AMERICAN CULTURE

Faces of the U.S.



Level:High Intermediate ESLMaterials Needed:World MapTechnology Needed:None

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The World



Directions: Look at a world map. Can you find the places below? Put a check after each one when you find it.

Asia _____ England _____ Europe _____ Mexico _____ Canada _____ Central America _____ South America _____

Directions: What do you know about each of the following continents? Write one thing you know. Ask someone else who might know something you don't.

Asia:	
England:	
Europe :	
Mexico:	
Canada:	
Central America:	
South America:	

A Nation of Immigrants

Directions: Read about American immigration.

The first people who came here were from Asia. They came because they needed food. They came approximately 20,000 years ago. When Christopher Columbus arrived in America in 1492, there were about 700,000 of them who lived in what we now call the United States. Today they're called Native Americans.

When people came here from England in 1607, there were 104 of them. Many people came from England after 1607. English became the language of the United States.

Between 1820 and 1987, almost 53 million people came to the United States. About 37 million people came from Europe, about 6 million cam from Asia, and about 11 million from Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America. Why did they come? Religion, politics and work were the main reasons.

Today, about 271 million people live in the United States. Only 6% of them (about 16 million) are immigrants. Although more and more people are born in the United States, everyone can say, "My ancestors are from another country."

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Where did the first people in America come from?

a.	Spain	с.	Asia
b.	England	d.	Mexico

2. When did the first people come from England?

a.	1492	с.	1607
b.	1537	d.	1620

3. Between 1820 and 1987, why did people come to the United States?

a.	religion	с.	work	

- b. politics d. a, b, and c
- 4. How many people live in the United States today?

a.	271 million	c. 53 million
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b. 2 billion d. 11 billion

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Immigration in the United States



Directions: Study the map and the dates of immigration from different countries.

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Directions: Fill in the missing countries and dates. Check your answers with page 4.

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Contributions of Immigrants

Now the United States is becoming a country of people who are born here. Only 6% of the population is immigrants. But immigrants made America. What do you think immigrants brought to this country?

Directions: Match each idea with the correct country. Take your best guess!

Work

- 1. _____ Germany, Scandinavia & Poland
- 2. _____ Scandinavia & Canada
- 3. _____ Sweden
- 4. _____ Switzerland 5. _____ England
- 6. _____ Greece, Italy, Portugal & Spain
- 7. _____ China & Ireland
- 8. _____ Italy

<u>Customs</u>

- 1. ____ Germany
- 2. _____ Holland
- 3. _____ France 4. _____ Italy
- 5. _____ Ireland

Food

- 1. _____ Holland
- 2. ____ Germany
- 3. _____ Italy
- 4. _____ Switzerland
- 5. _____ China
- 6. _____ Mexico
- 7. _____ India 8. _____ Middle East

- a. log cabins
- b. horses, cattle, sheep
- c. wine
- d. wilderness to farmland
- e. 1st railroad
- f. clock-making
- g. lumber
- h. citrus fruit and grapes
- a. elegant cooking
- b. bowling and golf
- c. sculpture and architecture
- d. labor unions
- e. Christmas tree
- a. chow mein
- b. spaghetti
- c. donuts
- d. yogurt
- e. curry
- f. cheese
- g. hamburgers
- h. tacos

CITIZENSHIP Faces of the U.S.



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

____ The World (page 2)

- ____ A Nation of Immigrants (page 3)
- ____ Immigration in the United States (page 4)
- ____ Contributions of Immigrants (page 6)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Faces of the U.S.

A Nation of Immigrants (page 3)

- 1. c
- 2. c
- 3. d

4. a

Contributions of Immigrants (page 6)

1. d

2. g 3. a

4. f

5. b

6. h

7. e

8. c

1. e

2. b

3. a 4. c

5. d

1. c

2. g 3. b

4. f

5. a

6. h 7. e

7. e 8. d

AMERICAN CULTURE

U.S. Icons



Level:High Intermediate ESLMaterials Needed:NoneTechnology Needed:None

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American Icons



In this lesson, you will learn about American culture from the products that were created for it by citizens. You can learn a lot about a culture from its food, clothing, machines, economy, and more.

First, you need some vocabulary to help you read easily and to help you understand more.

Directions: Use a dictionary to look up the words below. Read the sample sentence and then write one of your own.

Vocabulary Word	Definition	Sentence
1. icon - n.	a picture/person that represents an idea	 a. Tiger Woods is a positive <u>icon</u> for young people. b
2. product - n.		a. This <u>product</u> is on sale. b
3. inventive - adj.		a. An <u>inventive</u> person can make a new product. b
4. character - n.		a. The U.S. <u>character</u> is inventive and energetic. b
5. lifestyle - n.		a. Most Americans live a busy <u>lifestyle</u> . b
6. original - adj.		a. Levi's jeans are an <u>original</u> kind of pants. b

Original American Products



Directions: Think about American life. in the U.S. and often in other countries the newspaper to help you. List popular products that you see around the world. Use ads from

List three popular soda drinks.	List three popular kinds of casual clothes.
<i>Ex.</i> 7 <i>Up</i>	<i>Ex. T-shirt</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
List three popular snack foods.	List three popular fast food restaurants.
<i>Ex. nuts</i>	<i>Ex. Taco Bell</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

These products are common and popular because they represent parts of the American character, too. Many of them were developed originally in the U.S. by inventors who knew that their product would be popular within the lifestyles and/or values of the American people. If you can identify characteristics of these popular American products, it will help you to better understand the American culture where they originated.

Icons—Original American Products

Directions: Below are some antonyms, or opposites, that tell about original American inventions or products. Think about which ones best describe each product below and write it below the product name. Also add your own adjective(s). Remember that adjectives describe a noun--a person, place, or thing.

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	deliciousawful	fastslow	disposablepermanent
	comfortableuncomfortable	funboring	usefuluseless
	expensiveinexpensive	healthyunhealthy	thy educational—not educational
	portableimmovable	sweetsour	convenient-inconvenient
Cok	a-Cola (1886) Dr. Pemberton te in Georgia <u>delicious</u> unhealthy		Levi Jeans (1860) Levi Strauss makes the first pair of jeans.
	sweet inexpensive		
you	won adjective <u>bubbly</u>		your own adjective
	ato Chips (1853) George Cru , makes thin fried potatoes.		McDonald's Restaurant (1961) The McDonald's start a small hamburger place to support themselves while they try to become actors.
you	r own adjective		
			your own adjective
	ox (1938) The photocopy ma nted by Chester Carlson.	chine was	Crossword Puzzles (1913) The first crossword puzzle by Arthur Wayne is seen in the newspaper.
you	r own adjective		your own adjective



Think About Icons



 _____useful
 ____useless
 ____usephilie

 _____useful
 ____useless
 ____usephilie

 _____fun
 ____boring
 ____fast
 ____slow

 _____convenient
 _____portable

2. Do you think that these adjectives describe American people, too? Why or why not? For example, many American foods are fast foods because Americans are busy and want to eat quickly. Do any other adjectives describe American people?

3. Can you name something invented in your native country? How does it represent your culture? For example, reggae music is from Jamaica and has the relaxing rhythm of the water around the island.

4. Are any of these American products popular in your native country? Which ones? (Coca-cola, Levi jeans, Xerox machines, etc.)

5. Are they popular in your native country for the same reasons that they are in the U.S.? If not, why? _____

Icons—American People

We also think of some *people* as American icons or heroes. Their lives are usually interesting because they did something that we did not. They are sometimes icons because they represent something that we think is important. For example, we think of Benjamin Franklin as being inventive.

Directions: Look at the names of some American icons below. You will see adjectives that describe them. Use your dictionary if necessary.

Use the Internet to learn more about what makes these people icons. List some of the things they did and that make them famous. Print a picture of them and paste it on with facts about them.



For each person, list:

_____ birthday

_____ place of birth

what we remember them for (invent something, they did something new or different, etc.)

Example—Ben Franklin

Birthday—Jan. 17, 1706 Place of Birth—Boston, Massachusetts What did he do in his lifetime? He signed the Declaration of Independence, invented bifocal glasses, experimented with electricity, and more.

Choose two people from this group, or any others who interest you, to find on the Internet. List information on Handout #5.

**<u>Helen Keller</u>—blind, strong, courageous

**Bill Gates—entrepreneurial, intelligent, wealthy

**<u>George Washington</u>—honest, first, courageous

**<u>Amelia Earhart</u>—brave, adventurous, inspirational

**<u>Abraham Lincoln</u>—poor, self-educated, heartfelt

**Bill Cosby—funny, positive, family oriented

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American Icons: People-Record Sheet

Use the Internet to find information about two or more famous American icons. Choose them from the previous page or use another that you know. Try to find as much information as you can by going to more than one website if you can. Write words or sentences that tell about their lives. Print a picture and paste it with the person's story below.

(Picture or photo)	(Picture or photo)
Person's Name	Person's Name
Birthday	Birthday
Place of Birth	Place of Birth
What did they do in their lifetime?	What did they do in their lifetime?

American Icons: Spelling and Dictation Practice

Directions: Practice writing these vocabulary words three times each. 1. aspects _____ 2. character _____ 3. icons _____ 4. heroes **Directions:** Get the audio tape U.S. Icons. Listen to the **tape** and write the sentences you hear. Correct your sentences by using the answer sheet, circling mistakes, and writing the correct spelling above it. Write missed words below. 1. _____ 2. 3. _____ 4. **Missed Words** Write each missed word three times each on the lines below. 1. _____ 2. _____ ____ 3. _____ ____



4. _____ ____

Community Opinions

Directions: Go out into the community to talk to American people, neighbors, coworkers, etc., about icons. Ask the questions on the chart and write brief responses. Add other questions if you want, but don't worry about writing those answers. Enjoy talking!

Name	What American products do you think represent life in the U.S. today? Ex. Coca-cola	Which people do you think are American icons? Ex. Bill Gates	Tell me some adjectives about American icons. Ex. popular

Student Evaluation of the Interviews

1. Do any of the answers above surprise you? Why or why not?

2. What do you think the benefit of speaking with Americans is?

AMERICAN CULTURE U.S. Icons



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- _____ What's American? American Icons (page 2)
- _____ Original American Products (page 3)
- _____ Icons—Original American Products (page 4)
- _____ Think about Icons (page 5)
- _____ Icons—American People (page 6)
- _____ American Icons—People—Record Sheet (page 7)
- _____ Spelling and Dictation Practice (page 8)
- _____ Community Opinions—An Interview (page 9)

I have finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY U.S. Icons

What's American? American Icons(page 2)

<u>Product</u> n. something that is manufactured, like a TV

<u>Inventive</u> adj. good at thinking up new ideas, Sarah is inventive because she found a new way to cook eggs.

<u>Character n.</u> your character is the kind of person you are, like honest or dishonest <u>Lifestyle n.</u> a way of living, John lives a glamorous lifestyle. Original adj. first or earliest, The original cameras were made without lenses.

Original American Products (page 3)

List three: (accept any that fall into the category) sodas—Coke, 7Up, root beer, etc. casual clothes—tennis shoes (Nike, etc.), jeans (Levi's, etc.) snacks—chips, pretzels, nuts, etc. fast food restaurants—McDonald's, Carl's Jr., Burger King, etc.

Icons-Original American Products (page 4)

(Answers will vary.)

