

likely that a foreigner will say or do something inappropriate. This is called a faux pas. In one culture, it is fine to do something one way. In another culture, it is rude.

For example, my friend visited a relative in Israel. She offered to wash the dishes. She did not know that it was important to wash the meat dishes with a special sponge. She used the wrong sponge. Her friend's father was very upset. In Canada, it is fine to use the same sponge to wash all of the dishes, but not in Israel.

Something similar happened to me when I visited a temple in India. I was surprised when two officials stopped me and told me to take off my shoes. It was only then that I realized that people are not allowed to enter a temple with their shoes on. I was very embarrassed. Of course, I apologized for my mistake.

A faux pas is embarrassing. No one wants to be rude. No one wants to cause problems. However, when two cultures meet, there can be misunderstandings. The next time someone is rude, be patient and understanding. He may think he is acting politely.

Unit 15 The List

G : Thanks for coming, Dad. I can't believe my first day of school is just next week!

M : Your mother and I are proud of you. Greer is a very prestigious art school.

G : There is an enormous list of art supplies. They are mostly items I don't recognize.

M : Let's look for the supplies that you recognize, Megan, and then we can get help with the rest.

G : I need a large drawing board. I also need a drawing pad one meter by half a meter in size, newsprint paper, and a set of artist's drawing pencils.

M : Here is the drawing board, and I noticed the pencils over there. What's next?

G : I need watercolor paint, various brushes, India ink, and a fountain pen.

M : They are on the wall display.

G : Now we need to locate the vine charcoal.

M : Excuse me, miss.

W : Yes, sir? How can I help you?

M : We're trying to find vine charcoal. Do you know what that is, and where we can find it?

W : Vine charcoal is specially-burned wood. Burning it makes it like a black chalk. It is commonly used for drawing. Vine charcoal is very easy to erase, so we keep it next to the erasers.

G : That's everything, Dad!

M : Great! Let's pay for all these supplies.

Leisure and Entertainment

Unit 16 Family Camping

B : There are many popular leisure time activities, but one of the most enjoyable is family time. Most people enjoy being with their families. There are many things to do with your family, too. Families can go to the movies, travel, visit museums, and play sports together. The most common family activity is probably camping.

Many families like camping. It is a chance for the whole family to work together. They can stay in the wild. Children gather dry wood for the fire. Their parents set up the tents. Then the whole family gathers around the fire. They enjoy a special meal together. Then, they set off into the woods with a compass and a map. After hiking the trails, everyone gets a fishing pole. Each person casts the fishing line out into the river. Who gets the biggest fish? It's a great contest.

Later, the children clean the fish by the river. They take the scales off the fish. Mom fries the fish over the campfire. Dad cleans up when everyone is finished. You don't want wild animals coming to eat your leftovers! Then everyone goes into their tents for a restful night.

While there are many things that families can do together, camping is probably the most exciting.

Unit 17 The Amusement Park

M : I love this amusement park, Fran! Thanks for suggesting it. I am having a fantastic time. There's that new ride! It's called, "The Volcano," and it's supposed to be amazing.

W : That looks awfully high. Do you really want to try it? We've experienced "The Rocket," the

giant Ferris Wheel, and those bumper boats. Don't you think that's enough? Besides, I am absolutely starving.

M: If you come on "The Volcano" with me, I'll buy you a pizza with whatever toppings you want.

W: Do you really mean any topping, even mushrooms, which you don't like?

M: Yes, I will even order a pizza with mushrooms!

W: OK, Michael. I will try this last ride.

M: Great, Fran! I know you will enjoy this. Did you know that when the volcano erupts, our seats shake? I heard it is quite an experience.

W: I am not sure that I want to get on this ride anymore.

M: Don't worry, Fran. Look at the people getting off the ride. They look very satisfied.

W: I'm sorry, but I don't think I can do this, even for pizza. How would you feel if I bought lunch instead?

M: I don't want to force you to do something you really don't want to do. And I am hungry. Sure, let's get some lunch.

W: I want to try this new restaurant called Skylight. The top of the restaurant spins while you eat!

M: Oh, wow! Let's go!

Unit 18 Fresh Lemonade

B: How can I earn some extra money this summer?

G: Why don't we start a lemonade stand, Will?

B: That's a great idea, Mary, but do you think we will make any money?

G: If we set up in an area with a lot of traffic on a hot day, we will get plenty of customers. We can charge \$1.50 per cup.

B: That sounds a little expensive.

G: But we need to charge that much to cover our expenses. By charging \$1.50 per cup, we can make good money with our lemonade stand.

B: OK. What do we need to get started?

G: We need the ingredients to make lemonade, so we need lemons, sugar, and water. We need something to keep our money in, a sign to advertise the lemonade, paper cups, and a cardboard box to use as a stand.

B: Should we sell food to go with the lemonade?

G: I think that would be too complicated. We would need a permit and either a cooler or stove. We should stick to just selling lemonade.

B: You're right, let's just keep it simple.

G: OK, let's get set up and think of a plan to get some customers and make some sales!

B: Why don't I attract the customers and you serve the lemonade?

G: Sounds good to me.

Unit 19 At the Movies

M: Ticket prices have certainly gone up!

W: Yes, but I really needed a break, so if the price is a bit higher, it doesn't matter. Besides, I really want to see this movie on the big screen.

M: Would you like something to snack on while we watch the movie?

W: Sure. What do they have?

M: It looks like the standard popcorn and soda. But there's also ice cream, hot dogs, and coffee.

W: I have a craving for chocolate, but I should attempt to eat something healthy. I want to avoid getting sick this year. I am trying to change my diet.

M: I'm afraid the healthiest item may be the coffee.

W: Do they have any muffins?

M: No, but they do have brownies.

W: I haven't had a brownie in a long time. Please get me a brownie and a coffee. What are you getting?

M: I'm getting the large popcorn and a cola.

W: Here is some money.

M: It's on me.

W: No, please. The tickets were extremely expensive. I know you are on a restricted budget.

M: I insist. Did you want cream and sugar in your coffee?

W: Well, thank you very much. No cream in the coffee, please.

M: So, you probably don't want sugar, either?

W: No, I think there is enough sugar in the brownies. I'll find us some seats near the aisle.

Unit 20 Hobbies

G: When someone does an activity that is not a part of his or her job and is done for fun, it is called a hobby. Most people enjoy hobbies during their free time. Some people spend a lot of time on their hobbies. There are nearly as many kinds of hobbies, as there are people. A hobby can be about making or collecting things, or enjoying an experience.