

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7

- OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. What do you have in common with the speakers?
- Watch the video from 0:11-0:19. Why does Hina feel good about life at the moment? Watch the video two or three times if necessary.
- Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the video from 0:19-3:17 and match the people to sentences 1-6.



- My life has changed quite a bit in the last two years.
- I enjoy living in the UK, and I've been over here for about nine years – so I do enjoy my life.
- And then personal life ... got married, I had my first child, bought my first property.
- I've got two lovely children, a great husband and I just finished paying for my house.
- Ten years ago I was a student and so I used to get up late, and I used to have lots of time. And now I have to go to work.
- I'd like to go on more holidays.

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Glossary: *property* = house/flat

- How do they feel about their lives at the moment? Watch the video from 0:19-1:19. Is anybody not happy with their life?
- Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video again from 0:19-1:19 and underline the words in *italics* that you hear.



- I have a *fabulous* / *fantastic* partner, four beautiful children, a great job – and I live in London.
- I have a job that I really enjoy and I've just *bought* / *moved* into a flat.
- I *have* / *am* just about to go on holiday so I am, yeah, looking forward to that.
- I'm happy with *where* / *who* I am, yeah. I've just graduated for two weeks.
- My *husband* / *life* is great.
- Started a *new job* / *family* as well. I bought a house. Things like that, you know.

Glossary: *fabulous* = very good/great
about to (go) = am (going) soon
as well = also

- 6 Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video from 1:20-3:18 and tick (✓) the correct sentence for each person, a or b.



- 1a) She'd like to travel a lot more.
b) *She'd like to travel a bit more.* ✓



- 2a) She really wants to get into graphic design.
b) She wants to change her job.



- 3a) He'd like more children.
b) His wife's recently had a baby.



- 4a) She's recently stopped work.
b) She's recently started work again.



- 5a) She's moved to a different part of London.
b) She's moved to London.



- 6a) She sees her friends more now.
b) She doesn't see her friends so much now.

- 7 How have their lives changed in the last few years? Watch the video from 1:50-3:18 and match five people from Exercise 6 to the questions below.

- 1 Who's moved to the United Kingdom?
- 2 Who had a five-year break from work?
- 3 Who does a lot of family things?
- 4 Who has a daughter now?
- 5 Who's living in a new area?

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8 THE WAY WE SPEAK: Look at the people below and read what they say about their lives. Then watch the video from 0:19-3:18 and complete phrases 1-6 with words a-f in the box.

a) circle b) full-time c) get d) on e) career f) afford



I'm enjoying my life at the moment because I have a good ¹ *circle* of friends.



I'd like to ² *be able to* _____ to join a gym so that I could ³ _____ *fitter*.



Specifically in that I had a five-year break from work, ⁴ *put my career* _____ *hold* and returned back to ⁵ _____ *employment*.



Yeah, I've changed in every possible way really. ⁶ _____ *-wise*, I made a big decision of changing my career, coming to HSBC.

9 VOCABULARY: Match definitions a-f to phrases 1-6 in Exercise 8.

- ☒ **1** a) group of friends
- ☐ b) stopped working
- ☐ c) talking about my career
- ☐ d) get healthier and stronger
- ☐ e) work for eight hours a day, five days a week
- ☐ f) have enough money

10 PERSONALISATION: How do you feel about your life? Write sentences using the prompts below.

1 At the moment, my life is _____

2 I'd like to _____

3 In the last few years, _____