Coca-cola—delicious, inexpensive, convenient, sweet, fast, disposable Levi Jeans—expensive, comfortable, useful, disposable Potato chips—unhealthy, delicious, convenient, inexpensive, fast, disposable McDonald's—convenient, fun, delicious, expensive/inexpensive, fast Xerox—expensive/inexpensive, portable, convenient, useful, fast Crossword puzzles—educational, fast/slow, useful, fun/boring, inexpensive, portable

Think about Icons (page 5)

Answers will vary.

Spelling and Dictation Practice (page 8)

1. These products are common and popular because they represent aspects of the American character, too.

- 2. We also think of some people as American icons or heroes.
- 3. Their lives are usually interesting because they did something that we have not.
- 4. Learning about American icons can help you to understand American culture.

AMERICAN CULTURE Expressions & Gestures



Level: Materials Needed: Technology Needed: High Intermediate ESL None None

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What is American?

Directions: Read about American physical and verbal expressions.

<u>What is Character?</u> Character is a combination of qualities or features that separates one person, a group, or a thing from another.



What are Slang Expressions and Idioms?

Slang Expressions and Idioms are words or phrases that cannot be understood from the meaning of the individual words. Their meanings come from the use of all the words together giving them their own unique and individual meanings. For example: howdy (means "hello", used by people in the South, especially Texas)

What are Gestures?

Gestures are movements made with your hands to express a special meaning.

For example:







What is Body Language?

Body language is movements made with your body to express a special meaning.

For example:



What is a Situation?

A situation is made up of people doing a certain thing at a specific time and place. This can be an informal situation such as when one is playing or it can be a formal situation such as when one is working.



Formal Situation Job meeting



Adjectives

Directions: Study the adjectives.

An adjective describes a person, place, or thing.
courageous: brave and not afraid
demanding: asks firmly for things and doesn't accept a refusal
direct: honest, truthful, gets to the main point right away
energetic: very active
honest: open and direct, not likely to lie, cheat or steal
insensitive: someone doesn't think about other people's feelings.
materialistic: someone who believes that getting things is more important than anything else
money hungry: someone who believes that getting money is the most important thing in life
responsible: trustworthy, gets things done
rude: not polite
self-confident: secure about abilities, appearance
workaholic: someone who works a lot and does not want to do anything else

What three adjectives would you use to describe yourself?

Adjective Practice

energetic honest insensitive courageous demanding workaholic money-hungry self-confident A person who tells the A person who works all A person who believes A person who is not truth is: the time with no time to in himself is: sensitive to other do anything else is: people's needs is: workaholic A person who wants A person who has a lot A person who asks for A brave person is: money more than things urgently or firmly of energy is: anything else is: leaving no room for others to say no is:

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct answer, using the following words:

American Expressions

Directions: Write the correct expression under the picture.



Directions: Read each description and check the words that describe each of them. Notice that you may have both negative and positive feelings about each of these expressions.

Time is Money In the United States, some people say, "Time is Money." What does this mean? Have you ever-heard people say, "Time is Money?" Do they say it in your country? Do you have similar expressions in your country?	
Which of the words below do you think best describes someone who believes that "Time is Money?"	
workaholicresponsibleenergeticmoney-hungry	
What's the Bottom Line? "What's the bottom line" is another expression used by some people living in the United States. It means, "Get to the point." Which of the words below best describe the kind of person who says, "What's the bottom line?"	
Go For It! Has anyone ever said, "Go for it" to you. Which of the words below best describe a person who "Goes for it?" materialisticinsensitiveself-confidentcourageous	

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American Gestures



Direction: Write the number on the line with the correct answer.

1.	2.	3.
Time is money	What's the bottom line?	Co for it!
Time is money	What's the bottom line?	Go for it!

- a. 3 Give the okay sign with your forefinger and thumb touching.
- b. _____ Hold up your hand and tap your watch.
- c. _____ Give a thumbs up.
- d. _____ From a relaxed position, bring your head up, keep it erect, and look directly into the eyes of the person you're talking to.
- e. _____ Hold your hand up and rub your thumb against you first two fingers.

Community Task

Directions: Ask three of your classmates if they know the following gestures, and write their opinion

Gestures	Student 1 Name:	Student 2 Name:	Student 3 Name:
X.			
P.			
Talk .			

Expressions & Gestures

CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____ What is American? (pages 2-3)
- ____ Adjectives (page 4)
- ____ Adjectives Practice (page 5)
- ____ American Expressions (page 6)
- ____ American Gestures (page 7)
- ____ Community Task (page 8)

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ANSWER KEY Expressions and Gestures

Adjective Practice (page 5)

honest	workaholic	self-confident	insensitive
money hungry	demanding	energetic	courageous

American Expressions (page 6)

Picture 1:	-	Time is Money
Picture 2:		What's the bottom line?
Picture 3:		Go for it!

Time is Money: Money Hungry What's the Bottom Line: Direct Go for it: Self-confident

American Gestures (page 7)

- a. 3
- b. 1
- c. 3
- d. 2
- e. 1

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The U.S. Educational System



Level: Materials Needed: Technology Needed: Intermediate ESL None Internet Access

Vocabulary

Directions: Study the following definitions related to education.

education	the process of learning
goal	something that you hope to achieve in the future
knowledge	the information and understanding that you gain through learning and experience
learn	to gain knowledge of a subject or how to do something
school	a place where people are taught
schooling	education at school
vocational	a school or method of training that teaches you the skills you need for a particular job
system	a set of connected things that work together as a single unit

Directions: Complete the following sentences using the words in the word bank.

education	goals	vocational	
school	learn	knowledge	

- 1. Her ______ of mathematics is impressive.
- 2. Parents always want the best <u>education</u> for their children.
- 3. I would like to ______computer programming.
- 4. It is very important to set ______ in our lives.
- 5. What ______ did you go to?

6. If you want to be trained in business skills you need to go a ______ school.

The California Educational System

Directions: Read about the different types of schools in the United States.

Kindergarten Age 5	Parents are not required to enroll children in school until age six. Schools must admit children into kindergarten who have attained legal age. Legal age is 4 years and 9 months of age on or before September 1st of the current school year (i.e., 5 years of age on or before December 2nd).
Elementary School Ages 6-11 Grades 1- 6	Today the primary schools in the United States are called elementary schools. Educators teach children the basics but also the ability to be good citizens and serve society. The schools also teach equality and try to give each child an equal and fair education with no discrimination regarding their race, color, creed, or religious beliefs.
Junior High School Grades 6-8 or 7-9 Ages 11-14 or 12-14	Junior High School is a bridge between elementary school and high school. At this point your students are given the opportunity to have a number of different teachers and classes during the day. This prepares children for the high school experience.
High School Ages 15-18 Grades 9-12	Students attend high school to prepare themselves for vocational programs, community college or university. Clubs and sports are very important in high school and help prepare students to fit into society as social members and good sports in the game of life. High School students are free to express their social and political views in a variety of ways.

Home Schooling	Home Schooling is the term used for parents who choose to instruct their own youngsters at home. Home Schooling is legal in the state of California. In other words, a parent can choose to keep their child out of school and teach them at home. Instruction is provided by one or both of the parents.
Adult School High School Diploma (1-2years) / GED / ABE / ESL	Adult schools offer Adult Basic Education which make it possible for people without an education to study reading, writing, and mathematics. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are given to people who need to learn English. Citizenship classes and tests for citizenship are offered at many adult schools in California. Adult schools are available to <u>everyone</u> living in the United States over seventeen years old.
Vocational Job training (3months - 1 year)	Vocational Schools are available and usually take from six months to a year to complete. Many vocations or jobs are offered at these schools, such as truck driving and air conditioning maintenance. Many of these programs are offered free or at a low cost. You can call your local school district and get more information. Santa Ana College also has vocational counselors.
Community College Associate (2years)	These schools are available at a very low cost to students who are 18 years or older. If a student attends these schools for two years and maintains a C average they will be admitted into the California University System. Our Rancho Santiago Community College District is a member of the California Community College system.
University Masters (2years) Bachelors (4years) Doctorate (3-5years)	The California University System is one of the best in the country and offers educational opportunities to those who are admitted from high school or who transfer from community colleges in California. Students can study almost any subject and earn Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate Degrees.

Schools

Directions: Match the definition with the sentence

1Elementary School	a. In this school, children learn the basics and how to become a better citizen.
2 Junior High School	b. A student can learn to drive a truck at this kind of school.
3 High School	c. ABE and GED programs are available here.
4 Adult School	d. This school bridges the gap between elementary school and high school.
5 Vocational School	e. Many students go on to community colleges from this school.
6 Home School	f. You can attend this school and earn Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate Degrees.
7 Community College	g. This is two-year school where you can get an Associate's Degree.
8 University	h. Parents keep their children at home to teach them

Directions: Think about the school system in your country. What is the type of school in your country that corresponds to each school in the American system?

U.S. School	School in My Country
Kindergarten	
Elementary School	
Junior High School	
High School	
Home Schooling	
Adult School	
Vocational	
Community College	
University	

Research Your School



- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Go to address and type www.sacollege.org and click Go.
- 3. Click on **Continuing Education**.
- 4. Click on **Programs**.
- 5. Write three programs that Continuing Education has.
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
- 6. Click on English as Second Language (ESL) classes.
- 7. Click on Classes.
- 8. Write three classes offered by the ESL program.
 - 1.

 2.

 - 3. _____

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CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish

____ Vocabulary (page 2)

____ The California Educational System (page 3-4)

____ Schools (page 5)

____ Research Your School (page 6)

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ANSWER KEY The U.S. Educational System

Vocabulary (page 2)

- 1. knowledge
- 2. education
- 3. learn
- 4. goals
- 5. school
- 6. vocational

Schools (page 5)

- 1. a
- 2. d
- 3. e
- 4. c
- 5. b
- 6. h
- 7. g
- 8. f

CITIZENSHIP

Creating a Proposition



Level:	High Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	Easy Reading Voter Guide
Technology Needed:	Internet Access

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Creating Propositions in the U.S.

Abe Lincoln said that our "Government is of the people, by the people, and for the people."



This means that Americans are often active in what goes on in the government by voting, signing **petitions**, listening to candidates speak, and more. This participation is what President Lincoln meant when he said that the U.S. government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The government leaders do not sit in a beautiful building making all the decisions for the American public. This **involvement** in deciding laws and leaders is one American freedom. Many immigrants come to this country for such freedom, yet so few citizens here use it.

citizen request for change

participation

Directions: Think about your native country and answer the following questions.

- 1. Do most people there participate in the governing process? Yes/No
- 2. How? _____
- 3. What is the difference between the U.S. and your native country and how citizens participate?

Directions: Look up the words below in your dictionary. Write down the definitions.

1.	proposition n
2.	ballot n
3.	petition n
4.	proponents n
	to gather v
6.	to qualify v

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Preparing a Proposition for the Ballot

Directions: American citizens can initiate (start) a new law. Read the steps.



1. Define a problem in the community or state.

2. Write up a proposition. Tell how to correct the problem.

3. Circulate a petition to measure public support. Gather signatures of support.

4. With enough signatures, proposition goes on the ballot.

5. Citizens vote on the proposition.

Directions: Look at the sample proposition on the next page. It was written by ESL students. Complete the information below about it by reading it one section at a time.

School name: _____

Title: _____

The Issue/Problem: _____

The situation: Is the Saturday ESL class represented by the current student council? Yes/No

The proposal: The Saturday ESL class wants to become a part of the current student council. True/False

Argument for: The students will become involved in their school and community. True/False

Argument against: Students will spend more time setting up the council than they will spend in class. True/False

Your opinion: Do you think that the students in Saturday's ESL class should set up their own student council? Yes/No, because ______.

