

Conversation : Regrets and Rediscovery



Monica: Is there anything that you regret about your life?

David: I really believe it's no use crying over spilled milk, but there are a few things I would have done differently. How about you?

Monica: Well, I really wish I had learned to speak Spanish when I was a kid. My dad was fluent, and he could write it too. But my mom didn't speak Spanish, so we spoke English at home all the time. I'm trying to learn it now, but it's much more difficult as an adult.

David: You're absolutely right. Kids pick up languages easily when they're small. I could have learned Chinese from my grandparents. Now I have a job offer in Shanghai, and I'm taking classes. By the way, can you cook Mexican food?

Monica: That's something else I really regret: not having learned how to cook with my grandmother. When I tell my friends I'm from a Mexican background, they always ask me if I can prepare some ethnic dishes.

David: But it's never too late. You can still learn now. One of the things I want to do while I'm in China is to take cooking lessons. I miss my grandmother's meals.

Answer about the Conversation:

1. What had Monica wished she had done differently regarding learning Spanish as a child?
Ans. : _____
2. What had David done with the opportunity to learn Chinese from his grandparents in the past?
Ans. : _____
3. What could Monica have done differently if she had wanted to learn Spanish earlier in her life?
Ans. : _____
4. What influenced David's decision to take Chinese classes?
Ans. : _____
5. What would be different for Monica now if she had learned to cook Mexican food with her grandmother in the past?
Ans. : _____

Vocabulary :

- adult (n.): (ผู้ใหญ่)
- pick up (phrv.): (เรียนรู้ได้โดยง่าย)

Idioms :

- Is there anything that you regret ?
(คุณมีอะไรที่เสียใจ/เสียดายไหม...)
- It's no use crying over spilled milk.
(หมายถึง อย่ามัวคร่าคราวญถึง
เรื่องที่ผ่านไปแล้ว)
- By the way... (อธิบาย: ใช้สำหรับ
เปลี่ยนหัวข้อสนทนา)