintaining the balance of the ecosystem. The absence of any of these species may bring about unpleasant consequences and disrupt the ecological balance. Despite the millions of species that exist, an alarming number of them are under the threat of facing extinction. In fact, it can be said that a number of them have already ceased to exist. Perhaps the best known examples would be the dinosaurs and the dodo birds. Other species such as the American bald eagle, the giant panda, and the Siberian tiger are already at risk. A number of factors come intoplay that resulted in the slow decline in population of certain species. First of these would be overhuntingwhich involves mankind hunting down animals for the reasons of food consumption or mere sport. Another factor would be the introduction of invasive species in certain areas that could result to a number of outcomes such as competition for food or prey or even the transmission of unavoidable diseases.</p> <p>Due to these dangerous developments, various measures have likewise been enacted to preserve these endangered species and spare them from extinction. Governments have implemented laws that outlawed the hunting down of such species. Despite these laws, illegal poachers have still sought to hunt down these endangered species. Captive breeding is another measure being undertaken that involves the process of breeding endangered species in human controlled environments such as wildlife preserves and zoos. Only time will tell if these measures will prove effective and successful in the preservation of these species.</p>

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C	10	Child Labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read an article about child labor - learn words to talk about child labor in the passage - share your opinions about how child labor can be put to an end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obliged - impoverished - crucial - adequate - poverty - prevalent - detrimental 	<p>In traditional and modern cultures around the world, it has been the role of adults to undergo labor and employment in order to provide income for their respective families. Children, on the other hand, are traditionally obliged to pursue education. Unfortunately, in some instances, children would be forced to undergo labor, thus being deprived of a proper childhood and education. To make matters worse, such forms of labor may prove to be detrimental and harmful to the children’s mental, physical, social, and moral well-being. As such, the issue of child labor has been one of the most prevalent and controversial ones being faced by various countries in the world today.</p> <p>A number of causes have been attributed to the existence of child labor. What has been cited as its greatest single cause is poverty. For impoverished households, a child’s work income is usually crucial for his or her own survival or for that of the household. Income of working children, even a small amount, may be between 25 to 40% of the household income. The lack of meaningful alternatives such as the lack of affordable schools or quality education is another primary factor and concern. Many communities, particularly rural areas where child labor is prevalent, do not possess adequate school facilities. Other circumstances would include the distance of some available schools and the difficulty of reaching them. Such conditions would entail that children would have nothing better to do.</p> <p>On the other hand, certain cultural beliefs have rationalized child labor and thereby encouraged it. Some view that work is good for character building and skill development of children. In many cultures, particularly where the informal economy and small household businesses thrive, the cultural tradition is that children follow in their parents’ footsteps; child labor then is a means to learn and practice that trade from a very early age.</p>