BELMONT COMMUNITY ADULT SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION BALLOT

Proposition 1

Title:

Formation of a Student Council for Saturday Class

The Issue:

Should the Saturday Class of Belmont Community Adult School form its own Student Council?

The Situation:

Currently, only the Adult Education Classes that meet during the week have a Student Council. The Saturday Class is not represented. The Saturday students are not involved in any type of community work and do not have a say in the present Student Council.

The Proposal:

The Saturday Class should have a Student Council so that they can become involved in the school and participate in community activities.

Argument for:

The formation of a Student Council will give the Saturday Students an opportunity to participate in a community organization and gain experience working in their own communities. The students are excited about becoming active, but they are not willing to make a significant commitment to the school because they do not spend enough time there. This Council will give them a chance to become involved.

Argument Against:

Saturday Students are busy and are only in class 2 hours per week. Having a Council will require students to spend more time with the Council than time spent in class. There is no need for a Saturday Student Council and the set-up work will be very demanding. Because this class only meets once a week for two hours, forming a Student Council is a lot to accomplish. Will they be willing to spend the extra time?

Voting Ballot Should the Saturday Class of Belmont Community Adult School have their own Student Council? (Check only one, tear off, and put into Ballot box.) YES NO

Sample Petition

Directions: Read this sample petition and then answer the questions below.

Petition for Proposition



The citizens of our class would like your support for the following proposition:

We would like to change_	
because	

Will you please participate in our democratic process by signing this petition? You will help us to put this proposition on the next ballot and make our world better. (We need a minimum of 8 signatures.)

Signatures

1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.

Directions: Answer these questions about a petition.

1. Who wants this proposition to pass? _____

2. Do the students want to keep something the same or change something? _____

3. What do the students who agree with the proposition need to do on the petition?

4. How many signatures are needed? _____

5. What will happen to this proposition if they get 8 signatures?

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The Easy Reading Voter Guide

The Easy Reading Voter Guide is made to help people understand what is happening in an election. The election basics about the candidates, political parties, and issues are explained in simple English. The citizen can then make the best choice with the information he/she has. You too, can learn a lot of English and a lot about the American system by reading through the Easy Reading Voter Guide.

Directions: Get the Easy Reading Voter Guide and answer the following questions.

1. List the topics on the front of the Easy	Reading Voter Guide under What's Inside?
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res. List three different names for a proposition.
C
ure? Yes/No
No
will cost? Yes/No
. What do you think these mean?
_ Cons mean
lecide what to vote for or against?
er Guide that you think you would vote for if you

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Propositions and the Internet



- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type <u>www.calvoter.org</u> and click Go.
- 3. Surf the site and find information to answer the following questions. Enjoy the ride!
- 4. List 4 new words that you found on this web site. Write their definitions.

Word	Definition
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

- 5. Can you learn about propositions on this site? Yes/No
- 6. What can you learn about propositions? (check those you see)
 - ____proposition titles
 - ____proposition number
 - ____who wrote the proposition
 - ____a description of the proposition
 - ____how many people signed the petition for it
- 7. How many signatures are needed to get a proposition on the ballot?

8. What other topics can you learn about on this web site? (Look at the main page of the web site)

9. Bonus question! Can you find the answer? (Look at the 1994 Easy Reading Voter Guide online)

What was the salary for the governor that year?

Participating in the American Political Process

The Easy Reading Voter Guide was made with the help of an organization called the League of Women Voters (LWV). One way for you to get involved in the American system is to contact a government representative. You can tell him/her why you came to this country, what you like about it, make a suggestion, or ask a question. Don't worry, people write and e-mail government representatives every day. Write your best English, but don't worry too much about it. Our representatives know that there are many immigrants living here who are learning English. You can remind them how important your classes and studies are to you, your family, and future. You can thank him/her, too.

- 1. Get on the Internet and go to <u>www.ca.lwv.org</u>. (League of Women Voters)
- 2. On the main page of the web site, scroll down (go down) a short distance to *Elected Reps*.
- 3. Click on it.
- 4. Choose one representative.

5. Decide if you want to write a letter or e-mail him/her. Copy the addresses from the web site.

6. Write your letter. Before you send it, have the teacher look it over.

7. Neatly type your letter, send or e-mail it. If you give your address, you may get a letter or e-mail in return.





CITIZENSHIP Creating a Proposition



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

_____ Creating a Proposition in the U.S. (page 2)

_____ Preparing a Proposition for the Ballot (page 3)

_____ Sample Proposition written by ESL Students (page 4)

_____ Sample Petition (page 5)

_____ The Easy Reading Voter Guide (page 6)

_____ Propositions and the Internet (page 7)

_____ Partic ipating in the American Political System (page 8)

I have finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Creating a Proposition

Creating a Proposition (page 2)

7. proposition n. new laws that the public votes on

8. ballot n. the form you mark when you vote

9. petition n. a letter signed by many people asking those in power to make a change

10. proponents n. someone who supports an issue or persuades people to do something

11. to gather v. to collect

Preparing a Proposition for the Ballot (page 3)

School name: <u>Belmont Community Adult School</u>

Title: Formation of a Student Council for Saturday Class

The Issue/Problem: Should the Saturday class of Belmont Community Adult School form their own student council?

The situation: Is the Saturday ESL class represented by the current student council? No

The proposal: The Saturday ESL class wants to become a part of the current student council. False

Argument for: The students will become involved in their school and community. True

Argument against: Students will spend more time setting up the council than they will spend in class. True Your opinion: Do you think that the students in Saturday's ESL class should set up their own student council? Yes/No, because

Sample Petition (page 4)

7. the citizens of our class

- 8. They want to change something.
- 9. They need to sign it.
- 10. 8
- 11. It will go on the election ballot.

The Easy Reading Voter Guide (page 6)

1. Answers depend on the actual year of the Guide. For example for 1996, Political parties in CA, Who is running for President, CA ballot measures, Easy voting tips

2. a. proposition b. ballot measure c. initiative

3. No

4. Yes

5. Does each proposition tell you how much it will cost? Yes

Give an example—proposition title Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act Cost \$1.8 billion

6. Pros mean the positive points. Cons mean the negative points.

- 7. You can look at the positive and negative points, decide which is more important, and then vote yes or no.
- 8. Answer depends on student's opinion.

Propositions and the Internet (page 7)

2. Yes 3.

- X proposition titles
 - $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ proposition number
 - ____who wrote the proposition

 $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ a description of the proposition

- ___how many people signed the petition for it
- 4. 5% of the number of voters that voted for the governor in the last election.
- 5. Schedule of events, brochure, about CA Voter Foundation, various election results, etc.

6. \$120,000

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CITIZENSHIP

History of Voting in the U.S.



Level:High Intermediate ESLMaterials Needed:Citizenship Now pp. 54-55Technology Needed:Internet Access

History of the Voting Process in the U.S.

Our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln, once said that Americans had a



What do you think this means?

It means that the citizens in the U.S. want to keep the government in the hands of the people. Also, the U.S. government must follow the *Constitution*, the highest law in the U.S., in all the decisions it makes.

1. Get the book **Citizenship Now** and read page 54 to learn a little about the US Constitution.

2. Answer the questions on page 55 on a separate piece of paper. Please do not write in the book.

3. Find the definition for the word *amendment* on page 54. Write it below.

amendment

The Voting Amendments

Directions: Look at the voting amendments below and think about the following questions.

Do these amendments give power to the *people* or to the *government*? Do they show *what President Lincoln said*?

"Government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Directions: Fill in the table.

Yea	Who It Helped	Law or Amendment	Power to People or Government?	Agree with Lincoln?
1789	white men owning property	Constitution adopted.	people	yes
1870	Black men only	15th Amendment All people of any race were given the right to vote.		
1920	women	19th Amendment Women were given the right to vote.		
1924	all Native Americans	U.S. government passes a law making Native Americans citizens which gave them the right to vote.		
1964	poor people	24th Amendment It was now illegal for states to charge people a poll tax.		
1965	poor/illiterate people	Voting Rights Act Literacy tests for voters were illegal. Bilingual election materials were made available.		
1971	18-21 year olds	26th Amendment The voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 years old.		



Directions: Answer the comprehension questions below. Look back to the chart on the last page for help.

1. What year was the Constitution adopted?

2. Which amendment gave voting rights to Black men?

3. What year did women get the right to vote?

4. How many years after the adoption on the Constitution did women get voting rights?

5. What did the 24th Amendment say? Write it here.

6. Who did the Voting Rights Act help?

7. How old do American citizens have to be before they can vote?

8. How did Native Americans get voting rights? Which year was that?

Directions: Circle T for true or F for false for each statement below.

- 1. The fight to get voting rights for all American citizens happened over many years. T F
- 2. When the Constitution was adopted in 1789, all citizens got the right to vote. T F
- 3. Black men and women got the right to vote in the same year. T F
- 4. Citizens must be 21 years old to vote. T F
- 5. An amendment is a change made to the Constitution. T F

Defining the Voting Struggle

Directions: Use the chart on page 4 to match (draw a line) the amendment to the correct description..

15th Amendment

Women waited 130 years to get the right to vote. They protested and finally earned the right in 1920.

19th Amendment

In 1971, this amendment became law when young men fighting in the Vietnam War protested that they couldn't vote for the leaders who would send them there.

24th Amendment

Before the Civil War (1860's), Blacks not vote. This amendment stopped voting prejudice based on color and race.

26th Amendment

In 1964, this amendment ended a voting tax which kept the poor from voting.

Learning on the Internet

1. Go to the internet

- 2. Type <u>www.usconstitution.gov</u> and click Go.
- 3. Copy the amendments related to voting from the Constitution.

15th Amendment:

19th Amendment:

24th Amendment:

26th Amendment:

4. Type <u>www.whitehouse.gov</u> and click **Go**.

5. Write down some topics that you can learn there.

On this site, I can learn about:

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*	
*	
*	

6. Go on a tour!

CITIZENSHIP History of Voting in the U.S.



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

____ History of the Voting Process in the U.S. (page 2)

____ The Voting Amendments (page 3)

- _____ Understanding the Voting Amendments (page 4)
- ____ Defining the Voting Struggle (page 5)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY History of Voting in the U.S.

History of the Voting Process (page 2)

Check your answers in the book (Citizenship Now).

The Voting Amendments (page 3)

All of the amendments give power to the people, so yes they show what President Lincoln said about the U.S. government.

Understanding the Voting Amendments (page 4)

- 1. 1789
- 2. 15th amendment
- 3. 1920
- 4. 131 years
- 5. It was now illegal for states to charge people for a poll tax.
- 6. poor/illiterate people
- 7. 18 yrs.
- 8. U.S. government passes a law making Native Americans citizens. Then they could vote in 1924.
- 1. T
- 2. F
- 3. F
- 4. F
- 5. T

Defining the Voting Struggle (page 5)

15th Amendment The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States of by any State on account of race, color,, or previous condition of servitude.

19th Amendment The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

24th Amendment The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice Presidents, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative n Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

26th Amendment The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States of any State on account of age.

CITIZENSHIP

Jury Duty



Level:High Intermediate ESLMaterials Needed:Video "Justice By Jury"Technology Needed:Internet Access



Jury Duty in the United States

Directions: Read the information below and use the <u>Legal Vocabulary for Jury Duty</u> sheet on the next page to find the definitions of the **bolded** words below. Write the definitions.

All people in the United States, citizen or not, have the right to a (1) trial by jury. This (2) privilege is written in the Constitution of the US and all citizens are expected to serve on a (3) jury when called. A jury is a group of 12 citizens who plan to make a fair decision in a case because of information they hear from the lawyers during a trial. Jurors serve in two kinds of trials--(4) criminal and (5) civil. A juror must be a citizen at least 18 years old and able to understand enough English to know what is going on in the courtroom. He/she wasn't on a jury in the last 12 months and was never (6) guilty of a serious (7) **crime**, or felony. A juror must attend jury duty when called by a (8) summons, and will miss work, often without pay. Probably the best thing about a trial by jury is that it keeps the (9) justice system in the hands of the people. Citizens participate and share the responsibility for (10) justice.



Legal Vocabulary for Jury Duty

accuse v. to say that a person did something wrong

justice system n. the process in the U.S. to keep society fair, just, and safe

a privilege n. a right or advantage

court case n. a situation between two people or two groups brought to court

a jury n. a group of 12 citizens that together listens to a court case and then works together to make a decision about it

a juror n. a citizen who goes to court to help make a decision in a court case for another person

crime n. an action that breaks the law

criminal case n. a case in court against a person accused if breaking the law

civil case n. a case in court between two or more people or with a business

a jury panel n. a group of citizens preparing to become jurors

guilty adj. when someone did something wrong, they are guilty

innocent adj. when someone did *not* do something wrong

a trial n. a legal presentation in court of a case before a judge and jury

to dismiss/excuse v. to give permission to leave

a summons n. a legal paper that requests a citizen's attendance in court

Directions: Now read the story on page 4 again and circle at least three other new words in the story. Use your dictionary to find the definitions and write down the meanings below.

New Words	Definitions
1.	
2.	
3.	



Understanding What You Read



Directions: Fill in the missing words below. Look back to the story if you need help. Check your answers after you finish. Use each word one time.

Magna Carta	United States	court case	privilege	England
jury	understand	courtroom	guilty	jury duty
participate	justice system	trial	citizens	

Jury Duty in the United States

More about Courtroom Vocabulary

Directions: Use this information below to complete the matching exercise.

Criminal Case a case brought by the people of a state against a person or
business accused of breaking the law
Prosecutor attorney who tries to show the <u>guilt</u> of the defendant
Defense Attorneyattorney who tries to show doubt on defendant's guilt
Defendantthe person accused of breaking the law
Civil Casea case brought between two or more individuals or a business
Plaintiff's Attorneyrepresents the person bringing the case
Plaintiffthe person bringing the law suit
Defense Attorneydefends the person named in the case
Defendant the person named in the case
Courtroomroom where a judge hears legal cases
Judgea legal referee, makes sure all play by the rules, law professional
Court Clerktakes care of the paperwork and evidence in a trial
Bailiffprovides security in the courtroom
Court Reporterrecords everything said

Match the Courtroom Terms

 Defense Attorney Defendant Criminal Case Prosecutor	 a. attorney who tries to show the <u>guilt</u> of the defendant b. a case brought by the people of a state against a person or business <u>accused</u> of breaking the law c. attorney who tries to show <u>doubt</u> on defendant's guilt d. the person accused of breaking the law
 Plaintiff	a. a case brought between two or more individuals/business
 Civil Case	b. represents the person bringing the case
 Defendant	c. the person bringing the lawsuit
 Defense Attorney	d. defends the person named in the case
 Plaintiff's Attorney	e. the person named in the case
 Bailiff	a. room where a judge hears legal cases
 Court Reporter	b. a legal referee, makes sure all play by the rules
 Courtroom	c. takes care of the paperwork and evidence in a trial
 Judge	d. provides security in the courtroom
 Court Clerk	e. records everything said

Video: Justice by Jury



Directions: Watch the video **"Justice by Jury".** Answer T for true, F for false.

1. The US Justice System is in the hands of the people.		Т	F
2. Jury duty is a citizen's duty.	Т	F	
3. A civil case is between 2 lawyers.		Т	F
4. The defendant in a criminal case is charged with a crime.	Т	F	
5. As a juror, you do not have to be fair.		Т	F
6. The Constitution gives people in the US the right to a trial.	Т	F	
7. Jurors can discuss their case with family and friends.	Т	F	
8. Being a juror can be a very interesting experience.	Т	F	

Directions: Format of a Trial Number the order of these phases in a trial.

- _____ Present evidence (witnesses, photos, etc.)
- _____ Closing Arguments (final summary)
- _____ **Opening Statements** (outline of a case)

Learning on the Internet

- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type www.lasuperiorcourt.org and click Go.
- 3. Click on Virtual Courtroom.

4. Click on the **courthouse door** to go in. Spend time going through the court to learn all that you can about US courts, jobs there, and jury duty. Follow the steps below.

a. Go into the courtroom. Complete the courtroom map below.

b. Click on each courtroom label, like 'bailiff', to learn about jobs in the courtroom. Which job looks the most interesting to you?_____

c. Go back to the Hallway in the Courthouse. Click on different places to learn about the LA Courts.

Seating Chart for the Courtroom Write in the players' titles from the website.



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Jury Duty Interview



Directions: Interview 4 citizens in your classroom or in your community. Ask the questions and write down what the person says.

What's your name?	Staci		
Are you a citizen? (Yes/No)	Yes		
Have you done jury duty? (Yes/No)	Yes		
What was it like? What did you learn?	Interesting. I learned about jury selection.		
Do you want to do jury duty again? (Yes/No)	Yes.		



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

____Jury Duty in the United States (page 2)

Legal Vocabulary for Jury Duty (page 3)

_____Understanding What You Read (page 4)

____More About Courtroom Vocabulary (page 5)

_____Video: Justice by Jury (page 6)

____Learning on the Internet (page 7)

____Jury Duty Interview (page 8)

I have finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Jury Duty

Understanding What You Read (page 4)

- 1. United States
- 2. privilege
- 3. citizens
- 4. jury
- 5. trials
- 6. understand
- 7. courtroom
- 8. guilty
- 9. jury duty
- 10. justice system
- 11. participate

More About Courtroom Vocabulary (page 5)

- c. Defense Attorney
- d. Defendant
- b. Criminal Case
- a. Prosecutor
- c. Plaintiff
- a. Civil Case
- e. Defendant
- d. Defense Attorney
- b. Plaintiff's Attorney
- d. Bailiff
- e. Court Reporter
- a. Courtroom
- b. Judge
- c. Court Clerk

Video: Justice By Jury (page 6)

1. T	5. F	<u>2</u> Present evidence (witnesses, photos, etc.)
2. T	6. T	<u>3</u> Closing Arguments (final summary)
3. F	7. F	Opening Statements (outline of a case)
4. T	8. T	

Learning On the Internet (page 7)

Titles in a Criminal Case	Titles in a Civil Case
1. Judge	1. Judge
2. Jury	2. Jury
3. Court Reporter	3. Court Reporter
4. Bailiff 4. Bailiff	
5. Prosecutor	5. Plaintiff's Attorney
6. Defense Attorney	6. Defense Attorney
(#5 and #6 of each can be	reversed)

CITIZENSHIP

Registering to Vote



High Intermediate ESL	
Telephone Directory,	
Calendar	
None	

Basic Voting Information

Directions: Read the voting requirements and put a check next to each one that describes you.

Requirements to Register to Vote	Describes Me
 U.S. Citizen 18 years old Not in jail or a felon on parole 	

You must have a check by all three in order to be able to vote. How many checks did you make?

Directions: Read the list of different places you can register. Put a check next to each place that you have been to before.

Places to Register	Places I have Been To
 Post Office Library Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Registrar of Voters City Clerk/County Government Offices 	

How many of the places listed above have you been to?

Directions: Use the telephone directory to find phone numbers for the following offices.

	Useful Telephone Numbers
Democratic Party Republican Party League of Women Voters Registrar of Voters/County Clerk Secretary of State Voter Assistance Hotline	() () () () () ()

Voting Timelines

VOTER REGISTRATION DATES



Voting Deadlines

YEAR: _____

OCTOBER							
S	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	

NOVEMBER								
S	Μ	Т	W	TH	F	S		

Directions: Follow the instructions below to fill out the calendar above.

1. We only vote on even-numbered years. Write the next year people can in the space above.

2. Find out when the first day of October is and write the dates on the calendar above. (October has 31 days.)

3. Election day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Write <u>Election Day</u> on the calendar. What date is Election Day?

4. You must register to vote at least 29 days before the election. Write <u>Last Day to Register</u> on the calendar. What is the last date you can register to vote?

5. Look at the timelines on page 3. Write the following dates on the calendar above: Registration Deadline for New Citizens, Receive Absentee Ballot.

Register to Vote

Directions: Fill out the voter registration card.

1. NAME				
	first	last		middle
2. RESIDENC	ТЕ		8. OCCUPATION	
number/street	apt.			
city	county	zip code	-	
3. MAILING A	ADDRESS (if different fro	m residence)	9. PRIOR REGISTRATION Have you ever been registered? □	Yes 🗆 No
number/street		apt.	NAME	
city	county	zip code	first last FORMER ADDRESS	middle
4. DATE OF F	BIRTH		number/street	apt.
(month/day/ye	ear)		city county POLITICAL PARTY	zip code
5. BIRTHPLA (name of state	OCE or foreign country)		READ THIS STATEMENT BEFOR I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED	
 6. POLITICAL PARTY (CHECK ONE) American Independent Party Democratic Party Libertarian Party Peace And Freedom Party Republican Party Decline To State Other (Specify)			WILL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT ELECTION. I AM NOT IMPRISONED OR ON PAROLE FOR THE CONVICTION OF A FELONY. I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE IN- FORMATION ON THIS ADFFIDAVIT IS TRUE ANI CORRECT.	
7. TELEPHON	NE NUMBER		SIGNATURE	DATE

CITIZENSHIP Registering to Vote



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____ Basic Voting Information (page 2)
- ____ Voting Timelines (page 3)
- ____ Voting Deadlines (page 4)
- ____ Register to Vote (page 5)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Registering to Vote

Answers will vary. Have your teacher go over your answers with you.
CITIZENSHIP

Why Vote?



Level:High Intermediate ESLMaterials Needed:NoneTechnology Needed:None

Voter Percentages in 20 Democratic Nations (1980-1989)

This chart shows different countries and the percentage of people who vote, who were eligible.

Country	% of people who voted
BELGUIM	94%
AUSTRIA	92%
AUSTRALIA	90%
NEW ZEALAN	ND 89%
SWEDEN	88%
WEST GERM	ANY 87%
DENMARK	86%
ITALY	84%
NETHERLAN	DS 84%
NORWAY	83%
ISREAL	79%
GREECE	78%
FINLAND	74%
UNITED KING	GDOM 74%
IRELAND	73%
CANADA	72%
FRANCE	70%
JAPAN	68%
UNITED STAT	
SWITZERLAN	

Directions: Answer the questions with information from the chart above.

- 1. What county has the highest percentage of voters?
- 2. What country has the lowest percentage of voters?
- 3. What percentage of people in the United States vote?

Have you ever voted in an election? Have you ever voted in the United States? Do you think that voting is important? Voting is a responsibility and privilege that many Americans enjoy. Some people don't vote. Why not? In this packet you will learn some reasons why people vote and why some do not vote. You will also learn why voting is important.



The People Who Vote

Directions: Read some of the different reasons people vote. Before each reason write a topic from the box below.

 1.	I vote because I want my kids to have more parks to play in.
 2.	I vote because I care how much I pay in taxes and how those
	taxes are spent.
 3.	I vote because I believe in equal access for the disabled.
 4.	I vote because I care about how America interacts with the
	rest of the world.
 5.	I vote because I'm concerned about health care.
 6.	I vote because I depend on public transportation.
 7.	I vote so I can decide who speaks for me in Washington.
 8.	I vote because I care about the quality of my child's
	education.
 9.	I vote because I want to be sure I can get emergency
	services when I need them.
 10.	I vote because I want to be sure my library stays open.
 11.	I vote because I want to help protect our world.

Access	Education	Emergency	Environment	Foreign Policy
Health Care	:Law	Libraries	Parks	Representation
	Services	Taxes	Transportation	

The People Who Don't Vote



Directions: Many people do not vote. Read the reasons below why people don't vote. Are any of these true about you? Put a check next to the reasons you agree with.

- I work all day. I don't make a lot of money. Politicians never fight for me.
- □ One vote doesn't make a difference
- There are too many people on the ballot. I only want to vote for President.
- \Box I can't speak English.
- \Box I never have time. I work from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- \Box I'm too busy. I need to feed my kids.
- $\Box \qquad \text{It's raining.}$
- □ I forgot to register to vote.
- The Democrats and the Republicans are the same.
- $\Box \qquad I'm \text{ too tired.}$
- □ I don't like immigrants.
- I don't know what the politicians think. They just say bad things about each other.



Which One Are You?

Directions: Write three reasons why you think it is important to vote.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Directions: Write three reasons why you wouldn't vote.

Directions: Interview some of your classmates or people in your community about voting.

Voting Survey

Directions: Find 3 citizens in your classroom or your community to talk to about voting. Ask them the questions below and write their answers in the table.

Name	Do you vote?	Why do or don't you vote?
Eric	No.	I don't have time.

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CITIZENSHIP Why Vote?



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

____ Voter Percentages (page 2)

____ The People Who Vote (page 3)

____ The People Who Don't Vote (page 4)

____ Which One Are You? / Voting Survey(page 5)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Why Vote?

The People Who Vote (page 3)

- 1. parks
- 2. taxes
- 3. access
- 4. foreign policy
- 5. health care
- 6. transportation
- 7. representation
- 8. education
- 9. emergency
- 10. libraries
- 11. environment

COMMUNITY Making a Difference on Paper



Level:	High Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	Telephone Directory
	(white pages)
Technology Needed:	None

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Letter Writing

Directions: Read about writing business letters.

In the American system, you need to record important information in writing. For example, if your telephone bill is too high, you can call customer service at your phone company to tell them about your problem. Then you can **follow up** the call by writing down the take the next problem in a letter. Always keep a copy of your letter and write down step the date of the phone call you made, the time you called, and who you spoke to. It is an acceptable part of our system to write letters to express a concern about almost any kind of problem. If the letter is written **politely**, directly, and with a cooperative attitude, many businesses and nicely people will try to help you. In this unit, you will prepare a letter expressing your concern about an important problem in your community. It isn't required that you make a call. However, calling and writing makes a bigger difference and may get the problem **solved** sooner. corrected

Defining a Neighborhood Problem

1. Think about problems that you see in your neighborhood or talk with another student about it. Here are some possibilities:

* tra * ga	ash on the street	 * speeding cars in the residential area * a store selling alcohol to minors (kids under 18 years
old)	ing.5	a store sening aconor to minors (Red ander 10 years
	roken street light	* graffiti
2.	List two problems t	hat you see in your neighborhood.
a		b
3.	Choose the most in	nportant one to you. Circle it above.
4.	•	his problem in your neighborhood can be fixed? treetlight is broken, someone from the city needs to come out
5.	Who will it help if t	his problem is corrected? It will help:
	me my children neighbors	other adultslocal storesother childrensenior citizensothers
6.	Who do you need t	o write and/or call about this problem?
		s Phone Book. Look in the front to find phone numbers for es like those below. What's the # for your City Hall?
	fire departmen	ment
7.	If you are not sure	where to write about your city's problem, you need to call and

7. If you are not sure where to write about your city's problem, you need to call and ask someone at city hall which department or agency is able to help. Also ask for the specific name of the person who needs to receive the letter and ask for the address and phone number. This will help your problem to be looked at sooner.

Call about a Problem



Directions: Practice the conversation below with a partner so that you will feel more confident to make a phone call.

You Hello, I am calling to ask where I can get some help with a problem in my city.

Secretary OK, what is the problem?

You Well, all around my city I see _____. I would like to write a letter to someone who can help me **solve** this problem.

Secretary Let me see who can help you.

You OK, thank you. And can you please tell me the address of the person, please?

Secretary Sure. One moment. OK, here it is. You can write to <u>name</u> at <u>address</u>.

You Can you spell the street name please? And how do you spell that person's last name?

Secretary Is there anything else I can do for you?

You No, thank you.

Secretary You're welcome.



Prepare to Write about the Problem

Now that you know which community problem is most important to you, it is time to write down some details about it. Know that learning to write a letter will help you to deal with personal problems, as well as community problems, in the future, too. To organize your letter, answer the questions below with complete sentences.

For your letter, tell:

1. What is the problem and what you were told about it if you made a call? For example: The problem is that the traffic on my street moves too fast, so I called the police department. They told me to write to Mr. Smith in Traffic Control. (Ask how to spell the name you are told if you don't know how.)

What is the problem you will write about? The problem is _____

What were you told when you called about the problem? When I called I was told ______

- 2. When did you call? (date and time) I called on (date) ______ at (time) _____AM/PM.
- **3.** Who did you talk to? (Make sure you have the correct spelling.) I talked to ______
- 4. What do you want done? I would like for ______to____to____.
- 5. Ask for an answer. Ask the person you write to call you or write you during the next two weeks. If you don't get a response, write to the person or call again. Please <u>write/call</u> me in the next two weeks. (circle the one you'll request)

Get Busy and Write!

Directions: Read about the letter format.

When writing a formal letter about some kind of business or	
problem, neatness is very important. If possible, type your letter.	clean, no mistakes
Erase any mistakes carefully and spell all words correctly. The	
language in your letter needs to show a cooperative attitude, not an	
angry one. You can be strong in your request , but polite as well. This	what you are
will encourage people to help you. Finally, always keep a copy of	asking for
letters you send so that you can remember what you wrote and when	
to expect a response.	



Letter Format

Today's Date
Name of Person you are writing to Address
Dear <u>Name of Person</u> ,
I am writing about a problem in my city
Sincerely,
Your signature
Your name
Your address
Your phone number (optional)

Sample Letter: Making a Difference on Paper

Directions: Read the sample letter.

February 12, 2001

Mr. Joe Smith City Traffic Controller 1000 E. Main Street Lemon City, CA 99999

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to express my concern about the fast moving traffic on my street every day. I live on Pine Street near Edinger Avenue in Santa Ana. I am very worried because my small children play out front of our house and the cars are speeding near them. I don't want to wait until my child is hit by a car before I bring this problem to your attention.

What can I do as a member of this community to slow down the traffic on my street?

I called the city yesterday afternoon, February 11, 2001 and spoke to the secretary of city planning, Ms. Brown. She said that she would pass on my message to you. She also told me to contact the Santa Ana Police Department and speak to them. Maybe they will have a policeman come and give tickets to the people speeding on my street.

Since I am very worried about this problem in my neighborhood, I am sending you this letter, too.

Please write or call me during the next couple weeks to let me know what can be done.

Thank you for your time and concern,

Tom Packard

Tom Packard 111 Pine Street Santa Ana CA 92705 (714) 000-0000

Your Letter: Your Difference on Paper

Directions: Now you try it. Use the information that you wrote on the previous page to complete this letter.

Today's date

Name of r	berson you	are writing to,	use Mr	./Mrs./M	Is./Miss

Street address

City, State, zip code

Dear _____, (Name of person above)

I am writing to you about a problem _____

Thank you for your time and consideration,

(your signature)

Your name (printed) Your address Phone Number (if you want a call back) Ask your teacher to look at your letter for errors, then write it again on stationery or type it on a computer. Remember to put a stamp on the letter and mail it. Then wait for a response. If you haven't gotten a response in 2-3 weeks, call again. The squeaky wheel gets the grease!

**Bring in your stamped, addressed envelope to show the teacher before you mail it.

Write to the White House

1. Write a letter to the President, Vice-president, a state senator, or state representative. You will probably receive a letter response, and when you write to the President, you may receive a photo of him. You can find out the name of your senator or representative by going on the Internet to <u>www.ca.lwv.org</u>. Click on *Elected Reps*. Be sure to put on a stamp and mail your letter.

President's Name	Name of Rep
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20500	Washington, DC 20510
(202) 456-1414	(202) 224-3121
Senator's Nam	e
United States S	Senate
Washington, D	C 20510
(202) 224-3121	

2. An easy way to send a message or letter to the President or Vice-president is to go to <u>www.whitehouse.gov</u>. You can send them e-mail. Also, you can take a tour of the White House and learn many interesting things about it.

Try It



____ Go to <u>www.whitehouse.gov</u>

_____ List four things that you can learn about on this site.

_____ Click on *Tours* on the home page. Tour the White House to decide which room there is the most interesting to you.

Which one? ______ Why?

_____ Click on *Contact* on the home page. Choose who you want to e-mail. Think about what you want to say—a compliment, describe a concern that you have, tell about your experience here in the U.S., etc. Your e-mail can be short. It does not need to be long.

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CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____ Letter Writing (page 2)
- ____ Defining a Neighborhood Problem (page 3)
- ____ Call About a Problem (page 4)
- _____ Prepare to Write about the Problem (page 5)
- ____ Get Busy and Write! (page 6)
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I have finished all the worksheets and activities.

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COMMUNITY

Pitching In



Level:	Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	Telephone
Technology Needed:	Internet Access

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Volunteerism and Community Involvement

Directions: Use your dictionary to look up these words. Write definitions on the lines.

volunteer v
nvolvement n
pitch v
convalescent adj
campaign n
arboretum n

Directions: Read the information below.

One way to get involved in your community is to volunteer. Volunteering helps to make your community better. People volunteer once a year, once a month, once a week, or as your time permits. Another reason to volunteer is that you can learn more English and practice it in your community. You also get work experience. Some volunteer jobs turn into paying jobs.

There are many different places to volunteer in your community. On Handout #2, you will answer questions that will help you decide where you might volunteer. Places that need volunteers are listed, too.

Maybe you never thought about volunteering because you work and go to school. Remember, volunteering in a museum, library, or with a kids' soccer team, is a great way to practice English and make new friends.

Directions: Write four reasons why many people volunteer.

1	2
3	4

Questionnaire for Community Involvement "Pitching In"

Helping Hands--You can make a difference!

Directions: Below are some ideas for places you can **pitch in** for your community. Answer each question by circling *yes* or *no*.

Remember—you can volunteer once a year, once a week, or in the time that you have. Also, it's a great way to learn and practice your English.

1. Do you enjoy working with children? (yes no) * Boy Scouts of America * Girl Scouts of America * YMCA * YWCA * Big Brothers of America * Big Sisters of America * a local school or preschool * children's sport's coach * children's church group 2. Do you enjoy working with Senior Citizens? (yes no) * Community Center * a convalescent home * Meals on Wheels 3. Do you like politics? (yes no) * work at a polling booth * help a political party of your choice * help pass out campaign information 4. Do you like to help sick people? (yes no) * local hospital * convalescent home 5. Do you like to work outdoors? (yes no) * a college arboretum * local preserved area or nature center 6. Do you like to work with animals? (yes no) * local animal shelter * local zoo 3

7. Do you enjoy libraries or museums? (yes no) * library * museum

8. Do you want to help your own community? (yes no)

Can you...? Read the ideas and circle your answer.

a. Go to a school in your neighborhood and ask what you can do to help. Be prepared to do almost anything. (yes, maybe, no)

b. Bring a cooked meal a sick neighbor or invite a lonely neighbor over to eat. (yes, maybe, no)

c. Pick up some groceries for a senior citizen while you're at the store. (yes, maybe, no)

d. Carpool with neighbors to and from school. (yes, maybe, no)

e. Pick up mail/newspapers for a neighbor while they're on vacation. (yes, maybe, no)

List other ideas that you have about how to make a difference in your community. Talk with your classmates or with a partner.

1.	 -
2.	 -
3.	 -
4.	 -
5.	 -



Using the Internet Pitching in and Volunteering in my Community



1. Go to the Internet.

2. Type www.google.com and click Go.

3. In the box, type in the actual name of a local place where you'd like to consider volunteering or type in **Volunteer Orange County, California** and press **enter.**

4. Look at the sites that come up, locate the one you want, and click on it.

5. Answer the questions below.

What is the complete name of this place on the website?

What is the street address?

What is the phone number?_____

Is there an e-mail address? (Yes, No) What is it?

Is there a person listed to call? (Yes, No) Name of the person_____

What kind of help do they need?

Write other website information that you think is important.

Phone Record: Helping In My Community

Directions: Prepare to make a phone call to discuss volunteer opportunities at the site you found on the Internet. Even if you don't think that you will volunteer there, practice your English and make the call. Practice this conversation before you call. If possible, practice it several times with a partner. You can change the underlined information.

Volunteering at the Library

You: Hello, I'd like to speak to someone about volunteering.

Clerk: OK, you need to speak to Jane Berry at extension 2234. I'll put you through.

You: Hello, my name is ______and I'm taking a class about community involvement. I need to get information about volunteer opportunities there. Can you help me?

Employee: Yes, my name is Jane Berry. How interesting. Well, we always need help with **shelving books** and **checking out books**. Are these things you might be interested in doing? (putting books on shelves /scanning books before they leave the library)

You: Well, I don't know. I work and go to school, so my schedule is busy. How often do people volunteer?

Employee: Some come in once a week on Saturday morning. Others come once a month.

You: How many volunteers do you have?

Employee: We have about 46 regular volunteers.

You: When do you need volunteers?

Employee: We need volunteers Monday-Friday between 10AM and 7PM.

You: My English isn't perfect. Is that a problem?

Employee: I don't think so. You are doing fine now talking to me. Are you bilingual? We often need help with customers who speak another language.

You: Yes, I am.

Employee: That's great!

You: Thank you very much for your time.

Employee: You're welcome. Just call me again if you think that you want to volunteer.



Volunteer Phone Log

Directions: Now, take the information about a site that you have, call, and ask the questions below. Write down the answers, either during the call or after the call. Try to relax!



You: Hello, I'd like to speak to someone about volunteering. Who can I speak to?

Person's name ______at extension #_____.

You: Hello, my name is and I'm taking a class about community involvement. I need to get information about volunteer opportunities there. Can you help me? What kind of volunteers do you need?

Kind of volunteer help needed: _____

You: How often do people volunteer? How often people volunteer: _____ You: How many volunteers do you have? Number of volunteers: _____ You: Which days and hours do you need volunteers? Days and times needed: days _____ hours _____ You: My English isn't perfect. Is that a problem? (Circle one.) Yes or No

You: Thank you very much for your time.





Phone Call Evaluation

Directions: Think about your call and answer the questions below about it. How did it go?

Name of place you called:		
· · ·		
Date of call	Time of call	

Did you speak to a person or an answering machine?

Name of the person you spoke to on the phone _____

Phone # called (____)_____

If you spoke to an answering machine, what did the message say? What message did you leave?

(first and last)

If you spoke to a person, describe your conversation._____

What kind of volunteer opportunities are there? _____

How did you feel during and after the call? (nervous, comfortable, excited, etc.)



What's the next step in becoming a volunteer at this place? Will you try it? Why or why not?

Talking To People in Your Community

Talking to people can be a great way to practice your English! Use the chart below to interview people and learn more about getting involved in your community. It's the American way! Practice asking these questions to a couple classmates before you go out.



Directions: Find at least 4 people who have volunteered before. Ask the questions below and write a short answer. Be sure that you thank them. Enjoy your conversations!

	1 st Person	2 nd Person	3 rd Person	4 th Person
1. What's your name?				
2. Do you volunteer anywhere?				
3. Where do/did you volunteer?				
4. What do/did you do?				
5. Why do/did you do it?				

Make a difference in your community— get involved!

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CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- _____Volunteerism and Community Involvement
- ____Questionnaire—Pitch In
- _____Using the Internet
- _____Phone Record—Helping in My Community
- _____Volunteer Phone Log
- _____Phone Call Evaluation
- _____Talking to People in Your Community
- I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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COMMUNITY

Solving a Problem by Phone



Intermediate ESL
Telephone Directory
(white pages)
None

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What Are Some Community Problems?

Directions: Use the following list to write sentences about problems in your community. Think of two other community problems. Think of one or two possible solutions to each problem.

PROBLEM	SENTENCE	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
Graffiti	There is a lot of graffiti on the walls at the corner of 5 th and Fairview. There are a lot of bad words on the walls at the corner of 5 th and Fairview.	I could call the city and have them paint the wall I could call the police and tell them about the problem.
Gangs		
Drugs		
Trash		

Using the White Pages



Directions: Pick one problem that is the most important to you. Look up the phone numbers of a person or agency that might help you to solve the problem.

Example:	Problem: Stray dog
	Agency: Animal Control
	Phone Number: 714 935-6848

I. Which problem is most important to you and your neighborhood?

II. Write phone numbers here from your local phone book of a person or agency that might help you with this problem.

Agency

Phone Number

III. Here are some ideas you should consider when you make a call.

- Use polite words like "please" and "thank you".
- Be friendly and have a cooperative attitude.
- Speak slowly and clearly.
- Stay calm.



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Sharing Your Problems

Directions: Practice the following conversation with two other people.

A: you B: receptionist/operator C: the person who can help you

SAMPLE CONVERSATION

- A: My name is (*your name*) and I am calling to tell you about a problem in my neighborhood. May I please speak to someone who can help me?
- B: What kind of problem is it?
- A: There is a lot of graffiti on the walls at the corner of 5th and Fairview in Santa Ana.
- B: I will transfer you to *Yolanda*. She may be able to help you.
- C: Hello! How may I help you?
- A: I am calling to let you know that there is a lot of graffiti on the walls at the corner of 5th and Fairview.
- C: I will have someone take care of that problem immediately.
- A: Thank you very much.
- C: Thank you for letting us know about it.



Report a Community Problem



Directions:

1. Think of a real community problem.

2. Make a call to the correspondent agency.

3. Fill out the following phone record and return it to the learning center to show that you have completed this assignment.

Suggestions:

You might call the local library. Ask them whom to call and how to solve the problem. You only have to call about one problem but you may need to make more than one phone call before you reach your final destination.

PHONE RECORD

Your Name_____

Date Of Call	Time Of Call	Name Of Place Called	Name Of Person You Spoke To	Check This Box If You Spoke To An Answering Machine	Message Left On The Answering Machine

COMMUNITY Solving a Problem by Phone



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish

____ What are Some Community Problems?

____ Using the White Pages

____ Sharing your Problems

____ Report a Community Problem

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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HEALTH Choosing a Dentist



Level: Materials Needed: Technology Needed: High Intermediate ESL Telephone Directory (yellow pages) Internet Access

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Choosing a Dentist: Ask a Friend



Directions: Read.

When people are healthy, they don't think about doctors. But do you know that when people are healthy, they SHOULD think about doctors?

Welcome to our center. In this lesson, you are going to learn how to choose a dentist.

How can you find a dentist that is good for you?

One of the best ways to find one is to ask your friends for a referral. If your friend has visited a particular dentist, and was satisfied with his service, he will recommend him.

What will you ask your friend? You might ask him:

- Do you have a dentist?
- Where is his office located?
- How long does it take before I can see him?
- What kind of dental work did he perform?
- What is his fee for an office visit?
- Does he accept insurance?
- How long have you used his service?
- Were you satisfied with his service?
- Do you recommend this dentist?



Synonyms



Words that mean the same or nearly the same are called **synonyms.**

Directions: Draw a line from each word on the left to its synonym on the right.


Fact and Opinion

A **fact** is something that can be proven. An **opinion** is a feeling or belief about something and cannot be proven.



Directions: Read these sentences about selecting a dentist. Then write \mathbf{F} next to each fact and \mathbf{O} next to each opinion.

- _____1. I have a dentist.
 - 2. His office is located on Main Street.
- _____ 3. I think he is busy. You won't see him soon.
- _____4. He cleaned my teeth and filled a cavity.
- _____5. I don't think that he charges a lot of money.
- 6. He accepts insurance.
- 7. I have used his service since I moved to Santa Ana.
- ______ 8. I am very satisfied with his work.
- _____9. He's the best dentist in the area.
- _____ 10. A friend recommended him.



Choosing a Dentist: Talk to the Receptionist



Directions: Read.

You might not have a friend who can recommend a dentist. You might have to find a dentist by yourself. A good place to find a dentist is in the TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. You will have to look in the YELLOW PAGES section of the directory. The yellow pages list businesses and services.

Here are the questions you can ask the receptionist:

- *How long has the dentist been in practice? How long has he been a dentist?*
- Did he graduate from an accredited university?
- *Does he accept insurance? Which insurance does he accept?*
- What are his *fees*? How much does he *charge* for teeth cleaning or a simple filling?
- Where is the office located?
- What are the office hours?
- When is the next available appointment for teeth cleaning or a simple filling?

Vocabulary

in practice – working
accredited university – a recognized university
fees – charges
charge – ask for payment
simple filling – dental work that fills a cavity in the tooth

When you have this information, choosing a dentist will be easy!

Venn Diagram

A Venn Diagram is a diagram that shows how two things are the same and different.

Directions: Look back at the questions that you might ask a friend and the questions you might ask a dentist's office.

1. In the first circle, write the questions that you might ask a friend. (Example: Do you have a dentist?)

2. In the second circle, write questions that you might ask a dentist's office. (Example: How long have you been in practice?)

3. Where the two circles overlap, write the questions that you can ask both a friend and a dentist's office. (Example: Where is the office located?)



Questions you can ask both a friend and a dentist.

Orange County Health Care Agency

The Orange County Health Care Agency offers low-cost or free dental care to people who qualify for this service. You will need to visit or call the Agency. It is located at:

Orange County Health Care Agency Dental Health Program (714) 834-8408

1725 W- 17th Street Santa Ana

It is on the north side of the street. It is west of Bristol Street. It is between Bristol and Fairview.

Directions: Circle the Orange County Health Care Agency on the map below.



When you visit the agency, you will be asked to complete some forms. The most important form will ask for personal information. This information is necessary to process your application.

Community Task: Go to the Orange County Health Care Agency. Ask for the forms for low-cost or free dental services. Bring the forms back to the center and complete them.

Health Care Application

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the information.

Personal Information

surname	given name	maiden name	
DOB	SS#		
residence	city	state	zip code

VOCABULARY
surname - family name, last name
given name - first name
maiden name - for women only: family name before marriage
DOB - date of birth
SS# - Social Security number
residence - address

Ask a Friend



Directions: Ask 3 people (neighbor, friend, classmate) if they can recommend a dentist. Use the questions that you learned in the lesson. Write the names of the dentists below.

Dentist	Address	Phone Number

Find a Dentist in the Yellow Pages



Directions: Get the yellow pages telephone directory.

Directories are always in alphabetical order. To find a dentist, look in the yellow section with words that begin with the letter "D".

Write the names and telephone numbers of 3 dentists below:

Dentist's Name	Telephone Number

Dentistry Online



- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type. www.healthfinder.gov and click Go.
- 3. In the search box, type dentist.
- 4. Write 5 of the websites that are listed in blue.

1.	
2.	
3.	
5.	
5.	

5. Click on one of the websites. What information can you find there?

HEALTH Choosing a Dentist



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____Choosing a Dentist: Ask a Friend (page 2)
- ____Synonyms (page 3)
- ____Fact and Opinion (page 4)
- ____Choosing a Dentist: Ask the Receptionist (page 5)
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I finished all the worksheets and activities.

Student's Signature

Instructor's Signature

ANSWER KEY Choosing a Dentist

Synonyms (page 3)



Fact and Opinion (page 4)

- 1. fact
- 2. fact
- 3. opinion
- 4. fact
- 5. opinion
- 6. fact
- 7. fact
- 8. opinion
- 9. opinion
- 10. fact

Venn Diagram (page 6)

Answers will vary.

HEALTH

Skin Cancer



Level:	Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	None
Technology Needed:	Internet Access

What Is Skin Cancer?

Directions: Read a bout skin cancer and answer the questions below.

Skin cancer is a disorder of the skin. There are three basic types of skin cancers.

- basal cell carcinoma
- squamous cell carcinoma
- malignant melanoma

Basal cell carcinoma grows very slowly, and rarely spreads. It often looks like a sore, and usually appears on the face.

Squamous cell carcinoma typically appears on the face, especially near the lips and around the ears. It may also appear on the hands. It looks like an open sore that gradually get bigger.

Malignant melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer. It is the most dangerous because it may spread to other parts of the body. Malignant melanoma usually takes the form of a dark, raised lump, and is usually an irregular shape. Any mole, lump, or area of discolored skin should be examined by a dermatologist because it can be cancerous.

1. What type of skin cancer is the most dangerous?

- 2. Which type of skin cancer rarely spreads?
- 3. What two types of skin cancer usually appear on the face?



Visit your doctor immediately if you have any skin discoloration or unusual growth.

Cancer Vocabulary

Directions: Use the Internet to help you learn more about skin cancer.

- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type <u>www.melanoma.com</u> and click **Go**.
- 3. Click on the **Glossary**.
- 4. Look up these words and write the definitions.

basal cell carcinoma:

benign:
biopsy:
dermatologist:
malignant:
metastasis:
moles:
squamous cell carcinoma:
sun protection factor:
UV radiation:

Are You at Risk for Skin Cancer?

Directions: Read.

If a person is at risk, that means that his chances for having cancer will be higher than a person who is not in the same group.

People who are at risk are:

- People who have fair skin and light eyes.
- People who live in a sunny climate.
- People who work outdoors a lot.
- People who sunbathe.
- People who do not use protection against the sun's harmful rays.
- People who are middle- age or elderly.
- People who have moles, freckles, or unusual growths.
- People who have a family history of skin cancer.
- People who, as children, were sunburned.

Directions: Take the quiz below to see if you are at risk for skin cancer.

1.	Do you have fair skin and light eyes?	yes 🗆	no 🗆
2.	Do you live in a sunny climate?	yes 🗆	no 🗆
3.	Do you work outdoors a lot?	yes 🗆	no 🗖
4.	Do you sunbathe?	yes 🗆	no 🗆
5.	Do you forget to use sun protection?	yes 🗆	no 🗖
6.	Are you middle- aged or elderly?	yes 🗆	no 🗆
7.	Do you have moles, freckles, or unusual growths?	yes 🗆	no 🗆
8.	Do you have a family history of skin cancer?	yes 🗆	no 🗖
9.	Did you get sunburned as a child?	yes 🗆	no 🗖

How many times did you mark yes?

The higher the number, the higher you are at risk for skin cancer.

How Can You Protect Yourself?



Directions: Read about skin cancer prevention.

The best way that you can protect yourself from the dangers of skin cancer is prevention.

Skin Cancer Prevention Is Easy!!

Follow these easy rules:

- 1. Don't stay outdoors for long periods of time, especially between the hours of 10AM and 4PM.
- 2. Always use a sunscreen lotion with an SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15. This blocks the sun's harmful rays.
- 3. Wear protective clothing. This will prevent sunburn.
- 4. Examine yourself at least once every three months. Report any changes in skin to your doctor.

Directions: How do you protect yourself and your family from the sun? Write down 4 ideas.

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3.	 	
4.	 	

Sun Protection



- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type www.skincancer.org and clock Go.
- 3. Click on Sun Safety.
- 4. Read "Sun Safety How to protect yourself and your family."
- 5. Write three suggestions that you learned from this article.

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6. On the left, click on **FAQ** (frequently asked questions).Click on the following questions and write down the answers. Scroll down the page for more questions.

 1. Do sunscreens prevent skin cancer?

 2. How should I use a sunscreen?

 3. What does SPF mean?

 4. At what time of day is the sun most dangerous?

 5. Does clothing provide good protection?

 6. Why are sunglasses important?

HEALTH Skin Cancer



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____ What Is Skin Cancer? (page 2)
- ____ Cancer Vocabulary (page 3)
- _____ Are You At Risk For Skin Cancer? (page 4)
- ____ How Can You Protect Yourself? (page 5)
- ____ Sun Protection (page 6)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANWER KEY Skin Cancer

What Is Skin Cancer? (page 2)

1. malignant melanoma

2. basal cell carcinoma

3. basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma

Cancer Vocabulary (page 3) See website for definitions.

Are You At Risk For Skin Cancer? (page 4) Answers will vary.

How Can You Protect Yourself? (page 5) Answers will vary.

Sun Protection (page 6) See website for answers to FAQs.

HEALTH

Stress



Level:	High Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	None
Technology Needed:	Internet Access

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Vocabulary

Directions: A glossary is a list of definitions of words in a text. Study the definitions below.

stress	any change in daily activity that causes pressure, worry or tension
to cope	to be able to handle or manage a situation
to slow down	to decrease activity
to accelerate	to increase activity
to loosen-up	to relax
visualization	the act of creating a picture in one's mind
journal	a notebook in which a person records feelings and events in his life
stressor	any situation that causes stress

What is Stress?

Directions: Which of the following situations is stressful? Put a check in front of the stressful situations.

- _____Your car has a flat tire.
- _____You receive a promotion at work.
- _____You are taking a nap.
- _____You will visit your family after a long absence.
- ____You are reading a good book.
- _____You got a parking ticket.
- _____You are playing soccer with your friends.
- _____You just had a new baby.



Sometimes a happy

Stress

Directions: Read.

Stress is universal. Every person, in every country, has stress. We are born with stress and it follows us throughout our entire life. Stress is when you are worried about paying the bills, when you are worried about being late for work, when you are worried about your mother who is far away and is sick. Stress is the same as worry, tension, or pressure.

Did you know that your body has a different definition of stress? To your body, stress is change. Anything that changes in your life is stress for your body. Sometimes the change is good. Sometimes the change is bad. Maybe you bought a new car. Maybe you broke your leg. Good or bad, this is a change in your life, and your body thinks of it as stress. If you imagine possible changes in the future, that is worrying, and that is stress too.

Anything that causes change in your daily routine is stress.

Anything that causes change in your body health is stress.

Stress is many different kinds of things: happy things, sad things, physical things, allergic things. Many people carry stress loads and do not even realize it!

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

1. Children and _____ have stress.

2. The body understands stress as any ______ in your daily routine.

3. If you think about possible changes in your life, that is ______, and that is stress too.

4. Stress is the same as tension, pressure, or _____.

5. Anything that causes changes in your daily ______ is stress.

6. Anything that causes changes in your body ______ is stress.

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Physical and Emotional Stress

Directions: Read.

Emotional Stress

- \checkmark You have an argument with your spouse, roommate, or friend.
- ✓ Your neighbor plays loud music and you are trying to sleep.
- \checkmark Your sister thinks that you should not spend so much money on entertainment.
- \checkmark Your mother thinks you should go to church more often.

These arguments, disagreements, and conflicts cause changes in your personal life. This is emotional stress.

Physical Stress

- \checkmark You hurt your back when you try to pick up something heavy.
- \checkmark You have a cold and a fever.
- \checkmark You have an allergic reaction to some medicine.
- \checkmark You have an ear infection.

These are all changes in your body condition; these all result in physical stress.

You work fourteen hours a day. You drive six hours every weekend to be with your friend. You have a great social life and go to parties every weekend. You give your body no time to rest.

Your body is like a car. If you keep driving your car, but never give it a rest, sooner or later it will break down. You will "run out of gas", just like a car. If you continue to do this, you will possibly cause damage to your body. The effort your body makes to try to stay healthy is a major stress.

Directions: List five events that can cause emotional stress.
Example: loud music
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Directions : List five events that can cause physical stress.

	Example: extreme change in temperature			
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Healthy Stress

Directions: Read.

The good news is that stress CAN be healthy! In some instances, it is actually the stress that pushes us to our limits and allows us to succeed. We are all different; consequently, we all cope with stress in a different way. At one time or other, you have certainly coped with stress in a positive way.

One example of good stress is the finish line at the end of a race. It might seem stressful to finish the race, but in reality, it is the stress that motivates us to finish the race. At work, your boss tells you that you have a deadline. The deadline keeps you focused on your work, and because you are under stress, you work faster and more efficiently.

It is your birthday and your friends are coming to visit you later this afternoon. You prepare a delicious meal and clean your house in less time than usual. Stress be a motivator and help you get work done more quickly.



Sometimes stress can

Stress Can Be Healthy!

Directions: We have all experienced stress. Remember that stress can also affect us in a positive way. List three occasions when stress was actually healthy.

Example: An employer offered workers a bonus if they were able to increase production ten percent by a certain date.

1.	 	 	
2.	 	 	
3.			

Reduce Stress in Your Life

Directions: Read about how to reduce stress in your life. Do the **TRY IT!** activities.

There are three easy techniques to reduce stress. They are:

- "Slow down activities"
- "Accelerate activities"
- "Loosen up activities"

"Slow - down activities" are exercises that will help you to relax and reduce levels of stress. The easiest and most effective exercise can be done anywhere, and anytime. When you are very stressed, take control of your breathing. Slow down your breathing. Breathe in for five seconds, and then breathe out for five seconds.

TRY IT!	Breathe in for 5 seconds (1-2-3-4-5)
	Breathe out for 5 seconds (1-2-3-4-5)

When you do this, you will find that you breathe more deeply. When you breathe more deeply, you will find that you are exchanging all the "stale air" for new, "fresh air". Some people do this by inhaling, and then exhaling into a paper bag.

Another activity is visualization. Visualization is when we use our imagination to "see" a picture or scene in our minds.

TRY IT! Close your eyes. Relax. Take a deep breath. Visualize yourself in a pleasant situation. Let your imagination take you to a faraway place where there are no worries or fears. Go to a deserted island or the Amazon rain forest in just a few minutes while you are sitting in a comfortable chair.

"Accelerate activities" are exercises that will relieve stress that causes body tension. Exercise is stimulating and exhilarates the body. In addition to exercise, you might listen to some lively music. Dance. Sing. It will make you feel better. Just as important as the body is the mind. Give yourself a pep talk. Motivate, encourage and persuade yourself. Ask a friend to join you for this exercise. Sharing your feelings with others often relieves stress.

TRY IT! Stand up and stretch. Arch your back. Stretch your arms and legs. Jump up and down. Move your body all around and let the blood circulate.

"Loosen-up activities" are exercises that relax the muscles. But in order to relax the muscles, they must first be tense.

TRY IT! Start with your facial muscles. Tighten your muscles, as if you are making an angry face. Hold it for about thirty seconds. Slowly release. Continue this with all the muscles in the body.

You will be amazed at how much tension is released. Another activity is to stand up and vigorously shake your arms and legs, and then your whole body. Then, take a deep breath and go limp all over.

Try to keep a journal. A journal is simply a notebook where you can write down your thoughts and feelings. Journaling, or writing down you thoughts is an excellent way to reduce stress. When we are in touch with our feelings, it is easier to be in control of a situation.

Directions: Make a list of activities that you would be interested in doing.

1 2	"Slow – down activities"		
2 "Accelerate activities" 1 2	1	 	
"Accelerate activities" 1 2	2	 	
2	"Accelerate activities"		
2	1	 	
"Loosen-up activities"	2	 	
1	"Loosen-up activities"		
1	1	 	
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Stress Online

1. Go to the Internet.

2. Type www.teachhealth.com and click Go.

3. Scroll down and click on Checklist for Handing Overstress.

4. Under each of the headings below, find two ideas and write them on the lines.

Reduce Your Stress Load

Get Off the Roller Coaster

Do a "Rest for Your Mind" Activity

HEALTH Stress



CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

- ____Vocabulary (page 2)
- ____Stress (page 3)
- ____Physical and Emotional Stress (page 4)
- ____Healthy Stress (page 5)
- ____Reduce Stress in your Life (page 6)
- ____Stress Online (page 8)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Stress

Vocabulary (page 2)

 \checkmark Your car has a flat tire.

 \checkmark You receive a promotion at work.

__You are taking a nap. ✓You will visit your family after a long absence.

__You are reading a good book. ✓You got a parking ticket.

__You are playing soccer with your friends.

 \checkmark You just had a new baby.

Stress (page 3)

- 1. adults
- 2. change
- 3. worrying
- 4. worry
- 5. routine
- 6. health

Physical and Emotional Stress (page 4)

Answers will vary.

Healthy Stress (page 5) Answers will vary.

Reduce Stress in your Life (page 6) Answers will vary.

Stress Online (page 8)

See website for possible answers.

PERSONAL SAFETY Preventing Crime At Home



Level:	Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	White Pages
Technology Needed:	None

Making Your Home Safe



Directions: Read about making your home safe.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes. What is involved is getting some sturdy locks.

- √ Even though a thief will probably find a way into your apartment/home if he really wants to, if the burglar can't break the lock in a few minutes or less he/she will probably give up. Always keep entrance doors secured with <u>deadbolt</u> locks. You should install a viewer/peep-hole in your front door.
- $\sqrt{}$ Use secure locks on windows and sliding patio/doors where you can insert a metal or wooden pole. Have good lighting, in working condition at all entrances. Install lights around the outside of your home

Directions: Look at the two floor plans below. Pick the one that looks like your home the most. You can choose the floor plan that most closely looks like your own home. If you want, you can draw your own on another piece of paper. On the floor plan, put an X on the places where doors need to have locks, and put a Y on the places where windows need to be secured.



Home Safety Story



HOME SWEET HOME

Directions: Find definitions for the new words. Then complete the story with the words in the box.

New Words	Definitions	
1. Peephole	Brief look through a hole	
2. Pickproof		
3. Intruders		

police	key	windows	
peephole	pickproof	intruders	

You have the right to be safe in your own home. To protect yourself and your home, you

need to try to keep ______out of your home. Never open your door without

looking through the ______. Never leave your _____ under a doormat or in

a flowerpot. When leaving your home, always lock all doors and _____. Have

locks for your doors that are ______.Report all suspicious crimes to the

_____ immediately.

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Crime Report-5 W's



If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, do not enter. If you see criminal or <u>suspicious</u> activities nearby, immediately notify the police. They will ask you questions using the following five **W's** so it's important for you to know them.

1 <u>WHO-</u> is the person or persons or the perpetrator) 2 <u>WHAT-</u> is the event or happening itself – answers the question of what happened.3 <u>WHERE</u> - is the location or place of the crime
4 <u>WHEN-</u> is the time, day or date the event happened and 5 <u>WHY-</u> is the motive (or cause) of the incident that happened.

Directions: Read the story and be ready to give a crime report by using the 5W's.

One afternoon Maria was looking out her window at home. She saw two men with a color TV. They were carrying it to their truck. She went outside to talk to them. "Are you TV repairmen?" she asked. They said that they were. Then she told them that she too had a TV that wasn't working. There had been reports of strangers in the neighborhood, but she was not worried. She asked them to take her broken TV along with the other one. "Sure," the men said. "We'll take your television." Then Maria gave them her color TV. The men put the two televisions in their truck and drove away. Maria never saw her television again. (That's because the two men were not TV repairmen. They were robbers!) Poor Maria.

WHO	
WHAT	
WHERE	
WHY	
WHEN	

WHAT ARE THE FIVE W'S FOUND IN THE STORY?

Know Your Neighbors



Do you know your neighbors, their children, their cars? Do you know who is home during the day and who is away? Do you know who belongs on your street and who is a stranger?

Find the number of your local police department. Write the number here:_____

Ask the Crime Prevention Unit to send you information on how to start a Neighborhood Alert program on your block.

Directions: Write down the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three neighbors who you could contact to see if they are interested.

Name:	 	
Address:	 	
Phone number:	 	
Name:	 	
Address:	 	
Phone number:	 	
Name:	 	
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Address:	 	
Phone number:	 	

PERSONAL SAFETY Preventing Crime at Home



CHECKLIST: Check **Ö** each worksheet when you finish.

- ____ Making Your Home Safe (page 2)
- ____ Home Safety Story (page 3)
- ____ Crime Report- The 5 W's (page 4)
- ____ Know Your Neighbors (page 5)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Preventing Crime at Home

Home Safety Story (page 3) Definitions: <u>Pickproof</u> – Term that describes breaking a lock. <u>Intruders</u> – Strangers who are unwelcome.

intruders
 peephole
 key
 windows
 pickproof
 police

Crime Report- The 5 W's (page 4) Who: Maria. What: Burglars pretended to be TV repairmen Where: Maria's home. When: One afternoon. Why: Burglars wanted to steal TV.

PERSONAL SAFETY Getting Ready for Disaster



Level:	Intermediate ESL
Materials Needed:	Telephone Directory
	(white pages)
Technology Needed:	Internet Access



First Aid and Survival

People often forget they can easily find help in an emergency in the First Aid and Survival Guide in the first few pages of their local phone book.

Directions: Get the White Pages. First, find the information in the front of the phone book on how to correctly dial 9-1-1. Then answer the following three questions.

- 1. (Please put the following in correct sequence using 1, 2, 3, 4) After calling 9-1-1 is:
 - _____Give the address and directions to find the victim
 - _____Give the phone number from where you are calling
 - _____Describe what happened
 - _____Give your name

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

- 2. You should use 9-1-1-
 - A. Only in life-threatening emergencies
 - B. To complain about noise in your neighborhood
 - C. Only when there is an earthquake
- 3. Give your information to the 9-1-1- operator and then
 - A. Hang up the phone and re-dial
 - B. Go to the emergency room
 - C. Find out what to do until help arrives

Emergency Supply Check List



Directions: Below is a list of things you should have in your home to be prepared for an emergency. Read each item. Put a check next to each thing you have. Put a check next to each item you need to get.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY CHECK LIST	HAVE	NEED TO GET
stored water (one gallon per person per day)		
two-week supply of food		
three-day supply of food		
special diet food		
baby food and pet food		
flashlights and lanterns		
portable radio and batteries		
fire extinguisher		
tools including shovel, hammer, pliers,		
crescent wrench. portable ladder.		
garden hose		
rope		
medications and first aid kit		
sleeping bags, blankets, pillows		
tent		
walking shoes		
warm clothing		
large garbage can		
utensils and can opener		
waterproof matches		
butane stove and fuel		
first aid kit		
personal care and hygiene items,		
charcoal grill		

Earthquake Emergency Kit

Using the emergency supply checklist from the preceding page you can start to put together your own Earthquake Emergency Kit. <u>Please keep in mind that *water* is your **most important item**.</u>

Remember in a severe earthquake it is possible you could be without police, fire or medical help for a few hours or up to two weeks. These supplies are essential. Each member of your family should know where the items are stored. You already have many of these items in your home so check those on the worksheet first.

Directions: Make a TO DO list of things you need to purchase.

1. crescent wrench	
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10	

THINGS I NEED TO BUY

Earthquake Preparedness



- 1. Go to the Internet.
- 2. Type www.oes.ca.gov and click on Go.
- 3. On the left side of the page, click on **Earthquake Preparedness**.
- 4. On the left side of the page, click on **Earthquake Planner.**
- 5. Scroll down to INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, HOME, AND COMMUNITY PLANNER:
- 6. Write down three suggestions under Individual and Family Preparedness.
- 1. _____
- 2. _____

3.

7. Write down three suggestions under Home Preparedness.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Campus Security Interview

Directions: Campus security people are easy to find around your school campus. They are friendly and not hard to talk to. Find one of them and ask him the questions below. Write down what he says. If you want to find out more about how they plan to protect you in case of a disaster, add some of your own questions to the list.

1. Where is the safest place to be during an earthquake at school?

2. Where is the campus first aid kit stored?

3. Will we be allowed to leave campus?

4. Will we be allowed to use the phone?

5. Do campus personnel take CPR or first aid training?

6. Do you have water and food stored in case of an emergency?

7. Where will the command post be located?

8. What should we do if the electricity goes out?

9. How often does the campus have earthquake drills?

YOUR QUESTIONS: 1.

2.

PERSONAL SAFETY Getting Ready for Disaster



CHECKLIST: Check Ö each worksheet when you finish.

_____ First Aid and Survival (page 2)

_____ Emergency Supply Checklist (page 3)

_____ Earthquake Emergency Kit (page 4)

____ Earthquake Preparedness (page 5)

____ Campus Security Interview (page 6)

I finished all the worksheets and activities.

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ANSWER KEY Getting Ready for Disaster

First Aid and Survival (page 2)

- Give the address and directions to find the victim
 - $\frac{\frac{3}{1}}{\frac{4}{2}}$ Give the phone number from where you are calling
 - Describe what happened
 - Give your name

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